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The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, June 12th, 1885.

SIR PETER LUMSDEN.

It might have been simply a misfortune of the late GLADSTONE Cabinet that they had acquired something like a bad reputation for using up and then discarding one political or diplomatic agent after another. Such exploitation and repudiation had not been deliberately intended, then there was the more reason for avoiding the appearance of malevolent purpose. The Ministry had an opportunity for setting themselves right in the public mind by giving an honourable and cordial welcome to Sir PETER LUMSDEN, who arrived in London last Saturday evening; but they allowed this occasion to escape them, and so gave room for their detractors to charge another desertion upon them. It was not through mere oversight that this omission occurred, because, in answer to questions, Mr. J. K. Cross stated in the Commons on Friday evening that the attention of the Premier and of the Indian Secretary had been directed to statements made by Sir PETER LUMSDEN, or attributed to him, on the Afghan question, but that the General himself would acknowledge to incorrect utterances, whatever he might have had reason to say about misrepresentation. It may, indeed, be that to Ministerial resentment at the reported speeches of the Afghan Boundary Commissioner was due the absence of any official welcome on this high functionary's arrival. In any case, it was left to unofficial persuasion to welcome Sir PETER home; and the fact that there was a considerable and enthusiastic gathering for this purpose at Charing Cross Station, including some distinguished personages, constituted a rebuke to the Government which might judiciously have been averted. The opportunity presented itself of counteracting a popular impression due to the apparent desertion of General Gordon and the snubbing of Lord NORTHBROOK, and a political Ministry would have been glad to seize such an opportunity. There was quite sufficient in the position lately held and the services performed by Sir PETER LUMSDEN to warrant an official welcome home.

Parliamentary Summary.

THURSDAY.

The House of Commons met this afternoon after the Whitsuntide holidays. The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that next day he would make a statement in reference to the Egyptian question. Sir C. Dilke, in reply to Mr Arnold, said the question of postponing the School Board elections in November, in view of a General Election, had been under consideration. The Prime Minister made an explanation in reference to a report that he gave a question in March last as to the agreement about the advance of Russian troops. He stated further, in reply to Lord J. Manners, that the question put with reference to the delimitation of the Afghan frontier were still pending, but he was sure that arbitration on the Penjdeh incident he would have something to say next day. The House afterwards went into Committee of supply on Civil Service votes, in discussing which Mr Broadhurst pressed upon the Government the necessity of increasing the staff of inspectors under the Factory and Workshop Acts.

FRIDAY.

The House of Lords reassembled to-day after the Whitsuntide recess. Earl Cairns (Lord Chancellor) took the oath and subscribed to the roll of Peers on his succession to the Peerage. A motion by Earl Granville for the appointment of a Select Committee to consider the working of the Friendly Societies Act, 1875, was negatived by 50 votes against 34, opinion being expressed that they should await the appearance of the report of the House of Commons Committee on the subject. In reply to Lord Stanhope, Earl Granville could give no information as to the proceedings of the Suez Canal Commission, beyond stating that some claims had been introduced into the Draft Treaty which went beyond the circular of the 3rd January, which had been accepted as the basis of arrangement. The English Commissioner had made all the necessary reservations. The House rose at five o'clock.

In the Commons, Sir Michael Hartington, in reply to Colonel Digby, said he had reason to hope that it would be unnecessary to prolong the detention of the Grafton at Alexandria, but he could not say when they would be withdrawn. The Chancellor of the Exchequer made a statement in reference to the Budget proposals. If the state of affairs justified a cessation of the war preparations, it was anticipated that about nine millions of the eleven millions voted would have been spent. Under these circumstances the Budget would not be asked to be made to be a gallon; while the increased duty on beer would only be continued to the 31st May in next year. It was not proposed to add to the wine duty. Mr Gladstone stated that the Governments of England and Russia had come to an agreement as to arbitration, and also as to the arbitrators, person to whose judgment they proposed to submit the matter, but the agreement was not yet in final form. The Bill to replace the Crimes Act would be the steed introduced on Tuesday next. The House was counted out at eight o'clock, while a discussion raised by Parnellite Members was in progress in reference to the sentence passed upon the men engaged in the Mitchelstown conspiracy.

MONDAY.

In the House of Lords, the Earl of Kimberley moved that the House in Committee on the Redistribution Bill. Lord Denman moved the rejection of the bill, which motion was negatived without a division. The Earl of Kimberley, said in the face of the growing feeling against University representation, the Government could not give a member to the Royal University of Ireland. After a discussion the House went into committee. An amendment passed through committee, and was read the third time. The Earl of Derby said the Boers had appealed to the protection of Lieutenant-Governor Moore taking possession of St. Lucia Bay, and denying their rights there. The British Government had not acquiesced.

In the Commons, in reply to Mr Arnold, Mr J. K. Cross said the attention of the Prime Minister and the Secretary for India had been called to alleged statements of Sir Peter Lumsden, who did not consider himself responsible for utterances of his inaccurately reported, and who disavowed the intention of attacking the Government. The Marquis of Hartington, in reply to questions, said Lord Wolseley had been instructed to make inquiries on the spot as to the surprise of M'Donald's command. Lord E. Fitzmaurice informed Lord J. Manners that the Khedival decree taxing the coupons had not been annulled. Mr Chamberlain replied to questions, that he had received no official intimation of the proceedings of the Forward Club. The Prime Minister informed Mr Pease that Mr Secretary Childers had not yet shown his decree with Sir Sir T. Bragge, in reply to Mr W. H. Smith, said thirteen men were injured by an explosion of coal gas on board the Inflexible, and eight had been admitted to hospital. No fears were entertained as to the final result. The Chancellor of the Exchequer then moved the second reading of the Sudgett Bill. Sir Hardinge Beach followed with an amendment against the measure, and was strongly supported. The debate which followed was an exciting one. Sir Charles Dilke replied to Sir Michael, Mr O'Sullivan spoke for the Irish distillers, and after other speakers, including Mr Allsopp and Mr Coope, had carried on the debate, it was resumed on the motion of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir S. Northcote, and Mr Gladstone. The division was taken about 1·20, and the result was announced amid great excitement. The numbers were—For the second reading of the Bill, 232; against 264, majority for the Opposition, 32. In the course of their speeches Sir Charles Dilke and Mr Gladstone both declared plainly that the Government would consider the division a vital one, and after the result had been announced Mr Gladstone at once moved the adjournment of the House.

TUESDAY

In the House of Lords, Earl Granville moved that, in consequence of the severe strain on the Commons on the previous night, their Lordships should adjourn until Friday next. The motion, however, would be continued for private bills and judicial business. The motion was agreed to.

In the Commons, when there was great excitement prior to the time for the commencement of business, Mr Gladstone, pale and tired out in consequence of the division of the previous night, the Cabinet had met, and had thought it their duty through him to submit a distinct communication to Her Majesty. As some days must elapse before the effects of the communication could be known, he moved the adjournment of the House until Friday next. This was agreed to, and the House rose at twenty minutes before five o'clock.

OUR LONDON PARLIAMENTARY PRESENTMENT.

LONDON, WEDNESDAY EVENING.

When will surprises cease. Up till a late hour on Saturday night it was a thing hoped for, but was it a difficulty about the Cabinet, it could only arise out of the differences between Lord Spencer and Lord Hartington as to the renewal of the Crimes Act. Now, just when it was thought that that difficulty had been happily tided over, to the surprise of everyone, the ship has sprung a leak and goes down almost in a dead calm on such a paltry matter as the shilling extra duty on whiskey and the slightly increased beer tax. There is more in this than appears on the surface, and in all probability not a few of the advanced Liberal party will not be sorry to pose as free and independent Liberals before the next election.

Budgets have been the grave of Liberal Administrations more than once, but no one seriously expected that Mr Childers' modest proposals to meet the deficit would sink the ship. Misfortune, however, crowed on misfortune. First Sir Charles Dilke distinctly gave out that the Ministry would treat the Vote of the House of Commons as a vote of confidence, and that this was to be given by Opposition to crowd on all sail and rush in to a division sided and supported by Parnellites. In any case, it has been a comedy of errors all round, and, what is worse, no one sees his way clearly out of the difficulties he has landed us in. It is entirely premature to speculate upon the result of the crisis. The prevailing opinion is that it will gather it there is, that with Mr Gladstone's persistent refusal to confine the vote Lord Salisbury will not decline the responsibility of forming a Government.

Among Bismarckians one of the best is that the Prince when asked if he would arbitrate between Russia and England on the Penjdeh incident, replied that he should certainly consent to do so, and then look up all the papers of course, and in his strongest safe. After a year I should be asked, "How are you going on with your arbitration?" and I should answer, *J'étudie*—" I am considering it." After another year of this kind of delay I should be asked, "Have you made up your mind?" I should answer, "I am still studying the question." This kind of reply answered Lord Granville, and Bismarck even, explains why this arbitration fad of Mr Gladstone is likely to fall through.

A large quantity of the plate of the abandoned Suakin-Berber Railway was offered to the authorities in Cyprus; but finding that it was in the lading the plant has led to the proposal being dropped. Such is the ignominious end of an ill-conceived enterprise. The Admiralty are to return to Chatham, discharging cargo in Woolwich Dockyard, and that operation will keep the men employed for a week. Officialism is incorrigible, and as we are governed by aliens we must be prepared for such pence parsimony these follies will go on to the end.

So the Adams v. Coleridge case has collapsed in a compromise. It was expected to do so, and the scandal of a Chief Justice disinheriting his daughter for making a match in no respect unworthy considering the mature years of bride and bridegroom, has been hushed up. Mr Adams is a man who has spent life under cover, Secretary, Parliament, officer, and author. Now as advocate in his own case he has made an admirable retreat.

Few musicians had a longer or more varied experience than Sir Julius Benedict. He enjoyed the privilege of being one of the pupils of Carl Maria Weber, who in 1821 was so much struck with the talent of the young musician that he made him his solitary exception to his rule of giving us private instruction. Of numerous operas "Il Talismano" was the most successful, though many of his earlier productions were once exceedingly popular. Sir Julius Benedict was honoured by the bestowal of the Cross of the Legion of Honour, and he was a man who had a wide circle of friends, who could contribute a fund of interesting information, he having been associated with most of the chief musical celebrities of the century.

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STEEL AGAINST IRON.—Mr Wm. F. Zimmermann, of the Pittsburgh Telegraph, Pittsburgh, Pa., writes: "I completed for the Detroit Dry Dock Company a dock, and in the steel plates used in the floor and construction of the new steamer they are building for the Detroit and Cleveland Steam Navigation Company. The saving in weight of metal in the plates is stated to be 60,000 lb. to the square inch. This soft steel is said to be of such remarkable elasticity that a piece of plate may be stretched one half longer than its usual size without parting or breaking. The Detroit Dry Dock Company made some experiments of its worth with the soft steel used in the construction of the new steamer *Moscoite* at its yards in Wyandotte. They were asked to make the soft steel and the best quality of iron used in the confined space of a piece of bar of cold steel plate 3-16 inch thick and 1-inch wide were twisted dropped on the reverse side of the plate, and this repeated five times without breaking it. The same test was made with a 1-inch iron plate, and it was broken the first time. These tests are regarded as furnishing a conclusive demonstration of the comparative merits of each steel and iron for resisting sudden shocks, and consequently of their respective merits as materials for the construction of modern ships.—*Iron.*

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LANCASTER RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

This body assembled at Lancaster, on Thursday afternoon, under the presidency of Mr Geo. G. Stephenson, J.P. Present: Messrs. Geo. Lodge, W. H. Hedley, Thos. Taylor Smith, Wm. Rather-ford, W. Johnson, J. A. Carry, Wm. Shail, Jos. Stephenson, J. Gillibrand, Jas. Gillibrand, N. Clark, Wilkinson, W. Brown; Revs Canon Kearney and C. Gillow.

SOUTH MOOR AND WASTALL.

A communication was read from the Local Government Board, stating that it was the action intended to do as regards the drainage of South Moor and Wastall Estates.

The Clerk was directed to forward a reply to the effect that the Chester-le-Street Sanitary Authority having arranged for a supply of Consett water to that place, the slight pollution of the Stanley Burn would not affect the Chester-le-Street people so much as it formerly did, inasmuch as they would be obtaining their water supply from other sources; therefore, as the Authority was at present engaged in carrying out sewerage improvements of a more urgent character in other villages, it was absolutely necessary, attention would be given to South Moor and Wastall in due course.

BEN SEWAGE SCHEME.

A piece of land for treating with the sewage of Ben was offered to the Authority by the Rev. C. D. P. Hodge, and it was agreed to accept the offer. The sewage of Ben is to remain in abeyance till the autumn, when the crops will have been taken off the ground.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of the Lancaster Rural Sanitary Authority.

GENTLEMEN,—Pollution of the Smallpe Burn.—In accordance with your instructions I have carefully considered the matter contained in the interpretation of the "Rivers Pollution Prevention Act, 1876," but are at a loss with reference to it, and I feel bound to say it first otiernal is not so much one of law as of fact, viz., whether the water is, or is not, a "stream" within that in which it has been derived from the mine? This point was not before the Court, and it will not only be practical experts after the examination of the sources from which the water is derived.

We are further advised, however, that independently of the "rivers Pollution Prevention Act," there is no question but that the riparian owners have, under the common law, a perfect right to take action against all persons fouling the water of the burn and thereby rendering it unfit for domestic purposes.

In January of the year 1884, plans were approved for outbuildings to nine houses and four huts at Malton Colliery, viz., five, which are "wash-houses." Although repeated notices have been sent to the owners these 13 houses are still without conveniences, and some of them without drains. The result is a frequent recurrence of nuisances about the houses arising from heaps of refuse and ashes, and pools of stagnant water.

Two houses at Hedley Hope, the property of James Irwin, are without proper conveniences. The owner was written to on the 26th April last to send plans and convert aspit in accordance with requirements of Public Health Act, but no notice of the letter has been taken.

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NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION OF DURHAM.

LIBERAL COUNCIL AT CONSETT.

WITHDRAWAL OF MESSRS DALE AND TROW.

On Saturday afternoon, the Liberal Representative Council met in the Temperance Hall, the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, the meeting being specially convened for the purpose of interviewing Messrs David Dale, J.P., and W. Hall Trow, Consett, and Edward Trow, Ironworker, General Secretary, also of Durham, as (the gentlemen proposed and nominated by the Council as suitable candidates for the representation of the constituency in Parliament), and ascertain their views on the questions of the leading political questions of the day, with a view to a mutually satisfactory understanding being come to by the gentlemen and the Council. Mr W. Jenkins, J.P., of Consett Hall (president of the Council) occupied the chair; and amongst those present were the Revs. J. P. Du Plooy, J.P., Batley, and F. G. Wilson, Consett; Messrs. J. Stewart, Consett, J.P., Stanley Bridge; M. Coupland, Ebchester; Benjamin Moody, Ebchester; J. W. Wright, Consett; Benjamin Laverick, Consett; Geo. Hawdon, Consett; H. Carr, South Medom; Jas. Palmer, Blackhill; Jas. Lindsay, Stanley; Jas. Duffy, Annfield Plain (vice-president of the Association); J. Birrington, Benfieldside (secretary); Adam Brown, Consett (assoc. agent and registration agent); George Errington, Hedley; Benjamin Wright, Leadgate; Wm. Hopper, Consett; Robert Ord, Robert Gray, Orbill; E. Fowler, Esh Winning; Joseph Elliott, Leadgate (sub.); W. Taylor, Dipton; Robert Balmer, Tanfield Lea; Daniel Crabb, Langley Park; J. Campbell, Blackhall Mill; J. Gallagher, Allendale Cottages; J. Hall, Consett; Geo. Hall, Kennell; Leadgate; R. Holmes, West Kyo; M. Martin, Catchgate; R. Tinnale, Stanley; Geo. W. Iodine, Stanley; Patrick Carling, Lintz Colliery; Geo. Hall, Consett; Thos. Williams, Consett; and others. The chairman said: We have met since Mr Dale and Mr J. H. Hall, of Darlington.

The CHAIRMAN, who was loudly applauded on rising to open the proceedings, observed that the agenda before him contained many matters of interest; but—as Mr Dale asked that he should direct their attention first to the most important of all—that relating to the seating of their candidate. He could not refrain from expressing his regret—a regret in which he does not not they would all participate—that one of the gentlemen selected to attend that meeting had not been able to do so, and has written indeed a letter, which he would read, to the effect that he could not see his way clear to permit himself to be put in nomination as a possible candidate. He thought it would be better to let the letter of Mr Trow speak for itself. Mr Dale (Consett) (who with Mr Trow had been invited to address them, had been good enough to come there, and he would also speak for himself. (Cheers.)

Mr A. Brodie, then read Mr Trow's letter, as follows:—

8, Grange-road, Darlington,
June 6th, 1885.

"To A. Brodie, Esq., Secretary, Liberal Association, North-Western Division of the County of Durham.

"DEAR SIR:—I have very reluctantly consented at request of the Parliamentary representation of the above Division, and the invitation of your Council to Mr Dale and myself to address a meeting of electors on Saturday 6th inst., the object of such meeting being to hear the views of Mr Dale and myself on the various political questions of the day, and after having done so the meeting, I understand, will proceed to the selection of either Mr Dale or myself for recommendation to the constituency as candidate in the Liberal interest at the next general election." While I fully appreciate the honour you (I am) desire to confer upon myself personally, I should my views cent with their approval. I feel that I cannot accept their kind invitation, not being in a position at present to pledge myself to the interests of the Division. I trust your Council will fully understand my position. Your Council is not in a position at this time to distinct pledge from the gentlemen the Council selects that he will contest the Division. Taking the foregoing view, I may state further that if I was ambitious to sit in Parliament, and had decided to contest the Division on any nomination, and, to gratify such ambition, was prepared to sell principle and sacrifice my independence, regard was of no consequence, I permit myself to be put forward as the nominee of your Council, I should not have choice fully approved by the Liberal Associations, as I have some certain. I do not, at the present moment, owning to many important ties, I have well-known to my Council friends, give the required pledge to contest the Division. Under these circumstances, I trust your Council will agree with me that it would be fully on my part to attend and explain my views. I, therefore, have to request you to say to your Council for their invitation, and express my regret that, for reasons which I have, of necessary to enumerate, I cannot conscientiously accept their invitation or place my review at their disposal.

Yours faithfully,

"EDWARD TROW."

The CHAIRMAN remarked that the substance of Mr Trow's letter being that he declined to present himself as a possible candidate, he (the chairman), in order to put the Council at once in possession of the whole of the facts, thought it fair to explain what he already knew with regard to Mr Dale. That gentleman had been kind enough to inform him that they had had a very long interview over which he felt no control which had prevented himself from being with the last few weeks, and he had hoped would not have prevented themselves so strongly before him as they had eventually done, which was result in Mr Dale getting quite out of hope of his accepting their invitation to become the candidate for the Division of the North-Western. Mr Dale had already in private given him (the Chairman) his reasons, and he must say he was bound to consider the circumstances, any other alternative than they should give up the great honour and privilege they had so long looked forward to, of having him for their representative—their industrial as well as political representative—in the House of Commons—in Parliament. He thought it would be bitter for Mr Dale to at once expain his views to the meeting. (Applause.) Before now they had face with one of the unlooked-for vicissitudes of political life. It might prejudice him in the endure whatever other disappointment or failure they might encounter; but, looking to the well-known character of the Division, he felt sure regret they had made organisation, the efficient representation of the Division, and, he was sure, they would feel assured of ultimate success whatever their intervening disappointments. (Cheers.) Of one thing they were all agreed, (Hear, hear) was that Mr Dale would, clever lightly regard his principles and his party (Cheers) and that before he came to the decision he was about personally to announce to them that gentleman had well and conscientiously considered the question of this question, and had come to a positive conscious based upon a sound judgment, and not upon less altogether of his personal preference. (Cheers.) Nay, he was certain, for Mr Dale's own feeling would have been in favour of accepting their invitation to become the representative, politically as well as commercially, of that large and important Division. (Cheers.)

Mr CASSON suggested that the Council should hear Mr Dale's explanation forthwith, and that gentleman was immediately called into the room.

Mr Dale, whose entrance to the hall was loudly cheered, received a renewed ovation as he rose to address the Council. He said: Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—When, a few weeks ago, I received an invitation or intimation from your secretary, Mr Brodie, that you had been kind enough to select me as one of two gentlemen whom you thought might not unfitingly represent the Liberal principles which I feel no doubt whatever are held by the majority of the inhabitants of the North-West Durham—(cheers)—I felt it would be a very great honour to represent, not alone your political principles, but to represent also your political interests—mining, manufacturing, commercial, and agricultural—which you to stand for the North-West Division of Durham, but that it was merely an invitation that I should come and have an interview with you in order that you might judge whether I, or Mr Trow, or any other gentleman you might afterwards invite to meet you, would be the most fitting representative. (Hear, hear.) I then, as I said, regarded the invitation from the North-West Durham Division in a manner different from that in which I regarded invitations which for the last two or three years had come to me from other constituents. (Hear, hear.) I felt that obstacles to my entering Parliament so lifted my setting them aside with little consideration. On the other hand I felt I had been connected for so very many years with this constituency—(hear, hear)—my connection with the works which course in this division dates from my boyhood, and has lasted therefore for a period of 27 years—(cheers)—and I was also formerly to some extent a resident in Shotley Bridge, and built up, I hope, a considerable amount of personal influence, and a mutual respect as between myself and the in admiration—(cheers)—and I felt, therefore, that this request stood upon a somewhat different footing. (Cheers.) Now, therefore, in the circumstances that I regarded it as improbable that I should enter Parliament for any other constituency. I felt that I should be able to see my way to accept the invitation that I would accept the nomination. (Applause.) I had there not arrived, in writing to you, at the moment after receiving your invitation, circumstances to which I am about more particularly to allude, it would have been my duty to have felt it first declared to you that there could be no question of any connection between myself and a labour candidate who shared the confidence of a majority of those in the district. (Cheers.) I have been identified for several years with the labour interests of the North, and I am happy to think I have been identified with them, and I believe that it has inspired a great deal of confidence and respect between myself and the labour leaders of the country of Durham. (Cheers.) I would have been entirely foreign to all my instincts and feelings, and to all the relations I sustained, if I had, if I had ever sought to gratify any personal ambition of my own by entering Parliament without the entire confidence of the labour in the labour classes in the constituency I should represent. (Loud cheers.) I felt, that, if I had any other question to which I alluded, it must have been decided that there could be no question of any entanglements, or any partnership, as between myself and a labour candidate who possessed the full confidence of the labour operatives in the district. (Cheers.) Subject to that, it would have probably been my duty to have given you the grounds of my claim to the Liberal political confidence. I would not have based that claim only upon my identification with the Liberal party, but upon the grounds of my ambition of my own by entering Parliament without the entire confidence of the labour classes in the constituency I should represent. (Loud cheers.) I felt, that, if I had any other question to which I alluded, it must have been decided that there could be no question of any entanglements, or any partnership, as between myself and a labour candidate who possessed the full confidence of the labour operatives in the district. (Cheers.) Subject to that, it would have probably been my duty to have given you the grounds of my claim to the Liberal political confidence. I would not have based that claim only upon my identification with the Liberal party, but upon the grounds of my ambition of my own by entering Parliament without the entire confidence of the labour classes in the constituency I should represent. (Loud cheers.) I felt

Business Announcements.

THIRTEENTH YEAR OF ATTENDING CONSETT.

MR. MARKHAM, SURGEON DENTIST, of Newcastle, Attends at Miss WILLIAMS', No. 4, MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, EVERY MONDAY, from 11 a.m to 3 p.m.

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8, BIGG MARKET, NEWCASTLE, Begs to announce that he has succeeded the Business of AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, in conjunction with his present Business, which will be carried on as usual. He trusts to receive the support of his friends and the public generally.

All Accounts of Sales settled promptly. 396t

TO FARMERS.

FARMERS will do well to inspect GEO. HOBSON'S Large and carefully-selected STOCK OF CLOVER, GRASS, TURNIP SEEDS, &c., before giving their Orders elsewhere.

My Seeds have all been carefully selected from Samples sent by the most respectable Growers and Importers, and will bear comparison with the best houses in England as to price and quality.

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JOHN GIBSON'S NEW SHOP,

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A Well-selected Stock always on hand.

All Goods marked in plain figures, at the LOWEST READY-MONEY PRICES.

BOOTS MADE TO MEASURE, AND REPAIRS OF ALL KINDS DONE AS USUAL. 535a

Public Notices.

EDUCATIONAL.

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PUPILS ATTENDED AT THEIR OWN HOMES.

CONSETT POLLING DISTRICT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

THIS Association having been formed, Members can be Enrolled on application to the following:—

Mr. THOMAS WILLIAMS, 3, West Victoria St., Consett.
" JAMES HARDY, Templetown, "
" THOMAS CARR, Edith Street, "
" WILLIAM BELL, Middle Street, "
" BERNARD CURR, Thomas Street, "
" EDWARD HART, Shakespeare Street, "

Or to the Secretary, 440a ADAM BRODIE, F.S.A., Town Hall, Consett.

EDWARD LOCKEY,

BUTCHER, BEGS to inform the Public of Consett and District that he has COMMENCED BUSINESS AS BUTCHER ON HIS OWN ACCOUNT, AT No. 20, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT.

Having assisted in the business of the late Mr. ROBERT HEELEY for our years, he hopes to receive a share of the support hitherto accorded to his late employer.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, DIPTON.

THE FOUNDATION STONE! OF THE NEW CHURCH FOR DIPTON, WILL BE LAID ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 27TH JUNE, 1885, BY JOSEPH DODDS, ESQ., M.P., STOCKTON, at Half past Two o'clock.

Before the Stone-laying, a LUNCHEON will be provided in the Co-operative Hall, at a Quarter past One. Application for Tickets should be made not later than Wednesday, the 24th.

There will also be a PUBLIC TEA in the same Hall at Four o'clock.

TICKETS:—For Luncheon, 2s., may be had from Messrs. T. MOORE and H. TYLER, Dipton; and of the undersigned. For Tea, 9d., may be had of Mr. Taylor, Dipton, and of the undersigned.

Public Notices.

107 18 the Winning Number for the SIDEBOARD, Raffled at Sandgate. 642a

DAVIES Visiting Blanchland on Sunday REFRESHMENTS at Mrs. E. BELL'S, Temperance Hotel, Blanchland. 609a

THE BLACKHILL MISSION BAND are about to the ALLENDALE FIELD-DAY to-morrow (Saturday). Religious Service at Five o'clock, to be Conducted by Mr. J. PALLISER, Blackhill. 565a

W. SMITH, of Blackhill, and T. DOBSON, of Consett, will PLAY A GAME AT BILLIARDS (500 up) for a sum of £10, at the Royal Hotel, on June 20th, 1885. Play to commence at 7 p.m.

HOBSON RACES and SPORTS will be held on Saturday, July 18th, 1885.

For any information, apply to 653a R. GREEN, Hobson Colliery, via Lintz Green.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THE CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE STORE TEA on the 18th July. 628a

HEREBY give Notice that I will not be responsible for any Debt or Debts my Wife, MARY EVANS, may contract after this Notice.

(Signed) ROBSON EVANS.

Consett, June 11th, 1885. 661a

THE UNIONISTS at Victoria Garesfield Colliery HAVE GIVEN IN THEIR NOTICES. Miners seeking work are requested to note this.

Signed, on behalf of the men,

JOHN TUCKER, Secretary.

639a

FOOT RUNNERS Post your Entries to-day for the £5 Foot Race Handicap, at Lintz Grounds, on June 20th. Entries close June 13th. Monday's Post in time, to 630a W. TURNBULL, Hon. Sec., Lintz Green.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT RELIEF FUND.

A MEETING of the Committee of the above, for the purpose of Winding up the Accounts will be held in my Office, Town Hall, Consett, on Friday, June 19th, at Half-past Seven o'clock in the Evening. 651a ADAM BRODIE, Secretary.

ELECTION! ELECTION! ELECTION!

NORTH-WEST DIVISION OF THE COUNTY OF DURHAM.

A MEETING of CONSERVATIVES in the Tanfield District of the above Division, will be held in the Tanfield Infant School, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. Chair to be taken at 7 p.m. 653a

PHONOGRAPHY.

HENRY GOULDIE, of Melbourne Street, Consett, obtained a Certificate from Mr. PITMAN the other day. He is not 13 until August 18th next; and also he is quite able to show Scholars (some nearly men) any item in Nuttall's Memorandum of Superfluous. The Phonographic Dictionary and Memorandum ready at 23, Sherburn Terrace. Testing invited.

June 6th, 1885. 637a

Re ROBERT HEDLEY, of Consett, Butcher, Deceased.

THE BOOKS of the above-named deceased are now in my hands, and all persons owing money to the estate, are requested to pay the same to me—the person duly authorised—at my Office, Town Hall, Consett.

ADAM BRODIE, F.S.A.

Dated May 28th, 1885. 555a

NOTICE.

EXCURSION TO SCARBORO'.

THE North-Eastern Railway Company have arranged to run an EXCURSION TRAIN for the Workmen of Dipton, Annfield Plain, Shield Row, Stanley, &c., on Saturday, July 11th, leaving Rowlands Gill, at 5-30 a.m., calling at Lintz Green and Lanchester, returning from Scarboro' at 6 p.m.

Fare there and back, 4s.; under 12, Half-price.

Further details by future advertisement next week.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

HANDEL FESTIVAL AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

ON Wednesday, June 17th, an EXCURSION TRAIN will run from CONSETT at 9-2 p.m., for LONDON.

Fare, There and Back, Third Class, 13s. 6d.

The Return Train will leave King's Cross Station, Lond.n, at 10-30 p.m., on Friday, June 19th.

For full particulars see Bills. 641a

AMATEUR

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

SPA GROUNDS, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

JUNE 12th, 1885.

The time for receiving ENTRIES for SACK RACE, OBSTACLE RACE, and PULLING THE STICK, has been Extended to Four o'clock on the day of Sports. 644a

Public Notices.

TANFIELD READING-ROOM, LIBRARY, AND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

THE Members of the above Intend holding their THIRD ANNUAL GALA and SPORTS, when upwards of £20 will be given in Prizes.

120 Yards Handicap Flat Race, £6 10s. Entrance, 1s.
Quarter-Mile Do. Do. £2 5s. Entrance, 6d.
Quoit Playing, £2.

For further particulars see Bills.

Entries for 120 Yards and ¼ Mile Handicaps will be closed on Monday, June 29th, 1885. 632a

M. NEWTON, Tanfield, *via* Lintz Green.

ALLENDALE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

ON SUNDAY, June 14th, 1885, SPECIAL SERMONS will be preached in the above place, in the Morning at 10-30 and Evening at 6, by Mr. H. C. WOOD, of Burnopfield, and in the Afternoon at Two, by Mr. W. CLAYTON, Allendale. Collections at the close in aid of Trust Funds.

ON SATURDAY, June 13th, the ANNUAL

FIELD-DAY

will be held in a Field adjoining the Chapel (kindly granted by J. MUNRO, Esq.), when Cricket, Football, and various other Amusements will be indulged in.

The Celebrated BLACKHILL MISSION BAND is expected to be in attendance, and render a choice Selection of Music at intervals.

A PUBLIC TEA will also be held in the School-room. Tea on the dinner at 4 o'clock. Tickets for Tea and Field, 1s.; Tea only, 9d.; Field only, 5d.

"Come over into Macedonia and help us." 631a

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

Monday, June 15th, 1885.—Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett.—Important Sale of superior Mahogany and other Home-hold Furniture, Feather and Down Beds, Fine-toned Cottage Pianoforte, splendid Harmonium and miscellaneous Effects.

A DAM BRODIE is instructed by Mr. J. ROWSON and another, who are leaving the Country, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett, on Monday, June 15th, 1885, the whole of the superior Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE, as follows:—Mahogany Drawers and Bookcase; Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating, Mahogany Drawers; Mahogany Centre Table; 6 Mahogany Hair-seated Chairs; Birch Chiffionier Bedstead; Gentlemen's Easy Chair, Hair-seated; Stuffed Fox, in Case; Carpets and Hearthrugs; Oil-cloth, about 30 yds.; Stair Carpeting and Rods; Mats; Brass-mounted Iron Bedstead (Half-tester); Painted Dressing Table; Corner Pole; 3 Cane-seated Chairs; Kitchen and Round Tables; Longseats; Iron Bedstead; 2 Beds and 3 Mattresses; 10 Pictures; Chimneypiece Ornaments; Eight-day Clock; Fenders and Fireirons; Fustadk and Staff; Wringing Machine; 2 Paraffin Lamps; Pots; Pans; Cutlery and Crockery.

BOOKS, &c.—Pictorial Sunday Book, by John Kitto, D.D.; History of England, in 4 Volumes, by Hume and Smollett; Atlas of the Household; Fleetwood's Life of Christ; Family Bible, with commentary, by Scott and Henry, &c., &c. Also, Full-compass Cottage Pianoforte, in good condition, by Collard & Collard; fine Rich-toned Harmonium, with Seven Stops, in perfect order, by the Illinice Organ Company, London.

Sale to commence at One o'clock exact time.

The attention of Public is respectfully directed to this Sale, the Goods being of a superior character, in good condition, and as the Owners are leaving the country, the whole will be Sold without Reserve. 628a

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 15th, 16th, and 17th, 1885.—Important Sale of Stock-in-Trade of Linen and Woollen Drapery, sent in for absolute Sale.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed to SELL BY AUCTION, without-Reserve, in the Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 15th, 16th, and 17th, the STOCK-IN-TRADE of DRAPERY of all kinds and description, including Dress Goods of all kinds, Wool Shirts, Oxford and Wool Shirting, Calicoes and Flannels, Cotton Sheets and Shirtings, Wools and Worsteds, Hankerchiefs and Scarfs, together with nearly every other Article connected with the Trade.

Sale to commence at Seven o'clock each Evening.

At these superior Drapery Goods are sent for absolute Sale, there is positively no Reserve. 656a

Monday, June 22nd, 1885.—12, Trafalgar Street, Consett.—Sale of valuable Household Furniture and miscellaneous Effects.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mrs. THOMAS A. CATCHL, who is about to emigrate, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, No. 12, Trafalgar Street, Consett, on Monday, June 22nd, 1885, the whole of the superior Household Furniture, comprehend FURNITURE, BEDS and BEDDING, and miscellaneous Effects.

Sale to commence at One o'clock in the Afternoon.

Particulars in Bills. 648a

FOR SALE, the Desirable DWELLING-HOUSE and Shop in Front Street, Consett, containing 6 Rooms, Cellar, Kitchen, Back-room, 2 Bedrooms, Back Yard; very Convenience.—Apply ADAM BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett. 594a

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Postal Address—ADAM BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett.

By Mr. Joseph Oley.

Busty Bank, Burnopfield.

MR. J. OLEY, instructed by Mrs. BATES, who is about to Emigrate, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Busty Bank, Burnopfield, on Monday, June 15th, 1885, at One o'clock p.m., her valuable FURNITURE, FEATHER BEDS, &c., &c. 629a

JOSEPH OLEY,

THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,

10, WOOD STREET, SHOTLEY BRIDGE

By Mr. J. Vickers.

Tow Law Auction Mart.

NEXT FORTNIGHTLY SALE, Monday, June 22nd, 1885.

Please notice date for advertisement next week.

J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

Partridge-Close, Tow Law. 640a

By Mr. Ralph Gibson.

Re-opening of the late Mr. Jenkins's Sale-Rooms, 3, Trafalgar Street, Consett.—Important Sale of Fine Arts.

MR. RALPH GIBSON is instructed to SELL BY AUCTION, at the above Address, on Friday, June 19th, 1885, at Seven o'clock evening, a Large and Valuable Consignment of OIL PAINTINGS, WATER-COLOURS, OLEOGRAPHS, CHROMOS, and PRINTS, appropriately Framed, and suitable for all classes.

The Oil Paintings include some Fine Local Subjects, by R. B. Henry T. Dawson, R. Coulson, P. T. Lee, T. Anton, T. Bell, and other Artistes.

Also, a Consignment of Mantel Mirrors, Writing Desks, Work Boxes, Portrait Albums, Accordions, Stationery, and other Goods.

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Sale to commence at Seven o'clock on Friday and following Evenings.

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Entries respectfully solicited.

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Sales by Auction.

By Messrs. Nicholson and Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

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MESSRS. NICHOLSON & MURRAY will SELL BY AUCTION,—

12 Very Fine Milch Cows, all staff fed.
1 Very Prime Fat Bull.
42 Fat Sheep.
10 Fat Lambs.
6 & 8. Heifer Stirks.
4 & 8. Bullock Stirks.
Several very Superior Breeding Cows and Heifers.
Gold Cows, Ewes and Lambs.
Calves Pigs, &c.
2 Spring Carts.
Hams and Sundries as usual.

Sale at One o'clock.

At the conclusion of the above Sale, the Sale of Ware, and China will commence in the Agricultural Hall. 558a JOHN S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

By Mr. John S. Murray.

Agricultural Hall, Benfieldside.

THE CHINA and WARE SALE at the Agricultural Hall, Benfieldside, will be Resumed on Friday First, June 12th, Saturday, June 13th, Monday, June 15th, and Tuesday, June 16th. Another large CONSIGNMENT has arrived, consisting of Dinner Sets, Tea and Coffee services, Toilet Sets, Chamber Stands, Punch Bowls, Flower Vases, and Hundreds of other Useful and Ornamental Articles.

Sale each Evening at Seven o'clock, and on Monday at Three and Seven.

JOHN S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

The Auctioneer is thanking his numerous patrons for their past favours he can they will not miss this opportunity of securing first-class Goods at their own prices, as the whole must be cleared out. 629a

Sale of Furniture at Lanchester.—Saturday, June 13th, 1885.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the House of Mr. T. LONGSTAFF, Lanchester (removed there for convenience of Sale), the FURNITURE and EFFECTS of Mr. THOMAS WHITE, Front Head Farm, who is about to Emigrate to America.

JOHN S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

Consisting of Mahogany Tops, with Glass Front; Wainscot Press; Four Bin, with Imitation Drawers; Kitchen Table; Side Table; 2 Tester Beds; Iron Bed; pair Matte Sas; 2 Down Beds; Pillows and Bolsters; Quilts, &c.; Sewing Chair; 6 Chairs; Easy Rocking Chair; Child's Rocking Chair; Double Fowling-piece; unrecorded Patent Washing Machine; Wringing and Mangling Machine; Fustadk and Staff; Clothes Basket; 4 Hearthrugs; Oilcloth; Bread Stair Rods; 2 Kitchen Fenders; 2 Sets Fireirons; Clocks; Family Bible; Hand Saw; 2 Tidies; Loose Ser; Canary and Cages; Table Lamp; House Lamp; Ornamental Kettle; Earthenware; Pots; Pans, &c., &c.

Also, about 20 Head of Poultry.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock.

Royal Auction Mart; Sale Office, Blackhill. 627a

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,

AUCTIONEER, VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

23, Scott's Houses, St. Jay—Saturday, June 13th, 1885.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. R. DICKINSON, who is declining Housekeeping, will SELL BY AUCTION, at the above place, all his Household Effects, comprehending HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS. See Bills.

Sale to begin at Half-past One o'clock. 598a

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9, GRAINGER STREET, NEWCASTLE. 162

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"LOCAL BOARD" (Catchgate) and "NEMO" (Blackhill),—Your communications are withheld for want of space.

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH, 1885.

THE REPRESENTATION OF NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

The enforced withdrawal of Mr DALE and the selection by Mr THOW of another constituency has placed the electors of this Division in a position they little expected. We sincerely regret the cause of Mr Pease's retirement, and honour him for the decision taken under such trying circumstances. No man of right feeling could well do otherwise. The electors, however, need be in no hurry in the selection of a candidate. Mr JOICEY's name stands first on the list at Consett, providing he can honourably withdraw from his candidature for the Chester-le-Street Division.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "IPCODE."]

There should have been a feast on the occasion of the re-christening of the *Guardian*. The *North-West Durham Gazette* is a very appropriate appellation, and embodies all that need be told relative to radius and "local habitation," but I myself would have been almost inclined to have gone even further and dropped the particular titles altogether. True, Consett may be the principal town in the division, but it has many dependencies, if I may so use the expression, some of them as large as the parent herself. In addition to the title, I would certainly have put the last first, and the first last. It would have been more expressive that way, and as the saying goes—"a fair exchange is no robbery."

Alluding to the North-West Durham Division reminds one that the withdrawal of Mr Dale and Mr Trow will entirely change the tenor of the Liberal programme. Meanwhile the political pegasus has been reined up, and a few weeks must necessarily elapse before the huntsmen are again in the saddle. In a month or so the by-ways and hedges will be again beaten up in quest of royal game. It is a long way to Darlington, and while it would be far from me to write disparagingly of either Mr Dale or Mr Trow, I am disposed to think that the men of the North-West Division will hardly go so far afield next time. There are, I should think, about as smart men in this division as one is likely to find anywhere, and despite an clever indeed as many who already sit in the assembly of the great. I could name half-a-dozen such; but I have piped before and nobody danced. The more on the dirty chess-board is worth something in the way of experience, if nothing more; nor can it be said to have been altogether "love's labour lost" to the favoured gentlemen themselves. They will be the dearer to the people of Darlington, now that their worth has been recognised abroad.

The "angel of death" has just removed another well-known face and form from amongst us. Few men were better known or more deservedly respected than the late Mr John Proud, newagent, Blackhill. Diligent in business, just, and upright in his dealings with his fellow-men, deceased won the respect of all with whom he came in contact. Mr Proud was of a very quiet and retiring disposition, and his welcome footstep will be missed for years to come.

The dispute anent "nobody's thoroughfare" at Blackhill again recalls the curious and seemingly indefinable line of demarcation by which the township of Benfieldside and Consett are divided. For my part, I never had any difficulty in drawing the line, as far as actual township government is concerned, and should the Board care for information at a cheap rate, I'm their man! Well, now, this is—as I acquired my experience, and if they would be as wise—in that respect—as I am, they must even consent to be guided by me in this particular. Supposing, then, that each of the members of the Consett Local Board as "hang out" in the lower reaches of the district accompany the writer—for anybody else for that matter—to Blackhill, on a half-an-hour after supper on a winter's night. An hour or two he spent among the P.D.'s, for the temperature is anything but low in their sanctum. About midnight would be the best time to return, that hour when, as the poet says, "graves yawn." The streets would be probably deserted, but there would still be light sufficient to enable one to move along without prejudice to the shins, and we would hold good in Consett, and even down Pasture Drift Road, but no further. There is a point pretty well known to people who have occasion to be abroad late in the evening where the line dividing the township of Benfieldside and Consett is drawn with unmistakable exactitude, light and darkness. The people who have the good fortune to dwell within the Consett boundary enjoy the fruit of civilisation—light; whilst their neighbours of Benfieldside are dependent on the cold stars or the changeful moon. There never was perhaps, nor could there very well be, a more distinct and unerring contrast between two specimens of rival government—the shrivelled hand of the miser, and the ready discriminating hand of the man of generosity. I don't know the exact hour at which the curfew bell is rung, but I know that the man who manages to thread his "weary way" down Foundry Row and Derwent Street after the lamps are out without damaging a lamppost, or coming in collision with six feet of a policeman, has good reason to thank his stars. Instead of hearing that there was a spot in the district known as "nobody's thoroughfare," it would have staggered nobody had the thing been carried a little further and dubbed—"nobody's town."

There are many methods of benefitting the public now-a-days, and the latest novelty in the trade is the introduction of a bill-posting station. There is nothing like progress, should it only take the form of so lowly an acquisition. There may be differences of opinion regarding the way by which the latest phase of advancement was brought about, and the perversity of humanity is such that there may even be people who regard a bill-posting station as a nuisance rather than an improvement; and certainly it is not an ornament, whatever may be said in praise of its utility. Nevertheless, it is an improvement in this wise, that people who employ billposters can ascertain at once whether the terms of the contract have been carried out or not. It is not a pleasant thing to be under the necessity of posting up and down the country, peering into every obscure nook in search of bills. I happen to have some very unpleasant recollections of that sort of thing. Imagine being trusted to carry out a small undertaking in that line, and it will be some time before I forget the trouble and annoyance it brought me.

engaged a real professional to post up some four score bills. They had reference to an anniversary to be celebrated at an early date. Saturday afternoon came, but no bills had up to that time made their appearance. I went in search of them, and on chance corner between Shotley and Consett escaped me, but up to a late hour not one solitary bill was to be seen. Sunday morning saw me again on the trail—"the better day the better deed"—and then sure enough I found three of them! They had been stuck up after everybody had gone to bed; one was where it should have been, but it was upside down; the second was at the archway near the Railway Station, but it was outside in; and the third, utterly ashamed of the conduct of its fellows, repposed at full length on the pavement near the Rose and Crown! The bills of a billposter claimed three shillings for his job; but for my share of the contract there was nothing but vexation of spirit—surely the good things of this world are badly parted.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM DIVISION.

STANLEY LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday se'nnight, a meeting of the Stanley branch of the Tanfield Association was held in Mr James Forster's long room, at West Stanley, for the purpose of enrolling new members. Mr Wilson occupied the chair, and was supported by Messrs G. Kidley, Lamb, Indian, Wright, Summerbell, W. H. Hinton, and others. The attendance was not large, owing to the meeting not having been sufficiently published.—On the motion of Mr Hinton, it was resolved that the committee take in hand to bring the Association properly before the public. About 60 members were enrolled, over 40 of whom subscribed to the funds not less than 1s each, which makes them eligible for election on the Council.

MR JENKINS, M.P. FOR CONSETT!

Our cri-tic so far seem to fall,
We cannot get a Trow or Dale;
But need we, the electors, care
So very far away from home,
To find a man to represent
Our views in the new Parliament?
When living in our midst are those
Who, all our wants and wishes know,
And who, if sent to represent
Could tell the House just what we meant,
Concerning our New Railway Station,
Or on questions that affect the Nation.
I humbly here submit to you
A gentleman, who in my view
Would represent the district well?
With at some age, his years of tell,
A gentleman, well known to all,
His name—Mr Jenkins, of Castle Hall,
A pushing man, of tact and skill,
Who does what he's about, and will;
Whose efforts have got Consett's name
Plac-d within the niche of fame.
As the Government are resigned,
We must at once make up our mind;
Therefore elections will be soon,
Vote for Jenkins, of Consett Hall.

JUSTICIA.

COKE-MAKING IN THE DISTRICT.—Trade seems to be gradually declining in this neighbourhood. Recently some fifty coke-drawers were idle at the Bank Foot Colliery, belonging to Messrs Pease and Partners. The colliery is the centre of the coke-making industry in Durham, and there are collieries—Sunniside, Woolley, Stanley, and Roddymoor—owned by the same company, running coke to the palace to be made into coke. The coke traffic is lower now than it has been for the last twenty years.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS.—Further improvements are contemplated in the village of Lanchester. A commencement has been made towards building a magnificent and beautiful hall and appurtenances, on the site where the old Primitive Methodist Chapel stood, for the Mr Abel and Mr Charles P. Pease, of Colepike, from designs prepared by Messrs John Smith and Sons, architects of Shotley Bridge. The plans were approved of at the last meeting of the Rural Sanitary Authority, and the contract has been let to Messrs E. and J. Dodds, of Benfieldside.—Mr Geo. Hobson, of Harperley Mills, who has recently purchased the property in the Front Hotel, Lanchester—an ancient and unique fabric, now occupied by Mr Humble—has proposes in his enterprising style, to demolish the present buildings, and to erect in its stead an elaborate hotel upon the most modern and approved principles, plans for the same being in preparation by the Messrs Stokoe, the business men, and commercial travellers, together with staple stable and coach-house accommodation; and will likewise be provided with a dining-room of enormous dimensions, fitted with every convenience. When completed, the proprietor of the new hotel will be as liberal and artistic in this country side, and will furnish a want which has been sorely needed in the village for some time past.

A COOD ANTIDOTE.—Last week a gentleman was bitten in the calf of the leg by a dog. He at once rushed to the office of the justice of the peace, and preferred a complaint against the man of the neighbourhood whom he supposed to be the owner of the offending cur. The following was the defence offered on the trial: "1. By testimony in favour of the general good character of the dog, I shall prove that nothing could make the dog forgetful of his canine dignity as to bite a calf. 2. He is blind, and cannot see to bite. 3. Even if he could see to bite, it would be utterly impossible for him to go out of his way to do so, on account of his severe lameness. 4. Granting his eyes and legs to be good, he has no teeth. 5. My dog died six weeks ago. 6. I never had a dog."

A MILKMAN'S COMPANION.—A German had made a fortune in Philadelphia by selling milk, and started home with two bags of sovereigns. On shipboard he counted one bag of treasure. A mischievous monkey was watching his operations. As soon as it was replaced and tied up, Jacko snatched up the Fatherland and ran down to the main-head. He opened the German's bag; and after counting the proper gold, he proceeded to drop one piece upon the deck, and other in the water, until he had emptied the bag. When he had finished the German threw up his hands exclaiming, "He must be the devil; for what came from the water he does give to the water, and what came from the milk he gives to me."

Brinkies, the famous sporting man, was in costume for every kind of game that he shot at. One day, invited to the Duke of Gulnes' shooting party, the Duke drew his attention to a hare, suggesting that he should fire. "I cannot, monsigneur," said Brinkies, "I am in my partridge boles."

We always know everything when it serves no purpose, and when the zest of the knowledge has been set upon events.

The greatest genius is never so great as when it is chastised and subdued by the highest reason.

Wise men are instructed by reason; men of less understanding by experience; the most ignorant by necessity; and the least by nature.

Mighty is the force of motherhood. It transforms all things by its vital heat; it turns timidity into fierce courage and dreadless defiance into tremulous submission; it turns thoughtlessness into foresight.

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CONSETT.

The usual monthly meeting in connexion with the Wesleyan Band of Hope was held on Saturday evening, when there was a good attendance.

IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE.—A meeting of the Irish party was held at Consett, on Tuesday evening when it was resolved to organise a branch of the Irish National League of Great Britain. An eloquent address was given by Mr D. J. Sweeney, representative of the Land League in the North of England.

BRASS BANDS AT WORK.—Notice is hereby given that the Consett Brass Band will perform on Saturday, June 20, in aid of the Cleveland Bluethroat Society, and to the end of the present month. The masters have had the question under their consideration, and have resolved to accept the notice of the men terminating the band engagement; and it is stated that they intend to ask the men to accept a reduction in their wages owing to depression in trade.

A FOREIGN SCHOLAR.—We learn from the *Preston Chronicle*, of June 6th, that at the recent distribution of prizes at St. John's College, Grimargh, Master M. V. Steggall, son of the vicar of Consett, obtained the following distinctions, viz.—Mathematical gold medal, 1st class, Society's bronze medal, prize for Scripture; 2nd senior honours—certificate for arithmetic, algebra, algebra, chemistry, physiology, mensuration, grammar, history, French, Latin, Greek, and drawing; 1st class honours certificate for Scripture. St. John's College is in connexion with the Society of Science, Letters, and Arts of London, and the examinations are conducted solely by members of that body.

BACHOS CONCERT.—The Consett Wesleyan choir, under the leadership of Mr M. Fawell, gave a sacred concert in the Primitive Methodist chapel, Consett, on Wednesday evening, to a select and appreciative audience, the object being to assist the Priors Mobile into to raise an amount to meet a circuit deficiency. We have on several former occasions referred to the excellent choir to advantage, but on Wednesday evening they appeared in their very best form, and almost took the audience by surprise, so far exceeding their most sanguine expectations. Mr Wm. Raw, of Hedleyhill, ably presided; and was supported by the Revs E. P. Hiley and H. Youll. After the lengthy programme had been successfully gone through, a hearty vote of thanks to the choir and chairman brought the enjoyable entertainment to a close.

THE CHRISTIAN EVIDENCE SOCIETY.—We are glad to learn that Mr J. Tait, Shotburn Terrace, has been authorised by the London committee to open a class in connection with this society in Consett. We understand that the Rev W. Douglas, Wesleyan Minister, of Shotley Bridge, conducted a class of a similar character during last winter. The objects of the society are:—"To defend Christianity as a divine revelation. To controvert the errors of Atheists, Secularists, and other opponents of Christianity. To counteract the energetic propagandism of Infidelity, especially among the uneducated. To meet the difficulties and strengthen the faith of the doubting and perplexed. To instruct the young in the evidences of Christianity." Examinations are held locally in April of each year by authorised superintendents, when prizes and 1st and 2nd class certificates are given. The first prize in each division is of the value of £3, second of £2, and third and fourth of £1 each—either in money or books. The prizes in each division are set down (conditionally) as free, but can be augmented by merit. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the President of the Society; the Earl of Cavan's, Chairman of the Committee. The Committee, which includes the Lord Archbishop of York, consists of clergymen, Nonconformist lay men of various orthodox persuasion; but all agreed on the fundamental truths of our holy religion. The due preparation of teachers is by the freelve vigorous secular teaching in writing, dictation, grammar (where necessary), as well as the study of the text books. But the expense will be as low as possible, and the fees paid over to a treasurer (already appointed) until the examination comes. The Rev F. Steggall, Vicar of Consett, has kindly expressed his readiness to assist the class in any and otherwise encourage a class, if obtainable. His wife was second, yet liberal when we last were earnest in the cause. Due notice will be shortly given in this paper when the class may commence. We have only to add that the other subjects of the society consists of lectures, sermons, and opening meetings in various centres.

COUNTY COURT.—On Wednesday—before His Honour E. J. Meynell, Esq. (judge)—John Brady, ironworker, and John McGuire, labourer, both of Consett Iron Works, for £1 13s 11d, for groceries, &c., which Mrs Brady had purchased at the Co-operative Store on behalf of the defendant's wife. It had been customary for the wife to obtain her goods at the Store, and for several weeks the husband had provided the money. The money for the previous week's goods was however due on the 16th ult., and as Mrs McGuire had not seen disposed to pay, Mrs Brady ceased to purchase groceries on her behalf, and now sued for the balance. Mrs Brady and McGuire declared that she owed the plaintiff nothing, as she paid Mrs Brady the last account. Mrs McGuire produced a memorandum of the Store His Honour perused, and said that they were nearly alike, except that in the one the defendant did not indicate the amount of money defendant had paid. Mrs McGuire: No; they are only her acknowledgment for defendant. (Laughter.) Judge: "I levelled up" with her last Saturday.—His Honour gave judgment for £1 13s 11d to be paid by the defendant.—Mrs McGuire (warmly): I got nothing out of that account. She is always buying groceries purchased under similar circumstances.—His Honour (to plaintiff's wife): Why are you in the habit of getting goods for these parties?—Mrs Brady: I don't know, sir.—His Honour:—Why could you not obtain the goods himself?—Mrs Brady: I don't know. I just did so to oblige them, sir.—Mrs Sanaghan stated that she had paid him 2s 1d, as she executed some knitting for Mrs Brady.—As neither party had kept a written statement of account, judgment was given for the plaintiff for payment of 3d 1d.

SALE OF SHARES AND FREEHOLD PROPERTY.—Consequent on the decease of Mr Thos. Ridley, fellow-townsman, Mr R. Hedley, the shares and freehold property belonging his estate, were offered for sale by public auction at Mr George Brown's Railway Hotel, Consett, on Thursday night. Messrs Alan Brodie and John Crawford having been appointed by the representatives to officiate as auctioneers on the occasion. The latter gentleman, in a few brief remarks, reviewed the state of trade in the district, and also the property lying before Consett as the acknowledged centre of the newly-formed Electoral Division of North-West Durham, introduced the Consett Water Co. and Town Hall Company shares to the favourable consideration of those present, proceeding to sell fully-paid £5 shares in the former undertaking, which were speedily disposed of at prices varying from £6 19s 0d to £7 4s 0d, and in the latter at £7 0s 6d per share; the purchasers being Messrs A. Crawley, Wm. Whittaker, F. Osborne, Esq., Newcastle, of Consett; G. Young, of Belford J. Procter, of Consett, and A. Dunglinson, Esq. The next lot was 25 £1 fully paid shares in the Consett New Town Hall, of Consett, which were sold to Mr H. Cornforth, of Consett, at a premium per share. The remaining lot of shares were 10 of the Blyth and Tyne Bridge Company, on which £10 is fully paid, which changed hands to Mr William Gray, of Burnhope, at £10 17s each.—The freehold property in Middle Street, Consett, was then offered by Mr Crawford, and in consequence of the improvement in the value of property in the neighbourhood, we may note that although twenty years only have elapsed since this property was sold, also at auction, by Mr Hedley, lot was purchased, also at auction, for premium for less than £900, it was, on the present occasion, sold for £1,550 to Mr Joseph Murray. The company was one of the largest and most influential we have seen at an auction for many years, and included most of our practical men of the district, expressed themselves highly satisfied at this evidence of the improved position of Consett as one of the northern centres of industry.

BLACKHILL.

The scholars attending St. Aidan's Church Sunday School had to forego their annual treat (from Whit-Monday on account of the unfavourable weather) on Saturday afternoon, in a field belonging to Mr R. Murray, of Benfieldside, when a number of innocent games and amusements were arranged.

SCHOLAR.—On Wednesday se'nnight, 25 gentlemen sat down to a sumptuous repast, served at the house of Mr W. Ritringham, Miners' Arms, Highgate, given in honour of Mr Henry Lamb, of well-known and respected townsman, who has left Blackhill for Spennymoor. After the dinner, the chair was occupied by Mr J. Ritringham; whilst Mr R. Walton filled the vice-chair. A number of toasts were duly responded to.

BENEFICIENCE SUNDAY.—RUTOR MEDIC.—Messrs Nicholson and Murray held their weekly sale on Monday of fat and store cattle, sheep and lambs, cows, calves, pigs, &c., when there was a very unusual number of stock, together with a large quantity of harness, hams, &c. Fat cattle made lots of 17s 6d to 20s; 7 do.—Mr Jas. Grey's, Whitestanhill Farm; cows, £11 to £15 10s; store cattle, £4 10s to £7 17s 6d; 1st stores, 46s to 54s 6d; lambs, 20s to 30s; small pigs, 15s to 25s; calves, 15s to 27s. On account of the unfavourable weather, several cattle did not get forward. Fat cattle were making 5s to 9s per stone; sheep, 8d per lb.; and lambs, 8d per lb.

DEATH OF MR JOHN PROUD.—In the death of Mr John Proud, newsagent, of Blackhill, the Primitive Methodist Friendly Society has lost its oldest member, and the neighbourhood one of the most respected residents. Mr Proud lived a good religious life, and laboured hard to promote temperance principles, especially among the young in the Sabbath-school, and at Band of Hope meetings. As a man, he was quiet and unobtrusive, and always and rightly held in high esteem. He was a decided and consistent character, and walked worthy of the high vocation wherewith he was called. Deceased always manifested a peculiar regard for God's cause—this showed itself in his regularity of attendance at the House of God; was a liberal supporter of its various funds, and a liberal giver to the Lord's blessing upon its operations. Mr Proud died on Tuesday morning at five o'clock, at the age of 51 years. His remains were followed to the place of resting-place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon by a large assemblage of friends. The Rev. Jenkins (superintendent minister) officiated, assisted by the Revs H. Youll and R. W. Jenkins (Baptist). Mr T. Raine was the sacristan. The last great rite was due to that gentleman for the manner in which he carried out the funeral arrangements.

BIBLE STUDENTS' SOCIETY.—On Saturday evening, the recurring question of the comparative antiquity of the Book of Job and the Mosaic Pentateuch formed a most interesting subject of inquiry. Far from the prejudiced discussion exhausted the materials or elements entering into the question at issue, there was a greater presentation than ever of literary evidence on both aspects. The evidence of the non-antiquity of the Book of Job shewed the Book of Job shewed peculiarities of diction, and modes of thought having their analogues in the Psalms, whence it was inferred that the author was contemporary with David. To this it was tersely replied that the author of those Psalms especially Psalm 90 was one those modes of thought from the book of Job. Of course, on both sides of the question, the author might be the author, or at whatever period the book may have been written, although in the former case, it would be a matter of great interest to know. Its whole field of thought, ethical and theological, the same as the Pentateuch, emphasis was Arabian, and somewhat Abrahamic. However, after a quiet dispassionate consideration of all the elements, it was the general opinion that the book and its hero were patriarchal, the period ranging between Moses and Abraham, and its probable author, Jethro. The age at which Job himself died would also indicate an era before Abraham, when the longevity was not so great and immediately subsequent to Noah were diminishing to Abraham's time, when it became yet much too long for any period of the Jewish Monarchy, from Saul down to Zedekiah and the Babylonish captivity. One particular feature of opinion between two singularly gifted, but opposite minds, was that the Pentateuch was addressed on the Arabian theory. That coincidence was between Moses and Jethro. Moses, in any of your readers turn up Bishop Lowth, "De Sacra Poesi Hebraeorum" (page 305, edition of 1753) as well as find that the author of "Liturgia Sacra monumenta singularum esse, neque ullam ejusmodi Liturgiam cum Hebraeorum Liturgia Historiae sedem esse Idumaea (Arabian)." And again, looking over Voltaire's article on Job in his "Dictionnaire Philosophique," he will find "Il est un des plus precieux de toute l'antiquite. It is evidently pure on Moses' or "The book of Job is one of the most precious of all antiquity. It is evidently pure on Moses' or "The book of Job is one of the most precious of all antiquity." Voltaire's "Liturgia Sacra monumenta singularum esse, neque ulam ejusmodi Liturgiam cum Hebraeorum Liturgia Historiae sedem esse Idumaea (Arabian)." And again, looking over Voltaire's article on Job in his "Dictionnaire Philosophique," he will find "Il est un des plus precieux de toute l'antiquite. It is evidently pure on Moses' or "The book of Job is one of the most precious of all antiquity." Voltaire's "Dictionnaire Philosophique." Voltaire's "Dictionnaire Philosophique." Voltaire's "Dictionnaire Philosophique." Voltaire's "Dictionnaire Philosophique." Voltaire's "Dictionnaire Philosophique." Voltaire's "Dictionnaire Philosophique." Voltaire's "Dictionnaire Philosophique." Voltaire's "Dictionnaire Philosophique."

FIRST SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT 370TH ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.—The 370th annual meeting of this society was held in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Blackhill, on Monday evening, and was very numerously attended considering the M. Noble presiding.—The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by Mr Ed. Hedley, secretary. In opening, dwelt on the continued success of the society as testified by the balance-sheet, which showed a total during the year of £2,000 and there was £1,942 14s 9d. All the repayments due during the year have been paid (which is a very unusual circumstance the value of the society's securities), and also that, after paying the working expense, the balance-sheet shows a profit on the year of £57 1s 3d; which, with £108 7s 8d, at the beginning of the year 1884, shows a total net profit of £2209 2s 11d.—The report of the Board of Management of the society, showed that the appropriations during the year, amounting to £2,200, making a total of £5,000 since the commencement of the society, of which £3,000 has been advanced to members on eligible security. The 14th appropriation is left with the Board to act as rule. The remainder will be advanced as soon as the members are ready with security.—After various questions had been answered, the adoption of the report and balance-sheet was moved by Mr E. Hale, seconded by Mr T. Hedley, and carried unanimously.—Mr Robinson said that from his personal observations, he believed that the secretary and directors had done their work well and energetically during the year. He did not think that any one could have expected much more satisfactory than the report and balance-sheet laid before them.—The four retiring directors viz.—Messrs Ed. Hedley, Ed. Hedley, Jun., and T. Davison—were re-elected, as were also the auditors, Messrs J. Hall and J. Hedley. The secretary's salary was fixed at £40 for the year, the mover of the resolution (Mr Hedley) stating that the members had no idea of the amount of work required of the secretary, which had been carried out faithfully and with a very satisfactory manner.—The twenty-fourth appropriation then took place, and Mr Robinson was elected Chairman. Mr C. C. McOlevin, Consett, and Mr G. J. Robinson, Blackhill, were elected secretaries, and Mr Mary Foggon to the medals. The result was in favour of register number 1, and the holder of this number was not called to his payments, he was disqualified according to rule. A second drawing followed, the number this time being 2, but as this lady had previously been drawn, a third ballot took place, resulting in favour of number 355, which is held by Mr W. Ord, Sunderland, who, having two shares, and being clear up to the books, is entitled to receive £200 free of interest for the year. The usual votes of thanks terminated the proceedings.

BLAYDON.

DERWENT RIFLE CLUB.—On Saturday, a social sweepstake competition took place at the Rifle Range, on favourable weather. The ranges were 200, 500, and 600 yards; seven shots at each. High-at scorers:—Sergt. B. J. Hardcastle; Sergt. R. Cotton; Sergt.-Major Symington; Sergt. A. Forsyth; Sergt. J. Robertson; Privt. D. Bain; Sappers S. Dodds; Col-Sergt. S. Park.

5TH DURHAM RIFLES.—A handicap sweepstake took place at Blaydon Range on Saturday. Highest scorers:—Corp. Nicholson; Sergt. Leadbitter; Privt. Bain; Privt. Bowman, Sergt. Moffitt; Sergt. Adams; Privt. Mossopp; Sergt. Hall; Bugler Bury.

CASTLESIDE.

LONGEVITY.—On Friday last, Mr Samuel Lyndsay, of Castleside, died at the ripe age of nearly 81 years. Deceased resided for many years at Red House, and occupied a responsible position with credit to himself under the late Mr Jonathan Richardson. His elder brother, Peter, died at Consett, on the 12th May, aged 86 years. They were well-known and highly respected. Both were born at Healeyfield, near Castleside.

PRESBYTERIAN MEETING NEW CHAPEL.—The opening services were continued on Saturday and Sunday last.—On Saturday, the circuit preachers being assembled at the usual place, brought a number of officials from the various places in the circuit. The meeting was presided over by the Rev T. Elliott, was got through in good time. On the Rev T. Smith, Shotley Bridge, making his appearance in the meeting, a hearty welcome was accorded him, and many kind wishes for his special ministry in the circuit, and for the success of the ministry—a work which he so ably fulfilled. The rev. gentleman kindly responded and thanked the meeting for its kindly feeling towards him in his mission.—A public tea was laid up in the school-room, at which all the officials of quarter day, with a number of their lady friends, partook of the "good things" provided. It was just the encouragement to the rev. gentleman, and also to the members of the new chapel, to see the good attendance of the public at the tea meeting, and the good spirit by the following:—Miss Robson, Miss A. Robson, Miss Pattinson, Miss Forster, Miss Davison, Miss Bell, Miss Hedley, Miss Ord, and Mr T. Davison. (In the evening a public meeting was held, presided over by the secretary, Mr T. Bell, Esq. (Consett), and addresses were given by the following gentlemen:—Mr Ed. Hedley, Mr J. L. Surtees, Consett; J. Leadbitter, Shotley Bridge; Rev. Rev A. Latimer, Lofoss. The speakers were very interesting and spirited in their remarks, and suggested by the beautiful scenery which surrounds the chapel, which is one of the finest in the district.—On Sunday, able sermons were preached in the morning and evening by the Rev A. Latimer, and the Rev E. W. Jenkins, B.A., Shotley Bridge, and gave the opening services have been a grand success.

THE BURIAL GROUND.—On Friday evening, a public meeting was convened by the committee appointed to carry out the scheme of improvement inaugurated about two years ago; but only a few attended. It will be remembered by most of the parishioners that the scheme was inaugurated in conjunction with the removal of the water pipes of the Consett Water Company, which then, owing to that gentleman for the manner in which he carried out the funeral arrangements.

BIBLE STUDENTS' SOCIETY.—On Saturday evening, the recurring question of the comparative antiquity of the Book of Job and the Mosaic Pentateuch formed a most interesting subject of inquiry. Far from the prejudiced discussion exhausted the materials or elements entering into the question at issue, there was a greater presentation than ever of literary evidence on both aspects. The evidence of the non-antiquity of the Book of Job shewed peculiarities of diction, and modes of thought having their analogues in the Psalms, whence it was inferred that the author was contemporary with David. To this it was tersely replied that the author of those Psalms especially Psalm 90 was one those modes of thought from the book of Job. Of course, on both sides of the question, the author might be the author, or at whatever period the book may have been written, although in the former case, it would be a matter of great interest to know. Its whole field of thought, ethical and theological, the same as the Pentateuch, emphasis was Arabian, and somewhat Abrahamic. However, after a quiet dispassionate consideration of all the elements, it was the general opinion that the book and its hero were patriarchal, the period ranging between Moses and Abraham, and its probable author, Jethro. The age at which Job himself died would also indicate an era before Abraham, when the longevity was not so great and immediately subsequent to Noah were diminishing to Abraham's time, when it became yet much too long for any period of the Jewish Monarchy, from Saul down to Zedekiah and the Babylonish captivity. One particular feature of opinion between two singularly gifted, but opposite minds, was that the Pentateuch was addressed on the Arabian theory. That coincidence was between Moses and Jethro. Moses, in any of your readers turn up Bishop Lowth, "De Sacra Poesi Hebraeorum" (page 305, edition of 1753) as well find that the author of "Liturgia Sacra monumenta singularum esse, neque ulam ejusmodi Liturgiam cum Hebraeorum Liturgia Historiae sedem esse Idumaea (Arabian)." And again, looking over Voltaire's article on Job in his "Dictionnaire Philosophique," he will find "Il est un des plus precieux de toute l'antiquite. It is evidently pure on Moses' or "The book of Job is one of the most precious of all antiquity." Voltaire's "Dictionnaire Philosophique." Voltaire's "Dictionnaire Philosophique." Voltaire's "Dictionnaire Philosophique." Voltaire's "Dictionnaire Philosophique." Voltaire's "Dictionnaire Philosophique." Voltaire's "Dictionnaire Philosophique."

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD.—In the monthly meeting was held at the Castleside Board Schools on Monday evening, under the chairmanship of Mr J. Hall, there were present being Messrs T. Walton, M. Lee, W. J. Scott, and Ed. Hedley, Jun. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the Chairman made a verbal announcement from Miss Waton relative to the Rowley Board Schools, the cost of sewing mistress, in case Miss Hall eventually failed to accept the situation, declined to consider anything save a written communication from Miss Watson. It was stated that Miss Hall had agreed to accept the situation, and that it was likewise remarked that her condition regarded to the Rowley School, would be made some discussion of the question till next month.—Respecting the summer holidays, it was resolved that the schools should be closed on Friday, July 9th, for three weeks' vacation; and that the Rowley and Castleside Schools should be closed on the Wednesday the school reassembles.—Mr Scott suggested that prizes to be given to the children, instead of presenting them with toys and sweets.—The Chairman said this question was first stated, and the result was not satisfactory. They found it best to give the boys and girls coppers, and allow them to spend the money as they liked.—The tea hitherto provided for the parents having been always a failure, it was resolved that the Board should invite the adults into the field free of charge.—Mr Scott suggested that the Board should give the young the children an excursion to Tynemouth; but the Chairman disclaimed the responsibility of taking the schools out of Rowley, and the matter assumed such a proposal.—The statistics for the past month were as follows:—Average number, 109; average total 215; average attendance, 179; average absent, 36; cash banked, £11 15s.—The master (Mr Duckworth) reported that during the month he had continued the periodical examinations. He found, on looking over the books, that the children had had very many scholars who habitually attended irregularly; and that, consequently, the fifth standard girls for last week being only 45 per cent. Some children had lost already 9, 10, or 11 weeks of their schooling! The master said he was sorry to state that there were a few who had never missed a single attendance. The Chairman said, on this question, as the result of the examination very much depended upon it, especially now as there would be only the summer left, so that great care was caused by people visiting the houses where the few erratic scholars lived, was instructed to visit the parents of all absentees, and strongly impress upon them the urgency of sending their children regularly and punctually to school, more particularly as the time for the Government examination was drawing nigh. The Board did not desire to resort to harsh or extreme measures, if it were possible for such a course to be averted; but if the event of the attendance continuing to be unsatisfactory, it was intimated that magisterial proceedings would be instituted against some of the worst offenders.—It was reported that a certain party in Castleside, who had three children of school age, and for whom the Guardians were paying the fees, was exceedingly negligent in sending the children to school. Although the individual in question affected to be in poor circumstances, still he could afford to keep a pony and cart, and (what perhaps one can scarcely be surprised at) it appears that when the school-master called at the house, he was told, forsooth, one of the boys who ought to have been at school sitting on the table bare-footed, and, when questioned, the boy had the impudence to said his brother returned home, as one pair of shoes had to serve both of them, and he was afraid to inquire into the matter.—A noticeable feature of the meeting was that there were no cheques presented to be signed.

LANGLEY MOOR.

TELEGRAPH FACILITIES.—The telegraph authorities, in response to a memorial from the inhabitants of the district, have decided to extend the telegraph system to Langley Moor, which, it is needless to say, will be of great service. The following letter has been received on the subject:—

Post Office, London, May 28th, 1885.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., I beg leave to inform you that Treasury authority has been obtained for a telegraph extension to Langley Moor, and instructions have been given for the work to be carried out as soon as possible.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, T. C. LAMB.

Mr J. W. Young.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.—On Sunday morning, the local volunteers, numbering upwards of fifty, in command of Major Lambton, marched to service at the Parish Church, Chester-le-Street. The Rev Prebendary Tate officiated, and preached.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday, the anniversary sermons in the Wesleyan chapel, morning, afternoon, and evening. At each service portions of scripture, &c., were given by the children, and appropriate hymns and music rendered by the choir, under the very able direction of Mr. C. Wilson, organist.—Sermons by Mr J. Cummings, of Birtley, conducted. On Monday evening, a continuation of the above services were held, when the following gentlemen gave interesting and practical addresses:—Messrs Appleby, Walgo, Wilkersgore, and Fallows. The choir, under the castle-on-Tyne, the Blue Ribbon temperance advocate, also gave an able and humorous address. The meeting was largely attended, and the singing of the choir. The Rev Jas. Duff occupied the chair.

LEADGATE

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—The Sabbath School anniversary was commenced on Saturday afternoon, when a public tea was provided. On Sunday, three services were conducted by Mr Thomas Hall, Gateshead, the Rev. Jenkins, B.A., Shotley recited and sang in admirable style. Mr J. Johnson conducted the singing, whilst Mr R. Daglish officiated as harmonium.

IVESTON.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The anniversary was celebrated on Sunday, sermons being preached in the morning and evening by Mr Wm. Robinson, of Medomsley, who also delivered an address to parents, teachers, and scholars in the afternoon. The children recited at each service scripture, dialogues, and poetry; and also sang, assisted by the choir, a number of anthems, under the leadership of Mr J. Cockburn, of Consett; Mr Thauvoy presiding at the harmonium. On Monday afternoon, there was a tea party, which was fairly patronized; the public meeting was subsequently held in the chapel—Mr T. Johnson in the chair, when able and stirring addresses were given by Messrs J. Ord, Jun., Wm. Bigger, Wm. Robson and J. Robinson, Dipton, &c. The speeches were interspersed with hymns and music.—The whole proceeds are in aid of the trust funds.

WITTON GILBERT.

ASSAULT.—At the Durham Quarter Petty Sessions on Wednesday week, Joseph Craven, a youth of 17, was charged with assaulting a married woman named Hannah Hall, at Witton Gilbert, on the 25th ult. Mr T. Wetherell, jun., appeared for the defendant, who pleaded guilty, but was charged with some other member of the Craven family, and when he met her on the occasion referred to, he was in company with a number of other boys, having stuck the complainant's son, and knocked him down. The boy complained to his father, who did it, and defendant replied that he would do the same to her. He then immediately knocked her down the road.—A witness corroborated Dawson's complainant's story, and alleged that defendant struck at her also.—Defendant was fined 10s and the costs.

PRUDHOE

POLITICAL LECTURE.—Last Friday evening, Mr R. Walkinshaw, lectured in the Co-op. Lecture house, Prudhoe, in reply to a lecture on political economy delivered in the same place, by Mr R. S. Watson. Mr M. Liddell occupied the chair, and there was a large audience. At the conclusion of the lecture questions were asked.

MICKLEY.

CONSECRATION OF A BURIAL GROUND.—On Sunday, a piece of ground just added to the old burial ground, was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle, who preached from Genesis xxiii., 4, "I am a stranger and sojourner." Psalm xxxix., 4, "Lord, make me to know my end." The harmonium was played by Mr Cockburn, communion service, and read the gospel. In the afternoon, there was a service for the Sunday school, when, after an excellent tea was provided, the following ladies gracefully presiding at the tables; Misses H. Hedley, Mary Ann Hedley, Mesdames M. Jameson, A. Gowland; assisted by Misses M. Hedley and Reavisley; Mesdames J. Hedley and M. Bernip. In the evening, a public meeting was duly presided over by Mr J. Moss (Castleside House). The meeting was addressed by Mr J. Oliver (Burnhill), who, in his opening remarks, referred to the work of the Church of England, said it needed no defence or yet apology. Calling attention to a letter in the Newcastle Daily Journal in a local paper recently respecting Mr Byron Reed's accusation on Nonconformist teachings, the speaker emphatically declared that Nonconformist were based on absolute falsehood, their object being to facilitate no other than the spiritual and eternal truths. Sunday-schools in general occupied one of the foremost positions of all the various institutions of this country and of the world. The speaker, on his (Oliver's) land, the next speaker, directed his attention to the work of the Sunday-school teacher, and showed the importance of ample preparation being made by the teachers for the duties of the ensuing Sabbath, in order to fill the minds of the children with that knowledge which would fit and prepare them for the future responsibilities of life.—Cries of thanks having been tendered to the chairman, speakers, and the choir, the meeting was brought to a close.—On Sunday, the services were continued, Mr J. Thomas, of Stanhope, gave powerful and impressive sermons in the afternoon and evening to good congregations. The children recited portions of scripture and dialogues, and rendered great credit upon the superintendents and teachers. The choir was assisted by the Rev. Jas. Duff and J. Gowland and Mr M. Skipsey. Mr W. W. Graham efficiently presided at the harmonium.

CRAGHEAD.

FATAL MINING ACCIDENT.—At the Thomas Pit, Holmside Colliery, on Saturday, William Hudson, a hewer, aged 22 years, a single man, was killed by a fall of stone in a broken pillar in the quarter seam. A deputy-overman, named William Spence, was in the place at the time, and was partially buried by the fall of the *debris*, but before he could extricate himself, with the assistance of a putter, John Dunham ascertained that the deceased had he was too late, although Dunham had a continual conversation with him for about a few minutes of being reached. When brought to bank, the body of the man was to all appearances fully healthy and life was found to be extinct.—An inquest was held on Monday afternoon, at the house of Mr Oxley, Punch Bowl Inn, Craghead, before Mr Coroner Graham, when a verdict of "accidental death" was returned. No blame was attached to anyone, the jury being of opinion that all reasonable precautions were taken.—Immediately after the inquest the remains of the deceased were interred in Craghead churchyard. A large assemblage of people attended the funeral, the service being conducted by the Ev P. Cameron.

ANNFIELD PLAIN

—The workmen of West Shield Row Colliery have received the sum of £14 10s 3d, also the workmen of South Derwent Colliery the sum of £3 2s 9d, to the Newcastle Hospital fund, by invitation of Mr William Rutherford, manager of the above collieries.

TANFIELD.

THE VOLUNTEERS.—*Fifth Durham Corps.*—The Rev Hewan Archdall, M.A., has been appointed acting chaplain.—Centre Gazette.

BEAMISH

MINING OPERATIONS.—The Mary Pit, Beamish Colliery, which was connected with about fifteen months ago, has now been successfully completed, and in accordance with the Mines' Regulation Act, at a cost of £1,000 to the owners, the pit has the requisite quantity of air for ventilating purposes. The pit was sunk by Mr Potter on Wednesday last, and the pit named the "James" by Master Jas. Joicey, son of the junior partner of the firm of Messrs Joicey and Company, who was accompanied by his tutor, Mr Hollingbury, and the official cutting was performed by the under taking.

WILL OF MR JOHN EDEN.—The will (dated July 25, 1872), with three codicils (dated July 24, 1874; March 5, 1881; and Nov. 22, 1882), of Mr John Eden, late of Blaydon Park, Durham, and of No. 15, Wilton Crescent, Belgrave Square, who died on April 4, now proved at Durham, on 19th ult, by the Rev Arthur Duncombe Shafto and the Rev Edward Abercrombie Wilkinson, the executors, shows the value of the testator's personal estate upwards of £307,000. The testator bequeaths £10,000 to the Newcastle Infirmary, £1,000 in trust, to apply the income in payment of the repairs and of the expenses of the Infirmary, recommended by him at Beamish, and the remainder of the income to be divided among the alms-people therein; £1,000 to the Durham County Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle; £2,000 to the Cancer Hospital, Brompton; £1,000 to the Royal Victoria Asylum for the Blind, Newcastle-on-Tyne; £1,000 to the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney; £1,000 to the Gateshead Infirmary and the Ramsgate Dispensary; £200 to the Durham County Jail, to be lent among the (poor inhabitants of Tanfield, Durham; his wines, consumable stores, live and dead stock, and effects; and £10,000, to his brother, Edward Methold; £6,000 to his sister Methold's wife; £1,000 to his nephew, Edward Methold; £6,000 to his sister, under the authority conferred; and another able other legacies. The residue of his real and personal estate he leaves to his two executors for thebrown use absolutely.—*Illustrated London News.*

PELTON FELL.

A deputy-overman, named Wm. Richardson, has been most seriously injured by a fall of stone in the Hutch Pit, Pelton Fell. Very faint hopes are entertained of his recovery.

STANHOPE.

On Sunday, sermons were preached at Stanhope Church by the Rev. Jas. Duff, on behalf of the Society for Promoting Christianity amongst the Jews.

WARDALE GUARDIANS.—Dr. Livingstone presided at the fortnightly meeting held at Wardale Workhouse, on Friday morning. A Commissioner in Lunacy having stated that the most dinners to the chair, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed.

MEDOMSLEY.

WESLEYAN HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The members and friends of the above Wesleyan Methodist Society held another of a series of monthly meetings, under the auspices of the Home and Foreign Missions, in their little chapel at Medomsley, on Saturday evening, under very encouraging circumstances. There had a good audience present, earnest in their endeavours in trying to help the promoters in making the meeting a success. The meeting was opened by a hymn sung by the choir, under the direction of Mr. Fawell, Consett, and the Chairman, Mr Thos. Teasdale, of Medomsley, who, in his maiden speech on missionary work, gave a sketch of the operations and beneficial results of missionary efforts achieved by Christians. He said he was glad to have to plead with an urgent appeal to all to help forward the missionary enterprise.—Mr J. Adamson closed the programme by singing a piece, entitled "How happy every child of grace," with chorus. The meeting was duly closed with the Mizpah benediction.

WASKERLEY.

SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—On Saturday, this quiet little village, situate midway between Consett and Stanhope, and about a mile from the position about 1,100 feet above sea level, looking steadily upon the Cheviots, and the Wolsingham, and surrounded by large tracts of moorlands, where the permanent fleecy clouds reconcile the busy routine of life and the din and noise of our populous towns, was the scene of festive rejoicing—viz., the celebration of the annual tea meeting of the Primitive Methodist school. In the afternoon, the children met the parents and friends of the Sunday school room, where an excellent tea was provided, the following ladies gracefully presiding at the tables; Misses H. Hedley, M. Hedley, Mesdames Hedley, M. Jameson, A. Gowland; assisted by Misses M. Hedley and Reavisley; Mesdames J. Hedley and M. Bernip. In the evening, a public meeting was duly presided over by Mr J. Moss (Castleside House). The meeting was addressed by Mr J. Oliver (Burnhill), who, in his opening remarks, referred to the work of the Church of England, said it needed no defence or yet apology. Calling attention to a letter in the Newcastle Daily Journal in a local paper recently respecting Mr Byron Reed's accusation on Nonconformist teachings, the speaker emphatically declared that Nonconformist were based on absolute falsehood, their object being to facilitate no other than the spiritual and eternal truths. Sunday-schools in general occupied one of the foremost positions of all the various institutions of this country and of the world. The speaker, on his (Oliver's) land, the next speaker, directed his attention to the work of the teacher, and showed the importance of ample preparation being made by the teachers for the duties of the ensuing Sabbath, in order to fill the minds of the children with that knowledge which would fit and prepare them for the future responsibilities of life.—Cries of thanks having been tendered to the chairman, speakers, and the choir, the meeting was brought to a close.—On Sunday, the services were continued, Mr J. Thomas, of Stanhope, gave powerful and impressive sermons in the afternoon and evening to good congregations. The children recited portions of scripture and dialogues, and rendered great credit upon the superintendents and teachers. The choir was assisted by the Rev. Jas. Duff and J. Gowland and Mr M. Skipsey. Mr W. W. Graham efficiently presided at the harmonium.

TOW LAW

A little child, two years old, named Allen, residing in Black Prince Row, fell downstairs a few days ago, and broke its leg.

The Miners' Institute at Sacriston was partially opened (the amusement room being not quite ready yet), on Saturday last. It is expected that the Vesse and others of the partners will formally open the institute a week or two hence.

The Wesleyan Sabbath-school anniversary at Tow Law took place on Saturday and Sunday last. On Saturday there was a tea party, followed by a meeting, over which Mr J. Hillary presided.—On Sunday, Mr J. Fearnley, Saturday, preached morning and evening, and in the afternoon there was a sermon to the scholars—"The child of Jesus," the connective readings being given by Mr Hodge.

STOCK ATTENDED MARKET.—The usual fortnightly stock sale was held at the above mart on Monday. Fat stock entered from a distance did not arrive, owing to the unpropitious weather which prevailed during the earlier part of the day. There was an average attendance of farmers, and a decided improvement in price since last sale. 30 dairy cows sold at prices realised from £9 10s of £19; gold cows up to £14 5s; 16 store cattle (two year old) £10 10s to £13; 20 yearling stores £4 10s to £8; 1 veal calf, 71s; fat sheep, 6d to 8d; 46 lambs, 34s to 40s; 26 black-faced wethers, from 32s to 42s each; 1 pony, 12 hands, £6; young pigs up to 20s each.

TEMPERANCE MISSION.—A most successful Gospel Temperance Mission, in connexion with the Total Templars of Tow Law, has been held in the Methodist Free Church, on Sunday, Mr F. T. Lees of New York, U.S.A. A series of most eloquent and earnest lectures were given by Mrs Douglas to large and attentive audiences, over 2,000 persons signed the pledge and put on the blue ribbon. The mission, which commenced on Tuesday last, was concluded on Sunday last by two stirring temperance sermons in the Primitive Methodist Chapel.—On Saturday night, Mrs Douglas lectured on "The secrets of Mormonism exposed," and produced a deep impression by her powerful by her scathing and vigorous denunciation of this abominable system, showing fully the dark side, which no Mormon missionary ever ventures to put before an English audience. A light was shed on the system, which will make Tow Law the next Mormon lectures who come to Tow Law to be by no means so easy as they have hitherto found it. Not opportunity for discussion was allowed, but no champion of Mormonism came forward, though some members were present. Much interest was manifested in this mission by the members of many of the churches, and a procession of Templars and temperance signs sung through the streets each night. Through the efforts of Mrs Douglas an impetus has been given to the cause of temperance in Tow Law that will not soon be forgotten, and she has proved herself to be the most eloquent adv

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONFERENCE

Twenty-sixth annual Conference of the Primitive Methodists, commenced on Wednesday morning at Reading, in Berkshire. This circumstance will of itself give the great yearly gathering an unusual interest, for it was in that district that Methodism may be said to have originated. The first Methodist society was formed at Reading in November, 1765. Mr Wesley writes in his journal, under date November 1st:—"I set out (from Kingswood) and the next evening came to Reading, where a little company of as men in the evening, as when the seekers mob was so enraged, they were ready to tear the house down. Therefore, I hope God has a work to do in that place."

Primitive Methodism sprang up after a lapse of 70 years from the origin of Wesleyan Methodism, and it has pursued its place for evangelizing and instructing the people with astonishing zeal and success. It numbers in this country nearly half as many adherents as the original body.

The Reading friends have made excellent arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the Conference. The number of services will be fewer than at some previous Conferences, and will not so severely tax the time and strength of the representatives. There is still, however, a great deal to be done by them during the ten days the Conference will last. Besides the ordinary business sessions each day, there will be several temperance, public, and missionary meetings, and also meetings for the children, besides others too numerous to mention. It is not apprehended that much difficulty will be experienced at Conference in appointing the ministers unstationed at the district meetings. The stations requiring to be supplied with preachers are more numerous than the ministers to be stationed. The work of the representatives is much lightened by the work of preliminary negotiations, and by the system of invitations which so extensively prevails.

The returns of the year are very gratifying and encouraging. The net increase in the Connexion is 1290, and more than half of this increase is in the colonial stations.

On Wednesday, the Conference opened it sittings at Reading, where fifty years ago last April, the denomination was introduced by the late venerable John Ride, so well known throughout the connexion. There were about 200 delegates present, including representatives of institutions, but several were absent, notably two deed poll members—the Rev Henry Phillips, Darlington, and Mr Thomas Bateman—having illness. Letters of sympathy were directed to be sent to them. The retiring president, the Rev George Lamb, congratulated the Conference on meeting at Reading, in close proximity to Mr Winsor and the historical Remy-mede. After reference to the death of Dr William Antliff, he contrasted the position of the denomination with its statistical position at the last Reading Conference, held forty-four years ago. There were 75,000 members then, and about 200,000 now. The election of a successor to Mr Lamb as president remains, in a majority in favour of the Rev Ralph Fenwick, connexional book steward. Mr Fenwick was born at Winchester, and was recommended for the ministry by the Penzance quarterly meeting in Cornwall Circuit in 1842. His first circuit was Bideford, and he travelled in stations as Ripon; Sheffield, Darling; North Shields, Darling; the Newcastle, Sunderland, Circuits in the Rev Middlebrough, and other Circuits in the North for 37 years, when, five years ago, he was called to take charge of the Book Room in London, from which position he has just retired. Mr Thos. Lawrence, treasurer of the African Mission Fund, was elected vice-president. Other appointments having also been made to meet the requirements of the assembly, votes of thanks were accorded to the retiring president and secretary. District committees were appointed to examine and report on special matters of business, to finance complaints, and appeals, and the various connexional funds and institutions. It was decided to commence with fraternal deputations on Saturday afternoon. On Wednesday evening Conference sermons were preached in the London Street Chapel by the ex-president, and at Cumberland Road by the Rev W. Jones, of London.

Sporting Items.

THE OAKS, 1885.—Run at Epsom Downs on Friday afternoon. Result:—Lonely 1; St. Helena 2; Cepolina 3. Ten ran. Betting 9 to 2 against, 6 to 4 against Cepolina. Time last year, 2 min 42 secs.

WRESTLING NEAR PRUDHOE.—The second competition for a silver cup for wrestling, open to men who have not won a prize at Mr Tulip's, Half-way House, took place on Saturday evening. Final falls—M. Robson, Prudhoe, threw R. Baird, Drawback, twice in succession, and won. Mr W. Dobson was referee.

PIGEON FLYING AT WINLATON.—A pigeon flying match was flown on Saturday, from Barnard Castle to Winlaton, for £5 a-side, between Henry Pradhoe's Black Watch and Richard Renwick's Jacob Faithfull. Betting ruled at 5 to 4 on Black Watch, who won by two seconds. John Smith was stakeholder and referee.

BALL MATCH AT LAWLEY MOOR.—On Saturday, a ball match was played at the Littlebury Recreation Grounds, between Bolt, Tempertyand Co. Williamson, against Jas. McEwan and R. Mann, 23 challenge game. Although the weather was gloomy, nothing was at ewan. McEwan and his partner won by 12 points.

QUOITING AT WINLATON.—The quoit challenge promoted by Thomas Forbes, Winlaton, was decided another stage. The ties were:—Jno. has been advanced another stage. The ties were:—Jno. Jones, beat Michael Kelly, of Blaydon, 22 ... Matthew Dodds, of Crawcrook, 24. Score:—Jones, 21; Kelly, 51. John Gee, of Blaydon, 9 ... Matthew Dodds, of Gateshead, 22, played ... Gee, 19; Dodds, 22. Thos. Gillies, 21, ... Forbes was referee.

THE NOR' ... DURHAM HUNT—EASTHOPEFIELD' DINNER. — On Thursday se'nnight, the earth-stopper ... ers, &c., connected with the North Durham Hunt, were entertained to their annual dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham. About fifty-six sat down to a good substantial repast. The chair was occupied by Mr N. W. Apperley, and the vice-chair by Mr Freeman.—The usual sentiments were proposed and duly honoured, the healths of Mr Maynard and the Chairman being drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. In the course of his observations the Chairman said the sport afforded by the hunt is the past had been good, and he hoped it would continue to be, and if possible better. —The proceedings throughout were characterised by the utmost harmony, conviviality, and good fellowship, and we may add that Mr J. Anderson, of South Hill, who has attended these gatherings for upwards of 50 years, fairly conceived the company by his inimitable rendering of "The Scotch Hare" (from the Feilding).

HIS HARVEST TIME.—"Well, John," said one of our party in the Crimea, "what do you call your hardest times out here?" "Well, about a hard time, I think, sir," said John. From some wrong idea of the Colonel, I was under half stoppage of rum." Here he and his audience roared. "Well, I'd no tobacco, and what's worse, no tobacco, and my chum, Bill Riley, he was in the same quandary. "What's he doing?" said I. "No, nothing else I can stand, but bacy I must have. Don't bother me, I'm busy." "He set off on the sodge," says I. "Don't you believe in me any more, if I come home without something to chew. Well, I regularly gone up to the fourth division to beg, borrow, or happen on bacy. There I see an old Turk a selling it at 6d. a stick. Not a deal of good to me you'll think, who had no money. Wait a minute. There was a Frenchman with me, and he bought five sticks, a Zouave, and he spoke a little English. I asked him to lend me 3 sticks, and told him my situation. He lent me 3 sticks, and I go to Turk with the 3 sticks in my hand for a few minutes. At last I said, "Look here, Johnson, what's in my charges?" "No change, Johny," said he, "you no buy." "You d——d old thief," said I. "Haven't I just bought three 3 sticks, and given you half a crown, give me my change, or I'll knock your wretched head off." He looked rather staggered at this, but the Zouave backed me up, and I spoke I looked like doing it, so at last he handed me a shilling. Now, give me two sticks of bacy," said I, but he'd have nothing to do with me, so I had to get the Frenchman to buy them for me, and as he stole a couple more on his own account while doing it, the Turk didn't make a good day of it altogether.

Cricket.

(** Several October Cricket Reports only reached this office on Thursday. We beg to intimate that we shall not insert full scores of Saturday's matches unless received by Wednesday morning.—Ed.)

LOCAL FIXTURES.

June13.—Consett District v Morley Hill, at Morley Hill.

" 13.—Consett White Stars v Tanfield, at Tanfield.

" 13.—Whickham v Tyne Dock, at Whickham.

" 13.—Medomsley v Burnopfield, at Burnopfield.

" 13.—Winlaton v. Co-operative Wolsingham Society, at Winlaton.

" 20.—Tanfield v Hastings, at New Hartley.

" 20.—Stanley v Jewish Maccabi Man, at Beamish Main.

" 20.—Tanfield 2nd v Medomsley 2nd, at Tanfield.

" 27.—Morley Hill v Whickham, at Whickham.

" 27.—Marley C.C. v Consett White Stars, at Consett.

NEWBURN V. GARESHIELD.—Played on Newburn Willows on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 121 runs. Score:—Newburn, 92; Gateside, 69.

WINLATON AMATEURS V. WALKER 1st.—Played at Byron Willows on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Walker by 21 runs. Score:—Winlaton Amateurs, 18; Walker, 39.

BLAYDON V. NEWBURN.—Played at Newburn on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 10 runs. London and Wilson batted well for the visitors, and G. Hall for the home team. Score:—Blaydon, 60; Newburn, 71.

DURHAM WANDERERS V. DEWENT VALLEY 2ND.—Played on the ground of the latter on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the home team. Dewent Valley opened (R. Nelson), who was greatly applauded. Score:—Durham Wanderers, 47; Dewent Valley 2nd, 34.

CRICKET AT LEADGATE.—Two matches were played on Saturday at Leadgate, between which the ground at Redwell Hills Rovers; and Kimblesie's and Day's teams, which resulted in a win for the latter team in both games. The bowling of Messrs Brown and Smith for the latter, and R. King for the former was very good. Scores:—Rd. Rovers, 28; Kimblesie's (J. Smith, 26)—total, 76; Day's (J. Day, 15)—total, 48.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. WHICKHAM.

The first meeting of the season between these two teams took place on the Whickham Cricket ground, and after a very pleasant game, ended in a victory for the former by nine runs, a result not to be regretted due to the excellent batting of Messrs Jas. Richards (27), and T. Jameson (12), and the splendid bowling of Mr J. Gair, who took twelve wickets at a cost of 13 runs. Scores:—

CONSETT.		WHICKHAM.	
P. Gibson c and b Burn	8	R. Atkinson b Gair	0
J. Richards c Gair	27	J. Richards c and b Gair	27
J. Richards b Mowbray	27	T. Jameson c Gair	12
P. Flynn b Windsor	0	J. Cummings b Gair	0
T. Jameson b Burn	12	R. Cook b Gair	0
J. Gair b Mowbray	0	M. Burn b Gair	0
R. Templeton c and b Burn	3	M. Brabban b Gair	0
J. Burn c Gair	3	J. Dobinson b Gair	0
W. Ramsey c and b Burn	0	J. Gair c Templeton	0
J. Bell c Mowbray	4	H. Liddle b Gair	0
N. Bell b Windsor	2	J. Hepplewhite b Burn	0
T. Jackson not out	4	R. Mordue b Burn	0
W. Fox c and b Burn	0	J. W. Burn not out	0
Extras	7	Extras	18
Total	83	Total	58

CORNSAY v. BROWNEY.

This match was played at Browney on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by 19 runs. Score:—

R. Hopper b Cummings	0	J. Cummings b Johnson	1
A. Dodds lbw	0	H. Young c Wood b Hopper	0
J. Cummings c Hopper b Wings	2	J. Cowlingshaw b Johnson	0
R. S. Wood c do	2	R. Hunter c Johnson b Hopper	1
J. Hallsor not out	2	R. Hunter c Johnson b Hopper	1
R. Hallsor run out	0	J. Hopper c Hopper b Johnson	0
R. Leadbitter c and b Robson	0	A. Dimsdale b Hopper	0
J. Anderson b Cummings	0	G. Lamb b Hopper	0
W. Bishop b Cummings	0	J. Johnson c Hopper b Wood	0
W. Johnson c Young b Thompson	1	W. Bilcliffe b Wood	0
J. Hodgson b Thompson	0	J. Hopper not out	0
W. Gray b Thompson	0	J. Thompson b Wood	1
Extras	12	Johnson b Hopper	0
Total	61	Extras	0
		Total	42

CONSETT WHITE STARS v. MEDOMSLEY 2ND.

This match was played at Consett on Saturday, and resulted in draw. Score:—

WHITE STARS.		MEDOMSLEY 2ND.	
W. Turnbull b Campbell	49	G. Campbell b Whitley	3
J. Bell c Campbell b Wood	2	T. Taylor b Whitley	0
J. Maxwell run out	0	R. Campbell st Turnbull b Bell	2
J. R. Wilkey b Wood	0	J. Walton c and b Bell	0
J. D. Campbell	2	Whitley c Wood	0
J. Bell c Campbell b Wood	0	F. Archer not out	12
J. Hawood c R. Campbell b Wood	0	W. Bell c Wood	0
T. Cockburn lbw b Bell	14	W. Barron not out	0
G. Richardson b Campbell	1	W. Robinson b Bell	0
G. Richardson b Campbell	19	Wood	0
W. Gibson b Campbell	2	W. Taylor	0
J. Swallow b G. Campbell	6	W. Walton	0
Extras	6	Extras	0
Total	118	Total	59

HAMSTERLEY V. MEDOMSLEY.

Played at Medomsley on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the visitors. Score:—

HAMSTERLEY.		MEDOMSLEY.	
T. Ridcliffe b G. R. Milburn	0	A. Little b Richardson	0
G. Goodwin run out	8	W. Palliser b Mason	0
J. Holden c and b Milburn	8	J. Murphy b Mason	2
T. Murphy b Murphy	8	T. Murphy b Mason	0
J. Murphy b Murphy	0	T. Murphy b Mason	0
R. Chaytor run out	0	J. Robinson b Richardson	1
F. Richardson st Walton	10	J. Robinson b Richardson	1
J. Brown c Cockburn b Mason	0	G. R. Milburn c Andrews b Mason	0
T. Storey b Milburn	7	J. Snowdon run out	3
J. Robinson c Murphy b Milburn	2	J. Andrews not out	0
J. Wood b Cockburn	2	G. Walton b Richardson	0
J. Ward not out	2	Extras	14
Extras	1	Total	23
Total	60		

WEST STANLEY v. TANFIELD.

The match was played at Stanley on Saturday, resulting in a victory for the home team. Score:—

WEST STANLEY.		TANFIELD.	
W. Dyson c Reay b Laidler	8	W. T. Brown c Dyson b Harkness	0
W. Dodds b Jewitt	0	T. Swinburn b Mason	1
J. Hunter b Jewitt	0	T. Jewitt c Reay b Harkness	0
J. G. Mason b Laidler	1	M. Nicholson b Dyson	0
J. Harkness b Laidler	11	J. Laidler c Harkness b Reay	0
T. Nichol b Laidler	2	J. Robert Harkness c Reay b Dyson	0
J. Reay c Reay b Laidler	0	J. Robert Harkness c Reay b Dyson	0
J. Laidler not out	0	E. Reay not out	0
J. Thompson b Laidler	15	E. Dyson c Reay b Laidler	0
T. Robert Jewitt	2	J. Harkness b Harkness	3
R. Hughes not out	1	Extras	0
J. Harkness b Jewitt	1	Total	31
Extras	6		
Total	50		

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Epidemic diseases.—The alarming increase of cholera and of diarrhœa should be a warning to every one to subdue at once the first symptoms of bowel complaint. Holloway's Pill should now be in every household to rectify all impure states of the blood, to remedy weakness, and to overcome impaired digestion. Nothing can be simpler than the instructions for taking these unsurpassed medicines, and none efficient than its cleansing powers, nothing more harmless than its vegetable ingredients. Holloway's Pill is the best physic during the summer, when decaying fruits and unwholesome vegetables are frequently damaging the bowels of many exposing thousands, through their negligence in permitting disordered action, to the dangers of diarrhœa, dysentery, and cholera.

The most wholesome and nutritious of confections is far less consumed than it would be were it not for the greatly adulterated articles sold under the name of chocolate. Every cake of chocolate bearing the name of Cadbury is guaranteed to consist solely of pure Cocoa and whitesugar, and may therefore be given to children with perfect safety. Chocolate makers by special appointment to the Queen.

SOMETHING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

"UP IN THE MORNING EARLY."

When the days are long and the light very early, but much sooner can be pleaded for those people "fast asleep in the sheets" of a morning. Though the sun may be shining, and the birds be lured out to sing, it may be made too much of, it still contains a great deal of sound common sense. "Up in the morning early" is a maxim of clever men who prefer to be right for their work. Charles Dickens, the great novelist, was one of them. He thought the brain is often as active and wide-awake then as in the daytime, the activity of it a more sound and fresh kind. Mr Wesley, in which the exercise of a vivid fancy and imagination is necessary, he thought, is not the brightest and best, but for real solid study and calm thought there is no time for any good, as the early hours of the morning. Refreshed by sleep, our minds are then like newly-pressed tablets, on which every mark we make will be clear and distinct.

Buffon, the celebrated French naturalist, say, in his youth, very fond of sleep. The habit of early late robbed him of a great deal of his time; but he was determined to conquer it. "I promised," he says, "to give 2 hours of every morning, time that he would make me get up at six. Next morning, he had not failed to wake me and remind me of my promise, and I rose. The day after, he did the same, with no better success; I persisted, and the morrow at noon that I had lost my time. I told him that he did not know how to manage, that I would be up at six, he to keep my promise, and not to mind my threats. The morrow he failed not to come, I dragged myself out of my genes; I bade him begone; I stormed; but I persisted. I was therefore obliged to comply; and he continued to perform the duty with which he was charged at the moment I awoke, by thanks, accompanied with a kick, when I was asleep and about an hour after. Yes, I am indebted to poor Joseph for ten or a dozen of the volumes of my work."

Dr. Paley, the eminent divine, is generally accounted of the early part of his college life, says: "I spent the first year of my residence at Cambridge idly enough, but unprofitably. I was constantly in society where we were neither improved, nor much amused, nor expensive. But at the commencement of the third year after having left the usual party at late hour, I was awakened at five in the morning by one of my companions, who stood at my bedside and said, Paley, I am sorry I disturb you so early, but I could do nothing, probably, if I were to try; and I could well afford to lose a day, if I should be idle. I have a thing, and cannot afford it. I have had no sleep during the whole night on account of my reflections, and am now come solemnly to inform you that if you prefer your present mode of life to reputation and ease, I was so much struck with this visit, and the visitor, that I lay in bed a great part of the day, and formed my plan. I ordered my bed maker to lay my fire every evening, in order that it might be lighted by myself, and at five, rad during the whole day, book supper at nine, went to bed, and continue the same course to this hour. The consequence was, that he became a great man.

Many other instances might be quoted of great men who were early risers. Dr. Doddridge tells us, "I have found the morning hours, when the world is so, for nearly the whole of his valuable works. Two well-known Bishops have left behind a laborious century, for when at college his father aroused him to study at four o'clock, and he continued the practice during the remainder of his life. Sir Thomas Bodley, when he made it his study practice to rise always at four; and if we turn our attention to royalty we have, among others, the example of Peter the Great, who whether at work in the docks at London as a ship carpenter, or at the navy at the Hague, or on the throne of Russia, always rose before daylight.

A TALE OF THE TOWER.

During the reign of Richard III., one of the Lancaster's leaders, Sir Thomas Ashton, was thrown into a dungeon in the Tower of London and kept there without a trial, or even the sight of any kind. He complained to his keeper, but the keeper could only shake his head and say, "I dare not do it, sir." "But," said Sir Henry, "if I give you food will you take it to my friends?" The keeper thought that he would do this, knowing that Sir Henry had no friends to do for him. So he said, "I dare not, but I do for the prisoner a bread dish. A cat had come in the night before and had left behind a pet, lying on the prisoner's bosom and helping to keep him warm. It did more than this, for it would now and again bring in a mouse for his prisoner and, as the keeper kept the word, many a time did Sir Henry Wyatt dine on his prisoner's friend the cat brought to him. When he got out he did not forget his faithful bosom friend, and fixed a picture on his shelf, showing the cat offering him a pigeon through a cell window. Now, we may be sure, Sir Henry Wyatt, when he said, "I dare not starve," says a quaint old paper, "had not God, who said to the ravens, "Feed this prophet, sent that poor country quarry—a cat both to feed and to warm him."

NUTS TO CRACK.

1.—I am dedicated to a beloved friend,
Has problems off to solve,
Behead me, I'm a fish,
Classlessness I would involve,
Transpose me and I'm a bird,
Which sings sweet and lively lays,
Behead me, I'm a fruit,
And in the pies I'm caught.

HOW NOT TO QUARREL.

In the depths of a forest two lions abode
Who searched for food in the adjacent wold.
Whose lives an example of kindliness showed
And lived in harmony with the among forms.
Not a single cross word e'er between them was heard,
And as a consequence they was absent!

One day said the younger in accents politic,
"Look here, brother, I've something to let on to you.
This unless we can manage to quarrel and fight,
Die, I fear, will become quite non-famous.
After longer than I can remember, we fashion
It would be quite a change to fly into a passion."

"All right," said the other, "'tis just as you please,
But the question is, How set about it?"
"Oh! said for number one, "we can do it with ease;
Don't doubt it will be, never doubt it.
If two legged people may quarrelsome be,
They are not the worse for it, why should not we?"

So they tried several ways, but it couldn's be done,
For each would give in to the other,
Till for some time they had been in a very large zone
And suggested this plan to his brother:—
"Look here, I've a thought, I'll lay out my lie your own;
Th n will quarrel and fight till the sun has gone down."

"This stone, sir, I claim in my great grandsire's name,
Let hour lay a finger upon it;
For I never will stand any rival's demand,
Sooner I'd die on the spot."
Gently answered his comrade—at hint taking slow—
"You well, you're quite welcome to keep it, you know."

Then up jumped the other and kicked his friend's face
"No disputing, sir this rate, will ever take place,
Take that, you presumptuous rascal!" he said,
"Don't you know it takes two folks to get up a quarrel?"

2.—
In consist of fifteen letters. My 3, 2, 3, 4, 5 is the name of a tree; my 7, 8, 9, 10 is a mythical being; my 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 is a kind of fruit; and my 1, 3, 2 is the juice of a tree; my 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 is a giant; and my whole is the name of a writer.

3.—For my first a lish you see,
Is a kind of fish, and
My third discussion or command,
My whole a bird that dwells on land.

4.—Mathematical Enigmatical.—It doth seem I can danger near, Being practical I ban b ear, Numerical I ce ar, Truth can son and father fall, Blow fall earnest from the Gaul.

5.—Transposition.—
Work done by a junior clerk;
Change head and I'm a colour or spring,
To factor is a wind thing;
Change head again, and you will see
That you obey a lady's mandate,
Another change, and up I rise
As the Tartar's mounted steeds;
A final change, and if you're quick,
You'll find me in a cardinals.

6.—Nine letters. In my 3, 6, 9, 4 quadruples; in my 8, 2, 1, 7 an atom; in my 5, 3, 2 something to eat; and in my whole a monument.

T—In bride, not in groom.
In thread, not in loom.
In season, not in night,
In scattered, not in rite.
Whole is theatre of life.

LAST WEEK'S KERNELS.

1.—Parcels Post. 2. Uncle Tom's Cabin. 3. Doctor. 4. Sequoia. 5. Ice. 6. Sunbeam. 7. Stark. I. Wallace, Witham, Severn, Forth, Dee, Ouse.

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THE BLACK SHAFT,

OR,

THE MINER'S DAUGHTER—A MYSTERY.

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CHAPTER XXXIV.

THE DUNCOMBS ARMS—THE DOCTOR SURPRISED—A VERY GOOD FELLOW.

"The plot is thickening," wrote Mr. Ashton to his morse, dated in London. "Disappointed to run home, but at an hour's notice. Inquiries are already being made, and your loyalty will not be in question. A most important discovery has been made in connection with the death of Henry Collins, whose body was found on the pillow. Warrants are out for Mrs Collins, so keep your eyes and ears open!

"Who is the man name? Winter came over here yesterday to make some inquiries but fell into a dispute with some of the village worthies, and, notwithstanding his spirited defence. He is being carried by his ... ornament under my care, until I can receive a wire. Make all the ... ought to this in time for coming here. He is the vicar of Puddleton, and is known to Sir Edward Ashmore. Hint can have brought this person over here, unless his mission has something to do with ... as ... as his family are staying with Sir Edward?. I must not speculate.

"But with reference to the death of the man Collins something has come to light. You have, no doubt, read the verdict of the coroner's jury, and the finding of the jury, which was a direct contradiction of Hiess Collins. Nevertheless, I am of opinion that it never committed the murder, and I think you can confirm that idea. My opinion is based upon the following facts.

"Two days ago, at 6 o'clock, Mr. Winter was talking with me, Doctor Trowthorn, who gave evidence at the inquiry, and Mr. Ashton, my boy. We had had some previous acquaintance, and, hoping he would return to dine, I had left a card on the mantle-piece. The vicar was hurt meantime, and never came, but Doctor Trowthorn remained, and his conversation was so interesting, that I left him and to the Duncomb's business.

"Now I want you to understand that what my colleague advanced contains a very serious charge against a certain person closely connected with the family at Dale Hall. In the absence of any other testimony, I am at a loss what to do. The charge may be not necessarily if advanced, if you return and move in the matter? If the evidence of Dr. Trowthorn be admitted, Hiess Collins is innocent and the warrants must be withdrawn. I know you object to return until the mystery is cleared up, but, as I warned you before, you are letting chance slip, and may do harm by staying away. I know what you could do if you were here, but I have always advised you to avoid family scandal, you may as well return, as you are quite well enough for any ordinary duty. Hiess Collins, besides, this evidence to which I have referred will necessitate your return before long. Telegraph, if you be arranged.

"There is no news of Bessie; but you may depend upon it when I hear anything you shall have it at once."

To this missive the doctor received the following:—

"Dear Sir, Ashton,

"The time is not yet come. I have seen an announcement which will bring matters to a crisis. Read the enclosed extract, and look out for me on the ninth of December. The mine will then be fired. You will understand this, if you must wait to usury your medical functions if I sign myself

"Yours, Hope, Boys; this gentleman says young squire is dead."

The greatest interest was at once excited. "How do you know he is dead?" asked the doctor. Arnaldson seemed uneasy; but when the stranger indicated him he grew a red the colour of fire.

"Don't go, my man. I have something to say to you. See, all of you; listen to me. I have something to say. Read that Boys!"

Two men at once laid hold of Arnaldson, who, after a struggle, finding it useless, let his escape had become impossible.

"Let me go, you a story. One evening in July early in the month the Hansa steamer sailed from Bremerhaven to New York. I was the surgeon on board. My name is Boys; I am one of your doctors here. We overhauled a smack called the Christiana. We ... "Your old boat, mate," remarked a comrade to Arnaldson.

"His name? Quite right. Out of that boat we took a dying man—a man who appeared to be dying at any rate. He was brought to the ship from which we learned his name was Maurice Dunscombe. He had been shot—stabbed! We tended him, and landed him in New York. What has become of him I don't know. But what I want to know is, how did that man find him? Where is the young squire get stabbed?"

The narrator looked at the Swedish master of a Christiana now the Seaford, and the men who held his arms seized his wrists as well. But Arnaldson made no attempt to speak.

"Come, now, Mr. Arnaldson, speak up," said the doctor.

"He was ... stabbed by accident."

"Yes, he was on board your boat?"

"Yes, he was stabbed by accident."

"Is he likely?" remarked the surgeon; and the Arnaldson, silent, stood standing up, and much excited, uttered groans of intensity.

"Are him, then," retorted Arnaldson. "I'll tell all that I know. I was drinking with a friend before it was—we carried off a chest from the chit-hole."

"Smuggling!" cried the doctor.

"Call it what you like. We had agreed to take a big box of stuff away—so special mention of contents, and delivery it—drop it overboard. We were paid ... "

"Drop it by?"

"Never mind now. We took the chest. Fetteren thought—not bad to be rich—and hold wine or sherry, which could not be put away convenient, so he digged his knife into it, and, instead of wine, found a man. We had to keep the chest, which had to be sailor thinus, put his coat in the boat with him, to prevent identity, and sailor boy, glad to get rid of him. That's the truth, I swear!"

After a pause the surgeon asked, "Who paid you to carry away the chest?"

The man hesitated. Then he said, darting a glance at the doctor, "Doctor!"

"It was the miner Calton—Hoss you call him. Hoss is the doctor kept quiet so long. They are both in it!"

"Both in it! Doctor Hoss a murderer! *Sed* like this, you scoundrel!" cried the ship's surgeon, angrily.

"Curse, curse! Let he keep him? Why then did he hide him? Why did he get him off when Collins was found dead? Ah," exclaimed Arnaldson, "go ask Hoss! Ask Hoss! Ask Hoss! Ask Hoss! Ask doctor and Hoss did it. Where would the miner get fifty pounds?"

"Where, indeed, if not from some rich person? What the captain said was undoubtedly true as regards the money. But he did not know everything.

John, an individual, who had been standing by the door, unnoticed in the excitement, came forward and said:—

"Mr. Arnaldson, I think you had best come with me before Mr. Duncomb. We will then see what Doctor Ashton has to say."

"To-morrow will do as well," grumbled Arnaldson. "I'm not going to run away."

"To-morrow show do as well. The squire and Mr. Ashton are very anxious to-morrow to get ready for the weddin' at Sir Edward's. The wedding is the th of December ... chap 34

"Yes, I shall be ready in two days. Yes, let him go," said the landlord. "Where's the stranger?"

The strange gentleman, however, had quietly slipped away, and, having ascertained which was the doctor's house, turned thither.

He found his cousin in the study, and a warm greeting succeeded.

"My dear fellow, there's a terrible business down in the village. They are accusing you of being an accomplice in Mervyn Duncomb's disappearance. The police will be here soon, I expect. What will you do?"

"Mervyn Duncomb!" he gasped. "Is he discovered?"

"Why, had you anything—to do with it?"

"Oh, this is awful! You didn't kill him ... "

"No," replied the doctor, with curious calmness. "I am quite ready for him to be arrested, if I can stop it great me. I was participator in the fraud. I was the dupe of Hoss. The secret will not out, I hope."

"The young surgeon sat down on a chair, and covered his face with his handkerchief.

"There is a judgment in this," he at last said ... "Mervyn" replied his cousin. "You are the instrument of Heaven's vengeance. Hoss is the tool. I heard a stranger too. Mysterious indeed are the ways of Providence!"

The ship's surgeon shuddered, but said nothing.

(To be continued.)

LADIES' COLUMN.

Not for several years past have the Whitsuntide holidays had such exceedingly ungenial weather. Last Monday was one of the dreariest days of this very dreary spring. In London it dawned so grey and gloomy that it was difficult, in the stillness from the absence of business traffic, to realize that it was time to turn out of bed. The street lamps, it is true, had been extinguished, and there were latest sentinels from some distance belle, pulling their rounds, and the morning were no holiday aspect whatever. The wind being sharp and keen, showers of rain drove in every direction, and the cold and wet had increased as pedestrians passed along the sidewalks. It is on such a day as was last Monday that people begin to doubt the truth of Sir John Lubbock's theory of Bank Holidays. To be constrained to take a holiday, and yet unable to enjoy it, is a climax of vexation. Such was our lot last Monday, and, as the wet weather prophets are unable to inform us. There is one melancholy record in history of an August wet that lasted for three months, and occurred more than 200 years ago. It cannot be asserted that the great plague of London, which began in the same summer was the result of the ungenial weather in the spring, but it was a curious circumstance that two such phenomena should occur in one and the same year.

How long it will be until our own early vegetables are ready for market, we cannot, of course, predict. Since the opening of the Mont Cenis Tunnel, with railway communication direct from Italy, southern France and the French seaports are reached, we have regular daily supplies of fresh fruit and flowers from the Continent. The Channel Islands also furnish the market with garden produce, and as abundant and regular is the supply that the precise date at which our own gardens yield their vegetables is passed over without notice. Thirty years ago, when the first potatoes, the first peas, the first strawberries, &c., were events in family life, but we have outgrown all that primitive simplicity. Rich people in London have acquired the taste and fallen into the habit of only enjoying fruit and vegetables when they are out of season, and when the prices asked are out of reach of middle-class families. Looking into a West-end grocer's shop at present, one would be tempted to date one's telegram "Pea-sing, only for the Million." Hothouse grapes are to be had for about five shillings a pound, strawberries from half-a-crown to five shillings a basket according to size and quantity, cucumbers six shillings a pound, cherries half-a-crown a dish, nectarines, apricots, and plums from half-a-crown to five shillings a dozen, and asparagus from eighteenpence to five shillings a bundle, that at the latter price being the giant asparagus which some French gardeners sent to Paris, the ground reclaimed from the Seine. Only for the showy appearance of the large sized asparagus it is not so good as the smaller and more delicately flavoured kinds, grown in good old English gardens. An asparagus bed of 60 or 70 years old used to be regarded as a certain income, and, as a means of communication with Continental cultivators brought in rival species to catch popular fancies.

The millinery and dress trade has disarmed by the queer weather. The last several seasons habituated them to the lavish use of delicate trimmings, but this year they have gone back to the good old printed muslins, tissues silks, satens, and cotton fabrics. The old arrangements had been made for following on the same lines, but the Ladies of the Weather has put a veto on these airy creations of the modistes. Wraps in the shape of "jackets," in the parks wearing dresses without any muffs or ermine, and we must admire their hardihood in considering appearance first and comfort second. But the majority of the walkers have ... and muffs, silk-lined, over their costumes. The canvas cloths of wool ... are very suitable and comfortable wear for a season like this, and the basis of leviathan sleeves floating in the Atlantic, and not as a ... very far away from our own shores. Therefore, we scarcely venture to call such dress ... as in years past. Unfortunately the new woolen cloths are very expensive, and fully possess the canvas cloth requires some change to be made in the trade. But there are very many other textiles which look quite as well and cost much less, not one-fourth than the fancy cloths.

The difficulty is not so much in the choice of the dress material as in the fashioning it when made. Few years ago we were told that every lady of taste had her morning dresses made by tailors. Now there are hundreds of establishments of the tailor-made costumes as being too stiff, drapery too formal, and the outlines of the figure rendered too hard. Such are the caprices of fashion; what a few up one year is denounced the next one in the most scathing terms. Dressmakers' bills have been increasing year by year for out of all proportion to the value received. The impossibility of having dress well made at a moderate cost is reviving the lost art of home dressmaking, which was on the wane rather than the exception in a house where there were grown up female people. But the present generation of amateurs have help in the numerous ways of which the former generation knew nothing. Not all at least of these in the country are enabled to purchase bodice linings ready cut out, only requiring to be basted to make them fit exactly. The material employed is the best and most durable, is specially made for linings. It was a clever departure, first made a few years ago of having one side of this linen black, and the other white, that the dress material laid on it. This invention tended to prevent the old age of a dress, especially one of silk or satin lining, and, as it is invariably hour when the revelation of the dress material could not be postponed. The ready-cut linings, which cost half-a-crown, are so arranged, folded up and encircled with a paper band, on which the exact measurements are marked, so that a woman who knows how much she allows for her own bust, shoulders, waist, &c., need not make any mistake. One useful hint is the same dressmaker who is going to make use of these linings ought to be well fitted. Before fitting on, which should be done before the dress material is cut, the lining should be drawn crossways by the hands, so that it will stretch to the fullest extent, as the glazing used in dressing is apt to shrink when it comes, or less. Having strained the linings they should be run together and cut out the future wearer, marking the seam lines carefully. The seams must be again separated, and carefully trimmed, so that the material will fit close to the edge everywhere, and not mislead the eye. Then, and then only should the main pieces be laid on the material, cambric and tacked in, and cut out. Next to the fitting of the ready-cut-out lining is certainly to be sewing on the material, and, as a rule, it is best to use silk, so that the necessity of making casings to run it through has been done away with. After sewing a bodice lining, which is pretty well open on the wrong side,

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THE POLITICAL CRISIS.

LATEST PARTICULARS.

MYSTERIOUS MOVEMENTS OF LORD SALISBURY.

[CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAMS.]

The statement issued by the Press Association that Lord Salisbury had been summoned to Balmoral, and had left for Scotland last night, is entirely without foundation. His Lordship still is in town, and up till ten o'clock this (Friday) morning, had made no arrangements for leaving London.

Mr P. P. O'Connor, M.P., writes to the *Freeman's Journal* to-day (Friday), strongly recommending fair dealings with the Conservative Administration. He urges the Conservatives to take the Irish question out of the Liberals' hands by granting Home Rule.

Much mystery surrounds the movements of Lord Salisbury. An Edinburgh telegram states that he passed through there at 6·20 (this Friday) morning; but an Aberdeen correspondent states that large crowds had assembled there to cheer his Lordship, who, however, was not in the train. From later enquiries made by the Central News there seems to be no doubt that Lord Salisbury did leave for Balmoral late last night.

The Queen leaves Balmoral next Tuesday morning, arriving at Windsor on Wednesday morning.

The Standard believes that Lord Salisbury and Sir S. Northcote are prepared to undertake the responsibility of forming a Ministry, provided they receive assurance that a bill for the prevention of crime in Ireland will be supported by both sides of the House. In the absence of such a measure, the Conservative leaders will hesitate to become responsible for the government of Ireland during the winter.

GREAT FIRE IN LONDON

THE "INVENTORIES" ALL IN FLAMES.

The Central News learns this (Friday) afternoon that an alarm has just reached the Metropolitan Fire Brigade that the Inventions Exhibition has caught fire, and at this moment (ten minutes past one p.m.) part of the building is well alight. There are not many people in the Exhibition and grounds, and no casualties of a serious character are probable.

ELECTION INTELLIGENCE.

SCARBOROUGH.—Colonel Stehle, M.P. for Scarborough, announces that, acting under medical advice, he would not seek re-election.

SHAM-FIGHT AT ALDERSHOT.

The first sham-fight of the season was fought at Aldershot this (Friday) morning, under the superintendence of Generals Anderson and Cooper.

COLLISION OFF WATERFORD.

In Waterford harbour this (Friday) morning the barque *Alphone*, collided with the ketch, of the same vessel the *Mary Joseph*, two of the crew of which were drowned.

RETURNING FROM THE SOUDAN.

The *Lydian Monarch* (transport) arrived at Portsmouth this (Friday) morning from Suakim.

ACCIDENT AT NEWCASTLE.

A builder, named Armstrong, belonging to Starhope Street, Newcastle, was killed this (Friday) morning injured in the hand by a buffer accident at the Forth Goods Station, Newcastle. His injury was attended to at the Infirmary.

THE USWORTH COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

This (Friday) morning, at Gateshead County Police Court, the proprietors of Usworth Colliery were, in connection with the late explosion, prosecuted for permitting shot-firing in the mine at a time when it was not allowed by the Act—viz., three months after gas had been seen. The case is one that is exciting considerable interest. Mr W. Brignall, solicitor, Durham, prosecuted on behalf of the Treasury.

SAVAGE ATTACK ON A CHILD BY A CAT.

Last (Thursday) night, a little boy named Nesbitt, of Havelock Street, Newcastle, was savagely attacked by a cat in the house. The boy was cutting cucumbers with a piece of bread in his hand, when a strange cat which had come into the house attacked him and buried its teeth and claws in his hand. He was attracted by the cries of the lad made several unsuccessful attempts to disengage the boy's hand. Finally the lad had to lay his hand on the floor, while the man put his foot on the cat. The lad's hand was frightfully torn. A doctor was called in, and thought it necessary to amputate the hand.

THE WEATHER.

The weather continues bright and enjoyable, and to-day (Friday) is exceedingly warm, the wind blowing lightly from N.W., and the sea is smooth. Rather a heavy haze hung over the coast line in the early morning, but lifted towards noon.

TO-DAY'S MARKETS.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE, Friday.—Consols one-eighth lower. Wheat is dropping.

NEWCASTLE POTATO, Friday.—The arrivals of old potatoes at Tyne Cot Station are very light. The principal demand is for Magnums Bonums, which are firmer in price, and make from 50s to 60s per ton; Champions at 44s to 50s, and there are a few inferior kinds at less money. Jerseys still come well to hand, and prime ones fetch 14s to 15s per cwt. A rise is hinted, however, may affect the market here.

NEWCASTLE FRUIT, Friday.—English and foreign gooseberries, cherries, strawberries, &c., form the principal stocks in the fruit trade. Oranges are about done with. Foreign fruit is still firm in prices, but gooseberries and cherries are cheap for the season.

NEWCASTLE ONION, Friday.—Egyptian onions are about the same price as before, and the demand is quiet. A few Italian onions are in market. There is a great variety in kinds, and prices vary very much.

NEWCASTLE FISH, Friday.—Two trawlers brought cargoes to the Close this morning, and there were supplies per rail. The demand is brisk, prices are short for a Friday, and the demand was spirited, and soon caused a clear out. Mackerel made from 12s to 13s per half-box, haddocks 5s to 6s per basket, and good prices were got for other sorts.

NORTH SHIELDS FISH, Friday.—There is a moderate supply of fish, selling at medium prices.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, June 8th.—Before Jas. Annandale, Esq. (chairman), and J. W. Walton, Wilson, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

Patrick McKenna, formerly a resident of Consett, but now of no fixed place of abode, pleaded guilty to charge of drunkenness.—Sergt. Tate admitted that about twelve o'clock last Saturday night, he observed the defendant drunk and staggering in Front Street, Consett, and the man did not know where he was, and could not give any account of himself, he was brought to the Police Station.—For the year ending 31st May, including one or seven days' hard labour in default.

Herbert Fletcher pleaded guilty to bail upon the recognizance of Mr Thomas Rowe, milk-seller, failed to appear to answer charge of being drunk and disorderly.—Sergt. Tate deposed that at 12·30 on the preceding (Sunday) morning, he came upon the prisoner standing over the railings of the house of Mr Wilford, solicitor, in Derwent Street, in a drunken and disorderly condition. The man, he ascertained, had been turned out of his lodgings half-an-hour before that, for the offence of creating a disturbance inside the house. As Fletcher had no other place to go to, where he could lay his head, Police Station.—The Magistrate imposed a penalty of 10s and costs; with the alternative of seven days' imprisonment.

James Fletcher, brother of the last defendant (absconded to bail did not appear on recognizance.—Police-constable Hall deposed that at 12·30 a.m. on the preceding day (Sunday), he saw the prisoner, who was intoxicated, standing in front of the house No. 4, Edith Street, Consett, shouting and swearing, and making a great disturbance. The officer requested him to go away several times: but as the prisoner refused, he was compelled to look him up.—In this case, Fletcher was assisted in a similar penalty, with the option of seven days imprisonment.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Two youths, named *Lewis Mallen*, paddler, and *William Doran*, steelworker, both of Consett, were summoned for playing at pitch and toss.—P.C. Nixon testified that on Sunday morning last, at half-past six, during his Tardigar round, about two o'clock, when he observed the defendants, along with a number of other young men, playing at pitch and toss. He watched them gambling for more than a quarter-of-an-hour when he disturbed them; but the whole of the youths belted right through a private lane and commenced to gambling away.—The charge was admitted by the defendants, who were each fined 5s 6d expenses.

William Smith, plumber, of Dipton, was summoned for playing with a similar object on the preceding Sabbath.—The charge was preferred by P.C. Bailey.—Defendant composing one of a batch of 17 men who were convicted at the last sitting of the Court, for gambling on a football between Dipton and Burnhill, White-le-Head.—The officer explained that a summons was duly served upon the defendant, and he was told to attend the previous Court, but he came back to him adversedly confined from the summons.—Defendant denied his guilt, and said it was a mere thing for him to remove a summons without his name thereon, and the officer did not charge him with playing at pitch and toss or anything else.—The Magistrates, who reminded the defendant that he was now charged with the offence, fined him 2s 6d and costs.

HIGHWAY ACT.

William Reay, butcher, Burnhill, &c., of Consett (for whom his wife appeared) was summoned for allowing his horse to stray on the public highway at Burnhill.—P.C. Laverick's testimony was to the effect that on Tuesday, May 26th, he was proceeding in the direct of Elias Lane Ends, when he saw a pony grazing on the unmade road there. He waited for the animal being fully a quarter of an hour, when a boy made his appearance and on being questioned, he Mr Reay's son, came and cart belonged to his father. An hour would elapse before the defendant could come on the scene, and yoking the animal to the conveyance he drove it away.—Reay was fined 1s and 6s costs.

WEDNESDAY, June 10th.—Before Jas. Annandale, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

A youth, named *Bernard McGovern* (20), was charged by Sergt. Cowlishaw, with being drunk and disorderly at Blackhill, about seven o'clock the previous (Tuesday) evening, and was fined 5s and costs.

Jane Jackson, an old offender, belonging to Consett, was brought up by P.C. Noesen for drunkenness in Middle Street, at ten o'clock the preceding night.—In default of paying a penalty of 2s 6d and expenses, prisoner was committed for seven days' imprisonment.

GATESHEAD COUNTY POLICE.

TUESDAY, June 9th.—Before R. O. Lamb, Esq. (chairman), and J. M. Redmayne, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

James McVoy, of Winlaton, was charged by P.C. Brions with having been drunk and disorderly at The Spun, on May 23rd, and was fined 2s 6d and costs.

Thomas James, of Hamsterley, was summoned by P.C. Brions charged with being drunk and disorderly at Blackhall Mill, on May 30th.—Fined 1s and costs.

Allen McTier, of Blaydon, was charged by P.C. Cockburn with being drunk and disorderly at Blaydon, on 25th May, was fined 1s and costs.

Elias Wood, of Blaydon, was summoned by Sergt. Beattie for having been drunk and disorderly at Blaydon, on the 27th ult., was fined 1s and costs.

Charles Brodie, of Milkwell Burn (who failed to appear) was charged by P.C. Cox with being drunk and disorderly near The Spun, on May 23rd.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

John Briggs and *James James*, of Hamsteley Colliery, were summoned by P.C. Cox charged with committing a breach of the peace by fighting with each other at Blackhall Mill, on the 30th ult.—Defendants were bound over for three months and to pay costs—3s each.

Patrick Kennedy, David Summerville, John Oxley, Thomas Lowell, all of Blaydon, were charged by P.C. Cockburn with playing at pitch and toss at Blaydon, on May 30th.—Fined 1s each and costs.

Robert Bather and *Thomas Robson*, of Jarrow, were summoned by John Bell, gardener, of Lady Ann's Road, Claverley, Bart., on a charge of doing wilful damage to their new trees Victoria Gardens, on May 28th, to the amount of 1s.—P.C. Brions proved the case.—Defendants, who are boilers' apprentices, were seen to leave a brake, walk into the wood, and deliberately bang a new tree of several branches. They were dragging them out when they were discovered by the police. They jumped into the brake and drove off, but were captured after going about half-a-mile.—They were fined 5s each and 5s 6d costs and damage.

Thomas Cook, of Gateshead *Hall, John Surry*, and *John Bryson*, all of Blaydon, were charged by Wm. Tate for defaulting grass seeds at Blaydon Cross, on Monday last.—Fined 5s 7d, including costs.—P.C. Stanton stated the facts.

William Archbold, William Henderson, and *Robert Martin*, all of Blaydon, were summoned by Thomas Ramsey, of Derwent Villa, for doing damage to underwood, on May 29th last.—Fined 2s 6d each, including costs.—P.C. Bland proved the case.

George Henderson, groom, of Stella, was summoned by Charles Anderson, of Castle Eden, charged with committing wilful damage to grass on Hylton Grange Farm, by travelling through a meadow with a horse.—Fined 5s, including costs.—P.C. Farrar stated the case.

HIGHWAY ACT.

Joseph Cooper and *Joseph Thorman*, of Blaydon, were charged by P.C. Lowden with allowing their horses to stray on the highway at Swalwell, on May 29th.—Fined 1s each and costs.

RAILWAY TRESPASS NEAR BLAYDON.

William Dodds, charged with having trespassed on the Redheugh railway near Blaydon, on the 18th ult. May, after having been previously cautioned, was fined 1s and costs.

THEFT OF GRATES.

George Thompson, of Gateshead Quarter, of The Teams, were charged with stealing four grates, the property of Mr Joseph Hall of Ravensworth, near to Gateshead, on 6th June.—P.C. Garbutt stated the case.—Fined 10s each.

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DETERMINED SUICIDE.—An inquest was held on Monday, at the Felton Fell Colliery Hotel, before Mr Coroner Graham, on the body of Robert John Scott, residing with his parents at Felton, and his sister's residence, Alma Cottages, Felton Fell. Deceased has for some time been studying a patent for drawing coals quicker than the ordinary way. He himself on the railway road of a cottage, and last Saturday morning while Scott was washing himself he rushed out of the house and deliberately placed himself on the railway as a set of nine full runs came down the incline, with the result that he was almost cut in two. A verdict of suicide whilst in a state of insanity was returned.

LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Reading-room, Leadgate, on Wednesday afternoon, under the presidency of the chairman, Mr W. Shaw. There were also present—Messrs W. Brown, W. Kentlegrove, E. Todd, T. Lammonby, J. Robson, W. J. Hedley, J. H. Hedley, J. Hedley, M. Coupland (clerk), and T. Longstaff (surveyor).

PROPOSED RECREATION GROUND FOR LEADGATE.

The Clerk explained that he had written Mr W. Jenkins, manager of the Consett Iron Company, again asking him to appoint a time and place for a conference with the above Board. He received a reply had come to hand stating that as he (*sic*) *Jenkins* was going away from home, he could not mention a date; but immediately upon his return he would attend to the matter. Since that, the Clerk received a memorial signed by numerous residents of Leadgate in favour of the scheme, which he suggested that the Board should forwarded to Mr Jenkins.

Mr W. H. Hedley said he was present at the Consett Iron Company's Directors' meeting held on Tuesday, and Mr Jenkins mentioned the matter to them, and after a little conversation, they decided to let it stand over until they made their annual visit to Consett Iron Works, when they would run down to Leadgate and inspect the field, and then decide what to do. They also wished to have some information from the Board as to the way in which the ground would be laid out, &c., and he (Mr Hedley) should be laid down in proper courses to deter—when information they would lay before the Directors on the day of their visit.

Mr Todd said the directors seemed to be a great amount of interest manifested in the scheme by the inhabitants of the different districts of Leadgate, and he thought it would be as well to get them all to have a meeting, and there select three or four representatives to meet the directors of the Iron Company to confer as to the best way in which the ground should be laid out, and to make some arrangement with the decision arrived at. (Hear, hear.)

Mr Brown said if the Board therefore acceed to the request, I suppose the Board will have to take all responsibility, and put the field in proper order?

The Clerk said if we do so, we will ask the Company for the use of the field. I suppose the cricketers and football players, bicyclists, &c. will have to assist us in keeping the ground in proper order!

Mr Todd: If they pay any tax, they will be thinking they can claim the ground for their own recreations.

The Chairman: If you do as I suggest, then we can get at all those things.

Mr Brown: Will regard to cricketers, &c., they will have to be divided from the place where the children and general public have to play and promenade, as it is exceedingly dangerous to be in the midst of cricket, football, and the like.

The Surveyor said he had complained to him of having no place to play at ball on an evening, when the cricketers and football players were out to play at the game against house ends. At a meeting of the men concerned, a request had been taken up, and he (Mr W. H. Hedley) asking the Consett Iron Company to give them bricks enough to make a brick wall to play ball against. They would carry the same on to the ground themselves, and then would petition the Board to erect it for them.

Mr Hudson: Could the Board apply the rates to this purpose? If we can do it, I think a wooden wall will be the best for a "ball alley."

The Chairman thought brick would be preferable.

Mr Hedley was of the same opinion; but he considered it should be erected in the recreation ground, and not in the street.

The Surveyor said the men there looking at the church that it was hard for them to have the ground put in proper order this year, and therefore thought this would, at very little cost, give them something to pass the time away on evenings away with.

The Chairman: If we get a "ball alley," Leadgate will become famous for it. We will be called "crack ballers" from Bishop Auckland and other places here. (Laughter.)

Eventually, the Board agreed that the following gentlemen meet representatives of the men, in order to gather the necessary information to lay before the Directors:—Messrs the Chairman, W. Brown, Geo. Nicholson, J. J. Hedley, and T. Longstaff.

This was agreed to.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr T. Longstaff) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of Leadgate Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—For the month of May, the following work has been done on your highways:—The rain has not a here one, being principally for manual labour:—Gutters have been cleaned, and some taken off, and attention given to water courses.

Tribar Road—Some of the roads have been waterbalted and dressed up:—Pont, Broome, Burn House, Iveston Village and Bank. I have had the conduit in the Burn House Road, cleaned out, and re-laid. It was stopped up with mud, &c. Also, a few loads of small slag were used on Iveston Village, and Broome Lanes to fill up holes which were damaged by the heavy rains.

As your Highway Committee has been over the highways quarterly, I have not troubled you with the particulars of the state of your highways in their annual report.

Annexed are the monthly pay bills:—

	£ s d	£ s d
Parham Main Road		0 15 4
Manual labour		0 18 4
Other Roads		
Manual labour	8 16 4	
Team do.	0 12 6	
		9 9 10
Tradesmen's bills, &c.		2 8 0
Total		£12 13 2

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

THOMAS LONGSTAFF.

Leadgate, June 10th, 1885.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector submitted the following monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Leadgate Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During last month, I have given your district my careful attention, and with a few exceptions, the roads have been in good order.

The Tea Kettle Inn Road, Ivestone