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FRIDAY, June 15th, 1883.

SULEIMAN SAMI.

At dawn on Saturday morning last took place the only execution of any notable person which has resulted from the recent Egyptian troubles. Obscure wretches were shot down in the commission of robbery or arson after Alexandria was abandoned to destruction by Arabi Pasha; and proved murderers of the lowest class have since then been publicly hanged. But the latest victim of justice in connection with the insurrection was a man of much better social position. Suleiman Sami Ibu Daond held, indeed, the rank of Bey, which is only inferior to that of Pasha in the Turkish system. Naturally, therefore, more attention has been given to his trial and conviction than would have been the case with regard to a prisoner of no social position. And a sort of commiseration or leniency has been the more readily evinced towards him because the chief leaders and prime originators of political disturbance in Egypt had been allowed to escape with practical immunity. There seemed to be a curious contrast, certainly, in our House of Commons being occupied during the same week with a claim for more liberal pecuniary allowances to Arabi Pasha and his expatriated companions, and with a plea for the intervention of our Government to save one of their fellow-rebels from the scaffold. In spite of all that has been asserted respecting the non-criminality of Arabi and his fellow-exiles, plain, common-sense Englishmen recognise in them the head and front of the general criminal movement of which Suleiman Sami's alleged offence formed only a small portion. If Arabi had not set the example of lawlessness, Suleiman would hardly have been drawn into the crime which is said to have been proved against him. The feeling of British fair play and impartially was therefore aroused by the announcement that an Egyptian insurrectionist of secondary rank was about to be executed. This feeling was stimulated, too, by assertions that Suleiman Sami had not had a fair trial, and was being shuffled out of the way to suit the convenience of the Egyptian Government. All this would have been no concern of the British people in the condition of things which existed two or three years ago in Egypt. Great Britain had then a joint control with France in the administration of the Egyptian public debt; but neither of the Western Powers thought or was supposed then to have any right of interference with the course of justice, or injustice, in Egyptian criminal courts. Now, however, since we have put down the military revolt in Egypt, and have retained an occupation in that country, our Government appears to be held responsible for all the proceedings of the Khedive's ministers and officials. It is one of the penalties of power or dominant influence that it should entail responsibility in the eyes of the world. Mr Gladstone may protest that the British Government has not constituted itself a supreme court of review over the administration of justice in Egypt; and Sir Charles Dilke may submit that to have interfered in Suleiman's case would be virtually taking control of the affairs of Egypt; but such representations are not perfectly satisfactory to the British public. It is at least the general understanding that our Government did interfere, and with very considerable effect, in regard to the trial of Arabi and his companions; and having taken upon themselves to prevent vindictive punishment in that case, it is not quite intelligible why they should disclaim all responsibility in connection with the trial of another insurrectionist. Indeed, ministers themselves did not go so far as to say that they entirely repudiated responsibility. What Mr Gladstone and his colleagues did represent was that they had no information which would justify them in arresting the course of justice. But they did not pretend that it was no business of theirs to obtain information with respect to the character of Suleiman's trial. The Premier actually promised to obtain information, but in the meantime refused to interfere, though the condemned man was to be executed in a few hours. All this is unsatisfactory. If our Government is responsible for Egyptian administration, it ought to keep itself fully informed; but if not, it ought distincly to disavow all responsibility.

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OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

Lord Randolph Churchill has certainly scored a point in getting Mr Gladstone to admit the propriety of keeping at the Foreign Office a record of the Errington mission. Sir Stafford Northcote endorsed the conduct of his erratic and often rebellious follower. But it is unfortunate that he so often allows the wind to be taken out of his sails by Lord Randolph. The matter was important enough to have been taken in hand by the Leader of the Opposition. It is not political on his part to appear so often as an accessory after the fact to movements taken by his would-be rival. It would deprive the small body of Conservative mutineers of some ground for their pretensions, if Sir Stafford took the initiative in criticising Ministerial policy on any given subject or else remained altogether silent.

It seems a ridiculous thing to create a new office and then within a couple of years appoint a Committee to enquire into the duties of the office. The duties of the Public Prosecutor ought, one would think, to have been defined in the first instance. Sir John Maule is a very able lawyer and highly respected, and, if he has not done all that was expected of him, it should be borne in mind that he has had only one qualified assistant for an overwhelming mass of work. The Special Committee consists wholly of lawyers with the exception of Sir Henry Holland and Lord Randolph Churchill. The Government seems willing to give Lord Randolph plenty to do on Parliamentary Committees, possibly in the hope that such employment will absorb some of his feverish energy.

Mr George Russell, the new Under Secretary is only thirty years of age, and his appointment shows there is still some chance for young men in the political world. His father, Lord Charles Russel, brother to Lord John Russel afterwards Earl Russel, was well known for many years as the Serjeant-at-Arms of the House of Commons. The new member of the Ministry is thus a scion of one of the great Whig governing families. He has taken an independent line in Parliament, voting occasionally on Irish questions against the Government. He is, it ought to be added, what the *Pall Mall Gazette* calls a "Faddist," for he is pronouncedly in favour of female suffrage, and an opponent of compulsory vaccination.

Sir George Bowyer's death was sudden though he has been visibly failing in health for some time past. He died in the Temple, where he has lived most of his life, never having married and rarely visiting his Norfolk country residence. He was a singular combination. He was at one time a Tory, at another a Home Ruler, and died a Liberal. Up to the age of 40 he was a strong Church of England man. He then went over to Rome and became a Catholic of Catholics. The Pope made him a Knight of Malta, and he built at his own expense the Chapel of that Order in Great Arnond Street. He was an archæologist of very wide learning. He wrote on Antiquities and upon Constitutional and International Law. His works upon these subjects earned for him considerable reputation. He was a barrister, but never practised, contenting himself with studies in the theoretic branches of the profession upon which he wrote. It was the late baronet's association, with the most powerful Italian Order of Knighthood which made him an enemy of the cause of United Italy. He was one of the few English favourers of the cause of the wretched Italian potentates who fell before Cavour and Garibaldi.

Hospital Sunday is looked forward to with greater concern year after year by those who are interested in such institutions. The age of endowments has gone by with its abuses, and the age of Voluntaryism has succeeded with its racking anxieties. Some of the older hospitals are financially in a very critical situation. Some new means will have to be found for supporting them, or these great charities will have to imitate the example of some of the great missionary societies and *retrench*. Exeter Hall has heard much of retrenchment and the withdrawal of agents this year. It would be a terrible public calamity if the large hospitals, insufficient as they are, were compelled, as it seems likely they may be, to reduce their staffs and close some of their wards.

It appears that the "black flags" who killed poor Riviere in Tonquin, as they did his predecessor Garnier ten years before, are not Annamites proper at all but a class of Chinese banditti on the rampage, and quite as ready to prey on Annamites proper as on the outer barbarians, as they regard us. They are, it appears, the scum of a population who were up in arms during the Taeping insurrection of 1864, and, who after being expelled from China proper, made their way into the mountain district and over the border into Annam. It is not easy to see how France is to chastise these run-aways, and as to declaring regular war against China, this she will think of three times before she engages in it.

Parliamentary Summary.

THURSDAY.

In the House of Lords, the Poor-law Conferences Bill and the Irish Constabulary Bill were read a second time.

In the House of Commons, Mr E. Ashley informed Mr Gorst that the Transvaal Government had not paid the money promised to be paid to Her Majesty's Government within the financial year 1882-3, though the sum had been reduced by consent to £50,000. Mr Gorst asked if the Government had any anticipation that the sum will shortly or ever be paid. Mr E. Ashley said the information that Her Majesty's Government has got is, that there is no money to pay it with. (Laughter.) In reply to Mr Gray, Mr Fawcett stated that the fares charged by the London and North Western Railway Company between London and Holyhead were considerably less than those authorised by the Act of Parliament. The mileage rate for first and second class passengers between London and Glasgow and Edinburgh was ½d. a mile lower than those charged in the mail train between London and Holyhead. In the new contract it was to be stipulated that passengers should be booked through to Dublin by the mail train, and that as far as possible the public should not be prevented from using the mail train by unduly high prices. Sir William Harcourt stated, in reply to Mr A. Elliott, that there was not the colour of a foundation for Lord Rosebery's resignation was due to any suggestions or action of his. The relations between him and Lord Rosebery had been those of the closest possible friendship and personal affection. The Government were maturing a plan for the better conduct of Scotch business, but it would be premature to make a statement just now. Sir W. Harcourt, in reply to Mr Macartney said the attention of the Government had been called to statements that infernal machines were being manufactured in large numbers at Philadelphia, and also that it was the intention of an American labour organisation to remove monarchs, railway directors, and bank monopolists. The Government was alive to the necessity for paying serious attention to menaces of this sort. On the motion to go into committee on the Corrupt Practices Bill, Mr Broadhurst moved "That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to insert a new clause in the bill charging the returning officers' expenses at parliamentary elections upon the rates in boroughs and counties." The motion was negatived by 247 votes to 80.

FRIDAY.

In the House of Lords, a debate was raised by the Duke of Rutland, who complained that the Government had not taken adequate measures to relieve agricultural distress. He also referred to the decreasing export and increasing import returns, the effect of which, he thought, would impoverish the country. The Earl of Kimberley said, in reply, that it was generally accepted that the distress in agricultural districts was due to a succession of bad seasons. The Marquis of Salisbury endorsed the views of the noble Duke, and said that poverty was spreading throughout the land. To this assertion Earl Granville replied by stating that the poor rate had decreased even in agricultural districts.

In the House of Commons, Mr Arnold, for Mr H. Mason, gave notice to move that day four weeks a resolution in favour of female suffrage. In answer to Mr Newdegate, Sir C. Dilke said the Government were anxious to proceed with the Ballot Bill as soon as possible. In reply to several hon. members, Mr Gladstone said the Government proposed to go on with the Corrupt Practices Bill to the end before taking the Committee stage of the Agricultural Holdings Bill. On the motion to go into Committee on Lord Alcester's Annuity Bill, Mr Gladstone stated the reasons that induced the Government to make the change in the bill from an annuity to a lump sum. Sir W. Lawson moved that the House go into Committee that day three months. After some remarks from Lord R. Churchill and Mr Cowen, Sir S. Northcote expressed extreme regret at the course taken by Sir W. Lawson and Lord R. Churchill, who were placing the House in a thoroughly false position. The House had voted thanks to the Admiral and General in October for their conduct in the war, and it would be shabby now not to follow up the vote with the grant proposed. In conclusion Sir Stafford said he declined to be led into a discussion of topics brought forward by the hon. bart. and the noble Lord the member for Woodstock, and he declined to be led by the noble Lord, and the House would decline to be induced by the noble Lord to accept a position which he considered would be degrading to its honour. Mr Gladstone explained the circumstances that had led to the delay in proceeding with the Bill, and thanked Sir S. Northcote for having recalled attention to the enormously wide field of debate. Nothing could be more hard or cruel to the two distinguished gentlemen than that these Bills should be laden with discussion upon every kind of statement. Several Irish members having spoken, the debate was adjourned. At the evening sitting, the grievances of militia sergeants and the question of the inhabited house duty were considered.

MONDAY.

The House of Lords was engaged in debating the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, the second reading of which was moved by the Earl of Dalhousie. The noble Earl complained of the injustice done by delay. The bill, he said, had been passed seven times in the Lower House, and he trusted that it would receive the sanction of their Lordships. Earl Cairns said the feeling through Scotland was entirely against the bill, and so far as he knew of Ireland the same was the case. He also believed from the petitions which had been presented that the feeling of the people of England was against the bill. It would be impossible to stop short where the bill stopped. Lord Bramwell supported the bill on social and religious grounds. The Archbishop of Canterbury opposed the bill, holding that the Levitical code adopted by the Church was still binding on all Christians. If this bill passed, grief would be imported into thousands of homes, and women now discharging offices of kindness and affection to their dead sister's children would be compelled to pack up and leave. On a division the second reading was carried by 165 to 158.

In the House of Commons, in reply to Colonel King-Harman, Mr Trevelyan stated that it was not intended to keep the Royal Marines permanently in Dublin. They were gradually being withdrawn as circumstances permitted. In answer to Mr Arnold, Lord E. Fitzmaurice said that no representations other than those contained in the blue books presented to Parliament had been made to the French Government with regard to Madagascar. Replying to Lord R. Churchill, Lord E. Fitzmaurice stated that it was not intended to present any supplementary estimate this year for the salary and allowances to Major Baring, whose rank and position in Egypt would be the same as that of Sir E. Malet, and he would continue to receive his instructions from the Secretary of State. Mr Gladstone read a telegram from Major M'Donald stating that he considered the charges against Sulieman Sami were proved, and the sentence was a just one. He read a long despatch from Lord Dufferin stating that the accusation against the Khedive of complicity in the massacre of Alexandria could not be substantiated by any tittle of evidence. After some further questions had been put and answered, Sir S. Northcote moved the adjournment of the House in order to call attention to the course Her Majesty's Government had taken with reference to the execution of Sulieman Sami. Lord E. Fitzmaurice detailed the action the Government had taken in the matter. After the statements made in the House on Friday Earl Granville telegraphed to Sir E. Malet asking if there was any doubt as to the justice of the sentence on Sami. The reply was that the evidence against Sami clearly established that the burning of Alexandria was done by his orders. A long and animated debate followed.

TUESDAY.

The business before the House of Lords, was not important. Several bills, including the Stolen Goods Bill and the Fisheries Bill, were advanced a stage.

In the House of Commons Lord R. Grosvenor moved for a new writ to be issued for Managhan, in the room of Mr J. Givan. Mr Biggar moved that the writ be suspended till the House decided on the Corrupt Practices Bill. This course, however, was negatived without a division, and the issue of the writ agreed to. Mr Fawcett informed Mr Gray that in the case of the Government deciding to accept a contract for the Irish mails for a year or less, there would be no objection to lay the contract on the table before it was executed. Sir H. Wolff asked if the Government would lay on the table a copy of the letter originally written by Lord Granville to Mr Errington, to be shown by him to the Papal Authorities, but Lord E. Fitzmaurice refused to do so. The House afterwards went into Committee on the Corrupt Practices Bill.

WEDNESDAY.

In the House of Commons, Mr M'Coan moved the second reading of the Poor Law Guardians (Ireland) Bill. The bill proposed to substantially change the present system of election by substituting ballot for open voting, and triennial for annual election. The bill also provided that votes should be given in person. Col. King-Harman moved the rejection of the bill. After further discussion, Mr Trevelyan thought the debate showed the strength of opinion in favour of the bill, which essentially carried out the application of the system to poor-law elections. The Government had promised, if they found time, to bring in a bill dealing with the question. The bill was read a second time. Mr Burt moved the second reading of the Employers' Liability Act (1880) Amendment Bill. He stated that after the Employers' Liability Act was passed, pressure was brought to bear upon the workmen, in many cases compelling them to contract themselves out of the provisions of the bill. In Lancashire more than 27,000 miners by unfair pressure, were compelled to sign papers foregoing any claims under the Act. The object of the bill was to prevent those contracts being signed under pressure by making them illegal. Sir Joseph Pease moved an amendment to the effect "That it is inexpedient to interfere with the freedom of contract between employers and employed which enable them to contract themselves out of the Act of 1880." On a division the amendment was carried by 149, against 38 votes.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Benfieldside Bridge Schools, on Friday afternoon last, under the presidency of Mr Charles Wilson, chairman. There were likewise present—Messrs J. Priestman, J.P., W. Wilson, W. Telford, H. Carss, and the clerk (Mr R. G. Barclay).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

This Committee recommended the payment of the current month's accounts, which amounted to £77 11s 8d. The Committee were of opinion that at the proper season trees should be planted round the space in front of the schools.

On the motion of Mr Wilson, seconded by Mr Telford, it was resolved that the accounts recommended by the Finance Committee for payment be passed; also that the Board approve of the Committee's recommendation as to the planting of trees in the school yard.

RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER.

The Rev Wm. Baitey tendered his resignation as a member of the Board, in consequence of his leaving the district to take charge of the Durham Primitive Methodist Circuit.

The members of the Board expressed their sincere regret at losing an esteemed colleague; and the written notice was ordered to lie on the table for a period of 28 days.

PAINTING AND PAPERING THE SCHOOL.

The estimates for re-painting, papering, and cleaning the whole of the interior of Benfieldside Board Schools were examined, and on the proposition of Mr Telford, seconded by Mr Carss, the tender of Mr James Lovatt, of Blackhill, was accepted.

STATISTICS.

The Attendance Officer's (Mr J. Johnson's) report was read and adopted. Appended are the monthly statistics of attendance:—

School.	Average attendance.	No. on Register.
Board School—Boys	195	215
„ „ Girls	168	197
„ „ Infants	55·7	76
Derwent Street School	80·3	105
Roman Catholic—Mixed	198	273
„ „ Infants	81	115
Shotley Grove—Mixed	108·7	121
Total	886·7	1,102

The average attendance in January last was 805·4; and the number on the books was 1,073. Since the beginning of the year the attendance has gradually improved.

After the transaction of some formal business, the Board adjourned.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE 370th STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING AT BLACKHILL.

The second annual general meeting of the First Shotley Bridge and District Starr-Bowkett Building Society took place in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Blackhill, on Friday evening. There was a tolerably fair attendance of members present. Mr J. W. Davison, of Consett, was unanimously elected to preside over the gathering.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman said they had met to hear the report submitted by the Board of Management on the position of their society, and likewise to listen to some good news from several other societies from Mr Wilson, of Stockton, and which he had no doubt would prove a means of encouragement to themselves. It was gratifying to know that their society was progressing most favourably. (Hear, hear). True, they had to contend with much opposition at the beginning, and it was hope against hope, but by dint of perseverance and industry they had overcome all these difficulties. (Applause). He (the chairman) must say with respect to their Secretary he had laboured earnestly and diligently, and the present position of the society might be attributed in a great measure to the indefatigable efforts of Mr Gibbinson. Nearly the whole of the shares had been taken up, and he had not the least doubt they would succeed in bringing the society to a hopeful and successful issue. (Cheers). The chairman thereupon called upon

The Secretary to read the report and balance sheet for the year ending April 30th last. Mr Gibbinson remarked that it was very doubtful last year whether the society would be able to exist another twelve months, but he was glad to say it had flourished, and that there were very few shares now to be taken up. The report of the Board of Management set forth that:—"Since the close of last year the number of shares have risen from 510 to 999. There are a few remaining to be disposed of, and the Board would desire to draw the members' attention to the unpaid, viz., that which relates to the expired period from the commencement of the society to the time the member joined, which has been the main cause of so few appropriations during the year; but they are sanguine, with the co-operation of the members, that appropriations will be more frequent this year. The Board refer with pleasure to the fact that the debtor account of £59 18s 10d., as last presented, has this year been converted into a creditor account of £25 4s 7d. (Hear, hear). Taking into consideration that £11 9s has been paid for formation expenses during the year, the Board regard the profit as satisfactory and encouraging. In conclusion, the Board urge upon members the advisability of continuing to pay their subscriptions regularly, and, when practicable, in advance, as arrears do not show healthiness, but the reverse; and if those who have any back subscriptions unpaid would make an endeavour to reduce it as far as practicable, it would assist the Board of Management in making more appropriations, which will be to the mutual advantage of the members. The Board of Management earnestly call on all to exert themselves in extending the advantages to be derived from those societies, to strengthen those who have not been able to understand clearly the advantages to the working man, so that those having only one share may be induced to increase the number to the mutual advantage of all, as the expenses entailed in working 1,500 shares would be the same as 1,000." (Loud applause). The statement of the income and expenditure shewed that the balance in hand in April 1882 to be £329 6s 8d. The members' subscriptions for the second year amounted to £958 14s 6d, as against £436 in the first year; being an increase of £522 14s 6d; two years' working expenses on 999 shares, at 2s 6d per share, £124 17s 6d; balance profit, £25 4s 7d; cash paid on appropriation not advanced, £33 6s 8d; total income during the year, £1419 1s 11d. Expenditure: Appropriations advanced, £390; cash at bankers' on deposit, £900; interest accrued, £13 12s; current account (including £3 6s 6d interest added), £22 6s 9d; cash in secretary's hand, £2 4s 1d; rent, salaries of officers, &c., £67 6s 0d; printing, advertising, &c., £9 14s 7d. The secretary added that the amount standing to their credit at the bank at the present time was £1021 19s. (Applause).

Mr Joseph Eltringham, in moving the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, pointed out that if the members had been furnished with the printed balance sheet a week or a fortnight ago, they would have been allowed time to consider carefully the various items. He was not surprised to see that the members were somewhat diffident in rising to propose the adoption of the report, as they, like himself, might or might not be prepared to say anything about the correctness or incorrectness of the balance sheet. He did not doubt, however, but that the items were strictly correct; and therefore he moved the adoption of the report.

Mr Frankland seconded the resolution for they different reasons advanced by the previous speaker. He said they had the authority of the auditors that the accounts had been examined and compared with their books, vouchers, &c., and found to be perfectly correct, therefore they might take it for granted that such was the case. In glancing over the balance sheet, he thought they had every reason for thankfulness, and the result speaks well for the Board of Management and their officers.

The proposition was adopted without opposition.

The Chairman coincided with the remarks of Mr Eltringham that the balance sheet should be in the hands of the members a few days prior to the annual meeting, and he trusted that the suggestion would be acted upon in future.

Mr Eltringham explained that in his previous observations he did not wish to cast any reflection upon the secretary, auditors, or any of the officials. He merely had the balance sheet put into his hand since entering the room, and he simply offered the suggestion in the interests of the society, because then the members could come to the meeting prepared to speak in favour of certain items, or object to others. No gentleman present could declare that their system of carrying on the business was altogether perfect, and some improvements might be suggested.

Mr M. Noble pointed out that their secretary had been very ill. Their accounts were balanced up to the 30th April, and their Annual Meeting being held in the first week in June, they would see that there was no time to be lost in compiling the balance sheet.

Mr Eltringham replied that he made no complaint as regards the secretary.

The Secretary explained that being unwell for some weeks, he had to ask the auditors to do a portion of his work in making the balance sheet up. However, by another year, he would endeavour to carry out the hint thrown out by the Chairman and other members, and allow members time to digest the balance sheet before the general meeting.

The Chairman said the next business was the election of four directors. The gentlemen who retired by rotation were Messrs W. Kelsey, Blackhill; N. Brown, Shotley Bridge; J. Bell, Consett, and W. N. Shimmin, Blackhill. Mr Bell had sent in his resignation, on account of ill-health, but the other gentlemen were eligible for re-election. Mr Davison, Consett, and Mr Frankland, Blackhill, were nominated, in addition to the three gentlemen above-named. On being put to the test, the number of votes recorded for each candidate was as under:—Kelsey, 29; Brown, 29; Shimmin, 32; Davison, 24; and Frankland, 9. The first four were consequently elected.

Mr Noble moved the re-election of the auditors, Messrs Joseph Kirk and W. T. Gillies.

Mr Eltringham having seconded, the proposition was carried *nem con*.

The question of remuneration was next considered, and it was eventually proposed by Mr Noble, and seconded by Mr Davison, that the auditors be allowed £2 each per annum, instead of £1 as hitherto.

The motion was adopted, only three hands being held up in opposition thereof.

It was likewise unanimously resolved that the secretary's salary be increased from £30 to £40 a year.

Mr Gibbinson, in returning thanks, said he was fully determined on his part that no stone should be left unturned to preserve the society in its present flourishing state.

The Chairman having intimated that the meeting was open to any member to raise a question,

Mr Schellenberg (Consett) would like to learn something concerning the keeping up of the payments for "back money," as, he said, many people were totally ignorant on that point.

The Chairman said that Mr Wilson, of Stockton, had come purposely to address them, and he might explain the matter in the course of his observations.

Mr Wilson, who was favourably received, then addressed the meeting. He said that the Starr-Bowkett system had been before the country for a great number of years. People had looked at the question from all sides, and wherever a society was established, they had to encounter a great deal of opposition. In these societies they were mutually trying to further their individual interests, as well as the interests of others. Referring to arrears of subscriptions, the speaker said their rules stated that members could take up shares at any time and arrears should be paid at the rate of 6d per week. The member receives credit for it, when he comes to pay his subscription back. If the amount owing by members of this society, £1,200, was paid during the present year, what could be accomplished? It would allow 24 members in this society to build houses in the district. It was quite optional for any member to pay up his arrears of subscription, but it was to the advantage of the whole of the members, as well as the member himself, that he should do so by small instalments or such other means as he was enabled to adopt. Thus they kept themselves always reducing the debt due to the society. In order to make all members equal, if a person was fortunate enough to be drawn in the ballot, it was necessary that he should pay up all arrears within a month from the date of the ballot, so that he might participate in the benefits. Starr-Bowkett Building Societies were pre-eminently working men's societies, and were specially adapted to the artizan classes. The speaker then enumerated several reasons why Starr-Bowkett Societies were so popular amongst the working communities. In the immediate neighbourhood he stated societies were progressing and extending and doing a great amount of good. He was glad their Board of Management had performed their work so well, and he could not close without saying a word in favour of their energetic secretary. They had a successful, sound, and healthy society at Consett and Shotley Bridge, and he trusted they would go on and prosper. (Loud cheers).

The appropriations were subsequently ballotted for, Mr Frankland (Blackhill), and Mr Rawes (Consett), being chosen as scrutineers. No. 16 was first drawn, from which it was ascertained that Mr Andrew Tate, of Newcastle, as possessor of one share, was entitled to £100.

The Secretary (after consulting with the office-bearers) announced that as the amount drawn was so small, they had decided to make another appropriation (hear, hear, and applause), to take effect after the first appropriation was paid.

Mr Eltringham thought that as the society had a balance of £900 in the bank, they could easily afford to pay both appropriations at once.

The Secretary pointed out that out of the £900 cash in bank, an appropriation of £400 was owing to Mr J. W. Davison, and another of the same amount due to Mr Allison, of Consett; thus leaving only £121 to their credit.

Mr Eltringham submitted that this should have been clearly indicated on the balance sheet.

After some further remarks, the Chairman said they might safely have another appropriation, as upwards of £200 had been received in subscriptions alone since the publication of the balance sheet—£70 having been taken in one subscription night.

In the second appropriation, the number drawn was 348, entitling Mr George White, miner, of Gibson Street, Consett (the holder of two shares fully paid up to June 12th inst.), to the sum of £200.

This concluded the business, and the meeting dispersed after votes of thanks had been accorded to the scrutineers and the chairman.

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THE WEARDALE TRAGEDY.

Ralph Robinson was again charged at Stanhope on Friday with killing his brother Thomas at Wearhead on Sunday last by stabbing him through the heart. Prisoner, who is a cripple, questioned his mother in court as to the sanity of his sister. He also questioned Dr Hewitson as to his (prisoner's) own sanity, and as to whether it was not possible for deceased to have inflicted the wound himself. He furthermore sought to show that for years he had been systematically ill-used by deceased, and that on more than one occasion he had been compelled to seek police protection. The Bench committed him for trial at Durham Assizes on the charge of wilful murder.

Robinson was removed to Durham Gaol in the custody of Supt. Liddle. On reaching Durham the prisoner was not so dejected as might have been expected after the affecting scene in Stanhope Court-house on Thursday, when the terrible strain upon his system caused him to take an epileptic fit. A great number of persons assembled at Stanhope to see the prisoner depart for Durham Gaol, and the tragedy has created as great an excitement in Weardale as the memorable trial and removal of Jane Barron when she was summoned for trial for the Blanchland murder. On reaching Durham few persons were aware who the prisoner was Supt. Liddle had in custody, and the officer of the law was enabled to lodge his charge in Durham Gaol without being the object of a vulgar curiosity.

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this body was held in the Board Schools, Castleside, on Monday afternoon, the chairman, Mr T. J. Muse, presiding. There were also present Messrs J. W. Walton, J. Milner, and the clerk (Mr R. Ward).

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION.

After the minutes of last meeting had been confirmed, the Clerk said, according to instructions, he went to negotiate with the vicar of the parish (Rev Wesley Farrar) as to letting the Old National School for the purpose of making an infant school of it. That gentleman had received him kindly, and quite concurred with what the Board had decided to do. At the same time he promised to give them the use of the school and grounds at the yearly rental of £15. Mr Ward then asked the rev. gentleman to state his terms and all necessary conditions in writing, and forward it to him by the time the Board next sat, which that gentleman readily acquiesced to. The following is a copy of the letter received:—

Castleside Vicarage,
June, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—In reference to your application, after further enquiry and careful consideration, I have decided not to let the school and premises for School Board purposes.—I remain, faithfully yours,

WESLEY FARRAR.

R. Ward, Esq.

MR MILNER: That is a strange affair. Mr Farrar told me himself that he would let us have the school at the terms mentioned by the Clerk; it is mysterious indeed.

MR WALTON: It does seem odd that he should make a promise, and then shortly afterwards break it; but as it stands we can do nothing further in the matter.

The CHAIRMAN: It does seem preposterous; but at the same time, I am rather pleased at the result, as I think it would be a loss to us in the long-run. If we had taken it, the services of an additional certificated mistress would have been required, and the room itself would have had to be fit up with furniture. Our only course, now, is to build on to these schools as soon as possible.

The Clerk here informed the Board that they could not get a loan from the Education Department until the beginning of next year, consequently they could not possibly commence to build until the spring of that year.

The CHAIRMAN said the estimates for the proposed alterations had been received, but seeing that they could not commence operations until next year, thought they ought to let them remain in abeyance. In the meantime, he suggested their Clerk write the Education Department on the subject, laying the state of affairs before them.

MR WALTON thought this would be their best course, and proposed the same be carried out.

On MR MILNER seconding the proposition, it was carried.

ARREARS IN SCHOOL PENCE.

The Clerk stated that with regard to Mrs Lister's case as being in arrears with school pence, he had enquired into the circumstances attending thereto. Her two sons combined made 4s 2d per day; but he was not sure whether they worked eleven or twelve days in the fortnight.

The CHAIRMAN: I think that is a very good income. There is many a man only making 18s per week and has to keep a family, and also pay school pence. Mrs Lister is, I think, quite able to pay the school fees out of that income.

MR WALTON: I am of opinion that Mrs Lister is quite competent to pay the fees, seeing the income she has.

The CHAIRMAN: To settle up the matter, I would say that we strike the arrears off the books, and then make her pay the fees in future.

MR MILNER: That seems the most fair and proper way, and I propose it be done.

This was agreed to on MR WALTON seconding.

STATISTICS.

The following statistics for the past month were submitted by the master (Mr Duckworth):—

Number on Roll	204
Average in attendance	175
Percentage attendance	85

Cash banked £9 11s 10d.

NEW RATE.

The Clerk said that a new rate of 3d in the pound would have to be levied.

MR WALTON proposed, and MR MILNER seconded, that a rate of 3d in the pound be made out by the Clerk, which was agreed to.

MIDSUMMER HOLIDAYS.

The master (Mr T. Duckworth) asked permission of the Board to break up the school on the 21st of this month for the midsummer holiday of three week's duration.

MR WALTON: How is it they only get three weeks.

The CHAIRMAN: They had a fortnight at Christmas instead of a week; but I think this is a folly, and should not be allowed to be done again, as the children can not enjoy themselves in winter so well as at midsummer.

The other members fully agreed with this; and Mr Duckworth's request was granted.

IMPROVED POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The CHAIRMAN said the ratepayers and householders of Castleside had held a meeting in that school on Saturday, 2nd inst., with regard to the improvements to be made in Castleside Burial Ground, and the question of getting a money order and stamping department in the post-office at Castleside was brought before the meeting. It was unanimously requested that the School Board should forward a memorial to the Postmaster-General in conjunction with a memorial sent from the meeting, which the ratepayers thought would give it some weight.

MR WALTON said it gave him pleasure, indeed, in proposing that this be done, as it would greatly benefit the neighbourhood, it being a thing that has been long needed.

MR MILNER, in seconding the proposition, said it was as little as they could do to comply with the request of the ratepayers, as it was a really important acquisition needed, and hoped the scheme would be successful.

After signing the cheques, the meeting closed.

Local Police Courts.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, June 11th—Before A. TOWN, Esq. (chairman) and J. PRIESTMAN, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

William Clifford was summoned by P.C. Wood for being drunk and disorderly at Consett, on the 1st of the present month.—Defendant was fined 10s and costs for non-attendance, but as he subsequently appeared the fine was reduced to 5s.

Henry McVay was charged by the above-named officer with being guilty of the same offence at Consett on Saturday night last.—P.C. Wood stated that on the 9th inst., about 5 p.m., he was proceeding along Middle Street (accompanied by P.C. Crabb) when the defendant who was very drunk passed on the opposite side of the street, and used some offensive epithets towards them, afterwards refusing to go quietly home.—The defendant emphatically denied that he was intoxicated.—Sergeant Murphy, however, swore that the defendant was under the influence of liquor when brought into the Police Station.—A fine of 5s and 7s 2d costs was imposed, with the alternative of seven days' hard labour.

John Tate pleaded guilty to a charge, preferred by P.C. Wood, of being drunk and riotous in the Consett streets on the preceding Saturday night.—The officer deposed that about 9 o'clock, whilst parading in Middle Street, he heard an unusual noise, and on proceeding to the spot from whence the sound came, he found the defendant running after a married woman whom he kicked on the legs several times. The female was screaming for help.—P.C. Hudson adduced corroborative testimony.—The defendant denied that he was drunk, but admitted "bunching" the woman; because she called his mother and himself bad names in Whittaker's public-house. He called a witness named Patrick McGlyn, who affirmed that when he was along with the defendant in Whittaker's public-house, a woman, without receiving the slightest provocation, commenced to abuse Tate on account of his mother. Both parties then left the house together, and he did not see what followed.—To the Bench: Defendant was quite sober, as they only drank a quart of beer amongst three of them.—The Chairman: Where were you and the defendant prior to entering Whittaker's?—Witness (after some hesitation): I think we were in Clark's public-house.—The Chairman: Had you any drink there?—Witness: Yes.—The Chairman: Where were you before that?—Witness: I cannot say.—The defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 5s and expenses.

James Carroll was similarly fined for being drunk and disorderly at Consett, at 10 o'clock on Saturday night last.

John Queen was brought up by P.C. Roper charged with being drunk and creating a disturbance in the streets of Leadgate at midnight on the preceding day (Sunday).—Defendant was committed for seven days, in default of paying a fine of 5s and costs.

TRESPASSING IN THE GILL WOOD.

Michael Toner, a young man, was charged with doing wilful damage to property belonging the Consett Iron Company to the amount of 1d.—P.C. Simpson testified that on the 3rd inst, he was on duty near Howen's Gill Farm, when he observed the defendant go through the fields into the Gill Wood. The defendant was accompanied by other two young men, who succeeded in getting away. A great deal of damage had been done by trespassers Sunday after Sunday, and the Company were determined to put a stop to this practice.—Defendant admitted that he was in the wood, but denied that he was ever in the fields until the officer took him through.—The Chairman said the defendant must have gone through the fields before he reached the wood.—A fine of 1s was inflicted, the defendant likewise having to pay 1d damage and 7s 6d costs.

THE RESULT OF FAMILY SQUABBLES.

A HUSBAND THREATENS TO BLOW HIS WIFE'S BRAINS OUT.

John Errington, joiner, a man apparently in delicate health, was brought up on a warrant charged with assaulting his wife, Hannah Errington, at Consett, on the 29th May. Mr Wm. Dickinson, of Consett, who appeared for the defendant, explained that his client had been in delicate state of health for a considerable period, having been attended by Drs Renton (Consett) and Gibb, Phillipson, and Murray (Newcastle). The defendant came to Consett on Monday last with the intention of attending the Court, but it seems his mother had in the meantime obtained (without his knowledge) a certificate from Dr Renton, who knew perfectly well the condition of the defendant, stating that he was unable to appear. His mother subsequently informed him that she had handed the certificate to Supt. Oliver. The defendant had not the least desire to evade the charge, but he thought it was quite unnecessary for him to attend, as he expected the case would have been adjourned on the production of the certificate.

The complainant repeated the statement made by her last week, as to how the defendant struck her a violent blow on the side of the head, and then threatened to blow her brains out if she did not leave the house.

Cross-examined by Mr Dickinson: Have you ever had any altercations with your husband?—Complainant: Yes, we quarrelled often enough.

Was there no special reason why you quarrelled on this particular morning?—No; there was not. She knew that her husband had been attended by Drs Renton and several physicians in Newcastle for a considerable time.

Mr Dickinson: Did not these gentlemen say that your husband was unable to do any work?—Complainant: He ought not to be able to ill-treat his wife then.

In further cross-examinations, complainant said the doctors had told her that her husband could not work. She had not told any one that she did not believe that her husband could not do any work. Her father had left this district. She could not tell the reason why he had gone away. Knew of a pay-note having been altered from £1 18s to £4 18s. It was in consequence of that her father gave up his work. She had not been wishful to have her sister living with her in her husband's house. She knew the defendant was in receipt of parish relief. The quarrel on this particular day did not arise out of a conversation respecting her sister coming to the house. On the night in question she sent for P.C. Watson. When her husband came back he gave notice to her brother (who was lodging with her) to leave within a week. He did not, however, go away.

Mr Dickinson: When your husband returned at the end of the week, did he not find you and your brother sleeping together in the same bed?—Complainant did not reply.

The chairman requested the complainant to answer the question, when she confessed that her husband had caught her on more than one occasion sleeping in the same bed as her brother.

Cross-examination continued: On the morning following the alleged assault, her brother came in at 5 o'clock in the morning. Her husband at once got out of bed, ate his breakfast, and went out. Cross words had passed between her and the defendant about giving her brother too much to eat. Her husband had sometimes complained about her brother coming in at three, four, and five o'clock in the morning. She never interposed in favour of her brother, but frequently found fault with him. On the 29th ult., she never did anything to aggravate her husband. When her sister entered the house, after the assault had been committed, she cried for upwards of three hours. She had a black mark at each side of her head. It was not the defendant but herself who bailed her brother out of prison by paying a guinea. The defendant's mother had kept two of the six children. She had not made the remark to any one that on that day her husband would be in gaol.

Joseph Mottam, complainant's brother, alleged that on Tuesday morning, 29th ult., when in the house, he saw the prisoner charge a gun, and threaten to blow his wife's brains out. He did not know anything about the assault.

To Mr Dickinson: Defendant told him on the night in question that he would have to leave the house within a week, but he did not do so. He came in on the following morning at 5 o'clock. The defendant and his wife had quarrelled on that day, and he heard about him using her badly.

Mr Dickinson was proceeding to put further questions to the witness, who gave his replies in a vacillating way, when it was ascertained that he (witness) was speaking of what happened on the day prior to the assault, and that he knew nothing of what occurred on the Tuesday.

Complainant recalled, said this was her father's gun, and it was tried the same night.

On behalf of the defendant, Mr Dickinson submitted that this was merely a private quarrel between husband and wife. Here was a man in delicate health continually aggravated by his wife, who asserted that she did not believe the doctors were speaking the truth when they said that he was unable to work. On the morning in question a dispute arose about the sister coming into the house and stopping there; but the husband strenuously objected to this. The wife swears upon oath that the defendant struck her a single blow, which caused a black mark at each side of her face.

The Chairman said the complainant stated that one of the marks was produced by a blow inflicted a day or two prior to the assault.

Mr Dickinson (continuing) said if the Bench really believed an assault had been committed (which he very much doubted) they must take into consideration the amount of provocation given. If so, it was not necessary to inflict a penalty, because it would be quite sufficient to bind the defendant over to keep the peace. He characterised this as a vindictive prosecution instituted by the wife in order to get rid of her husband. Mr Dickinson afterwards called

Mary Errington (aged 11 years), the complainant's daughter, who alleged that she heard her mother tell he uncle that he could come back to his old lodgings on Monday, as on that day her husband would be in Durham gaol.

P.C. Watson, called at the instigation of the Bench, deposed that at nine o'clock on the night of the assault, the wife came to him and he accompanied her to her house in Sherburn Terrace. He saw the defendant inside, and the wife informed him that she had been assaulted by her husband. She showed him a lump on the side of her head. The husband used some very bad language towards his wife respecting the lodger, and said something about complainant's father having committed some depredation upon her sister. The lodger jumped up and straightway quitted the house.

To Mr Dickinson: The defendant requested him to stand at the window outside whilst he went and gave the lodger verbal notice to leave the house.

In reply to the Chairman, the complainant said she was afraid to live with her husband any longer, as he had so often threatened to take her life. The defendant was now residing with her mother at Consett Park Farm; but her brother still remained in the house alone with her to support her.

Mr Dickinson said the defendant desired to return and live with his wife, but would not do so as long as her brother lodged there.

Complainant: My husband shall never again live in the same house with me.

The Bench, at length, bound the defendant over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months; and ordered him to pay 12 costs. The Chairman remarked that the parties would have to come to some amicable arrangement, or they would hear something further about the affair.

Complainant: I wish to be separated altogether from my husband.

The Chairman: We cannot grant a judicial separation, because there has not been an aggravated assault.

GATESHEAD COUNTY POLICE.

TUESDAY, June 5th.—Before ALD. HODGSON and W. W. PATTINSON, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

Thomas Leybourne, of Low Spen, was charged by P.C. Farrar with having been drunk and disorderly at Spen on May 26th.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

James Leybourne, Spen, charged by P.C. Farrar with having been drunk and disorderly at Spen on May 26th.—Fined 1s and costs.

John Atkinson and *Thomas Miller*, of Crawcrook, were charged by P.C. Cox with having been drunk and causing a disturbance at that place on the same day.—Atkinson was fined 2s 6d, and Miller 1s and costs each.

George White and *John Maralee*, of Stargate, were summoned by P.C. Reynolds for having been drunk and fighting with each other at Stargate, on the 27th ult.—White was fined 1s, Maralee 2s 6d and costs.

A BLAYDON GAOL BIRD.

John Thompson, of Blaydon, who had only been liberated from Durham Gaol on Tuesday last, was charged by P.C. Robson with having assaulted him at Blaydon on the 3rd June.—Prisoner was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour.

BREACH OF THE MINES REGULATION ACT.

John Nevens, John Charlton, William Charlton, John Lowrie, John Coulson, and *Robert Robinson*, of Spen; *William Jefferson, William Liddle, James Best, Matthew Duffy, James Pooley, John Morgan, Thomas Dobson, Joseph Bushby, Bartholomew McKnowlton, Ragar Harrison*, and *William Smith*, of Victoria Garesfield Colliery, charged with violation of the Mines Regulation Act, by riding on a set of tubs at Victoria Garesfield Colliery, on the 24th May. Mr Sewell appeared for the men, and stated it had been a practice for ten years without a complaint being made.—The Bench decided to inflict a fine of 2s each and costs.—Mr Franks stated that he had cautioned the men previously, and also told the check-weighman the night before he caught them riding to stop them.

THURSDAY, June 12th.—Before J. J. JOICEY, Esq. (chairman), and R. FORSTER, Esq.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Thomas Gardner, Thomas Dodgson, and *John Wilson*, all of Winlaton, were summoned by P.C. Farrar for trespassing in a grass field belonging to J. A. Cowen, Esq, near Barlow, on May 7th.—A fine of 2s 6d and damage and costs was imposed.

Martin Murphy and *Michael Murphy*, of Winlaton, were summoned by P.C. Cusson for trespassing in a grass field belonging to J. A. Cowen, Esq., at Blaydon Burn, on June 2nd.—Fined 2s 6d besides pay the damage and costs.

DRUNKENNESS.

Richard Swan, of Winlaton, was charged by P.C. Cusson with having been drunk and causing a disturbance at Winlaton, on June 2nd.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

Bridget Simpson, of Winlaton, was charged by P.C. Cusson with having been in a drunken state at Winlaton on the 2nd inst.—She was fined 2s 6d and costs.

Henry Atkinson, of Winlaton, was accused by the same officer of being drunk and disorderly at Winlaton, on June 2nd.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

Anthony Gardner and *John Prudhoe*, of Winlaton, were charged by P.C. Cusson with having been drunk and fighting with each other at Winlaton on the 1st June.—The defendants were fined 2s 6d and costs.

Joseph Barron, of Greenside, was brought up by P.C. Reynolds for having been drunk and disorderly at Ryton on June 2nd.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

Thomas Duxfield, of Barlow, was charged by P.C. Farrar with having been drunk and disorderly at The Spen on the 31st ult.—A fine of 2s 6d and costs was imposed.

ASSAULT.

Joseph Kearman, Emily Kearman, and *Harriet Kearman*, of Stargate, were charged with having assaulted Sarah Locky at Stargate, on June 1st.—Fined 5s each and costs.

ALLEGED HIGHWAY ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE NEAR ROWLANDS GILL.

George Henderson, of Cowen Drift, was brought up in the custody of P.C. Pattison, charged with having robbed Robert Charlton of 2s in silver, some copper, and a pocket knife, on June 9th, between Rowlands Gill and High Thornley. The prosecutor stated that about eleven o'clock on the day mentioned he left Rowlands Gill public-house and went towards Thornley. On the way prisoner and another joined him and accompanied him so far, when they left him. Subsequently accused went up to him again, between two plantations near High Thornley, threw him down, and rifled his pockets.—On the application of Mr Warlow, who appeared for the defence, the case was adjourned to enable him to call witnesses.

THEFT BY A RETURNED CONVICT.

John Steel and *Peter Carr*, of Blaydon, were brought up in the custody of Sergeant Broyyles, charged with having stolen a dozen bottles of champagne from the North-Eastern Railway sidings at Blaydon, on June 2nd.—Carr was discharged and called as a witness against Steel, who is a convict on license.—Prisoner was committed for trial.

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CO-OPERATIVE CONFERENCE AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

At the Annfield Plain Co-operative Hall, on Saturday afternoon, the Central Co-operative Board held a District Conference. Mr George Lowes, of Consett, was elected chairman, and after stating the business of the meeting it was ascertained the following societies were represented:—Shotley Bridge, Consett, Leadgate, Stanley, Tantobie, Blaydon, and Annfield Plain.

The CHAIRMAN then introduced Mr Philip Reay, of Annfield Plain to read a paper on "Co-operation and Agriculture—The land for the People;" a summary of which is appended:—

"We are all agreed, I think, that co-operation in the main has been and is a great success, and can only lead us to expect a yet greater success in the future. Co-operation has and is spreading or reaching out to lay hold of and work out yet greater achievements in all directions. And surely, if co-operation can succeed in its distributive work, why not supply the articles as a whole for that end? We can surely make some effort to cultivate the soil for that purpose—and so the subject before us is Co-operation and Agriculture.

Is it conceivable, that the men who make the wealth of the country will permanently be satisfied with a system which shuts them out for ever from all interest in their own land? We say no; the land is for the people. Possession of the land is a matter of such supreme importance to the liberty and well-being of the people, that the only marvel is not that there should be a growing agitation on the subject to-day, but that the people should ever have been content to bear patiently the monopoly which has been created during the past 300 years. It affords, indeed, a strange commentary upon the history of human progress that we have to look back more than 400 years to the period when the mass of the people of these islands were in their most prosperous and wholesome condition. In those middle ages, the great body of the people owned the soil and lived out of it, having secured for themselves power at home and freedom by their own firesides, they kept them. The fifteenth century was the golden age of agricultural England. The country, far more populous at that time than is commonly supposed, was occupied and cultivated by free men, who tilled their own lands. The degrading servility of the agricultural labourer of to-day had not appeared to take the place of the thraldom of the old serfs. No description ever given of any people shows a more prosperous set of men. Their sturdy freedom was based upon property and good living, and now, in these times, when we in this nineteenth century have to do battle against many evils, such as land laws and the like, we can and will only succeed in gaining what is ours by our individual and united action. May be it will be a time before even co-operators can bring about this much-desired state of things. The great cry amongst us is how and where shall we invest our accumulated capital? Is it not becoming more and more clear that we can and ought to take up this question of becoming our own producers from the land? But it may be said, let each society take a farm and work it, and grow their own corn, peas, barley, potatoes, turnips, hay, and other things. But we want to make a united effort. Agricultural experts aver that if the land of England were properly handled we could profitably produce twice the quantity of food we do from the existing cultivated acreage. Happily, the landlords are themselves beginning to feel the pinch, and may lead the way in the reforms which have now become essential. Let us, then, who possess the capital, and, to a large extent, suitable raw material, also an amount of skilled labour. The principle cannot fail, then why not become our own landowners, and bring back to our country the happy days of yore, by tilling our own land, growing our own corn, feeding our own beasts, killing our own sheep, making our own butter and cheese, and tanning our own leather. We can do it if we will only patiently, yet earnestly, work on in this great co-operative movement."

At the close of the reading of Mr P. Reay's practical paper.

MR JESSE HALL (Consett Store) fully endorsed all set forth therein, and spoke of the detail of the principles of agricultural co-operation. He said the Consett Store had secured ten acres of land in their neighbourhood which was in a very wild state, but they had got it clear of the rubbish, thoroughly cleaned and cultivated, and now it would prove a remunerative undertaking. He could assure the delegates that this land was paying well for the labour and money expended on it. If ten acres of such land could be so cultivated, he thought it would be a good investment for co-operators, as they could then grow hay, corn, potatoes, turnips, &c., which they were using every day.

Several more delegates spoke in favour of the paper read.

MR ROBERT TINDALE, of South Pontop, expressed his doubts as to the object being a success in co-operation.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr Reay and the Chairman, after which the Conference closed.

LANCHESTER RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The monthly meeting of the above Authority took place at Lanchester on Thursday afternoon in last week, under the presidency Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., J.P. The members in attendance were the Revs Canon Kearney and J. P. De Pledge, J.P.; Messrs W. Logan, Wm. H. Hedley, W. M. Annandale, Geo. Hobson, Thomas Taylor Smith, Thomas Pringle, W. Shell, Joseph Eltringham, R. Clark, James Fairley, J. W. Hodgson, John Collinson, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Clerk read

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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

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

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with the instructions of the Authority, notices were served on six owners of house property at Langley Park on the 30th March last to provide proper water supply to their houses within 28 days from the date of service. The notices expired on the 27th April—about 40 days since—and has only been complied with in two cases.

On visiting Waskerley with Dr Bolton on the 30th May, an inspection was made of certain house property belonging to the North-Eastern Railway Company at which there is a privy built against the gable of the dwelling house occupied by George Thompson. The position is thoroughly bad and in my opinion constitutes a nuisance injurious to health.

I have again to report that the Dipton sewerage progresses slowly towards its long-delayed completion. Yesterday morning there were six men at work, and notwithstanding my frequent and urgent requests to the contractor to get on with the mason-work to the ventilators he cannot be moved to comply. I hope the ensuing month will see the job at an end.

I consider that the general sanitary condition of the district is good; there are not many unabated nuisances existing of which I have knowledge, and such as do exist are of an unimportant character.

Nuisance notices served during the month	3
Letters written with respect to nuisances	37
Plan approval notices sent out	13
Plans received and examined	8
Habitation certificates sent out	—
Villages, hamlets, &c., inspected	63

The following new buildings are completed and fit for habitation and certificates are required for the same:—

412. Owners of Burnhope Colliery, additions to school, Burnhope.

347. William Hutchinson and Son, two houses, Hill Top, Dipton.

I am, gentlemen, your humble servant,
J. WM. ROUNTHWAITE.

Lanchester, June 7th, 1883.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your committee recommends that the following plans be approved subject to the matters marked on each plan being attended to, viz:—

446. (Adjourned from last month) Miss Allgood, cottage at Medomsley.

448. Misses Surtees, out-buildings to houses at Low Ewehurst.

449. William Wilkinson, pantry at Catchgate.

451. Samuel Dart, cowbyre, at West Kyo.

452. William Hindhaugh, house, near Lintz Colliery.

453. Michael Gowland, hay house, near Burnopfield.

454. William R. Wiggen, additions to mill, Wallnook.

And that the following plan be received:—

450. William Dent, greenhouse, Delves Terrace.

The report was adopted.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The following are the monthly reports from the Union Medical Officers:—

Lanchester District.

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

MR CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—The following first cases of epidemic diseases have appeared in this district since my last report:—Seventeen cases of measles, and five cases of whooping cough at Quebec and Hamsteels Colliery. Four cases of whooping cough at Newhouses. Five cases of measles at Greencroft Cottages; fifteen at Clavering Place, and ten at Lizzie Colliery.—I am, Mr Chairman and gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN WILSON.

June 7th, 1883.

Medomsley District.

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

GENTLEMEN,—Two cases of scarlet fever have occurred in the district during the month, one in Medomsley and one in Ebchester, each case was at once isolated, and no further spread of this disease has come to my knowledge.

I have nothing of importance to report in the district, as all the villages are clean, anything offensive from slaughterhouses is at once removed to a distance. The ash pits, &c., are all in a satisfactory condition.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. T. BOLTON.

June 6th, 1883.

Eastern District.

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

GENTLEMEN,—In my last report I called your attention to the severe epidemic of measles, in that part of the district extending from Annfield Plain to Dipton. In the former village, and those immediately adjoining it rapidly abated, and may now be considered extinct; but in the latter, it is still prevalent, and from appearances likely to increase. Altogether I have met with 40 cases during the four weeks. Scarlatina still continues in the district, and recently it has appeared in places widely apart. The following cases have come under my notice, viz., 4 at Oxhill; 4 at White-le-head; 4 at Flint Hill; 3 at Hobson; and one at Shield Row. I have no doubt as to the source of those at Oxhill and White-le-Head, but cannot account for the origin of the remainder. With regard to other diseases of a zymotic kind; there have been 3 cases of whooping cough, 2 of erysipelas, and 1 of croup.

The mortality for the month is below the average. 22 deaths were registered, being equal to an annual ratio of 15·7 per 1,000. The deaths from zymotic diseases were four, viz., scarlatina, 1, whooping cough, 1, croup, 1, erysipelas, 1.—I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

T. BENSON, Medical Officer.

June 7th, 1883.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

MR LOGAN proposed the re-appointment of Drs Wilson, Bolton, and Benson as medical officers for their respective district for the ensuing twelve months; also the re-appointment of Mr J. W. Rounthwaite as surveyor and inspector for the same period.

The motion was seconded by the Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE, and adopted.

THE AUTHORITY'S PLANS.

MR FAIRLEY moved that all plans of buildings completed belonging to the Authority should be deposited at Lanchester, and not kept at the Inspector's private residence as heretofore.

MR LOGAN seconded, and the proposition was unanimously adopted.

The meeting then terminated.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.—The traffic return of the North-Eastern Railway is again on the right side. For the week ending the 9th inst., there is an increase of £14,939, the improvement extending to all departments. The total increase to the present date is now £59,967.

THE MURDER OF LORD MOUNTMORRES.—A man named Patrick Sweeney, who a few days since abruptly left Cong, county Mayo, where police inquiries were being instituted, was on Tuesday arrested at Queenstown, charged with being the murderer of Lord Mountmorres, who was shot in Mayo about two years ago. Sweeney had intended sailing for New York on Wednesday.

LOCAL PETITIONS.—In the House of Commons, petitions were presented in favour of the Employers' Liability Bill by Mr Thompson, from Leadgate, Langley Park, Chester Moor, and Hamsteels; Mr James, from Lord Derwent, Willie Hobson, Rowlands Gill, Redheugh, West Stanley, Blaydon Main, Kibblesworth, Garesfield, and other collieries in the county of Durham; Mr Burt, from quarrymen of North Durham; Mr Burt, from Frosterley, and other collieries.

MINERS' LIFE-SAVING INSTITUTION.—On Monday a public meeting was announced to be held at the Mansion House, London, to establish an association for saving life in mines, on the lines of the Lifeboat Institution, to be called the Royal National Miners' Life-saving Institution. At the time fixed the attendance was so meagre that the Lord Mayor, who had consented to preside, declined to take the chair, and the meeting accordingly was not held. His lordship, however, promised the use of the room and offered his services for a future occasion, when a larger gathering could be secured.—We understand that for some time past the North of England Coal Trade have been endeavouring to make arrangements for the formation of depots for the storage of apparatus useful for the saving of life in sudden emergencies in pits.

DISCOVERY OF ANCIENT STONES AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Many ancient stones bearing emblems have at various times been discovered in and near this grand old fabric, and during the past few days three interesting stones have been found. The first is a beautiful stone consisting of three panels, the central one containing a finely cut and noble cross complete, another face bears a dragon and other figures, whilst the third is a fine representation of a man embracing or contending with a figure which, being broken off, cannot be defined. This and the following stone were found in the corner of the south wall of the chancel. The second stone likewise consists of three panels illustrated with various subjects, and having a sunk well at the top, which leads to the opinion that it formed the base of a cross. The third is a large slab, resembling a grave cover. This stone was found in the loft near the bell tower, where alterations are now being made. The cover bears a cross in the centre, a sword on one side, and a spear on the other, boldly and clearly cut.

THE DURHAM COUNTY MEMBERS AND THE COUNTY FRANCHISE.—Mr John Wilson, as secretary to the Durham County Franchise Association, has, by direction of the executive of that body, written to the four representatives of North and South Durham in reference to Mr G. W. Elliot's motion on the county franchise. The following is Sir J. W. Pease's reply:—"24, Kensington Palace Gardens, June 9, 1883. Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday. Will you kindly inform the committee of the Durham County Franchise Associations that I hope to be in my place when Mr George Elliot brings in his motion, and that I intend to vote against it, as I quite agree with the views which the committee entertain as to Mr Elliot's intention in introducing it.—I am, yours faithfully, J. W. Pease. To Mr John Wilson."—The letters from Colonel Palmer and the Hon. F. W. Lambton were similar to the above, and both expressed an intention of opposing Mr Elliot's motion. No answer was received from Sir George Elliot, Bart.

Business Announcements.

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In announcing his Removal to these Premises, he desires to thank his friends and the public generally for the patronage hitherto bestowed on him, and trusts by strict attention to Business, Moderate Prices, and Supplying a good Article, to merit a continuance of their favours. 561r

Public Notices.

126 IS the Winning Number of the QUILT Drawn for at Mrs. CLOSE's, Tanfield Lea.

69 IS the Winning Number for the GARDEN BARROW, Raffled at Hill Top, Dipton, belonging to R. NICHOLSON, of Stanley. 884r

STANLEY CATHOLIC SPORTS AND TEA will be held on Saturday, June 30th. HORSE RACING, QUOITING, WRESTLING, and other SPORTS. See Handbills. 868r

NOTICE.

THE Game upon Medomsley East House and Allendale Farms is strictly preserved.—Dogs found on these Farms will be destroyed, and all Persons found Trespassing will be prosecuted. 363p

IMPORTANT.—TO LADIES ONLY.—A Lady having discovered a secret invaluable to Ladies generally, will be pleased to forward same gratis to any address on receipt of stamped directed envelope.—Address, Mrs. C., Highland Villa, Totterdown, Bristol.

NOTICE.

I, JAMES BROWN, residing at Rose Mount, Consett, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I will not be responsible for any Debt or Debts my Wife, ISABELLA BROWN, may contract after this date.

(Signed) JAMES BROWN.

June 14th, 1883. 872r

NOTICE.

THE FURNESS RAILWAY COMPANY have opened an Office at 48, Collingwood Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, where all information as to the Barrow Docks, also Tariffs for Dock Dues, charges for loading and discharging, rates, &c., can be obtained from

873r S. WALTON, Traffic Agent.

HELP FOR MOTHERS.

WE are glad to state that Miss M. KEMP, a lady of experience and ability, will commence her labours in Consett, Blackhill, and district, on June 14th, 1883. The order of her work will be from house to house Visitation, Convening and Conducting Mothers' Meetings. Present Address — 12, Rogers Street, Blackhill. 849r

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

☞ FIRST ANNUAL ROSE SHOW.

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☞ Sale to commence punctually at One o'clock.

863r NICHOLSON and MURRAY, Auctioneers.

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

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MR. A. PHILLIPSON will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Mr. GEORGE TURNER's, near Mr. M. Stebbs', Grocer, Dipton, on the above date, a very large and superior class of Household FURNITURE, an Excellent PIANO, in beautiful Rosewood Case, splendidly Fretted and Carved, and may be brought with greatest confidence.

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MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. G. RIDLEY, who is leaving England for Australia, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date, all his Valuable Mahogany and other FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

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A NOTE!

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EDITORIAL NOTICES.

"Incedo's" Notes, Letter from "Late Resident of Lanchester," and a portion of the Lanchester Police Cases are held over till next week.

Local and District News.

In the House of Commons, on Friday, Mr C. M. Palmer presented a petition from Esh Colliery in favour of the Durham County Sunday Closing Bill.

The Stanhope School Board has taken objection to almost every item in the returning officer's expenses for the recent triennial election, and have referred the matter to the district auditor for taxation.

ACCIDENT AT BROWNEY COLLIERY.—On Monday morning, a miner, named J. Bablon, employed at Browney Colliery, sustained a compound fracture of the right leg, caused by a fall of coal, while working in the Busty seam. The injured limb was set by Dr Le Page, and the man is in a fair way towards recovery.

CONSETT COUNTY COURT APPOINTMENTS.—The Judge of Circuit No. 2, in which Consett is included, has issued his half-yearly plan, from which we extract the Consett County Court appointments for the ensuing six months, as follows:—Wednesday, July 4th, August 8th, October 10th, November 7th, and December 19th, at ten o'clock.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—Anniversary services in connection with this place of worship were held in the morning and evening of Sunday last, when the Rev. J. H. Cadman, of South Shields, preached appropriate sermons to large and attentive congregations. Collections in aid of the Trust Fund were taken before the close of each service.

THE PHOENIX PARK MURDERS.—Among the rewards distributed in connection with bringing to justice the Phoenix Park murderers are £1,000 to Superintendent Mallon, of the Dublin detective division; £100 to each of the four detectives employed on special duty in watching; £1,000 to the witness Robert Farrell; £500 to Alice Carroll; and £500, with a pardon, to Kavanagh.

THE EMPLOYERS LIABILITY AMENDMENT BILL.—On Saturday morning, Mr William Crawford, of Durham, forwarded to various members of Parliament connected with the neighbouring county, petitions from 40,000 working miners in the Durham coal field, in favour of Mr Thomas Burt, M.P.'s measure, the Employers' Liability Amendment Bill, now before the House of Commons, which seeks to render illegal any agreement in trade which shall negative the liability of owners for compensation to workmen while following their calling in mines due to the negligence or incompetence of managers.

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—The anniversary was commemorated at the beginning of the present week.—On Sunday, three services were held—the preacher in the morning and evening being Mrs Luty (nee Miss Annie Arch), of Middlesbrough; Mr C. C. McColvin, of Consett, occupying the pulpit in the afternoon. The chapel was well filled on each occasion, at night the building being crowded to excess. A suitable selection of melodies was rendered by the choir. The collections, which were in aid of the chapel trust, reached the average sum.—On Monday afternoon, a public tea was provided in the school-room, and this was tolerably well patronised. In the evening, Miss Arch delivered her popular lecture on "Bible women" in the chapel. There was a very fair attendance.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN INSPECTION: CHILDREN'S WRITTEN EXAMINATION.—From the class list just issued by the Inspectors (Messrs A. H. Pattinson and S. Jeffry) we observe that the following local candidates have passed:—Grade II. (between 12 and 15). Class I.—Caroline Kay, Pit Hill; George A. Hudson, Chester-le-Street. Class II.—Thos. V. Kilby, Chester-le-Street; Eleanor Hindmarch, Wolsingham; Emily Scott, Pit Hill; Edward L. Ward, A. S. Simpson, and Harriet Askew, Chester-le-Street; R. Richards, Pit Hill. Grade I. (under 12). Class I.—Julia Ashby, Chester-le-Street. Class II.—Margaret Hindmarch, Wolsingham; J. W. Oliver, Chester-le-Street. All children whose names appear in the first class obtain a prize and a certificate, and those in the second class a certificate from the Diocesan Board.

On Tuesday evening, a few friends met at the Queen's Head, Winlaton, and presented Mr Thos. Rutter, sen., late viewer at Blaydon Main Colliery, with a handsome silver snuff-box as a mark of the respect in which he is held by them.

WEARDALE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—The fortnightly meeting was held on Friday—Mr Bainbridge presiding. A letter was read from Dr Smith, of Sedgefield Asylum, stating that the guardians might be certain that the Visiting Committee would not allow any patient to remain in the asylum an undue time, and that as soon as a person was fit to go home he or she would be discharged. There are 18 patients in the asylum belonging to Weardale.—A letter was read from the Local Government Board approving the appointment of Mr William Pears as rate collector for Hunstanworth.

CRICKET.—*Holmside v Witton Gilbert*—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a victory for the home team. Score:—Witton Gilbert, 45; Holmside, 52.—*West Pelton v Harraton*—Played at West Pelton, on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the home team. Score:—West Pelton, 60; Harraton, 59.—*Burnhope v Waldridge Fell*—Played at Burnhope, on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the visitors. J. Laverick (not out 20) batted, and T. Adamson bowled in first-class style for Waldridge Fell. The principal scorer for Burnhope was J. Hunter (18, not out). Score:—Burnhope, 42; Waldridge Fell, 55 for the loss of seven wickets.

MARRIAGE AT BLACKHILL.—Yesterday (Thursday) morning the inhabitants of Highgate were in a state of rejoicing. They gathered around the Baptist Chapel in full numbers. The event was an important one, as Mr John A. Tailford and Miss Mary Harrison—two very much respected members of the church—were married that morning. When the ceremony was over the happy pair left the church amidst showers of rice, &c. The marriage breakfast was provided at Mr George Harrison's, Derwent Street, and a distinguished party did full justice to the delicious things provided. After speech-making, congratulations, and presents had been disposed of, the happy pair left for Sunderland.

THE WEATHER.—After the thunderstorms of Friday and Saturday last the weather has been more or less unsettled. The rain, which was so much required, has only come sparingly, however, and the ground is still parched and dry. This year the oak is fully ten days behind the ash in putting out its foliage, and those who have watched this circumstance for twenty years past tell us that the fact presages a hot summer, and one likely to be prolific in fruits and grain. Present indications are not in accord with the prophecy, for cloudy skies and high breezes prevail, while the temperature is abnormally low. All this may, however, be changed in a day or two. Heavy showers of rain fell last night and this (Friday) morning.

OXHILL MISSION CHOIR EXCURSION. — The annual trip of the Oxhill Church of England choir took place on Wednesday, the 6th inst. This year the choir decided on Tynemouth as the scene of recreation. The party numbered thirty, including the curate of Beamish parish, Mr Robinson, the choir leader, and Mr Green, the Oxhill schoolmaster, under whose united efforts the members are acquiring considerable skill in the vocal department of music. The weather was fine and genial, though the ruler of the day refused to grace the occasion with his smiling beams. After visiting the several places of interest, and affording their asinine friends free scope for demonstrating their nature, and relieving the unpleasant sense of vacuity by a hearty repast, the party returned by train to Birtley Station, whence they were safely conveyed in brakes to Oxhill, after a very enjoyable and profitable excursion, for which they were indebted to the generosity of Major Joicey—a fact that was acknowledged by the party in three very hearty cheers.

CHRISTIAN LAY CHURCH, CATCHGATE.—The anniversary services of the Sabbath school in connection with the above were held as follows:—On Saturday there was a public tea, which was followed by a public meeting, the chair being filled by Mr A. McPherson, of Consett. The following gentlemen took part in the meeting, viz., Messrs. G. Ferguson, J. Hetherington, and J. Ridley. On Sunday the services were conducted in the Catchgate Board Schools—forenoon, afternoon, and evening, by Mr A. McPherson. During each service the children recited portions of scripture, dialogues, poetry, &c. The choir were in attendance and sung a grand selection of pieces. Conductor—Mr John Urwin; harmoniumist—Mr F. Blatchford. Altogether the services this week end in connection with this denomination have been the best ever held. The singing was quite up to the mark; in fact there is not a better choir in the district. Collections were taken at the close of each service. The whole of the proceeds were in aid of the school funds.

MARLEY HILL PRIMITIVE METHODIST SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The annual services in connection with the above place were held on Saturday and Sunday last. On Saturday a public tea was held at four o'clock, the children of the school having a gratuitous tea. A public meeting was subsequently held, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks were proposed to all who had taken part in connection with it.—On Sunday, the services were conducted in the morning, afternoon, and evening by Mr Philip Reay, of Annfield Plain. At each service the children recited portions of Scripture, poetry, dialogues, &c., and sang some select and appropriate pieces of music, assisted by the chapel choir. A collection was taken at the close of each service in aid of the school funds. There were large congregations present, and all seemed to enjoy the services. After the conclusion of the evening service a prayer meeting was held, conducted by Mr Reay.—From the report submitted by the secretary, we gather the following information, which may be of interest to our readers:—No. of scholars on the roll, 54 boys and 58 girls, with an average attendance of 82; being an increase of 9 for the year. There are 16 male and 5 female teachers, with an average attendance of 15 for the year. The income for the school fund for the past year was £10 3s 4d; while the expenditure was £7 6s 5½d, thus leaving a balance in the treasurer's hands of £2 16s 10½d.

THE BRIGHT CELEBRATION.—The celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mr Bright's election as member of Parliament for Birmingham began on Monday, when a monster procession, composed of member of local trade societies and Liberal Associations from many parts of England, escorted the right hon. gentleman from Small Heath to Aston Lower Grounds, a distance of nearly five miles. In itself, the procession was about a mile-and-a-half in length. Mr Bright arrived at Small Heath Station at noon, having travelled from Stratford-on-Avon in company with his eldest son, two daughters, and other members of his family. He was received by Mr Dixon, president of the Birmingham Liberal Association, the Mayor of Birmingham (Mr Alderman White), Mr Schnadhorst, and other members of the Liberal Association. A photograph of the group having been taken, Mr Dixon presented a gold medal to Mr Bright in commemoration of the occasion. In response, Mr Bright said he looked forward to the events of the present week with no little apprehension, but he was sure that everything that could be done to mitigate his misfortune was done by the kindness of his friends. He declared that there were few, if any, members who had been treated with the consideration, generosity, sympathy, and assistance which he had received during his representation of Birmingham. He owed his constituents a debt of gratitude he could never repay. The procession then started, Mr Bright having a place in it for some distance. The crowds in the streets were enormous, and great enthusiasm prevailed.

CONSETT WESLEYAN BAND OF HOPE.—The usual monthly meeting of the above Band of Hope was held on Monday evening last, in the Gibson Street Schools, under the presidency of Mr Alfred Carr. An excellent programme consisting of solos, duets, recitations, and readings, was gone through, in which the following ladies and gentlemen took an active part:—Misses Wheatley, Cockburn, and Warren, and Messrs. J. Lax, R. Frankland, W. Johnson, and E. Hobday. Mr C. Warren and his pupils gave a selection of instrumental music in a very nice manner. The same gentleman gave an accompaniment on the ocarino. Mr C. Stelling gave selections on the harmonium and ocarino in a very praiseworthy manner. An able address bearing on the Band of Hope movement was given by Mr. T. Shotton. The proceedings, which were of an enthusiastic character, were brought to a close by the singing of the doxology.

ALLEGED ROBBERY AT CONSETT. — Yesterday (Thursday) at the Lanchester Petty Sessions, before the Rev J. P. De Pledge and other justices, Thos. Williamson, of Consett, was brought up in custody charged with stealing several yards of cloth, worth about 12s., the property of John McGlade, a packman, on Wednesday afternoon. — Mr T. W. Welford, Consett, appeared to prosecute.—A witness named Thomas Jenkins deposed that the prisoner and himself were drinking in Whitfield's public-house on the afternoon referred to, when the prosecutor entered and offered the cloth for sale. The prisoner agreed to take the cloth, and gave the packman a Hanoverian coin in payment thereof, saying it was a sovereign. The prosecutor went to a neighbouring publichouse to get the coin "changed," when the prisoner decamped with the cloth, but was subsequently apprehended by Sergt. McClymont.—On the application of Mr Welford, the case was remanded until Monday next.

NORTH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE FESTIVAL.—We have been favoured with a copy of the programme of sports to be held on the Town Moor, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Race Wednesday and Thursday, June 27th and 28th, under the management of the committee of the North of England Temperance Festival Association. The programme occupies 32 large pages, and provides most liberally for the entertainment of both old and young. Four platforms have been erected, from which addresses will be given by several well-known and able speakers on subjects of importance. Sports have also been arranged in which both males and females will be able to compete, such as cricket, bicycling, football, footracing, skipping, walking, leaping, stitching, tug-of-war, kite-flying and shuttle-cock. There will also be sports in which the military will compete, and tug-of-war in which the military, police, and others will join issue. The North-Eastern Railway Company will run special trains, and providing the weather prove favourable, the festival will be attended by many thousands of persons. The committee deserve great credit for the efforts put forth to ensure success, and we trust that they will receive the liberal support of all classes of the community.

SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY AT WHITE-LE-HEAD.—The Primitive Methodists at White-le-Head (Stanley Circuit) celebrated their Sunday school anniversary on June 9th, 10th, and 11th.—On Saturday a public tea was held, when a large number of children and adults partook of the good things provided; after which the young people indulged in games.—On Sunday morning the scholars, with the teachers and a number of friends, met at the chapel and processioned the village, singing at intervals. In the morning and night recitations, &c., were given by the children. In the afternoon a service of song was rendered by the choir, entitled—"The Babylonish Captivity."—On Monday night, recitations and dialogues were given by the children. The Rev E. Phillipson conducted these services and gave suitable adresses on each occasion. The singers were under the able leadership of Mr M. Robinson, Mr J. J. Cuthbert presiding at the harmonium. The singers, scholars, and teachers, rendered efficient service. The services have been quite a success; the proceeds being in advance of last year. The school is in a prosperous state, the room having become too small to accommodate all the children, now both school and chapel are used. A catechumen class of 40 members has been formed; also a Band of Hope of over 70 members.

LANCHESTER WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The anniversary services in connection with the above school were held on Sunday last, when two sermons were preached by Mr Kerse, of Newcastle.—On Monday, the Rev T. W. Johnstone, of High West Street, Gateshead, preached in the afternoon at 2·30, the service being followed by a tea at 4 o'clock, in the school-room behind the chapel, which was very numerously attended, the tables being filled three times. In the evening a public meeting was held, the chair being taken by Mr R. C. Foster, of Consett, who, after a few remarks on the power of religion to render life cheerful, and the influence of Sunday schools on his own religious life, called on Mr Arthur Jackson, of Consett, who earnestly addressed the young on the duty and importance of making the best use of the many advantages the present day afforded for educating themselves both intellectually and morally. He was followed by Mr Johnstone in a most eloquent and powerful speech, in which for forty minutes the speaker dwelt specially on the nature and importance of home influence, and the influence of the Sunday school teacher in the formation of the character of the young. Mr Kerse was the next speaker, his remarks, which were of a very practical nature were directed, amongst other things to the subject of the organization of the school and the advantages to be derived from having it conducted on the basis of the rules laid down by the Wesleyan Conference. The usual votes of thanks brought a very interesting and successful anniversary to a close.

DURHAM COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.—At these Sessions on Wednesday, James Boal, fish hawker, Langley Moor, was charged at the instance of the Brandon Local Board, with having in his possession certain fish intended for the food of man, the same being unsound and unwholesome. — Richard Gardner, inspector of nuisances stated the facts, and the defendant was fined £1 and costs, or one months' imprisonment with hard labour.—Defendant was further charged with a breach of the Highway Act in allowing his horse and cart to remain on the highway, at Brandon, on the 31st ult. He was fined 2s 6d and costs, or seven days' imprisonment.—Henry Dickinson was charged with having committed a breach of the piece, at Browney Colliery, on the 28th ult., and was bound over in his own recognisances of £5 to keep the peace for three months, and was ordered to pay 10s 6d costs.—James Sayers, Consett, butcher, a young man, was charged with being drunk at Willington, on the 7th inst. Fined 5s and costs.—Ralph Jenkinson was charged with being drunk at Ushaw Moor, on the 26th ult. Fined 5s and costs.—William Firmston and John McManus, of Browney Colliery, were fined 5s and costs for being drunk at the Beyne, on the 2nd inst.—Matthew Martin was fined 5s and costs for being drunk at the Boyne, on the 5th inst.—John Griffin was fined 5s and costs for being drunk at Browney Colliery, on the 27th ult.—Hannah Joyce and John Joyce were charged with being drunk at Browney Colliery, on the 2nd inst. The man was fined 5s and costs, and the woman was discharged.—Samuel Smith, of Brandon, was charged with being drunk at Browney Colliery, on the 26th ult. He was fined 5s and costs.—Thomas Hardy was fined 5s and costs for being drunk at Edmondsley, on the 1st inst.—Edward Cain pleaded guilty to being drunk at Witton Gilbert, on the 2nd inst., and was fined 5s and costs.—John Ross, who did not appear, was fined 7s 6d and costs for being drunk at Edmondsley, on the 2nd inst.

THE CONSETT IRON COMPANY'S STEEL WORKS.

A new era was inaugurated in the history of the Consett Iron Company on Wednesday afternoon, when the extensive Steel Works, which are about to be commenced, were tested, the result being exceedingly gratifying. The scheme was first projected three years ago, and the company have expended a considerable sum of money in carrying out this fresh undertaking. The new buildings are situated on the south-west side of the ironworks, and stand close to the Consett Branch line of the North-Eastern Railway, being fit up with all the necessary railways, sidings, and other conveniences. The works consist of extensive underground flues and ducts or crucibles, besides an iron building of enormous size, which comprises four large "bays" of roofing. A separate bay is provided for each of the three furnaces, the fourth containing a ponderous hammer, a wonderful piece of machinery, which is not yet in working order. The whole of the erections have been constructed upon the most improved principles, thus making the works the most complete, compact, and best-arranged concerns in England. The necessary machinery and plant embrace all the latest improvements and inventions, and are specially adapted for the manufacture of steel by the Siemen's-Martin's process. The works have been erected under the superintendence of Mr J. P. Rowe, of Consett, and Mr J. Noble, a gentleman well-known in the north, the manager; the submanager being Mr J. Petherick, of Blackhill. The plant was supplied by Messrs Davy and Co., of Leeds; the testing machinery being from the establishment of Messrs Dotcheon and Co., also of Leeds. On Wednesday the first furnace was tapped by Master William Jenkins, son of the esteemed manager; Miss Jenkins performing the task of tapping the second furnace. The operation proved highly successful, the liquid running from the furnaces forming steel ignots of the best and finest quality. Mr William Jenkins, general manager, and the whole of the officials under the company were in attendance. After the ceremony several cheers were given for the success of the undertaking, and the company then dispersed. It is expected the works will be in full operation in a fortnight's time, the company intending to roll every description of steel plates, &c. About 50 men will be employed within the works at the outset, but of course a much larger number will be indirectly benefited by the undertaking, and as trade extends, additional hands will be set on. The works are so constructed as to admit of enlargement on any future occasion, when the present erections and plant are found inadequate to meet the demand for steel products. The Consett Iron Company are now in a position to compete with any similar concern in the country. In anticipation of the event, the company have during the past year built 100 workmen's cottages in the rising town of Consett.

ALLEGED INDECENT ASSAULT NEAR CATCHGATE.

At the Lanchester Petty Sessions yesterday (Thursday), before the Rev J. P. De Pledge (in the chair), Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., Major Edward Leadbitter Smith, and Geo. Hedley, Esq., a respectable-looking mechanic, named William Robson, residing at Kyo, was brought up charged with indecently assaulting and ill-treating Mrs Catherine Dale, an elderly person, on the afternoon of the 4th inst.

Mr T. W. Welford, jun., of Consett, appeared to prosecute, and Mr W. H. Oliver, of Durham, defended the prisoner.

Prosecutor, who is the wife of Edward Dale, living at Peter's Bank, near Kyo, said that on Monday afternoon she attended an auction sale at Dipton, being accompanied by her husband. After the sale, her husband and herself came to the top end of Dipton, and on reaching the Delight waggonway they parted company. She went into the "Besom" public-house and drank one gill of beer. The defendant entered, after she had been a short while inside the house, and sat himself down at the corner of the table. He then threw three half-pence on the table, and asked her to have a glass of beer. There were other three men present, unknown to her. She told the prisoner she had taken one gill, and that was quite sufficient. Before he went out, he asked her if she was ready to go home, and what road she was going to take? She replied that she was going across the fields. From the beerhouse she travelled to Mr Ritchie's house, and afterwards proceeded on her homeward journey, taking the footpath through the fields. On reaching the second fence she put her left foot over the stile, when she discovered the prisoner crouching on his left side in the dyke. He pulled her down with his right hand, then put his elbow on her stomach, and indecently assaulted her. When she got home she complained to her husband, and likewise sent for P.C. Robinson. Subsequently the prisoner's wife came and offered her some money to settle the case.

To Mr Oliver: She went to the sale at 12·30 p.m., and left about 4 o'clock. She was not in the beerhouse many minutes. The prisoner left the house first. The stile where the assault took place was not a great distance from Ritchie's. She only drank one glass of beer all day. It was not a fact that she was drunk and fell over the stile, when the prisoner picked her up. There was a common footpath through the field. She did not observe any other person present.

Edward Dale, prosecutrix's husband, said that on the day in question he accompanied his wife to the Delight waggonway on his way home. After he separated from her, he did not see her again until she got home at 5·30 o'clock in the afternoon. His wife appeared very much distressed, and she made a complaint to him.

Cross-examined by Mr Oliver: He left his wife about 3·30 o'clock. His wife was perfectly sober when she reached home.

P.C. Robinson adduced that he proceeded to the prosecutrix's house at 7 o'clock on the night referred to. She was not the least intoxicated, but she was weeping and appeared to be in great trouble. He arrested the prisoner on a warrant on the 11th inst.

To Mr Oliver: The prisoner, as far as he knew, bore a respectable character. He knew nothing against the prosecutrix.

In stating the case for the prisoner, Mr Oliver said that fortunately his client met a person named Davison whilst proceeding from Cellierley Dykes towards the main road leading to Stockholm Farm, and they journeyed together along the turnpike road, subsequently walking across the fields. Davison followed a short distance behind the prisoner, and he would describe to the Bench exactly what took place. The prosecutrix was proceeding home in a very drunken state, and in stepping on the stile she stumbled and fell forward upon her face. The prisoner merely lifted her up and did not molest her at all, but directed her on her homeward journey. This stile he might explain was situated only a short distance from the Newcastle turnpike, and he (Mr Oliver) put it to the Bench, would it be likely that the prisoner who bore a stainless and honourable character, would commit an aggravated offence like the present in broad daylight, and within a stone's throw of a farm house and a public highway. He then called

John Davison, miner, of Kyo, who said that on Monday, the 4th inst., the prisoner overtook him between Collierley Dykes and Stobb House Farm. They went together along the lane and getting on to the Newcastle turnpike road, they afterwards proceeded across the stile into the field, and the prisoner jumped over the second stile. He noticed the prosecutrix coming along the field, and on reaching the stile she stumbled a little and then fell upon her face, her clothes being disarranged. The prisoner picked her up, and the prosecutrix, after another slight stumble, went on her way to Kyo. Mrs Dale would be about a quarter of a mile off her home. She was drunk, as near as could be, and staggered about. The prisoner never molested her or assaulted her in an indecent manner. He saw prosecutrix at Dipton at half-past two the same afternoon, and she was not sober then.

Cross-questioned by Mr Welford: The distance from the stile to the turnpike was not 200 yards. This was not the prisoner's way home.

The Bench then consulted in private for a few moments, and on returning into Court, the Chairman said the magistrates had unanimously agreed to send the case for trial at the Sessions.

The prisoner was admitted to bail—himself being bound over in the sum of £40, and to find two sureties of £20 a-piece. The required sureties, however, not being forthcoming, the prisoner was removed into the police cells.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM.

GREAT DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

A tremendous thunderstorm visited the Consett district on Friday and Saturday last, but happily no damage to property or injury to life and limb is reported. On Friday afternoon a thunderstorm passed over Annfield Plain and the neighbourhood, which lasted for a short time, and total darkness reigned over the place. On Saturday, some refreshing showers of rain fell, as the land was parched and dry and hard, all vegetation is greatly benefited by the genial showers. At Lumley, the damage done to property was very great, and the escape of lives miraculous. The vivid flashes of lightning struck the Old Hall, at Great Lumley. Mr George Richardson—the present occupier of the ancient building—and family were greatly alarmed, as the lightning appeared to travel through all the rooms, smashing in a most complete manner the pictures, looking glasses, and windows. Part of the east end gable fell down with a loud crash, and the frame work of the windows, together with stones, were scattered at a distance of between 20 and 30 yards. In one room the wall paper was well singed, and the plaster torn from the north front wall. Four men, two women, and a lad were also struck down by lightning. Several hens and ducks were also killed. Great Lumley Hall is supposed to have been built in 1660. The storm was severely felt at Stanhope and district. At Railway Terrace, the house of Mr Dixon was struck by the lightning which descended the chimney, carrying the whole of its contents into the front room, the floor of which was completely covered with soot. At Parson Byres Farm two trees were struck, one of which was split. At the neighbouring farm of Woodcroft occupied by Mrs Garrat, a cow was killed. The deluge of water from Parson Byres quarry flooded the farmhouse and out-buildings belonging to Mr G. Bainbridge, and 86 roods of permanent way at the various quarries have suffered by the flood. Stanhope Castle was flooded as well, the water being 18 inches deep in the entrance hall. At Rookhope, in Weardale, a house was struck at Stotsfieldburn, the chimney and gable being considerably shattered.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONFERENCE AT SOUTH SHIELDS.

The sixty-fourth annual assembly of this denomination was opened on Wednesday, in the New Chapel, Laygate, the cost of which had been £5,400. The Rev Joseph Wood, M.A., president, occupied the chair, and conducted the devotional exercises. The reception of delegates was the first business which engaged attention, the total number being 199. The Sunderland District, comprising over 24,000 members, was represented by 24 delegates, all of whom were present. The Rev W. Bowe (Stanley), H. Gilmore (North Shields), J. Hallam (Gateshead), J. Atkinson (Stockton), T. Southron (Newcastle), Alderman G. Charlton (Gateshead), Mr John Coward (Durham), and Mr R. Clapham (Yarm), were some of the more prominent representatives of the Sunderland District.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

The nomination of a successor to Rev J. Wood as usual excited great interest, the nominations being Rev W. Cutts (secretary of the General Missions, and who retires in favour of the Rev J. Atkinson, of Stockton), Rev T. Southron (Superintendent of Newcastle 2nd), Alderman G. Charlton (Gateshead), Rev. Joseph Toulson (London), and Rev N. W. Stafford (Tunstall). After the claims of each nominee had been submitted, the result of the ballot showed that the issue was between the two first nominated, the Rev W. Cutts having 92 votes, and the Rev Thomas Southron 80. Mr Cutts was therefore declared the future president, having secured a majority of the votes of the Conference. Although there was a strong feeling for the position to be occupied by a layman, as it was sixteen years since a layman was in the chair, Alderman Charlton gracefully withdrew in favour of, what he considered, the superior claims of Mr Southron. The ex-President, who was very heartily thanked for his efficient and valuable services during the past year, congratulated the president-elect, and handed over to him the insignia of office, consisting of a bible.

Mr CUTTS, after thanking the ex-president and other members of the Conference for their expression of confidence and esteem, referred with unmingled satisfaction to the great and general prosperity the Connexion had been favoured with during the past year, and indicated the subjects for consideration, which included their colleges, mission work, Equilization Fund, superannuation preachers, and other matters.

The Conference then proceeded to appoint the Rev T. Southron the vice-president. The Rev J. Hallam, Gateshead, was elected the principal secretary, other appointments taking place to meet the requirements of the assembly. The rest of the day was occupied in the election of special committees for expediting and reducing the labour of the conference. In the evening sermons were delivered in the Conference-chapel by Rev R. Fenwick, book steward; Glebe Chapel, by Rev J. Ferguson; Jarrow, by Rev T. Mitchell, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper being observed at the close, when the Rev C. C. Mackechnie, editor, J. Young, Manchester, and T. Penrose, Reading, took part. There was also a public meeting in the Maple Street Chapel, Newcastle 2nd Circuit, presided over by Mr J. D. Kemp, London, and addressed by Revs S. Lloyd, J. Prestwich, T. Whittaker, and Mr Jones.

The Conference resumed yesterday (Thursday) morning, the President (Rev W. Cutts) in the chair. The statistics of the Connexion for 1883 are as follows:—Number of members, 196,480; deaths, 2,821; travelling preachers, 1,147; local preachers, 15,982; Connexional chapels, 4,437; other places, 1,812; value of Church property, £2,812,263 17s; debt on Church property, £1,087,015 18s 2d; schools, 4,184; teachers, 61,215; scholars, 400,897; scholars, members of society—over 14 years, 14,941; under 14 years, 13,412. Increase, 5,151; deaths, 240; travelling preachers—decrease, 5; local preachers, 256; leaders, 96; Connexional chapels, 40; other places—decrease, 39; value of Church property, £100,651 3s 9d; debt on Church property, £2,983 13s 8½d; schools, 28; teachers, 944; scholars, 8,359; scholars, members of society—over 14 years, 551; under 14 years, 1,797. The committee were pleased to report an increase of 233 members, and that the funds were in an improved condition.—The report was received.

A wall letter-box will shortly be established at Medomsley Edge, with one collection on week-days.

ROWLEY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

Special services to commemorate the opening of the Sunday school connected with the unique chapel at the above beautifully-situated hamlet were held with apparent success on Saturday and Sunday last. Unfortunately on the former day rain descended in torrents, while the vivid flash of the lightning's forked gleam, followed by the thunder's awful peal, all seemed to augur poorly for the success of the proceedings. Notwithstanding this, a public tea was held in the chapel, and at which above 100 persons partook of a well-were spread repast of dainties, &c. The tables presided over by Misses Leybourne, Bulman, Angus, Hall, and Ingram.

In the evening a public meeting was held, presided over by the revered pastor of the Church, Rev E. W. Jenkins. The building was crowded in every available part by a very respectable audience. The proceedings were opened by prayer and praise, after which

The CHAIRMAN remarked that it gave him unbounded gratification in again being present at another anniversary of that Sunday school. Good had oftimes been accomplished at occasions like these. There was a certain class of people who never attended a place of worship but on occasions like that one, and who knew but what some of the words spoken by the children might have sunk deep down into their hearts, and been the means of them changing their sinful life to a one devoted to the glory of God. The morality of a district had to be sustained by the churches therein; and where would the churches be if it were not for that grand and noble institute, the Sunday school? It is from there that our places are filled when we leave this mortal coil; and what was more exhilarating to a Christian parent than to see his beloved son growing up under the grace of God to occupy the position of his father in the Church. (Hear, hear). Sabbath school work is an illustrious occupation, and one that every Christian ought to take a delight in it—aye, they should make it their special duty to help thereat, as it is one of the best means possible of furthering God's cause. (Applause). The rev. chairman then called upon

Mr A. ANGUS, secretary, to give his report. That gentleman said the number of scholars on the roll was 71, it being an increase of 5 to that of last year—8 having left and 2 taken away by death, while there had been 15 admitted. The average attendance was 40. There were 21 teachers, the average attendance being 12.

This was followed by very interesting addresses from Mr WALKER (superintendent of the school), and also Mr GOWLAND, of Waskerley, both of whom impressed upon the audience the all-importance of Sunday schools and the effects accruing therefrom.

The Rev J. ROACH, of Consett, was next introduced, when he received a very enthusiastic reception. In thanking them for their demonstrative welcome to him, Mr Roach said it would always give him pleasure to do anything that lay in his power for the friends at Rowley—(applause)—as he had found there was something sound in them—men who were characteristically earnest and of one accord in their prayers, and who always entered heartily into the work for the Master. (Hear, hear). Not only then, but in generations past, were the worshippers of that church noted for their devotedness to God's work. When the chapel at Rowley was first erected, the cost of it was £33, and the members in that day had to put forth strenuous efforts to raise that sum. They were were also conspicuous for the great interest they took in the young; and it was always made a point that their young men and women should marry believers, so as to uphold the moral and religious character the district at that time possessed. (Applause). Not only did the Baptists do this, but also other bodies, especially the Wesleyans, who made it a rule that they should not marry out of their own connection. They looked upon this as the best means of bringing up their children under the guidance of God to fill their places; and in like manner the present generation had to look to the Sabbath school. It was from there that the future ministers and great men of the day would spring from; and who may know but that, out of the eight scholars that had left the school, some of them were strong pillars in the church in some part of the world? Why the joy of the teachers at Rowley would be unbounded to know that their labours which they thought fruitless had been so successful. (Loud applause). Sunday school work should be a delight to all Christians. Some soon lost courage when they did not see the fruit of their labours; they had not to look for it then, but to trust in God, and in time the blessings would shower down in abundance. Anniversaries were also a source of encouragement to the teacher, as after employing many hours in training the scholars, his heart seemed to throb with delight to see them acquit themselves so admirably. They were going from anniversary to anniversary, and, if it pleased God, he hoped they would all meet in that great and glorious anniversary in heaven. (Applause).

Mr J. BROWN (who has for the past thirty years helped in the cause at Rowley), of Middlesbrough, also addressed the meeting, but on account of the lateness of the hour he had to abridge his remarks, which were very interesting and edifying, and his sound advice will no doubt be carried for years by those who had the pleasure to hear him.

In the course of the evening the children recited portions of scripture, dialogues, &c., and also sung hymns and anthems under the leadership of Mr T. Duckworth (who does really deserve praise for his zealous efforts in getting up the pieces), with the assistance of the choir, and they fully sustained the reputation they hold for the excellent rendering of all that was executed. The harmonium was skilfully presided at by Mr J. Leybourne.

On Sunday, a sermon was preached in the morning by Mr Brown, and an address was given to parents and teachers in the afternoon by the Rev E. W. Jenkins; while in the evening a children's service was held, conducted by these two gentlemen. At each of the services, the place was filled, especially so in the evening, when many had to return home, not being able to gain admittance. The children during the day also gave dialogues, singing, &c., very competently, and we can safely say that this has been one of the most successful anniversaries that has been held at Rowley for some years past.

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A new Presbyterian church is about to be erected at Harrogate. Designs having been invited in competition, that of Mr W. Lister Newcombe, F.R.I.B.A., was selected, and building operations will shortly be commenced. The same architect's designs have also been adopted after competition for extensive Co-operative Store buildings to be erected at West Pelton.

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FRANCHISE MEETING AT OXHILL.

A meeting was held on Saturday in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Oxhill, under the auspices of the Durham County Franchise Association. In connection with the meeting there was a coffee supper, the proceeds of which were in aid of the chapel fund. The chair was occupied by

Mr R. GRAY of Oxhill, who at the outset apologised for the non-attendance of two of the speakers who were announced on the bill. He could say that the speakers they had were men of ability. Some people might disparage a cause because the speakers were workingmen and ofttimes meetings were raised into a high state of enthusiasm simply because the speaker had a high-sounding name. But he believed this question of the extension of the Franchise was a workingman's question, and could be dealt with best by them. If the entire working population were but in earnest, the matter would be speedily and properly settled. The people had looked too much to others, and had been led along the lines others had sketched out, but they must be the pioneers of their own position, and learn the all important lesson of self-dependence. They were the best judges of their position. They would, with him, welcome at all times any extraneous help, but that help must enervate them if depended on entirely. He was glad to see that the miners of Durham were in the van in this movement. For years they had kept the spirit aflame, and they were not only looking to the time when the right for which they had striven (when all else seemed locked in lethargy) would be attained, but were preparing themselves for a use of when secured. The benefits which lay within the extended franchise would not accrue simply because of that extension; but because it was used properly. The question now agitating the miners was whether they were to be merged into a common mass of voters, or whether they should form a party distinct from all others? The latter idea had his approval and support, and he believed the county of Durham was ready for such action. (Applause).

Mr J. JOHNSON, of Andrew's House, in the course of an able speech, reviewed the struggles which had taken place in the cause of Reform. Describing the state of the Franchise prior to 1832 and 1867, he spoke of the agitations which preceded them, especially the former. Prior to the '32 Reform Bill the politics of this country were managed by the aristocracy. They held the political life entirely in their own hands, and they controlled it for their own interest. Either the aristocracy or their creatures were the representatives in the House. The people had a part to play in elections, and at no other time. They were the spectators at the play and did the shouting or else dressed in party colours to suit the whim of their employers; they took an active, but brutal part in the rowdyism which disgraced the election times. The senators might declare war, or make peace; they might contract injurious treaties, and place burdensome prohibitory taxes at our ports, to prevent the introduction of commodities from other countries where they could be produced cheaper than in England, and thus impoverish the many, to enrich the few. These things might be done and those most affected never consulted. 1832 saw the introduction of the Middle Classes, but these forgot the others who were left outside the pale. That which was an injustice when they were outside the Franchise became justice as soon as they were admitted. 1867 introduced the householders in the Boroughs, but these had not been so earnest as they ought to have been. Professed Liberals who played a false game once would never have the opportunity again. It was a sorrowful fact that there were Boroughs where the working men held the voting power and yet Tories were returned. This arose from the want of cohesion among the people. With a compacted people alive to their own interest, an anomaly like this would never take place. He had great faith in the introduction of a Reform Bill, but he believed attempts would be made to modify it. To make the Bill a success the people must agitate. Some said "Keep quiet; it will come all right." He advised the opposite; the people must demand and then they would receive. The interested character of the House of Commons was not such as would warrant them being quiet. It was not "Seek and ye shall find; ask and it shall be given," but like all rights witheld it would need demanding. They must not only knock but shake the doors and make those who were now in the House feel their seats were not safe unless they meted out justice. This being done then would they speedily realise the object for which they had so long striven. (Loud cheers).

Mr P. REAY, of Annfield Plain, gave a clear exposition of the aims of the Franchise Association, and the work it had done. He was attentively listened to and frequently applauded. He said that there was not a single item in its programme which was not founded on reason and right; and he felt assured would carry the approval of all those who loved justice and equality. He would not say that they would meet the appreciation of those who now grew fat and flourished on the existence of the evils at which the Association aimed for, he knew that by the action of pure mental laws a thief left in uninterrupted possession might in time fancy himself the legitimate owner of the position or property. However, being right on their side they might safely count on success. Let any person take the programme of the Franchise Association and after giving it a careful consideration he would conclude that all its requests were reasonable. The fundamental question was the claim that all men were equal in the eyes of justice, and as a citizen of a county every man had the same right to share in the management of the country. Poverty should be no bar; nor should riches give a factitious right. These were but the accidentals in the existence of a human being. In the fluctuations of society a prince of to-day might be a beggar of to-morrow. This change was within the possibilities of life, and far oftener within the probabilities than we imagine. If men were willing to work at honest toil and stand fat the paths of morality, he should not be deprived of any rights of citizenship. This was their contention, and who could gainsay it? The doctorine of expeding might be urged against them, but there had been too much compromise in this and other similar questions. The other matters would bear examination equally as well as this. They claimed the abolition of royalty rents; a thorough reform in the Land Laws. There was likewise a claim that the Church should be separated from the state. To a religious man the connection was simply a desecration to say the least speaking from the lower and broader ground of citizenship, it was an injustice that the nation should be taxed for the support of one particular form of the Christian religion—one out of many. While the other sects have by voluntary subscription supported and now support their own peculiar form of worship. These reforms were needed, but if effected would have to be done by the people. The speaker concluded a very eloquent speech by urging them to be patient but firm in their agitation. If so, success was sure, and they would have the pleasure when the end was gained of knowing they had done their best to aid that success.

The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

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WEDDED, BUT NO WIFE:

A TALE OF A GREAT WRONG.

CHAPTER X.

THE OLD, OLD STORY.

Like a skilful strategist Dr. Lyon determined to push on his suit with Violet as rapidly as possible. Since the night of the dance at her mother's house, where he first saw and became fascinated with her, he had made up his mind to have her for his wife. With every art in his power he had striven to win her love, and on the day he had walked with her up the hill from Cliff Crescent to Cher Terrace he had become convinced that he had succeeded. He read her heart that day in her changing colour and the slight quivering of her voice, and he was more than ever bent on pressing on to victory. But he did not proceed so rashly as to betray the game he was playing to any lookers-on in Cherton. The eyes of the sharpest dowager could not have detected him even in a flirtation when he and Violet met as they often did in society, unless she had encountered the pair on the rare occasions when they met absolutely alone and safe from all prying eyes, and Adrien permitted himself to indulge in those artifices by which he simulated love. It was an excellent imitation, so good indeed that it would have deceived a girl with far more experience of the world than Violet. But love it was not. Passion Adrien Lyon felt for the fair young girl, and ambitious as he was he strove to win her that he might glory in the possession of a treasure for which other men were ready to die; and grasping as he was, he sought her hand because he had obtained a copy of her father's will, which had led him to believe that Violet was rich, and money was an object to Adrien Lyon.

At last one night a card of invitation to an evening party at Canon Witherfield's, where he felt certain he would meet Violet, induced him to take immediate action. It was May. In the following month Violet would have to spend the season in London; when that was over, he argued, it might be too late for him to speak. He knew that her mother was carefully angling for Lord Faircombe, who seemed not by any means averse to be hooked. Adrien Lyon knew, however, he had a difficult part to play. He felt assured that were he to set at work openly and ask Lady Proudfoot for her daughter's hand, it would be refused him; and even if not absolutely refused, awkward questions might be asked him as to his means, which he was anxious to avoid. Long and anxiously he had thought the matter over, and as he dressed that evening to go to Canon Witherfield's he came to the conclusion that the marriage, if it were to take place at all, must be a secret one. He admitted to himself as he gave the finishing touches to his toilet, that he would have great difficulties to encounter, but as he scented his handkerchief and looked contemplatively in the glass, he felt confident he could overcome them.

A vision of bright costumes and merry faces met him, as he was ushered into Mrs. Witherfield's drawing-room, and that lady smilingly greeted him.

He gazed round the room, and to his satisfaction saw Violet seated on an ottoman talking with the Rev. Alured Fitzallan. He was far too old a diplomatist, however, to turn at once in her direction; but was soon engaged in a lively conversation with Lettie Witherfield, the Canon's daughter, who although still young, had passed through her first youth, and weary of waiting for offers that never came, would, report in Cherton said, have not been averse had the handsome Dr. Lyon made her one. It was the doctor's game rather to encourage her, and that evening he made himself more than usually agreeable. Miss Witherfield was passionately fond of music, and the doctor, who had recently paid one of his flying visits to London, entertained her with an account of a concert to which he said he had been. He grew quite poetical over a dreamy sonata by Schumann, and a quaint conceit of Chopin's he had heard, and Lettie's colour came and went as he described the thoughts which the art of the musicians had conjured up, of a garden redolent with the breath of roses and bathed in the flood of a summer moonlight, while two lovers walked in the shaded avenue and the old, old, story was told again to the music of a nightingale singing in a neighbouring wood. Adrien Lyon played his part well, and the deep rich tones of his voice seemed to poor Lettie like the notes of some rich instrument; but had she been a keener observer, she would have noted that the doctor's thoughts were far away from what he was saying, and that his eyes were resting on a fair young face that was not hers.

There came a hush in the conversation and the tones of a deep contralto voice rang through the room. The song was the then popular air—"Thy voice is near," and Adrien under cover of the music glided from Miss Witherfield's side, and seated himself next Violet, whose companion had been attracted to the piano.

The song ceased

"Is it not charming, Dr. Lyon?" whispered Violet.

"Most beautiful, Miss Proudfoot, and what a wealth of meaning it has to those who can interpret it aright."

"Ah! I am so stupid, although I enjoy music intensely, I can never interpret its meaning even to myself."

"You say so, Miss Proudfoot, yet it is not difficult; for to a pure heart, music can speak nought but pure thoughts."

Violet flushed slightly, and hung down her head. "What would you say, for instance, that song said to me?"

"Surely it can have but one meaning to all, to woman or man; for is it not the outpouring of the soul after that ideal for which all seek, the longing to know there is one perfect heart which beats in accord with one's own; one soul which would have the same thought as one's own?"

Violet's flush grew deeper.

"Do you not feel the room very close, Miss Proudfoot?"

"Yes," replied Violet, slowly fanning herself.

"The conservatory is empty, suppose we go there."

He rose and offered his arm. Violet took it. He noted that their retreat was not observed. The conservatory was unlighted and looked refreshingly cool.

"How pretty the room looks, Dr. Lyon," said Violet, as she seated herself.

"Very pretty," he replied, bending over her.

There was silence for several minutes.

"You are somewhat *triste* to-night, Dr. Lyon, are you tired?"

"No, Miss Proudfoot. I was thinking—"

"Of what?"

"Of one of the first conversations we ever had together in your mother's conservatory. Do you remember?"

"Yes."

"You dropped a rosebud from your bouquet that night. I have kept it ever since."

The flush on Violet's face grew deeper. She was silent.

"Do you know why I kept it?"

A hesitating low-voiced "No!" was the answer.

"Because," and Dr. Lyon's voice grew strangely soft and tender as he whispered, "because I wanted something to keep as a remembrance of you. Because I saw in you the ideal for which my heart longed, and I feared that it would never be mine; but now, I hope, I think it will be."

He took her hand. She trembled violently.

"Miss Proudfoot—Violet!" he continued in low tender tones, "forgive me, I have agitated you, but I thought, I believed, you were not indifferent to me. Say I am wrong, say that you do not love me, and I will go from you bearing with me a dead heart! Violet, my peerless one! my queen! do you love me?"

The answer came low-whispered. It was "Yes!" He stooped down and pressed his lips on her forehead.

"Two souls with but a single thought. Two hearts that beat as one," he murmured.

There was a pause. He was content.

"Wait till you are more composed and then we will return. No one must see we have been talking together."

"But, my mother, Adrien!"

"Hist! there is some one coming," he replied, sinking his voice to a low whisper, "trust me implicitly, Violet, until we meet again, which must be to-morrow. Meanwhile not one word of this to any one."

"I promise, Adrien."

Adrien Lyon slipped into the garden, gently closing the door of the conservatory.

In another minute Violet was face to face with the good Canon.

"All by yourself, my dear," he said, kindly.

"The room was very warm, and I came here to rest."

"Quite right, my dear, quite right; but let me lead you back again, if you feel able."

She rose and took his arm, and once more mingled among the groups in the drawing-room.

The room was very crowded, and she prayed that Dr. Lyon's absence would not be noticed.

She need not have feared. Within less than five minutes after she returned to the drawing-room that astute gentleman had made his way there also through the hall by means of the dining-room window; somewhat scaring in so doing the Canon's servants, who were laying the supper.

The doctor shortly after took his leave; a penetrating glance at Violet, who was under Mrs. Witherfield's wing at the time, was his only farewell.

(To be continued.)

Councillor A. O. Smith has been elected an alderman of Durham City, in the room of Alderman Thomas White, whose seat has been declared vacant.

Petitions to Parliament against the orders in Council of 20th April, 1883, under the Explosives Act, relating to the keeping of dynamite and guncotton, were on Monday forwarded by the working miners and quarrymen from Northumberland and Durham to Mr Thos. Burt, M.P., for presentation to the House of Commons:— Northumberland petition, 394 signatures; Durham, 659.

MINER'S MEETING AT CROOK.—At a meeting of the miners employed at the extensive collieries belonging to Messrs Pease and Partners, held on Saturday, at Crook, resolutions in favour of the Employers' Liability Amendment Bill and the Extension of the County Franchise were adopted. —Mr D. Reed, of Leadgate, and Mr J. Lee, of Ushaw Moor, were the chief speakers.

In his inaugural address to the Gas Institute of Sheffield, on Tuesday, the President (Mr Paterson, Cheltenham), referring to the electric light, said that Parliament had invited electricians to lay siege to them. Electricians must, however, expect to meet a well-equipped and stubborn foe, for gas engineers would not voluntarily yield an inch to them. They wished electricians no ill, but gas must ever remain the best and cheapest light for the houses of England.

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THE DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER'S BILL.—In connection with Monday night's division in the House Lords on the bill to legalise marriage with a deceased wife's sister, it appears that the vote is the heaviest which has taken place on the subject in the Upper House. In the session of 1880 their Lordships rejected the measure by 101 to 90. Last year the adverse majority was reduced to 4, the numbers being 128 for and 132 against. On each occasion had the votes of the bishops been excluded from the reckoning the bill would have been carried. Those voting for the measure last year included the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Duke of Albany. Once through the Lords, it is said the progress of the measure in the Commons will be easy enough. The *Times* says it is understood that the opposition to the bill for legalising marriage with a deceased wife's sister will, contrary to the usual custom in the House of Lords, be strenuously renewed when the bill reaches the next stage.

THE DURHAM COALOWNERS AND THEIR WORKMEN.—On Monday, at a meeting of the Durham Federation Board, held at the Miners' Hall, North Road, Durham, Mr William Crawford reported that a meeting took place between the representatives of the Board and of the Durham Coalowners' Association, on Saturday last, at the Coal Trade Offices, in Newcastle—Mr Henry Murton, of Biddick Hall, presiding. The representatives of the Federation Board made an application to the coalowners to revert back to the system of ten hours per diem for coal-drawing, and also the claim for an advance of wages for boys both above and below the age of 16 years. The coalowners, after hearing arguments *pro* and *con*, agreed to forward their reply in writing to the Federation Board. A question was then raised with reference to the wages of the cokemen, who claimed an increase of prices. The matter was referred by mutual consent to the decision of Mr Meynell, the Chairman of the Joint Committee and Judge of the Durham County Court. The average of the wages made by hewers in the county of Durham was also discussed, and eventually the question was relegated to the consideration of the Sliding Scale Committee.

LAY WORK IN THE DIOCESE OF DURHAM.—The Bishop of Durham has addressed the following letter to each of the two Archdeacons of the diocese:—"My Dear Archdeacon,—Arrangements have been made for holding a service in Durham Cathedral on Friday, June 22nd, at 3 P.M., at which I purpose addressing the lay workers of the diocese. I shall be obliged, therefore, if you will request the clergy of your archdeaconry, through the rural deans, to invite the attendance of the members of their Parochial Lay Help Associations, and all the lay helpers in their several parishes, including lay readers, district visitors, Sunday school teachers, associates of the Girls' Friendly Society, the Friendless Girls' Society, and the Young Men's Friendly Society, and officers of the various branches of the Church of England Temperance Society and the White Cross Army. I purpose also on this occasion admitting, in the presence of the congregation, those lay readers who, having received their commission, have not yet been formally admitted to their office; and I request the clergy of their several parishes to make this known to them, and to send me the names of those who are able to attend. It is my earnest hope that, thus meeting together for common worship, we may by God's blessing be led to realise more fully our responsibilities and privileges as members of Christ's body, and may thus return to our work with renewed vigour and heightened resolution.—I am, my dear Archdeacon, very faithfully yours,—J. B. DUNELM.

Cricket.

CRICKET APPOINTMENTS.

June 16th, Consett White Stars *v.* Castleside at Consett.
" 16th, Consett *v.* North Elswick, at Consett.
" 16th, Tanfield *v.* Tow Law at Tanfield.
" 16th, Burnopfield *v.* Dipton at Burnopfield.
" 23rd, Consett *v.* Forest Hall at Consett.
" 23rd, Tanfield *v.* Stanley at Stanley.
" 23rd, Burnopfield *v.* Medomsley at Medomsley.
" 23rd, Marley Hill *v.* Whickham at Whickham.
" 23rd, Burnopfield 2nd *v.* Consett at Burnopfield 2nd.
" 30th, Burnopfield *v.* Tanfield at Tanfield.
July 7th, Tanfield *v.* Dipton at Dipton.
" 7th, Consett *v.* Forest Hall at Forest Hall.
" 7th, Burnopfield *v.* West Pelton at West Pelton.
" 14th, Tanfield *v.* Medomsley at Tanfield.
" 14th, Burnopfield *v.* Dipton at Dipton.
" 14th, Consett *v.* Marley Hill at Consett.

LANGLEY PARK *v.* CORNSAY.—Played on the ground of the former on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team. Good scores were made by C. Smith and J. Clark for Langley, and by J. Halker for the visitors. Score: Langley Park, 101; Cornsay, 21.

USWORTH TRUE BLUE *v.* DIPTON.—Played on Saturday se'nnight, at Usworth, and although the Dipton team played two men short throughout, they succeeded in gaining a second easy victory over the Usworth team. The batting of Messrs. R. Tindale and W. C. Murray for Dipton was really good, and the bowling of R. Tindale was considerably above his ordinary form. Scores:—Usworth, 32; Dipton, 147.

TANFIELD *V.* GREENSIDE.

Played at Greenside on Saturday last, the result being a draw greatly in favour of the visitors. The home team being afraid to finish the last over, of which one ball had only been bowled, when their umpire called time up. The captain having no control over his eleven, the game ended as below. Scores:—

TANFIELD.		GREENSIDE.	
W. Taylor b Fellis	9	W. Lishman c Newman b Temple	0
E. Reay b Lumly	22	G. Richardson run out	0
Rev C. H. Newman b Lishman	15	W. Lumly b Temple	12
D. Temple c and b Lishman	0	Rev R. Ord b Jewitt	3
T. Jewitt c Green b Lishman	10	W Snowdon b Jewitt	0
W.T Brown b Lishman	18	J. Hall b Jewitt	8
C. Fawcett b Lishman	0	J. Fellis not out	3
J. Robson c Ord b Lishman	0	G. Greener b Jewitt	0
T. Curry b Lumly	5	R. Hall b Jewitt	0
H. Handcock b Lumly	8	W. J. Robson run out	0
J. Laidley not out	0	Obstruction	0
Extras	6	Extras	6
Total	93	Total	32

LEADGATE SWALLOWS *V.* CONSETT LILYWHITES.

Played at Consett on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the home team by six runs. Scores:—

LEADGATE SWALLOWS.		CONSETT LILYWHITES.	
J. Black run out	4	J. Jenkins c Davison b Brown	1
A. Prince b Cockburn	0	M. Williamson b Brown	6
H. Brown c Jenkins b Griffiths	9	R. Winter c Campbell b Brown	5
G. Campbell b Griffiths	6	T. Griffiths b Westhope	7
A. Burnhope b Cockburn b Griffiths	0	J. Cockburn c Smith b Brown	13
T. Walton run out	0	J. Hull run out	5
R. Westhope b Griffiths	3	R. Cockburn b Campbell	1
J. Smith b Cockburn	5	W. Spence run out	0
J. Davison b Cockburn	0	J. Hunter b Brown	0
A. Applegarth b Cockburn	0	A. McWilliams b Campbell	1
R. Craig not out	1	H. Davies not out	4
Extras	7	Extras	12
Total	40	Total	55

BLACKHILL ALBIONS *V.* MEDOMSLEY.

This match was played at Blackhill on Saturday, and after a well contested game resulted in a victory for the home team. Score:—

MEDOMSLEY.		BLACKHILL.	
T. Adamson b Oliver	0	J. Vivian c Robinson b Adamson	0
G. Carr c Smith b Oliver	0	R. Oliver b Thompson	1
W. Robinson b Oliver	8	W. Unsworth b Adamson	8
W. Simpson b Oliver	4	W. Oliver b Robinson	5
J. Taylor b Smith	0	T. Williams b Thompson	2
W. Walton b Oliver	0	T. Chilton not out	2
W. Thompson b Oliver	0	T. Unsworth b Thompson	0
T. Smith not out	1	W. Oliver run out	0
W. Egglestone b Oliver	2	J. Smith c and b Robinson	0
R. Cant c and b Oliver	0	W. Robinson b Thompson	0
J. Hunter c and b Oliver	0	J. Byers c Thompson	0
Extras	4	Extras	3
Total	16	Total	21

ALLENDALE JUNIORS *V.* LEADGATE JUNIORS.

This match was played on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for Allendale by 21 runs. Score:—

ALLENDALE JUNIORS.		LEADGATE JUNIORS.	
F. Murphy run out	3	J. Aggison b Bailey	0
W. Steel c Campbell b Aggison	2	J. Anderson c Steel b Bailey	1
J. College c Bullock b Aggison	0	R. Campbell b Hunter	1
W. Batey b Campbell	2	M. Turner b Hunter	1
J. Hunter c Hunter b Aggison	2	W. McTosh thrown out	2
T. Burns c Campbell b Aggison	3	T. Bullock b Hunter	2
J. Platt b Turner	3	T. Warlow b Hunter	0
R. Bell b Turner	7	M. Rule b Bailey	4
J. Page run out	3	T. Hewitt b Bailey	2
J. Carr run out	3	J. Hunter not out	0
T. Walton not out	1	J. Johnston b Bailey	0
Extras	6	Extras	1
Total	35	Total	14

CONSETT *V.* MEDOMSLEY.

The above match was played on Saturday on the Consett ground, and resulted in a victory for the former by 20 runs. For the visitors Messrs R. Little and M. Milburn played in good form, while the home team received excellent service at the hands of Messrs P. Gibson and I. Richards. Score:—

CONSETT.		MEDOMSLEY.	
C. H. Winter b Cawthorne	0	A. Little b I. Richards	17
C. Davison c and b Jackson	4	W. Bell c Jameson b Davison	3
Dr G. Renton b Cawthorne	2	M. Milburn st Flynn b Jas. Richards	17
P. Gibson run out	28	T. Murphy run out	2
T. Jameson b Cawthorne	0	F. Jackson c Winter b Stephenson	7
I. Richards c Little	17	J. Murphy c O'Donnell b Stephenson	1
P. Flynn c Murphy b Cawthorne	6	J. Adamson run out	0
Dr O'Donnell lbw b Cawthorne	0	R. Chaytor not out	0
Jas. Richards c Little b Cawthorne	8	J. Bell b I. Richards	0
J. Costello b Chaytor	0	R. Cawthorne b I. Richards	0
J. Stephenson not out	1	W. Walker c Flynn b Winter	1
Extras	5	Extras	3
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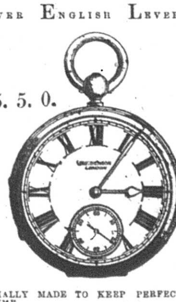
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LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting was held in the Reading-room, Leadgate, on Wednesday afternoon, the Chairman, Mr R. W. Shaw, presiding. The other members present were Messrs W. H. Hedley, W. Brown, J. H. Hudson, W. Keenleyside, T. Lammonby, G. Nicholson, J. Davison, L. Nicholson, J. J. Hedley, and M. Robson. The Clerk (Mr Coupland) and the Surveyor (Mr Longstaff) were also present.

The minutes of last meeting were read, and received the approbation of the members.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The following annual report of the Highway Committee was read by Mr W. H. Hedley:—

Your committee having on the 23rd ult. made an inspection of the several highways within the district have now to report their observations as follows:—

Durham Road—This road is now in better, smoother condition generally, than it has been for some years past. It has also gradually been much improved as to width and shape, but in this respect there are still parts of it that require attention, namely, between Leadgate and Iveston Colliery, where in places it is still narrow and sloping too much to West side; also between the top of Boggle Hole Bank and Mr Johnson's new cottages, where it requires widening on north side. At the north-east end of these cottages the road waste will, if levelled down, form a convenient place of deposit for road metal, and it is desirable this should be done—leaving however a roadway open towards the fields. Further work in the way of improvement, which your committee have to suggest are—that about 6 ft. should be taken off the mound on the side opposite the Leadgate Farm House, and the road widened to that extent, and the bend made easier; also that 110 yards of kerbstone and channelling be laid on the south side from the St. Ives Road towards the new houses built and building, and about 40 yards on the opposite side—straightening the line of road at same time. Through Leadgate itself the road will probably next winter stand in need of a coating of limestone, but the greater part of the remainder of this highway being in a fairly sound condition, much less metal on the whole than the average quantity will suffice.

St. Ives Road—Is in fairly good condition now, but rather weak in metal, and somewhat out of form—high on the south side. The footpath opposite the Redwell Hills School takes an awkward turn, and if the school authorities do not object, your committee think it would be a desirable improvement to take down and rebuild about 8 yds. in length of the wall next to the footpath, so as to make the bend in it less abrupt.

Streets in Leadgate—These generally are in fairly good order; a few slack places here and there will need filling up with small slag next winter, and part of the footpaths, which are becoming somewhat bare, will require attention.

Watling Street—In very good condition. The thick coating of slag put on five years ago is now well bedded, and has made a good, sound road. The sides require dressing up. The line of footpath next the houses on the east side is needlessly interfered with by projections from the buildings in two or three places, which can easily be removed, namely, in particular, a low wall opposite Mr Alderson's shop, and another at the north end of the Commercial Inn—the end of which is now within one foot of the kerbing. There is also a set of dilapidated wooden erections in front of what are called Shipley's Cottages, which have a very disgraceful, distressed appearance. There seems no sufficient reason why they should be permitted to remain within the limits of the highway, and your committee consider that these wooden buildings and other projections referred to ought to be removed.

Pont Lane—For more than half the length continues still in a very rough, unshapely condition, and your committee recommend that the Surveyor should give this piece of road more special attention than he has yet done. It does not so much need metal putting on as hand labour. In some places there are rough cobble stones in the middle which want hacking up and breaking—in some the sides are too high for the water to get off the middle, or they slope too quickly towards the deep gutter at the side. At the embankment over the Pont Burn the fencing is in need of repair.

Annfield Lane—In moderately good condition in the middle, but the widening that was commenced about two years ago is not yet finished, and the west side is in consequence out of line. Near the East Castle Colliery the road has been much improved in shape, and the wall next the North-Eastern Railway referred to in last year's report has been completed for some time. On the opposite side next the colliery the fence is broken down in several places—in fact, there is not much of it left, and your committee recommend that the East Castle Colliery Company be requested to make good the fence in a continuous line.

Pontop Pike Lane—In fairly good order for a bye-lane, but will need some slag next winter.

Burnhouse Lane—In tolerably good order. At the New House Burn a plank for a foot bridge in the line of the footpath from Sunniside to Iveston is required, and the Surveyor will see the Lanchester Highway Surveyor about this, that Authority being also concerned with it. At Stoney Heap the occupants of one of the houses and gardens there, named Miles Ellensworth, in quite an unwarrantable way, has from his garden made a deep cutting through the hedge into the highway space 9 or 10 feet in width and 6 feet or more in depth. A fence of a sort has been put round it, but the hole being close by the edge of the road is dangerous, and notice should at once be served on Ellensworth to fill it up.

Brooms Lane—The lower (south) part is rough in places, with cobbles and large ill-broken slag. The top and middle portions are in good order, more especially where, having been affected by pitfalls, these have been filled up and the road widened.

Iveston Street and Bank—The bank and street are in good repair. At the top of the bank the north side is high, tending to cause the water to flow on the middle of road and damage it. The village pond appears to be fairly well supplied with water, and continues to serve a useful purpose.

Stockerley Lane—Is in a fairly good state of repair. The raising at the Witch Hole Bridge, and taking off the crown of the hills on either side, was in progress on the day of the Committee's inspection, and will evidently be a marked improvement for a comparatively inconsiderable cost to this Authority, the farmers near having done free most of the leading required.

The cost of maintaining the district highways during the year ended March 31st, 1883, including the Surveyor's salary, has been £273 3s 1d, but in reduction of this there is receivable from the County Justices the half cost of Durham Road, viz., £49 11s 3d, making the net cost £223 11s 10d.

This is a considerable reduction upon last year's amount, and is in fact the lowest known for several years back.

The estimate for the ensuing year comes out higher than last year, viz., about £255, but this amount is still well within the average cost of previous years.

W. H. HEDLEY,
R. W. SHAW,
W. BROWN,
GEORGE NICHOLSON, } Highway Committee.

ELLENSWORTH'S CASE.

Mr HUDSON thought that immediate steps ought to be taken to make Ellensworth remedy the thing complained of in the report.

Mr G. NICHOLSON said with regard to the wall at St. Ives School, the vicar of the parish (Rev J. W. Mitchell) agreed to the wall being altered, but as he was expecting to treat with the Consett Iron Company for half-an-acre of land to add to the present school play-ground (it being too small), he though it would be best to let the matter rest for a season, as the wall would most likely be altered if this were done.

This received the assent of all the members.

The CHAIRMAN said it would be necessary for some member to move the report be adopted.

Mr HUDSON proposed that the report of the Highway Committee be adopted, and that the Clerk serve notice on Ellensworth according to the suggestions of the Committee.

Mr L. NICHOLSON seconded, and the proposition was carried unanimously.

PURCHASE OF A REEL.

Mr G. NICHOLSON said that the committee appointed to purchase a reel had chosen on one suitable; but since they had done this, the Surveyor had been to Newcastle and witnessed some newly-invented reels at work, and he thought one of these would be far better than the reel the committee had fixed upon.

After the Surveyor promised to have all particulars about the reel he had suggested before the Board at their next meeting, the subject dropped.

CONSETT IRON COMPANY'S NEW STREETS.

Plans were submitted by this Company for the making of new streets and laying sanitary socket-jointed sewerage drains near the Wesleyan Day School, Bottle Bank, which were duly inspected by the members.

The plans were found to be satisfactory, and Mr G. NICHOLSON moved that the same be stamped.

This was done, on the motion being seconded by Mr HUDSON, and agreed to by the members.

STATION ACCOMMODATION FOR LEADGATE.

The Clerk, as instructed at the last meeting, sent a letter to the Directors of the N.E.R. Company, in which he set forth the great need there was for a passenger and goods station at Leadgate, and prayed that their appeal for one to be placed there might be granted. He had received a reply from Mr Tennant (general manager) to the effect that nothing definite had been decided as to placing the stations on the new line, but the Directors desired to say that the Board's appeal would have their best consideration.

The CHAIRMAN: That is very satisfactory. I don't think we can do anything further in the matter until we hear what the Company intend to do as regards placing the stations.

Mr W. H. HEDLEY: I think we ought to write to the Directors and offer to give any details as to the best site for a station for the inhabitants of Leadgate, or any other help they might find to their advantage.

The CHAIRMAN: Certainly the great question will be the site of the station, and it will be to our advantage to offer any assistance, as Mr Hedley suggests, because if the Company once build the station it will stay there, no matter how disadvantageous it is to the ratepayers of Leadgate.

Mr G. NICHOLSON thought this was very desirable, and expressed his opinion that the centre of the town would be the best site for the station.

Mr W. H. HEDLEY eventually proposed "That the letter from the general manager of the N.E.R. Company with reference to the station accommodation in the district having been read, the Chairman and Messrs G. Nicholson and W. Brown be appointed a committee to act for the Board in any further communication with the Company; and that the Clerk acknowledge receipt of the letter, and state that the committee appointed will be glad to wait upon the General Manager or Directors at any time to give further information or explain the views of the Board in reference to the position of the station that will best accommodate this immediate locality."

The CHAIRMAN said he would second this, but suggested that the proposer's name be added to the committee, as he thought he would be a great acquisition, being personally acquainted with some of the Directors, and also having a thorough knowledge of the question under notice.

This the members heartily agreed to.

THREATENING THE BOARD: A BOMBASTIC PROPERTY OWNER.

The CHAIRMAN read the following communication:—

Tin Street, Leadgate,
25th May, 1883.

SIR,—I hereby give you notice not to interfere in removing any soil, lime, or other things that are now lying on the ground in front of my cottages at Iveston, having purchased and paid for them; and also give you notice on behalf of the Leadgate Local Board not to interfere with any portion of my premises that stands 15 feet from the highway opposite such premises; and should you act contrary to this, legal proceedings will be taken against you.—Yours truly,

ROBERT BELL.

Mr Thos. Longstaff, Surveyor to the Leadgate Local Board.

After some deliberation on the subject it was resolved, on the motion of Mr G. NICHOLSON, seconded by Mr BROWN, that the Clerk visit the Copyhold Office at Durham and take a tracing of the ground referred to in Mr Bell's letter, and see whether the land belonged to the public or to some private person, and lay all particulars before the Board at next meeting.

LINE OF STREET.

Mr HUDSON said he would not put forth the motion he had intended to do, which he gave notice of at last meeting, as Mr Shield had determined not to erect the cottages but simply to put up a wooden or stone stable if the Board would give their sanction to the same.

Mr J. J. HEDLEY said there would have to be a separate plan for the stable before they could give their sanction.

The CHAIRMAN said the stable was clearly shown on the plan for the cottages, and Mr Shield might go on with his work, after promising to give a plan of the stable by the next meeting.

Mr G. NICHOLSON: Then I propose that we allow Mr Shield to build as desired, and that he send a plan of the structure he is going to build by next meeting.

This was being seconded by Mr LAMMONBY and agreed to.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Subjoined is the Surveyor's (Mr Longstaff's) monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Leadgate Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—The following highway repairs have been done in the month of May last:—

Durham Main Road.—A few days' work, such as dressing up the sides of road and general manual labour; also one day's team labour, and carrying off loose stones, &c. Your other roads have all had attention given them; Annfield Lane conduits lengthened, and road widened out at the four lane ends near East Castle. Also Pontop Pike Lane widened below the railway, and I have had the formation and metalling at the Witch Hall finished on the Stockerley Lane. Messrs Hudson and Parker have very kindly given three-and-a-half days each carting to the said improvement, which I consider will be a great boon to anyone having team work in that neighbourhood. The general state of your highways will, I expect, be reported on by your Highway Committee.

Annexed are the monthly pay bills:—

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Durham Main Roads:						
Manual labour	1	2	0			
Team labour	0	6	9			
				1	8	9
Other Roads:						
Manual labour	8	16	0			
Team labour	4	14	6			
				13	10	6
Tradesmen's bills				2	5	0
Total				£17	3	3

I am, your obedient servant,
THOS. LONGSTAFF.

June 13th, 1883.

THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Appended is the Inspector's (Mr Longstaff's) monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Leadgate Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month I have inspected your district several times, and I find all the ashpits and privies well cleaned out. I have served eleven official notices, as ordered by you at last meeting. Six of them have been attended to, one nearly done, and the other four I expect to be done before next month. Your main drain will require to be lengthened to Messrs Cragg and Moyle's property. I have served a notice on Mr R. Kinleyside for building a wooden cart shed without a plan.

Gas burnt in the beginning of May month, 53 hours.

Plans will come before you from Mr M. Moyle for privy, coal-house, and ashpit; also from Mr R. Kinleyside for wooden cart-shed. Mr Moyle's house is fit for habitation. Also Mr M. Bell's house is fit for habitation, but with a slight deviation from the plan. Plans will come before you from the Consett Iron Company for new streets and sanitary socket-jointed drains near the Wesleyan Day Schools, Bottle Bank.—I am, yours respectfully,

THOS. LONGSTAFF.

June 13th, 1883.

MR BELL'S PROPERTY.

The Surveyor, in answer to a question, said that the lower storey of Mr Bell's house was 4 inches higher than shown in the plan, and the upper storey was 2½ inches lower than it should have been.

Mr G. NICHOLSON said it was not the fault of Mr Bell that the house was built wrong; but he partly blamed the Board for not instructing their Inspector to look after the property during erection, and see that it was properly built.

Mr HUDSON: I do not see where we are to blame at all; it is the young man himself. What we do is to pass a plan, and when the building is completed, to see if it has been executed according to plan, and see if it is fit for habitation.

Mr G. NICHOLSON: Yes, and added to that we keep an Inspectoor to see that the work is done properly as it is going on.

Mr BROWN: No, no; if our Surveyor did that he would be there from morning to night, and where would his other work go to? That would never do at all.

The CHAIRMAN: I think we might pass over this with a warning to Mr Bell to be more careful in the future, as I am sure he did not do it purposely.

Mr L. NICHOLSON: No doubt; but others might come the same way, and throw it into our teeth that we allowed so-and-so to do this, and why not them?

Mr LAMMONBY: There is no doubt whatever but that the builders knew what they were doing, and imposed upon Mr Bell, this being his first building enterprise.

Mr G. NICHOLSON: Then I say if the Board wants the property to be built according to plan, the Inspector ought to visit the place from time to time, and if he found anything wrong, then to make them pull it down. It would be a very absurd thing to think of pulling the house down after it was finished.

Mr L. NICHOLSON: If we do that we will be making our Inspector into a Clerk of Works, and he would have to be at the place continually. Mr Bell sent a plan in, we passed it, and he should have built according to it.

Mr J. J. HEDLEY here read a clause of the Board's bye-laws, which was to the effect that the Inspector must visit from time to time any building in the course of erection, and see that the work is properly carried out.

The CHAIRMAN: That bears out Mr G. Nicholson's opinion, and in future it must be seen to. However, as Mr Bell's case is so trifling, I would suggest that it be passed over.

Mr KEENLEYSIDE quite concurred with the Chairman.

Mr G. NICHOLSON then proposed that Mr Bell's house be passed in its present state.

This was seconded by Mr KEENLEYSIDE, and agreed to by all the members.

PLANS.

The plans submitted by Mr Moyle and Mr Kinleyside, as stated in the Inspector's report, were passed on the motion of Mr J. J. HEDLEY, seconded by Mr G. NICHOLSON.

NEW RATE.

The Clerk said a new rate would have to be made out, and a special meeting called to accept it.

The CHAIRMAN moved that the Clerk be instructed to make out a rate of 8d in the £ on house property and 2d on land, and that a special meeting be held on the 26th June to sign the same.

FINANCE.

The Clerk announced that the balance in hand was £224 17 8d; and that the month's accounts for the month amounted to £92 9s, which the Finance Committee recommended to be paid.

Mr G. NICHOLSON moved, and Mr KEENLEYSIDE seconded, that cheques be signed for the various amounts.

The meeting then terminated.

CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

WEDNESDAY, June 13th—Before E. J. MEYNELL, Esq., Judge.

A REMUNERATIVE LODGER.

PARKER v. MONTGOMERY.—In this action, Wm. Parker, of Leadgate, sought to recover from Geo. A. Montgomery, a miner, the sum of 18s 6d for board and lodgings.—Mrs Parker alleged that the defendant lodged with her from the 7th until the 24th April last, the agreement being, that he was to pay her 13s per week. He had given her 16s, but as she lent him a shilling, and paid another shilling for tobacco, she was sueing for the balance.—Defendant contended that Mrs Parker agreed to do his washing and mend his clothes for the 13s, and subsequently she refused to do either. He had to pay another woman 2s 6d for washing and 1s for mending.—His Honour found for plaintiff for 16s, to be paid in two instalments.

AN UNSTAMPED AGREEMENT.

ATKINSON v. MOYLE.—George Atkinson, joiner, sued Michael Moyle, of Leadgate, for £1 10s for work done. Mr Welford (Consett) represented the plaintiff, who said he agreed to execute certain joinery work in a five-roomed cottage built by the defendant for the sum of £7.—A written agreement signed by both parties was handed in, but as the document was unstamped, His Honour declined to proceed further with the case, and non-suited the plaintiff, allowing the defendant his costs.—Mr Welford remarked that he knew nothing about the agreement.

A DISPUTED BEER ACCOUNT.

FEGAN v. HARRIS.—This was an action brought by John Fegan, beerhousekeeper, of Blackhill, to recover £1 19s from James Harris, ironworker, as under:—13s 6d for money lent, 15s for drapery goods, and 11s for beer supplied.—The plaintiff explained that the money was lent on various occasions; the draperies consisted of a dress for the defendant's wife; and the beer was taken by the defendant's "fire lad" to where he was employed.—Defendant admitted owing the drapery account, and said that he borrowed a shilling on two or three occasions from the plaintiff, but denied any liability as regards the account for the liquor, although he confessed that his "fire lad" fetched him beer from the plaintiff's house, but he always gave the boy money to pay for it. He (defendant) had paid Mr Fegan between £14 and £15 for beer within the past twelve months.—The plaintiff asserted that this was incorrect, as the defendant had only given him £2 since the beginning of the year.—In answer to His Honour, plaintiff stated he kept the original account on a slate, which he neglected to bring with him.—His Honour non-suited the plaintiff, without costs.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.—Messrs Nicholson and Murray sold at their Mart on Monday, 21 fat cattle; 11 cows and heifers; 3 calves; 37 pigs. Fat cattle from £15 to £34 10s; cows from £10 10s to £26; sheep from 50s to 66s 6d; calves from 20s to 50s; pigs from 26s to 50s. There was a large attendance of farmers and butchers, and trade was brisk at the above prices. There is a very large entry for Monday next, including six grand young S.H. bulls for keepers. See advertisement.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately-flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctor's bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly-nourished frame." *Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in packets labelled, "James Epps and Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London." Also makers of Epps's Chocolate Essence for afternoon use

Railway Time Table.

CONSETT BRANCH.

WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
NEWCASTLE Dep.	5·45	9·40	11·0	12·20	2·40	5·35	7·30
Scotswood "	5·52	9·47	11·7	12·27	2·47	5·42	7·37
Swalwell "	5·59	9·54	11·14	12·34	2·53	5·49	7·44
Rowlands Gill "	6·9	10·4	11·24	12·44	3·3	5·59	7·54
Lintz Green "	6·15	10·10	11·30	12·50	3·9	6·5	8·0
Ebchester "	6·28	10·23	11·40	1·0	3·22	6·18	8·18
Shotley Bridge "	6·34	10·29	11·44	1·4	3·28	6·24	8·19
CONSETT Arr.	6·40	10·35	11·50	1·10	3·33	6·30	8·25

	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
CONSETT Dep.	7·10	10·37	1·12	3·35	4·50	6·33
Knitsley "	7·21	10·48	1·23	3·46	5·1	6·44
Lanchester "	7·30	10·58	1·32	3·55	5·10	6·53
Witton Gilbert "	7·41	11·9	1·43	4·6	5·21	7·4
DURHAM Arr.	7·50	11·20	1·52	4·15	5·30	7·15

	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
DURHAM Dep.	7·25	11·45	2·45	3·50	5·0	8·0
Witton Gilbert "	7·37	11·55	2·55	4·2	5·12	8·12
Lanchester "	7·50	12·8	3·8	4·15	5·25	8·25
Knitsley "	8·2	12·18	3·18	4·25	5·35	8·37
CONSETT Arr.	8·12	12·28	3·28	4·35	5·45	8·47

	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
CONSETT Dep.	8·15	9·10	12·30	3·45	5·48	8·50
Shotley Bridge "	8·20	9·15	12·35	3·50	5·53	8·55
Ebchester "	8·24	9·19	12·39	3·54	5·57	8·59
Lintz Green "	8·34	9·29	12·47	4·4	6·5	9·9
Rowlands Gill "	8·39	9·34	12·52	4·10	6·10	9·14
Swalwell "	8·47	9·42	12·59	4·17	6·17	9·22
Scotswood "	8·54	9·49	1·6	4·24	6·24	9·29
NEWCASTLE Ar	9·5	10·0	1·15	4·35	6·35	9·40

SUNDAYS.

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

MARKET TRAINS ON SATURDAYS.

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

STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	STATIONS.	A.M.
NEWCASTLE ar.	7·10	4·1	DURHAM dep.	7·55
Scotswood	7·17	4·22	Witton Gilbert	8·7
Swalwell	7·24	4·30	Lanchester	8·20
Rowland's Gill	7·34	4·40	Knitsley	8·32
Lintz Green	7·40	4·46	CONSETT arr.	8·45
Ebchester	7·53	4·58	Do. dep.	8·0
Shotley Bridge	7·59	5·5	Shotley Bridge	8·55
CONSETT arr.	8·5	5·12	Ebchester	8·59
Do. dep.	9·20	....	Lintz Green	9·9
Knitsley	9·32	....	Rowlands Gill	9·15
Lanchester	9·41	....	Swalwell	9·22
Witton Gilbert	9·52	....	Scotswood	9·29
DURHAM arr.	10·5	....	NEWCASTLE ar.	9·40

STOCKTON AND DARLINGTON RAILWAY

GOING EAST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Newcastle dep.	5·45	11·0	2·40
CONSETT "	6·50	11·51	4·37
Rowley "	7·0	12·0	4·47
Burnhill Junction "	7·10	12·9	4·57
Tow Law "	7·23	12·22	5·10
CROOK arr.	7·35	12·32	5·22
CROOK dep.	7·40	12·37	5·37
Bishop Auckland "	8·10	1·1	6·9
Darlington "	8·35	2·0	6·22
Stockton "	9·25	2·29	7·25
Middlesbro' "	9·38	2·38	7·40
SALTBURN arr.	10·13	3·10	8·15

GOING WEST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SALTBURN dep.	5·55	11·14	3·50
Middlesbro' "	6·30	11·50	4·22
Stockton "	6·40	12·0	4·30
Darlington "	7·15	1·25	5·5
Bishop Auckland "	7·43	1·51	5·33
CROOK arr.	8·1	3·11	5·58
CROOK dep.	8·15	2·20	6·5
Tow Law "	8·27	2·32	6·20
Burnhill Junction "	8·42	2·45	6·35
Rowley "	8·52	2·55	6·45
CONSETT arr.	9·5	3·5	6·55
Newcastle	10·5	4·35	9·40

Market Reports.

NEWCASTLE MEAT AND POULTRY, Saturday.—

	s. d.	s. d.		s. d.	s. d.
Prime large beef	0 9 to	1 0	Pigeons, pr couple	1 6 to	2 0
Prime mutton	0 11	1 0	Turkeys, per lb.	0 0	0 0
Small Pork	0 9	0 11	Turkeys, pults	0 0	0 0
Veal	0 8	0 11	Partridge, brace	0 0	0 0
Lamb, per qr.	11 0	14 0	Pheasants	0 0	0 0
American beef	0 3	0 9	Geese, per lb	0 0	0 0
" mutton	0 5	0 9	Goslings, each	0 0	0 0
" lamb	0 0	0 0	Hares, each	0 0	0 0
" veal	0 7	0 9½	Leverets	0 0	0 0
" pork	0 8	0 5	Rabbits, couple	2 6	3 6
Hens, each	1 0	1 9	Ptarmigan, cuple	0 6	0 0
Ducks, each	0 0	0 0	Egyptian quail	0 0	0 0
Ducklings, per cp.	7 6	8 0	English fresh butter, per lb.	1 0	1 2
Spring Chickens	6 0	7 6	Fresh eggs 12 for 1s		
Wild ducks, brace	0 0	0 0	Salmon, per lb.	1 6	2 2
Quails, per couple	1 6	0 0	Do. trout	0 0	0 0
Grouse, per couple	0 0	0 0			

NEWCASTLE FLOUR, Saturday.—Hungarian, 3s 0d; American, 2s 2d; No. 1 superfine, 2s 2d; superfines, 2s 0d; fines, 1s 10d; households, 1s 8d; seconds, 1s 6d; ryemeal, 2s 0d; wheatmeal, 1s 10d; oatmeals, English, 2s 4d; Scotch, 2s 2d per stone; 4lb loaf, 7d.

NEWCASTLE FRUIT AND POTATO, Saturday.—Scotch potatoes, 1s 2d; reds, 10d; onions, 8d to 1s per stone; cooking apples, 2s 2d to 3s 6d per stone; dessert apples, 4d to 6d per lb; figs, 5d to 10d per lb; oranges, 14 to 20 for 1s; grapes, 10d per lb; cauliflowers, cabbages, roots, and other classes at late rates.

DURHAM PROVISION, Saturday.—Beef, 8d to 11d; mutton, 8d to 11d; veal, 8d to 10½d; pork, 8d to 10d; bacon, 6d to 8d; ham, 7½d to 8d; cheese, 6d to 8d; lard, 8d per lb; lamb, 11s to 12s per quarter; chickens, 2s 0d to 3s 0d; hens, 1s 6d to 2s; ducks, 2s 6d to 3s 0d; pigeons, 1s 4d to 1s 6d per couple; butter, 1s 3d to 1s 5d; do. salt, 1s 0d to 1s 2d per lb; eggs, 12 to 13 for 1s; grapes, —; gooseberries, 8d to 10d per quart; cherries, 1s 3d to 1s 6d; apples, 6d to 8d; new potatoes, 2d to 4d per lb; onions, 1s 0d to 1s 3d per peck; green peas, 2s 6d per peck; potatoes, 10d to 1s 2d per stone.

HEXHAM PROVISION, Tuesday.—Butter, 9d to 11d per lb; eggs, 13 to 14 for 1s; spring chickens, 1s 9d to 2s 6d; ducks, 2s 6d to 3s 0d each; hares, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; rabbits, 2s 6d to 3s 6d per couple; potatoes, old, 10d to 1s per stone; new do., 2d to 3d per lb; brocoli, 1d to 3d each; cabbages, 1d to 1½d each; lemons, 1d each; rhubarb, 1d per bunch; carrots, 8d, onions, 1s 4d per stone; cooking apples, 7s 0d per stone; dessert apples, 4d to 6d per lb; grapes, 1s per lb; flour, extra superfines, 2s 2d; superfines, 2s 0d; fines, 1s 10d; maslin, 1s 8d; oatmeal, 2s 2d to 2s 4d per stone.

NEWCASTLE CORN, Saturday.—

	BRITISH.	PER QR.	
Wheat,	Northumberland and Durham, White	45 to	47
	Do. Red	40	45
	South Country, White	46	48
	Do. Red	45	47
Barley		27	34
Oats	Scotch Potato	26	29
	Scotch Common	24	26
Malt		40	50
Peas		36	46
Beans		34	46
Flour	Northumberland and Durham, per sack (280lbs)	31	34
	Norfolk and Suffolk Whites	31	38
	Scotch	27	30
	FOREIGN.		
Wheat	Lower and Upper Baltic	44	48
	American	46	48
	Russian	38	41
Barley	Saal	40	50
	Californian	46	50
	French	31	34
	Danish and Swedish	30	34
Oats		18	24
Peas		35	42
Beans	Alexandrian	36	37
Flour	Hungarian	41	51
	American	35	51
	Baltic	34	37
	French	36	40

NEWCASTLE CORN, Tuesday.—Arrivals into Newcastle for week ending May 26, 1883:—Coast and rail—Wheat, 2,145; maize, 50; barley, 25; malt, 342; oats, 2,068; rye, 50; beans, 351; peas, 58; flour, 1,728 qrs. Foreign—Wheat, 11,400; maize, —; barley, —; malt, —; oats, 2,582; rye, —; beans, —; peas, —; flour, 3,528 qrs.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE, Tuesday.—The arrivals from a distance consisted of 177 head of cattle, 29 sheep, and 229 pigs from Aberdeen and the districts in the North-East coast of Scotland; 3,500 beasts and 1,800 sheep from foreign countries.

The supply of beef comprised 2,207 head. There was a better feeling in the the beef trade to-day at higher rates.

1,250 beasts and 250 sheep were despatched from Newcastle by rail yesterday for the South.

Respecting quality every description of stock was a good seasonable average.

The number of sheep and lambs was 4,720, with a steady trade at late rates.

Pigs: 780 were shown. The pork trade ruled steady, with a good clearance.

PRICES FOR THIS DAY SINKING THE OFFAL:

Beef, prime heifers, per stone	10s 0d to 10s 3d
Secondary sorts	8s 6d .. 9s 0d
First-class oxen	9s 9d .. 10s 0d
Middling	8s 3d .. 8s 9d
Cows and inferior	6s 9d .. 7s 9d
Pigs	6s 6d .. 8s 3d
Sheep (good vendable wedders), per lb	8½d to 9½d
Middling and inferior	—d to —d
Clipped	—d to —d
Lambs	34s 0d to 48s 0d each

Nos. shown:—2,207; sheep and lambs, 4,720; pigs, 780

NEWCASTLE COW, Saturday.—A fair show of animals to-day, and business moderately good at, the following rates:—Half-breds, £12 to £17; shorthorns, £17 to £28.

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW, Tuesday.—Old land hay, £3 16s to £4 12s; this year's growth, £0 0s 0d; new land hay, £4 0s to £5 5s; this year's growth, £0 0s to £0 0s; clover hay, £0 0s to £0 0s per ton; wheat straw, 1s 8d to 2s 5d; barley straw, 1s 7d to 0s 0d; oat straw, 1s 8d to 2s 1d per thrave; carts of hay at market, 96; carts of straw, 40.

HYMNS for Sunday School Anniversaries, &c. printed on the shortest notice, and at the cheapest rate, by ROBERT JACKSON.

A CHILD DROWNED AT HOLMSIDE.—On Tuesday afternoon, Mr A. Shepherd, deputy-coroner, held an inquest at Mr Wardle's, Bridge Inn, Holmside, on the body of a child named Elizabeth Ellen Brown, two years of age, who was found drowned in the burn at Holmside on Saturday last. It appears that Mrs Brown, the mother, proceeded to Newcastle in the morning, leaving the house and two young children in charge of a sister of the deceased—a girl about eight years old. The deceased strayed to the back side of the house, at which place the burn runs past. She began to play about the side of the rivulet, when she fell into the water and was drowned.—The jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally drowned."

LARCENY AT SOUTH MOOR.—George Doubt, miner, who presented a sickly appearance in the dock, and who was allowed to sit during the hearing of the case, was charged before the Lanchester Bench yesterday (Thursday) with stealing a deal plank, of the value of 2s, the property of Messrs Hedley Bros., owners of South Moor Colliery, on the 7th inst.—William Welsh, engineer at South Moor Colliery, stated that on the 7th June he noticed the board produced in an empty house. Since then it had been removed from the floor upstairs. About 10·30 the same night he heard a noise made by some one sawing wood in the prisoner's house. He went into the colliery yard, and saw the prisoner cutting up a floor deal in his house. On the following morning, at six o'clock he missed the deal produced, and reported the fact to the police. The board belonged to the owners of the South Moor Colliery—Messrs George Hedley and William Hedley. The value of the deal is 2s. Witness explained that three or four planks had been deliberately taken out of the floor, and the prisoner had carried one of the boards away and converted it into a rude bench or form.—Jane Ann Aldin, daughter of Jacob Aldin, of South Moor, testified that she put a slop pail into the empty house on the 14th inst., when the floor upstairs appeared all right. Later in the day, she saw the board produced lying on the ground floor, and it remained there till Thursday, when she missed the plank, and told her parents. She saw the prisoner in the house stepping on the ladder on 5th inst.—To the prisoner: She did not see him touch anything.—P.C. Hadwin deposed that he searched the prisoner's house on Monday last and found the board and bench produced in the upstairs room. He accompanied Mr Welsh to the empty house and compared the joist marks of the board produced in Court, with the place where it had been taken from, and ascertained that they exactly corresponded with each other. He then apprehended the prisoner, and brought him to Lanchester Police Station. On the road, the prisoner said he found the board lying at a corner of the road, and he subsequently inquired if the magistrates would let him off with a fine. He accused the prisoner at the Police Station with the theft, when he made no reply.—Prisoner, after being charged in court, admitted stealing the board, but alleged he found it lying at the corner end of the house on the road, and did not think there was any harm in taking it. He had been ill for more than a fortnight, and had eaten nothing since Tuesday last. He was sorry for what he had done.—It was proved that the prisoner had been previously convicted at Durham Sessions under the name of George Knight, for changing the tokens at South Moor Colliery, and sentenced to three months' hard labour.—The Bench accordingly committed the prisoner for a further period of three months' imprisonment.

The man who steps out of his way to injure another, deserves, and will surely meet, with reprisal.

It is not becoming to turn from friends in adversity, but then it is for those who have basked in the sunshine of their prosperity to adhere to them. No one was ever so foolish as to select the unfortunate for their friends.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

LEADGATE—Front Street, 11th inst, the wife of Mr Ninian Bell, of a daughter.

SOUTH AFRICA—Grahamstown, on the 14th ult., the wife of Mr M. Sewell (late of this journal) of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

HIGHGATE—Baptist Chapel, 14th inst, by the Rev E. W. Jenkins, Mr John A. Tailford to Miss Mary Harrison, both of Blackhill.

LANCHESTER—Register Office, 9th inst, Mr J. Telford to Miss E. Thompson, both of Annfield Plain.

WOLSINGHAM—Wesleyan Chapel, 11th inst, Mr Wm. Steel to Miss Mary Jane Keenleyside.

CHESTER-LE-STREET—Parish Church, 12th inst, by the Rev Canon Blunt, Mr William Chapman, of Gateshead, to Hannah Cousins, youngest daughter of the late Thomas Burn, of Chester-le-Street.

DEATHS.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—13th inst, aged 61, Mary, wife of Mr Andrew Moir.

MICKLEY SQUARE—13th inst, aged 35 years, John Weatherley.

STOCKSFIELD—Hall Moor, 10th inst, in her 80th year, Elizabeth, wife of Mr J. Atkinson.

WINLATON MILL—10th inst, aged 15 months, John William, son of Michael and Mary Shield.

RYTON-ON-TYNE—Crawcrook (at the residence of her neice), 9th inst, aged 83, Elizabeth, relict of the late Robert Robson, formerly of Greenside.

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