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FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH, 1885

NEXT TO THE NEXT PARTY?

THE speeches of Sir CHARLES DILKE and Mr CHAMBERLAIN at the Cobden Club dinner have proved somewhat disappointing, for it is not too much to say that a political manifesto was expected from both speakers on the occasion. The fall of a Ministry and all the conjectures and exciting talk upon Lord SALISBURY'S Cabinet-making have not quite obliterated the trace of the strong feeling which before the Ministerial defeat had taken possession of the public mind. It had become clear that the next Parliament would bring about altogether new Party combinations. Party ties had snapped in the Cabinet itself, and it was obvious that Sir CHARLES DILKE and Mr CHAMBERLAIN, before the blight had fallen upon the end of the greatest political career of the century, had come to the conclusion that the time had arrived for setting up business for themselves. The Radicals feel they can now cast off their leading strings. Their apprenticeship has been a long one, and their fitness for administration may be said to have been thoroughly proved. The speakers on Saturday at the Banquet could tell us how many years ago it was that RICHARD COBDEN was offered a seat in the Cabinet by Lord PALMERSTON. That proposal no doubt was a genuine one; but few at the time were surprised that it was declined with thanks. It seemed like a violent innovation when Mr BRIGHT was invited to enter the charmed circle of Government; yet he remained in office some years, and was even pursuaded to undertake Ministerial responsibility a second time. Sir WILLIAM MOLESWORTH and Mr MILNER GIBSON had indeed previously paved the way. These were pioneers; and what we wish to point out is that by the experience of such men the Radicals may be said to have earned for themselves a considerable degree of administrative merit, and that if under the new condition of things Sir CHARLES DILKE and Mr CHAMBERLAIN should feel themselves bound to separate from their old associates, there would be no great cause for alarm. They claim to possess what the other parties are deficient in—namely definite intentions. The Whigs having become a little more Conservative, and the Conservatives a little more Liberal, there is no reason why the two should not combine, and thus permit parties to be more sharply defined than they have been of late years. If party government is to exist in this country, it were better that the issues of contention should lie with two than with several sides, and if, as seems likely, the Radical elements in the House will in future be largely increased, there is the more reason for the amalgamation we suggest. No amount of persuasion, however, will effect this. It will come about only by the force of circumstances. There is as strange a repugnance to coalition between Whigs and Tories as there is in France between Legitimists and Orleanists, though in both instances combination would be easy and advantageous. The Whigs do not care to sink their individuality or to sacrifice the credit of their separate achievements. They have a traditional glory which they would feel sorry to lose sight of. If, however, they are not destitute of patriotism, they will by and bye perceive that they dare not hold aloof, and must choose whom they would serve. There are fierce battles in store, intensified by the accession of the new party to power; but we have no fear that in the future there will be wanting an effectual counterpoise. Radicalism is clearly in the ascendant. Before many years there will be a Cabinet composed exclusively of the party to which Sir CHARLES DILKE and Mr CHAMBERLAIN belong.

Parliamentary Summary.

FRIDAY.

In the House of Lords, Earl Granville made a statement similar to that of Mr Gladstone with regard to the resignation of the Government. The Earl of Kimberley then moved that the report on the Redistribution Bill be agreed to. He said that though the Marquis of Salisbury was not present, it was his desire that the consideration of the present stage should be proceeded with, as great inconvenience to the public business would arise if the Bill were delayed. Of the amendments that he had to propose, the most important was one to enable a dissolution of Parliament to take place after the 1st of November. This and other amendments were agreed to, and the standing orders having been suspended, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

In the House of Commons, Mr Gladstone stated that the members of the Government had resigned, and that Her Majesty had accepted their resignations, announcing at the same time to him that she had summoned Lord Salisbury to Balmoral. In his communication to Her Majesty the right hon. gentleman had explained, on the part of the Cabinet, that their resignation grew out of the vote which had been given by the House of Commons on Monday night, and had sprung from that source alone. Under these circumstances and in the absence of Lord Salisbury, it would be felt that the general argument which induced the House on Tuesday to refrain from entering upon public business was still in force. After some remarks by Sir Stafford Northcote, the sitting was suspended for a short time. The Redistribution of Seats Bill was then brought from the Lords with amendments, and on the motion of Sir Charles Dilke, it was advised that the Lords' amendments should be considered on Monday. The House then adjourned.

MONDAY.

In the House of Lords, Lord Cranbrook, in the absence of Lord Salisbury, moved that the House should adjourn until to-day (Friday), intimating that on that day his noble friend hoped to be able to make a statement. Earl Granville explained that he wrote to Lord Salisbury to ascertain what his wishes were on the subject—whether he desired the motion to be made by one of his friends or by himself. The noble Marquis replied that it should be made by one of his friends. Although precedents were the other way, Lord Granville said he acquiesced in the course which had just been taken. The motion was agreed to.

In the House of Commons, Mr Gladstone stated that he had received authentic information that Lord Salisbury had undertaken the formation of a Government, adding that he also had received the expression of a desire that he should move that the House at its rising should adjourn until to-day (Friday). That being so, the House had to consider whether it was desirable to proceed with the Lords' amendments to the Seats Bill. His own opinion was that it was for the public interest, and for the satisfaction of all parties, that they should proceed to deal with them. The motion, after some discussion, was agreed to. Leave was given to all Committees of the House to sit in the interval. On the motion for the consideration of the Lords' amendments to the Seats Bill, Sir H. Wolff moved that the debate should be adjourned, on the ground that there was at present no responsible Government, and that the amendments made by the Lords involved questions of a constitutional character. Sir Charles Dilke pointed out that the step of putting into the Bill the acceleration clause to which the hon. Member objected was taken entirely at the instance of Lord Salisbury, and this remark was confirmed by Sir Stafford Northcote. After some discussion, the motion for the adjournment was rejected by 333 votes against 35. The House then proceeded to consider the Lords' amendments. Afterwards Mr Jesse Collings brought in a Bill to provide that no person should be disqualified from voting at Parliamentary elections by the receipt of medical relief for himself or his family. The Bill was read a first time, and the House adjourned.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The past has been a busy week with a vengeance. Her Majesty the Queen has not been able to resist the force of events, and recognising the post of duty as nearer the centre of political attraction, she has had to bid farewell to the quiet seclusion of her beloved Balmoral, and is now at Windsor ready to receive the Seals from her old Ministers and put them into the hands of the new. Lord Salisbury has had a difficult business in Cabinet-making; but with the relegation of Sir Stafford Northcote to the Upper House things look considerably clearer, and the outlines of the coming Administration more definable. The political event of the week is perhaps the offer of an "Earldom" to Mr Gladstone, promptly declined with thanks; but this consistent decision of the Premier is viewed by his best friends as compatible with the hope that, after all the first crushing effects of a fall have passed, he will continue to lead the Liberal party in the Commons and the country until the General Election decides who shall carry on the Government.

Our foreign captious critics, ever watchful for our weaknesses, will be unable to impute this week inactivity to the leaders of politics and fashion. Political affairs did not in the slightest degree mar the enjoyments of "Ascot." The weather unsurpassed, amidst fresh vernal beauty of summer delightful to remember, perhaps such a fashionable throng never before gathered round the royalty-favoured Grand Stand. Oxford, too, has been drawing its festive crowds to "Commemoration," and Cambridge has celebrated this week a succession of brilliant events. So many attractions to take people away from London, and so many events conspiring to unsettle the business of Town-life—with a General Election impending—West-end tradesmen's complaints are loud and deep. The disturbed condition of the season from their point of view are depressing and dispiriting in the extreme.

It is a great pity that the great M. Blowitz spoils the effect of an otherwise sensible communication by a little silly piece of egotism such as that which slipped out the other day in some remarks on Spain, in which he could not keep back from retailing the good advice he had given King Alphonso when he had an interview with him in Paris. The remarks were sensible, but the "says he" and "says I" part of the business is simply a *betise*.

Lord Mayors are very wonderful people, and to the enquiring foreigner second only to the Great Mogul or Piester John, the Central Asian Mystery of the Middle Ages. But a Lord Mayor in a Dissenting pulpit is new even to an age of novelties. We have a Secretary to the Admiralty who is a lay preacher in Mr Caine; but on Sunday week the congregation of Brunswick Chapel, Great Dover Street, are to see the Lord Mayor in their pulpit. Whether the gilt coach will be outside we have not yet heard.

The garotter has again made his appearance in the London streets. In the small hours of Saturday morning Sir Randal Roberts was throttled, knocked down, and robbed in the neighbourhood of Oxford Street. No policeman was on the spot, and Sir Randal shouted for assistance in vain. There will no doubt be a rapid succession of these crimes, which will only be put a stop to by uniformly flogging those who are convicted of the offence. The garotting epidemic of a few years ago was stamped out by this means. And, let Humanitarians say what they may, it is a thousand pities that a few other species of crime are not stamped out in the same way. Sir Randal Roberts is well known in the theatrical world. He is a dramatic author and an actor—I was going to say an amateur actor, but I suppose he would prefer to call himself a professional. As a play-wright he naturally objects to "gag."

The mysterious authorities who govern that popular resort the "Inventories" might surely take some measures to render the departure of the visitors after the evening illumination a less painful ordeal than it is a present even for the select company of Wednesday nights. Cabs are scarce and South Kensington Station so mobbed that it is a battle to obtain a ticket. Should this feat be accomplished, the unfortunate passenger will probably find just room to stand upright in one of the overfilled compartments.

Speaking of Greenwich Parish Church reminds me of its dedication to Saint Alphege. I think I am right in saying that there are only two other Churches in London so dedicated. This Saint was martyred by the Danes on the very spot on which Greenwich Parish Church now stands. The present building dates back only a couple of hundred years; but a Church has stood upon the site from the earliest times. It was the same bloody Danish incursion which is commemorated in the name of the Church of St. Clement Danes in the Strand.

Hospital Sunday was well observed in London. In some Churches "Flower Sunday" was coincidently observed, a service, generally in the afternoon, being held at which presents of flowers were made by members of the congregation to be forwarded to the Hospitals. There is no doubt that this annual celebration is of great benefit to the Hospitals and to the public quite apart from the collections, which now yield a fine revenue. The pulpit is still a power in social matters, and it is a public good that the great work of the hospitals and the patience and self-sacrifice of the medical men and the nurses should be held up to commendation, and that the observance of sanitary laws should be enjoyed by the teachers of religion at least once a year. On Sunday the tower of the parish church of Greenwich was surmounted by a red-cross flag by way of commemorating the fact that the Hospital Sunday movement originated in this Church. Canon Miller could hardly have dreamed of the speedy and complete success of his sensible and practical idea.

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NORTH-WEST DIVISION OF DURHAM.

SELECTION OF LIBERAL CANDIDATES.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Liberal Representative Council of the North-Western Division of the County of Durham, held at Consett on Saturday afternoon, it was unanimously agreed that the Hon. Hedworth Lambton, Sir Edward Grey, Bart., and Mr T. Hugh Bell, of Middlesbrough, be submitted to the Council as candidates for the representation of this constituency.

We are authorised to state that the Hon. Hedworth Lambton has intimated his willingness to meet the Council of the Liberal Association of the North-West Division of the County of Durham with the view of becoming a candidate for the representation of that constituency; also, that Mr T. Hugh Bell has expressed to the same division—as he has already done in other quarters—his regret that his numerous engagements in the North of England precludes his seeking Parliamentary honours at the forthcoming election.

The Executive Committee of the Council of the Liberal Association of this Division held a meeting at Consett on Wednesday night, under the presidency of Mr W. Jenkins, J.P., when a letter was read from the Hon. Hedworth Lambton, expressing his willingness to come forward as a candidate; and it was resolved that his name be brought before the Council at a meeting to be summoned for Monday next, at 3.30 p.m. to be held in the New Town Hall, Consett.

We are informed on good authority that it is the intention of Mr Atherley Jones, barrister-at-law, North-Eastern Circuit, to offer himself as an independent Liberal candidate for the North-West Division of Durham.

In the North-West Division of Durham there will, we understand, be virtually only one candidate, before the Liberal Council, and that the Hon. Hedworth Lambton. Mr T. Hugh Bell has already distinctly assured the Liberal party of the North Riding that he is precluded by potent personal reasons from entering next Parliament; Sir E. Grey regards himself as pledged to the Division of Northumberland in which he resides; and Lord Durham, we understand, is prepared to answer for his brother, the Hon. Hedworth Lambton, that he is at the call of the party.

THE HON. HEDWORTH LAMBTON.

The *Northern Echo* of Saturday says:—"In our election news of to-day mention is made of facts and rumours at Consett yesterday—the sum of which may be taken to be that the North-Western Division of Durham remains without a Liberal candidate. We may be permitted to say that the Liberals need not long wait. They have within easy hail one of the pluckiest fellows in the world, who would be glad to serve them. Three years ago the name of Hedworth Lambton made its mark in the story of the rescue of the Europeans at Alexandria. The guns of Fort Mex covered the position occupied by certain ships of Her Majesty's Fleet. One of these ships was the *Invincible*. A shot from the fort had passed within a few inches of one of her young lieutenants, and warmed his cheek with the flush of indignation. At one o'clock the same day volunteers were called for. The work to which they were called was full of danger. The ships had failed to dismount these horrid guns of Arabi's, and a party were wanted to land silently and swiftly and spike them. To British tars spoiling for want of action there needed no second summons. Twelve men were selected for the adventure, and Lieutenant Lambton was one of them. They approached the shore in a small boat, swam through the surf they could not navigate, scrambled straight up the rude battery to the guns with an audacity which made every man behind them disappear—and then, sadly, burst the offending cannon with gun cotton, and meekly returned to their boat without a scratch. What agonies of disappointment they endured could only be exceeded in young Lambton's experience should he have to lead the Liberals of North-West Durham to victory and the Tories not to show fight. The Hon. Hedworth Lambton, we happen to know, is a good, sound Liberal. He is in the very prime of young manhood—namely, in his thirtieth year. His brother, Lord Durham, one of the largest owners of land in the county, is as advanced a politician as the great Radical Jack of 1820, and as sincere an admirer of Mr Gladstone as any yeoman in the land. Many less likely men have been named by public rumour for Consett. Why should not this ideal representative be asked? Every plank in the old Liberal platform of civil and religious freedom is familiar to his tread. Every requirement of modern industrial needs he would be ready to aid with all the ability, courage, and zeal of which he has shewn himself in another sphere of action. If Dale, and Herschell, and Trow, and others who have been named are not to be had, why should the Liberals of Consett grieve over the unattainable, with this noble son of a noble sire pining for want of employment? The Liberals of the North-West Division could not, in our opinion, do better, than at once summon a meeting of their whole Council and unite in inviting the Hon. Hedworth Lambton from the service of the Queen in the navy to the service of the country and of his native county in the House of Commons."

LEADGATE POLLING DISTRICT.

A public meeting was held in the Miners' Hall, Leadgate, on Monday night, when addresses were delivered by Mr D. Reed, Leadgate, and others. Mr G. Walton occupied the chair. At the conclusion of the addresses, a sub-committee was appointed for the purpose of receiving subscriptions and enrolling members. About 12 were enrolled, nine of whom subscribed to the fund not less than 1s each, which make them eligible for election on the Council.

Members can be enrolled on application to the following:—Mr Thos. Hall, East Castle; Mr S. Kenedy, North Cross Street, Leadgate; Mr Thos. Irwin, Shipley's Yard, Leadgate; Mr T. Barron, Durham Road, Leadgate; Mr Geo. Walton, Quarry Street, Leadgate; Mr Jas. Millhouse, South Cross Street, Leadgate; Mr Wm. Pugsley, South Cross Street, Leadgate; Mr Jos. Davy, Tin Street, Leadgate; or to Mr Stephen Nicholson, Redwell Hills.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING AT TANFIELD.

On Tuesday evening, a meeting of Conservatives was held at Tanfield, in the Infant School-room, for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming an Association for the spread of the Conservative cause in Tanfield, West Stanley, Burnopfield, and other neighbouring districts. The meeting was thoroughly representative, their being present colliery managers, schoolmasters, farmers, and workmen. A working committee was formed, with Mr W. Johnson, Stanley Hall, as chairman, and Mr R. Reed, manager of Lintz Colliery, secretary. The meeting strongly approved of having lectures delivered for the furtherance of the cause, and steps were to be taken in the matter at an early date.

THE REPRESENTATION OF NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I need not tell you the interest I have always taken in the large district in which your popular journal circulates, and how keenly I have watched recent political movements therein. The withdrawal of both Messrs Dale and Trow from the Liberal championship was a contingency never contemplated; but it has simplified matters very much, and I would respectfully suggest that there be no undue haste by the Liberals in the selection of a candidate in future. By all means let there be union, and allow the fullest discussion. Conferences should be held in every part of the Division, and every interest and phase of progressive political faith should have a respectful hearing. This is the only plan by which the full opinion of the constituency can be known in the first instance. By every manner of means let gagging and "cold shouldering" be avoided.

I may, however, be permitted to say that the constituency deserves to be represented by a man who is in accord with the democracy, and who has some practical knowledge at least of their struggles, wants, and aspirations. It is not a matter to divide about, I think, whether he be a Gladstonian Liberal or an Advanced Radical, providing the candidate be a genuine friend of progress; but I do not hold that whoever is accepted as a candidate for the representation of North-West Durham in the Liberal interest, should be in cordial sympathy with the people he represents. That is a radical truism, and the very genius of representation, but it has not yet become a very common experience.

I trust, sir, that the leaders of the Liberal rank and file throughout the Division will do their important work wisely and well.—Yours truly, W. M. PATTERSON.

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Sporting Items

WRESTLING NEAR PRUDHOE.—On Saturday, the wrestling competition for a silver cup for beaten men at Half-way House, resulted as under:—Final falls—F. Snowball, Corbridge, threw J. Jewitt, West Wylam, twice in succession, and won.

BEAMISH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.—The first annual general meeting of the members of this club was held at West Pelton. The secretary read his report, which showed a small balance in hand. The team played 17 matches last season, five of which were won, five drawn, and seven lost. The election of officers for the ensuing season resulted as follows:—President, Mr John Humble; vice-president, Rev E. J. Day; captain, Mr C. Ritson; vice-captain, Mr F. W. Mole; committee, Messrs Reed, Carr, Lee, and MacKinlay; secretary and treasurer, Mr R. J. English, Beamish Colliery, Chester-le-Street.

QUEBEC ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The fourteenth annual pic-nic and sports of the "Court Hall" (No. 5,483) Lodge of the Ancient Order of Foresters was held in three large fields adjoining the Cornsay and Esh Winning Waggonway on Saturday afternoon, and resulted in one of the most successful gatherings ever held. The brilliant weather, with the heat nicely tempered by the light breeze blowing from the fells, was most enjoyable, and suitable for the occasion. Results:—

Heavy-weight wrestling, for £7, Winner, £3; second, £1 10s; third, 17s; with allowances for beaten men in second, third, and fourth rounds.—J. Wearmouth, Stanhope, threw T. Walton, Bollihope; J. Walton, Weardale, threw W. Birkett, Waterhouses; J. Milburn, Crook, threw T. Railton, Newcastle; J. Taylor, Brampton, threw T. Turnbull, Dipton; W. Holmes, Midgeholme, threw T. Stockdale, Newcastle; T. Hodgson, Wallsend, threw P. Cowan, Cleator Moor; W. Dobson, West Wylam, threw T. Campbell, Newcastle; T. Magee, Scotby, threw E. Hines, Quebec; C. Charlton, Newcastle, threw L. Cowan, Newcastle; John Holdsworth, Quebec, threw T. Burrow, Newcastle; W. Dykes, Newcastle, threw J. Parkin, Durham; R. Douglas, North Tyne, odd man. Second round—T. Magee threw R. Douglas, J. Wearmouth threw W. Holmes, W. Dobson threw W. Dykes, J. Taylor threw J. Walton, T. Hodgson threw C. Charlton, J. Milburn threw J. Holdsworth. Third round—W. Dobson threw T. Magee, J. Taylor threw J. Wearmouth, T. Hodgson threw J. Milburn. Fourth round—T. Hodgson threw W. Dobson, J. Taylor odd man. Final—J. Taylor threw T. Hodgson twice in succession, and won.

Light-weight wrestling, for men of 10½ stones and under.—First round—J. Parkin, Durham, threw T. Campbell, Gateshead; J. Wearmouth, Weardale, threw J. Walton, Gateshead; L. Cowan, Cleator Moor, threw C. Charlton, Newcastle; J. Wearmouth, Cornsay, threw J. Heslop, Hedley Hill; P. Cowan, Newcastle, threw T. Railton, Newcastle; J. Wearmouth, Stanhope, threw J. Taylor, Newcastle; E. Hines, Quebec, threw T. Stockdale, Newcastle; W. Holmes, Brampton, threw T. Burrell, Gateshead; R. Nattrass, Weardale, threw T. Burrell, Gateshead; R. Douglas, North Tyne, threw W. Dykes, Crawcrook; T. Magee, Scotby, threw W. Dobson, West Wylam. Second round—P. Cowan threw W. Holmes, T. Magee threw R. Nattress, J. Wearmouth threw E. Hines, J. Wearmouth threw J. Parkin, R. Douglass threw L. Cowan, J. Wearmouth odd man. Third round—J. Wearmouth threw J. Wearmouth, P. Cowan threw T. Magee, R. Douglass threw J. Wearmouth. Fourth round—P. Cowan threw R. Douglass, J. Wearmouth odd man. Final—P. Cowan threw J. Wearmouth twice in succession, and won.

Handicap foot race for £5, distance 120 yards.—Heat 1—W. Hunter, Ushaw Moor, 18, 1; J. Milburn, Sleetburn, 29, 2; R. Farrow, Cornsay, 22, 3. Heat 2—J. Thompson, Sleetburn, 22, 1; M. Turner, Spennymoor, 14, 2; J. Gillan, Page Bank, 20, 3. Heat 3—J. Dunn, Quebec, 27, 1; W. Thornton, Brandon, 17, 2; G. White, Sleetburn, 19, 3. Heat 4—T. Hunter, Ushaw Moor, 19, 1; G. Bewick, Bearpark, 19, 2; H. Smith, Willington, 19, 3. Heat 5—T. Donneley, Esh Winning, 27, 1; A. Bailes, Crook, 10, 2. Heat 6—J. Phillips, Quebec, 21, 1; R. Smith, Willington, 20, 2; R. Moore, Dareness Valley, 16, 3. Heat 7—B. Donnigan, Crook, 14, 1; A. Fleming, Sleetburn, 18, 2; H. Carr, B. Gate, 17, 3. Heat 8—H. Collinson, Hedley Hill, 22, 1; T. Scott, Cornsay, 21, 2; G. Dixon, Dareness Valley, 19, 3. Heat 9—R. Simpson, 17, 1; L. Halliday, 19, 2; J. Hindmarch, 16, 3. Heat 10—Lowes, 18, 1; Siddle, Consett, 17, 2. Ties—Heat 1—Thompson beat Hunter and Dunn easily. Heat 2—Phillips beat T. Hunter and Donnelly. Heat 3—Collinson beat Donnigan, Simpson, and Lowes. Final—Collinson 1, Phillips 2, Thompson 3. A grand race, the trio finishing in a cluster as placed.

Quoit playing for £5 5s; distance, 10 yards.—Stake divided between N. Gibson, Ushaw Moor; J. Laws, R. Williamson, W. Greyson, Cornsay; and J. Maddison, Tudhoe. Thirty competitors.

Women's race; distance, 40 yards.—Mrs M. A. Craggs 1, Mrs Coulson 2, Mrs Thompson 3. Five ran. Won easily.

Comic song contest.—J. Winn, South Shields, 1; A. Mason, Sleekburn, 2; T. Brown, Craghead, 3.

Sentimental song contest.—T. Brown, Craghead, 1; A. Mason, Sleetburn, 2; J. Sanders, White-le-Head, 3.

Cricket playing.—Hamsterley beat Esh Lilly Whites, Langley Park beat Brandon Good Templars, Hamsteels beat Croxdales, Esh White Stars beat Sacriston, Cornsay Ragged Lads beat Tow Law, West Stanley beat Quebec, Craghead beat Ouston Wanderers. £5 divided amongst seven winning clubs.

Football, for £5.—First round—Castle Eden No. 1 beat Sunniside, Tow Law beat Esh Winning, Dipton beat Castle Eden No. 2, Dearness Valley beat Cornsay, Dearness Valley No. 2 beat Esh Winning No. 2. Ties—Castle Eden beat Tow Law. The stake was then divided between Castle Eden No. 1 (two lots), Dipton, Dearness Valley No. 1, and Dearness Valley No. 2 teams.

Darkness setting in, the remainder of the programme was not proceeded with.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC FESTIVAL AT SHOTLEY SPA.

On Saturday afternoon, an amateur athletic festival was held, under the distinguished patronage of the leading gentry of the neighbourhood, in the magnificent Spa Grounds at Shotley Bridge, in aid of the fund for purchasing a new peal of bells for St. Cuthbert's Church, Benfieldside. It is intended by the clergy and churchwardens to dispose of the old peal of bells, and to obtain a larger set, on a more extensive scale, at a cost of about £400; towards which amount something like £120 has already been subscribed. Between 2,500 and 3,000 persons witnessed the fete; the special excursion trains, run by the North-Eastern Railway Co., from Sunderland, Shields, and Newcastle, brought in a large influx of visitors. The weather was bright and glorious, and the picturesque beauty surrounding the Spa Grounds, combined with the gay and charming costumes of the fair sex, rendered the seat of action a brilliant and resplendent scene. The Consett Iron Company's brass band were in attendence; but their selections of music were, like angels' visits, "few and far between." Messrs Wilson Bros., the leesees, who kindly granted the use of the grounds for the occasion, catered as usual for supplying the "inner man" with non-intoxicants and refreshments. A capital programme of sports was arranged, and although some delay was occasioned before a commencement was made, the whole of the 16 events were brought off by 6.30 p.m. The competitors included some of the best-known athletes in the North of England, consequently the sport on the whole was of an entertaining and high-class character, the spectators manifesting the deepest interest in the several events. Subjoined are details of the sports:—

150 yards handicap for boys under 16 years of age (5 entries).—1st prize, floral album; 2nd, pocket-knife. Heat 1—J. W. Forster, Benfieldside, 5 yds., 1; T. Wilson, Blackhill, scratch, 2; G. Barron, Blackhill, 10, 0. Won easily. Heat 2—J. Richardson, Shotley Bridge, 10, 1; W. Lynn, Blackhill, 12, 2. A good race. Final—Forster, 1; Richardson, 2.

Throwing cricket ball (6 entries).—Prize, a cricket ball, given by Mr J. Lax; won by Mr J. B. Lazenby, Newcastle, who threw the ball 97 yds.; N. Raw, Blackhill, 2; W. Clark, Sunderland, 0.

100 yards flat race handicap (16 entries).—1st prize, timepiece, given by Mr F. Priestman; 2nd, silver-mounted pipe. Heat 1—A. Berkley, Jarrow 6, 1; W. Clark, Sunderland, 8½, 2. A close contest. Heat 2—C. S. Gill, Newcastle, 5½, 1; M. Gibson, Blackhill, 8½, 2. Won easily. Heat 3—M. Gallon, Newcastle, 6½, 1; D. B. Todd, jun., 9, 2. Heat 4—A. J. Hopper, Sunderland, 7, 1; P. Gibson, Blackhill, 6½, 2; J. Connolly, Sunderland, 6, 0; T. Potts, Sunderland, 7, 0. A close contest between 1st and 2nd. Final heat—Gill, 1; Berkley, 2; Hopper, 3; Gallon, 0. A splendid race, won by a foot.

Place kick, distance (10 entries).—Prize, a cigar case. J. B. Lazenby, 1, 170 ft. 4 in; A. Berkley, 2, 157 ft; W. R. Town, Allansford, 0; Thomas Jameson, Blackhill, 0; W. Clark, 0; W. D. Todd, 0; J. Nesfield, Sunderland, 0; C. S. Gill, Newcastle, 0.

Running high jump (6 entries).—Prize, a cruet stand. C. S. Gill, Newcastle, cleared 5 feet and won; P. Gibson, 0; J. B. Lazenby, 0. In this competition a young man named Bates, of Consett, having only one leg, was allowed with the permission of other competitors to compete, they conceding 1 foot in his favour. After several attempts, however, Bates failed to clear the bar at its lowest height, and retired. The incident caused considerable amusement to the spectators, who greeted his performance with loud applause.

St. Cuthbert's choir boys' race (6 entries).—1st prize, box of paints; 2nd, knife, given by Mr J. Dixon. W. Oliver, 1; G. Barron, 2.

Quarter-mile handicap (11 entries).—1st prize, Maltese Cross; 2nd, an inkstand, given by Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson. A. J. Hopper, Sunderland, 1; M. Gibson, Blackhill, 2; others came to the mark in scattered order.

Putting the weight (56lbs.).—Prize, silver albert given by Rev H. H. Loss-Lewin (11 entries). Rev H. H. Ross-Lewin, Benfieldside, 15 ft. 8 in., 1; J. B. Lazenby, Newcastle, 15ft. 7in., 2; P. McKenzie, 14 ft. 7 in. Mr Ross-Lewin being the donor of the prize, refused to accept it, and handed the same to Mr Lazenby, the second man.

Sack race (6 entries).—1st prize, butter cooler, given by Mr T. Waugh; 2nd, set of studs. W. Wigham, Blackhill, 1; T. Errington, Benfieldside, 2; T. Johnson, Leeds, 0; W. Grant, Shotley Bridge, 0; T. Lamb, Blackhill, 0.

Half-mile flat race handicap (5 entries).—1st prize, gents' hand bag; 2nd, cigar case. M. Gibson, 50, 1; B. McArdle, Sunderland, 15, 2; W. D. Todd, Sunderland, 10, 0; P. Gibson, Blackhill, 30, 0; J. B. Lazenby, scratch, 0.

Tug of war, teams of 5 (5 entries).—Prize, 5 silk handkerchiefs, given by Mr E. J. Walker. Heat 1—St. Cuthbert's bellringers defeated St. Cuthbert's choir. Heat 2—Consett football team defeated Consett No. 1 platemill team. In this heat the contending parties appeared to be pretty equally balanced. Heat 3—Shotley Bridge Paper Mill team defeated St. Cuthbert's bellringers. Final heat—The Paper Mill team defeated Consett Football Club and won.

Obstacle race (7 entries).—1st prize, gold scarf pin, given by Mr J. G. Marshall; 2nd, silver pencil-case, given by Mr M. Richley. Wm. Wigham, Blackhill, 1; B. McArdle, Sunderland, 2.

Pulling the stick, a novel and amusing pastime (8 entries).—1st prize, timepiece, given by Mr E. J. Walker. H. H. Ross-Lewin, 1; G. Rochester, Blackhill, 2. Mr Ross-Lewin conceded the prize to Rochester.

The whole arrangements were admirably carried out under the supervision of the stewards of the course: Messrs W. Ramsay, J. G. Marshall, Wm. Dickinson, J. W. Forster, J. Richardson, T. Muse. The judges were: Messrs J. A. Falconer, Shotley Bridge; J. Pumphrey, Elm Park; and M. Richley, Blackhill; and their awards gave every satisfaction. Hon. secretary, Mr J. S. Murray, Benfieldside; starter, Mr R. Brown, Blackhill. The prizes, which were mostly given by the local clergy and the tradesmen of the district, were subsequently presented to the successful competitors by Mrs Collinson, of Shotley Bridge, who performed her task in graceful style. The festival was also a financial success, upwards of £40 being realised by the day's proceedings. The sports were promoted by an active and energetic working committee, and although it might seem individuous on our part to single out any particular member for special mention, still it is only but fair to state that Mr J. Collinson, of The Schoolhouse, has been most persevering in his efforts to make the event a grand success.

BAND CONTEST AND SPORTS AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Saturday afternoon, the members of the South Derwent Colliery band held their second annual brass band contest and sports, in a field at Dogger Bank, near Annfield Plain, kindly placed at their disposal by Mr George Temperley. The weather being all that could be desired, and the programme very attractive, it was no wonder that people flocked from all parts of the surrounding district to spend a pleasant afternoon. The programme was carried out in a very successful and harmonious manner under the able direction of an energetic committee, as follows: Chairman, Mr G. Moore; secretary, Mr John Lee; treasurer, Mr F. Armour; committee, Messrs W. F. Tate, F. Davison, R. Tindall, J. G. Jackson, T. Prin, Thompson, Thirlwell, Lumley, and Eltringham. Three bands arrived, viz., Tanfield Lea, Framwellgate Moor, and Leadgate, to take part in the band contest, the first item being a prize of £1 for the best played quick-step from the Railway Gates to the Co-operative Hall, which was won by Tanfield Lea Band with "See the conquering hero." The name of the march played by Framwellgate Moor band was "Majesta," and that of Leadgate entitled "Spirits of the night." A word of praise is due to Mr T. Walker, leader of the Annfield Plain band, under whose supervision the marches were carried out. On arriving at the field, the principal item, viz., the band contest, was soon started. The judge, Mr G. Raine, of Linthwaite, having taken his place, No. 1 band—Tanfield Lea—mounted the stand and, conducted by Mr Thos. Woods, played a fantasia, entitled "Heroic," from Weber (arranged by A. Orren) and afterwards a valse, "Hommage Aux Dames," arranged by Mr T. Woods. No. 2 band was Leadgate (who appeared in uniform), and played a fantasia, "Joan of Arc," also the waltz, entitled, "Pluie d' or." No. 3 to appear was Framwellgate Moor, in the fantasia "Emire," and a waltz named "Souveninstor," at the conclusion of which the crowd pressed eagerly around the stand to hear the judge's decision, which was as follows:—First prize (£4 4s in cash, and a *B flat* cornet, value £9 9s) to No. 1 band; second (£6 10s) to No. 3 band, an announcement which was greeted with applause, and gave great satisfaction. The judge would not, however, state his reasons for his decision there, but promised to publish them through the medium of the *Guardian*.

The sports were then gone into with a will, and there was plenty of diversion. There were 12 entries for the ½-mile bicycle handicap, run in heats, and some capital finishes were witnessed. The 1st prize, value 15s, was won by Archbold Temple; 2nd, 7s 6d, William Kennedy; 3rd, 5s; Wm. Temple.

Football, senior competition, 1st prize, a ball, 2nd, 5s, both won by the Catchgate Red Stars. Junior competition, prize value 11s 6d, divided between Tanfield Lea and Greencroft clubs.

The singing contest was no small attraction, there being a good number of entries. 1st prize, gold scarf pin and 7s 6d, W. Johnson, "The slave ship;" 2nd, 7s 6d, D. McDonald, "Down by the river side;" 3rd, 5s, J. Martin, "Blue eyed boy."

The programme also contained a foot-race for boys, who entered from the field, and to whom fair prizes were given. In the evening a ball was held and was largely attended.

Refreshments were provided on the ground, but so great was the demand that the committee found it a great strain to obtain supplies. The members of the South Derwent Colliery brass band and their committee can look back with satisfaction on a successful day at their second annual meeting.

The judge, Mr G. Raine, of Linthwaite, *via* Huddersfield, has furnisheh us with the subjoined notes regarding the band contest:—

BAND NO. 1. (TANFIELD LEA).—*Selection Contest*:—Opening movement: Band not in tune first two bars; horn solo very fair, but too stiff, accompaniments out of tune, harmony all through this movement too much broken chords, not nicely knitted together. Second movement: Band not together in opening bars, and cornet bad style, soprano and tenor not together; bass very good. Third movement: Trombone recit. not nicely given; missed notes. Band played this movement too quick. Fourth movement: Quavers not together; three-quarter trombone solo very fair; but cornets too draggy; accompaniments very nice, but light and shade not attended to; trombone cadence rather bad, method of thrazing and father too stiff. Fifth movement: Not at all together; tenor missed notes. Cornet again a very bad style of, delivering his notes, and cadence not clear. Next movement: Flugel horn solo very nicely given; nice style. Basses very good; cornet not good. Next movement: Band very nicely in tune; soprano very fair; bass runs very good. Tenor and cornet a little out of tune; rapid running passages for cornet good. This band should study the organ style a little more in first movement. Basses a credit to this band all through. On the whole a very fair performance.

Waltz Contest.—Introduction very fair, semiquavers not together. No. 1, Waltz.—Solo cornet and soprano missed two notes every time. 2nd part: Cornets not at all together; but band very fair. No. 2.—Bass very good; band very fair. 2nd part: Cornets not together and bad style. No. 3.—Solo tenor very fair, but missed notes at times. 2nd part: Euphonium not in time; cornets very good. No. 4. was very much too hurried, and more noise than music. Coda.—Band good; basses very good indeed all through. Cornets spoiled the effect by over-blowing the instruments. A very good performance on the whole.

March Contest.—Opening: Cornets out of tune and too screamy. Band not in tune; euphonium very stiff style. Bass not heavy enough in fortissimo passages; cornets still out of time on top not in trio; accompaniments fair. The basses should stand out more in this band. A moderately good performance.

BAND NO. 2. (LEADGATE SAXHORN).—*Selection Contest*:—Opening movement very fair, but not in tune; bass solo fair, but accompaniments not well together, and don't attack fortissimo parts as they ought. Band all round don't attend to dotted notes; they cut them too short. 2nd: Euphonium solo very nice tone, but bad style; basses not together at all in this movement; band not heavy enough in fortissimo parts. 3rd: Too slow; cornet very nice style, but missed several notes; running passage for bass not short enough; and cornets play minims too short. Horn solo very fair, but trombone solo was very bad. 4th: Very bad style; crotchets not sustained out there full length. This movement is marked "choral," but sorry to say, it was nothing like it. Soprano solo middling fair; trombone again only moderate. 5th: Band not well together; cornet very fair; bass solo not nicely given. 6th: Horns and band not nice. 7th: Band very fair, but cornet playing notes that are not in copy; bass very fair. This band is a long way behind No. 1 Band.

Waltz Contest.—Introduction not in tune, and band not together. No. 1. Waltz.—Very nice waltz; horn solo good but stiff. 2nd part: Nicely played; bass good. No. 2.—Cornets fair, and bass middling. 2nd part: Band very nice, but over-blown by cornets. No. 3—Cornet very good; band good. 2nd part only middling. No. 4.—Tenors and cornets not together; band very fair. 2nd part: Solo cornet and soprano not in tune with euphonium. Coda.—Not together the band; horn solo very nice, but soprano making wrong notes; finish middling. Not so good as No. 1. Band.

March Contest.—Opening: Not in time all round the band, and don't divide six quavers in bar properly. Trombones too heavy all through, and in fact spoiled this march altogether by over blowing and splitting the notes. A fair performance, but not equal to No. 1. Band.

BAND NO. 3. (FRAMWELLGATE MOOR).—*Selection Contest*:—Opening movement: Band very fair; cornets missing notes. 2nd: A little out of tune, but duet good; bass very good in *Cressendos*; cornets out of tune; finish not quite together. 3rd: Cornet very nice style, bass good. 4th: Nicely in tune; horn solo very good; and sustained harmony nicely in tune; cornet and horn out of tune here, and took breath at wrong place. 5th: Very fair; sustained harmony not so good; and cornets fair, but 2nd cornet very shaky. 6th: Euphonium solo very nice tone, but bad style of playing, taking breath in wrong places. Finish very fair; horns out of tune here; but cornet very nice style. 7th: Bass very good; cornet recit. very fair, but not smooth enough. Final:—Very fair all through. Very good band; not so good as No. 1, but better than No. 2. This band should have a better selection of music, and then they would figure higher in the contest field.

Waltz Contest.—Opening introduction: Cornet solo very good; band a little out of tune. No. 1 waltz: Solo cornet, baritone, and band very nice; (2nd part) basses very good. No. 2: Band fair; solo cornets missed notes; (2nd part) very nice all through. No. 3rd: Band a little out of tune; trombone good; (2nd part) bass S nicely sustained; cornet good. No. 4: Good all through. Coda opened very good; cornets and bass good all through; fortissimo parts at finish not loud enough. The prettiest set of waltzes played.

March Contest:—Opening: Cornets over blown in this band; accompaniments hardly loud enough. Trombone splitting notes. Euphonium not in tune with cornet. Bass nicely together in this march. But band marred all through with over-blowing of the first cornets. Best performance, prize £1.

Some fifty cokedrawers at Bankfoot Colliery, Crook, are under notice. The coke traffic has not been so low these twenty years.

BAPTIST QUARTERLY MEETING AT BISHOP AUCKLAND.—The meeting of the representatives from the Baptist Churches in the Bishop Auckland district was held on Saturday. Mr Ernest Foster, of Waterhouses, read a paper on "The Necessity for Co-operation in the Churches of the District." Mr Bevan, pastor of Witton Park, and Mr T. Watson, of Langley Moor have both left the district recently.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT exert a rapidly favourable effect in all those diseases which are induced by exposure to damp or by great changes in temperature. They will therefore be found eminently serviceable to those who work in iron foundries, copper mines, and collieries. These well-known remedies present manifest advantages in respect of use and effectiveness, being entirely compounded of vegetable drugs selected with the greatest care and regardless of price. When used in accordance with the ample printed directions which accompany them, they act surely but mildly, and do not interfere with the daily work. There are but few diseases which are not capable of cure—or, at all events, of great relief—if Holloway's remedies are perseveringly used.

Sir Stafford Northcote and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, M.P., have addressed letters to the Secretary of the Church of England Temperance Society for the diocese of Manchester in reply to a resolution in reference to the action of Sir Michael on the Budget proposals. The right hon. gentleman states that he did not propose to increase the duty on tea; he did not even censure Mr Childers in not selecting an article of universal consumption for taxation; but only asked the House of Commons to declare that the increase proposed in the duties on beer and spirits was inequitable in the absence of a corresponding addition to the duties on wines. The reply of Sir Stafford Northcote is to a similar effect.

Sir William Harcourt, addressing a meeting of Liberals in London on Tuesday night, ridiculed the idea that the Liberal Government fell by its own act, declaring that there was not a word of truth in the statement. Referring to the representation that it fell by Irish whiskey, he said he was not sorry that the issue had been joined between two great parties in the State on the question of drink. The Tories were embarrassed by the mischievous rubbish they had been talking, and he specially condemned the language of Lord R. Churchill and Lord Salisbury with reference to Russian advances, contrasting it with the words in which Mr Disraeli spoke on the same subject. A Tory Government in a minority could do little mischief, and was easily kept in the right path; and he promised the future Government that if they laboured for peace, as their predecessors had done, they should have his cordial support. The Tories might squabble about their leaders, but the Liberals had no dissertions about theirs. They were mobilising their forces for the great campaign, and they would fight it for the old cause and for the old flag, and in that flag, and in that name they would appeal to an enfranchised nation, and would go forth conquering and to conquer, and they would yet place on the honoured head, which the Tories had defamed, insulted, and reviled, the worthy crown of a final victory.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS

MONDAY, June 15th.—Before J. PRIESTMAN, Esq. (chairman), and J. W. WALTON-WILSON, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

Walter Sowerby pleaded guilty to being drunk at Blackhill Mill at 11 p.m. on the 30th ult.—The case having been stated by P.C. Hudson, the defendant was fined 5s and costs.

Robert Johnson failed to appear to answer a charge preferred against him by Sergeant Cruickshank of drunkenness at a beerhouse at Blackhill at 9.30 on Sunday morning, 7th inst.—Defendant was fined 10s and costs, or seven days' imprisonment.

Isaac Hewitson, of Bay Bridge, near Blanchland, appeared (on bail) to answer a charge of being drunk and incapable.—Sergt. Cruickshank deduced that at one o'clock on Wednesday morning, 10th inst., he was passing the Reading Room at Blackhill, when he observed the reflex of a light shining underneath the door. Proceeding inside, he found the defendant lying in the enclosure in a helpless state of intoxication. He requested the defendant to leave the premises, as he had no right to be there, and as soon as he gained the public thoroughfare the man did not know where to go to, and could not give any satisfactory account of himself.—The charge was admitted by the defendant; but under the circumstances, the Bench dismissed the case.

Matthew T. Swainston, fishmonger, of Durham Road, Blackhill, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly.—P.C. New on said that on the previous Friday night, shortly after ten o'clock, his attention was drawn to the defendant, who was exceedingly drunk and creating a loud disturbance in Derwent Street. The man's conduct was so disgraceful that the officer was compelled to lock him up.—A fine of 5s and 5s 10d expenses was imposed.

Dennis Donovan, who was accused by P.C. Hurworth of being drunk and disorderly and wanting to fight in Nelson Street, Consett, about six o'clock on Saturday night, was fined 10s 10d, inclusive of costs; or seven days in default.

John Askew was brought up by P.C. Stubbs on a similar charge. Defendant pleaded guilty to being drunk, but denied that he was disorderly.—The officer attested that at a quarter past five o'clock on Saturday last, he discovered the defendant lying intoxicated near the Railway Station, Blackhill. When asked for his name, Askew refused to tell it; and proceeded up the bank towards Consett, shouting and swearing all the way.—Defendant, who alleged that the policeman followed him up the hill and only arrested him as soon as he reached the top, was ordered to defray a fine of 5s and 5s 10d expenses.

James Fitzpatrick (for whom his mother appeared) was found guilty, upon the evidence of P.C. Jameson, of being drunk and fighting with his clothes off, in Sherburn Terrace, Consett, about 11 p.m. on Saturday last, and was mulcted in a similar penalty.

POOR LAW ACT.

Two brothers, *John* and *Edward Lamb*, both single men, were summoned by the Lanchester Guardians for failing to obey an order issued by that court in September last to contribute 1s 6d per week towards the support of their aged father, who resides in Medomsley Road, Consett. The amount owing by John was £1 11s 6d; and by Edward £2 15s 6d.—Edward pleaded his inability to pay, but promised to "settle up" with Mr J. Moon as soon as he was in a position to do so.—The Relieving Officer suggested that, as Edward was not in receipt of such large wages as formerly, it would be advisable for their Worships to reduce the amount payable in his case to 1s weekly; and to this course the Bench assented.—In the event of neither of the defendants making satisfactory arrangements for paying Mr Moon within the next fortnight, Edward stands committed for six weeks' imprisonment, and John for one month.

DRUNK IN CHARGE OF A HORSE.

Thomas Roy, hawker, West Kyo, was summoned for being drunk whilst in charge of a horse and cart.—P.C. Davidson's testimony was to the effect that on Thursday, June 4th, he was proceeding towards Flint Hill, about six o'clock p.m., when he met the defendant on the Lobley Hill Road, lying in his cart in a helpless state of intoxication. Roy was quite unable to sit up, and could not hold the reins, and another person travelling in the same direction promised to set the defendant home.—The charge was admitted by Roy, who stated that he met some acquaintances at Rowlands Gill, and had imbibed a few glasses too much.—The Chairman, after commenting upon the dangerous results of such a practice, fined the defendant 10s and the usual costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

James Thirlaway, a boy of 14 years, working on the "screens" at East Tanfield Colliery, was charged by P.C. Bain with having, about eleven a.m. on the 9th inst., got over a hedge and entered a field belonging to Mr Thomas Robinson, farmer, of Tanfield Lea. After wandering about the pasture for some time, the policeman went up to the defendant, and the latter, on being accosted, said he was merely bird's-nesting. The farmer had suffered a vast amount of damage in this manner, and he had instructed the police to prosecute. The damage was laid at 1d.—Mrs Thirlaway appeared, and asked the Bench to deal leniently with her son, as his father had been off work.—The fine inflicted was 5s 1d, which includes damage and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

James and *Patrick Brannigan*, brothers, of Leadgate, were summoned by P.C. Hudson for fighting in the public streets of Blackhill Mill, divested of their clothing, and with a large crowd surrounding them, shortly after ten o'clock on the night of the 30th ult.—James confessed his guilt, and was bound over for six months in the sum of £5, and pay 8s as costs. Patrick failed to attend, and a warrant was accordingly granted against him.

THE EDUCATION ACT.

Mr Wm. Ward, acting upon instructions from the School Attendance Committee for the Lanchester Union, summoned the following parents for neglecting to send their children regularly to school:—*Luke Dodds*, West Stanley (who averred that he could not get his children to go to school), fined 5s, including costs; *James Eccles*, Consett, 5s; *Patrick McDonald*, Consett, formerly of West Hartlepool (whose defence was that his child was over 13 years of age), case dismissed; *Bernard Bradley*, Consett, 5s; *Mary Herdman*, widow, Consett, case dismissed on defendant promising to see that her child attends regularly; *Hugh Mulraney*, Consett, 5s; *Thomas Brady*, Consett, 5s; *William Weightman*, publican, Burnopfield, fined 5s.

George Herron was charged by Mr D. Mole, at the instance of the Collierley School Board, for being guilty of the same offence, and was also mulcted in 5s, including costs.

Mr John Gibson, on behalf of the Medomsley School Board, summoned *Robert Ashby* and *Isaac Lonsdale*, of Allendale Cottages, for not causing their children to attend school.—Ashby's child formerly attended the Westwood Board Schools very irregularly, and when the schoolwarden complained to the mother, she then elected to take the boy to Ebchester School, and this change she imagined placed her beyond the jurisdiction of the Board. When Mr Gibson called at the house on a subsequent date, Mrs Ashby declared that she would send the child to school just when it pleased her, and the School Board had no right to interfere in the matter.—In the charge against Lonsdale, it was stated that his daughter had not made a single attendance at school since the 27th February last.—Both offenders were fined in the full amount.

ASSAULT AT BURNOPFIELD.

James Scott pleaded guilty to having assaulted Jane Harris, on the 29th ult., at Burnopfield.—Complainant and the defendant's wife had previously differed, and the latter was leading a bad tongue in Mrs Harris's house, when the complainant endeavoured to put Mrs Scott out, and they had a severe "tussle." Defendant then appeared on the scene, and struck the complainant once in the eye, and dealt her two blows on the small of the back.—George Turnbull, who corroborated, saw the complainant throw a stone or a glass bottle at the defendant.—Scott said that Mrs Harris attacked his wife with a poker, and likewise clutched her by the hair of the head. When he remonstrated with the complainant, she exclaimed that she would not be "led out with a b—— like him:" consequently he struck her a blow or two.—A fine of £1 2s 6d, including costs, was inflicted; but the defendant refused to pay the money, preferring to undergo fourteen days' imprisonment. After being kept in "durance vile" for a couple of hours, however, Scott changed his mind, and paid a portion of the penalty.

A HAWKER BRUTALLY ASSAULTS HIS WIFE AND FATHER-IN-LAW.

Michael Docherty, a general dealer, of Dipton, was brought up in custody to answer charges of assaulting his wife Margaret, on the 10th inst.; and his father-in-law, John Killen, on the 12th inst. Dr Carr defended the prisoner.—Prosecutrix exhibited two black eyes, and her countenance bore traces of ill-usage. She stated that at ten o'clock on Wednesday night, her husband and herself quarrelled respecting the nephew, whom she had hidden out of his sight. The man came across the room to where she was sitting with a baby in her arms, and struck her in the face. The brute then called her a number of nasty names, and for her own safety she was obliged to flee for her life to her father's house. Prisoner pursued her, and gave her several blows in Killen's house, inflicting a couple of black eyes, and bruising her face. He also picked up a chair and swore that he would take her life. Her father, who was in bed at the time, got up and advised her husband to go home quietly, but the coward struck at the old man three times whilst the latter was in bed.—Replying to Dr Carr, prosecutrix admitted that her husband had been allowing her a guinea per week, but she had not squandered the money or given it to her parents. Prisoner never sent the child she had before her marriage for his clothes, and she did not send a message back that he might "go to h—— for them." The child was afraid of him and would not go near him. Her husband could get the clothes himself because he had the key of the house. They lived in upstairs rooms, where there was neither oven nor pot; and she was obliged to go to her father's house to bake or wash the clothes. The prisoner [illegible] the [illegible] who took the [illegible] of her father's house. This was the first time she had been [illegible] quarrelled when they were at Gateshead, where they were married three years ago. They could not have subsisted if it had not been for the support of her father, who sent her money. Her husband's face was not bleeding on the Wednesday night, and she denied ever expressing a hope that he would bleed to death.—Mary Ann Killen spoke to seeing the prisoner strike his wife both in their own house and inside her father's house on the day named.—Prisoner pleaded guilty to assaulting John Killen, an old man [illegible] years of age.—Complainant deposed to Docherty entering his house on Wednesday night, and striking him two or three times whilst he was in bed, inflicting several wounds and bruises. On the following [illegible] he accompanied his daughter to Consett to [illegible] the prisoner, and after returning to Dipton he was just in the act of [illegible] Sergt. Thornton when the prisoner [illegible] and asked him in a [illegible] manner [illegible] struck him in the mouth, knocking [illegible] down his throat, and [illegible] blow caused the old man to fall upon the ground, and the prisoner continued to ill-use him. [illegible] managed to escape into the house, however, and the prisoner afterwards broke a pane of glass in the window and swore that he would be the end of him. [illegible] examined: Prisoner had frequently [illegible] his wife, blackening her skin and bruising her all over, and although summonses had been issued, this was the first occasion he had been proceeded against. Prisoner blamed Killen and his wife for making mischief between them. [illegible] could not say whether the complainant's wife felled [illegible] over the head with a poker or not. She could not do very much, however, as she was over 7[illegible] years old. After the last affray he returned to Consett and obtained a warrant against the prisoner.—Sergeant Thornton substantiated the testimony of Killen, adding that Mrs Killen rushed out of the house with a frying pan, after her husband had been knocked down, and struck the prisoner over the head with the weapon.—In answer to Dr Carr, the Sergeant said that prisoner was tipsy on Friday, still he knew perfectly well what he was doing. When witness arrested the prisoner on a warrant the same night and charged him with the assault, he stated that he was drunk at the time.—Dr Carr addressed the Bench in mitigation of the offence, alleging that the old folks had been the means of creating an outbreak between Docherty and his wife, and showed that the occurrence was but an illustration of matrimonial disaffection.—The Magistrates found Docherty guilty, and fined him £1 and 11s 1[illegible]d costs for each offence; in default, to go to prison for two months' hard labour.

SELLING ADULTERATED WHISKEY: IMPORTANT TO INNKEEPERS.

William Maddison, the landlord of the Jolly Drover's Inn, Redwell Hills, Leadgate, was summoned at the instance of Supt. Oliver (Inspector under the Food and Drugs Act) for having sold to Sergt. Norman, on the 11th May last, a pint of whiskey as being genuine, a sample of which, on being submitted to Mr W. F. K. Stock, county analyst, of Darlington, was found to be deficient in strength to the extent of 8.57 per cent. The law admits 75 per cent. for proof; this whiskey merely contained proof spirits to the extent of 6.43, leaving a deficiency of 8.57 per cent.—Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) appeared on behalf of the defendant, and in cross-examining Sergt. Norman, the latter denied that he noticed a card placed in a conspicuous position in the bar, certifying that all spirits sold at the establishment were reduced in strength and under proof. When he served the summons, however, Mr Maddison called his attention to such a notice then hanging in the bar.—Mr Welford said if he proved to the satisfaction of the Bench that the notices referred to were posted in different parts of the premises, their Worships would be justified in dismissing the case. Mr Welford cited the opinions of Her Majesty's judges on the question, and pointed out that a similar case was disposed of at Wolsingham Petty Sessions in May last, the defendant being discharged simply on the ground that she proved that these notices were affixed in different parts of her establishment.—Henry Stoner and the defendant were sworn, and both attested that cards similar to the one produced had hung up in all the rooms where the liquor was sold for several months past.—The Magistrates, after a brief consultation, were not satisfied that the notices were sufficient, and inflicted a penalty of 10s and costs.—Mr Welford remarked that all such prosecutions hitherto had been squashed under similar circumstances, and he asked their Worships to state a case for a higher Court; and this request was complied with.

ALLEGED THEFTS.

James Ridley, an engine-driver, formerly in the employment of the Consett Iron Company, was charged with stealing in May last, a large fly-wheel, a crank, and a driver, the property of Wm. Todd, hairdresser, of Leadgate, who emigrated to Australia a few weeks ago. Mr T. W. Welford appeared for the defendant, who denied the charge.—It appears that on Thursday, May 21st, Sergeant Norman and P.C. Watson visited the defendant's premises and found the wheel and also the crank produced, as well as a "driver." The lathe-head was discovered concealed in a drain on the Iveston Road. Defendant was only just making a frame for to fit the crank.—John Dawson, plumber under the Consett Iron Company, and Justicia Hetherington, fitter, of Leadgate, were both called to prove the identity of the stolen property, which they believed to belong to Todd; but on being cross-questioned by Mr Welford, they would not swear that the articles were Todd's, although they somewhat resembled the machinery they had seen in his shop. The crank was rusty, and must have been polished up. Dawson also deposed that the driver produced belonged to him, and that he had lent it to Todd just before the sale; while on the other hand, Mr Armstrong, blacksmith, Iveston, swore that the driver was his, as he wrought it himself and that Ridley borrowed it from him.—Catherine Ridley, a young girl aged 15, attested to her father having had the crank and the wheel in his possession for a number of years; and the defendant swore that he procured the crank 14 years ago, from Mr Dennison, manager of Wheatley Collieries.—Defendant was discharged.

George Moss, millwright labourer at the Consett Iron Works, charged his wife, Isabella Moss, with stealing a silver Geneva watch, valued at £6 6s; a suit of clothes, costing when new £3 15s; and some pawn tickets representing goods to the value of 33s 6d, belonging to him. In this case Mr Welford also defended.—Prosecutor, who now lives at Hawthorn Terrace, Blackhill, was married early in 1884, and resided in a house with his wife in Pitt Street, Consett, until the 3rd June, when they quarrelled and separated. He had previously handed the articles mentioned to his wife to take charge of, and on the day referred to he asked her to deliver up the things, but she refused. He had given her every penny he earned to pay household expenses. He could not obtain the things himself, as he did not know which pawnshop she had taken them to. His wife had treated him worse than a dog this last twelve months.—Cross-questioned by Mr Welford: When he was married, his wife did not "pop" a sealskin jacket to get his watch from "his Uncle's." The jacket was taken to the sister, who pawned it.—Defendant: Six weeks after marriage I took the money to the porter at the Station and asked him to take out the watch, as I knew nothing about pawning such things.—Prosecutrix (sarcastically): No you don't; you are innocent about such things. Never been in a "pop" shop in your life I suppose. (Loud laughter.)—Further examined, prosecutor said they were living with a person named Carr in Pitt Street. The furniture was obtained on the hire system, and he authorised Mrs Wood to take the same away on the 1st June. Mrs Wood advised him to "go home, get off to bed, and make it up with the wife." (Laughter.) He replied, "No Mrs Wood; if you don't take the things away on Tuesday you will not get pay for them." The furniture, however, was removed on the Wednesday. Mr Curry was landlord of the house, and he expected his wife was paying the rent (6s 6d a fortnight) out of the money he gave to her. Defendant told him that she had paid 30s on a watch in order to pay for a bed, which was afterwards disposed of to Mrs Carr. He saw his wife last Monday night, and she said "If you come up to my mother's, I'll give you the things." He did not go up to the mother's house, as he had been there too often, and he knew that he would be badly used as soon as he reached the length of their arms. (Laughter.)—This case was likewise dismissed.—Moss subsequently applied for the return of the articles; and as he said that he was afraid to go and get them, he was advised to sue his wife in the County Court, if she refused to deliver up the property.

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

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THE DIFFERENT VERSIONS AND EDITIONS OF THE BIBLE.

(SPECIALLY CONTRIBUTED.)

Now that people have had their interest roused by the issuing of a new version of the Bible, it may not be out of place to give an account of the various editions put forth since the invention of printing.

In 1477, the Hebrew Psalms were printed, and in 1488 the whole Bible, at Soncino. In 1518, at Venice, appeared the "Rabbinical Bibles," containing the Hebrew text and Aramaic Targum, with commentaries by the most learned Jewish doctors of the age. It was printed by Daniel Bomberg, and edited by Felix Pratensis.

This was quickly followed by a second edition, with important additions by Jacob ben Chayim, in 1525. In 1523, Luther published the Pentateuch; in 1524, the historical and poetical books; and completed the Bible in 1534.

The Zurich version, by Zwingli, Pellicano, Leo Juda, and others, was issued in 1524-29; the Latin versions of Sanctes Pagninus in 1528; and of Sebastian Münster, Court Preacher at Heidelberg, 1534-5.

Miles Coverdale's Bible appeared in 1535; the Great Bible in 1539-41; the Genevan version—the work of exiles banished from England by Mary—in 1560; the Bishop's Bible, executed under the auspices of Archbishop Parker, in 1568; and the present "Authorised Version" in 1611. When King James I. in 1603 commanded that a new translation of the Bible should be made, he ordered this task to be performed by 54 select men, who were eminent for their piety and profound knowledge of the original tongues. From death, and other causes, only 47 persons were actually engaged in the work. Ten of these met at Westminster, and translated from Genesis to the end of II. Kings; eight at Cambridge translated from that to the end of the Songs of Solomon; seven at Oxford from that to the end of Malachi; eight, also at Oxford, from that to the end of the Acts of the Apostles, together with the Apocalypse; and seven at Westminster translated the whole of the Epistles. Another company at Cambridge translated the whole of the Apocryphal books.

There were to be over each company of translators, directors; and, in addition to these directors, there were three or four of the most eminent divines in either of the Universities (not being employed in translating) assigned as overseers of the translation. The work, having occupied nearly three years, was completed, and three copies of the whole Bible were sent to London—one from Oxford, one from Cambridge, and one from Westminster. Here again a committee of six—two being deputed by the companies at Oxford, two by those at Cambridge, and two by the company at Westminster—reviewed and perfected the work, which was finally prepared and revised by Dr Smith (afterwards Bishop of Gloucester), and Dr Bilston, Bishop of Winchester, and, in 1611, published in folio in London by Robert Parker, printer to the King.

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Blackhill, June, 1885.

CHESTER-LE-STREET DIVISION.

THE CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE.

Mr Walter Ashworth, the Conservative candidate for the Chester-le-Street Division, addressed a public meeting on Monday night in the Colliery Schools, Kibblesworth. There was a large attendance, and the meeting was a most successful one. Mr Wm. Crossthwaite presided, and was supported by Mr Henry Wallace, Mr Richard Forster, and other prominent supporters of the Conservative interest in the Chester-le-Street Division.—At the close of Mr Ashworth's address, Mr Henry Wallace said that Mr Ashworth was the choice of an influentially representative meeting held in Gateshead, and Mr Ashworth was certainly the proper man to represent the division. (Cheers).—On the motion of Mr Thomas Smith (an admitted supporter of the Radical candidate), seconded by Mr Wm. Ironsides, a cordial vote of thanks was given to Mr Ashworth for his address; and a similar compliment to the chairman terminated the meeting.

There was a crowded meeting on the green at Whickham Village on Tuesday night, to hear an address from the Conservative candidate for the Chester-le-Street Division, Mr Walter Ashworth. Mr J. J. Hunter occupied the chair, and amongst those present were:—Mr Henry Wallace, Revs H. V. Carr and J. Hicks, Mr A. D. Carr, Dr Attwater, Mr Clough, Mr I. Taylor, Dr Taylor, Messrs Lewis Ridley, J. C. Gardner, Furness, H. Dryden, F. Cassick, T. Lambert, J. Dennis, S. Spoor, T. Archer, J. Scott, C. Robson, T. S. Robson, B. Birtley, T. Maughan, Dr Usher, and other gentlemen. Addresses were given by the Chairman and Mr Ashworth, and the proceedings closed with the usual votes of thanks.

On Wednesday night, Mr Ashworth held a most successful open-air meeting at Chester-le-Street. Mr Henry Wallace (Trench Hall) occupied the chair, and amongst those present were the Rector of Chester-le-Street (Canon Blunt), Dr Morris, Messrs G. Turnbull (Twizell), J. S. Bell, H. Potts, Harrison, Furness, J. Brewis, J. Coxon, J. Parkin, R. J. Milburne, R. Coxon, Morrison, Smailes, Clark, Thompson, Punshon, Moffatt, North, Henderson, J. P. Kirkup, Dr Atkinson, Dr Brown, S. L. Wood, P. Oswald, Potts, Legge, S. J. Humble, Wm. Stoddart, W. Oliver, Sherwood, and other prominent Conservatives in the town and district. The audience numbered 500 or 600 persons, and Mr Ashworth was most cordially received and listened to most attentively.

MR JOICEY AT EDMONDSLEY.

Mr James Joicey, the selected Liberal candidate for Chester-le-Street Division, on Wednesday evening addressed a crowded meeting of the electors in the British School-room, Edmondsley, Mr Wm. Branfoot, of Sunderland, presided, being supported by Messrs J. Lucas (Gateshead), J. Amble, J. Hodgson, Lumsden, T. Robinson, B. Chipchase, W. Smith, W. Kay, and others.

The CHAIRMAN was pleased to think that his countrymen were now in a position to take a part in the affairs of their country. They must, however, use the newly obtained power with fair discretion, because it was one thing to have power and another thing to use it properly.

Mr JOICEY, who was loudly cheered, said, unlike at previous meetings he had addressed, when he was simply one of the three candidates before the Division, he was now the selected candidate of the Division. (Cheers.) At a representative meeting held at Gateshead, he was selected by a majority of four to one, and as his name had lately been mentioned in more than one paper as a likely candidate for North-Western Durham, he would tell them distinctly, so there could be no doubt on that point, that it was his intention to stand or fall by the Chester-le-Street Division. (Loud cheers.) Probably most of them had not seen him before, though his family were closely connected with the Division, and he himself had great interests in it, and he considered if a local man had claims he had them. (Cheers.) Turning to the political events of the past fortnight, he said it would have naturally been thought the Government would have been defeated on their foreign policy, which the Tories thought was their strong point, but actually it had originated out of a financial question. The Chancellor of the Exchequer having eleven millions to raise, proposed to increase the income tax from 5d to 8d, and also increase the duties in spirits and beer. (Cheers.) Now, it had always been the aim of Mr Gladstone, as far as possible, to take off the duties on the necessaries, and to put them on to the luxuries—(cheers)—that he considered a sound principle. (Hear, hear.) But the Tories, suddenly discovering the poor man was going to have his beer taxed—they do dearly love to be the advocate of the poor man—(a laugh) while the rich man was going to have his wine without any increase, proposed that the duty on wine should be increased also.

Mr B. CHIPCHASE moved, Mr J. HODGSON seconded, a vote of confidence in Mr Joicey, which was unanimously carried amidst loud cheers.

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Sunniside Miners' Institute has been partly opened, and it is expected that Sir J. W. Pease, M.P., and others will take part in the opening ceremony.

WOLSINGHAM COUNTY COURT.

SATURDAY, June 13th.—Before His Honour E. J. MEYNELL (Judge).

TAKE CARE OF THE RECEIPTS.

HUTCHINSON *v.* BROWN.—George Hutchinson sued John Brown for £8 12s, a debt for goods, but on the receipts being produced judgment was passed for defendant.

THE BOUNDARY FENCES QUESTION.

LEE AND ANOTHER *v.* WATSON.—The question of costs in the recent sheep trespassing case at St. John's Chapel was referred to His Honour. Messrs Lee and Armstrong were plaintiffs, and Messrs W. J. Watson the defendants, and judgment had been entered for defendants with costs.—Mr G. Maw explained that Mr J. T. Proud, representing plaintiffs and himself, could not agree about the costs.—His Honour said he saw no reasons for allowing them on the higher scale, and could only do so if there was a difficult case at law involved or of general interest.—After further discussion His Honour allowed costs on the usual scale, with those additional costs which the plaintiffs agreed to pay.

A PARENT'S "LEGACIES."

ARMSTRONG *v.* FURNESS.—Thomas Armstrong, grocer and farmer, of Westgate, sued William and Elizabeth Furness for £4 16s 6d, value of goods supplied to Hannah Furness, the deceased mother of defendants.—Mr R. G. Wooler, who defended, said defendants, who were administrators of their mother's affairs, ought to have been sued in their representive character. He, however, admitted the debt, but said there were no assets.—The son, in his evidence, stated that £2 10s was the value of the furniture, and the funeral expenses amounted to £5.—His Honour gave judgment for defendants, allowing costs.

Cricket.

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

LOCAL FIXTURES.

June 20.—Tanfield v Hastings, at New Hartley.
" 20.—Marley Hill v Bewick Main, at Bewick Main.
" 20.—Tanfield 2nd v Medomsley 2nd, at Tanfield.
" 20.—Whickham v Willington Rosehill, at Rosehill.
" 20.—Winlaton v Hawthorn Rovers, at Winlaton.
" 20.—Consett v Medomsley, at Medomsley.
" 27.—Marley Hill v Whickham, at Whickham.
" 27.—Manors C.C. v Consett White Stars, at Consett

CROOK *v.* ADELAIDE.—Played at Adelaide on Saturday. Score:—Crook, T. Furness, 46; T. Coates, 17; T. Hamilton, not out, 10; J. Cook, 18; total, 146. Adelaide, R. Welford, not out, 15; total, 66.

DUNSTON WANDERERS *v.* BLAYDON HAUGHS.—Played at Dunston and resulted in a win for the Wanderers by 14 runs. Score:—Dunston Wanderers, 40; Blaydon Haughs, 26.

BENWELL HILL *v.* WINLATON AMATEURS 2ND.—Played on Ryton Willows, and resulted in a win for Benwell Hill by 11 runs. Score:—Benwell Hill, 66; Winlaton Amateurs, 55.

NORTH DURHAM 2ND *v.* DUNSTON 1ST.—Played at Dunston on Saturday, and resulted, after a close and exciting game, in favour of North Durham by one run. Score:—North Durham, 55; Dunston, 54.

NEVILLE *v.* DERWENT VALLEY.—Played on the ground of the former on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the Neville by 12 runs. Bishop, for the winners, and Bruce, for the losers, both bowled well. Score:—Neville, 52; Derwent Valley, 40.

WINLATON AMATEUR *v.* CO-OPERATIVE WHOLESALE SOCIETY.—Played at Ryton Willows on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for Winlaton by 125 runs. For the visitors, Russell, 42, Reed, 23, and Gilfillan, 18, all batted well. Score:—Winlaton, 154; Co-operative, 29.

WYLAM HALL *v.* GREENSIDE.—Played at Wylam Hall on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the home team by 41 runs. For Wylam Hall, T. Dunn, 24, and J. Hogg, 15, not out, batted well; while Lumley took five wickets for 21 runs, and R. Ellis took four for 14 runs. Score:—Wylam Hall, 84; Greenside, 43.

WHICKHAM *v.* TYNE DOCK.—Played at Whickham on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the home team, chiefly owing to the batting of Cook, Mordue, and R. Atkinson. For the visitors, Tye was the only one to reach double figures, though Graham was batting well when he was run out. Score:—Tyne Dock, 30; Whickham, 72.

SCOTSWOOD BLUE STAR *v.* MOUNT PLEASANT ROVERS.—Played at Throckley on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for Scotswood by 55 runs. The following did well for the winners:—Burt, 34; Dixon, 24; and Graham, 18; while Dance played best for the losers, scoring 14. Score:—Scotswood, 112; Mount Pleasant, 57.

MEDOMSLEY v. BURNOPFIELD.

Played at Burnopfield on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for Medomsley, owing chiefly to the good bowling of Mr J. Murphy. Score:—

BURNOPFIELD.		MEDOMSLEY.	
W. Jefferson not out	10	M. Milburn b Lamb	7
J. Cuthbertson b Milburn	0	J. Murphy b Finlay	0
G. Cooper b Milburn	0	W. Palliser b Lamb	14
W. Hogarth b Murphy	1	A. Little b Lamb	0
W. Charlton b Murphy	3	T. D. Dales b Cuthbertson	12
G. Finlay b Murphy	0	G. E. Milburn run out	0
G. Lamb run out	0	T. Murphy b Hogarth	7
H. Wood c and b Milburn	0	F. Robinson c Finlay	0
R. Ferguson b Murphy	1	W. E. Charlton b Lamb	7
G. Langley b Murphy	4	J. Snowdon b Lamb	7
J. Lowrey st Walton	1	G. Walton not out	5
Extras	5	Extras	5
Total	25	Total	64

LEADGATE 2ND v. ST. IVES.

Played on the ground of the former on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the home team. Score:—

ST. IVES.		LEADGATE.	
J. Snaith b Turner	1	R. Westhorpe run out	3
T. Bullock b Munighan	1	J. Munighan c and b Burnhope	13
A. Burnhope b Munighan	10	C. Surtees run out	2
A. Graham c Walker b Turner	3	J. Walton b Snaith	0
J. Graham b Munighan	0	A. Turner c Todd b Robinson	3
F. Lee run out	0	J. Brown run out	6
T. S. Robinson c Munighan b Turner	0	A. Prince b Snaith	8
J. Thompson run out	1	J. Marlow run out	0
J. Todd b Turner	7	H. Applegarth c Snaith b Graham	1
T. Potts b Westhorpe	0	T. Westhorpe not out	0
J. Robson not out	3	W. Walker b Graham	0
Extras	10	Extras	7
Total	36	Total	43

CONSETT WHITE STARS v. TANFIELD 2ND.

Played at Tanfield on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for the visitors by 37 runs, due greatly to the excellent batting of W. Turnbull and the destructive bowling of T. Cockburn. Score:—

TANFIELD 2ND.		WHITE STARS.	
H. Nicholson b Cockburn	0	W. Turnbull hit wkt.	41
E. Bowes b Cockburn	0	J. Maxwell b E. Bowes	0
A. Gardener st Turnbull	1	J. Welch b J. Bowes	4
J. Bowes b Cockburn	0	J. G. Willey hit wkt	3
M. Patterson b Cockburn	15	J. Malpass b J. Bowes	11
W. Hetherington run out	7	G. Richardson c Robinson b E. Bowes	1
A. Swinburn c Willey b Adamson	2	J. Harwood b J. Bowes	1
T. H. Smith run out	3	T. Adamson lbw b J. Bowes	0
W. Robinson b Cockburn	0	T. Cockburn c and b J. Bowes	1
R. Holmes st Turnbull	1	J. R. Maxwell b Gardner	2
J. Richardson not out	0	H. Walker not out	0
Extras	3	Extras	5
Total	32	Total	69

Her Majesty the Queen and the Princess Beatrice arrived at Windsor Castle on Wednesday morning from Balmoral.

The traffic receipts of the North-Eastern Railway Company for the week ending June 13th show an increase of £7,610, as compared with those for the corresponding period of last year. There is a decrease in the item of passenger receipts of £2,652.

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 doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame." *Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in packets, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London."—Also, makers of Epps's Chocolate Essence.

THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The Conference was resumed on Thursday se'nnight, at Reading, the Rev R. Fenwick in the chair. The reception of connexional and district reports occupied most of the day. The 42nd annual Missionary Report showed that the number of stations in the United Kingdom had been increased beyond expectation. In addition to other special appointments, a missionary had been appointed to labour among the soldiers at Aldershot, and had been successful. There had also been provided a reading-room and library for their use. During the year nearly 2,000 persons had joined the mission churches. Though some stations were feeble, others were making progress. The Bournemouth station had asked to become an independent, self-supporting circuit. The trust estates on the station showed a net financial improvement of nearly £3,000. Several of the colonial stations asked for more missionaries, and the improvement was striking. In South Africa, although there had been a disturbance in the population through emigration, the committee were hopeful, as the missionaries possessed the fullest confidence of the committee. During last year Mr W. F. Hartley (Southport), had offered the committee £1,000, on condition that the Connexion would raise the remaining £4,000. By this means all the debt had been paid off, and a small balance was left in the treasurer's hands. The ordinary income was £20,004. The Rev W. Johnson (Sunderland district), was deputed to prepare a petition for presentation to the House of Commons in favour of Mr Stevenson's Sunday Closing Bill. The book-room report showed that, notwithstanding the industrial depression, the book steward (Rev R. Fenwick) had been able to hand over to the treasurer of the supernumerary fund during the last year £10,700, and £333 to the Itinerant Preachers' Friendly Society, besides depositing towards a new book-room. A companion tune book of the revised hymn-book had been issued, and a tonic sol-fa edition of the Sunday-school hymn-book would be ready for the August parcels. The circulation of the monthly periodicals was considerable, there being over 10,000 copies of the large magazine, 16,000 *Christian Messenger*, 38,000 of the *Juvenile Magazine*, 13,000 *Teachers' Assistant*, 22,000 *Child's Friend*, and nearly 2,000 of the *Quarterly Review*. 42,000 congregational hymn-books had been sold, and a similar number of Sunday-school revival and other books, while the demand was increasing for reward and library books. A discussion was continued by the President, and the Revs G. Lamb, Thos. Newall, J. Stephenson, A. McKechnie, and R. Harrison. The reports were presented and adopted. The general committee had sanctioned the sale of the 33 pieces of connexional property of various descriptions, and reported the deaths of the Revs R. Davies (York), and Dr Wm. Antliff (Preston, formerly of Sunderland). Public meetings were held in the evening, at three of the principal chapels.

On Friday, a letter was received from the Rev H. Phillips (Darlington), asking leave to retire from the Deed Poll membership of the connexion. The rev. gentleman is 76 years of age, and retires on account of ill-health. It was found desirable to ask him to continue another year, with a view to a decision as to whether a supernumerary minister might succeed him, strong feeling running in favour of the Rev T. Penrose, who retired 11 years ago from active ministry. The list of applications for superannuation on account of age and infirmity contained 11 names, amongst which were the Rev Thos. Southron (Newcastle), aged 66, who had travelled 44 years; the Rev J. Dawson (Kendal), aged 61, travelled 38 years; and the Rev H. B. Kendal, B.A. (Harrogate), aged 40, travelled 21 years. Sympathy was eloquently expressed by many of the delegates and letters directed to be sent them. The Rev J. McPherson, Principal of the Theological College, Manchester, aged 71, who had been in active ministry 51 years, was unanimously elected to succeed Dr Antliff as permanent member of the Conference Deed Poll. The report of the Connexional Insurance Company submitted by the Rev C. Smith (York), showed a total of polices exceeding 5,000, including nearly 200 new ones during the year. The committee had been able to make a grant of £500 to the Conference from the profits of the concern, which had been an unqualified success, and was now demonstrating its power to render aid to the connexion. The Elmfield College, York, whose report was submitted by the governor, the Rev R. Smith, showed that, as usual, the pupils had been successful at the various public examinations. Two boys had matriculated at the London University, one being placed in the honours list, and the other in the first class. Twenty were entered for the Cambridge local examination in December, 19 were successful, 12 being in the honours division. In the same month more than half of the boys (54) were entered for the College of Preceptors examination, and 52 passed. The general chapel fund, of which Mr William Fletcher (Leeds district), is treasurer, reported an improved financial condition. Assistance had been given to 25 chapels, which, with the circuit efforts, had relieved burdened trust property to the extent of £3,300, and additional promises had been made amounting to nearly £1,000. The Hymnal Committee will probably complete their work in four months; the revisors were ambitious to provide a really good connexional hymn-book. A tune book was also in preparation, but could not appear for some time after the new hymn-book. A number of candidates for the ministry were received and pledged, and a number of probationers were received into full connexion. Several new circuits were formed, including Dent from Middleham, in the Leeds district. In the evening, a missionary meeting was held in the New Town Hall, the speakers including Mr T. Stokoe (Newcastle), and the Rev J. Atkinson, general missionary secretary.

The assembly resumed on Saturday, when a letter was read from Mr Thos. Bateman, the oldest Deed Poll member, acknowledging the dispensation granted him. Appeals from circuits for relief in various ways having been considered, the Conference proceeded to adjust stationing of ministers for the next year. The statistics of the Connexion showed that there were 192,389 members, an increase of 1,187 for the year: deaths, 2,837; ministers, 1,042; local preachers, 15,785; leaders, 10,853; Connexional chapels, 4,282; other places, 1,797; hearers, 568,565; value of Connexional property, £2,922,887; debt on property, £1,088,221; Sabbath schools, 4,104; teachers, 61,092; scholars, 405,385; scholars members of society above fourteen years of age, 14,362; under fourteen, 13,493. The Sunderland district statistics were as follows:—Members, 24,948, increase 268; deaths, 343; ministers, 90; local preachers, 1,743; class leaders, 1,416; Connexional chapels, 393; other places, 158; hearers, 75,851; value of property, £317,743; debt at present, £87,718; Sabbath schools, 448; teachers, 9,004; scholars, 54,016; juvenile members of the Church, 4,630. In the afternoon, three deputations were received from the Oxford District Wesleyan ministers, the Reading ministers, and the temperance party, replies to whom were given by the Rev T. Guttery (Sunderland), Rev T. Newell (Leeds), and Dr S. Antliff.

On Sunday, Conference Camp Meetings were held, and the pulpits of the Nonconformist churches were occupied by delegates.

The draft list of stations for this district is as follows:—

Sunderland, First L.D.—Chester Road—John Hallam, Matthew Keaveley, Thomas Greenfield, sup.
Sunderland, Second L.D.—Tatham Street—Danzy Sheen, George E. Lloyd.
North Shields, T.P.D.—William Graham, George Armstrong, con.
South Shields, T.P.D.—William Johnson, William A. French, Henry Pratt (2), Thos. Southron, rec. sup.
Newcastle-on-Tyne, First T.P.D.—Nelson Street—Wm. Bowe, John Bainbridge, Wm. Haddow, con.
Newcastle-on-Tyne, Second T.P.D.—Maple Street—Andrew Latimer, John W. Allison.
Hexham, L.D.—John Alderson, Thos. K. Upright.
Westgate L.D.—Jas. Taylor, Emerson Phillipson.
Durham L.D.—Wm. Bailey, Robt. Hind.
Shotley Bridge L.D.—Thomas Elliott, Henry Yooll, John Moffatt, Thomas Brodie, sup.
Crook L.D.—Jeremiah S. White, Matthew P. Davison, Robert Gillender, Edward Rust, sup.
St. Helen's, Auckland, T.P.D.—Featherstone Watson, Thomas J. Watson.
Gateshead T.P.D.—James Young, John G. Binney, John M. Dawson, rec. sup.
Stanley L.D.—John Waite.
Shildon T.P.D.—Richard Lush, Wm. Nation.
Spennymoor T.P.D.—Wm. Shipley, Ralph Shields.
Chester-le-Street L.D.—John Taylor (2).
Bishop Auckland L.D.—Joseph Ritson, Alfred J. Campbell.
North Sunderland L.D.—Wm. Robson.
White-le-Head L.D.—John Gill.

At Monday's sitting, the Conference placed on record its appreciation of the ability and fidelity with which the Rev T. Southron, Newcastle, had served the church, not only as a circuit minister, but also in many of the higher offices of the Connexion.—A letter had been received by the Missionary Secretary from the Rev Wm. Welford (West Africa), stating that the wife of the Rev H. Buckenham had died at Calabar, from fever, as she was on her way to the Cameroons.—Sanction was given for the sale of the following chapels in the North of England, which have been replaced by larger and more convenient structures:—Witton Park, in the Bishop Auckland Circuit; Castleside, Shotley Bridge; Richmond Street, Middlesbrough; Cockermouth, Maryport.—Whitby Station having applied for the Dales part of the circuit to be placed under the care of the Missionary Committee the application was put into their hands.—Notice of motion was given by the Rev John Stephenson, of Hull, that it be an instruction to the General Committee to prepare legislation for the establishment of a Stationing Committee, to submit the same to the December quarterly meeting.—The Rev George Middleton submitted the report of Bourne College, Birmingham, the Junior School, of the same class as Elmfield. The school was started nine years ago, and several hundred boys had passed through the college; and they had many testimonials to the creditable positions occupied by them.—The balance sheets showed that there was an improvement in the financial condition of the college.—The memoirs of deceased ministers were taken as read.

On Tuesday, the reception of memoirs of deceased ministers was continued, and the following additions were made:—Rev Henry Yool (Carlisle); Donaldson Spark (Staithes); and Jno. Hedley (Hexham).—The Rev T. Whitehead submitted a motion that the thanks of the Conference be accorded to Mr H. Hodge (Hull) for his gift of £12,000 to chapels in that town and district, and the valuable services he had rendered as missionary treasurer. The following were thanked: Messrs Priestman and Co., of Victoria Garesfield, White-le-Head, for gift of bricks, value £100.—The report of the Finance Committee was received, and the following recommendation adopted.—£3,300 were allocated from the book-room profits to the superannuated ministers', widows', and orphans' fund, and £600 to the same fund by the Conference fund, and to Mr Caton, of Liverpool, for his services in connexion with the despatch and reception of African missionaries for many years past. The following ministers were appointed to examine the candidates for the approved list next year:—Sunderland, Revs W. Johnson and W. Bowe; Leeds, Revs H. Woodcock and H. Parish; Darlington and Stockton, Revs G. W. Morris and R. Chambers; Grimsby and Lincoln, Revs F. Rudd and J. Timmins. The district meetings for 1886 are as follows:—Hull, at Bridlington; Sunderland, at Newcastle; Leeds, at Dewsbury; Darlington and Stockton, at Bishop Auckland; Grimsby and Lincoln, at Boston. The report of the Theological College, Manchester, gave rise to an animated discussion with respect to the reduction of its debt, and it was ultimately resolved that Mr Clapham (Yarm) pay over the balance of £1,150 from the sale of the Sunderland Theological Institute. The Principal (Rev J. Macpherson) further stated that he had the promise of a sum of £250, which will leave a debt of £800 10s.—On the motion of the Rev T. Guttery (Sunderland) a committee was appointed to take into consideration the advisability of extending the African missions. This committee was also to take up the question of providing more missionaries for evangelistic work in large towns. On the question of the examination of candidates for the ministry, it was determined that the three sectional examining boards—Southern, Midland, and Northern—should continue another year, and the General Committee are to prepare legislation with a view to the establishment of a central examining board. The quarterly meetings of the Sunday School Union for next year will be held at Bradford, Peterborough, Oldham, and Grimsby. In the evening a young people's meeting was held in the New Town Hall, presided over by Mr R. Clereham, and addressed by the Revs C. G. Tettey (North Shields); A. Mackentine (Leeds); and F. Rudd (Grimsby).

On Wednesday, the Conference proceeded to consider several matters connected with the General Chapel Fund, and the treasurer (Mr. William Fletcher) urged a larger support of the fund, as it existed for the benefit of trust property. It appeared that no contribution had been made by a number of circuits. The following resolution was passed, on the motion of the Rev William Jones, of London:—

That this Conference of delegates of the Primitive Methodist Connexion, now sitting at Reading, representing churches in the United Kingdom and the Colonies, containing 568,565 hearers, begs most respectfully to express to the Right Hon. William Ewart Gladstone its sympathy with him in the circumstances in which he is placed by the recent defeat of the Government; our admiration of his character as a Christian statesman; our gratitude to him for averting, on honourable terms, an awful war between this country and Russia, and to assure him of our unabated confidence in him personally, and in those principles of freedom and righteousness of which he is so distinguished a representative, and which he has done so much to establish and extend in our nation and the empire at large.

It was also resolved to send a telegram to the New Connexion Conference, Manchester, of a fraternal character, reference being made to the late Rev. Dr. Cooke. A committee was appointed to investigate the title deeds, investments, and other matters connected with the Insurance Company, Elmfield, Bourne, and Clapham Ladies' Colleges. Twenty-one towns had indicated their readiness to take succeeding conferences, including Newcastle and Gateshead, South Shields, Sunderland, Hull, Scarborough, Leeds, Bradford, Grimsby, and Sheffield. The conference was able to report an increase of 1,187 members. It nevertheless deeply deplored the comparative smallness of the increase, considering the vastness of the agencies, and resolved, by seeking the co-operation of the ministers, officers, and members, to secure larger success in future. The following connexional officers were appointed:—Rev. J. Toulson, book steward; Rev. T. Whitehead, general committee secretary; Rev. J. Atkinson, missionary secretary; Rev. J. McPherson, principal of Manchester Theological College; Rev. R. Smith, governor of Elmfield College; Rev. G. Middleton, governor of Bourne College; Rev. T. Whittaker, Leeds, Sunday School Union Secretary; Mr H. Hodge, general missionary treasurer; Mr T. Lawrence, African Mission treasurer; Captain McCulloch, Insurance Company treasurer; Rev. C. Smith, York, secretary; Messrs G. Barron and J. Greenhalgh, connexional auditors; Mr R. Clapham, Yarm, Sunderland Institute treasurer; Rev. J. Garner, Manchester, treasurer of the Conference Fund; Rev. J. Dickenson, treasurer of the Superannuated Preachers Fund; Rev. G. Lamb, treasurer of the General Chapel Fund. The following constitute the Northern Candidates Examining Committee:—Revs. W. Graham, J. Hallan, H. Parrish, T. Newell, J. Worsnop, and C. Coulbeck, secretary.

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Consett, June 11th, 1885. 661n

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Public Notices.

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LINTZ GROUNDS, Saturday First, 3-30 p.m. £8 FOOT HANDICAP (70 Competitors). Also, £2 FOR A QUOIT HANDICAP.
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STANLEY CATHOLIC SPORTS, June 27.—Horse Leaping, Racing, Quoiting, Wrestling, Rabbit Coursing, &c. For further particulars apply to Secretary.—John McDonald, Sec., 12, Allen's Square, Tanfield Lea. 671u

W. SMITH, of Blackhill, and T. DOBSON, of Consett, will PLAY A GAME AT BILLIARDS (500 up) for a sum of £10, at the Royal Hotel, on June 25th, 1885. Play to commence at 7 p.m.

NOTICE.

EXCURSION TO SCARBRO'.

THE North-Eastern Railway Company have arranged to run an EXCURSION TRAIN for the Workmen of Dipton, Annfield Plain, Shield Row, Stanley, &c., on Saturday, July 11th, leaving Rowlands Gill, at 5-20 a.m., calling at Lintz Green and Lanchester, returning from Scarbro' at 6 p.m.
Fare there and back, 4s.; under 12, Half-price.
Further details in future advertisements. 594u

LANCHESTER COMMON SURFACE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING of the above-named Association will be held at the House of Mr. GEORGE BROWN, Railway Hotel, Consett, on Tuesday First, June 23rd, 1885, at Half-past Seven o'clock in the Evening.
C. D. W. BALLENY, } Secretaries.
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Public Notices.

LOOK OUT for the LEADGATE PRIMITIVE METHODIST DEMONSTRATION at Bunker Hill Farm, on Saturday, July 11th, 1885. 664u

IVESTON DAY SCHOOL.

A TEA, LECTURE, and SUPPER, will be held in the above place, on Monday, June 29th, 1885. Tea on the Tables at 4·30 p.m. After Tea, the Rev. A. BAILLIE, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blackhill, will deliver his POPULAR LECTURE, entitled—"Life and Works of Sir Walter Scott." Doors open at Half-past Six; chair to be taken at Seven o'clock, by C. D. W. BALLENY, Esq. After the Lecture, SUPPER will be provided.
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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH, 1885.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

AT a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council of the Liberal Association for the North-Western Division of the County of Durham, held at Consett, on Wednesday evening it was decided that the name of the Hon. HEDWORTH LAMBTON should be mentioned at the ensuing conference of the Council, as a suitable Candidate in the Liberal interest. We are glad to state that, in answer to inquiries, the hon. gentleman has signified his willingness to contest the Division, if approved of by the Council. It would be superfluous on our part to say one word in favour of the young gentleman who has so handsomely offered his services to the electors. The honoured name he bears is sufficiently well-known to all Liberals in the North of England; while the sacrifices made and the immense labours performed for the party by members of the family in times when Liberalism was not so popular as now, are a sufficient guarantee that the Hon. HEDWORTH LAMBTON, if elected, will endeavour at all times to discharge satisfactorily the arduous duties devolving upon a Parliamentary Representative. We trust, therefore, that the Council will, by their unanimous voice, request him to come forward to offer himself for the Division.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

"Leafy June" has been so lavish in her favours that one has almost forgotten and forgiven the short-comings of her younger sister—"flowery May." People who are not pleased with the present *role* of summer weather deserve to be bastinadoed or something worse. Nothing could be lovelier than the present charming weather; and people living in a district like Consett and neighbourhood should make the most of it while it lasts. Comparatively few are in a position to command a term of holidays; but the humblest may stroll abroad at eventide by sequestered lanes and flowery hedges. The song of the lark and the refreshing perfume of the wayside flower costs nothing; and so long as a bountiful providence continues to grant me the gift of appreciation, the well-to-do may keep their so-called pleasure-grounds for those whose yearnings lie in that direction.

I should think that our enterprising friends of St Cuthbert's did a good business on Saturday last. Everything was in their favour, the weather being exceptionally fine, and the influx of visitors correspondingly good. There was no scenes of hand over hand scrambling at the railway station. The visitors departed as sober apparently as judges, and many of them declared that the ride from Scotswood to Consett was more than worth the fare. They referred, of course, to the scenery which at this season is unsurpassed. It would pay the Railway Company to run an excursion train every month in the summer season, and local bodies who meditate doing something smart in the way of a venture might do worse than petition the Company to run the iron horse for their especial benefit. The success attending the proceedings of Saturday last is calculated to give an impetus to undertakings of the same order. The world is made up of points of form and fashion, and whoever strikes a latent chord in the interesting overture of money-making is sure to command a following of ingenious imitators.

Novelists are not usually regarded in the light of prophetic teachers, and yet we seem to be on the eve of what Mr Walter Besant pourtrays in one of his cleverest works—a female Parliament. A charming state of matters indeed; and should the ever-rolling wheels of change continue to evolve introductions of this type, there is no saying whereunto the thing will grow. It may be that the mind that is able to grasp the momentous problem involved in the architecture of a new bonnet could grapple also with problems also of international complication. That may be true; but could woman do that, and much more the increase of power, so-called, would not tend to raise her in the estimation of those whose good opinion she cannot very well ignore. The House of Commons with its midnight sittings, and by no means elevating scenes of fierce debate, is not the best place that could be desired for wife or mother. So far as genuine common sense is concerned, intelligent women might be trusted; but the balance of brain power is only one phase of the question. The world presents many examples of gifted men whose talents have run to seed owing to what might be denominated—misdirection. So will it be if women take it into their heads to knock at the door of Parliament for admission. Politics ought to be outside the pale of woman's kingdom, for from what one knows of feminine politicians the brood is not likely to increase. I noticed a trio of mesdames holding forth on this topic at a railway station the other evening, and after listening for a moment to the animated conversation I gave them a wide berth. So would, I am sure, the great majority of men; for the idea of "sister woman" taking a prominent part in affairs of State is not likely to improve her position. The world needs the influence of woman sadly, but not of that stamp who, like Miss Helen Taylor, stand at the door of Parliament and knock. It is some consolation that she may be refused admittance—just as duly elected members have been served before. Should she, however, be welcomed with open arms her example will no doubt be followed by a train of aspiring sisters; and the House which has kept Mr Bradlaugh at bay for five years may waken some morning to find that a greater than Bradlaugh is here.

There is still a remnant of the famous "six hundred" to the fore. I meet with one of these deathless heroes occasionally whose silvery beard and commanding figure bespeak the veteran grown grey in arms. The gentleman to whom I refer is the worthy father of a family of seventeen by one no less worthy wife, and a finer specimen of the soldier of the old school it would be difficult to find. To hear him tell how fields were won is a treat. He served in the dragoon guards, and took part in the terrible ride through the valley of death. He tells with kindling eye of the narrow and hair-breadth escapes of that day, the achievements of which form one of the most glorious epochs in the history of our country. Our hero—as the novelists phrase it—had his horse shot under him in the fatal charge, and was besides wounded in the side and arm. His horse fell at that point when the Russian guns were reached, and the veteran chuckles as he tells how he ducked beneath the mounted guns, and thus escaped the keen edge of the Russian swords, until watching an opportunity he grasped the rein of a riderless charger and vaulted into the saddle. He saw Captain Nolan get his death wound; and he tells with pardonable pride that he fought side by side with his Colonel that day. The veteran holds a comfortable post in the offices of a well-known Tyneside firm; and it appears that like most old soldiers the good fellow is in the habit of fighting his battles over again. Now, it so happened that on one occasion the knights of the three-legged stool looked as if they could hardly swallow some of the wonderful tales the hero told, and some of them went even further than that, but they were taught such an unlooked-for lesson that they have never since dared to add insult to doubt. Talk of charges by flood and field. Why, for real dramatic effect, they pale before an onslaught among desks and three-legged stools! A pair of prodigious fists were seen to make certain rapid passes through the air, and in a twinkling stools were minus their occupants, and those who laughed at the idea of taking shelter under a Russian gun were glad to draw their precious bodies under the protecting shadow of a dingy desk. The same sapient gentlemen will, I should fancy, be a little more temperate when next they try their hands at the interesting game of fun making. My object, however, in bringing this deserving worthy before the public at this time was to point out that he has this week been the recipient of a gift which pleased him exceedingly. His employer has just returned from a tour in Russia, and as a souvenir of his travels he has brought with him a tent peg from the ground of the British army on the plains of Balaclava. It bears the mark of the "tooth of time," but it is none the less prized by the old soldier on that account. Attached to the peg is an inscription showing where, when, and by whom it was found, and also that it had been presented to one of the survivors of the now famous—six hundred.

Nature is said to have formed some queer fellows in her time, and the gentleman of Spennymoor who had his photo taken the other day whilst in his coffin is surely one of them. One hears a great deal about appearances; but few people care about how they look in their dress in which, as the Italian proverb says, there are no pockets. Evidently the gentleman is wishful to create a good impression when he makes his *debut* in the "far country," and if that is so his forethought is commendable, although in this instance the zeal seems to lean to the wrong side of the balance.

Apropos to the holiday season is a fact which, as the advertisers put it, is worth knowing. It is a very good thing to be in a position to command a few weeks to oneself, but gentlemen so circumstanced should be careful not to ask nor even to accept a very long term of holidays in these unsettled times. I heard of an instance recently touching the case of an official in one of our commercial industries who was so much thought of that his employers granted him leave of absence for a month, but it so turned out that when the good gentleman was gone things went on quite as smoothly as before. Nobody missed him, and when he returned he received notice to go! The reader should make a note of this. Information is sometimes better than gold. It is not a good thing to practice false pretences; but really one must do something for a living. People who are actually conscious that they play the supernumery should make it their business to take as short a holiday as possible. Plead press of work, and throw out hints that certain so-called subordinates would come to a complete stand, minus your commanding presence. Try half-day outings, if it please you; make an extraordinary fuss on the following morning, and overturn as many inkstands as you please; but do not—if you value your situation—run the risk of a week's holiday.

ROUNDABOUT NOTES.

[BY "RAMBLER."]

Happily, it is not often that we, in this district, have cause to complain of the deeds and actions of the gentlemen who so ably and worthily preside at our local Police Courts, as the "great Unpaid" have hitherto discharged their duties with the utmost fairness and justice to all parties, that no one reasonably could call into question the wisdom of their judgments. But a couple of cases disposed of at the Consett Petty Sessions on Monday have been adversely commented upon in the town; and the decisions of the justices have been rather strongly criticised. An ex-tradesman, well-known in the locality, who had the misfortune to indulge over freely in the "cup that cheers," happened to quarrel with his wife, and a somewhat fierce encounter was the result. During the affray, the husband struck at at his spouse, and also clutched her by the throat; whilst she, on the other hand, used her finger nails to some purpose, leaving a series of hieroglyphics on his face somewhat resembling a map of the eastern hemisphere. And yet, to all outward appearances, the man only came off "second best," as his visage was covered with scars and bruises, whilst the countenance of his wife, who seems to be the strongest of the pair, did not exhibit any visible signs of ill-treatment. For this presumably heinous offence, the defendant was committed to gaol, with hard labour, for a month, without the option of a fine; and besides, his wife obtained a judicial separation. In striking contrast to this case, a brutal fellow from Dipton was locked up on a charge of violently assaulting his "better half," whose features plainly indicated that she had been subjected to gross ill-usage; and, besides, the same offender also savagely attacked his father-in-law, who is nearly 70 years of age, knocking him down, and leaving him minus of three or four teeth. Notwithstanding, that these cowardly assaults, were clearly proven, the Bench let the delinquent off with a fine of 20s and costs in each instance; or one month in default, allowing the man time to pay the penalties. After his liberation, this gentle specimen of humanity doubtless intended to take his flight across the Atlantic, as he forthwith sold his furniture and stock-in-trade; and had he not been cleverly check-mated by a diligent police-sergeant, he would ere this have effected his escape, and been *en route* for "lands unknown." In the face of these facts, then, it is not surprising to learn that an extensively-signed memorial has been personally forwarded to the Home Secretary, from Consett, praying for the release of Robson Evans, on the ground that the punishment inflicted in his case was excessive; and that for a person of his advanced age and temperament to be compelled to perform a task of unceasing drudgery, and also to be deprived of the necessaries of life he had been accustomed to use, might be the means of hastening his end.

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During the past week, cases of swine fever have occurred at Blackhill and Dipton; and at a special Court held at Durham on Wednesday, it was decided to declare the surrounding localities as infected areas.

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I observe that in connection with the forthcoming Wesleyan Methodist Conference, which takes place in Newcastle July and August next, public religious services will be held in about 150 of the principal chapels of the district, including Consett, Shotley Bridge, Ryton, Chester-le-Street, &c. It is pleasing to note that the following denominations—viz., the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist New Connexion, Presbyterian, Primitive Methodist, and United Methodist Free Churches—will open their pulpits to the Wesleyan Ministers during their stay.

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The political situation in this Division is perhaps best described in the following jottings, culled from a Darlington contemporary of yesterday's (Thursday) date:—"Sir Farrer Herschell, we observe, is set down in the *Times* for North-West Durham, and the guess is good enough to have been correct. But, unhappily, Sir Farrer at the time of Mr Dale's retirement was pledged elsewhere, and his services are lost to the county. . . . In Durham we are threatened with disunion in one constituency only. Mr James Joicey, the chosen candidate for Chester-le-Street, is opposed by nobody save Mr Lloyd Jones, upon whose candidature rests the suspicion that it is promoted by Mr Cowen. Mr Joicey has been importuned to leave Chester-le-Street; but, strong in the justice of his cause and the loyalty of the party, he has determined, as he last night announced, that the battle of Liberal principles and Liberal organisation shall be settled at the poll. In North-West Durham amends for recent disappointments are in a fair way to be made by the election as Liberal candidate of the Hon. Hedworth Lambton, who brings to the constituency the prestige of a name long associated with the cause of the common people." The announcement that Mr Atherley Jones, barrister, would offer himself as an independent Liberal candidate has, it is stated, given great satisfaction to the mining population, who have found a valiant champion in Mr Jones for some time past; but, as

far as I can learn, it appears to be somewhat doubtful whether Mr Jones seriously contemplates contesting this constituency. The Conservatives, who are still busy organising their forces, have not yet "whipped up" a suitable candidate; but I hear that the leaders of the party are negotiating with Col. Fife-Cookson, J.P., of Chester-le-Street, to come forward on their behalf.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE (CONSETT BRANCH).—On Wednesday evening, a meeting of the above was held in the Lecture Hall, Trafalgar Street, Consett, when about 50 new members were enrolled. The following resolution, moved by Mr J. Kelly, seconded by Mr T. Dunne, and supported by Mr Swinney (organiser), was unanimously adopted:—"That this meeting feels very great pleasure in congratulating the Irish Parliamentary party, headed by C. S. Parnell, Esq., on their united action in contributing towards the defeat of the late Coercive Government."—Votes of thanks having been proposed to Mr Swinney for his able address, and to the Chairman for presiding, the meeting terminated.

DEATH OF MR ROBERT SURTEES.—We regret to announce the sudden death of Mr Robert Surtees, for many years a grocer in Front Street, Consett. Deceased, who was about the oldest tradesman in this town, was seized suddenly with paralysis on Sunday evening last, and although medical attendance was at once obtained, he died at an early hour on Monday morning. On Wednesday, the interment of deceased took place in Benfieldside Cemetery, the remains being followed to the grave by a very large number of relatives and friends, amongst whom were the tradesmen of Consett and many from other towns who had transacted business with him in past years. The pall-bearers were Messrs R. Telford, H. Brown, J. W. Davison, and W. J. Scott. The services at the Cemetery were impressively rendered by the Rev F. Steggall, vicar of Consett.

ANNUAL POLICE INSPECTION.—Yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, Capt. the Hon. C. J. Legge, Government Inspector, made his official inspection of the police officers stationed in the Lanchester and Consett Petty Sessional Division, in the Parade Ground at the rear of the County Buildings at Consett. In addition to Lieut.-Col. White, Chief-Constable of the county, there were present Supt. Oliver (Consett), Inspector Davison (Lanchester), seven sergeants, and 34 constables, making a total of 43. The numerical strength of the force in the Division is 48 men; but two constables were left on duty, and three were absent on account of sickness. The men were drilled by Supt. Oliver, who for the space of half-an-hour put the officers through the usual movements; and it is needless to state that they acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of Capt. Legge, who expressed his admiration of the general proficiency and smart appearance of the members of our local force. The uniform and accoutrements were next examined, and the Inspector seemed to be well pleased with everything he saw. Subsequently, Captain Legge overhauled the Divisional books, registers, and documents; as well as the journals of the sectional sergeants, all of which he examined most minutely, and was perfectly satisfied with the manner in which the books were kept and posted up. The Inspector concluded by making a thorough examination of the whole of the buildings, barracks, cells, &c., with a similar result.—Statistics of crime committed in this Division during the past two years are appended: No. of persons apprehended in 1884, 439; 1885, 303. Persons convicted, 1884, 412; 1885, 289. Persons summoned, 1884, 1,427; 1885, 1,318; persons convicted, 1884, 1,310; 1885, 1,198. Innkeepers doing business in 1884 and 1885, 114; innkeepers proceeded against, 1884, 2; 1885, 3; convicted, 1884, 2; 1885, 3; innkeepers' licenses endorsed, 1884, 0; 1885, 2. Beersellers doing business, 1884, 69; 1885, 66; proceeded against, 1884, 2; 1885, 1; convicted, 1884, 2; 1885, 1; beersellers' licenses endorsed, 1884, 0; 1885, 1. Prevention of Crimes Act, 1871: convicts on leave, males, 2; females, 0; persons subjected to police supervision, 0. Number of robberies committed, 1884, 81; 1885, 70. Number detected, 1884, 48; 1885, 39; undetected, 1884, 33; 1885, 31. No. of persons apprehended, 1884, 43; 1885, 37. Amount of stolen property, 1884, £91 3s 11d; 1885, £62 11s 6d. Amount of property recovered, 1884, £45 2s 3d; 1885, £25 9s 1d. It is gratifying to note, on glancing over the foregoing figures, that there has been a considerable diminution of crime in 1885 as compared with 1884.

BLACKHILL.

On Saturday night as P.C. Neesam, of Consett, was returning home from special duty at Shotley Spa, attired in plain clothes, he arrested a prisoner for being drunk and riotous at Blackhill. A mob surrounded the policeman, attacked him, and rescued the prisoner, who with the ringleaders of the affray escaped.

BENFIELDSIDE STOCK AUCTION MART.—Messrs Nicholson and Murray sold on Monday 17 fat cattle, £14 12s 6d to £21 2s 6d; 1 veal calf, £3 15s; 35 fat sheep, 45s 6d to 54s 6d; 15 fat lambs, 25s to 39s; 13 calving cows, £9 15s to £17 10s; 6 geld cows, £7 5s to £12; 6 calves, 23s 6d to 36s 6d; 13 store pigs, 13s to 56s; 3 sows in pig, £2 16s to £7. Hams, harness, &c., at usual prices. A large company present with a good demand, excepting calving cows, which are still a slow trade.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—On Sunday, the sermons in this place of worship were preached by the Rev. T. Rothwell, of Houghton-le-Spring; good congregations being present both in the morning and evening.—On Saturday night, a pie supper was held, succeeded by a mission meeting conducted by Mr Rothwell.—On Monday evening, the rev. gentleman delivered his amusing and instructive lecture, entitled, "Love, Courtship, and Marriage." An appreciative audience was presided over by Mr J. G. Cooke, of Blackhill. The proceeds are to be applied to the trust funds.

BIBLE STUDENTS' SOCIETY.—"Jeptha" formed the subject of a lively inquiry on Saturday evening. The question really was this: "Did Jeptha, after the lapse of the term of mourning, sacrifice his daughter?" There is no doubt that the record (Judges ii) says: "And he did unto her according to his vow." But no particulars being given, nor any subsequent reference being made to such a dreadful sacrifice, has led many to suppose the sacrifice to have been prevented by some divine interposition, as in the case of Isaac. Or, on the other hand, she might be devoted to virginity and the service of God. Of course the narrative is quite unique, having no analogue in the Bible, save in the case of Abraham and Isaac, and as in the latter case, Isaac was saved by the divine substitution of a ram, so it might be in the case of the daughter of Jeptha. Opinion was divided in the matter, although the rashness and utterly unjustifiable nature of the oath, and the greater sin in carrying out such an oath, gave greater weight to the side of mercy and substitution. It is a somewhat interesting literary fact, fiction, or legend that an analogous event occurs in Ovid's Metamorphoses during the march of the Greeks under Agamemnon to the seige of Troy. Agamemnon had incensed the Goddess Diana by slaying a stag, and to appease her anger is commanded by the high priests to deliver his beloved daughter Iphigenia. To this cruel sacrifice he ultimately consents, but just as the knife is uplifted Iphigenia disappears and a goat is found occupying her place, and is immolated in her stead. It is somewhat singular that Homer does not mention it in the "Iliad." This had induced many to suspect that long after the Homeric age, by contact with the Jewish people or writings, the Ahnics had stolen the story of Jeptha's daughter, and interwoven it with Agamemnon and the Greeks. And it does not require any very critical eye, to perceive that Iphi-genia in Greek, is none other than Jeptha's daughter, in English. Should any of our readers overlook (book 12) of Ovid's Metamorphoses, or the article Iphigenia in Lempreire's classical dictionary, he will find the whole beautiful episode. Much of course might be said of the action and re-action of Jewish and Hellenistic thought upon the two peoples, but it is well for bible students to endeavour to work out those interesting problems for themselves.

PELTON.

The Wesleyan Sabbath School anniversary was held at Pelton Village on Sunday, and was very successful and well supported.

LOOK out for the PRIMITIVE METHODIST CIRCUIT DEMONSTRATION, to be held July 11th, 1885, in the Spa Grounds, Shotley Bridge.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

A LOCAL ADVOCATE OF CO-OPERATION.—On Saturday afternoon the new premises of the Ashington Old Pit Co-operative Society, Limited, were opened at Ashington. From about noon, Ashington was crowded with visitors from Pegswood, the Bedlington Collieries, Longhurst, the Delavals, Choppington, Bothal and district, Cambois, and North Seaton, and the place was quite en fete, the splendid summer weather being most favourable to success. At one o'clock the committee and members of the society, with their employes, met at the old premises, and headed by the band marched in procession to the new buildings. There Mr R. L. Booth (chairman) introduced Mr Jonathan Priestman, J.P., of Shotley Bridge, who performed the opening ceremony. In doing so, Mr Priestman gave a history of the development of co-operation in the country, and referred with great satisfaction to the hold it had got in this district. He urged all working men to avail themselves of co-operation, and urged a closer union between workmen and employers, labour and capital.—Mr E. Gregory (secretary) read the report, and Mr J. T. W. Mitchell (Rochdale), chairman of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, addressed the meeting, followed by Messrs. R. Bailey and G. Scott, Newbottle.—The President moved a vote of thanks to Mr Priestman for opening the building, and this was seconded by Mr Drysdale, manager, and carried.—Mr F. Priestman (Ebchester) moved, and Mr. Priestman, jun., seconded a vote of thanks to the speakers. A tea and concert was afterwards held in the large hall.

DURHAM.

Durham annual regatta was successfully brought off on the River Wear on Wednesday and yesterday (Thursday).

THE OUTBREAK OF SWINE FEVER.—At Durham on Wednesday, John Edwards, pig dealer, of Coxhoe, was fined £5 and costs, or three months' imprisonment, Mr Peele, the veterinary inspector, having discovered two pigs affected with fever on his premises, and having exacted an admission from the defendant that he had buried an animal that had died from the disease, without giving notice that he had any case of fever.

The Rev. Dr. Tristram is now exhibiting his rare collection of birds in the Dean and Chapter Library of Durham. The collection numbers about 20,000 distinct specimens. The exhibition has been open to the public the whole of the week.

SWINE FEVER.—At a special meeting of the Durham Town Council on Tuesday, it was decided that the pig market should be closed during the continuance of the present epidemic of swine fever in the county. It was stated that the only other market in the county which was closed was that of Stockton.

COUNTY POLICE COURT.—At Durham County Police Court, on Wednesday, M. Brennan was sent to gaol for two months' with hard labour for assaulting Martha Turner, at Kimblesworth, with a knife.—Matthew Hutchinson and John Cruddas, for trespassing in pursuit of game at Redhills, on the 11th inst., were remanded, as they said they had authority.

WINLATON.

POLITICAL MEETING.—The Rev A. Tebb addressed a meeting at the Drill Hall, Winlaton, on Wednesday night, in reply to a lecture recently delivered there by Mr W. Ashworth. There was a good attendance. Mr George Ramsay occupied the chair. The lecturer was listened to throughout with great attention, and was frequently applauded. Votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

In addition to the sum of £5 2s 9d, announced in last week's *Guardian* as having been subscribed by the workmen of the South Derwent Colliery, on the invitation of the manager (Mr W. Rutherford), to the Newcastle Hospital fund, an additional sum of £2 8s 6d has since been collected, making the total amount paid over to the managers of that institution in one year represent the handsome figure of £7 11s 3d.

WOLSINGHAM.

PRESENTATIONS.—On Saturday night, presentations were made to the Misses Gray, daughters of the late Canon Gray, at the Rectory, Wolsingham. They consisted of two dressing cases, and were the gift of the Sunday scholars, mothers' meeting, and the Bible class, in all of which the Misses Gray have taken an active interest. The Rev Mr Gammidge, curate-in-charge, made the presentations.

BLANCHLAND.

PRESENTATION TO A SCHOOLMISTRESS.—An interesting meeting took place on Saturday evening, at the residence of Dr Montgomery, Blanchland, the occasion being the presentation of a handsome testimonial to Miss Margaret Hope, late schoolmistress of the Girls' School, Blanchland. Owing to Miss Hope resigning her situation, which she has held for ten years, her pupils and friends determined on presenting her with a valuable testimonial, as a mark of the great esteem and respect they entertained for her. The testimonial consisted of a very handsome case of jewellery, silver spoons and forks of assorted sizes, and on the lid of the case, on a gold plate, is neatly engraved an appropriate inscription, supplied and executed by Messrs Reid and Sons, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. Several of Miss Hope's friends and pupils having assembled, Dr M'Montgomery in an able address presented the testimonial to Miss Hope, alluding to her superior qualifications as a schoolmistress, the great attachment her pupils had to her, and the deep regret manifested at her departure by the residents throughout the district, her amiable disposition and exemplary conduct endearing her to all who have had the pleasure of her acquaintance. Miss Hopes' father (Mr Alexander Hope), in very feeling terms, acknowledged the receipt of the testimonial which had so kindly been presented to his daughter. Speeches were also delivered by Mr Donald Campbell, Mr Henry Carr, and others, and the meeting, which was a most pleasant and harmonious one, dispersed.—On the preceding day, Miss Hope kindly entertained all her pupils and a few friends, numbering above 50, to tea in a pic-nic form, which was held in a field pleasantly situated near the village, the treat being very highly enjoyed, whilst a few pupils availed themselves of the opportunity and presented her with other presents—namely, a breakfast cruet, an inkstand, a silver fruit-knife, and a view of Blanchland. Miss Hope, who was deeply affected, accepted the gifts in a neat and kind reply.

BLAYDON.

DERWENT RIFLE CLUB.—On Saturday, the usual fortnightly handicap sweepstake competition took place at the club range, Blue Hills. The following were the prize winners at 200, 500, and 600 yards:—Coy.-Sergt. Major Symons, G'hd EV, 89; Sapper Dodds, Gateshead EV, 88; Sergt. Robinson, Gateshead EV, 86; Sapper Fullerton, Gateshead EV, 86; Sergt. Forsyth, Felling RV, 85; Sapper Wright, Gateshead EV, 85; Priv. Gardner, 3rd BVNF, 84; Sergt. Moffitt, Gateshead RV, 82; Lieut. Downey, South Shields AV, 82; Priv. Bain, Gateshead EV, 81.

HARE LAW.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE HAY HARVEST.—On Wednesday, Mr Wm. Wilkinson, ironmonger, of Catchgate, commenced cutting a very heavy crop of hay in a field at Hare Law.

CROOK.

PENNY DINNERS.—A committee meeting was held in the Township Offices, Crook, Mr W. Abbott presiding. The balance-sheet showed that the total amount expended was under £200, and the movement has been a great boon to the poor. Votes of thanks to the directors of the Crook Gas Company, Limited, the Shildon Water Company, for supplying gas and water free of charge, were passed, and also to the treasurer, chairman, and subscribers.

RAILWAY SERVANTS' CAMP MEETING.—On Sunday, the annual camp meeting was held at Crook in the following order: Morning service in the Market Place, conducted by Mr J. Potts, Waskerley, and others. Afternoon, at Bankfoot cricket field, addressed by Mr T. Featherstone, Rowley; Mr W. Elliott, Stanhope, &c. Mr T. Wearmouth preached at 5 p.m., and an experience meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel. The services were well attended, and there was a good display of talent.

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CORNSAY COLLIERY.

TEA AND PRESENTATION.—The members of the Cornsay Colliery Methodist New Connexion Society held a tea on Saturday afternoon, after which a public meeting was held for the purpose of presenting Mr C. Davison, manager of the colliery, with a handsome gold watch, for his services as leader of the choir. The chair was occupied by Mr A. Browell, who said the services rendered by Mr Davison were all that could be desired.—Mr Lancaster, in making the presentation, said that getting subscriptions towards this testimonial had been a pleasure indeed. They had met with no refusal, everyone giving cheerfully, which shewed that Mr Davison had the respect as well as the confidence of the people, and not only of the people but of his employers, who had subscribed liberally towards this object. (Applause.)—Mr Davison, in reply, thanked those present and those who were absent, who had contributed towards the handsome testimonial. When he relinquished his position as leader of the choir, he never expected to recevie any presentation. He had done his work not from a selfish motive, but as a duty and his love for the church. He had not given up because he was tired of the choir, but because he felt the work too hard, being also a superintendent of Sunday-school. He knew the times were bad, and he was aware the amount of money men were earning, therefore he was surprised that such a handsome testimonial had been offered him. He was pleased to have the confidence of the people as well as that of the owners of the colliery. He had no thought of leaving them yet, but hoped to stay a long time them. Mrs Davison would look upon the testimonial with as much pleasure as he did. (Applause.)—After votes of thanks to the ladies for providing tea, to the speakers, subscribers, and the Chairman, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

ROWLEY.

BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The services in connection with the anniversary of this old-established school were held on Saturday and Sunday last. The weather (always an important factor in the success of country meetings) was of the most delightful character, and consequently the good people of the neighbourhood turned out in large numbers to shew their sympathy with the work, to enjoy themselves over a good cup of tea on the afternoon of Saturday, and to participate in all the services. We venture to think that all who were permitted to be present would be amply satisfied, for the repast was excellent, and evidently much appreciated, while the services were bright and refreshing.—At the close of the tea a public meeting was held, over which Mr A. E. Turner, of Blackhill, presided; Revs R. Herries (North Shields), E. W. Jenkins, the pastor of the church, and Mr W. Hoe (Blackhill), delivered addresses, all practical and helpful. These, with the children's contributions and the splendid singing of the choir, completed the programme for the evening, at once pleasant and profitable.—The report of the secretary (Mr A. Angus) shewed the school to be in a healthy condition.—On Sunday, Rev R. Herries preached morning and evening, and Mr Hoe addressed the children in the afternoon. Recitations and singing again proved a great attraction, the former being superintended by Mr W. Bowey, and the latter in charge of Mr J. W. Golightly and Miss Leybourne, to whom and to all who took part much praise is due as before mentioned. Large numbers were at all the meetings, but especially on Sunday evening, when 600 people were assembled, this service of course having to be held in the open-air. The Rowley friends are to be congratulated on their successful anniversary.

LANCHESTER.

HIGHWAY BOARD.—A meeting of the Finance Committee took place at the Union Workhouse Buildings yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, presided over by Mr Wm. Logan (vice-chairman): Present: Messrs Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., Wm. Rutherford, Wm. Brown, R. Mitchinson, J. Towns, Wm. Cumming, the clerk (Mr C. Maynard), and the surveyor (Mr Wm. Dixon).—The only business was to examine and pass the Surveyor's accounts for the past month, which amounted to £368 13s 2d.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—This annual event was celebrated on Wednesday, the Rev H. W. Jackson, B.A. (Chairman of the Newcastle district) preaching to a tolerably fair congregation in the afternoon. A tea party followed, and at night a public meeting was held. There was a good audience. Mr J. Smith, of Shotley Bridge, presided, and addresses were given by the Rev H. W. Jackson; Messrs W. Robson, Dipton; W. Elliott, Consett; and others.

JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.—This Committee met at Lanchester yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, immediately after the termination of the meeting of the Guardians, the chair being filled by Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P. The Revs Canon Kearney, C. Gillow, Messrs Jas. Annandale, J.P., Wm. Logan, W. H. Hedley, Geo. Hobson, W. Cumming, J. Wilkinson, J. Eltringham, John Buckham, and W. H. Ritson (clerk), were also in attendance.—The Clerk read over the minutes of the two preceding meetings, which were duly signed by the Chairman.—The plans and specifications of the proposed hospital for infectious diseases, to be erected between Consett and Leadgate, which had been amended by Mr W. L. Newcombe, architect, of Newcastle, were laid before the Board, and were finally appproved of, Mr Logan mentioning that there were a few slight alterations which they desired the architect to attend to.—Mr Logan stated, in reply to the members, that they had no idea as to what the probable cost of the erection would be until they had received the contracts; but it was expected the outlay involved would be considerably under £1,200.—It was resolved to instruct the Clerk to advertise for tenders for the erection of the hospital forthwith, so as to have the same submitted at the next meeting.—The remainder of the business was not of public importance.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.—At the monthly meeting, held yesterday (Thursday) forenoon, under the presidency of the Rev Canon Kearney (chairman), the subjoined report was submitted by the schoolwarden:—To the Chairman and Members of the School Attendance Committee of Lanchester Union.—GENTLEMEN,—Of the 18 children at Lintz Colliery, who were not attending any school as reported last month, 17 are now either attending or have again left the village, and a notice under your bye-laws has been served on the father of the other child. I have applied to the teachers in your district for a return of the attendance for May last, but as several of the papers have not been returned, I am unable to lay the particulars before you. Two employers have been written to respecting two boys who were illegally employed. Neither of them, however, have replied to my letter. It would perhaps be as well in dealing with those cases in future to at once bring them under the notice of the Mines Inspector. (See sub-sec. 4 sec. 6 Elementary Education Act, 1876). During the last month the number of absentee visits made in each parish is as follows:—Tanfield, 143; Iveston, 57; Conside and Knitsley, 235; Ebchester, 10; Hedleyhope, 47; Cornsay, 39; Esh, 115; and Lanchester, 90; total, 736. 110 notices to attend school have been served, viz:—14 at Ushaw Moor Colliery; 1 at Leadgate; 2 at Crookhall; 16 at Consett; 1 at Cornsay; 2 at Cowsley Cottages; 3 Hedley Hill Colliery; 7 at East and 3 at West Hedleyhope; 1 at Hill Top, Tow Law; 6 at Cornsay Colliery; 5 at Hamsteels Colliery; 2 at Quebec; 3 at South Moor; 3 at Craghead; 2 at Burnhope Colliery; 10 at Stanley; 1 at Burnopfield; 3 at Mountsett; 2 at Lintz Colliery; 3 at The Causey; 1 at Tantobie; 2 at Clough Dene; 1 at Tanfield; 3 at Esh; 3 at Hill Top; 6 at Langley Park; 1 at Lanchester; and 3 at Broomhill. One official warning under sec. 11 of the Act has been served at Craghead. As instructed by you, proceedings under your bye-laws have been taken against Charles Mulraney, Mary Herdman, James Eccles, Thomas Brady, Bernard Bradley, and Patrick McDonald, of Consett; Luke Dodds, of West Stanley; and William Weightman, of Burnopfield. The cases were heard at Consett, on Monday last, when Herdman and McDonald were dismissed with a warning, and the other defendants fined 5s each. Twenty-six cases embracing 32 children are entered in the report book to be submitted to you.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, WM. WARD.

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LEADGATE.

ST. IVES CHURCH, REDWELL HILLS.—Special services were held in this church on Sunday last, the offertories being devoted towards purchasing a playground for the Day Schools. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at eight o'clock; the preacher at Matins being the Rev J. W. Mitchell (vicar); and at evensong, the Ven. H. W. Watkins, Archdeacon of Durham, at night the sacred edifice was well filled, and the congregation listened to a learned and eloquent discourse from the lips of the Archdeacon.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—This anniversary has just been successfully celebrated, a tea party being provided in the Bottle Bank Schools on Saturday afternoon, and was largely patronised.—On Sunday, the morning and evening services were conducted by Mr T. Elliott, of Swalwell, who also gave an address in the afternoon to the teachers, parents, and scholars. The chapel was filled at each service, and the children creditably recited dialogues, scripture, poetry, &c.; and with the assistance of the choir, rendered an excellent collection of suitable hymns, under the leadership of Mr Hedley. The offertories were for the school funds.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

POACHERS FINED.—At the Hexham Petty Sessions on Tuesday—before R. Wallis, Esq. (chairman), Capt. Atkinson, and C. Riddle, Esq.—two pitmen, named *William Dixon* and *John Fairlamb*, of Allendale Cottages, were each fined £3 and costs for having in their possession three rabbits, a hare, and four nets, when searched on the highway at Shotley Low Quarter.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—The weather on Saturday being gloriously fine, a large concourse of people attended the annual field-day, held under the auspices of the above society, in a meadow belonging to Mr J. Hunter, near to the Primitive Methodist Chapel. Cricket, football, and other amusements were freely indulged in, and the proceedings were enlivened with the strains of the Blackhill Mission Band. A well-attended tea for the public was also provided in the school-room.—On Sunday, sermons were preached in the chapel, in the morning and evening by Mr H. Curry Wood, of Burnopfield; and in the afternoon, by Mr W. Clayton, of Allendale Cottages. Large congregations were in attendance, and the collections (together with the proceeds of the preceding day) will be devoted to the trust funds. The gatherings were most successful.

PIT HILL.

Mr John Nicholson, of Urpeth West House, gathered ripe fruit from a cherry tree on his premises on Wednesday last.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

On Tuesday afternoon, an entertainment was given in Chester-le-Street Workhouse, for the benefit of the inmates, by the Wesleyan choir, &c.

Mr T. W. Swan, parish clerk of Chester-le-Street, was on Monday presented with a beautiful illuminated album by his co-workers, on his leaving for Adelaide, where he has accepted a living, having lately been ordained a minister.

RIFLE CLUB.—The third of a series of six handicaps was shot off at the range of the Chester-le-street corps on Saturday. Being the half-yearly meeting, there was a good attendance. Fifteen prizes were offered for competition. Considering the very favourable state of the weather the shooting was not so good as might have been expected. The conditions were:—Five shots each at 200, 500 and 600 yards, Wimbledon targets and scoring. Names of prize winners:—Corp. J. Wilson, Priv. J. Bonsall, Priv. J. Hornsby, Sergt. H. Humble, Corp. J. Thompson, Priv. James Wilson, Colour-Sergt. I. Smiles, Priv. C. Spence, Priv. W. Curry, Priv. R. Atkin, Priv. Reynolds, Sergt. J. Usher, Priv. W. Robson, Priv. J. Walker, Priv. W. Hall.

TOW LAW.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Good Templars of Tow Law held their annual pic-nic in Bridge Inn Grounds.

On Saturday and Sunday last, the Primitive Methodists of Sunniside held their Sabbath School anniversary. On Saturday, there was a public tea, after which a public meeting took place, presided over by Mr J. Green. On Sunday, Miss Peart preached morning and evening; a service of song, entitled "Harry Lee, the happy match-seller," being rendered in the afternoon.

TRADESMEN SUED IN COURT.—On Saturday, at the Wolsingham County Court, before Judge Meynell, John Hildreth, grocer, and John Brown, grocer, of Tow Law, were summoned by George Hudson, Stockton, for balance of account in each case. The transactions arose in the time of the late Thos. Wren, whose affairs were for a time conducted by Mr Peat, Middlesbro', the officially appointed receiver.—The cases were adjourned till next court, for the allowance of Mr Peat to give evidence on certain points.

NEGRO ENTERTAINMENT.—On Monday evening, in the Mechanics' Hall, the Tow Law Amateur Troupe of Christy Minstrels gave a grand concert and negro entertainment. The programme was much appreciated, particularly the local song composed by one of the troupe, wherein prominent parties in the town, the Railway Company, Local Board, pic suppers, &c., were humorously "hit," and the farce, "The moving statue," was well received. There was a large company present. The proceeds of the entertainment are in aid of the Presbyterian Church Fund.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The Methodist New Connexion at Inkermann commemorated their Sabbath School anniversary on Saturday and Sunday. On the first-named date, there was a tea party, which was followed by a public meeting, at which Mr E. Savage, of Sunnybrow, presided. Addresses were given by Messrs T. Fothergill and J. Evans, Crook; J. Vickers, Tow Law, and others.—On Sunday, three services were conducted—morning, afternoon, and evening—by Mr Savage, and on each occasion the children rendered a number of appropriate recitations. The choir and scholars likewise sang a selection of melodies; Mr J. Boggons conducting, and Mr J. Iley presiding at the harmonium. The proceeds were for the school funds.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BAZAAR.—On Tuesday afternoon, a grand bazaar, in aid of the Tow Law Presbyterian Church, was opened by T. Fenwick, Esq., of Wolsingham, in the Mechanics' Hall, for the purpose of paying off the debt on the church and manse, under the distinguished patronage of Mrs Crone, Tudhoe Hall; Mrs Greenwell, Broomshields; Mrs Hedley, Bishop Auckland; Mrs Douglass, West Lodge, Crook. The day being exceedingly fine, a goodly number availed themselves of being present at the opening, amongst whom we observed, in addition to those already mentioned: Mrs C. Bainbridge, Leazes House, Wolsingham; Mr C. B. Martin, and Misses Fenwick, Wolsingham; Miss Ware, Holywood House, Wolsingham. Mr T. E. Fenwick, who had kindly consented to open the bazaar, came forward prompt to time, and in a neat little speech duly declared the bazaar open. The stalls presented a magnificent display, and were heavily laden with a selection of ornamental and a grand collection of useful articles, of which there were four stalls given by Mrs Dr Johnston, Mrs Dr Hood, Mrs Slade, and by the congregation. They were presided over by Mrs Dr Johnston, Misses Stainsby, Sunderland; and Miss Dora Smith, South Shields; Mrs Dr Hood, Miss Hood, and Miss Graham, Sunniside House; Mrs Slade, and Miss Yates, London; Mrs W. A. Smith, Misses A. Dodd, L. Walliker, and E. White. A model of the Bell Rock Lighthouse, made of cork by Mr W. A. Smith, watchmaker, of Tow Law, was exhibited; also a fine art gallery exhibition was under the conductorship of Mr George E. Dodd, both of which proved a success. A musical and operatic entertainment was given by the St. Clair Christy Minstrels and Black Opera Troupe to a large audience, under the direction of Messrs John Hughes and John A. Dyson. There were also several other attractions in rooms adjoining the hall, the chief being the musical entertainments and the art gallery.—The bazaar was open on Wednesday and yesterday (Thursday), and it is expected this effort of the Presbyterians will wipe off the debt of £200 remaining on the church and manse since prior to the coming of the present pastor, Rev H. P. Slade, a few years ago. The event has so far been successful, upwards of £120 having been realised.

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WATERHOUSES.

ALLEGED RAPE BY A BOY.—Before the Durham County Magistrates on Wednesday, Thos. Johnson, a boy of 16, was remanded on bail on a charge of committing a rape at Waterhouses on a young woman who, besides being a deaf mute, is of weak intellect.

BEAMISH.

TRESPASS AND DAMAGE.—At the Chester-le-Street Petty Sessions, on Wednesday, *John Dennison* was brought up and charged with trespassing and doing damage to some brushwood, at Beamish, on the 23rd May. A nominal sum was demanded as damage. The proprietors wish to stop the trespass, as it is becoming a serious matter.—A policeman gave evidence that on the day in question he saw the defendant go into the wood.—Defendant was cautioned by the magistrates, and fined 1s and damage and costs.

GATESHEAD.

The Quarterly meeting of the Gateshead Sunday School Union was held on Tuesday night, in the Ely Street Primitive Methodist School Room. Prizes and certificates were presented to the teachers and scholars who were successful at the Sunday School examination by Councillor Geo. Patterson (president of the Union), who presided. Addresses were delivered by the Revs A. F. Riley and R. Stewart, and Mr W. H. Denn.

GATESHEAD GUARDIANS AND TEST LABOUR.—The fortnightly meeting of the Gateshead Board of Guardians was held on Tuesday afternoon in the Board Room, Prince Consort Road, Mr J. D. Caris (chairman) presiding.—The House Committee's report was presented, recommending that the present labour test of stone-breaking be discontinued, and that brick-making or some other form of labour be substituted.—Mr Knollys, Government Inspector, suggested the advisability of discontinuing test labour altogether, as he did not know that the present distress was great enough to render it necessary. The minute relating to the test labour was deleted from the report, which was then adopted.—After some discussion, it was agreed to continue the present form of labour until the purchase of the site of the new workhouse should be completed.—It was resolved to affix the seal of the Board to a memorial from various Unions in the district against the bill of Mr Norwood, M.P., and others, to alter the present system of rating machinery.—The Board afterwards adjourned.

THE CHESTER-LE-STREET DIVISION.

Last (Thursday) night, a meeting to promote the candidature of Mr Lloyd Jones was held in the Board School, Swalwell. Mr Wm. Milburn presided; and there was a large attendance.—The Chairman, Rev J. B. Snell, and others having spoken, Mr Gillender moved—"That this meeting accepts Mr Lloyd Jones as a proper person to be a candidate for the Chester-le-Street Division."—Mr Newton seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.—On the motion of Mr Fletcher, seconded by Mr Smiles, a committee, "to use every legitimate means to return Mr Jones to Parliament," was appointed.

Last (Thursday) night, Mr Lloyd Jones, the unsalaried labour candidate for the Chester-le-Street Division, addressed a crowded meeting of miners and others in the School-room, Kibblesworth. Mr Thomas Brason presided. At the close of Mr Jones's address, a unanimous vote of confidence was passed.

Last (Thursday) evening, Mr W. Ashworth, the Conservative candidate, addressed a meeting of the electors at the Colliery Schools, Pelton Fell. Mr Ashworth had a most cordial reception. Mr Jno. Pyle presided, and was supported by most of the leading men of the district.

PRESENTATION TO WM. HEDLEY, ESQ., BEECH GROVE.

An interesting presentation took place on Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Wm. Hedley, Esq., coalowner, Beech Grove, which showed in a most striking manner the good relations existing between that gentleman and those in his employ. Amongst the company present were Geo. Hedley, Esq., J.P., Burnhopeside; Messrs M. Archer, Gateshead; R. L. Armstrong, Newcastle; A. Young, Newcastle; and Jas. Fairley, of Shafto House. The deputation appointed by the miners of Craghead and Holmside Collieries to make the presentation were Mr G. Marshall, head keeper of Craghead Mine, and secretary of the Co-operative Store; Mr W. Blackburn, overman, and treasurer of the store; Mr E. Herron, overman, and auditor of the store; and Mr Thos. Carter, miner, and member of the Committee of the Co-operative Society.

The presentation consisted of a beautifully illuminated address, with life-size portrait, as follows:—"To William Hedley, Esq., Beech Grove, Chester-le-Street. Respected sir,—At a general meeting of the members of the Craghead and Holmside Collieries Co-operative Society, Limited, it was unanimously resolved to give a visible evidence of the feeling of the members for the help they have received from you in establishing a co-operative society at Craghead. The promoters of the undertaking being at first unable to command the confidence of the people, ventured to bring the question before you, through the medium of your manager of these collieries. The ready and kindly manner in which you gave your material and moral support has won from your workmen that sympathy and esteem which your action so richly merits, and they cannot allow the opportunity to pass without in some small degree endeavouring to convey to you their feelings of gratitude for the important benefit you have conferred upon them by the formation of this society. The members therefore beg your acceptance of this address, with the accompanying portrait of yourself, and though they may lack the power to sufficiently express the true feeling with which the members are actuated in thus tendering you a slight mark of their regard, they lack nothing in earnestness. That you may be spared many years in health and happiness to witness the beneficial results of your kindness is the wish of all. Signed on behalf of the committee and members, GEORGE MARSHALL, Secretary." At the top of the address was a photograph of Mr Hedley, and also photographs of the Wylam "Dilly," the first locomotive with smooth wheels invented, and put to practical use by the late Mr William Hedley, in the years 1812 and 1813. The portrait, which was encased in a fine oak frame, bore a brass tablet, on which were the words, "Presented to William Hedley, Esq., by the Craghead and Holmside Co-operative Society, in grateful acknowledgement of the assistance received in establishing the society in March, 1885."

Mr MARSHALL, in making the presentation, gave those gentlemen present an account of the circumstances under which these things were presented. There was a store in existence in Craghead before the present one, and it went down. A private gentleman got the establishment, and as he was leaving it, the time seemed propitious for opening out another store; but they did not see their way clear to do so, as through the want of confidence in the management of it. They thought of putting themselves under the wing of the West Pelton Store, there being at that time between 80 and 90 members of that store living at Craghead. Mr Hedley objected to this, and he was very proud he did so, as it had now made them independent of that store. The want of confidence amongst the members prevented them from establishing a store themselves, and therefore they first tried to get help from merchants. One gentleman promised assistance, and this led them to expect that they would have nothing to do but to obtain the money they required. But at the last moment he withdrew, and this placed them in an awkward predicament, as the withdrawal of the promise was only made known on a Saturday night, and they had to take possession of the premises on the following Monday. At last it was suggested to lay the whole facts of the case before Mr Fairley, the manager, who intimated that he would lay the circumstances before Mr Hedley. That gentleman, after hearing the facts, enquired, "How much do they want to start and carry on the Co-operative Store?" He was informed, and then, without the slightest hesitation—as he saw it would be for the good of his workmen—he said "They shall have what they require." No sooner was this known than the confidence of the people sprung up, and they rallied around the few new members. They commenced with 60 members, and now he had great pleasure in saying they had 102. In the first four months they turned over £500, and during the last three months £1,159; and at present, they considered they were losing about £200 a quarter through want of room for the accommodation of goods, and thus they were not able to keep all the articles members required. This was a matter left for future consideration. He would say nothing further except to add his testimony to what was stated in the address, and to express the hope that Mr Hedley would live many years to enjoy and see the fruits of his labour. (Applause.)

Independent of the great material service rendered by Mr Hedley to his workpeople, he has seen also to their spiritual wants. The need of a place of worship at Craghead was felt, as the inhabitants had several miles to walk to Holmside church. To obviate this, Mr Hedley established a church mission in one of his buildings at the collieries, and furnished it with all that was necessary for the accommodation of worshippers. Since its establishment it has been exceedingly well attended, at both morning and evening services, especially in winter, many of the people being unable to obtain admittance. The Rev R. Brent, Vicar of Holmside, and the Rev Peter Cameron, curate, take turns in officiating. An excellent choir has been formed, conducted by Miss Fairley and Miss F. Fairley. The congregation, to testify their gratitude to Mr Hedley for what he had done, deputed Mr C. Crofton, engineer, Mr H. Bell, Craghead, deputy-overman, and Mr M. Hall, a stone-man (who takes a prominent part in assisting in superintending the affairs connected with the Mission), to wait upon their highly-esteemed employer, and present him with the Church Service and Prayer Book, handsomely bound in morocco, and also a silver spectacle case of fine workmanship, containing a pair of gold spectacles. On the case was inscribed:—"Presented, together with a Church Service, to W. Hedley, Esq., by the congregation of the Church of England Mission at Craghead, May, 1885." In the frontispage was the following address:—"Sir,—In being the founder of the Church Mission at Craghead you have proved to the inhabitants that, whilst you have not been unmindful of their temporal welfare, you have also considered their spiritual welfare. This, to parents or families, you will very well understand, cannot fail to be appreciated, for it must be the wish of every parent to see the young cared for and brought up with some knowledge of the Christian faith. Much is done in this country for foreign missions, but it is pleasing to see a man in your position—a large employer of labour—not forgetting your duty at home. It is true that many may come short of what the Christian faith requires; but, sir, you have the satisfaction that you have done what your conscience dictated to you is needful for your employes; and we trust that God may long spare you to enjoy the blessing of the glorious institution you have raised amongst us, and that the hearers of God's Word here may long have the pleasure of seeing your face. We, the congregation, while aware we cannot do much to add to your comfort, most humbly beg you to accept this small tribute of respect and gratitude, believing that your good work has already kindled in the hearts of many that spirit of love which was a leading feature of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. That God may spare you and give you happiness and contentment, and when your days in this world are ended, bless you with everlasting peace, is the prayer of all."

Mr CROFTON, on behalf of the congregation, had great pleasure in making the presentation. He might say that since the establishment of the mission they had noticed an improvement in the village. Previously the children in the neighbourhood went about doing a great deal of mischief, as they congregated together and did damage to the works. Since then the place was quiet, as the children attended the morning service and the Sabbath-school on the afternoons. An impression was also made through the preaching of God's Word, and this was visible already amongst the adult members of the congregation; and he had no doubt that the ministry to the children Sunday after Sunday, would still have further effect for good, not only to the rising generation, but to the parents. Grown-up people who used to go about singing on the Sabbath lewd songs, now sung psalms and hymns, and thus the mission had had already a most beneficial effect in the village. (Hear, hear.)

Mr HEDLEY, in reply said: My dear friends—I beg to thank you for the very handsome presents you have this day made me. I can assure you I never had any idea this presentation would ever take place. I scarcely know what I have done to deserve it. There is only one thing I have tried to do, that is, to act fairly and honestly betwixt man and man. At the same time, as these handsome presents are before me, I accept them, and shall look upon them as a great gift from the kind hearts that have subscribed their mite towards them; and they shall be appreciated by me as long as I live. Allow me to return you my sincere and humble thanks, wishing you and your families every peace and happiness this world can offer. I am indeed exceedingly obliged to you all. (Applause.)

The company then, at the invitation of Mr Hedley, proceeded to the dining-room and partook of a substantial repast, presided over by Mr Hedley; the vice chair being occupied by Mr Geo. Hedley. The company spent the afternoon in visiting the gardens adjoining the mansion, and viewing the splendid scenery in the district; after which the guests departed highly pleased with the day's proceedings. The illuminated address was from the establishment of Messrs Lambert and Co.; the photographs were prepared by Mr Bacon, of Newcastle, and the church service from Mr W. E. Franklin, of St. Nicholas' Square.

Late Cricket.

WEST STANLEY v. MR W. CHARLTON'S SCRATCH TEAM.

On Wednesday afternoon, this annual match was played on the West Stanley ground, and after a keenly contested game was won by the home team by 16 runs. For the winning side the batting of Messrs Mann, P. Harkness, and Dunwoodie was best; whilst for the losers Mr D. Creighton, of Birtley, hit finely for 37, though his innings was marred by two chances. Messrs R. Young, Craghead, and Mole, of West Pelton, ably assisted with the willow. Score:—

MR CHARLTON'S TEAM.	
R. Chaytor (Hamsterley) b Dyson	0
H. Young (Craghead) b Harkness	8
C. Cummings (Craghead) b Harkness	2
R. Young (Craghead) b Harkness	13
D. Creighton (Birtley) c Curry	37
F. Mole (West Pelton) st Thompson	17
Tranmer (Stanley) b Mann	2
E. Wardle (Craghead) b Harkness	0
W. Charlton (Stanley) run out	0
A. Swinburne (Stanley) c Curry	0
Lumley (Annfield Plain) not out	0
Extras	6
Total	85

WEST STANLEY.	
J. Hunter b Young	6
P. Harkness b Creighton	16
J. Thompson b Creighton	3
W. Dodds b Young	7
W. Dyson b Creighton	8
R. Knox c R. Young b Young	5
J. G. Mann c Mole b Chaytor	28
I. Harkness not out	1
J. Curry b Creighton	0
E. Dunwoodie b Chaytor	14
J. Benfold c Young b Chaytor	0
Extras	10
Total	101

HAMSTEELS v. LANGLEY PARK.—Played off at Hamsteels on Saturday. Score:—Hamsteels, 53; Langley Park, 26.

USHAW MOOR v. TUDHOE 2ND.—Played at Ushaw Moor on Saturday. Score:—Tudhoe, 64; Ushaw Moor, 59.

THE "EUREKA" PEN.—This pen, which has lately been introduced by Messrs D. Leonardt and Co., Birmingham, "is so shaped as entirely to preclude the possibility of the pen, when used for writing, scratching and spluttering." We have tried a pen, from sample received, on all sorts of paper, and it is, without exception, the best we have used.

SOMETHING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE GLORY OF WAR.

The thrilling incidents and excitements of war are too often invested with a false glamour, which leads young minds to attach greater glory to deeds of daring done on the battlefield than to quiet acts of courage performed in ordinary life. It is well, therefore, that they should sometimes be reminded that the business of killing other people, whether a necessary one or not, must ever be regarded as a very dreadful one.

The Duke of Wellington was called the "Iron Duke" because of his firm will and unwavering strength of purpose. One might suppose that such a man would be too stern of character and have too much self-command for his feelings to be easily affected. He knew, however, and felt, what the horrors of war were. General Napier states that he saw the Duke of Wellington in a passion of tears, when, after the assault of Badajoz, the report was made to him that upwards of 2,000 men had fallen in that terrible night. When Dr. Hume entered the Duke's chamber on the morning of the 18th of June to make his report of the killed and wounded at the battle of Waterloo he found him in bed asleep, unshaved and unwashed, as he had lain down at night. When he awoke the Duke sat up in bed to hear the list read. It was a long list, and when the doctor looked up he saw Wellington with his hands convulsively clasped together, and the tears making long furrows on his battle-soiled cheeks.

Writing the same day to his friend, Marshal Beresford, the Duke said, "Our losses quite prostrate me, and I am quite indifferent to the advantages we have gained. I pray God that I may be saved from fighting any more such battles, for I am broken-hearted with the loss of so many old friends and comrades." To Lord Aberdeen he said, "The glory of a triumph like this is no consolation to me," and yet he had won a great battle and the allies were in the glow of victory. When riding over the battle-field, and hearing the cries and groans of the wounded, the warrior gave vent to the lacerated feelings of the man in the memorable words, "I know nothing more terrible than a victory—except a defeat."

A well-known writer says: "For many years of my life it used to be a great disappointment to me to be unable to extract a description of a real battle from any of my soldier relatives; but I am wiser now, and can better understand that actors in such terrible scenes do not like to talk of them. This much I have gathered, that a battle-field is the most awful, the most frightful and ghastly scene upon which mortal eyes can rest on the face of God's fair earth; a scene which can never be forgotten, and which it does not do to talk about."

UNDER A CRAZY QUILT.

What a capital opportunity for studying natural history the youngster in the following poem enjoyed! He seems to have put it down to some witchcraft hidden in the new bed-quilt that covered him while he slept, but wiser people will shake their heads and ask, "What did he have for supper?"

He slept and dreamt that the kangaroo
Had given a fancy ball;
The elephant with the festive gnu,
The mouse with the ostrich tall.
A funny giraffe, that did nothing but laugh,
Dropped in with a centipede;
And a cricket and flea, that had just been to tea,
Waltzed round with remarkable speed.

A wasp and a bumble-bee had a chat
Just over his little nose;
And a boa constrictor, upon the mat,
Dressed up in his Sunday clothes.
A crow and a racoon, in a fire balloon,
Paused over his bed to sing;
And a neat armadillo crept up on his pillow
To dance the Highland fling.

Then all ere they left made a graceful bow,
And out in the moonlight sped;
Except a ponderous brindled cow,
Which stopped to stand on its head.
The little boy woke, and grinned at the joke;
Sprang out of his bed with a lilt;
"I can dream it all over," said he, "while they cover Me up with this crazy quilt."

SOME QUEER ANTS.

"What would you think, to see an ant carrying a parasol?" asked Uncle Fred.

"Oh, uncle!" cried Johnny and Puss at the same time.

"You know an ant could not carry a parasol," added Puss.

Their uncle had just come home from a long trip to the West Indies and South America. He had a great many wonderful stories to tell them about the queer sights he had seen and the strange places where he had been. But they thought he must be joking with them now, for they could not believe that an ant could do such a thing.

"Well," said Uncle Fred, "their parasols were not made of silk stretched over a wire frame. They were only pieces of leaves from trees, and the ants held them in their mouths in such a way that they covered their bodies entirely. You could not see the ants at all, so the leaves looked as if they were marching along of their own accord. The first time I saw any was in the West Indies. One day, when I was riding with a friend out to his plantation, a great swarm of these ants crossed our road. We watched them a long time. It was a very queer sight, I assure you. They did not travel very fast. There must have been thousands and thousands of them; for we could not see either end of the column."

"Where were they going, I wonder?" said Johnny.

"They were carrying the leaves to their nests. They do not eat the leaves, but they are very fond of a fungus which grows on them after they have been a little while in their underground nests. The ants are very destructive, and do a great deal of damage. Sometimes they will cut every leaf off of a tree."

"Don't we have any here?" asked Puss, who was too much interested, and wished she could see some.

"No," said Uncle Fred. "We have some curious ants, but none like those I have been telling you about."

NUTS TO CRACK.

1.—With care search Walker, then you'll see
My *first* part of a ship will be;
While *next* goes most to make a fool
As any boy could tell from school;
And, *third*, if minus coat or hat,
To put them on, you must do that;
My *whole's* an animal of ancient fame,
Kinship with which Rhinoceri could claim.

2.—Nine letters. In my 4, 3, 1, 6 fragments; in my 5, 2, 9 an unwelcome visitor; in my 5, 8, 7 an obstruction; and in my *whole* a soldier.

3.—My *first* is found in tame,
Though never found in wild;
My *next* is seen in man,
Though never seen in child;
My *third* is got in sight,
Though never got in scene;
My *next* is found in King,
Though never found in Queen;
My *fifth* is seen in ham,
Though never seen in beef;
My *last* is got in happy,
Though never got in grief.
These letters placed aright by you
Will what you see disclose to view.

4.—Decapitate a gleam and get successively a whip, a tree, and silence.

5.—Word-Square.—Insects; to bewitch; an interesting event; an article used in sewing, an animal; to reduce to slavery; guided.

6.—Diamonds.—A consonant; a beverage; a name for a fair; a reptile; the beginning of temptation.

7.—The beginning of Lent; a fish; a print; a piece of wood; in winter.

LAST WEEK'S KERNELS.

1.—Slate, late, tale, teal. 2. Oliver Goldsmith. 3. Whip poor Will. 4. Miranda, Caliban, Antonio, Alonso, Lear. 5. Docket, locket, pocket, rocket, socket. 6. Time-piece. 7. Bread.

"Mother, have I any children?" asked an urchin of eight summers. "Why, no! What put that into your head?" returned the surprised parent. "Because I read to-day about children's children," answered the acute juvenile.

"Well, Mr. Richards, how does my son get on with his grammar lesson?" "He surpasses any pupil that ever I had." "In what does he chiefly excel, sir?" "In stupidity, sir. He surpasses any boy that ever I saw in that quality, sir."

[illegible] eaten before taking medicine will dis[illegible] the taste of the most nauseous.

Baked Cod.—Choose a thick piece out of the middle of a good fish and put it into a well-buttered baking dish; season it well with salt and pepper, and put two or three good-sized lumps of butter on the top of the fish. Bake in a moderate oven till sufficiently cooked, which will be when the flesh will come from the bones easily. Add a very little water to the gravy which has run from the fish, and thicken it with a small quantity of flour. Serve it in the dish with the cod, and have some shrimp or anchovy sauce to send to table with it. Cod is very good stuffed when cooked in this way.

LADIES' COLUMN.

It is a social fiction that all fashionable people go out of town for the great holiday seasons, Christmas, Easter, and Whitsuntide. Novelists, for the exigencies of story writing, represent all the rich people rushing to watering places and country houses when Parliament suspends its sittings. But the real world of London, the people who make the great bulk of its rich population, remain in town. Members of Parliament require a little change of air after the late hours and the confinement to the narrow precincts of the House of Commons; and this year there is additional reason for visiting the provinces in view of the general election in the autumn. But there was no perceptible difference in the crowds in the Park, in the theatres, in the West End streets, and above all at the Inventories, during the Whitsuntide holidays. Now Parliament has met again, the Derby has been run, the meets of the Four-in-Hand and the Coaching Clubs have come off in Hyde Park, and the wheel of fashionable life is turning faster and faster, as the season wears on near its close. If the foliage on the trees in the parks was slow to appear this year, its great beauty at present is ample compensation for delay. The leafy month of June realises all the pretty things ever sung or said of it by enthusiasts.

Hyde Park is a wonderful sight just at present, when every hour of the day has its special attraction to bring people together. It is always a matter of surprise to old-fashioned, humdrum people how the ladies and gentlemen who have been out at balls and parties all night and until late into the morning can do with so little sleep as allows of them being up early and on horseback in the Park before the world is well astir. An enthusiastic young equestrian would say that a gallop in the fresh morning air is as good as a sleep, but then experiences, like tastes, differ. The real riding hours are from ten to one, the best time to see the show being between twelve and one noon. The earlier hours are taken by the riding masters with their pupils, who thus become accustomed to the crowds before they leave school and are introduced to society. The best hour to see gaily dressed ladies on foot in the Park is between twelve and half-past one o'clock, after which time there is an exodus through the gates for the all-important business of luncheon. About 3 o'clock or 4 o'clock a new crowd assembles, but this time it is the drive, known as Rotten Row, which is the attraction. The ladies who were seen on foot in the morning are now in their carriages, and the Princess and her daughters may be looked for at any time between 5 o'clock and half-past 6. The quiet equipage, with liveries very plain and not likely to attract the eye, comes quickly along the drive and is out of sight almost before the occupants are recognised. Those who are anxious for a glimpse of our future Queen—this is information for our country visitors who are in town for a short time—ought to watch for a mounted policeman who rides down the Row, and a few minutes afterwards the victoria or landau with the illustrious lady may be seen driving in the same direction. The usual custom of the Princess is to pass along the Lady's Mile twice, three times, or four times, and then leave the Park. When the young Princesses are not with her the Princess has her great brown retriever beside her, a beautiful animal who seems to enjoy the fresh air, the carriage motion, and the sight of the crowd of moving figures on both sides of the drive.

The Princess has not adopted any of the extreme fashions of this season in her dress. The high open-fronted bonnet, such as Mrs. Langtry wore at the Royal Academy and the Grosvenor Gallery, very French in character, has not been nearly so generally worn since the Princess of Wales returned to town, and it was seen that she still retained the close shape, with slightly open front, which suits her so admirably. Nor have any of the modern excruciating shades of green, known by such a variety of names, caught the Royal fancy. The Princess would scarcely be recognised in a bonnet of chartreuse, pea green, or moss green. Black jet, chenille, or fancy braids with red flowers, or a bonnet of black and gold with aigrette of bullion gold, is the style she adopts. Nor must mention be omitted of a very elegant bonnet made of brown velvet and satin, the top of which is covered with a square of brown lace with gold threads embroidered through it, and fastened on with gold and tortoiseshell pins. It can scarcely be said that cinnamon brown is a very becoming colour, but when the materials in which a bonnet is made are of very first-class quality, as in the case of the brown bonnet worn by the Princess, the result of the contiguity of the face and the brown colour is less objectionable.

Sunday in Hyde Park has its manners and customs, its hours of fashion and its hours of comparative desertion, like the week days. A few years ago it was the custom for fashionable people to go in the afternoon to Kensington Gardens, and sit on the green chairs arranged in rows under the trees, while those who preferred walking promenaded in front. About three or four years ago the chairs and Kensington Gardens went out of fashion very suddenly. Some great ladies elected to meet friends at the corner of Hyde Park, close to Apsley House, and others followed suit. Before two years had expired the chairs were all moved to the new ground, and from four till six on Sunday afternoons the scene was a gay one of ladies and gentlemen in the most fashionable attire, in such crowds that movement was not always feasible, sauntering up and down, while those who were so fortunate as to secure chairs sat looking on.

Now society has made another new departure. The fashionable hour on Sunday is immediately after church, before luncheon. The hours for service in the London churches are no longer on the old fashioned lines of one hour arbitrarily fixed, morning service at 11 o'clock, but there are other services, shorter and earlier, so that many of the congregations have come away at half-past 12 and one o'clock. This has become the great hour for the park promenades on Sundays, known as the "after church" meeting. About a quarter before 2 the stream turns towards the gates, passes through, and the park is comparatively deserted until, about 4 o'clock, fresh parties arrive, not in such numbers as used to congregate last year and the previous one, but enough to make the scene exceedingly animated.

The Albert Palace at Battersea, which opens to-day, with much ceremony, will be a most educating influence for South London, to say nothing of those visitors who may come from a greater distance to enjoy its pleasures. The history of the building itself, a portion of it at least, dates back nearly twenty years ago, when it was erected in Dublin for a great exhibition, and re-named afterwards as a winter garden and public hall, the property of Mr. (now Sir) Edward Cecil Guinness. The generosity of the owner in keeping up the building and allowing the citizens its use for a nominal sum when required taught bad habits. Public spirit to keep up so useful a place in the centre of the city was lacking, and Dublin looked on apathetically while the palace was sold and carried away to London, where it now raises its head as the Albert Palace, re-erected with considerable additions, adding to the beauty of the whole, and affording a greater extent of accommodation than in its original form. The Inventories, it is admitted, is one of the successes of the century as a place of public entertainment, but the galleries lack picturesque effect. The gardens at night are fairyland, but neither by day nor night can such an arrangement be made of any part of the interior as is possible in the Battersea Palace, with its long and lofty nave, its light galleries, its coloured glass and decorated columns. The satisfactory feeling of harmonious colour which is lacking at the Inventories impresses one at Battersea from the first moment of entrance. At present, when the fierce light of criticism is turned on the Royal Academy, and there is a general complaint of the mediocrity which is allowed prominence on the walls, the art gallery at the Albert Palace will go far to redeem the character of English exhibitions. It is not too large—just enough for one day's enjoyment, and there is not one indifferent picture in the whole collection. The art of picture hanging never seems to be quite understood at the Academy.

WHAT WE HEARD THROUGH THE WALL.

It was all Sophy's doing.

"Give yourself a bit of rest in the country, John," she said; "the business 'll get along well enough under the head clerk till the hot season's over. We will take a little house in the country. What we want—at least you do—is the fresh air of the open country. I declare you begin to look quite thin and peaky, John, dear. I'm really quite concerned about you."

I yielded with a good grace, and every evening for a week I came home to find Sophy with a dozen or so of advertisements of "Desirable Homes in the Country," marked for ready reference.

After a voluminous correspondence and several tours of inspection, we made a choice at last. It was half of a double frame cottage in a secluded locality, and surrounded by commodious grounds thickly shaded with trees. The other half was occupied by a family who, the agent said, had given the best of reference, though he knew nothing of them personally.

The surrounding grounds were divided by a close fence, which completely separated the portions pertaining to the respective halves of the cottage; so, if we didn't care to cultivate our neighbours, we could easily keep aloof.

It was several days before we saw any of the adjoining occupants. The first of them encountered was a white-headed old man, whom I met one morning coming out as if for an early walk similar to that from which I was just returning. He was bent with years and very venerable in appearance, and the bow with which he returned my salute was full of courtesy.

At intervals glimpses were caught of the remaining inmates, who consisted of a dark, dyspeptic-looking man of thirty-five, or thereabouts, a cheery-faced little woman some five years younger, whom Sophy set down as the dark man's wife, and a dowdyish maid of all work.

It was not long till we discovered one drawback to our new abode. The partition wall was so thin that we could not help hearing all that passed on the other side. So it was ascertained that the dyspeptic man's name was Mr. Eldritch, the old gentleman's Mr. Harbine, and the servant-maid's Biddy; furthermore, that Mr. Harbine was Mrs. Eldritch's father, whose life was insured for his daughter's benefit.

I had always had a special dislike of prying curiosity; and one evening, as Sophy sat knitting close to the communicative wall—her favourite position lately—with her eyes on her work and one ear cocked attentively, I was in the act of clearing my throat for a homily on the sin of over-inquisitiveness, when Sophy gave a start that nearly tumbled her from her chair. Her face turned white and her whole frame trembled.

"Good heavens! come here quick, John, and listen to this!"

Sophy's terrified look drove the lecture from my head, and in an instant I was at Sophy's side with my ear as closely glued to the partition as her own.

"The poison has done its work effectually," said a voice, which Sophy whispered was the dark man's.

"Thank goodness we're rid of the old nuisance at last!" returned another, which we agreed was the wife's.

"He's been a terrible pest, but he'll trouble us no more," replied the first.

Then the speakers must have moved away a little, or turned their backs, for the next words were lost—all except something about "insurance money" in the man's voice.

All was indeed too plain. The undutiful pair had evidently put the old gentleman out of the way to get the insurance money.

What was to be done? I knew not if there was a magistrate in the neighbourhood, or where to find him if there was. Besides, Sophy absolutely refused to be left alone while I went to search.

After much consultation, we resolved upon a course of action. There was no danger of Eldritch or his wife trying to escape so long as they had no reason to believe themselves suspected. I had a friend on the detective force to whom I would telegraph from the village, the first thing in the morning, to come immediately, as I had important business for him.

The next day was Sunday, and after sending my dispatch, I resolved to keep as close a watch on our neighbours as was practicable without awakening their distrust.

It was verging towards ten o'clock, when through a chink in the division fence, at which I was keeping watch, concealed by the shrubbery, I saw the Eldritches, in Sunday garb, pass through their front gate, looking as placid as if that white-haired old man's murder were not upon their consciences.

I went out at our own gate, and followed at a safe distance. The two walked along leisurely, the woman's hand on the man's arm, till they reached the village, and, finally, a neat little church, which they entered.

I waited awhile, and then also went in. Judge of my surprise at seeing in the pulpit, in the act of giving out the opening hymn—whom do you think?—As true as my name's John Hetley, is was none other than the dark-faced murderer! I could hardly repress a cry of indignation at such sacrilege; and when he went on to preach a sermon on the golden rule, full of brotherly kindness and benevolence, I sat in stupefied amazement at the man's effrontery.

At the close of the meeting I resumed my watch till I had seen the reverend assassin and his wife enter their own door. Sophy and I listened at the wall, but no sounds were audible. The neighbouring inmates were either exercising extraordinary caution, or were in another part of the house.

My detective friend came on Monday morning. A few words revealed what I had to disclose.

"If they've murdered the old man for the insurance," said my friend, "it's singular they should conceal his death, as they appear to be doing. They can't get the money without disclosing that the man is dead, and every moment's delay would only tend to excite suspicion. It looks as if they had changed their minds about trying to get the insurance, and were now only intent on covering up the crime. I propose that we call at once on Eldritch, and that you confront him with your discovery before they've had time to hide the body."

Our ring was answered by the dowdyish servant, who, at our request, led us into Mr. Eldritch's presence.

"A life has been taken in this house by poison!" I said, abruptly and impressively.

I expected to see the wretch quail with terror, but he didn't. He looked up calmly, but a little curiously, and with an amused smile, answered: "I admit the fact."

Was there ever such audacity!

"Where have you bestowed the body?" I demanded.

"Come and I'll show you," he replied, without a sign of trepidation.

Could the man be in his senses, or would he, after all, escape the gallows on a plea of insanity?

He rose and led the way to a rear garden, we following. Then removing a few spadefuls of earth, he revealed to our expectant eyes the swollen corpse—don't be startled—*of a huge rat!*

"The old scamp had pestered us a good while," said Mr. Eldritch, "and being too cunning to be trapped, and more than a match, for the cat, at last I laid a dose of arsenic for him."

"Don't trifle with us!" I said sternly. "I overheard you talking about insurance money at the same time I heard your confession of the poisoning. You'll hardly claim you had *this* creature's life insured?"

Mr. Eldritch's smile broadened.

"My wife and I have consulted several times of late," he replied, "about getting up the money to pay the forthcoming instalment on her father's policy, but you must have pretty sharp ears to have heard us."

Before I had time to answer, the white-haired victim of the supposed murderer made his appearance on the scene, and greeted us with his accustomed bow.

As well as I could for my confusion, I hastened to make a clean breast of it to Mr. Eldritch, who laughed heartily and forgave my espionage in consideration of the motive. We got to be excellent friends afterwards, and I found him a very worthy gentleman.

WIT AND HUMOUR.

A curiously furnished apartment—A bedroom with a towel-*horse* and a *handsome cab-in-et.*

We have often heard of ships *running* into one another; but the other day we actually saw a house *fly.*

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THE BLACK SHAFT;

OR, THE MINER'S DAUGHTER—A MYSTERY.

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CHAPTER XXXV.

OLD FRIENDS.—NEWS OF THE MISSING HEIR.

On that same evening of the 7th December, when the disappearance of Mervyn Duncomb was being discussed in the parlour of the inn, Mr. Winter at the other end of the house was enjoying a sound and refreshing sleep. During the few days last passed he had been rapidly regaining strength. Doctor Ashton had promised him that his letters and papers should be sent to him, and the news fully imparted. He was afraid to tell him of the pending marriage and the immediate departure of Simon from the Wolds again, for the young man had frequently been backwards and forwards to see her. [illegible], but next day, the 8th, he was to leave for Puddleton and remain abroad with his bride until the spring.

He was aware that Mr. Winter was in the neighbourhood, but he also knew that he was lying ill, though neither Simon nor his father showed the vicar any attention whatever.

It was midnight or just after. Mrs. Mordaunt having given the patient his draught had composed herself to rest for a few hours, and was just dozing off comfortably when she was suddenly awakened by a cry for "Alaric Mordaunt!"

There was no possibility of mistake—the name sounded in her ears. Her son's name was seldom mentioned by her. He had chosen his path away from her, downwards, in the world, and she had heard nothing of him or from him for a long time.

Now the name came distinctly to her ears in the silence. Could she have pronounced it in her sleep?

This was possible; so she lay back again, and her thoughts naturally went back to her absent son. His wayward and sinful career and his spoiled childhood rose up before her. She had indulged him in his youth, and he had been a thorn in her side for years. Yet she clung to him still.

"Alaric Mordaunt!"

There was no mistake this time. The sick man had called out. In a moment she was beside his bed. He had awakened himself.

"Did I call out, nurse?" he asked.

"Yes," she replied, in an agitated voice; "you aroused me."

"Why did I say?" inquired the vicar, anxiously. "Did I say anything very silly?"

"You called out a name twice—a name which you could scarcely have known two people to bear, 'Alaric Mordaunt.'"

"Did I?" said Mr. Winter. "I was dreaming of him and of certain passages in my own past life. I suppose your name being also Mordaunt made me think of him. Thank you, nurse. I will go to sleep again. I am sorry I disturbed you."

Mrs. Mordaunt was burning to ask some questions. Who was this Mr. Winter who knew her son's name so well and connected it with his past life? Not the Dick Winter she once had known. The lad who had loved her cousin Lucy with all the warmth of a first passion, and who had been laughed at for his temerity. Not the same Richard who came again down into the country when a "collegian" to ask her help once more, to be tolerated, and finally thrown over for a richer young candidate—the banker's nephew?

Surely, she thought, her old friend would have recognized her. Yet she had not quickly recognized him, so changed had both become in their struggle with the world. The vicar in his illness had no thought of the elder Mordaunts. He had brooded over Simon and his wickedness, thought how he could circumvent him, but rejected each plan. If Mordaunt would only return with Bessie, as instructed, then, indeed, he would be able to act. Hence his desire to see Alaric Mordaunt; hence his unconscious ejaculations!

The remainder of the night passed without incident. The morning brought with it scraps of news concerning the arrest of the Swede, the suspicions which attached to Dr. Ashton, and such topics which did not reach the vicar then. He was too much interested in his own affairs to think much of others' business. But when the ship surgeon came in and explained that his cousin was detained on particular business with Mr. Duncomb, the squire, but would be round in the evening, Mr. Winter thought something was wrong.

He was permitted to get up, and expressed himself quite well. He read his letters, which were opened and handed to him in turn by Mrs. Mordaunt. At length the envelope marked *Immediate*, which had been gradually displaced, became uppermost; his kind nurse had opened it, and was about to hand the enclosure to her patient, when her glance lighted on the superscription.

One look was sufficient. She staggered, and nearly fell; but with a great effort she rallied, and seated herself, pale and trembling, at the table, breathing quickly in the greatest agitation.

"My dear Mrs. Mordaunt," cried the vicar, "what is the matter? Are you ill?"

She made no reply for a moment, but merely motioned him with her hand to be quiet, and remain silent.

The vicar paused in his inquiries until, perceiving that the good lady's agitation was being gradually calmed, he again ventured to ask the cause of the sudden attack.

"My dear madam," he said, "what has caused this agitation? Has any sudden spasm—any heart-pang——"

"Yes, indeed," she replied, with manifest effort, "a heart pang of the most acute kind. That writing—that letter which was enclosed in the envelope marked 'immediate!' It has been opened—it comes from America."

"Let me see," cried the vicar, now much interested. "Why," he exclaimed "this letter I received before I left home! I must have dropped it, and it was sent to the vicarage. I see it all—yes, of course. But, my good nurse, how can it concern you?"

"The writing—the writing! I know it well."

"What this? The letter from America?"

"Yes, yes, it is my unhappy son's handwriting. Too rarely lately have I seen it, but it is his, Alaric's, I am certain."

"By heavens!" exclaimed the vicar, surprised into an exclamation bordering on the profane. "I beg pardon, madam; but is it possible that the unfortunate Alaric Mordaunt is your son, and that you are my old friend Helen Conyers?"

"Yes, yes," she replied, "I am, indeed. How very small the world is! Dear me, dear me! How many years have passed since Lucy Mainwaring and you——"

"Hush," said the vicar. "Let the dead past bury its dead. Lucy chose her own career. Do not name her. Tell me about yourself, old friend."

Then Mrs. Mordaunt told him in reply to his questions how the world had treated her since the time she had last met her young friend, Richard Winter. She had experienced much sorrow in her married life. She had married a young man well to do, and in good society; her husband, after a career of fashionable, if not "fast," life, had died in poverty, leaving her with a son who was tinged with his parents' sins. The result we have seen. Alaric Mordaunt had "gone to the bad." His mother had devoted herself to nursing the sick, and it so happened that Mr. Winter has assisted the son for the parents' sake. Now the drama was drawing to a conclusion. After a separation of more than five-and-twenty years, the friends of the past came together again. The poor man had risen in the world to position and affluence. The widow of the rich man was hardly earning her bread, while her only child was an outcast! So turns the wheel of Fortune round! chap-35

The vicar remained silent for awhile, and then passing his hand over his eyes, looked up.

"Is it possible?" he said. "Is it actually a fact that I am here, and not dreaming, that you are Alaric Mordaunt's mother, and my old friend?"

"Yes, indeed, dear Mr. Winter," she replied. "It is all true and real. But tell me how has it come to pass that you and my poor boy are correspondents? How did you know his whereabouts, or he yours?"

Then the vicar told her all. How the repentant wanderer had met him and asked for help. How the young man had told his story, and how he (the vicar) had despatched him in search of the poor girl, Elizabeth Calton, who had been secretly but illegally married to Simon Duncomb.

"[illegible] Simon Duncomb!" muttered the nurse. "Go on."

"The unprincipled young man is now, I understand, about to marry Miss Askenhurst," continued the vicar. "I had intended to prevent the match; I have already warned the lady, and made objections as well as I could without substantial proofs. But were your son here he could substantiate the facts."

"Alaric? How?" asked Mrs. Mordaunt.

"It was he who performed the marriage. Start not! He was compelled by this villain Simon. Your son, I am pained to say, had fallen to the depths, and to deceive her, and silence Simon's accusations of a crime, your unhappy son was the medium of the poor girl's deception."

"But the marriage is valid? The man——"

"Yes [illegible], but not *legal!* No witnesses and no legal formalities were present or observed. The pair are married in the eyes of Heaven, but law is stricter than love, and the ceremony was a mockery. The registrar in such case is more powerful than the rector. The marriage, moreover, was not celebrated in any place of worship. Bessie Calton was wilfully deceived, and the cons[p]irators succeeded in their villainous scheme."

"Ah, Alaric, Alaric!" cried the unhappy mother.

"Yes, he is greatly to be blamed, and rendered himself liable to heavy punishment. But he has already been chastised. Starving—a prodigal—he came to me. I knew his story; pitied while I condemned him. By some providential act he happened to recognise Simon Duncomb's victim in the train for Liverpool. He told me. I begged him to follow, and endeavour to repair the wrong he had done by helping the girl and her father."

"Her father. Hosea, you mean. The man who is suspected of murder?" asked the nurse, with a puzzled expression.

"Yes. Suspected. Well, Alaric has succeeded in finding the poor girl, as you will see when you read this letter. We must—or I must—at once proceed to Puddleton and stop the marriage with Miss Askenhurst. Had I not been laid up the inevitable scandal would have been avoided. Poor child, I would give half my fortune to rescue her from such a villain!" chap 35

"You are not fit to travel," said Mrs. Mordaunt, resuming her official tone. "You really must remain quiet, or you will be laid up again."

"I care not," replied the vicar, as he paced the room in his excitement. "I care not a jot; Kate shall be saved, unfortunate girl, Mrs. Mordaunt, a somewhat selfish and coquettish character, she may be, but with all her faults I cannot permit her to be sacrificed to such a man, even were there no actual proof against him."

"But you have no proof yet. You can only surmise. The banns have been put up, I daresay, and uncontradicted. If you had forbidden them——"

"Yes, but I was ill—delirious. It was, as you know, impossible then. It will be a terrible scandal now, but nothing to the future misery, if I held my tongue. I *will* speak of it, cost me my life, for Kate's sake!"

"You take a great interest in the young lady; independent of her position, I mean?"

"I do," replied the vicar, briefly; "but whether I did or did not, I would per orm my duty."

"Let me go, sir. Let me warn her. I will tell her who I am, and beg her to hear reason. As Alaric's mother she will listen."

"No: there are reasons against it. Your son at one time was devoted to her—and she would none of him. There were circumstances which might induce her to decline to see you. She cannot refuse to see me, the vicar: particularly as she will doubtless be married in the parish church. Let us see what my *locum tenens* says on this point."

The letters were examined, and it was ascertained that the wedding was to be celebrated at Applethorpe, not Puddleton. Sir Edward had a shooting-box in that parish.

"Ah, then no banns were put up, I daresay. The wedding will be a quiet one. They are offended with me," muttered the vicar, "after my refusal to pledge the pair that evening. You see I shall not be wanted, Mrs. Mordaunt, But I will go home tomorrow and endeavour to postpone the wedding until proof of the treachery of Simon Duncomb arrives."

"My son may arrive any day," said Mrs. Mordaunt, "so he says here."

"I wish he would come then. So much depends upon him. Come in."

The last remark was addressed to some one who had tapped at the door. The landlord entered.

"Ah, Mrs. Mordaunt," he said. "Doctor Ashton is goin' to be taken up, and——"

"Taken up!" exclaimed the nurse and her patient, simultaneously—"arrested?"

"Yes, for complicity in Hosea Calton's business. It is said him and doctor had a finger in the pie, and they have traced Mr. Mervyn."

"Found Mr. Mervyn Duncomb!" cried the vicar. "Where? This is indeed news."

"Yes, sir. Glad you're so much better, sir. They heard of him from Mr. Ashton's cousin, who came from sea. He says Mr. Mervyn was landed in New York, and may be traced."

"How did they know it was the young squire?" inquired Mrs. Mordaunt, quickly.

"From a letter in his pocket addressed to him," replied the landlord. "The ship doctor saw it himself, and after reading the papers came here to see his cousin, our Doctor Ashton."

"But how can this affect the doctor?" inquired Mr. Winter.

The landlord wiped his forehead as he replied:

"You see, sir. Hosea was kept dark here by the doctor after Mr. Mervyn was missing, and when suspected of the murder of Collins. Calton, he ran away! Why did the doctor keep him so dark except he had a hand in young squire's disappearing? Why did Calton run away after the murder if he hadn't a hand in it? You ought to know Mrs. Mordaunt."

"Why? I know nothing of the man. A young Calton was in my hands for a while. I nursed him certainly, but left him mending—a well-spoken young man."

"Young man, why—Hallo! here's a telegraphic message. For you, sir."

"Forwarded on from Puddleton, I see. Ah, what is this?" he exclaimed.

"What, sir?"

Mr. Winter read the message sent to his home, and repeated to Clatterby. It was from Alaric Mordaunt, Liverpool:

"7th Dec., 6 p.m.

"*Arrived to-day. Will be with you to-morrow, if possible. Hosea arrested this evening. Must prove alibi. Miss C. will come with me. All explained.*"

The vicar folded the paper and looked at Mrs. Mordaunt.

"Will you come with me to-morrow?" he said. "Justice must be done though the heavens fall. Poor Kate!"

The landlord hurried away with the news that Hosea Calton had been arrested in Liverpool, and that the "Murder was out!"

(To be continued.)

WIT AND HUMOUR.

Why is an acquitted prisoner like a gun?—Because he is taken up, charged, and then let off.

If the chiropodists went on an excursion down the river, they would naturally engage a tow-boat.

"Is your husband an Oddfellow?" "Well, I should think he is; never saw such a strange man in my life."

Why is a dog with a broken leg like a boy at arithmetic?—Because he puts down three and carries one.

"One good turn deserves another," said the economical man, as he reversed his cuffs for the second time.

Doubtless a coquettish belle is able to tell the difference between ringing the changes and changing the rings.

Bad excuse better than no excuse at all—A girl in the country who eloped with a coachman said she was driven to it.

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The Unlucky Hedge.—In a village of Vicarcy, after a long sickness, a farmer's wife fell into a lethargy. Her husband was willing, good man! to believe her out of pain; and so according to the custom of that country she was wrapped in a sheet, and carried out to be buried. But, as ill luck would have it, the bearers carried her so near a hedge that the thorns pierced the sheet and awoke the woman from her trance. Some years after she did in reality, and as the funeral passed along, the husband would every now and then call out "not too near the hedge; not too near the hedge, neighbours!"

HINTS FOR THE HOME.

The Worth of a Smile.—Who can tell the value of a smile? It costs the giver nothing, but is beyond price to the erring and relenting, the sad and cheerless, the lost and forsaken. It disarms malice—subdues temper—turns hatred to love—revenge to kindness—and paves the darkest paths with gems of sunlight. A smile on the brow betrays a kind heart, a pleasant friend, an affectionate brother, a dutiful son, a happy husband. It adds a charm to beauty, it decorates the face of the deformed, and makes a lovely woman resemble an angel in paradise.

Partial Knowledge.—Our happiness as thinking beings must depend on our being content to accept only partial knowledge, even in those matters which chiefly concern us. If we insist upon perfect intelligibility and complete declaration on every moral subject, we shall instantly fall into misery of unbelief. Our whole happiness and power of energetic action depend upon our being able to breathe and live in the cloud, content to see it opening here and closing there, rejoicing to catch through its thinnest films glimpses of stable and substantial things.

Losing Sleep.—Men who are the fastest asleep when they are asleep are the widest awake when they are awake. Great workers must be great resters. Every man who has clerks in his employ ought to know what their sleeping habits are. The young man who sits up till two, three, or four o'clock in the morning, and must put in an appearance at the shop or office at nine or ten o'clock and work all the day, cannot repeat this process many days without a certain shakiness coming into his system, which he will endeavour to steady by some delusive stimulus. It is in this way that many a young man begins his course to [illegible]. He need not necessarily have been in bad company. He has lost his sleep, and losing sleep he is losing strength and grace.

The Art of Walking.—If a man would appear like a gentleman he must walk, stand, and sit like one. In walking he should avoid everything that is unnatural or that smacks of self-consciousness. How often do you see men in the street whose every movement tells us their minds are chiefly on themselves. One throws out his chest, while another walks with an abnormal stoop, but both display a kind of rolling, swaggering gait, and an unnatural swing of the arms. Not only is a man's walk an index of his character and of the grade of his culture, but it is also an index of the frame of mind he is in. There is the thoughtful walk and the thoughtless walk, the responsible walk, the idler's walk, the ingenuous walk, and the insidious walk, and so on. In a word, what there is in us we all carry in essentially the same way; hence, the surest way to have the carriage of gentility is to have the gentility to carry.

Sleeping Draughts.—The dangerous and lamentable habit of promiscuously taking sleeping draughts has unfortunately become very prevalent, entailing misery and ill-health to a terrible degree. Most persons addicted to this destructive practice erroneously think that it is better to take a sleeping draught than lie awake. A greater mistake could hardly exist. All opiates occasion more or less mischief, and even the state of stupefaction they induce utterly fails to bring about that revitalisation resulting from natural sleep. Chloral is popularly supposed to give a quiet night's rest, without any of the after effects (headache, &c.) produced by various preparations of morphia. Now, chloral is what is termed cumulative in its action, which implies that even the same dose persisted in for a certain length of time may cause death. Of all hypnotics chloral is by far the most deadly, and should never, under any circumstances, be taken except under medical supervision.

Relaxation.—We all have twenty-four hours every day to invest, and if one hour withdrawn from business can be better invested, it is not a wise thing to do it? Relaxation, however, to be profitable, must be whole-hearted. It is not rest for the business man to bring his affairs and worries home with him. It is not rest for the student to brood over theories and formulas when he walks, neither is it rest to take cares and anxieties to our friend's table. If we have no heart to throw off these burdens, we should make the effort in spite of ourselves. We have been bound to our cares as the convict is to his ball and chain, and it is time to master circumstances, instead of being their slaves. Mental slaves are more dependent upon the physical condition than we are inclined to think. Irritability means overstrained nerves; the "blues" and "black butterflies" are other names for indigestion and a poor circulation. Recreation, it is to be remembered, is neither dissipation, nor yet absence of activity. Complete change of thought is relaxation; and Hood is quoted by a recent writer as saying that the Quaker always enjoys life, for he makes a pleasure of his business and a business of his pleasure.

Art Work for Ladies.—There is scarcely any limit to the work in the way of decoration that ladies impose upon themselves nowadays. That which they would have regarded as a laborious undertaking a few years ago they now consider as a merely pleasurable occupation. Not content with painting the walls of their rooms with subjects of their own design, with stencilling patterns on the cornices of the ceilings, with decorating the panels of doors and shutters, with executing stained-glass windows, with painting tapestry for portières and chair and sofa coverings, they now fill up an leisure time they have at their disposal by making some useful or ornamental article in brass. The work is quite easy, but a little patience is needed, as the metal does not yield all at once to the blows of the hammer and tools, as may readily be understood. And it is certainly not suitable employment for any one who objects to a continuous tapping sound, for that is altogether unavoidable. Allowance being made for this drawback, repoussé work is not otherwise unpleasant; indeed it would seem that many amateurs thoroughly enjoy it. In our opinion it is especially adapted for boys, and is an amusement that will keep their hands employed and their hands out of mischief on rainy days and long winter evenings.—*Cassell's Family Magazine.*

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The patter of a baby's little feet;
She never knew the thrill of joy and bliss
That lingers in a husband's tender kiss;
She never knew the sorrow and the woe
Of losing light from eyes whose radiant glow
Was all her sun.
She lives in vain, you say?
If, then, to live in vain is day by day
To go among the lowly and the poor,
A ray of sunshine to each darkened door;
To soothe with gentle words and gentle touch
Wretches who sinned and sinned to suffer much;
To be the link that joins a weary life
To God; to be the comforter of strife;
To be the soothing balm for every pain;
Then that grand woman truly lives in vain.

—*Cluskey Cromwell.*

WAKING AT WILL.

We have a very distinct recollection of many instances in which we have ourselves tried the experiment with success, and at one time, when it was necessary for a considerable period for us to wake, on certain days of the week at a very early hour to take the first train to the place where our services were then needed, we had an opportunity of studying the circumstances under which this peculiar species of self-control is most easily exercised. During this period we found no difficulty in waking regularly within about five minutes of the time necessary to enable us to reach the train comfortably, though for a portion of the time this involved getting up long before daylight; but we discovered also that, in order to wake with precision at the right moment, and to rest quietly until it arrived, it was necessary to look at our watch just before going to sleep. If we neglected this precaution we were apt to sleep uneasily, waking first an hour or more before the proper time and allowing ourselves, in consequence, only short naps afterward until the minute arrived for getting up. Whatever part of our mind it might have been that took charge of waking us seemed to begin its count of the hours from the time at which we composed ourselves to sleep, and if we did not inform ourselves of this, our conscious reckoning was correspondingly uncertain, and the effort to wake vague; but if we took a clear note of the time in the evening, we could sleep peacefully through the whole of the allotted interval, sure of being aroused at or very near its expiration. Another condition of waking we found to be the occurrence of some small external event, through which, as it were, the internal effort could take effect upon our senses. A very trifling circumstance—the flutter of a leaf outside the window, the chirp of a bird, or any other of the unnumbered sounds of early morning—was sufficient, if it happened at the right time, to wake us by a sort of magnifying process which at that moment gave the power of starting up by a noise which would at other times be unnoticed; but without such sensible impression we think we should not have waked. In fact, on one or two occasions we remember to have been impressed with a dim consciousness of waiting for something to happen before waking, and a moment later a trifling sound would open our senses with a little shock. To the necessity of waiting for this impression, small as it might be, we were disposed to attribute the variation of a minute or two either way from the exact moment assigned for waking, which might otherwise be kept with exact punctuality.—*Detroit Free Press.*

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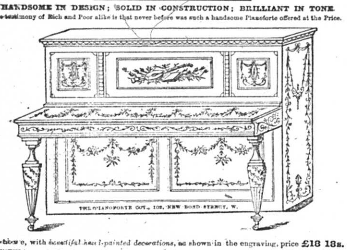
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THIS DAY'S NEWS.

"GUARDIAN" OFFICE, FRIDAY, 4 P.M.

DEATH OF AN EGYPTIAN POTENTATE.

[CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAMS.]

CAIRO, FRIDAY.

The death is announced of Ragheb Pasha, who was Premier at the time of the bombardment of Alexandria.

ELECTION INTELLIGENCE.

LANCASTER.—Mr Webster, Q.C., arrived at Lancaster last (Thursday) night to contest the borough. The Liberals have not yet decided upon a candidate. Sir Hardinge Giffard's farewell address is expected shortly.

DUBLIN.—Private meetings are being held to select Conservative candidates for the divisions of Dublin City and County. Sir Edward Guinness will be selected by the Constitutional Club for the South-Eastern Division of the City.

WAKEFIELD.—Mr Robert Bownas Mackie, M.P. for Wakefield, died last (Thursday) night in London, from internal inflammation. Mr Mackie was a Liberal, and was elected in 1880.

THE MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

THE NEW CABINET FORMED.

ROME, FRIDAY.

The *Popolo*, the Roman Catholic Ministerial organ, believes that Lord Salisburry's former experience as Foreign Minister will best teach him how to avoid conflicts and difficulties in the future.

In official Conservative circles this (Friday) morning it is confidently believed that Lord Salisbury will be able to make a satisfactory statement to Parliament this evening. It is denied that Lord Salisbury has asked for the assistance of the Liberal party in carrying on the work of the Government, but endeavours have been made to come to some understanding as to the transaction of business indispensable to the proper winding-up of the Session.

The banquet at the Mansion House to Lord Salisbury, Sir Stafford Northcote, and the Conservative candidates this (Friday) evening will be strictly private.

Sir Stafford Northcote and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach called upon Lord Salisbury at noon to-day (Friday), and the three leaders are now in conference.

The Marchioness of Salisbury left town for Hatfield to-day (Friday).

AN IRISH VIEW OF THE SITUATION.

The *Freeman's Journal* accepts the appointment of Lord Carnarvon as Lord-Lieutenant for Ireland as a neutral victory and a great improvement on his predecessor. It says that Mr Balfour, if Chief-Secretary, will govern the Irish policy of the Cabinet. Mr Balfour's is not a strong appointment, but his courtesy will enable him to avoid rubbing against the views of the Irish people.

THE NEW MINISTRY AND ITS DIFFICULTIES.

The *Standard* this (Friday) morning says:—We are enabled to make an announcement which will be received with general satisfaction. Sir Stafford Northcote will not, as was anticipated, become Lord President of the Council, but will be First Lord of the Treasury. This arrangement, however, for which there is a precedent, still leaves the Premiership in the hands of Lord Salisbury. In addition to the list of appointments announced, we understand that Mr A. J. Balfour will be the President of the Local Government Board, but without a seat in the Cabinet, and that Mr Stanhope will become Vice-President of the Council. The Chief Secretaryship for Ireland has not yet been filled up. So far the following appointments may be recorded as settled:—

Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary	Lord Salisbury.
First Lord of the Treasury	Sir S. Northcote (who will accept a peerage).
Lord Chancellor	Sir H. Giffard.
Chancellor of the Exchequer	Sir M. Hicks-Beach.
Home Setretary	Sir R. Cross.
Secretary for War	Mr W. H. Smith.
Secretary for India	Lord R. Churchill.
Secretary for the Colonies	Colonel Stanley.
First Lord of the Admiralty	Lord G. Hamilton.
Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland	Earl of Carnarvon.
Lord Chancellor of Ireland	Mr Gibson.
President of the Local Government Board	Mr A. J. Balfour.
Vice President of the Council	Mr E. Stanhope.

A serious difficulty has, we believe, arisen in connexion with the accession to office of the new Ministry. Up to last night the Liberal leaders had not given such assurances as could be deemed satisfactory by Lord Salisbury that they would not oppose the business necessary to the winding-up of the session, especially in regard to the matter of finance. Negotiations on the subject are still going on, but we understand that unless satisfactory assurances are given on these points Lord Salisbury will decline to take office.

THE COLLIERY EXPLOSION NEAR MANCHESTER.

SUPPOSED LOSS OF 140 LIVES.

It is now feared it will not be possible to rescue the men still entombed in the Clifton Hall pit. It is most probable all have already died, and the total casualities therefore number 140. The explorers have resumed their operations this (Friday) morning.

TO-DAY'S MARKETS.

NEWCASTLE FISH, Friday.—Moderate supply which fetched good prices, there being a good attendance of buyers.

NORTH SHIELDS FISH, Friday.—Good supply of fish at the following prices:—Haddocks, 2s to 4s 6d; whitings, 2s 6d to 5s; plaice, 10s 6d; witches, 12s; lemons, 14s; codlings, 3s per basket; cod, 1s 6d to 3s 6d; ling, 2s to 5s; skate, 1s 6d to 3s each; turbot, 8d; salmon, 1s 4d; trout, 1s 2d per lb.; herrings, 3s 6d to 4s 6d per hundred.

CATARRH OF THE BLADDER.—Stinging, irritation inflammation, all kidney and kindred complaints, cured by "Buchu-paiba." At chemists. Newbery and Sons, Agents, 1, King Edward Street, London, E.C.

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THROAT IRRITATION AND COUGH.—Soreness and dryness tickling and irritation, inducing cough and affecting the voice. For these symptoms use Epps's Glycerine Jujubes. In contact with the glands at the moment they are excited by the act of sucking, the Glycerine in these agreeable confections become actively healing. Sold only in boxes, 7½d. tins, 1s. 1½d., labelled "JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London." Dr. George Moore, in his work on "Nose and Throat Diseases," says: "The Glycerine Jujubes prepared by James Epps and Co., are of undoubted service as a curative or palliative agent." While Dr. Gordon Holmes, Senior Physician to the Municipal Throat and Ear Infirmary, writes: "After an extended trial, I have found your Glycerine Jujubes of considerable benefit (with or without medical treatment) in almost all forms of throat disease."

BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The regular meeting, held on Wednesday evening, at the Town Hall Buildings, Shotley Bridge, was presided over by Mr Jas. Annandale, J.P. (chairman). The members present were Messrs. J. Eltringham, Wm. Wheatley, Joshua Lax, William Wilson, J. Dowson, H. Carss, and Wm. Telford, the Clerk (Mr Booth), and the Surveyor (Mr J. Dixon).

Mr Telford, as a newly-elected member, took the oath and signed the usual declaration.

FINANCE.

On the motion of Mr WILSON, seconded by Mr LAX, it was agreed that the accounts presented by the Finance Committee, amounting to £127 15s 4d, be paid.

MR WARDHAUGH'S PLAN.

The Building Committee reported having received a drawing from Mr Wardhaugh (who erected a wooden structure for a stonemason's shop near the Gas Works at Shotley Bridge, without first submitting a plan for the approval of the Board), and they recommended the Board not to pass the plan, but to allow the building to remain for the present.

It was proposed by Mr CARSS, and seconded by Mr ELTRINGHAM, that the Committee's recommendation be adopted, and this was carried.

THE DRAINAGE OF SNOWS GREEN.

The following communication relating to this matter was read:—

To the Chairman and Members of Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—Notices served on Mr C. Wilson, Shotley Park.—Mr Wilson is unwell and has requested us to look into the matters complained of.

Cesspool.—Mr Wilson proposes to re-model the said cesspool; but would prefer not to do so till the autumn, after the crops have been gathered in. It would be a serious loss to him if the works were carried out at present.

Snows Green House Lodge and Cottage.—We have advised Mr Wilson to lay in a new 6-inch pipe drain from Snows Green House on the opposite side of the road to that of the present drain, and to enter the park at the lodge, and to connect the drains from lodge and cottage occupied by Ramsey, with the proposed drain from Snows Green House, and to continue and connect the whole with the cesspool.

As Mr Wilson has no doubts in his mind about the proprietorship of the present drain, viz: that it belongs exclusively to Snows Green House, and was used only for the purpose of draining the said premises, till after your Board took possession of it for the purpose of carrying off surface water, we think as a matter of justice, the Board ought to be at the expense of cutting, providing, and laying-in, a 6-inch sewerage pipe drain, equal in length to the drain you have taken possession of, and at a sufficient depth below the present drain, to keep clear of surface water, and join it to the 6-inch pipe from Snows Green House. The extra depth would only be required when the proposed drain crossed the road under the present drain, and a little beyond the wall, to join the 6-inch pipe.

We hope your Board will see the reasonableness of the propositions we now make in behalf of Mr Wilson.—Waiting your reply, we remain, gentlemen, your obedient servants,

JOHN SMITH AND SON.

Rose Cottage, Shotley Bridge, June 16th, 1885.

After some discussion, Mr CARSS, moved that the letter sent by Messrs Smith, on behalf of Mr Chas. Wilson, relative to the drainage of his property at Snows Green, be referred to the Sanitary Committee, to report to the next meeting of the Board.

Mr ELTRINGHAM understood perfectly well what Mr Wilson desired the Board to do, and it was unnecessary for the Committee to again inspect the place.

Mr LAX suggested that the matter should be allowed to remain in abeyance for awhile, unless there existed a nuisance which was likely to endanger the health of the public; then of course it would be desirable for the Board to take immediate action.

Mr WHEATLEY seconded Mr Carss's proposition, which was adopted.

The Surveyor was directed in the meantime to ascertain the probable length of piping required to carry out the recommendation, and also furnish the Board with an estimated cost of the same.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Appended is the Surveyor's (Mr Dixon) monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month your workmen have been employed on the several highways and streets in your district, water-tabling, gathering off loose stones, and dressing-up. Your stone-breakers are preparing materials for the ensuing season.

The new street at Blackhill has been completed. The apportionments for this work will be made out and presented to the several proprietors forthwith.

The cementing of the footpath on Durham Road has been finished; also the footpaths near the Wheat Sheaf Inn, Shotley Bridge. This work having been completed, I consider it has made an improvement to this part of your district. As instructed by the Board, I have had a portion of the Church Bank footpath kerbed and channelled. I hope by next meeting to have this work completed.

I wish to have the instructions of the Board with regard to the retaining wall near to the Wheat Sheaf. It is in a very dilapidated condition, and requires reconstructing. I would suggest that the Board inspect this wall at the close of this meeting.

I have been requested to bring before the Board the advisability of numbering the houses in your district, as several people are put to a great inconvenience through the doors not being numbered.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

Shotley Bridge, June 17th, 1885.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector submitted the following monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month, I have inspected your district, and find it on the whole in good condition; the refuse well cleaned out, and the main drains in good working order.

As instructed at the last meeting, I served the required notices on Charles Wilson, Esq., of Shotley Park, to abate the nuisances on his properties. The nuisance arising from the sewage running on the road from the cottage occupied by Mr Ramshaw has been abated. This is all that has been done.

As requested at the last meeting, I inspected the sink at No. 4, Dixon Street, Blackfine, reported by the Medical Officer. I found the pipe leading from the inside sink delivering on the top of the gulley-trap, and not direct into the main drain. The pipe being below the outside sink, would naturally lead the Medical Officer to think that the inside pipe was connected direct with the main. I got the proprietor to remove the pipe, and place it on the top of the outside sink.

During the past month, there has been a serious outbreak of diarrhœa in Cutlers Hall Road and Baxton Burn. Your Medical Officer, suspecting the Plantation Well had become polluted in some way, thought it advisable that I should take a sample of this water and send it to the County Analyst for analysis. I reported this to your Sanitary Committee on Friday night. They also thought it would be advisable to take a sample at once. I obtained a sample on Saturday, 13th inst., and sent it to Mr Stock, requesting him to let the Board have a reply as early as possible.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

Shotley Bridge, June 17th, 1885.

THE POLLUTED WELL NEAR CUTLERS HALL.

Touching this subject, the annexed report of the Building and Sanitary Committee was also read:—

"The Inspector reports several cases of diarrhœa in Cutlers Hall Road, and the Medical Officer suspects the water from the well called the Plantation Well as being the cause of the illness, and recommends the water to be analysed at once. We have instructed the Inspector to send samples away and have report as soon as possible.

"(Signed) JOS. ELTRINGHAM."

The Inspector, replying to the members, said the well had been used for a great number of years. The parties who had the Consett Company's water laid in to their houses were all right; but those who drank the water from the well were affected with diarrhœa.

Mr ELTRINGHAM stated that a certain person who rather liked this water for drinking purposes, had informed him that lately the water would not keep, as it began to stink if kept a few hours.

The Inspector observed that the water was still used by some of the residents, although both Dr Renton and himself had previously cautioned these people.

Mr WHEATLEY enquired if a number of persons who had not been in the habit of drinking this water had been attacked with diarrhœa as well?

The Inspector answered that the Doctor said not. In reply to questions from Mr Carss, Mr Dixon said there were no drains in that locality, and only one pig-stye, and that had been unoccupied for some time past. There was no accounting for the impurity of the water, unless something entered the well from the higher side. He had traced the source as far as Messrs Annandale's field, and failed to see any signs of anything broken. Some time ago, however, there was an inlet in the quarry, where dead sheep were sometimes found, but that was repaired by the inhabitants.

Mr CARSS: Ah! people used to drown their dogs there. (Laughter.) If the people use the water after this, they do so at their own risk.

In the absence of any report from the County Analyst, the Board could not take any immediate action in the matter; but if on receipt of the analysis, it is eventually found that the well is polluted, the Inspector was authorised to consult with the Medical Officer forthwith as to what course to adopt.

THE DILAPIDATED WALL.

The Surveyor explained that the wall in front of the Wheat Sheaf Inn was in a dangerous condition, and he was afraid that if it happened to fall down in the winter season, it would be a difficult matter to put it right again.

The CHAIRMAN said there were a few stone steps down from the main turnpike on to the road leading towards the Bridge Inn, and as these steps had been in that position for many years, he did not think any improvement of the road could be made without removing the obstruction.

Mr CARSS replied that under the circumstances the Board would not be justified in interfering with the steps; although Mr LAX said the stones were worn out, and ought to be re-constructed.

Mr WHEATLEY affirmed that the steps were very handy for the people residing in the houses opposite, and the Board were not empowered to remove them.

Mr ELTRINGHAM considered that the steps were of no use whatever, except convenient for anyone coming out of the public-house tipsy, and falling down the steps and breaking their necks. (Laughter.)

Mr LAX: Some people like to indulge in that luxury. (Laughter.)

Mr WHEATLEY maintained that the steps were for the convenience of the parties living opposite.

It was decided that the members of the Board should inspect the wall after the close of the meeting.

RE-NAMING THE STREETS AND NUMBERING THE HOUSES.

Mr CARSS moved that the Building and Sanitary Committee be requested to re-name the district where necessary, naming new streets and terraces, and re-arranging the numbers of the houses where required in consequence of the erection of new houses, &c., and report at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr WHEATLEY seconded, and the proposition was agreed to.

Mr CARSS remarked that the Board caused the houses in the district to be numbered prior to taking the census of 1871; but as these in many cases had been obliterated, and besides a number of new houses had been built, this state of things was worse than confusion.

Mr ELTRINGHAM suggested that it would be advisable for the Board to procure enamelled numbers.

A FILTHY NUISANCE.

Mr Joseph Coulson, of Shotley Bridge, wrote calling the attention of the Board to a great nuisance injurious to health coming through the wall into his house from the adjoining property.

The Inspector stated that he had examined the premises, and firmly believed that the nuisance in Mr Coulson's sitting-room came from a water-closet belonging the tenant adjacent thereto. The pipes were faulty, and on taking up the boards of the floor, the filth from the water-closet was standing underneath, producing an abominable stench, and the nuisance was really a dangerous one. The same nuisance existed two years ago, and was partially remedied; but it had recurred on two subsequent occasions. Mr Coulson was desirous of avoiding further trouble and inconvenience, and he wished for the nuisance to be permanently abated, and not any more temporary jobs made of it.

Mr CARSS was of opinion that this was a private nuisance, and it ought to be left to Mr Coulson and his neighbour (Mr Brown) to settle the point between them.

Mr ELTRINGHAM differed from Mr Carss, and maintained that if the Board could deal with nuisances existing in private yards, they could order this one to be abated.

Mr WILSON: No matter where nuisances exist, it is competent for the Board to deal with such.

Mr TELFORD: I hold that if I create a nuisance in my own house, and it affects myself alone, the Board are empowered to call upon me to remedy it.

Mr LAX: Certainly.

Mr CARSS said that Mr Coulson had his remedy in the County Court.

The CHAIRMAN read the section of the Public Health Act bearing on the point; but Mr Carss stated that it was not applicable in the present instance. He was in doubt as to the whether the Board or Mr Coulson should take the initiative step.

The Surveyor said the stench was so offensive that Mrs Coulson had been confined to her bed in consequence, and he urged that something ought to be done at once.

The Clerk pointed out that the Board could authorise their Inspector to enter Mr Brown's premises to ascertain if the nuisance really originated in his water-closet, and in that case could tender the owner 24 hours notice to abate the same; and in the event of Mr Brown not complying with the request, Mr Dixon could do the work himself and charge Mr Brown with the cost.

Eventually, it was resolved that the Inspector of Nuisances be and hereby empowered by the Board to enquire into the nuisance complained of by Mr Coulson, and give the owner the requisite notice according to Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

WATERING THE STREETS.

Mr CARSS said the inhabitants of Wood Street, Shotley Bridge, were strongly complaining that the watering cart never visited that thoroughfare, and the Surveyor was instructed to arrange for watering this street and Benfieldside Edge Road by only traversing Durham Road once with the cart, instead of twice as heretofore.

PROPOSAL TO WIDEN THE CHURCH BANK: MUNIFICENCE OF MR WILSON, J.P.

A communication, accompanied by a sketch, from Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson, J.P., and addressed to Mr Booth, was laid before the Board, wherein the writer stated that he was happy to see that the Board were bestirring themselves, and were desirous of improving the pavements of their somewhat neglected village. Ever since he came to reside in that district in 1880, he suggested that the narrow and inconvenient lane leading from St. Cuthbert's Church should be widened; but the matter slipped through. The high portion of the road as far as the Vicarage would be about 22 feet wide. He proposed (with the consent of the other trustees of the ground) to give the necessary strip of land on the west side as far as his interest extended, to the use of the public, on condition that the lane is immediately widened below that point. He indicated on the red line of the enclosed tracing what appeared to be the proper width of the street, and he presumed the Board would re-build the wall, but not erect it quite so high as at present; and he suggested that a seat should be fixed in a space reserved for that purpose. Mr Wilson understood that Mr Moffitt intended to pull down the unsightly buildings belonging to him, and erect new dwelling houses, and perhaps he would not object to give up a portion of his ground, if necessary.

Mr LAX, the CHAIRMAN, and other members, expressed their gratitude to Mr Wilson for his generous offer, and remarked that if the suggestion were carried out, it would effect a great improvement.

The Clerk jocularly remarked that there were a great many old people who would be exceedingly thankful to the Board for erecting a seat on that portion of the steep bank. (Laughter.)

A motion was passed accepting Mr Wilson's offer with thanks, and relegating the subject to the Building and Sanitary Committee.

This comprised the whole of the business.

INTER-REGIMENTAL MATCH.—On Saturday, a match between teams representing the Newcastle and Durham Engineer Volunteers, the 3rd Volunteer Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers (Newcastle), and the 5th Durham Rifle Volunteers (Gateshead), took place at Blaydon, the representatives of the Engineers, who won a similar match last year, being again successful.

ALLEGED WIFE ASSAULT AT CONSETT.

A TRADESMEN SENT TO PRISON.

On Monday, at Consett Police Court, before Jon. Priestman, Esq. (chairman), and J. W. Walton-Wilson, Esq., *Robson Evans*, formerly carrying on business as a fruiterer and fishmonger at Consett, was placed in the dock and pleaded guilty to a charge, preferred against him by P.C. Neesam, of being drunk and disorderly on the previous Wednesday night.—A fine of 5s and costs was imposed.

Defendant was also summoned for committing an assault upon his wife, Mary Evans, at Consett, on the same evening. Mr W. G. Robson, of Chester-le-Street, appeared to prosecute; Dr Carr defended.

Mr Robson explained that if he proved that the defendant had actually committed an aggravated assault, he should make application for a judicial separation; but Dr Carr objected to this, inasmuch as they were merely charged with a common assault.

The Magistrates ruled that Mr Robson was in order, and that if an aggravated case was proved, he would be entitled to make such an application.

Prosecutrix was then called, and said she was now living in Raglan Street, Consett. Her husband, who had been away from home some time, returned last Wednesday night. She first saw him on the point of entering the house at 10 30 p.m. Not been desirous of being locked out (as was the case on previous occasions), she slipped past him and got into the house just as he had opened the door. As soon as the defendant entered, he accused her of having been observed in a stable a few nights ago with a man; and when she denied the charge, he struck her with his fist on both sides of the cheek. He then caught hold of her by the throat, and attempted to strangle her, but she succeeded in throwing some water over him. Her husband then released her, and she sat down exhausted on the sofa. Meanwhile, defendant went into the pantry and began to help himself to something to eat. Just afterwards, Mrs Cannon, a neighbour, came in, and prosecutrix told her that her husband had given her two black eyes. It was only about five weeks previously that he had blackened both her eyes. Defendant ordered Mrs Cannon out of the house, and turning to her, he again charged her with being in the stable along with a man; and subsequently seizing her by the throat, he dragged her down upon the floor. Whilst in this position, defendant thrust his knees into her chest, and she began to scream out "Murder!" and "Police!" Luckily, at this moment, Mrs Cannon re-appeared, followed by another person who pulled her husband off her. Prosecutrix did not wish to press the case against the defendant; but as it would be impossible for her to live with him again, and as she had no place to go to, she asked for a separation order.

Cross-questioned by Dr Carr: Her husband had not much drink in him. She might be the more powerful person of the two, except when he was in liquor. When he came home, he had the rents collected by him on his person; but she had no chance of getting hold of the money. He had not been at home for a fortnight prior to that date. It was not an uncommon thing for her husband to be absent from her during the 30 years they had lived together. In the struggle, she threw some water upon him, and scratched his face with her finger nails. He did not flee from her, or scale over a barrier 6ft. in height to effect his escape. If he did so, it was his own fault, as the front door was open. He rushed out by the back door. He was the first to speak after she followed him into the house that night. Her husband had been "calling her down" in the papers, and saying that he would not be answerable for her debts. Defendant possessed property bringing him an income of more than £100 a year, and Mr A. Brodie had charge of the rents. She had a perfect right to go into her own house; and she thought that she was entitled to one-half of the cash received for rent, as she had worked for the money which had enabled her husband to purchase these properties from which he derived his income. He squandered the money in drinking and gambling. It was of no use her endeavouring to "make it up" with the defendant, as she could never live peaceably and quietly with him again. Occasionally, he would be "on the spree" for a whole fortnight. She had never before charged her husband with assaulting her; but he had been bound over to keep the peace towards her. Mrs Cannon had seen the marks on her body.

Mrs Cannon partially corroborated the evidence of the prosecutrix.

John Allison, who lives near to where the defendant resides, spoke to hearing shouts of "Murder!" after he had retired to rest, and on proceeding to Evans's house, he perceived the defendant with his wife lying partially on the sofa and on the floor. With one hand Evans was clutching his wife's throat, and holding a kettle in the other, whilst his knees were resting upon her chest. Mrs Evans's eyes were black, and her face was discoloured, as if the defendant was endeavouring to strangulate her. He pulled the defendant off his wife, and immediately after, three police-officers came upon the scene.

By Dr Carr: He had heard them quarrelling previously, and from what he could see through the blind, both parties appeared to be struggling with each other.

P.C. Neesam said he was called in, and found Mrs Evans laid upon the sofa. Her husband struck her with a kettle, and her face was blackened and bruised.

Cross-examined: He arrested the defendant about an hour after the affray. Evans scaled the doors in the back yard, and as soon as he gained the streets he used very bad language. Defendant's face was bleeding, and was scratched all over.

Dr Carr, speaking on behalf of the defendant, submitted that there was no evidence forthcoming to show that an aggravated assault had been committed, except that Evans had grasped his wife by the throat; but he did so merely to save himself from her clutches. Mrs Evans was a strong, powerful woman, while his client was but a slender built man. It seemed that on the evening referred to, he had returned home, when his wife demanded some money from him, and, of course, Evans stood upon the defensive, and a fight ensued between them, blows being freely exchanged by both parties. Although the complainant asserted that her eyes were blackened, there was an entire absence of marks on her face to show that she had been subjected to ill-treatment; whilst on the other hand the defendant's countenance appeared to be all scratched and bruised. The parties had lived together for upwards of 30 years, and were well-known in the neighbourhood, and during that period they had frequently differed over domestic affairs. The woman had really provoked this quarrel in order to concoct a serious charge against her husband, so that she might obtain a settlement upon her for the rest of her life. If time had permitted, it was the intention of the defendant to have taken out a cross-summons against his wife for an assault. There was an absence of any evidence to indicate that any serious consequences had resulted from the affray, and it could not be characterised as the sort of aggravated assault they looked for.

Supt. Oliver and Sergt. Murphy, called in defence, both attested that when the defendant was in custody his face and ears were covered with scratches, as if produced by finger nails, and the blood had been flowing freely.

Mr Oliver, in reply to Mr Robson, stated that the defendant was liberated on bail on Thursday morning, and if he desired to issue a cross-summons there was every opportunity for him doing so.

The Magistrates, after deliberating together, arrived at the conclusion that an aggravated assault had been committed, and sentenced the defendant to one month's hard labour, besides ordering him to defray 17s 4d costs; or undergo an additional 14 days' imprisonment.

Mr Robson then requested the Bench to issue a separation order, and asked for the defendant to contribute £1 a week towards his wife's support.

Dr Carr protested against such a course, explaining that they had received no notice that this offence was to be regarded as an aggravated assault, and, therefore, no time had been allowed his client to get up his defence, as he (the doctor) had only been instructed to appear for the defendant that morning.

Mr Robson said that he could make such an application that day, and the Magistrates were empowered to deal with the matter at once; or if they thought the action somewhat premature, the case might be adjourned for a fortnight.

The Bench held that it was competent for them to consider the application that day, inasmuch as if the case was postponed, it would only be putting the defendant to unnecessary trouble and expense.

Mrs Evans was re-called, and deposed to the defendant's means, and the amount of income he derived from letting his properties.

Dr Carr pointed out that Mrs Evans possessed a cheque for £180 belonging to her husband; and with regard to the property, the income depended entirely on whether the same was let or not.

The Magistrates eventually granted a judicial separation, and ordered the defendant to contribute 10s weekly towards the maintenance of his wife.

LOCAL BATHING FATALITIES.

A SHOTLEY BRIDGE YOUTH DROWNED IN THE WEAR.

About five a.m. on Sunday, Harry Rix, railway porter, and John William Turnbull, 19 years, booking clerk at Washington Station, went to bathe in the river Wear at Barmston. Rix swam about 70 yards away, when he heard a shout, and turning round he saw Turnbull's feet above the water; but before he swam to the spot Turnbull had sunk into a hole nine or ten feet deep. Rix dived twice, but the water being black and muddy, he could not see him. The body was recovered an hour afterwards by means of grappling hooks. Turnbull was a native of Shotley Bridge, where his father resides. It is believed he could not swim.

SAD ACCIDENT AT RYTON.

A sad case of drowning occurred in the Tyne at Ryton on Saturday afternoon about four o'clock. It appears that two young men, living in Newcastle, one named Thomas Pease, at 42 Rye Hill, and the other named Peter Brown, left Newcastle, intending to go to Heddon-on-the-Wall for the purpose of sketching the church at that place. Having proceeded up the Tyne to the Ryton ferry-boat they were rowed across to the other side of the river by the ferry-man. They then decided to bathe at one of the most dangerous parts of the Tyne, one hundred yards above the ferry landing, both attempting to swim across again to the opposite side of the river. Pease, who is 18 years of age, was heard shouting for help, and his companion Brown went to his rescue, but could render no assistance, and before further aid could be got Mr Pease was drowned. The news of the accident soon spread, and a large number of people ran to the spot. Mr Alf. Benson, farmer, stripped and dived, and in a second attempt succeeded in bringing the unfortunate man to the surface, the place being over 12 feet deep. P.C. Reynolds had the body conveyed to the Cross Inn, Ryton. The young man, who was living with his grand parents, was a rising artist and architect of Newcastle.

TWO YOUNG MEN DROWNED NEAR USHAW COLLEGE.

A sad bathing accident occurred late on Sunday afternoon at Ushaw College, by which two young men named William McIntyre and Peter Seed lost their lives. The deceased, who were both about 20 years of age, were bathing in the mill dam above Witton Gilbert. There is a swampy place in the dam both treacherous and deep. One of the young men (Seed) could swim, but not the other, and the latter was warned about the dangerous place. Strange to say, he got into it, and called to his companion for help. On reaching him his resuer was seized round the waist, and the drowning youth stuck so tenaciously to him that before further assistance arrived both sank and never returned to the surface. Seed's body was recovered after a short search, but McIntyre was not recovered for some hours. Both bodies were afterwards carried to Hill Top village, where they had lived all their lives. Quite a gloom has been cast over the neighbourhood. Seed is a son of the clerk of the works of Ushaw College.

An inquest was held on Tuesday at Mr Waugh's, Hill Top, before Mr Coroner Graham, touching the death of Wm. McIntyre (22), and Peter Seed (23). The evidence bore out the facts reported above, and a verdict of "Accidentally drowned" was returned.

WEARDALE QUARRYMEN'S ANNUAL DEMONSTRATION.

The fifth annual demonstration of the Weardale Quarrymen's Association, which is affiliated with the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Miners' Association, was held on Saturday afternoon, at Stanhope, in the Barrington Schoolyard—a picturesque grassy nook, commanding a splendid view of the lofty slopes and jagged peaks of Crawley Fell. The weather was beautiful, and the quarrymen, in their regalia, and attended by Frosterley Brass Band, had a parade through the village. Mr Wm. Vickers, of Howl John, presided, and was supported on the platform by Mr J. Toyn, president, and Mr R. Rowland, secretary, of the Cleveland Miners' Association; Rev D. M'Kinley, Westgate Primitive Methodist; Mr G. Proud, Frosterley, mason; Mr Thomas Smith, Bollihope, leadminer; Mr John Wharton, Stanhope, and others. The association is judiciously and intelligently officered, and the year generally has been one of progress.—A letter was read from Sir J. W. Pease, Bart., M.P., explaining his inability to attend the meeting.

Messrs J. TOYN and T. SMITH delivered addresses on "Co-operation."

Mr PROUD moved—"This meeting, believing that unity among working men is necessary to enable them to attain that social and political position to which they are fairly entitled, pledges itself to do all in its power to spread the principles of trades' unionism."

The Rev D. M'KINLEY seconded the motion, and said he need not express his sympathy with the meeting and with the association. The resolution before them sought nothing unjust or unfair, but was simply designed to aid them in the attainment of that political and social position to which they were entitled.

Mr ROWLAND moved—"That this meeting being of opinion that a Radical reform of the Land Laws is necessary to promote the prosperity of the nation, urges upon Her Majesty's Government the necessity of dealing in a comprehensive manner with this important matter."

Mr WHARTON seconded the motion, which, like the first one, was carried with the greatest acclamation, as also were hearty votes of thanks to the Chairman and speakers, grateful allusion being made to those who had granted the use of that place of meeting.

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A CALLOUS CULPRIT.—American advices just to hand report the execution at Hackensack Gaol of a negro named Sanford Clinton Sisco. The execution was remarkable for the callousness displayed by the culprit on the night before the execution took place. Sisco insisted on playing dominoes with his keepers. Whilst dressing for the execution, which he did in a somewhat elaborate manner with a white vest, black trousers and coat, in which latter was displayed a couple of roses, Sisco turned to the keepers and said, "The circus commences at nine, and there will be no postponement on account of the weather." The father of the condemned man endeavoured before the execution to get bets on that his son would "die like a man." He offered to bet 20 dollars on this score. The murder for which Sisco was hanged was committed last December, and the condemned man had been in prison for about six months. He murdered a man named Abram Gunree, the keeper of a store, and stole 150 dols. When arrested, Sisco said he killed Gunree after a quarrel concerning politics, and did not intend to rob the store at first. It was an afterthought that made him do so.

DURING a theatrical engagement at Manchester, Kemble and Lewis were walking one day along the street, when a chimney-sweeper and his boy came up. The boy stared at them with open mouth, and exclaimed, "They be play-actors."—"Hold your tongue, you dog," said the old sweep; "you don't know what you may come to yourself."

A MORMON elder named Nichols made a nerve and bone all-healing salve, and thought he would experiment a little with it. He first cut off his dog's tail and applied some to the stump. A new tail grew out immediately. He then applied some to the piece of the tail which he cut off, and a new dog grew out. He did not know which dog was which.

SHOCKING COLLIERY DISASTER IN LANCASHIRE.

160 MINERS ENTOMBED.

A terrible explosion occurred at nine o'clock yesterday (Thursday) morning at Clifton Hall Colliery, belonging to Messrs Andrew Knowles and Son, Limited, situated between Manchester and Bolton. About 350 men and boys were in the pit at the time of the explosion, and up to noon only 120 had been rescued. A 160 were confined in the level where the explosion occurred, and could not be got at because of the fall of coal caused by the explosion. The cause of the explosion is unknown; but it took place near the pit mouth, and owing to the cages sticking fast no information could be gained for two-and-a-half hours. An exploring party ultimately descended, and found a number of men at the shaft bottom, but they knew nothing of their comrades. The colliery employed 360 men and boys.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

This Board held its fortnightly meeting at Lanchester Workhouse yesterday (Thursday) morning, Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., being in the chair. The Guardians in attendance were the Revs Canon Kearney, J. P. De Pledge, J.P., and Chas. Gillow; Messrs Jas. Annandale, J.P., Jno. Wilkinson, W. Logan, W. H. Hedley, T. J. Muse, Geo. Hobson, T. Pringle, J. Buckham, W. Rutherford, N. Clark, Henry Hornsby, George Humble, Wm. Brown, R. Mitchinson, jun, J. A. Curry, W. Cumming, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

THE NEW AUDITOR.

The Local Government Board wrote certifying that Charles Luxmore Hockin, Esq., of Dartmouth, had been appointed Poor Law auditor for the Northern District, in the place of Mr James Radford, of Newcastle, who had tendered his resignation.

ANNEXATION OF CRAGHEAD, &C., TO CHESTER-LE-STREET.

The Clerk also read a communication he had received from the Local Government that morning, stating that the Provisional Order issued by the Whitehall Authorities some months ago, relative to transferring the village of Craghead and a portion of the parish of Tanfield from the Lanchester Union to the Chester-le-Street Union, had been confirmed by Parliament, and received the Royal Assent on the 21st May.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL-ATTENDANCE OFFICER.

The School Attendance Committee recommended the re-appointment of Mr Wm. Ward, of Iveston, as schoolwarden for the next twelve months, at the usual salary.

On the motion of Mr HOBSON, seconded by Mr WILKINSON, the recommendation was adopted.

INMATES OF THE WORKHOUSE.

Week ending June 10th	144
Corresponding week of last year	158
Week ending June 17th	146
Corresponding week of last year	155
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	14
" corresponding fortnight last year	3

BALANCE IN HAND.

The treasurer (Mr John Cummins) reported the balance in hand on June 18th to amount to £465 10s 7d

After dealing with the relief cases, there was no further business.

COUNTY POLICE INSPECTION.—Yesterday (Thursday) morning, the annual inspection of the members of the Gateshead County Constabulary took place in the Drill Field, Alexandra Road, Gateshead, before Capt the Hon. C. J. Legge, Her Majesty's Inspector of Police, and Lieut.-Col. White, Chief-Constable for the county. There were present on parade: 1 superintendent, 1 inspector, 7 sergeants, and 41 constables—50 in all. There were absent on duty: 1 sergeant and 2 constables. The clothing and accoutrements were closely examined, after which the men were put through various evolutions in drill. Captain Legge then visited the police station, and thoroughly examined the cells, the divisional books, &c. The inspection passed off pleasantly and satisfactorily.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BLACKFINE.—Murray Street, 8th inst., the wife of W. Walker, of a daughter.

14th inst., the wife of Wm. Billamy, of a son.

14th inst., the wife of J. Robson, of a son.

CUTLERS HALL ROAD.—12th inst., the wife of Wm. Barrow, of a son.

LOW WESTWOOD.—11th inst., the wife of W. Milburn, of a son.

MILKWELL BURN.—11th inst., the wife of J. Dickinson, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER.—Parish Church, 14th inst., Mr John Burnip, Crookhall, to Miss Mary, eldest daughter of Mr R. Potts, Crookhall.

MEDOMSLEY.—Parish Church, 16th inst., by the Rev A. G. Baldwin, Walter, second son of the late Wm. Stammers, Brompton Road, London, to Maria Louisa, eldest daughter of the late Wm. Dickinson Little, Medomsley.

NEWCASTLE.—St Stephen's Church, 15th inst., Mr Edward Arkle, of Beamish, to Ann Charlton, of Newcastle.

15th inst., Mr Thos. Longstaff, innkeeper, Leadgate, to Miss Jane Wilson, of Shotley Bridge.

DEATHS.

CONSETT.—19, Sherburn Terrace, 15th inst., aged 69, Robert Surtees.

Delves Terrace, 16th inst., aged 50, George Walker.

BLACKHILL.—Plantation Row, aged 31 years, Hannah Milburn.

LEADGATE.—Tin Street, 18th inst., aged 72, Isabella Miller, widow of the late Charles Miller.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—15th inst., aged 7 months, Elizabeth Annie, daughter of George and Elizabeth Siddle.

DIPTON.—12th inst., in her 81th year, Jane Porter (formerly of Bushblades), highly respected and deeply lamented. She was 60 years a consistent member of the Wesleyan Methodists at Collierley Dykes. Her life was happy and her end peace.

LANGLEY MOOR.—14th inst., aged 87, Mary, widow of Richard Walker, railway platelayer.

16th inst., Patrick Hulligan, miner, aged 33.

WATERHOUSES.—17th inst., Elizabeth, infant daughter of Michael Blackett, miner.

RYTON.—13th inst., aged 18, Tom Pease, eldest son of Thomas Pease, No. 44, Rye Hill, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Woodside, 17th inst., aged 72, Cuthbert Oliver.

CORBRIDGE.—14th inst., William, son of William Brown.

PRUDHOE.—12th inst., aged 48, Margaret Moore, widow of George Moore.

TYNEMOUTH.—At the Salt Water Baths, 10th inst., aged 72, Mary, widow, of the late Captain Thomas Turpie.

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