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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1st, 1883.

SAFELY CROWNED.

THE coronation of the EMPEROR of All the Russias was safely accomplished on Sunday last, amid a mixture of Western magnificence, Eastern splendour, and barbaric pomp that must have appeared remarkable, if not imposing, to most of the spectators of the long-expected ceremony. The addition of the little qualifying word "safely" to our statement is especially significant. It implies that the CZAR, his ministers, courtiers, and all the distinguished company at that grand ceremony were understood to be in some such danger as a conquering army marching into a vanquished city whose streets were supposed to be mined and its houses packed with concealed and desperate enemies. In fact, the position of the coronation company seemed to be even more precarious, for they knew not what dangers they had to expect, and therefore must feel that every risk could hardly be guarded against. Vague threats had been made of mysterious revenge whenever the CZAR dared to assume the Crown of his ancestors—so vague as to afford little guidance for precaution, and yet so important as to have caused the delay of the ceremony from time to time. It is certainly a strange characteristic of the present state of Russia, that its monarch should have been driven to evade his coronation ceremony so long, and even to refrain from appearance in public; and that when he did work up his courage to what we may call the crowning point, he should feel compelled to enter his ancestral palace and its revered sanctuary guarded before and behind, and all round about, by thousands of vigilant soldiers. The peculiarity of the situation is not lessened by the undoubted fact that the EMPEROR was loyally and enthusiastically received by hundreds of thousands of his subjects congregated in Moscow. If Russians are to be judged at all like other men, correspondents tell us, there could be no doubt that the homage and respect evinced was sincere. Yet there was the frightful spectre of Nihilism present at this great festival, casting a certain amount of gloom over all the proceedings. We have our Fenians, Invincible, and Dynamitards in the United Kingdom; but they have not yet had the audacity to or obtained the facilities to undermine the SOVEREIGN's palace, or to place threatening letters on her dressing-table. The difference between Irish and Russian disaffection has been exhibited in the proceedings of the respective sets of conspirators. The way in which Irish disaffection has been evinced has shown that it was chiefly confined to a section of the lower orders; but the workings of Russian disloyalty have demonstrated that it existed mainly among the upper classes. Functionaries of State, officers of the Army and Navy, ecclesiastics, university professors, authors, and journalists have all betrayed their complicity with the revolutionary movement. No doubt, the bulk of the Russian people revere their CZAR as of old, and probably the bulk of the army is faithful, but it may not have been popular reverence or military ceremony. Perhaps the EMPEROR felt some sense of security in reflecting, not that the Nihilists were all shut out and driven afar from the pageant of Sunday, but there were too many of them about him for their fellow-conspirators to resort to mines, bombs, or any means of promiscuous massacre. The problem before the now crowned CZAR is not to conciliate his soldiers by reducing their term of service, or his people by remitting fines and arrears of taxes, but to satisfy a great part of the intelligent and wealthy classes by reforms in the system of government. Even the announcement of a policy of peace, and of an intention to develop the material resources of Russia, will do little to satisfy the Nihilists. So far, indeed, as these professions may be credited, they will be more welcome to foreigners than to Russians of the classes which supply conspirators. The EMPEROR did not dare to hold out the hand of peace to his domestic enemies by granting a political amnesty. To disarm Nihilism is not the work for a coronation-day; but it must be the serious business of the CZAR's reign if he wishes to prevent the gradual but certain undermining of his power.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

As I expected, the country Associations are not going to leave Ministers with their I.O.U.'s of legislative performance unredeemed. Mr Jesse Collings made the heroic proposal that the House should sit on to Christmas till the programme in the Queen's Speech had been worked off. That is sublime, and hits the Obstructives in their weak point. It is a self-denying ordinance against grouse and guns. But the country Associations are more precise. They urge on the Prime Minister to declare certain measures urgent, and to announce that the session will not close till they have been dealt with. This is a sensible suggestion; but according to this view the London Municipality Bill is not urgent, and need not be dealt with this year at least.

The discharges of fulsome flattery by "Our Own Correspondents" over the barbaric splendours of the Czar's coronation pageants have—and no wonder—excited very satirical comments in the Continental press. Ingrained flunkeyism is charged against us as our characteristic national foible; but among many influential people at home the rosy descriptions of the Moscow fetes have not raised either false hope or produced very favourable impressions. The bare recital of so many ridiculous Court festivities, if it proves anything, conclusively shows how almost impossible it is for a Czar with the best intentions to break with the traditions of the past. Readers, too, of much more aristocratic prints than *Reynold's* or *Lloyd's* are not slow to express surprise and feelings the reverse of pleasure at the way a Radical Government truckles to Court flunkeyism. Without affecting pharasaical strictness in financial questions or advocating niggardly economy in matters of State ceremonial, I am not surprised to hear strong criticism upon the items of expenditure of the Duke of Edinburgh's mission to Moscow. The sum of £8,000 is put down for the travelling expenses of the Royal party there and back. If the Duke occupied himself on the whole journey in flinging money out of the window, he would hardly want more. A still stranger item is £2,000 for the hire of a house in Moscow for the period of the festivities. One would think it was intended to buy a house instead of hiring it for a few days. The Queen's second son is reputed to take his notions with regard to money-spending as well as his title from Scotland. It will be a novel as well as a pleasing occupation for him to fling largesses about!

At the commencement of the session it was suggested by a member of the Ministry that the occupation of Egypt would only continue about six months from that time. It is certain now that it will last until next Christmas at least, and as the wives and children of the troops remaining there are being sent out there, it looks very much as if, in spite of all disclaimers, a much longer stay were in contemplation.

Canon Freemantle preached a farewell sermon at St. Mary's, Bryanston Square, before leaving for Oxford, where he is to reside as Clerical Fellow of Balliol in addition to the Canonry of Canterbury. By the way, it was a double mistake not appointing the Rev Randall Davidson to St. Mary's and sending him instead to the sinecure of Dean of Windsor. Mr Davidson, it appears, was appointed to St. Mary's, and then, I suppose under Royal favour, moved up to the dignified sinecure of Windsor. As a young man with a good deal of work in him, he would have been in his right place in a large London parish, and as for the dignity, he might have waited for it.

The Tyndale Monument in bronze by Mr Boehm, R.A., will soon be ready to be erected on the Thames Embankment on the Westminster side of Charing Cross. Those who have seen the model describe it as exceedingly good. The translator of the bible will be within hailing distance of Mr Raikes, the founder of Sunday schools, and will probably feel more at home in his company than if he were placed nearer the Temple along with John Stuart Mill and Isambard Brunel. Funds do not, I regret to hear, come in very freely towards the statue of Tyndale. Only half the required amount has been received as yet.

The Mory-Joseph trial was very amusing. The back of the court was crowded with Jews and Jewesses, some of the latter strikingly pretty; but, if the truth must be admitted, this was not the strong point with the plaintiff herself. Mr M. Intyre, Q.C., was in good form. He has a long experience of breach of promise cases, and knew what point to take. But Mr Waddy, Q.C., who has had a still wider experience in such cases, was superb, "equal," as advertisements say, "to his best efforts." He is always vivacious and witty, and flavours his speeches and cross-examinations with just enough suspicion of vulgarity to take the fancy of a common jury. The "laughter" and "roars of laughter" appearing in the newspaper reports only gave a faint notion of the scene of hilarity which the court presented. Whether it adds to the dignity of the High Court to turn litigation into a screaming farce is questionable.

Mr Gladstone's remarks on Tuesday at the Liberal meeting at the Foreign Office were short and to the point. He explained what Bills would go through this Session and what Innocent (we are here in the singular number, not the plural) was to be massacred. The Innocent is the London Municipality Bill; but Mr Gladstone did not tell us *all* the reasons for its sacrifice. I suspect, if the whole truth were known, it would be found that there were serious differences in the Cabinet as to the control of the police by the Municipality of the future. Sir William Harcourt naturally stands out for the Home Office, and he has probably had his way; but this has caused delay, and the end is that the Bill is shelved for the session.

I am sorry to find that the City is reprieved for another year, since it is as certain as anything human that until the London Municipality Bill is law we shall not see several changes which are urgently needed. Let me mention one which I was painfully reminded of by having to walk across the prison yard—for it is little better—in which 700 Blues have to take their pleasures—as old Froissard said the English do—*tristement*. Christ's Hospital calls out loudly for removal to the country, since a boarding school in the heart of the City is worse than an anomaly. It is a positive cruelty. And yet I am told on the best authority that as long as the City has the control of the school as at present no change will be made.

The Rational Dress Exhibition in Piccadilly is treated as a kind of joke. People go to see it as they go to Madame Tussaud's Exhibition of Waxworks. But it will do nothing to educate opinion or to improve fashion. "The Dress of the Future" may be very different from the dress of the present, but I don't think it will in the least resemble anything I saw in Piccadilly. It was announced that the Exhibition would demonstrate not merely the superior healthfulness but also the superior artistic effect of dual garments and bifurcated skirts and such new-fangled apparatus. The ordinary spectator remains unconvinced of their sanatory advantages, but is perfectly convinced of their unalterable ugliness.

The death of Dr William Chambers, whose baronetcy came just too late to be inscribed on his tombstone, has drawn attention to the comparatively recent growth of popular magazine literature of the type of *Chambers' Journal*, the first and still one of the best of its kind. There is nothing more surprising in the later development of periodical-mongering than the avidity with which "extra" numbers are purchased. The "Christmas Number" has lost the literary freshness with which the genius of Dickens invested it; but it has gained immensely in "artistic merit." It is only during the last few years that the experiment has been tried of a summer "Holiday Number." But already the experiment has become an institution, and a large number of holiday numbers are now on the eve of publication. Some are actually out.

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Parliamentary Summary.

THURSDAY.

The House of Lords met this afternoon for the first time after the Whitsuntide recess. Several bills were advanced a stage, and their Lordships adjourned after a twenty minutes' sitting.

In the House of Commons, in reply to Sir H. Holland, Mr E. ASHLEY said the Government did not propose to interfere in the quarrel now going on within the borders of Zululand any more than they did before the Zulu war. Sir M. H. BEACH gave notice to ask whether Cetewayo did not undertake, at the instigation of Lord Kimberley, not to make war with any chief or tribe without the consent of Her Majesty's Government, and to refer all disputes to Her Majesty's Government, and whether Her Majesty's Government was going to insist on the convention, or let it become a dead letter like the Transvaal Convention. In answer to Mr J. Cowen, Lord E. FITZMAURICE said he stated on the 19th of March that Her Majesty's Government had never entertained a scheme for establishing a resident at the Vatican. Mr Errington had not since been the channel of communication between the Foreign Office and the Vatican. Mr Errington having received no appointment, he would receive no remuneration. The Papal circular on the state of Ireland was not issued at the request of Her Majesty's Government and was not, therefore, the subject of any congratulations. Lord R. Churchill, Mr Gorst, Mr O'Donnell, Sir H. D. Wolff, and other members also asked questions on the subject, but elicited no further information of importance. Sir S. NORTHCOTE rose, amid cheers, and said the question was whether Lord GRANVILLE had written to Mr Errington congratulating him on his success in securing the censure of the Archbishop of Cashel by the Pope, and if it were intended to remunerate Mr Errington for his services. The noble lord did not appear to give a direct answer to the question. Lord E. FITZMAURICE said he gave his answer in the sense of the words in the question with no verbal distinctions whatever. Mr COWEN asked for a definite answer to his simple question. Lord E. FITZMAURICE said distinctly that Lord Granville had not written to Mr Errington. The House afterwards went into Committee on the Army Estimates.

FRIDAY.

In the House of Lords, the Naval Discipline and Enlistment Acts Amendment Bill was read a second time, and three other measures were advanced a stage.

In the House of Commons, replying to Lord Randolph Churchill, Lord E. FITZMAURICE said that in consequence of a statement made on the 14th of February last year by Sir H. D. WOLFF that he knew as a fact that Mr Errington's expenses were paid by the Government, an unqualified contradiction was given on the subject in another place. On Feb. 16th Lord Granville stated that neither directly nor indirectly had Mr Errington received money from the public fund, or from the Government or any member of it. The statement was equally true now. In answer to a question, Mr GLADSTONE said the Government would make all the inquiries in their power as to the appropriation of Tuesday for the seconding reading of the Agricultural Tenants' Bill. He intended on Monday, or as soon as possible afterwards, to state what the Government proposed in respect to the further progress of important measures. In reply to Mr Norwood, Mr GLADSTONE promised to ask M. de Lesseps whether he had any objection to the publication of the correspondence with reference to the construction of a second Suez Canal. On the motion to go into Committee of Supply Mr BRYCE called attention to the neglect of the Ottoman Porte to carry out the reforms in Armenia and Macedonia, and moved a resolution. A discussion followed, in which Mr Gladstone took part, after which Mr Bryce's amendment was slightly altered and agreed to. The House was soon afterwards counted out.

MONDAY.

The House of Lords sat three-quarters-of-an-hour. The Municipal Unreformed Corporations Bill was read a second time, and the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill was read a third time and passed.

In the House of Commons, Sir H. MAXWELL gave notice to ask on Thursday the First Lord of the Treasury whether the Earl of Aberdeen now discharging the office of the Lord High Commissioner of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland was circulating a letter deploring the recent decision of the House of Commons on the Affirmation Bill, and recommending the perusal of the Prime Minister's speech on the second reading. In reply to Sir S. Northcote, Mr J. K. CROSS stated that the Viceroy of India, in answer to an inquiry, stated that an account of the debate on the Jurisdiction Bill in the Legislative Council of Calcutta was authorised to be telegraphed and paid for through Reuter's agency by the Government of India in the same manner as the telegraphic summary of the Budget. There was no objection to lay a copy of the telegram on the table. In reply to Mr Long and other members, Mr TREVELYAN stated that Mr Wylie, a sub-commissioner under the Land Act, denied that there is or was any foundation for the rumour that he intended to stand at the next election for an Ulster county in which he was recently employed in the judicial reduction of rents. Lord E. FITZMAURICE, in reply to Mr Cowen, said the Government had no information as to the treaty alleged to have been completed between Chili and Peru. Mr DODSON, in answer to Mr Heneage, Mr Howard, and Mr Chaplin, said that no case was stated and no legal opinion taken by the Privy Council as to the powers of the Government under the Act to prohibit the importation of cattle from countries infected by the foot-and-mouth disease. The legal opinion referred to by Lord Carlingford, in his reply to a deputation from the Chambers of Agriculture, had been that of the Lord Chancellor, whom he had consulted. The existence of the power to prohibit from time to time the importation of animals from specified countries in the case of any contagious disease had not been doubted. The recent attacks of foot-and-mouth disease had entailed such heavy loss on the country that the Privy Council were more than ever determined to proceed with vigilance and determination. In reply to Mr J. Cowen, Lord E. FITZMAURICE stated that no letter had been written by Lord Granville to Mr Errington, expressing satisfaction at the Pope's circular relating to Ireland. Sir M. H. BEACH gave notice he would move at the earliest opportunity "That this House do immediately resolve itself into Committee with a view to take into consideration the condition of Her Majesty's South African dominions and the territories adjacent thereto." Questions were also answered respecting the seizure of the *Kerry Sentinel*, and the House then went into Committee of Supply.

TUESDAY.

In the House of Lords, the Representative Peers (Scotland) Bill passed through Committee, and a few other measures were advanced a stage.

In the House of Commons, following questions with regard to the operations of the French in Madagascar and Porto Novo, the action of the Newcastle police in the recent raids on betting men, and other subjects, Mr GLADSTONE made an important announcement in reference to the Government programme. He said the Government had thought it right to make a survey of the condition of business in the House with a view of relieving the House from any uncertainty as to the anticipations in reference to the very important measures before them and to state what in the view of the Government was the amount of business which he trusted the House would be prepared carefully to discuss. They did not propose to introduce the bill dealing with the municipal government of London. They propose to proceed with the Tenants' Compensation Bill, the Corrupt Practices Bill, and the bills returned from the Grand Committees. So far as it was right for the Government to announce its intentions, he had to announce that the Government would spare no effort to obtain the judgment of the House in regard to these bills. In reply to Sir M. H. Beach, Mr GLADSTONE stated that as soon as the Government learnt what course the Cape Government were to take in reference to Basutoland he would confer with the right hon. gentleman as to a day for the discussion of the subject. Replying to another member, he said that after Tuesday next it was the intention of the Governmet to ask for morning sittings on Tuesdays and Fridays. The orders of the day having been postponed, on the motion of Mr Gladstone, in order to give precedence to the Agricultural Holdings (England) Bill, the second reading of that measure was moved by Mr DODSON.

WEDNESDAY.

In the House of Commons, Mr Stevenson presented a petition, signed by 177,994 women in England, in favour of the General Sunday Closing Bill; and, in addition to that, a petition from 20,072 women in Scotland, Ireland and Wales, praying that the benefit of Sunday Closing enjoyed in these countries might be extended to England. Mr T. FRY moved the second reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday (Durham) Bill. Mr WHARTON moved that the bill be read a second time that day three months. Mr THOMASSON moved "that the House, while willing to discuss the question of county government, declines to consider public bills affecting only a single county." Mr P. TAYLOR seconded the amendment. Mr ARNOLD could not vote for the bill on account of its being a local instead of a general measure. Sir W. HARCOURT supported the measure. He stated that the opinion of the Government had never changed on this subject. Parliament allowed the people of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales to have their way in this matter, and he saw no reason why it should not be so in the county of Durham. The House divided when, there voted for the rejection of the Bill, 57; against, 153. The Bill was then read a second time. Mr T. P. O'CONNOR moved the second reading of the Labourers' (Ireland) Bill. Its object was to provide better cottages for Irish labourers, and its principle was to extend to the rural sanitary authorities the powers contained in the Artisans' Dwellings Act. On a representation from twelve ratepayers that the cottage accommodation was inadequate, the rural sanitary authority would take up a scheme for improving it. After some discussion the second reading was agreed to. Mr C. WILSON moved the second reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday (Yorkshire) Bill. Mr CALLAN talked the bill out. In reply to Sir Stafford Northcote, Sir W. HARCOURT stated that Supply would be taken to-day, and vote on account.

THE MINERS' CONFERENCE AT MANCHESTER.

The miners conference was held on Wednesday in Manchester, Mr W. Crawford (Durham) presiding. Some correspondence between Mr W. Crawford and Mr Thomas Ashton on behalf of the last National Conference and the secretary of the Mining Association of Great Britain was submitted. The former asked that a meeting between representatives of the two bodies should be held to discuss the desirableness of arranging some means of regulating the production and output of coal. The council of the Mining Association were unable to accede to the request to arrange the suggested meeting. The chairman having expressed his regret that the employers had refused to meet the representatives of the workmen, the following resolution was moved by Mr WILSON (Durham), and seconded by Mr FOREMAN (Durham):—

This meeting deeply regrets the refusal of the Mineowners' Association to meet a deputation of workmen for the purpose of discussing the desirability of adopting some regulations for the production and output of coal. This is the more to be regretted seeing that the latent power of production constantly at the disposal of the owners has resulted and is now resulting in commercial loss and insufficient wages for workmen; and, further, because, apart from the discussion on the regulation of output question, good must have resulted from such a meeting, and it might have brought about a closer identity between capital and labour.

A discussion ensued on the question of regulating labour in the future.

Mr ASHTON stated that in Lancashire the workmen had reduced their hours of labour and the output considerably during the last few months, and they would continue to do so until they obtained justice in the matter of the hours of labour.

The resolution was then adopted, as was also the following, moved by Mr COWIE (Yorkshire), seconded by Mr B. PICKARD (Yorkshire):—

In the opinion of this Conference, over-production of coal is the bane of the coal trade, and unless some steps are taken to prevent the same, ruinous competition will continue profits will remain stationary, and wages in a low condition. We therefore recommend all miners in the United Kingdom to restrict the output of coal, the same to be brought about by each district in the best possible way.

The question of organisation was next discussed. The reports showed that a considerable improvement had taken place in the organisation of the miners. A notable feature of the movement was the desire of enginemen and mechanics to become federated with the miners' association in various districts in which they are situated. This plan had been carried out in Durham with good result. There was a strong expression of opinion that greater local efforts were required to bring all the men working in and about mines within the pale of the Union. The workmen in the best organised districts were stated to be receiving higher remuneration for their labour than the workmen in those districts where little or no union exists.

After a long discussion, the following resolution was passed, on the motion of Mr PICKARD, seconded by Mr COWIE:—

This meeting is glad to learn that the organisation stands so well as reports show in the various localities represented here, but as there is no solidity of those unions it is highly necessary that all local associations should be amalgamated so that all the good possible may be extracted from such unions in all matters relating to trade generally, wages questions, and legislation, legal and political.

On the motion of Mr WILSON (Durham), seconded by Mr YOUNG (Northumberland), the following resolution was passed:—

That while we deplore the fact that some of the mining districts are in a very disorganised state, we deem it advisable to rest satisfied with exhorting those districts to commence organising, and when the districts have carried out the previous resolution, the advisability of sending out agents be considered.

The following motion was also adopted:—

That the resolutions on organisation be referred to the districts for their approval or otherwise, and the president and secretary write a circular and issue it to the various districts—both present and absent.

The Conference then adjourned.

The National Miners' Conference was resumed at Manchester yesterday (Thursday), when the Employers' Liability Act was discussed. The amendments proposed to be introduced by Mr Burt were strongly supported.

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.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

The anniversary sermons of this place of worship were celebrated on the afternoon and evening of Sunday last, two eloquent sermons suitable for the occasion being preached by the Rev T. Southron, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. This proved to be one of the most successful anniversaries ever held, the edifice being filled at each service. Liberal collections were taken on behalf of the chapel trust.

A very good company assembled in the chapel on Monday night, to hear a lecture by the Rev T. Southron, on the subject, "Primitive Methodism: Whence is it? What is it? Whither is it going?" The chair was occupied by the circuit steward, Mr R. Telford, of Berry Edge Farm, Consett. After the proceedings had been opened by hymn and prayer,

The CHAIRMAN referred to his early associations with the rev lecturer during his temporary sojourn in this circuit, and said that Mr Southron was the only travelling minister in this district who was travelling forty years ago. The reason he (the chairman) joined the Primitive Methodist body, was because they were in his opinion the only sect who preached the gospel after the manner of the Apostles of old. (Applause).

Mr SOUTHRON, who was most favourably received, at the outset animadverted to the many changes that had taken place since he first became a travelling minister, forty-three years ago. Coming to the subject under notice, the lecturer said the usual limit of bible life was three score years and ten; but it was upwards of seventy years since the founders of Primitive Methodism originated that sect. They have all passed away, and are on the other side of Jordan. In looking at the time when Primitive Methodism came into existence there was a strange commotion in the world. In the year 1810—when this connexion was established—they knew full well that the empire of England was engaged in the bloody struggle with the then great and powerful empire France. The French army were led on by that valiant hero Napoleon the First. He had become well-nigh ruler over the whole earth, but had not yet managed to carry the sway in Great Britain. Napoleon had done whatever he could in endeavouring to conquer this nation, but God had prevented him from accomplishing this end. All the fiery forces of that powerful land could not obtain an invasion here. In 1812 the mighty men of Great Britain had swept the ocean of the other nations of the earth. If that had not been done, what would have been the condition of Europe just now? Napoleon was well-nigh supreme on the continent of Europe, and had apparently established his dynasty on the throne of France for ever. In the midst of all this commotion, the Duke of Wellington led on the British forces into the Peninsula, but at the back end of that year the Duke and his army were forced to retire into Portugal. Subsequently the "Lion Duke" succeeded in driving the French out of the Peninsula. In this troublous period, when all the thrones of Europe shook, except the throne of Great Britain, and when all the sceptics of George III. were broken, the British and Foreign Bible Society was established (applause), and the Word of God is now scattered over all the nations of the earth. One religious denomination after another were stirred up; and in the very heart of this Empire of ours in the latter days of the year 1810, sprang up a new movement. It was a religious organisation, wherein there should be no human priests; wherein wealth should be lightly esteemed; wherein the brotherhood of Christ should be opened out, developed, and consolidated; wherein working men might learn to become successful propogators of Christ's religion; and wherein should be taught the unchangeable doctrine of only one Master, Jesus Christ. (Applause). In this way began the Primitive Methodist organisation. The churches now comprise 200,000 persons in their fellowship; 400,000 Sabbath scholars are associated with them; 10,000 men and women labouring gratuitously in the cause; and 2,000 persons called from the ranks of the working class by their fellow-workmen to go forth and preach the gospel in the name of Jesus. (Loud applause). Since its birth period, the work had progressed, the priesthood had been abrogated, and as for ritualism they need not fear that, as it would soon expire. The persons through whose instrumentality this new sect originated were Hugh Bourne, of Norman lineage, and William Fowles. They conducted open-air meetings in various parts of Staffordshire. The lecturer then related the operations of the founders of Primitive Methodism in the Midlands until the first church in connection with the body was called into existence by a woman, a Mrs Crawford, Hugh Bourne and his brother James each agreeing to contribute 5s. weekly towards the maintenance of that place of worship. (Applause). The work steadily progressed, the members gradually increased, and new churches sprung up all over the land. This Primitive Methodist Connexion: What is it? It is not what the world calls a school of philosophy. It was a large organisation putting forth its efforts to tell of the philosophy of the Universe—the love of God. (Hear, hear). It has brought many who were living in darkness and ignorance into the region of light. Primitive Methodism was not merely a system of intellectual education, although they maintained that the masses should be instructed. Prior to the formation of School Boards the Primitive Methodists, as a body, had done their share in bringing the matter before the Government of the country in order that the children of the working classes should have a first-class education at a moderate cost. They desired one system of ruling the world, according to the ideas of the people, and one system of educating the sons of the earth. Primitive Methodism is not a system of bringing worldly wealth to the people; although it has made some poor and others rich. Many a man has been raised through its instrumentality to health, comforts, and domestic happiness. Their wealth consisted in being like the Saviour; and they voluntarily sustained their own ministers and churches. The future of the world was free institutions and free churches. Where were they going to? Would all the Methodist bodies at some future date be amalgamated? No. They believed in every man propogating the Word of God according to his own ideas. Let them, therefore, go forth with kindred associations in carrying on this noble and glorious work. (Loud and prolonged applause).

It was proposed by Mr CAMPBELL, and seconded by Mr J. BRODIE, that the best thanks of the meeting be tendered to Mr Southron for his able lecture.

The resolution was carried by acclamation.

On the motion of Mr SOUTHRON, second by Mr HUDDLESTON, a similar compliment was presented to the Chairman, after which the company separated.

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REVIEWED LITERATURE.

The Christian Socialist, 1d Monthly. (Published by Wm. Reeves, 185, Fleet Street, London).—We have been favoured with the first number of *The Christian Socialist*, which is styled "a journal for thoughtful men." This new monthly aims at social reform, and the nationalisation of land. In his opening remarks, the Editor states: "To the Radical, the Democrat, and the Socialist, we say, with the deepest sympathy with their motives and aims, that no legislative reform, no equalization of voting power, no distribution of wealth will effect the results they desire." The number contains several interesting and pithy articles and a variety of short notes on the different topics of the day. We may mention that some of the best writers and most prominent literary men are contributing to its pages. The journal is printed in clear, bold type, on paper of good quality; and will probably command success.

The Life and Adventures of Robinson Crusoe. (T. H. Roberts, Essex Street, Strand).—This is the first of a series of penny reprints of English classics which is intended to be issued by the publisher. Herein will be found a complete account of the life and adventures of the wonderful Crusoe, which is well illustrated, printed in new type on good paper, all for the modest sum of one penny! The idea of reprinting the works of the chief among our English authors at a price which will ensure their reaching the humblest class of readers, is a capital one, and the venture of the publisher ought to meet with the cordial support of the working class.

Youth: An Illustrated Journal, price 2d weekly. (Alfred Gibbons, 182, Strand, W.C).—This periodical has been published for nearly a twelvemonth, and judging from its contents, appears to maintain its reputation as a high-class journal for boys and girls. Besides the serial tales and short stories, the number before us (43) is replete with short articles of all-absorbing interest to the rising generation. The chief features, however, are the "Youth's Parliament," "Exchange and Mart," "News from the Schools," athletics, and out-door amusements, &c. The stories, which are well illustrated, are written by popular authors.

CASTLESIDE BURIAL GROUND GRIEVANCE.

IMPROVED POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

On Saturday evening a meeting of the ratepayers of Castleside and neighbourhood was held in the Board Schools at that village, with reference to the proposed alterations to be enacted at the above burial ground. There was a fair muster present, and the chair was occupied by Mr T. J. Muse, of Castleside House. After expressing his pleasure at seeing so many present,

The **Chairman** said the contributions received by the various canvassers had reached the splendid sum of £58 8s, this being far above the most sanguine expectations of the Committee. (Applause). It showed the work had been gone into with enthusiasm; for his part he never did a public duty with so much pleasure. At almost every place he went to, he was cordially received, and the people gave with downright good-will, as it was for an object that had been long and greatly desired. (Hear, hear). The work of taking the water pipes out of the graveyard had already been commenced by the Consett Water Company and he had no doubt but the work of beautifying the place would shortly begin, and hoped it would not be long before Castleside could boast of a beautiful churchyard—one that would be befitting to be the last resting-place of the inhabitants of that ancient village. (Applause). He was pleased to see that the worthy secretary of the object (Mr Duckworth) had determined to bring a very old question before the ratepayers of Castleside—in that of petitioning for a post office with all its appurtenances, for the village. They had tried for this some years before, but their case could not be entertained by the Postal Authorities on account of there not being sufficient letter traffic. However, considering the various alterations and improvements that were being made in the postal arrangements, he had no doubt but their wishes would be acceded to. (Cheers). He then called upon the secretary to read the correspondence that had been received since the last meeting.

Mr **Duckworth** read several letters of a more or less private nature, from which we gathered that the scheme had the hearty co-operation of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, the Vicar of the parish (Rev Wesley Farrar), and also the Consett Water Company, and which intelligence was heartily received by the audience.

Mr **Leybourne** having expressed a few sentiments as to the rapid progress that had been made in so short a time;

The **Chairman** called upon

Mr **Duckworth** to introduce the post office subject. This very important question, that gentleman said, had occupied his attention more or less ever since he came to Castleside. As they were all aware, the postal arrangements at that place were greatly inconvenient, although during the past twelve months the Postal Authorities had conferred a boon upon them by taking the letters away in the afternoon instead of the morning, so that any person receiving a letter in the morning might answer it in the afternoon, while before they had to wait until the next day, or otherwise travel three miles to the nearest post office that had an evening delivery. However, this was not sufficient for the requirements of the village. What they really wanted was a post office with stamping, money order, and all other departments connected thereto. With regard to the want of a letter stamping department, he quoted a case where a gentleman living in Castleside was desirous of sending a letter to Edmondbyers (it being especially urgent), and gave it to the postman to deliver there. Of course that official informed the gentleman that he could not deliver it until it had gone to Newcastle to be stamped, although he went within twenty yards of the door where it had to be delivered. This would clearly show the undeniable necessity for a stamping department. As to the desirability of a money order department they would all bear him out that they had to go to the inconvenience of travelling to Consett to send a post office order, or to get one changed; and in winter this was very deplorable, as ofttimes they had to traverse the road when snow was lying several feet in thickness. It was inevitable that they wanted some better postal arrangements, and he had come to the conclusion that if they sent a petition from that meeting, and also signed by the largest ratepayers in the district, to the Postmaster General, they would perhaps get the required alterations. He then proposed the following resolution be sent to the Postmaster General:—"That we, the assembled ratepayers and householders in the parish of Castleside having long felt the great need of a stamping and postal order office, most respectfully beg to draw your attention to the fact, with the request that you establish the same at Castleside at your earliest convenience." Then followed the various causes of inconvenience, &c.

This was seconded and carried by acclamation.

The meeting also made a special request for the School Board to forward a letter in favour of the scheme, and Mr Muse, as chairman of that body, promised to do so, after which the proceedings terminated.

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LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of this Board took place at Lanchester on Thursday se'nnight, when there were present Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., Rev J. P. De Pledge, Messrs W. Logan, Geo. Hobson, Jos. Eltringham, R. Clark, and the Clerk (Mr Ritson).

RE-APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

On the motion of Mr **Logan**, seconded by Mr **Hobson**, Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith was re-elected chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

THE SITE AT LEADGATE.

The Clerk read a letter from Messrs Thompson and Lisle, of Durham, solicitors, to the Joint Hospital Board, stating that they received from Messrs Armstrong, solicitors to the vendor, the draft conveyance, on which they found the following marginal note:—"The lineal dimensions work out 1·554 acres, or 1 acre, 2 roods, 8 perches, 19 yards; the purchasers only bought 1·533 acres, which should add £2 to the purchase money, £150." A plan was enclosed in order that the Board might get their architect to go over the dimensions again, and ascertain whether Messrs Armstrong's statement was correct. If it was correct, the liability of the Board to pay additional purchase money depended upon the terms of the agreement.

The Clerk explained that the Board only purchased 1·533 acres of land; and the Board accordingly agreed to pay the additional £2 claimed.

The **Chairman**: What are we doing with regard to this land?

The Clerk: Nothing.

The **Chairman**: Considering that the spring season has set in, I think we should endeavour to let it.

Mr **Logan**: We cannot let the land until the purchase money is paid.

The **Chairman**: Have we not paid for it?

Mr **Logan**: Only the deposit money.

The **Chairman** said they ought to give instructions to Messrs Thompson and Lisle to press forward the negotiations.

The Clerk explained that it was not the fault of Messrs Thompson and Lisle; it was Messrs Armstrong who were to blame.

The subject dropped, and the Board rose.

THE WEARDALE LEAD MINES.

The announcement on Saturday of the settlement of the long-pending question between the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and the lessee, Mr Beaumont, points to the beginning of a new era in the history of the old-established lead-mining industry in Weardale. For some years the lead-mining question has kept the dale in anxious suspense, and the news of a settlement was received with some excitement, and banners were displayed in various parts of the dale. Mr W. B. Beaumont retires from lead-mining in Weardale, with which district the Blackett and Beaumont families have been associated for a considerable period. The produce of the "W. B. mines" was at one time one-sixth of the produce of Great Britain, and about a tenth of the produce of Europe, whilst the number of hands employed was at one time from 2,000 to 3,000 with a depending population on the industry of some 10,000, or 11,000. So early as Charles the Second's time Mr Wm. Blackett farmed the tithe ore of the rector of Stanhope, and it appears the mines ultimately came into the hands of the Blacketts, from whom it came into the Beaumont family. The Blacketts were seated at Woodcroft Hall, near Stanhope, at a very early period. John of this name resided here 500 years ago, and Sir John Blackett of that place was one of the heroes of Agincourt. A descendant of the Woodcroft stock had a son, William, who is supposed acquired considerable wealth by his mines and collieries. He was created a baronet in 1684, was a popular man, and distinguished as an orator in the House of Commons. "Sir William Blackett, 1684," is inscribed on one of the Allendale lead mines. Sir W. C. Blackett became owner of the Weardale mines. He was Mayor of Newcastle, High Sheriff of Northumberland, M.P. for Newcastle, and was a very popular and a charitable gentleman. With the assistance of £50 given by the Rector of Stanhope he rebuilt St. John's Church, in Weardale, now undergoing restoration. Sir Walter died in London in 1777, aged 68 years, and without surviving issue, hence the lead mines came into the hands of his cousin, Thomas Wentworth, who, assuming the name of Blackett, became Sir Thomas Wentworth Blackett, Bart., having inherited the title from his father. Upon the death of Sir Thomas in 1792, an only daughter succeeded to the manor of Bretton Park, Abbey of Hexham, and to the Weardale lead mines. This lady married Thomas Richard Beaumont, Esq., of the Oaks, and thus the mines came into the hands of the Beaumont family. T. R. Beaumont, Esq., represented the county of Northumberland in five successive Parliaments. Colonel Beaumont, whose death occurred in 1829, was succeeded by his son, and the celebration of the majority of T. W. Beaumont, Esq., of Bywell Hall and of Bretton Hall, took place November 5, 1813, and was an event well remembered by the oldest miners, and some of the mugs imprinted with the date of the event may yet be found in some of the miners' cottages. Mr Beaumont represented Northumberland in 1818 and 1820. He was defeated in 1826, and on this occasion fought a duel on the sands at Bamborough with Mr Lambton, afterwards Earl of Durham. Mr Beaumont represented Stafford in 1822, and afterwards Northumberland. He was one of the chief originators of the *Westminster Review*, and was a gentleman of wit and intelligence and has secured for himself the attachment of a large body of friends. He died in 1848, and was succeeded by his eldest son, who now retires from the lead mining industry in Weardale. Arrangements, it is understood, will be made by the Commissioners to carry on the mines, in consequence of which this very old industry may be expected to revive.—*Daily Chronicle.*

THE CATTLE DISEASE.

REMOVAL OF THE DURHAM RESTRICTIONS.

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act (Durham County) was held on Tuesday in the Law Library of the Assize Courts, Durham. Captain Beckwith presided. The restrictions affecting the county were considered, and the chief Veterinary Inspector for the county (Mr J. E. Peele) reported that at the present time there was not a known case of cattle disease in the county of Durham.

The Executive considered the statement to be highly satisfactory, and proceeded to listen to the arguments of a deputation from the meeting of Durham butchers recently held in Newcastle representing all the chief towns in the county.

After hearing the remarks of the deputation, the committee decided to remove the restrictions affecting the county of Durham, such order to come into force on the 1st June. The butchers will thus be allowed to receive cattle from Newcastle and other places in the county without any restrictions, save that the animals must be slaughtered within three days of removal. It was ordered that all animals so removed should be marked with a broad arrow on the left hind quarter, excepting sheep and pigs, which should be marked with the letter "M." It was also agreed that Irish cattle should be allowed to come into the county under a 28 days' certificate.

MEETING OF BUTCHERS IN NEWCASTLE.

On Tuesday afternoon an adjourned meeting of Butchers carrying on business in Newcastle, Northumberland, and Durham, was held at the Cattle Market Inn, Newcastle, for the purpose of receiving a report from a deputation appointed to wait upon the executive committee of the magistrates of the county of Durham, with respect to the restrictions upon the removal of cattle from Newcastle market, to places in the county of Durham. The chair was occupied by Councillor G. R. Hedley.

The **Chairman** said he had just received the following telegram from the deputation:—"The magistrates decide to allow cattle from Newcastle Market after June 1st, to be marked with an arrow, to be trucked to the nearest railway station and to be slaughtered within three days." He (the chairman) supposed that would meet with all their wishes. (Applause). The telegram he had read showed that the justices had conceded, if not wholly, at least in great part what the butchers had desired. (Applause). They were much indebted to the magistrates for taking this rapid and wise course. He had no doubt the butchers in the county of Durham had suffered very much from the restrictions on the removal of cattle. It was absolutely necessary that great caution should be exercised on all hands for the suppression of diseases; and the justices had, he had no doubt, acted to the best of their ability, and without any desire to be hard upon any class of people. (Applause).

Mr W. **Turner** (Blaydon), proposed "That the thanks of this meeting be accorded to the magistrates of the county of Durham for the concessions which they have made, and which will come into operation on June 1st." He expressed his belief that if the butchers had taken action sooner the restrictions would have been removed long ago.

Mr David **Elliott** (Esh), seconded the resolution, and it was agreed to unanimously.

Mr R. H. **Wheatley** (Choppington Guide Post) proposed "That, in the opinion of this meeting, and with the object of assisting the proper administration of justice with regard to the movement of live stock in the counties of Northumberland and Durham, and the city and county of Newcastle, it is desirable that a committee be appointed from this meeting to confer with the executive committees of these counties when it is desirable to do so." He said there was no doubt that disease was a terrible thing, but, at the same time, he did not think it right that the butchers should be entirely at the mercy of the justices who formed the executive committees. It was only right and proper that the butchers should have something to say in regard to such matters. (Applause).

Mr **Milburn** (Haswell) seconded, and Mr W. **Young** (Haswell), and Mr **Wheatley** (Shotley Bridge), supported the resolution, and it was agreed to.

On the motion of the **Chairman**, a vote of thanks was passed to the deputation.

It was decided to appoint the committee at a future meeting.

AFFAIRS AT USHAW MOOR COLLIERY.

THREATENED STRIKE OF THE BLACKLEGS.

The position of affairs at Ushaw Moor Colliery has undergone a curious change during the past week, in the shape of a threatened strike on the part of the "blacklegs," or workmen who were willing to start work and replace the unionists who turned out on strike on the 23rd of December, 1881, and who now number close upon 100 hewers. The men state that the price of "yard" work has been reduced from 5s 7d to 3s 9d that various privileges which were accorded to them on their first arrival on the colliery have been withdrawn from them, and that they have not been allowed to place a check-weighman on the pit heap to look after their interests. They also state that on commencing an agitation to get those evils done away with, half-a-dozen hands who took a leading part in the movement were at once dismissed from their work, whilst at an interview which a deputation from the workmen had with the principal agent of their employer, Mr Lawrence Chaytor, who is also a nephew of the owner, they state that that gentleman told them that in the event of their establishing the Union there (which a member of the deputation stated was probable), they would be strenuously opposed and prevented from doing so, even to the stoppage of the colliery. Since the commencement of the strike, relations have been very strained between the strike hands and those who replaced them, and the public have frequently been regaled with reports of police court proceedings both at Lanchester and Durham, between the two bodies during the prevalence of the strike, while there have been no fewer than three suspicious deaths. We learn now from the blacklegs that they have recently had to undergo many hardships, and a meeting was held on Wednesday week near the pit which was largely attended by those working at the colliery.

Mr R. H. **Arkless**, one of the workmen, presided, and addressed the men, pointing out that the prices for yard work had been very considerably reduced, and that while they could make 5s 7d formerly per diem, they could only average 3s 6d now. They had not been allowed to have a check-weighman on the pit bank to look after their interests, and when they were originally engaged they were allowed to walk about the grounds of the colliery as they liked, but now that was refused. A deputation had waited on Mr Lawrence Chaytor to solicit the right to appoint a check-weighman, but that gentleman had referred them to someone else. Mr Chaytor had also said they would not allow the men to establish a union lodge at the place, and that he would close the pit rather than that should be done. Six hands had also been discharged.

Mr Wm. **Arkless**, brother to the chairman, and a number of other workmen, also addressed the meeting, and during the proceedings Mr Lawrence Chaytor, Mr Elijah Mould, the overman, Mr John Hutchinson, the back-overman, and a few other officials presented themselves, and it appeared that on the deputation requesting the appointment of a check-weighman, the first named gentleman had referred them to Mr Hill, another agent, for an answer, whilst he now informed the meeting that the only change that had been formerly permitted to do freely, now required a pass from him, which, however, he expressed his willingness to provide them with.

The **Chairman** said the men in working at the colliery during a strike, were acting in the interests of the employers that had incurred the ill-will of their fellow workmen. The masters did not seem to look at the matter in that light, and he believed a strike would be precipitated by their action.

The meeting ultimately terminated without passing any resolutions, but it was agreed to hold another meeting at the end of this week, and to invite the officials of the strike hands to be present, with a view to seeing whether some united action cannot be taken.

A meeting of the men was held on Friday night at that place, when there was a large attendance, including Messrs Lee, Westoe, and Jones, three of the leading men in the original strike. The meeting was called to consider what was best to be done under the circumstances by the men of the colliery. A deputation had waited upon Mr Crawford, of the Durham Miners' Association, and that gentleman had advised them if they did organise a lodge it should be called the Ushaw Moor (No. 2) Lodge. Resolutions were passed expressing sympathy with the men now on strike, and regret that the non-unionists should have gone in to work. It was also agreed to establish the No. 2 Lodge at once, and about 30 names of members were taken, while it was decided to try and influence the remaining non-unionists to join. At a meeting held on Saturday morning, it was agreed that a deputation should be appointed to wait upon the manager, and endeavour to get their grievances remedied, and in the event of their not being met with reform, that the men at work should give in their notices.

Referring to this subject, "A Workman" writes to a contemporary to say that the "large attendance spoken of at the meeting of non-unionists on Friday night, was composed of ten or twelve men, and out of that number five were done at the colliery altogether and three more were on their notice to leave. As a workman at the colliery, he denies that a deputation was appointed to wait on Mr Crawford; if a deputation did wait on that gentleman they appointed themselves, they being the sole agitators because they received their notice for lying idle and drinking. With reference to the earnings of the workmen of Ushaw Moor, they receive the same remuneration for their labour as they have hitherto done in the past, and no reduction has taken place at the colliery whatever, and he was glad to say that a feeling of goodwill and peace exists between employer and employed. He might also state that no meeting took place on Saturday morning, and that the self-elected deputation took it upon themselves to invite Messrs Lee, Westoe, and Jones to their so-called meeting.

Local Police Courts.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

Monday, May 28th.—Before W. **Jenkins**, Esq. (chairman), and Jas. **Annandale**, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

Thomas Harris was summoned for being drunk and incapable at Blackhill on the 19th inst.—P.C. Garbutt said that on the night referred to he heard a disturbance at Blackhill, and on proceeding into Derwent Street found the defendant in an intoxicated condition and wanting to fight. There was a large crowd of people gathered around. Witness got the defendant into the house, but soon afterwards he rushed out with the poker in his fist and exclaimed, "You b—— I'll split your head if you come nigh again."—P.C. Best having given corroborative testimony, the defendant was fined 5s and costs.

William Reutledge was charged by P.C. Foster with being drunk at Shotley Bridge about half-past ten o'clock on the night of the 20th inst.—Defendant was also fined 5s and 6s 6d costs.

Daniel Power pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly at Leadgate on the 20th May.—P.C. Turner stated that at twelve o'clock on the night in question he came upon the defendant very drunk, swearing, and wanting to fight. It was a considerable time before witness could get him off the streets.—Defendant was similarly fined.

An old man, named *Owen Lafferty* was brought up by P.C. Roper for being drunk and brawling in the streets of Leadgate at 11·30 p.m. on May 19th.—The defendant, who admitted the offence, was ordered to pay 11s 6d, including costs.

George Marshall pleaded guilty to a charge, preferred against him by P.C. Roper, of having been drunk and disorderly at Leadgate, on Saturday last.—The officer testified that about eight o'clock at night he found the defendant helplessly drunk and lying across the edge of the footpath. He had been in Turner's public-house on three different occasions. Defendant became very obstreperous, and witness had to procure a horse and trap to convey him to the Police Station.—Defendant was mulcted in a penalty of 5s and 9s 10d expenses.

Thomas Fox, of Stockton, was charged by P.C. Wood with being drunk and guilty of disorderly conduct in Middle Street, Consett, on the previous Saturday evening.—A fine of 5s and 7s 10d costs was imposed.

John Muldoon, who was accused by P.C. Crabb of having been intoxicated at Consett, last Saturday night, was let off on payment of a penalty of 5s and expenses.

John Finnegan having been found by P.C. Wood in a beastly state of drunkenness, at Mount Pleasant, Consett, at ten o'clock on Saturday night, was fined in a like amount.

Francis McGlyn was brought up for having been drunk and disorderly at Blackhill, on Saturday last.—P.C. Best deposed that he found the defendant very drunk and desiring to fight with another man. Subsequently he saw McGlyn about twelve o'clock in Derwent Street, and he was compelled to lock him up.—Defendant was fined 5s and costs; with the alternative of seven days' imprisonment.

John Marrian was charged by P.C. Best with having been drunk and riotous at Blackhill, at the same time and place, and was similarly punished.

John Stead was charged by P.C. Watson with being drunk and disorderly at Consett on Friday night last.—Prisoner was fined 5s and costs; but being unable to pay, he was committed for seven days.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Richard Twaddle and *Thomas Kent* pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace by fighting at the back of a beer-house at Dipton shortly after eight o'clock on the night of the 19th inst.—P.C. Davidson having narrated the particulars, the defendants were bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for the next three months, and pay the expenses of the Court, 8s each.

ASSAULT AT TANFIELD.

Joseph Robinson, a powerfully built man, was brought up charged with having assaulted Thomas Bates, at Tanfield, on the 13th of the present month.—It will be remembered that the prisoner was summoned to attend the previous Court, but as he failed to appear, a warrant was issued, and he was arrested.—Robinson pleaded guilty to the charge, but asserted that it was not without cause.—Complainant stated that about ten o'clock on the Sunday night he was proceeding home from Tanfield, and in passing between the Cemetery and Mr Watson's butcher's shop, the prisoner emerged from Ridley's public-house, and stepping up to him struck him three times violently in the face without a word of provocation, the last blow causing him to fall insensibly upon the ground.—The foregoing evidence was substantiated by a witness.—Prisoner, who became somewhat excited when in the dock, alleged that the complainant had been circulating scandalous statements respecting the memory of his father, now deceased, and the last time his father was out of the house, he peremptorily ordered him back again. He asked "what was a man to do" under the circumstances? No human being could stand it without their blood boiling up.—The complainant designated the prisoner's accusation as an "infamous lie," and said he could bring half-a-dozen witnesses to prove that he had never uttered a disrespectful word concerning the prisoner's father.—The Chairman informed the prisoner that even if the complainant had said anything about his father the law would not allow him to do anything of the kind as to assault him in that way.—Prisoner was ordered to pay a fine of 10s and 15s 6d costs.

CRUELLY DESERTING HIS FAMILY.

James Urwin, labourer, of Blackhill, was placed in the dock on a charge of deserting his family.—Prisoner pleaded guilty, but stated he was with his children when arrested.—Mr John Moon, relieving officer explained that the prisoner had been apprehended on a warrant for neglecting his family, and ultimately leaving them to become chargeable to the common fund of the Lanchester Poor Law Guardians. It was true prisoner was along with the children when arrested, but they were found in a hayloft in a state of utter destitution. For three months they never had a single rag of clothing on their backs. As the prisoner had for many years systematically neglected to support his family, he took them to the Workhouse. He (Mr Moon) asked the Bench to inflict the longest term of imprisonment the law would allow in such cases.—The prisoner was accordingly sent to goal for one month, with hard labour.

Wednesday, May 30th.—Before **Annandale Town**, Esq.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Edward Elliott, polisher, was brought up in custody charged by P.C. Hudson with breaking several squares of glass in the window of the dwelling house occupied by Ann Mains, Mckendey Road, Consett, on Tuesday night last.—The prisoner, who lodged with Mrs Mains, entered the house when under the influence of liquor, and commenced a disturbance, eventually getting the place in a regular uproar. Subsequently, when Elliott was refused admittance into the house, he battered at the door and deliberately smashed three or four panes of glass in the windows.—The prisoner was fined 1s and ordered to pay the 6s damage and costs; or to be imprisoned for 14 days, with hard labour.

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.]

CRICKET APPOINTMENTS.

June 2nd, Consett v. Whickham at Whickham.
" 2nd, Consett 2nd v. White Stars at Consett.
" 2nd, Tow Law v. Burnhope, at Tow Law
" 2nd, Tanfield v. President's at Tanfield.
" 2nd, North Durham 2nd v. Marley Hill at Gateshead.
" 9th, Tanfield v. Greenside at Greenside.
" 16th, Tanfield v. Tow Law at Tanfield.
" 16th, Burnopfield v. Dipton at Burnopfield.
" 23rd, Tanfield v. Stanley at Stanley.
" 23rd, Burnopfield v. Medomsley at Medomsley.
" 23rd, Marley Hill v. Whickham at Whickham.
" 30th, Burnopfield v. Tanfield at Tanfield.
July 7th, Tanfield v. Dipton at Dipton.
" 7th, Burnopfield v. West Pelton at West Pelton.
" 14th, Tanfield v. Medomsley at Tanfield.
" 14th, Burnopfield v. Dipton at Dipton.
" 21st, Tanfield v. New Hartley at New Hartley.
" 21st, Burnopfield v. Consett and District at Burnopfield.
" 28th, Tanfield v. Greenside at Tanfield.
" 28th, Marley Hill v. Medomsley at Marley Hill.
" 28th, Burnopfield v. Edmondsley at Burnopfield.
Aug. 4th, Whickham v. Marley Hill at Whickham.
" 4th, Tanfield v. Tow Law at Tow Law.
" 4th, Burnopfield v. Edmondsley at Edmondsley.
" 11th, Tanfield v. Burnhope at Tanfield.
" 11th, Burnopfield v. West Pelton at Burnopfield.
" 18th, Marley Hill v. Tanfield at Marley Hill.
" 18th, Burnopfield v. Ovingham at Ovingham.
" 25th, Tanfield v. Teacher's Association at Tanfield.
" 25th, Burnopfield v. Medomsley at Burnopfield.

Whickham v. Tyne Dock.—Played at Whickham on Saturday, resulting in a victory for Whickham by 21 runs. For the visitors Snaith showed the best form with the leather, taking 6 wickets for 21 runs. For the home team Mowbray bowled successfully, taking 6 at a cost of 14 runs, the last three being with successive ball, two clean bowled and one caught and bowled. Score:—Whickham, 48; Tyne Dock, 27.

Sacritton v. Langley Park.—Played on Saturday in the newly-levelled ground at Sacriston, and resulted in a easy very victory for the home team. The bowling and batting of Messrs Darling and Lynne for the victors were much applauded, while for the visitors the bowling of the veteran J. Lumsden was the most destructive. Score:—Sacriston, 103; Langley Park, 38.

WEST STANLEY V. WARDLEY.

This match was played at West Stanley on Saturday last, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team by 77 runs. Messrs Hunter and Beck did good service for the home team with the bat. Score:—

STANLEY.		WARDLEY.	
P. Harkness c Young b G. Young	3	J. Wilson run out	3
J. Dixon b Wilson	3	J. Dixon b Harkness	0
W. Dodds b Wilson	6	G. Bell b Harkness	3
J. Beck b Syson	17	G. Young b Mason	4
W. Mason b Wilson	2	M. Forrest b Mason	5
J. Hunter b Wilson	29	J. West b Harkness	10
R. Gibson run out	4	J. Young thrown out Gibson	0
J. Summerbell b Wilsn	10	L. Bell c Mason b Harkness	0
J. Waugh b Wilson	0	G. Lovely run out	0
I. Harkness b Syson	1	J. Grundy not out	1
J. Curry not out	3	J. Syson b Harkness	0
Extras	43	Extras	18
Total	121	Total	44

TOW LAW V. AUCKLAND PARK.

This match was played at Auckland Park, on Saturday last, and resulted in a draw, time being called before the home team completed their innings. The batting of Messrs Hall and Cowan was admired, they being at the wickets for two hours together. Scores:—

TOW LAW.		AUCKLAND PARK.	
R. Scales b J. Ward	8	Blacklock c Drummond b Scales	6
H. Slater c Wilson b Wales	1	Wales c Scales b Hall	2
W. J. Hall b Ward	69	T. Aitchison not out	7
H. Drummond b Ward	5	J. Wilson b Hall	4
R. Cowan b Rayner	32	T. Bolam run out	0
H. Bailey b Ward	4	T. Berry run out	0
M. Bailey st Blacklock	1	Dr Rayner b Scales	0
J. Wilkinson b Rayner	0	T. Wales b Scales	3
J. Turner b Rayner	1	J. Ward W. Ward R. Raine	to bat
T. Hall not out	0		
R.B. Stankley b Rayner	0		
Extras	4	Extras	5
Total	125	Total	27

DIPTON V. USWORTH TRUE BLUE.

The above clubs played on Saturday last, on the Dipton ground, and although the weather was unfavourable when the game commenced, the Dipton team went to the wicket and after half-an-hours' play, amid rain and fog, the sun shone forth, and the game was finished in most delightful weather, and in favour of the home team by an overwhelming majority. Scores:—

DIPTON.		USWORTH.	
R. Gardiner lbw b T. Brown	3	R. Slee c Hodgson b Tuson	1
J. Greenfield run out b Allsop	10	T. Smith b Thompson	0
F. Thompson b T. Brown	4	A. Allsop b Thompson	0
W. C. Murray b Ellwood	1	T. Brown b Tuson	0
R. Tindale b Allsop	3	T. Fryer b Thompson	7
F. G. Hooper c Cain b Brown	14	R. Ellwood b Thompson	1
Rev R. Tuson b Smith	25	H. Bolam b Thompson	0
W. Porter b Ellwood	0	W. Craggs b Thompson	6
T. Tindale st Slee b Brown	8	G. Bolam b Tuson	0
T. Ridley not out	12	J. Galburn b Tuson	0
J.W. Hodgson b Smith	0	T. Cain not out	2
Extras	14	Extras	2
Total	101	Total	19

BURNOPFIELD V. CONSETT.

This match was played on the Consett ground, and resulted in a victory for the visitors. Scores:—

BURNOPFIELD.		CONSETT.	
W. Hogarth, b Stephnson	10	C. H. Winter b Finlaw	10
T. Southren b Lazenby	0	J. B. Lazenby b Finlaw	2
D. Beardsmore c Flynn b Lazenby	28	P. Flynn b Finlaw	0
Rev C. E. Couchman c Davison b Lazenby	8	J. Costello b Lamb	9
J. Cuthbertson c and b Lazenby	4	P. Gibson b Finlaw	1
R. Armstrong c and b Stephenson	11	R. Park c Beardsmore b Lamb	0
T. Knotts c Flynn b Stephenson	0	C. Davison b Finlaw	11
G. Lavender run out	0	W. Wilson b Hogarth	6
G. Finlaw b Stephnson	3	S. Templeton b Hogarth	0
G. Lamb b Lazenby	0	Dr. O'Donnell run out	0
J. Potts not out	0	J. Stephenson not out	0
Extras	7	Extras	6
Total	71	Total	45

MARLEY HILL V. DUNSTON.

Played at Dunston on Saturday last, and resulted in a victory for the strangers by 47 runs. Scores:

DUNSTON.		MARLEY HILL.	
W. A. Leadbitter b Hutchinson	16	R. Saunders c Whitfield	29
C. McIntyre c Coulthrd	8	J. Best b Donkin	5
J. A. Donkin lbw b Hutchinson	0	W. Coulthard b Donkin	14
L. Humble c W. F. Clark	0	J. Hutchinson run out	4
J. G. Wood b Coulthrd	0	G. Barkus b Donkin	0
W. Stanger run out	9	J. Thirlaway not out	22
R. Surtees c J. B. Clrk	0	W. F. Clark b Donkin	0
G. Whitfield c Hutchinson	3	W. Foster b Leadbitter	0
J. W. Rincoln c Coulthard	0	J. B. Clark b Donkin	1
R. Winship run out	4	R. Elliott b Leadbitter	5
W. Hutchinson not out	1	J. Morton b Donkin	3
Extras	10	Extras	15
Total	51	Total	98

Business Announcements.

NINTH YEAR OF ATTENDING CONSETT.

MR. MARKHAM, SURGEON DENTIST, of Newcastle, Attends at Miss Williams', No. 4, MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, EVERY MONDAY, from 1·30 p.m. to 3·30 p.m.

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This Calf Meal is an excellent substitute for milk, and what is of very great importance to Stock Breeders, it tends greatly to save calves from that inflammatory fever commonly called quarter-ill.

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Business Announcements.

REVELY AND KELL,
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☞ Books not in Stock may be had at a short notice.

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MR. A. E. TURNER
TAILOR, DRAPER, MILLINER, &c.,
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BEGS to return his sincere thanks for the liberal support he has received for the last 32 years, and desires to state that he is prepared to sell at the same reasonable prices as heretofore.

N.B.—Mr. A. E. T. has at present an opening for a respectable Youth as APPRENTICE to the Tailoring. 57br

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FELT 2s. 6d. HAT,
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Agent for the New Patent Table Wringing and Mangling Machine, Hickman and Clark's Coffin Furniture, and Patent Horse Nails. 371r

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ATKINSON and PHILIPSON'S SPRING LIST of SECOND-HAND CARRIAGES is now Ready, and will be sent post free on application. The stock includes above 150 handsome Vehicles of fashionable design almost equal to new.

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All kinds of HORSE, DOG, & CATTLE MEDICINES, SHEEP DIPS, LAMBING OILS, &c.
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Public Notices.

ANNFIELD PLAIN POULTRY, PIGEON, AND RABBIT SOCIETY.

BALANCE SHEET, 1883.

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1882	7	18	0	By Exhibitors Prize Money	47	14	0
„ Subscriptions, 1883	28	16	6	„ Hire of Pens	5	5	0
„ Money taken at Gate	16	2	6	„ Hire of Marquee	4	0	0
„ Do. Ball	5	0	3	„ Band	4	16	0
„ Catalogues sold	0	10	0	„ Judge	2	10	0
„ Commission on Sales	0	5	0	„ Printing	5	9	6
„ Entrance Fees (Exhibitors)	34	12	6	„ Advertisements (Fancier's Papers)	0	19	8
				„ Secretary's Expenses, Stamps, Wrappers, Books, &c.	3	0	4½
				„ Secretary's Salary	1	0	0
				„ Poultry Feeding	0	14	7
				„ Bill Posting	0	13	0
				„ Children's Sports (Prizes)	0	10	0
				„ Cartmen, Labourage, and Sundries	2	9	9
				„ Committee's Expenses	3	1	0
				„ Balance in hand	11	1	10½
	£93	4	9		£93	4	9

821r A. HENDRY, SECRETARY.

Business Announcements.

J. McINTOSH,
(Cutter for the late Mr. T. S. Atkinson, of Consett),
HAS Commenced Business on his own account, at TAYLOR'S BUILDINGS, BENFIELDSIDE EDGE ROAD, BLACKHILL,
☞ ALL ORDERS WILL RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION

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And 376 Branches in all the Principal Towns of Great Britain and Ireland. 820r

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Public Notices.

THE Vicar of Collierley begs to thank Applicants, and inform them that a Sexton has been appointed.

A BOAR, bred by Lord Ellesmere, is kept by J. W. ARMSTRONG, Newbiggin, Lanchester. Terms, 3s., which must be paid at the time of serving. 786r

THE REV. DAVID BRYSON, late Curate of Consett, will PREACH Morning and Evening, at LANCHESTER, on Sunday, the 3rd of June. A Collection after each Service. 803r

NOTICE.

THE Game upon Medomsley East House and Allendale Farms is strictly preserved.—Dogs found on these Farms will be destroyed, and all Persons found Trespassing will be prosecuted. 368p

LANCHESTER COMMON SURFACE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING is held at Mr. GEORGE BROWN'S Consett, on the First Thursday Night in each Month, at Seven o'clock. All Property Owners are invited. 672r

NOTICE to the MEMBERS of the CONSETT INDUSTRIAL & PROVIDENT SOCIETY, LIMITED.—The MONTHLY MEETING of this Society will be held on Saturday Night first, the 2nd of June, at 6·30 p.m. The Delegate to the Co-operative Congress, held in Edinburgh during Whit-week, will give his report at this meeting.

830r JESSE HALL, Secretary.

EMIGRANTS! EMIGRANTS!!

EMIGRANTS Booked to and from all parts of AMERICA and CANADA, also to AUSTRALIA, accommodation. Recent Pamphlets on Canada and its at the most reasonable rates. Comfortable with Prospects free on receipt of stamp for postage.—JOSEPH WETHERALL, Emigration Agent, Oxhill, Chester-le-Street, Durham. 425r

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

ANY Person Removing, Altering, or Tampering with any Meter, Pipe, or other Property of the above Gas Company, or Consuming Gas upon any Premises without first having obtained permission from the Secretary to the said Company, will be prosecuted as the Law directs.—By order,

M. RICHLEY, Secretary.
Gas Office, Shotley Bridge. 148q

JOHN ROBSON,

BEGS to announce that he has COMMENCED BUSINESS as
JOINER AND CARTWRIGHT
ON THE
PREMISES OF MR. LOUGH, BLACKSMITH, CONSETT,

And trusts, by prompt and careful attention to Orders, to merit a share of public patronage. 798r

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TO MR. JOSEPH ANDERSON, OF CROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF DURHAM, LEATHER MERCHANT.

YOU, through your Solicitor, Mr. GEORGE MAW, having called my attention to certain Slanderous Statements said to have been made use of by me reflecting upon your Character, and which statements, I admit, were calculated to injure you, not only socially, but in a business point of view, I hereby beg to retract any such alleged statements, and say that there was not the slightest foundation for any of them, and that I have been totally misinformed in the matter, and express my great regret at having caused Mr. Anderson any unpleasantness or pain.

Dated this Twenty-eighth day of May, 1883.

WILLIAM BAITEY, Blackhill.

Witness—GEO. MAW, Solicitor, Bishop Auckland. 836r

SUMMER FASHIONS.

GEORGE RICHARDSON has the honour to announce his return from London Markets with a STOCK OF NEW GOODS suitable for the present season, comprising MANTLES, MILLINERY LACE, and GLOVES, &c.

A Choice assorted Stock of DRESS GOODS in the Newest Materials.

DRESSMAKING ON THE PREMISES.
Shotley Bridge, June 4th, 1883. 841r

NEW SCHOOL.

DERWENT HOUSE SCHOOL
WILL BE OPENED BY THE
MISSES ROUTLEDGE,
ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 1883.

TERMS PER QUARTER—

English Subjects	15s.
French	10s. 6d.
Music (Master—Mr. J. Surtees)	17s. 6d.

☞ HOURS—9 to 12 a.m., and 2 to 5 p.m. 834r

NOTICE.

THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
FIRST SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT 370TH STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY WILL BE HELD
ON THE 8TH JUNE, 1883, AT SEVEN P.M.,
IN THE
SONS OF TEMPERANCE HALL, BLACKHILL,

BALANCE SHEETS READY FOR MEMBERS.

☞ After the General Business, the SIXTH BALLOT will take place.

MR. J. WILSON, OF STOCKTON, IS EXPECTED

A few Shares to dispose of. Be in time.—By order of the Board of Management,

JOHN BELL, Chairman.
824r J. GIBBINSON, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE TEMPERANCE FESTIVAL.

MILITARY SPORTS (Prizes in Money) £206.

Open Sports (Prizes in kind)	£100	Sports for Deaf and Dumb	£20
Bicycle	60	Kite Contests	20
Cricket	80	Football-Association Rugby Union	£80
Children's Games	80		

ENTRIES CLOSE, SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND.

100,000 Programmes, 32 pages crown quarto will be issued early in June. Those wishful to undertake the Sale should apply at once.

It is intended to incorporate with the Festival a TEMPERANCE SUNDAY, and all Ministers and Lay Preachers in the North of England are earnestly requested to preach a Temperance Sermon on Sunday, June 24th, and to communicate their intention to Mr. A. B. PLUMMER.

Applications for Tents, Stands, &c., should be made to hon. secs. Contributions in money or kind will be gladly acknowledged by the hon. secs.

W. M. RICHARDSON.
N. G. P. HERDMAN.
12, Blackett Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne 836r

COUNTY PALATINE OF DURHAM.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACT, 1878.

The England and Wales Movement into District (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) Order of 1883 (No. 2291).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in exercise of the powers conferred by the above Act and Order, the following regulations have been this day made by the Executive Committee exercising the powers of the Local Authority of this County:—

1.—The following regulations shall have effect and be in force from the 1st of June next until the 7th July next (both inclusive).

2.—It shall not be lawful to move any Cattle, Sheep, or Swine into the district of the Local Authority of this county from any Municipal Borough within this county, or from any other part of England, or from Wales, Scotland, or Ireland (except as hereinafter provided), unless each such animal be accompanied by a license of the Local Authority of the district of this county; which the several inspectors are hereby authorised to grant on the production of a declaration of the owner of the animals about to be made before a Justice of the Peace and stating that for a period of 28 days next preceding the date of such declaration such animal has been in the possession of the person making the declaration, without having been exposed at any public market, fair, or exhibition, and without having been in the same shed or herd, or in contact with any animal affected with Foot-and-Mouth Disease, or within half-a-mile of any infected place, and that it is free from Foot-and-Mouth Disease.

3.—The licenses before-mentioned shall only be in force for seven days after the date of the declarations on which they are granted; and shall be delivered up to the Local Authority of this county when the animals therein mentioned arrive at their place of destination.

4.—Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, it shall be lawful for any person occupying a farm lying partly in the district of the Local Authority of this county and partly in any other district, and on which farm Foot-and-Mouth Disease shall not exist, and shall not have existed for 14 days, to move from any part of such farm to any other part thereof, when, and as often as occasion shall require, any Cattle, Sheep, or Swine which have been on such farm continuously during the 14 days preceding such movement.

5.—Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, Fat Cattle, Sheep, or Swine intended for immediate slaughter may be moved into the district of the Local Authority of this county from Newcastle Market if each such animal be marked as follows:—

CATTLE.—By clipping a broad arrow five inches long on the left hind quarter of each animal.

SHEEP AND SWINE.—By painting or stamping the letter M six inches long on the left side of each animal, with a composition of resin, oil of turpentine, and blue or red ochre, melted and used warm, or some other adhesive composition of a blue or red colour.

6.—Every animal moved into the District of the Local Authority of this County under the provisions of the last preceding paragraph, shall be moved from the Market by Rail as far as possible, and afterwards direct to the Slaughter-house at which it is to be slaughtered; shall be kept there until slaughtered, and shall be slaughtered within three days after the market day.

7.—The movement of Animals contrary to the foregoing regulations is prohibited.

By Order,

RALPH SIMEY,
Clerk of the Peace of the County of Durham.
Exchequer Buildings, Durham,
9th May, 1883.

N.B.—The above Regulations do not restrict the movement of Animals by Railway (without being untrucked) THROUGH the District of the Local Authority of the County of Durham. 827r

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

Monday, June 4th, 1883. — Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett.—Important Sale of Superior Mahogany, Walnut, and other Furniture and Effects, including Walnut Cheffioneer, with Plate Glass Back and Marble Slab; Mahogany Chest of Drawers; Mahogany Easy Chair; 6 Mahogany Chairs, in Hair-seating; Mahogany Centre Table; Mahogany Desk; Iron, Brass-mounted, and Wood Bedsteads and Mattresses; Best Feather and Down Beds; Kitchen Table; 3 Tea Tables; Wringing and Mangling Machine; Eight Days' Clock; English Regulator; 2 Alarm Clocks; together with a large quantity of Earthenware; a number of Books; together with the Sundry Effects; and 1 Good Grocer's Counter; Patent Mangle; and Bath, &c.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mr. CARR and another, who are relinquishing, to remove and SELL BY AUCTION, at the Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett, on Monday, June 4th, 1883, the superior Household FURNITURE, as above. Particulars in Posters.

Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt. 816r

Tuesday, June 5th, 1883.—16, Cort Street, Blackhill.—Sale of excellent and nearly new Mahogany, Ash, and other Furniture and Effects, including splendid Harmonium, with 9 Stops, 2 Sets of Reeds, and Knee Action, in Rosewood Case; Metroneme, by Maelzel; Polished Ash Bed-room Suite; beautiful Mahogany Couch; Mahogany Easy Chair; 6 Mahogany Hair-stuffed Chairs; Mahogany Centre Table; Iron Bedsteads, Mattresses and Hangings Complete; Best Feather and Down Beds; Wringing Machine; Kitchen Furniture, including Leather Couch, &c., Sundry Books, together with all the Sundry Effects.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mr. JOHN L. ROBERTS, who is declining Housekeeping, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, No. 16, Cort Street, Blackhill, on Tuesday, June 5th, the whole of the Superior Household FURNITURE, and EFFECTS. Full particulars in Bills.

Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt. 817

TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

MESSRS. HEDLEY and BRODIE, Agricultural Auctioneers and Live Stock Salesmen, Town Hall, Consett, are prepared to undertake the Sale by Auction, or otherwise of every description of Live Stock and Agricultural produce, and trust, by careful attention to all commissions with which they may be favoured, to merit the confidence of the Agriculturists of the District. Valuations for probate. Insurances on Farming Stock effected through the London Insurance Corporation (Established 1720). 744t

By Mr. Joseph Oley.

Derwent House, Shotley Bridge.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, honoured with instructions from the representatives of the late Rev. EARLE McGOWAN, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 10th, 11th, and 12th, 1883, the whole of the Valuable Modern Household FURNITURE, FEATHER BEDS AND BEDDING, CARRIAGES, LIBRARY OF 500 VOLS. OF BOOKS, and other EFFECTS.

Carriages, &c., will be Sold on the Tuesday; Library of Books will be Sold on the Wednesday.

Catalogues of the Furniture, &c., 2d. each, may be had from Mr. LAX and Mr. BRODIE, Front Street Shotley Bridge, or from the AUCTIONEER.

☞ Sale to commence on Monday and Tuesday at 12 o'clock, and on Wednesday, with the Books, at 2 o'clock.

Sale Office, 10, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge. 831r

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

By Mr. P. Osborne.

No. 7, Dixon Street, Blackfine, Blackhill.—Copyhold Property and Household Furniture for Sale.

MR. P. OSBORNE, having received instructions from Mr. JOHN DIXON, the Owner will SELL BY AUCTION, at the Station Hotel, Blackfine, on Monday, the 4th day of June, 1883, at Seven p.m., all that well and Substantially-built

FOUR-ROOMED COTTAGE,

Situate as above, together with Self-contained Yard, with Coal House, Stick House, and every necessary Convenience. The House is well closeted and contains an excellent Wardrobe.

The Auctioneer, on application, will shew the Premises, and for further particulars apply to Mr JOHN DIXON, Surveyor, Benfieldside Edge Road Blackhill.

Also, on the same day, the whole of the Household FURNITURE, at the same place. Particulars of which will be given in Posters. 799r

Mr. H. Brown.

Medomsley Edge, near the Four Lane Ends.

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"Prince," Roan Horse, 7 years, 16·2 h.h.
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NOTICE.

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Dipton, June, 1883.

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST, 1883.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

I am agreeably surprised that my note on Trade Unions has called forth one solitary letter only. I saw in imagination a mighty avalanche of vituperative epistles, pestiferous as the effluvium of the Dismal Swamp, and loathsome as the plagues of Egypt. That "discretion is the better part of valour" I know right well, and wishful to make my exit with as good a grace as possible, I found solace in the words of Macbeth: I will not fight with thee; my sword hath too much charge with blood of thine already. Seeing, however, that but one chevalier hath grasped the pen—that mighty instrument of little men—I feel symptoms of returning strength, and will, with your permission, sir, turn for a moment to your courteous correspondent, "Trade Unionist." Let me observe at the outset that as I am expected to touch on something like ten different topics my remarks on each must necessarily be brief. I am accused of using "big language," inasmuch as I stigmatized certain combinations popularly known as Trade Unions as being a "pernicious system spreading around it murder, misery, and crime." Proof is wanted to support this assertion; nor is this all: I am told in sober earnest to trot out a few of the victims of the said pernicious system. Since penning the note on the subject in question, I have had no reason to change my opinion. "Pernicious" is a mild term, and conveys but very inadequately the abhorrence which every man, except Unionists, must have for a system based upon selfishness and intolerance. Selfish because the principles of the organization are carried out irrespective of the interests of those outside its pale—intolerent from the fact that its prescribed rules are enforced with a rigour equalled, but not surpassed by the notorious Inquisitors of old. Prove it, says the mouthpiece of the organization, and show us the victims of Trade Union. Well now, I did expect to rouse a nest of hornets, but anythine so guileless as this I did not expect. There is no need to wander far in this sorrow-stricken earth for proof that strikes have been the direct cause of "murder, misery, and crime." I will not refer the reader to the newspaper press of this country. Begin at home. What about Ushaw Moor Colliery? How often has the news columns if this journal teemed with tales of something very like murder, misery, and crime? But the victims, where are they? I dare not answer that question. The men who have passed the winter under canvas could, methinks, "a tale unfold." So, too, could the inhabitants of the untimely grave, upon which the grass has not yet grown. I could go far enough on this head, but this must suffice. Next in order, I am politely requested to point out "any case where, during the last ten years, Trade Unions have made an unjust demand, or have violated an agreement entered into by them." I said nothing about any breach of faith in this respect, so with "Trade Unionist's" leave I will pass on to the next point—the history of the miner for the last forty years. I cannot say that I have given special attention to the history of the men who toil for bread in the caverns of earth. The Miners Regulation Bill is a trophy indeed. The Factory Acts should have been run up also to keep it company. Such improvements are in keeping and nothing more with our national progress. Miners well deserve a share of the good things of this life, and it is to be hoped that every successive Bill passed with a view of rendering less hazardous their dangerous calling will be gone about by means and ways, "justified by honour." Strangely enough, that while differing from "Trade Unionist" in many things, we agree in one very important particular—the benefit of a Free Press. Of course there is such a thing as an upward and a downward tendency, but it is not very charitable of "Trade Unionist" to sit in judgment upon the children of my brain when he was anything but in the spirit. To take exception to this point and to that is pardonable, but to infer that the general tone of my communication that week was derogatory to the interests of the human family was too bad even for a trade unionist. Le me simply add in the words of the immortal Byron—

> "——what is writ, is writ.
> Would it were worthier."

It is evident that the further "Trade Unionist" rises on the wing, he becomes the more profound. Here is an example: Will Incedo please explain? That is to say, show cause why the Sky Crofters "in the face of civilization and a Free Press had to stoop to that low, mean method of getting their wrongs put right"—strikes. The term *had* is slightly out of place here. That the Crofters *did* strike is well known, but that they had to do it is quite another thing. Perhaps they sniffed the breezes from Erin's Isle; perhaps, like strike hands, they get into a habit of loafing, and like the fellow who became so enamoured to work that he could actually lie down beside it. Ah! but you are fencing with the question, says the votaries of trade unions; you have not told us why civilization has not exerted an influence for good upon these people, and why a Free Press has failed to benefit them. Alas! Mr Editor, who can solve such a problem? It is simply a characteristic of humanity. How thick the pearls lie strewn on the shore of life's troubled sea; and how few stoop to gather them. Earth would be almost as bright a place as heaven above did men but choose to make it. Again, I am dared to prove how it is that "with all the machinery of a Free Press in operation English ploughmen have had to band themselves together and form a Union for the purpose of bettering their condition." Let me say in brief that I am exceedingly sorry Unionism has done so little for them; for they are full thirty years behind their fellows on the north side of the Grampians. I *defy* contradiction. There is nothing wrong in the theory of trade combinations, but it must never be forgotten that there are many which seem very plausible in theory, but dangerous in practice.

Appended is an extract from the *Sheffield and Rotherham Independent* which a correspondent has kindly forwarded to me. I do hope that the men of West Durham will read, mark, learn, and that petticoats will be in future left where petticoats should be:—

"The difficulties in connection with the Hibaldstow School Board have assumed another form, which are likely to prove insurmountable. It will be remembered that the Board originally consisted of five members, but owing to one leaving the neighbourhood the number was reduced to four. Of these the Vicar and his wife constitute half the board, and as the former is chairman, they were, by the aid of the casting vote, able for a time to carry everything their own way. It now appears that the other two members (Messrs Cash and Drayton) are tired of always being in the minority, and have determined that, as they had no influence at the Board, they will not attend. As a consequence, two meetings have been convened, but, as there was only the clergyman, his wife, and the clerk present they were unable to form a quorum. The minutes of a previous meeting—at which the clerk's resignation was accepted, and the dismissal of the assistant mistress agreed upon—not having been confirmed, those officials still retain office, but without regular pay, as no accounts can be passed during the present deadlock. The schoolmaster has the school pence to fall back upon, and the assistant mistress, who should be paid monthly, has to be content with a share of them. It is fully expected that the board will remain in this dilemma until October, when the triennial election takes place."

Local and District News.

Th Wolsingham Steel Works—among the best going concerns in the Kingdom—are undergoing further enlargement.

THE OAKS, 1883.—Bonny Jean, 1st; Malibran, 2nd; Etarre, 3rd. Time taken by Benson's Chronograph, 2 min. 53 sec. Time last year, 2min. 49 sec.

LANCHESTER PARISH CHURCH.—It will be seen per advertisement that the Rev David Bryson, curate of Shadforth, and formerly of Consett, will preach in this church on the morning and evening of Sunday next. Collections will be made for the church expenses.

HEAVY CLAIM AGAINST THE TOW LAW LOCAL BOARD.—Mr Rutter, of Boundary House, claims between £50 and £60 from the Local Board for injury to or depreciation of cattle by the impregnation of water with sewerage; and the Board are now awaiting a bill of particulars from Mr Rutter.

PROPOSED PUBLIC SLAUGHTER-HOUSE AT TOW LAW.—The Tow Law butchers, aggrieved by the restrictions affecting the movement of cattle have finally petitioned the Local Board, who have forwarded to the Clerk of the Peace plans of an apparently suitable building, adjoining the gas-works, as a slaughter-house.

STANHOPE PARISH BOARD ELECTION BILL.—To a remonstrance against the alleged excessive costs of the recent Stanhope Parish School Board, the Returning Officer has forwarded to the Board a communication in which he deals with every item, offers to submit the whole account to official taxation, and to accept the decision whatever it may be.

Petitions in favour of the Sunday Closing Bill for the County of Durham were presented on Wednesday in the House of Commons by Mr Stevenson from the Northern Association of Baptist Churches, from 177,934 women in England, 20,072 women in Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, and 10,256 men in England.

THE OUT-DOOR RELIEF QUESTION AT LANCHESTER WORKHOUSE.—"Robin Goodfellow" writing to the *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle* on this subject says:—"The old couple to whom I alluded a fortnight ago have been successful in their appeal for parish relief, the members of the Lanchester Board of Guardians having granted them 1s 3d per week. The sum is a small one, but it appears to be all the Board could grant. Small as it is, however, it will piece out the narrow income of the venerable pair to some extent."

CHARGE AGAINST A BOY AND HIS MOTHER.—A boy named Jonathan Walton Tyson was brought before Mr Charles Riddell at Hexham, charged with stealing 2s. in money belonging to William Whitfield, at West Wylam, on the 28th inst., and his mother, Jane Tyson, was charged with receiving part of the stolen money, knowing it to have been stolen. Evidence was given by Mrs Whitfield that she missed 2s. from her purse, which was in a drawer in the house, on the 28th inst.—Both the accused were remanded until June 5th, but admitted to bail.

CRICKET.—*Chester Moor v. Holmside Threepenny Bits*—Played on the ground of the former, on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the home team. Score:—Chester Moor, 42; Holmside, 26. *Browney Colliery v. Esh Winning*—Played at Browney, on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the home team. Score:—Browney, 97; Esh Winning, 36. *Boyne Navy Blue v. Stanley*—This return match was played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a draw. Score:—Boyne, 81; Stanley, 40, for the loss of seven wickets.

BAZAAR AT WESTWOOD.—With the object of reducing the debt remaining on the United Methodist Free Church at Westwood, the Rev G. Lord (circuit minister) opened a bazaar a short time ago in the Board Schools, which was continued for a few days. The proceeds amounted to £46, made up as follows: No 1 stall, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Cooke, £16 11s 10d; No 2 stall, Mrs Stubbs, Mrs Fawcett, and Miss H. Walton, £11 12s 9d; entrance money and refreshments £6 5s 11d; collected by Mr J. Patterson, Hagg Farm, £10 0s 0d; sundries, £1 10s 3½d.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT.—A correspondent writes, "We have had a fortnight of fine weather. Crops of all kinds generally are looking well, there is good prospects for hay at the present, but showers of rain are much needed, as the ground is becoming parched and dry. Many of the gardens appear a long way advanced in their produce and there is an excellent show of fruit. Owing to the cold spring weather grass and cereal crops are late, but a decided improvement is everywhere now visible. Pastures were very poor when the cattle were turned out at May term.

Many of our readers will be glad to learn that Mr. James Sayle, late assistant master at the Wesleyan Schools, Consett, has been appointed head master of the Day School at Cronk-y-Voddy, near to Peel, Isle of Man, at a salary of about £100 per annum. During his short stay in Consett he has made many friends, and as assistant-master at the above-named school was highly respected for his well-known ability. As secretary of the chapel choir he performed his duties assiduously, and at a meeting of the members held on Tuesday night, an unanimous and hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his past services. In leaving Consett he carries with him the well-wishes of his friends for his future welfare and success.

"LARNIN' JOGGRAPHY."—A schoolmaster in the neighbourhood of Consett was recently examining a backward class in geography, and the consequence was that the scholars were "kept in" much later than the usual hour. The following colloquey ensued:—"Whaat keeps thoo se lang at skyeul, lad?" asked Geordie, as his eldest son dropped in about 5 p.m., with his slate under his arm. "As was 'kept in' for not knawing me joggraphy, feythor," replied the "young hopeful." "Whaat pairt o' 'rithmetic is that then?" inquired the astonished parent. "It's not 'rithmetic, feythor," explained the son, "it's aal aboot the warld and how to find yer way aboot iv forren pairts." "Aye, is't then!" exclaimed Geordie, "wey thoo can tell the skyeulmaister frev me that aal thoo needs to larn is te find thy way hyem aboot fower o'clock when the tea's reddy, an' the kyake's het. That's aal the joggraphy thee'll need till thee heed grows bigger."

A STRANGE VISITANT AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.—About half-past one o'clock last Sunday morning the villages of Annfield Plain and Catchgate was visited by a suspicious-looking person of medium height who had on a cap, dark coat, light trousers, and thin shoes. He made an inspection of several hen roosts, pigeon cotes, and pantrys, but it is not known whether any thing has been stolen. A few weeks ago, singular to say, a gentleman living in the district had his pantry broken into and a plentiful supply of provisions were carried away by some of these nefarious thieves. The "gentlemen in blue" are on the look out and if these individuals fall into their hands they may probably get the worst of the bargain.

WEARDALE RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.—The Sanitary Authority held its meeting on Friday, Mr C. Bainbridge presiding.—The question of letting the tender for a flushing tank for the Wolsingham sewers was referred to the Wolsingham Committee.—The Surveyor's report was read, in which he pointed out several nuisances in the rural district, all of which were ordered to be remedied. He recommended the laying of some more metal pipes in the bed of the river Wear, as the late flood laid open the earthenware ones.—The latter part of this report was also referred to the Wolsingham Committee.—A case of typhoid fever had broken out at Crawleyside, three mild cases of scarlet fever at Wolsingham, and one of measles; also one case of measles at Rookhope.

LEADGATE PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.—On Sunday last, the Primitive Methodists repeated their Sabbath School anniversary (by request), in the afternoon at two o'clock in the open-air, on a green plot of ground situated on the west side of the village. The day being very fine a large number of people were present on the occasion. The services were conducted by the Rev C. Longstaff, of Consett. After the devotional services were over and the singing of a hymn, the children commenced to recite scripture and poetry. In the evening at six o'clock, they assembled in the chapel where a children's service of song was given, entitled "The life and travels of St. Paul." The Rev C. Longstaff acted as reader. At the close of each service a collection was taken in aid of the school funds.

A DISAPPOINTED PENITENT.—A singular incident occurred at Durham gaol on Saturday where a long wanted offender was got hold of after three years absence. On April 26th, 1880, a man named George Davison was charged before the Jarrow magistrates with having sold sausages composed of horse flesh, a quantity of that delectable edible being found in his possession at the time. The case was not disposed of summarily but adjourned for a few days, during which time the defendant absconded and it was said he had gone to America. He presented himself at the wicket of Durham gaol on Saturday last, where he said he had come to discharge his pecuniary liabilities, being under the impression that a fine had been imposed upon him when his case was decided. He was, however, now informed that the magistrates had not given him the option of a fine, but had sentenced him to three months' imprisonment, and he must therefore be detained in custody. The man informed the police that he had been in America a long time and had made a lot of money, but, he added, had he been aware that he was sentenced to imprisonment the police would never have seen him again in the County of Durham.

THE WORLD'S PRODUCTION OF PIG IRON.—It appears, from the statistics of the various countries, that three parts of the whole quantity of pig iron are produced in England, America, and Germany, the remainder being contributed by France, Belgium, Austria, Russia, Sweden, Turkey, Italy, Australia, Japan, Switzerland, Canada, Mexico, and, in very small proportions, a few other countries. In 1882, the production of pig iron in England rose to 8,493,287 tons, in America to 4,623,323 tons, and in Germany, including Luxemburg, to 3,170,000 tons. The production last year of these three countries was, consequently, 16,286,610 tons, while that of the whole world amounted to 21 million tons. Great Britain has, therefore, contributed about 40 per cent. of this quantity, the United States about 22 per cent., and Germany about 15 per cent.; moreover, the American out-turn equalled 54 per cent. of the German, and 37 per cent. of the English. In 1877, the quantity of pig made in the three countries was only 1,049,858 tons, so that there is at the present time an increase of six million tons; that is to say, the production of the three principal countries has increased by a million tons annually.—*Iron*.

SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY AT SHOTLEY FIELD.—The Baptists attending the chapel situated on the hillside of this delightful and picturesque hamlet commemorated their Sabbath school anniversary on Saturday and Sunday last. On the first-named day, a public tea was provided in the chapel, which was partaken of by a goodly number of persons. This was succeeded by a well-attended public meeting, at which instructive addresses were given by the Rev E. W. Jenkins, Baptist Minister, Highgate, and the Rev James Roach, Baptist Minister, Consett, and several other friends. The meeting was most enthusiastic throughout.—On Sunday, the anniversary services were held. Mr Wm. Hoe, of Blackhill, preached in the afternoon, at two o'clock; and Mr Frankland, also of Blackhill, occupied the pulpit in the evening, at six o'clock. Portions of scripture, poetical pieces, &c., were recited by the scholars at all the services, the collections taken being in aid of the school funds. The Highgate choir were in attendance, and rendered a suitable selection of melodies. The weather being delightfully fine, numbers of persons travelled from a distance in order to be present at the services, and the anniversary proved extremely successful.

WEARDALE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—The fortnightly meeting of this Board was held on Friday—Mr Bainbridge presiding. The Board agreed to accept two sureties for the assistant-overseer and rate collector of Hunstanworth; and, on the motion of Dr Livingstone, as a measure of justice, resolved that the school fees paid out of rates for the children of impoverished parents should hereafter be 3d per week, instead of 3d per ten attendances. The Union's proportion of the county rate is as follows:—General county rate, at a farthing in the pound, £181 11s 3d; asylum rate, £90 15s 7d, at a half-penny in the pound—total, £272 16s 10d.—Consequent on the disqualification of a medical magistrate for a seat on the Weardale Union Assessment Committee, Mr Bainbridge proposed, as a substitute, Mr Jasper Stephenson, in justice to the unrepresented parishes of Hunstanworth and Edmondbyers.—Mr H. Maddison respectfully complained that the mineral interests of the Union were totally unrepresented on the committee. Those interests contributed heavily to the common fund, and if this inequality were not removed the Board might expect a little fighting. He appealed to the farmers present to correct this injustice, and thus put the assessment business on an equitable and amicable footing.—Mr J. Ridley considered that the Weardale Iron Company, who paid about half the rates of the Union, were certainly entitled to direct representation, and he proposed Mr Crawhall, one of the agents of the company.—Mr Teesdale seconded.—Mr T. Robinson objected that Mr Crawhall was already an overseer, and it was undesirable than an overseer should sit on a committee with which he was officially connected as an overseer.—Mr Crawhall considered that Mr Robinson had gone out of his way for an objection. The two offices were quite distinct, and no objection was raised when he was previously on the Assessment Committee.—Mr Robinson moved, and Mr Reed seconded, Mr J. V. Walton (Witton-le-Wear); and Mr Stephenson retiring in deference to the claims of the mineral interest, Mr Crawhall was elected by seven votes to six given to Mr Walton.

Original Poetry.

"HORÆ FUGIT."

Life's day is short, to some 'tis long;
Some men are weak, some men are strong;
But all should seek another home
Ere weary days of darkness come;
And guard against their bark being lost
Upon a barren, dangerous coast,
Where quicksands and shoals abound
But if they'd list they'd hear a sound
Whispering to the dullest ear,
Distinct, yet soft, and ever near:
"Horæ Fugit."

Again it comes a solemn knell,
'Tis like the sound of passing bell,
Youth hears and starts, but thinks again,
What cause have I to feel this pain?
I've seen few years, earth's full of flowers,
I would enjoy youth's jocund hours,
And bask awhile in pleasure's lap
But hark! what means that sudden clap?
It is a warning that doth say:
Prepare, time's short, make no delay,
"Horæ Fugit."

But other lures are in the field
To which mankind too often yield,
The love of wealth, a tempting bait,
Fills many hearts with greed and hate;
And use all arts the dross to gain
Which they can only here retain,
Nor mind the treasures that doth lie
In yon bright land beyond the sky,
Till age doth come, and strength decay,
Then loud a thrilling voice doth say:
"Horæ Fugit."

When Fame doth come with trumpet tongue,
To rouse the hearts of old and young;
Now news of strife and news of war—
News of victory heard from far;
Doth rouse all hearts with fire and zeal
For what they deem'd the common weal;
Unmindful of the hosts of slain
Whose blood bedew the battle plain,
Nor heeds the ever warning cry
Though nature's thousand tongues reply
"Horæ Fugit."

Away with strife, away with war;
Come gentle peace, thou bright'ning star;
Let all the warlike weapons found
Be made in plough shares for the ground,
Or scythes to mow the ripen'd grain,
When autumn comes with laden wain,
Ere winter with his stormy blast
Has o'er the land his mantle cast,
Thus season onward ever roll
While minutes, hours, make up the whole,
Still men place on with careless feet
Though round him countless tongues repeat:
"Horæ Fugit."

If man would only stop and think
How near each day he's to the brink
Of that dread gulf eternity—
All earth and earthly vanity
Would flee his thoughts and they would rise
To greater deeds of high empire,
By leading sinners from their sin,
To feel the Spirit's power within;
Whose power will lead them to that shore,
Where they will hear these words no more:
"Horæ Fugit."

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Local and General News.

Mr C. Mayes, gamekeeper to the Earl of Durham, recently found in Lambton Park a woodcock's nest with four eggs.

"I hear," says the writer of society gossip in the *Country Gentleman* of Saturday, "that by far the most beautiful woman at the Drawing Room on Monday was Lady Durham, who was presented on her marriage by the Countess of Dalkeith."

The Weardale Association for the Prosecution of Felons had their annual meeting on Friday night, Dr Hewitson presiding. No prosecutions have taken place during the past year. A very favourable balance is in the hands of the treasurer.

WEARDALE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—At the ordinary meeting on Friday last, it was resolved to pay 3d per week for pauper children at public schools, instead of 3d for 10 attendances, as heretofore. Mr Crahall, as representing the Weardale Iron Company, was elected by the Stanhope Guardians a member of the Assessment Committee.

BENFIELDSIDE STOCK AUCTION MART.—Messrs Nicholson and Murray had a splendid show of fat cattle and sheep at their mart on Monday, consisting of 24 prime fat cattle, which sold at £18 17s 6d to £33 each; 87 fat sheep from 48s 6d to 75s; 14 prime fat lambs, from 28s to 49s; 43 pigs, from 30s to 65s; 3 calves, from 24s to 30s each; 12 calving cows and heifers, from £9 15s to £20 each. There was a good company present, and lots were soon disposed of.

SUNDAY CLOSING.—In the House of Commons on Tuesday, Mr T. Fry presented a petition from 140,000 inhabitants of the county of Durham, praying that the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday might be prohibited in that county, and also petitions to the same effect from the following amongst other lodges of Good Templars:—Flower of Truth, Crook; Lily of Dearness Valley, East Hedleyhope; Pride of the West, Tow Law; Beacon of Hope, Tow Law; Peep-o'-Day, Cornsay.

WESTWOOD GOSPEL TEMPERANCE UNION.—At a recent meeting of the committee of the above the accounts of the eleven days' mission recently conducted by Mr John Fawcett, Newcastle, were submitted and passed. After all the expenses for advertising, &c., had been duly paid a balance of 5s was left, which the committee unanimously decided to present to Mr Fawcett for his eleven days' services, which was forwarded by Mr Irving Clarke, hon. sec. of the union, and which has been duly received.

SUDDEN DEATH AT CROOK.—Early on Friday morning, a gentleman named Joseph Hall, late of Rumby Hill, took suddenly ill at his residence, Gladstone Street, Crook, and although the medical assistance of Dr Mackenzie was soon procured, he died in a very short time. The deceased, who was unmarried, was about 50 years of age, and he was the owner of a considerable amount of landed and house property in the Crook district.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The greatest Wonder of modern times.—This incomparable medicine increases the appetite, strengthens the stomach, cleanses the liver, corrects biliousness, prevents flatulency, purifies the system, invigorates the nerves, and establishes sound health. The enormous demand for these Pills throughout the globe astonishes everybody, and a single trial will convince the most sceptical that no medicine equals Holloway's Pills in its ability to remove all complaints incidental to the human race. They are a blessing to the afflicted, and a boon to all that labour under internal or external disease. Purification of the blood, removal of all restraint from the secretive organs, and gentle aperitive action, are the sources of the extensive curative range of Holloway's Pills.

EAST HEDLEYHOPE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—The Primitive Methodists of this place held their annual Sabbath school anniversary on Sunday last. A sermon was preached in the morning to parents and teachers by Mr S. Robinson, of Howden-le-Wear, who handled the subject very nicely. In the afternoon and evening children's services were held, conducted by Mr Robinson, at which dialogues, poetry, &c., were very nicely recited. We noticed, however, that little if any scripture (Psalms or chapters from the bible) was said. This would have greatly improved a very good anniversary. During the services several very nice pieces of music were sung by the choir, assisted by friends. Mr Walter Nichols officiated, whilst Mr W. Martin accompanied on the harmonium.—On the preceding Saturday night, a public tea was held, of which a large number partook of the good things provided.

The total proceeds of the Church Bazaar held at Tow Law last week amounted to £163.

On Monday evening, a concert in aid of the Crook Band of Hope funds was given in the Temperance Hall at that place.

Three of the persons summoned under the Betting Act at Newcastle-on-Tyne were on Wednesday fined £10 and costs each, two licensed victuallers being of the number.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.—There is a great decrease in the receipts of the North-Eastern Railway Company for the week ending the 26th inst. It amounts to £6,294, and extends to all departments save that of dock dues, which have improved to the extent of £176. The increase up to the present date now stands at £53,195.

ONE BOX OF CLARKE'S B41 PILLS is warranted to cure all discharges from the Urinary Organs, in either sex (acquired or constitutional), Gravel, and Pains in the back. Guaranteed free from Mercury. Sold in Boxes, 4s 6d each, by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the World; or sent to any address for sixty stamps by the Makers, THE LINCOLN AND MIDLAND COUNTIES DRUG COMPANY, Lincoln. Wholesale Agents, BARCLAY & SONS, London, and all the Wholesale Houses.

THE EXTENSION OF THE FRANCHISE.—On Sunday morning, a meeting was held on the Sandhill, Newcastle, in favour of electoral reform. Mr G. Hill occupied the chair. Mr E. Copland proposed the following resolution:—"That this meeting heartily endorses the effort of the Northumberland and Durham miners to organise a demonstration on the Town Moor in favour of the extension of the suffrage, and pledges itself to support the same. Further, that it calls upon the Government to deal with the question without delay." The motion was seconded by Mr O'Dowd, supported by Mr Sanderson, and carried unanimously. It was further resolved to forward a petition to the House of Commons in support of the extension of the franchise in Great Britain and Ireland, to be presented by Mr J. Cowen, M.P., and that Mr Morley, M.P., be requested to support its prayer.

In Wednesday's division in the House of Commons upon Mr T. Fry's Sunday Closing Bill for Durham, the majority, which was chiefly composed of Liberals, included the following members of the Government: The Home Secretary, the Solicitor-General, the Attorney-General for Ireland, Mr Trevelyan, Mr Shaw Lefevre, Mr Osborne Morgan, and Mr Herbert Gladstone. The minority, which was composed almost exclusively of Conservatives, included Sir Stafford Northcote, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, and Colonel Stanley. None of the thirteen members for boroughs and county divisions of Durham voted against the bill. Ten of them voted in its favour, whilst Sir Geo. Elliot abstained from voting, and the remaining two (Mr Dodds and Sir Joseph Pease), who intended to vote for the bill, were unavoidably absent. Mr Jacob Bright paired in favour of the bill.

LOCAL FAILURES.—According to *Kemp's Mercantile Gazette*, the number of failures in England and Wales gazetted during the four weeks ending Saturday, May 26th, was 760. The number in the corresponding four weeks of last year was 868, showing a decrease of 108, being a net decrease, in 1883, to date, of 184. Messrs Kemp extract the following statistics for Newcastle-on-Tyne and the Northern Counties, compared with the corresponding statements for 1881 and 1882:—

FAILURES—	1883	1882	1881
Newcastle-on-Tyne..	6	5	2
Northumberland (except Newcastle)	2	2	7
Cumberland..	10	4	8
Durham	32	22	23
Westmoreland	3	—	2
Totals—	53	33	42
BILLS OF SALE—			
Newcastle-on-Tyne..	14	58	62
Northumberland (except Newcastle)	7	51	48
Cumberland..	5	9	8
Durham	27	215	242
Westmoreland	0	2	5
Totals—	53	335	365

THE WOUNDING CASE NEAR DURHAM.—SUICIDE OF THE PRISONER.—At the Durham County Police Court on Wednesday, a returned convict named James Mason, residing at Langley Moor, was charged with wounding a miner named Edward Cornforth, in Crossgate Peth, near Durham, on the 12th inst., under circumstances reported in the *Guardian* last week. The prosecutor was proceeding home with a companion when Mason came up to them in Crossgate Peth, and accused Cornforth of having said something about him in Durham. Before Cornforth had time to reply Mason drew a knife across Cornforth's face, inflicting a deep gash in the shape of half a circle beneath the lower lip. The prisoner was apprehended shortly afterwards by P.C. Hall, and the prosecutor was taken to the surgery of Dr Stewart, who dressed the wound. A deep scar was distinctly visible right round the lower part of the prosecutor's face when he gave evidence on Wednesday. The Bench committed the prisoner for trial.—After being conducted to the gaol to await his trial, prisoner was taken into the reception ward cell, and was shortly afterwards found suspended to the gas pipe and was quite dead when discovered.

FUNERAL OF MISS ATKINSON.—The interment of Miss Atkinson, daughter of the Rev J. Atkinson, Stockton, took place in the Cemetery, Benfieldside, on Monday, at noon. The family have their connections at Shotley Bridge. The Rev J. Atkinson holds a high position in the Primitive Methodist community, and several ministers and laymen were present to show their sympathy with the family, and evince their respect for the character of the departed. She was a young lady of excellent judgment and varied attainments. She cherished a keen taste for literature, and was especially interested in Methodist intelligence. She was marked by singular transparency of mind, and strong refined simplicity of manners. Her loss at so early an age is deplored by all who knew her talent and worth. The event of her decease has fallen with much severity upon the family, for it has come at a time when her father is about to enter upon one of the highest and most responsible offices in the connection, that of missionary secretary, and when her thoughtful assistance would have been of still more service than in the past. The service in the chapel was conducted by the Revs T. Southron, W. Bowe, and H. Gilmore. The service at the grave by the Rev J. Taylor. A tender and solemn feeling pervaded all minds, whilst all shared the restful confidence that she who slept in Jesus was secure in his keeping.

FREE METHODIST SABBATH SCHOOL, DIPTON.—The anniversary services were celebrated as follows:—On Saturday, May 19th, a public tea was held in the school-room, to which upwards of 200 scholars and friends sat down. After tea a public meeting was held, under the presidency of the superintendent, Mr John Woodley. The yearly report given by the secretary (Mr Jos. Henderson) showed that during the past year the school had thriven financially, numerically, and spiritually. Essays bearing upon the religious and secular teaching of the young were read by Messrs T. Smith, M. Woodley, and D. Mele, after which an address by Mr John Turnbull, of Lintz, brought the meeting to a close.—On Sunday, May 20th, three services were conducted by Mr Thompson, of Lemington, at which the scholars recited portions of scripture, dialogues, poetry, etc., to overflowing congregations.—The unpropitious weather of Saturday last prevented the scholars having their "field-day," but in lieu thereof the school-room was thrown open to the juveniles, and after a few hours spent in innocent games they were then supplied with oranges and sent home. At the coffee supper upwards of eighty sat down.—On Sunday last, services were held under the leadership of Mr John Turnbull, of Lintz Colliery, at which crowded congregations and liberal collections testified to public appreciation. The total proceeds being a trifle short of £10.

A new station for general traffic was opened today (Friday) at Aldin, on the Consett Branch. The trains are timed to run in five minutes to and from Durham.

RYTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.—The anniversary services in connection with the opening of Ryton Wesleyan Church were held last Friday, when the occasion was made unusually interesting by the unveiling of the Game memorial window, and the opening of a new organ, the latter the gift of Mr and Mrs J. A. Game. The window, which is of excellent design, was executed by Messrs Wailes and Strang, of Newcastle. The subjects are those of Christ blessing little children, and the Good Shepherd bearing away two lambs. The window bears the inscription:—"To the memory of Edward and Norman, twin infant children of James Alyward and Lottie Game, ob. October, 1881. In sympathy with the parents, and in recognition of their munificence this window is inserted by the trustees and congregation. May, 1883." The window was unveiled by the Rev W. Reynolds, minister of the church, who referred to the munificence of Mr and Mrs Game in meeting the cost of the building, and in presenting the organ. The organ was from the establishment of Mr F. Nicholson, of Newcastle. The pipes are all made of the finest "spotted" metal. The organ case was designed by the architect of the building, Mr J. J. Lish. The proceedings were commenced by Divine service, which was conducted by the Rev W. L. Watkinson, of London. This was followed by the unveiling of the window, and at five o'clock a large number of persons sat down to tea. After tea Mr Rea gave a recital upon the new instrument, the church at the time being crowded. In the evening the Rev W. L. Watkinson lectured upon "Some encouraging aspects of the present day," the chair being occupied by Ald. Stephenson, Newcastle. On Sunday, sermons were preached by the Rev T. Overton, of North Shields.

RURI-DECANAL CONFERENCE AT WHICKHAM.—The sixth Conference of the Clergy and Lay Representatives of the Rural Deanery of Ryton was held in the Vestry of the Parish Church of Whickham on Thursday se'nnight. Before the commencement of business those present attended service in the church and received the Holy Communion. There was a large attendance both of clergy and laymen. The chair was occupied by Canon Carr, the Rural Dean, who received the congratulations of both clergy and laymen on his recent elevation to the office of Canon of Durham, the spokesman of the clergy being the Rev Jos. W. Mitchell, of Leadgate, and of the laymen Mr James Gilchrist, of Marley Hill. The principal business was the election of clerical and lay representatives to the conference, to be held at Durham. The following were elected:—The Revs Joseph W. Mitchell, of Leadgate, W. Cockin, of Medomsley, G. H. Ross-Lewin, of Benfieldside as clerical representatives, and Messrs James Gilchrist, of Marley Hill, Matt. Hedley, of Medomsley, Hubert Laws, of Ryton, G. H. Gooch, of Burnopfield, Robert Walton Shaw, of Leadgate, and John Booth, of Benfieldside, as lay representatives. The Church Temperance Society, White Cross Army, and Funeral Reform were the subjects of a brief discussion. A vote of thanks to the Rural Dean for his courtesy in the chair closed the proceedings, after which the majority of the representatives accepted Canon Carr's invitation to luncheon at the Rectory.

PRESENTATION TO A TEMPERANCE MISSIONARY.—On Saturday last, a deputation of a few of the working men from Ebchester, &c., waited upon Mr John Fawcett, in Newcastle, introduced by Messrs Barker and Gribbins, who briefly and kindly explained the nature of their visit. Mr Barker said that a few of them felt they would like to present Mr Fawcett with a token of respect and one that might be useful in the future; and that was 19 volumes of religious and classical works that had been subscribed for solely on their own responsibility and amongst the working people only. He had great pleasure in asking Mr Fawcett to accept the small token of esteem in which he was held by many, and wished him health and time to read them, and that he might live long to be of use to his fellowmen. Mr Peter Gribbins also made a few well-chosen remarks and handed over the books to Mr Fawcett. Mr Fawcett briefly responded to the unexpected gift and speeches of his friends, and in a few grateful remarks thanked those subscribers from the depth of his heart, and trusted that he might not only benefit by the gift so freely given, but that the world might benefit by his future studies. The following is a list of the friends who have so kindly subscribed towards the testimonial, viz:—Messrs J. Barker, P. Gribbin, W. Lax, J. J. Westgarth, J. Atkinson, Ewart, T. Maddison, T. Robson, T. Robson, jun., J. G. Scott, W. Thomason, and J. Willey; also the Misses Bulman, Smart, Blair, Robson, Wright, and Mrs Moody, Ewart, Gribbins, Miller. The books are a splendid lot, and of a high class character valued at the sum of £3.

SPORTS AT PRUDHOE.—The annual sports under the auspices of the miners of West Wylam Colliery were held on Saturday in a field at Prudhoe, kindly granted by the Mickley Coal Co. There was a good attendance:—Boys' race, 80 yds—Final Heat—G. Taylor, Low Prudhoe, 1; H. Brabbon, West Wylam, 2; J. Dinning, West Wylam, 3. Won by half a yard; two yards between second and third.—120 yards handicap foot-race; first prize, £5; second 30s; third, 10s—Heat 1—R. Forster, Ryton, 24, 1; H. Dawson, Blaydon, 2,†; W. Reed, Blaydon, 10,†; J. Bell, Newcastle, 14, 0. Won by a foot; dead heat for second place. Heat 2—W. Bell, Low Prudhoe, 16, 1; R. Elliott, West Wylam, 15, 0; J. Reay, Blaydon, 13, 0; J. J. Allan, Blackhill, 7, 0. Elliott fell. Heat 3—T. Gibbons, West Wylam, 22, 1; J. Thirlwell, Dipton, 11, 2; J. Patterson, Newcastle, 2, 3. Heat 4—J. Hope, Hexham, 12, 1; R. Brookhouse, Prudhoe, 25, 2; R. Teasdale, Dipton, 12, 3; N. Richley, Corbridge, 3, 4. Won by four yards. Heat 5—J. G. Charlton, Low Fell, 7, 1; J. Grey, Blaydon, 14, 2. Won by a yard. Heat 6—J. Forster, Hexham, 12, 1; W. Smith, Sunderland, 5, 2; T. Nesbitt, West Wylam, 14, 3. Won by a yard. Heat 7—J. Farrage, The Spen, 16, 1; J. Laidler, Willington Quay, 8, 2; J. Dowthwaite, Prudhoe, 25, 3. Won on the post, the judge awarding the race to Farrage, but on the case being referred to the committee, Laidler was allowed to run in the first ties. Heat 8—G. Dixon, West Wylam, 18, 1; W. Small, The Stella, 11, 2; W. Hall, Low Prudhoe, 16, 3. Won by a yard. First ties—Heat 1—W. Gibbons, 1, J. Farrage, 2, J. Laidler, 3. Won by three yards. Heat 2—J. H. Hope, 1, J. Forster, (Hexham), 2, J. Forster (Ryton), 3. Won by a yard; half a yard between second and third. Heat 3—G. Dixon 1, J. G. Charlton 2, W. Bell, 3. Won by two yards. Final heat—W. Gibbons, 1, J. H. Hope, 2, W. Dixon, 3. Won by two yards; three yards between second and third.—Hurdle Race (handicap), distance 120 yards. Heat 1—J. Farrage, The Spen, 13, 1; J. Forster, Hexham, 6, 2; R. Foster, Hexham, 7, 3. Won by three yards. Heat 2—J. Robinson, Hexham, 8, 1; J. G. Charlton, Low Fell, 4, 0. Robinson finished alone. Heat 3—J. Grey, Blaydon, 13, 1; T. Nesbitt, West Wylam, 13, 2. Won easily. Final heat—J. Robinson, 1; J. Farrage, 2; J. Grey, 3. Won by two yards; a yard between second and third. 200 yards sensation race.—H. Dawson, Blaydon, 1; J. Patterson, Newcastle, 2. Won by three yards. Quarter of a mile race.—J. Patterson, 10, 1; M. Richley, Corbridge, 3, 2; H. Dawson, Blaydon, 10, 3; J. Forster, Hexham, 28, 4; J. H. Hope, Hexham, 22, 5. Nine ran. Won by three yards; two yards between second and third. Football contest—Ovingham beat the Prudhoe Rovers by one goal to nil and won. Mr John Phillips was judge, and Mr John Callendar officiated as starter.

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WEDDED BUT NO WIFE:

A TALE OF A GREAT WRONG.

By GRAHAM PONTON,

Author of "A Daring Venture for Wealth," "Angela," "Who Killed John Boyds?" &c., &c.

CHAPTER VII.

BISHOP GRAZEBROOK ENTERTAINS.

There were few more delightful parties, every one in Cherton agreed, than those given by John Grazebrook, Doctor of Divinity of the University of Oxford, and Bishop of Cherton by the grace of God and the favour of Queen Victoria.

The Bishop, it was true, had not been born to the purple, but no one who gazed at his portly form, the round, smooth, benevolent face, crowned with white hair, such a face as one is wont to associate with dignity in the Church, a face which time had dealt kindly with, whose lines, where they existed, were lightly impressed rather by years than care, sorrow, or study, and the mouth soft and flexible, with that curve about the corners which seems to indicate a habit of sipping rich wines of ancient vintages, would ever have suspected that John Grazebrook had in his youth won his spurs gallantly by many an hour of hard reading and much and long self-denial; or that the grace with which he dispensed the hospitalities of the palace in the Close at Cherton was due to the natural instincts of a kindly heart and inborn gentlemanly feeling, rather than to early training.

Dr. Grazebrook was essentially a home-staying bishop. He preferred his quiet palace in Cherton to the house in Belgravia, whither he went once a year when duty called him to Parliament, and he was infinitely more at home holding a confirmation in some village church in his diocese, and saying a few words of fatherly counsel to the children, or preaching in his own cathedral than delivering a discourse, as he was sometimes called upon to do in, some fashionable church in the great metropolis.

Dr. Grazebrook was not only a good scholar, but an eloquent preacher, and he might, had he so willed it, have been absent from his diocese for forty Sundays in the year preaching here, there, and everywhere, but he was one of the old school of bishops as of the old school of Churchmen, and had as great an abhorrence for his brethren whom the *Saturday Review* has distinguished as "Gig Bishops on the Tramp," as he had for lights and vestments or the other vagaries of advanced Ritualism. The Bishop loved his diocese and his clergy, and was liked by them in return.

The Cherton folk had always been accustomed to stay-at-home bishops, and therefore Dr. Grazebrook suited them to perfection.

When the beautiful garden of the palace, with its shady avenues and quaint arbours, and its broad lawn, with its deep soft springy turf, shaded by the huge cedars which were the pride of the city, and enticing, out-of-the-way paths redolent of sweet-peas and roses, was thrown open to Cherton society, it was thronged by people who flirted and played croquet, and ate strawberries and cream, and drank Mrs. Grazebrook's tea, or that peculiar champagne cup for which the Bishop's butler was famous.

The Bishop's dinners also; when the Dean and Archdeacon, and Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Archdeacon, and a sprinkling of canons and canonesses, with their sons and daughters, mingled with the *élite* of the cliff and sat in the grand oak-wainscotted old dining-room, and drank wine from the episcopal cellars, wine that glowed like rubies and wafted through the room the odour of daffodils, wine such as poets have sung about, and such as would have tickled the palate of Brillat Savarin himself,—were delightful.

So also were the drawing-room entertainments, which were more properly Mrs. Grazebrook's, but most delightful of all was the Easter Eve festival at the palace.

On that great occasion on which Dr. Grazebrook, following in the footsteps of his predecessors in the see of Cherton, threw open wide his doors, the great drawing-rooms were thronged and the great dining-room overflowed. Then it was that the Bishop bade to his board the people of the cliff and his clergy, one and all who would come.

Everybody agreed that on the second Easter Eve after Dr. Lyon's arrival in Cherton the party had been an unusually pleasant one. It had been particularly so to Lady Proudfoot, for her son Algernon had been there, and nothing pleased the dowager better than to enter a drawing-room leaning on her son's arm. He was indeed a son of whom any mother might have been proud. More than of a height which would have entitled him to admission to the Six-foot Club, his figure was well knit and proportioned. His face was not exactly handsome, the cheek bones were too high and the chin too massive and prominent for beauty, but it was far redeemed from plainness by the well-formed mouth, a trifle firm perhaps, but with a delicate upward curve in the lips indicative of quiet good-humour. He had his mother's soft eyes also, but his hair, like his sister's, had a warmer tinge than hers. It was long and wavy, and its rich tawny masses gave to the head a leonine aspect that suited the character of the face and figure.

The Proudfoots had arrived at home. Violet had retired to bed, and Algernon and his mother were seated by the fire in the drawing-room. This was a custom at the Crescent whenever Algernon was there, and both mother and son valued that short half-hour.

Since his boyhood Algy had made his mother his confidante. To her he told his school successes and troubles, and in his manhood he did not disdain to ask her advice. Never, in fact, perhaps was there a family so united or who trusted so much in each other.

But it was natural Algernon confided more in his mother than in Violet, and she spoke more freely of her affairs to him than to her daughter.

That evening they had no particular secrets to discuss; but were content to talk of their evening's entertainment. They had spoken of the Bishop, and the apparently failing health of the Dean, of Canon Witherfield and his daughters, Violet's great allies. At length just as they were saying good-night Algernon remarked—

"By the way, mother, who is that Dr. Lyon?"

"Oh, I forgot; yes, Algy, of course you have not seen him before. He seems to be a most agreeable, gentlemanly man. He has come here as Dr. Philipson's assistant, and, it is said, is to be his partner and successor in practice. He is very much liked."

"So it seems, mother, by the girls especially."

"Tut, not jealous, surely, dear boy!"

"Jealous! no. I have nothing to be jealous about, you silly mamma. But I must say I don't like your pet doctor."

"Not like him, Algy! why you scarcely spoke to him."

"Just so, mother mine," said Algy, kissing her, "but

"I do not like thee Doctor Fell,
The reason why I cannot tell."

Anyhow, however, seriously, mother, he was too attentive to Violet to please me."

"Nonsense, my dearest boy, merely a professional interest, of course. Vi has not been very well lately."

"Hem! let us hope so."

"Why, you silly boy, if Violet cares for any one it is for Monty Faircombe. He——"

"I am delighted to hear it, ma chère maman, nothing would please me better than to have Monty for a brother-in-law. He is a good fellow though he is a bit of a prig. But all the same I don't like the doctor."

Lady Proudfoot kissed her son and retired to bed. Algy betook himself to the conservatory, where he was permitted to smoke with closed doors, as he slowly puffed at his cigar, he more than once ejaculated—"Lyon! Lyon! Confound it, I am certain I have seen that fellow before somewhere or other." But despite the influence of his tobacco, Algy could not recollect where, if anywhere, he and the doctor had previously met; but Algy made a mental memorandum to keep his eye on Dr. Lyon during his stay in Cherton.

(*To be continued.*)

Market Reports.

NEWCASTLE MEAT AND POULTRY, Saturday.—

	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.
Prime large beef	0	9 to	1	0	Pigeons, pr couple	1	6 to	2	0
Prime mutton ...	0	11	1	0	Turkeys, per lb...	0	0	0	0
Small Pork........	0	9	0	11	Turkeys, pults...	0	0	0	0
Veal...............	0	8	0	11	Partridge, brace.	0	0	0	0
Lamb, per qr.......	11	0	14	0	Pheasants	0	0	0	0
American beef ...	0	3	0	9	Geese, per lb	0	0	0	0
" mutton	0	5	0	9	Goslings, each ...	0	0	0	0
" lamb ...	0	0	0	0	Hares, each	0	0	0	0
" veal ...	0	7	0	9½	Leverets	0	0	0	0
" pork ...	0	8	0	9	Rabbits, couple..	2	6	3	6
Hens, each.........	1	0	1	9	Ptarmigan, cuple	0	0	0	0
Ducks, each	0	0	0	0	Egyptian quail...	0	0	0	0
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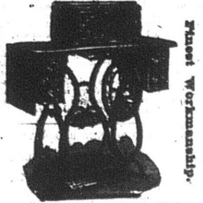

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LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, May 31st.—Before the Rev C. P. DE PLEDGE (chairman), and GEO. HEDLEY, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

Thomas McGarry was charged by P.C. Raine with being drunk and fighting near the Stags' Head, Waterhouses, on Friday night, 11th inst. As the defendant refused to go home, witness had to take him away by force.—McGarry was fined 5s and 6s 6d. costs.

John Sweeney was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Burnhope Colliery.—P.C. Hawley testified that about 10·30 p.m., on the 19th inst., he saw the defendant enter the house of a man named Peverler, and challenge him to fight. Witness took the man home, but subsequently saw him going about the village in a very drunken state.—Fined 5s and expenses.

George Peverler was charged with being guilty of a similar offence committed at the same time and place. P.C. Hawley spoke to seeing the defendant (who was intoxicated) proceeding along the street, followed by a crowd of 100 persons. He challenged the last-named defendant out to a combat. Witness ordered Peverler off home; but subsequently he saw the two men in a fighting attitude.—In answer to the Bench, the officer was unable to say where the men obtained the liquor, but he knew they had been drinking at the public-houses at Jawblades and Burnhope.—Mr Hedley (to the policeman): If you looked a little closer after the publicans you wouldn't have so many drunken cases brought here.—The defendant's wife said that shortly after the policeman brought her husband into the house on the first occasion, he went again and it was not long before he was carried home with a broken leg.—The Chairman: Yes, that is the result of fighting.—A fine of 5s and costs was imposed.

John Hall was summoned by Sergt. Tranmer with being drunk and fighting in Mr Clarkson's, Commercial Inn, West Stanley, on the night of May 14th. The officer stated that the defendant entered the house accompanied by several others (who had been attending the sports), and demanded liquor, and because the waiter refused to serve them, the men commenced to fight and quarrel amongst themselves.—As the defendant had failed to put in an appearance, he was fined 10s and pay the costs; or seven days' imprisonment in default.

James Young, *John Jackson* (Waldridge), and *Roger Robinson* were each fined 10s and expenses for being drunk and riotous on the same occasion. —The Chairman remarked that these sports appeared to be productive of a great amount of drunkenness.

John Henry was also accused by Sergt. Tranmer of being drunk and causing a great disturbance in Errington's public-house at Oxhill.—Defendant was ordered to pay 12s 6d, including the costs.

A young man of respectable appearance, named *John Shandley*, pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly.—Sergt. Tranmer adduced that at half-past ten o'clock on the night of May 19th, he found the defendant fighting on the highway leading from Stanley to Craghead.—The Chairman, after expressing his regret at seeing a respectable young man like him in such a position, imposed the usual fine of 5s and expenses.

Moses Dinnah having been found by P.C. Carruthers very drunk and fighting at Holmside on the 19th of the present month, was fined 10s and costs for non-appearance; otherwise to be imprisoned for seven days.

Michael Moreland failed to appear in answer to a charge, preferred by Sergt. Elliott, of being drunk and guilty of disorderly conduct at Ushaw Moor, at twelve o'clock noon on Saturday last, was similarly punished.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Richard Hartswell was charged with trespassing in a grass field belonging to Major Edward Leadbitter Smith, of Flass Hall, on the 10th inst., doing damage to the extent of 1d.—Major Smith's coachman and a witness named Joseph Corfield, gamekeeper to Mr Cookin, both testified to seeing the defendant trespassing along a private road, and upon being warned to retrace his footsteps, he told them that he would go through the field whenever he liked, and then proceeded straight on.—The defendant's father (on behalf of his son) admitted the offence, but added that the defendant was not aware of the fact that the witnesses named above had any right to stop him from travelling along the road, although he knew it was stopped up by order of the justices.—The defendant was fined 1s and ordered to pay the amount of damage and costs—12s 7d in all.

A PITMAN "ON THE SPREE."

George Hall, miner, was charged with wilfully damaging a number of tubs to the amount of 2s 6d, the property of Messrs Hedley Bros., of Craghead Collieries.—P.C. Carruthers said that at 11·30 a.m. on the 19th inst., he observed the defendant in an intoxicated condition on the Craghead Bridge. A number of tubs used for the purpose of wheeling clay into the waggons from the brick yard were standing there. The defendant got hold of some of these tubs, and bumped them against the end of the bridge, smashing in the end of one of them, and damaging several others.—Defendant was mulcted in 2s 6d and costs—11s 6d altogether.

Defendant was further accused of being drunk and disorderly at the same time and place.—P.C. Carruthers deposed that as two men were proceeding along the highway, the defendant rushed at one of them, and deliberately felled him on to the waggon way. Hall subsequently followed the men to their house at Holmside Cottages, kicked at the door and behaved himself in a most disorderly manner.—The Bench, taking into consideration that the defendant was fined in the previous case, let him off on payment of 7s 6d, which includes fine and costs.

EMPLOYERS' AND WORKMENS' ACT.

Joseph Atthey, miner, was summoned by Mr T. Pringle, manager at Messrs Joicey, and Co.'s, East Tanfield Colliery, for violating the special rules, by leaving his employment without tendering the specified notice, the employers claiming 5s damages as compensation.—The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge, and the magistrates ordered him to pay the 5s damage and 4s 6d costs.

Thomas Frasbrook and *William Oswald* were also charged with neglecting their employment at the above colliery on the 28th March, 10s damages being claimed from each, which sum the defendants were ordered to pay in addition to the costs.

ANOTHER RUMPUS AT USHAW MOOR.

James Roberts, one of the workmen employed at Ushaw Moor Colliery, was summoned for committing a breach of the peace at this "quiet and peaceable" (?) village on the evening of Friday last.—Sergt. Elliott adduced that the defendant attacked a man named Evans on the highway, stating that he would "rive his b—— liver out," and threatened to "knock his b—— head off."—The Chairman: Is this a dispute between the workmen and Unionists?—The Sergeant: No; they are both workmen at the colliery.

Roberts was next charged with having assaulted Thomas Evans and William Walton, at the above-mentioned time and place.—The parties had a dispute respecting some "cavils," and the wages earned by the men at the colliery. In the midst of the quarrel, it seems the defendant struck both Evans and Walton several times.—The defendant denied the assault, and asserted that Walton had since been discharged from the colliery.—For the first offence, defendant was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for a term of three months and defray the Court expenses; but the assault cases were dismissed on the defendant expressing himself willing to bear the costs, 18s 6d all told.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF "SETTING GRANNY AWAY:" BRUTAL ASSAULT ON A GIRL.

John King, a miner of powerful physique, was placed in the dock on a charge of assaulting at Hedley Hill, a young girl, of about 13 years, named Eliza Routledge, who is also the defendant's sister-in-law.—King pleaded guilty.—It seems that on Friday night, May 20th, the complainant merely inquired of the defendant if he had been "setting granny away," when the ruffian struck her two heavy blows on the top of her head, knocked her down, and finished by kicking her on the side of the stomach. Fortunately the defendant had only his stockings on at the time. The complainant's cheek was swollen and a black mark was produced on the side.—Alice Davison gave corroborative testimony.—The complainant's stepmother stated that the girl merely asked King a question, when he turned upon her and said "Yes, I'll let you know I've been setting my grandmother away." He then struck her over the head and kicked her in the stomach without the least cause. Witness told the defendant that she would "bring him up" for what he had done, when the latter replied "If you do; I'll make you so that you will not fetch anybody else up."—The defendant alleged that the girl "set up her impudence" towards him, and accused him of coming home drunk after "setting his grandmother away." It was a "family consarn" altogether. They wanted him "shifted frae the plaace, but he wadd'nt gan for them."—The Chairman characterised this as a brutal and unmanly assault. The defendant would be fined £1, inclusive of costs; or be imprisoned, in case of default, for fourteen days.—The defendant, on leaving the dock, was hissed at by those assembled in the body of the court.

A TRUMPERY CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

Thomas Harrison and *William Carlisle*, man and boy, were summoned for having assaulted Elizabeth Rawlinson, an elderly woman, at Hedley Hill, on Sunday last.—According to the evidence of the complainant who made an incoherent and rambling statement, it seems that on the afternoon in question the younger defendant Carlisle committed a nuisance on her doorstep.—Harrison in the meanwhile stood at the door with two half-bricks in his hands, called her a lot of bad names, and threatened to "knock her b—— head off" if she ventured outside.—The defendants emphatically repudiated the charge of assault. They alleged that as they were passing the complainant's door she flung a poker at them, which caught the stencil. Then she asserted she would "rip their guts out if they entered the house."—Mrs Kane, a witness, substantiated the defendants' statements, and gave the complainant a bad character.—The Chairman said this was a trifling case, and they would therefore discharge the defendants, the complainant having to defray 13s as expenses of the court.

POOR LAW ACT.

John Barnes, who is living in lodgings at Blackhall Mill, was summoned by Mr John Moon, relieving officer, for refusing to contribute towards the maintenance of his wife, Agnes Barnes, who is at present an inmate of Lanchester Union Workhouse.—The defendant alleged that his wife left him, taking away the two children, to cohabit with another man. That was the reason why he refused to keep her.—Mr Moon said the defendant should be able to prove the statement if it was correct.—The magistrates granted an order for the defendant to pay 8s weekly towards the support of his wife. —Defendant (excitedly): I'll not pay it. I am quite willing to keep the children, but not her.—Mr Granger (Magistrate's Clerk): If you do not pay you will have to go to gaol.—Defendant: Very well; I would "as tight" go to prison as keep her.—The defendant, however was allowed to go.

A YOUNG REPROBATE.

James Humphrey, a lad under 12 years of age, was brought up in custody, charged with stealing a hammer and saw, the property of William Suddes, farmer, of Quebec; and was further accused of loitering about certain premises for an unlawful purpose.—The latter charge was withdrawn.—Mr W. H. Oliver, of Durham, who defended the prisoner, said he was under the impression that the lad was locked up on a charge of stealing a watch.—Superintendent Oliver explained that there were three charges of larceny preferred against the prisoner, and the police had decided to go into those cases wherein they had the strongest evidence. If either the Bench or Mr Oliver decided there was insufficient testimony, then they could investigate the other charge.—Anthony Maynes, 11 years of age, said he lived with his parents at Quebec. On Wednesday, 23rd ult., at eight o'clock in the morning, he went along with the prisoner and another lad to the prosecutor's farm. He noticed the prisoner put his arm through a broken square in the window of a tool-house, and take therefrom a hammer and a saw. Prisoner broke the saw in two pieces, and put them in a wall on the roadside.—To Mr Oliver: He was in the prisoner's company, and they were both playing truant on that day. He never went home from the Wednesday until the Friday night following. The prisoner handed him the hammer and he broke a few stones with it. He gave the hammer back to the prisoner, who threw it into a dyke side, and left it there. He never had hold of the saw. He slept in a cabin on Wednesday night, and in a coalhouse on Thursday night.—William Suddes, farmer, said the hammer produced was the one he kept in his tool house. He had not missed the hammer, and had not seen it until that morning.—Sergt. Nicholson deposed that he charged the prisoner on Tuesday last with stealing a hammer, when he admitted taking it.—To Mr Oliver: He did not accuse him of stealing the saw, because it was broken up into small pieces. He told the lad's father, when interrogated, that there were several charges against his son.—This completed the case for the prosecution, and Mr Oliver, on behalf of the prisoner, submitted that in the evidence before them the Bench were not warranted in convicting the lad on the statements of an accomplice, which was not substantiated by any other witness.—The Magistrates' Clerk: Who says that Maynes was an accomplice?—Mr Oliver: The lad himself admits it.—The Magistrates' Clerk: But there is the evidence of the police sergeant who swears that the prisoner, after being charged, admitted taking the hammer.—Mr Oliver: Well, but I don't think the lad knew what he was about when he said that.—The Chairman: It is very important to have the statement of a prisoner when first charged with an offence.—Mr Oliver: Quite so, in the case of older persons. I would ask if the Bench are satisfied there was sufficient corroborative evidence?—The Chairman: The Bench consider there is sufficient evidence to convict.—Mr Oliver: Are you satisfied then, that the prisoner, when he took the hammer from the tool house, knew the nature of the offence he was then committing?—The Chairman: We are quite convinced that the lad knew he was stealing this hammer. The prisoner is a very bad boy, and it was a disgraceful thing that the parents should allow him to play truant and run about wherever he likes.—Mr Oliver:—The lad's parents have done their utmost in getting him to attend school regularly.—The lad's father elected for the case to be dealt with summarily.—The Chairman (addressing the prisoner), said: You are evidently a very wicked boy in running away from school. Your parents flogging you has apparently had no effect; so we will try some other means. You will have to receive six strokes from the birch rod, and if you come here at any future time you will be sent to an industrial school.—The birching was subsequently administered by Inspector Davison.—During the hearing of the case, the prisoner's mother frequently interrupted the proceedings. She used several offensive epithets towards Sergeant Nicholson, occasionally doubling her fists and gesticulating in a threatening manner—in fact she became so noisy and violent that she had to be forcibly ejected from the court.

Correspondence.

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A REAL GRIEVANCE.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—As one of the largest manufacturers in the provinces, we have been requested by the President of the Institute of British Carriage Manufacturers (G. N. Hooper, Esq.) to work for the removal of the carriage tax which had a most injurious effect upon our business for many years. You will probably be aware that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has been petitioned on the subject, but as further correspondence has appeared in the *Coachmakers' Art Journal* we respectfully beg to submit a reprint of the memorial referred to.

The important reasons for asking a repeal of this law may be summarised as follows:—First, It is the only industry that is taxed annually. The silver duty is the nearest approach to it, but this is only paid once, whereas a carriage is taxed every year. Second, it is vexatious, and derogatory to the manufacturer who is subject to a penalty of £20. Third, The revenue proves that the number of carriages in use has decreased by 14,000, which shows how materially it affects Coachbuilding and the auxiliary trades. Fourth, it causes a great accumulation of second-hand carriages, which, were the duty abolished, would be kept by their owners instead of being returned to the maker. Fifth—It prevents the small farmer and the poorer country residents keeping a vehicle to carry them to market towns, railway stations, &c. It prevents second-hand carriages being kept on hire at roadside stations, watering places, seaside resorts, &c. It presses unduly upon doctors, land surveyors, commercial travellers, &c., who are obliged to keep carriages for earning a livelihood.

The abolition of the tax would tend to relieve coachmakers from their heavy second-hand stocks, and encourage the manufacture of new vehicles in addition to benefiting the auxiliary trades.

If it is found impossible to remove the tax, and in view of the proceeds being transferred to the local authorities, we would urge the necessity of its readjustment in the shape of a tax on wheels, as the roads are permanently injured, not by light carriages, but by ponderous carts, wagons, rolleys, steam engines, and other implements which are a fruitful source of revenue to their owners who do not, however, contribute anything towards the maintenance of the roads they damage.

The coachmakers' grievances are stated below, and we respectfully ask that your readers will give the matter their very careful and favourable consideration.—We are, sir, yours, &c.,

ATKINSON AND PHILIPSON.

Northumberland Carriage and Harness
Manufactory, 15, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle,
May 19th, 1883.

[*Abridged from Tyneside Daily Echo, of May 2nd.*]

"The days of protection of trade in any form are gone bye in England. Never again will the State tax the foreigner in the mistaken hope of benefitting the native, or impose duties and expect them to stimulate industries with artificial activity. We are by experience apt to look with suspicion on any agitation for State interference carried on by any single trade or craft. If an isolated profession demands legislation in its own interests the presumption is that it desires to infringe the interests of others. It is obvious, however, that there is a wide difference between a trade asking to have legislation in its favour and asking to have legislation now pressing unduly on it removed. In the one instance the trade suggests that society should be taxed for its benefit; in the other it points out that it ought not to be taxed for the benefit of society. There are but two trades in England to-day that have any need to make that request—the carriage-makers and the goldsmiths. The duty on plate is in a fair way to be removed. The duty on carriages is, we believe, to be handed over to the local authorities. It is well known that the rural districts are fretting and fidgetting under the burden of their rates. If, therefore, the tax on carriages be presented to them the carriage-maker must make up his mind that the days of relief for him are far distant. There can be no doubt that if a tax on carriages be collected at all there is a poetical kind of justice in applying the proceeds to the maintenance of roads. But is not the singling out of one manufactured article for taxation an invidious thing? Is it right that the carriage-maker should suffer a burden not levied on any other avocation? The tax, too, is not levied once and once only. It is collected year after year. The tax is also most objectionable from its inquisitorial nature, being collected by officers who have power to inspect the coachmakers' books at any time they may choose; the carriage-maker who refuses to submit to this being liable to a fine of £20. A serviceable carriage is a very gold mine to the State. It is taxed from the time that in all the glory of newness it issues from the builders' yard, to the final day when old and worn-out it is broken up and forgotten. It is not taxed in proportion to its value or the frequency of its use or indeed on any principle known to man: If it be not very valuable and have a long life its owner will probably pay to the State more than its original value. There is a certain speciousness about this tax. It appears to help a little in the direction of taxing personal wealth. It is believed that it comes out of the pockets of the rich alone. But carriages are not merely matters of luxury in this age. They are of necessity kept by many people who are not wealthy, and who use them to perform their daily work. It will be found, too, that with this, as with every other tax on manufactured articles, the burden falls upon those who produce them. The carriage-maker finds his business attenuated by the tax, and, in consequence, employs fewer men. On the manner in which the tax affects the trade a good deal may be said. It hurts it first of all, by lessening the number of carriages in use. Then again, the maker in the way of business of necessity gets possession of many second-hand carriages, which consume his capital and obstruct his business. These are his property but not absolutely so, for he may not utilise one of them without being liable for this ubiquitous tax. The farmer or the market gardener may not give a few friends a lift without incurring the same penalty; and the poor man who may have a pony and could, if in possession of a vehicle, earn a livelihood, is prevented doing so by the heavy carriage tax. The carriage-makers, by memorials to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and by bringing their case before members of Parliament, are endeavouring to get the tax that blights their industry removed. They very reasonably ask to have this done when the revenue will permit. We cordially wish them success, not because we believe that their industry requires artificial protection, but because it is entitled to fair play. The tax is wrong in principle and mischievous in practice."

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Wednesday evening, Mr James Bullock, a well-known confectioner, of 51, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, while listening to a lecturer on the Sandhill, fell and died before medical aid could be obtained. An inquest was held on the body at Wallace's Hotel, Nelson Street, Newcastle, on Thursday, before the Deputy Coroner (Mr Theodore Hoyle), when a verdict of "Death of natural causes" was returned.—Deceased, who was 60 years of age, was highly respected, and about 20 years ago carried on business as a grocer at Leadgate.

DURHAM COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.—At these sessions, on Wednesday, Joseph Downey was fined 7s 6d and costs, and Ralph Hall, who appeared, 5s and expenses, for being drunk at Edmondsley.—Thomas Walton, who had been previously convicted, was fined 10s and costs for being drunk and disorderly at Witton Gilbert, on the 19th inst.—Matthew Cocklin, who had been fined recently, was now mulcted in the penalty of 7s 6d and expenses for drunkenness at Witton Gilbert.—William Close pleaded guilty to having been drunk and fighting with Walton, at Witton Gilbert. He was fined 5s and costs.—Thomas Allan, who was found by P.C. Curren prostrate, through drunkenness, on the road at Witton Gilbert, was fined 7s 6d and costs.—Thomas Park pleaded guilty to having been drunk at the Beyne, and he was fined 5s and costs.—Thomas Gunn was found by P.C. Curren in a state of drunkenness on the licensed premises of Samuel Wright of Witton Gilbert, on the 19th inst. He had been previously convicted. He was fined 7s 6d and costs.

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RIOTING AT ST. PETERSBURG.

100 PERSONS ARRESTED.

BERLIN, Thursday.

Intelligence received here from St. Petersburg states that the Imperial manifesto has made an unfavourable impression not answering the general expectation. Some rioting of a non-political character occurred at St. Petersburg on Monday evening, and M. Gressir, Chief Police Director, was assaulted. 100 persons were arrested. A detachment of Cossacks ultimately dispersed the mob.

THE CORONATION FESTIVITIES AT MOSCOW.

MOSCOW, Thursday.

The scene at the Opera House last night on the occasion of the visit of the Emperor and Empress was one of extraordinary splendour. The Czar and Czarina entered the Imperial box at half-past seven and were saluted by the audience, who had risen in a body, with a burst of cheering. In the Imperial box were the Queen of Greece, the Archduchesses Albert and Louis of Austria. The Czarewitch was in the next box with the Duke of Edinburgh, who wore the uniform of a Russian admiral. On their Majesties rising to leave, the audience also rose and cheered with such persistence that the Emperor and Empress came back.

THE PANIC ON NEW BROOKLYN BRIDGE.

TWELVE PERSONS KILLED.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

Twelve persons were killed and twenty-six injured during the panic on Brooklyn Bridge, yesterday.

THE LAW OF DIVORCE IN TURKEY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Thursday.

The Ottoman Government has annulled the provisions of the Law of Divorce, in regard to allowances for alimony which in future are to be determined by the ordinary Turkish Tribunals, and not by the Patriarchate.

Railway Time Table.

CONSETT BRANCH.

STATIONS.	WEEK DAYS.						
	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
NWCASTLE Dep.	5·45	9·40	11·0	12·20	2·40	5·35	7·30
Scotswood „	5·52	9·47	11·7	12·27	2·47	5·42	7·37
Swalwell „	5·59	9·54	11·14	12·34	2·53	5·49	7·44
Rowlands Gill „	6·9	10·4	11·24	12·44	3·3	5·59	7·54
Lintz Green „	9·15	10·13	11·30	12·50	3·9	6·5	8·0
Ebchester „	9·28	10·23	11·40	1·0	3·22	6·18	8·18
Shotley Bridge „	9·34	10·29	11·44	1·4	3·28	6·24	8·19
CONSETT Arr.	6·40	10·35	11·50	1·10	3·33	6·30	8·25

	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
CONSETT Dep.	7·10	10·37	1·12	3·35	4·50	6·33
Knitsley „	7·21	10·49	1·23	3·46	5·1	6·44
Lanchester „	7·30	10·58	1·32	3·55	5·10	6·53
Witton Gilbert „	7·41	11·9	1·48	4·6	5·21	7·4
DURHAM Arr.	7·50	11·20	1·52	4·15	5·30	7·15

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

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

SUNDAYS.

LEAVE	a.m.	p.m.	LEAVE	a.m.	p.m.
NEWCASTLE	7·30	7·15	CONSETT	8·35	8·20
Scotswood	7·37	7·22	Shotley Bridge	8·40	8·25
Swalwell	7·44	7·29	Ebchester	8·44	8·29
Rowland's Gill	7·54	7·38	Lintz Green	8·54	8·39
Lintz Green	8·0	7·45	Rowland's Gill	8·59	8·44
Ebchester	8·13	7·58	Swalwell	9·8	8·53
Shotley Bridge	8·19	8·4	Scotswood	9·14	8·59
CONSETT (arr)	8·25	8·10	NEWCASTLE	9·10	9·25

MARKET TRAINS ON SATURDAYS.

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

STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	STATIONS.	A.M.	
NEWCSTLE ar.	7·10	4·1	DURHAM dep.	7·55	....
Scotswood	7·17	4·22	Witton Gilbert	8·7	....
Swalwell	7·24	4·30	Lanchester	8·20	....
Rowland's Gill	7·34	4·40	Knitsley	8·32	....
Lutz Green	7·40	7·46	CONSETT arr	8·45	....
Ebchester	7·53	4·54	Do. dep.	8·50	....
Shotley Bridge	7·59	5·5	Shotley Bridge	8·55	....
CONSETT arr.	8·5	5·12	Ebchester	8·59	....
Do. dep.	9·20	....	Lintz Green	9·9	....
Knitsley	9·32	....	Rowlands Gill	9·16	....
Lanchester	9·41	....	Swalwell	9·22	....
Witton Gilbert	9·52	....	Scotswood	9·29	....
DURHAM arr.	10·5	....	NEWCSTLE ar.	9·40	....

STOCKTON AND DARLINGTON RAILWAY

GOING EAST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Newcastle	dep.	5·45	11·0	2·40
CONSETT	„	6·50	11·51	4·37
Rowley	„	7·0	12·0	4·47
Burnhill Junction	„	7·10	12·9	4·57
Tow Law	„	7·23	12·22	5·10
CROOK	arr.	7·36	12·32	5·22
	dep.	7·40	12·37	5·37
Bishop Auckland	„	8·10	1·1	6·9
Darlington	„	8·35	2·0	6·52
Stockton	„	9·25	2·29	7·25
Middlesbro'	„	9·38	2·38	7·40
SALTBURN	arr.	10·13	3·10	8·15

GOING WEST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

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

CHESTER-LE-STREET UNION WORKHOUSE.—ELECTION OF MASTER AND MATRON.—The Board of Guardians at their meeting, held yesterday (Thursday), appointed Mr and Mrs Aikman, of Chester-le-Street, as master and matron of the Union Workhouse, at the joint salary of £75 a year. There were 37 candidates. Mr Aikman (whose election was unanimous), had for the past few years been gardener to the late Mr D. H. Goddard, J.P. The Board recommeded Mr Dixon (who has been master of the Workhouse for upwards of twenty years) to the Local Government Board, on a reting pension of £20 a year.

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INTERESTING MEMORIAL IN BENFIELDSIDE CEMETERY.

There has been during the present week erected in Benfieldside Cemetery a massive stone monument, standing upwards of 8ft. in height, to the memory of George Pattinson, a marine on board H.M.S. "Superb," who fell a victim in the bombardment of Alexandria in July of last year. The deceased, it will be remembered was the son of Mr James Pattinson, of Puddlers' Row, Consett; and the officers and men on board the "Superb" subscribed amongst them the sum of £14 for the purpose of erecting a suitable tablet as a slight token of respect for the memory of their brave comrade. The monument stands by the side of the grave of the late Mrs Pattinson; it is square at the base, and a beautifully sculptured urn is affixed at the top. On the ridge below is the motto of the ship:—"Per mare per tarrem"—"By sea and land." The inscription, which is surmounted by a cannon and balls, runs as follows:—

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The monument has been executed by Mr R. Phillips, of Newcastle, and is certainly an ornamental acquisition to the cemetery.

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I. O. G. T.—"FLORIDA LODGE, CHESTER-LE-STREET.—The members of this lodge—which stands in the front rank amongst the lodges of the county—held a most enjoyable meeting in the Bethel Congregational schoolroom, Chester-le-Street, on Tuesday evening: Bro. Mordue, W.C.T., presided, and there was a numerous attendance of members. The ordinary routine business having been transacted, a capital programme was introduced, consisting of solos, duets, recitations, &c., which were gone through in a highly creditable manner by Sister Myers, Bros. Wm. Gordon, Howie, H. Randell, J. Wadge, and Craig.

TEMPERANCE MEETING AT CONSETT.—On Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the United Kingdom Alliance, Mr T. Carrick, of Appleby, Westmoreland, addressed a large concourse of people gathered around the Fountain in Front Street, Consett. Mr Carrick described at considerable length the awful consequences arising out of the cursed drink traffic in this country, and dwelt on the blessed results achieved by the temperance cause. In concluding, the speaker earnestly beseeched all who had listened to his interesting address henceforward to become total abstainers. —Mr Adam Brodie supplemented the remarks of Mr Carrick, after which the assemblage dispersed.

FAT STOCK SALE AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Monday, Mr James Turnbull exposed for sale 36 fat cattle, 66 fat sheep, two geld cows, six grazing cattle, and seven ewes and lambs. The bidding ruled very brisk for all classes of stock. Bullocks, from £15 12s 6d to £26; top, Mr H. Potts, Harbour House. Heifers, from £12 17s 6d to £28 10s, top, owners of South Medomsley Colliery. Fat sheep, 45s 6d to 62s; top for clipped hoggs, Mr Howdon, Pockerly. Rough hoggs, to 62s; top, Mr H. Potts. Fat ewes, to 70s 6d; top, Mr Potts. Fat lambs, to 46s; top, Mr James Brewis, Waldridge. Grazing cattle—Yearlings, from £4 12s 6d to £8 10s; top, Mr Featherstone. Grey-faced ewes and lambs, 57s.

SINGULAR AFFAIR AT CONSETT.—Yesterday (Thursday) forenoon, as a number of children were playing in a field just below the Brickflats, at Consett, belonging to the Consett Iron Company, four of their number, of ages varying from four to thirteen years (whose names have not been ascertained) heedlessly wandered into an unused pit drift, and were unable to find their passage out again. A search was subsequently made, and the children were fortunately discovered at ten o'clock last night by P.C. Wood, lying fast asleep a considerable distance in the interior of the drift. The youngsters were imprisoned for a period of twelve hours, having entered the drift about ten o'clock in the morning.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCHES.—The district meeting which was commenced on Wednesday, was concluded yesterday, (Thursday) at West Hartlepool, under the presidency of the Rev W. Reed, of Sunderland.—The report of the Chapel Secretary shewed that the grand total raised during the year was £8,401. The temperance secretary reported the existence of six adult temperance organisations in the district, which had 631 members; and of forty Bands of Hope with 3,071 members and 170 officers. On considering the applications for grants from dependent circuits, the following was conceded, viz., £39 to Leadgate and Consett, being £9 increase.—On the motion of the Rev T. Ashcroft, a resolution was carried expressive of approval of the passing of the Durham County Sunday Closing Bill and the success of temperance efforts generally

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BIRTHS.

CONSETT.—Delves Lane, on the 28th ult., the wife of Mr A. Stoddard, of a daughter.

CASTLESIDE.—On the 22nd ult., the wife of Mr William Bainbridge, of a son.

WHICKHAM.—On the 27th ult., the wife of Mr James Snowball, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER.—At the Register Office, on the 19th ult., Mr James Sharp, of Hamsterley Colliery, to Miss Isabella Robson, of Langley Park.—On the 21st ult., Mr W. Thompson to Miss A. Minto, both of Burnhope.—On the 28th ult., Mr J. G. Alderson to Miss A. Muse, both of Greencroft Cottages.

WHICKHAM CHURCH.—On the 26th ult., by Canon Carr, T. S. Crook, of Leeds, to M. A. (Annie) eldest daughter of William Wright, Whickham.

DEATHS.

CONSETT.—35, Derwent Street, on the 31st ult., aged 84 years, Eliza Potts. To be interred at Benfieldside on Sunday first. Friends please accept this intimation.

DIPTON.—At Stob House, on the 25th ult., Mr Edward Boliver, aged 40 years.

ESH WINNING.—25th ult., Elizabeth Ann, infant daughter of Albert Filer, gardener.

WEST PELTON HOUSE.—On the 24th ult., Edith, the infant daughter of John and Alice Humble.

WHICKHAM.—On the 24th ult., aged 86 years, Mary Nicholson, wife of the late Jonathan Nicholson.

SUNDERLAND.—At 23, Green Terrace, on the 27th ult., aged 30 years, Emma Isabella Proudlock, late of Shotley Bridge.

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