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FRIDAY, JUNE 22ND, 1883.

THE SUNDERLAND DISASTER.

ONE of the greatest disasters that ever occurred in the United Kingdom—the crushing to death of nearly two hundred children at Sunderland on last Saturday evening—appears to have resulted from a cause so inconsiderable that it takes some reflection to conceive how it could have operated with such grim fatality. When a large number of persons were killed or injured at the old Surrey Music-hall, at the close of one of Mr. SPURGEON's services in that building, the simple cause of the catastrophe was the breaking-down of the bannisters on a staircase leading from the gallery and which was crowded with people at the time. The throng above kept pushing forward without knowing what had happened below, while, if we remember rightly, a cry of "fire!" was raised to increase their hurry, and the natural and inevitable consequence was that a number of persons were forced over the undefended side of the staircase, falling into the hall below. When the Ring Theatre was burned at Vienna, and hundreds of people were crushed to death, there was a tangible and adequate cause for the rush that was made to the place of exit, and the turning out of the gas explains why the bewildered and frantic people came to trample each other to death in their futile efforts to escape. When the *Princess Alice* foundered in the Thames with her living cargo of many hundred souls, she had been struck by a large vessel under steam, and so damaged as rapidly to sink her. When, again, a great colliery accident happens, it is announced by a terrible report, which proclaims unmistakably the overwhelming cause of the disaster. But at the Sunderland Hall there was no collapse of any part of the building, no conflagration, no explosion, and no false alarm of any sort whatever. Only some eleven or twelve hundred children came trooping down a staircase, elated by the wonders of a magical performance they had seen, and eager to obtain some of the prizes to be distributed among them. On its way, the living current was checked by a nearly closed door, which allowed only one individual to pass at a time; and against and behind this door the stream of children was arrested, till body was piled upon body in a compact mass, the upper portion of the stream still flowing on in ignorance of the destruction occurring below, and apparently nobody but the sufferers being aware of this till the terrible mischief had been wrought, all in a few minutes. So little was evident of the havoc thus caused, even within view of the scene itself, that one boy on the staircase, seeing the nearly-closed door, and the children in front merely intercepted as he thought, made his way back, and passing out at a different place of exit, went home without knowing that any fatality had occurred. When at last some persons in charge about the hall discerned occasion for alarm, and tried to open the obstructing door, they found it impossible to move a bolt shot into the stone pavement, through the pressure of children's bodies against the door. And when relief was attempted, from the upper side of the block, there, in a confined space of only a few square feet and of no considerable height, was found packed such a mass of poor little crushed bodies that it seemed marvellous how they could have been compressed into the space. The actual and effectual cause of this fearful destruction of childish life was evidently the nearly-closed door, bolted to the floor as when arranged to admit only one person at a time on entrance to the hall; but what helped to make this cause effective was the excitement into which the children had been thrown by a prospect of prizes for those who got down in time to share in the distribution. But what everybody wants to know was how these concurrent causes of a great calamity were allowed to exist. Even under the most ordinary circumstances, it might have been thought that more than a thousand children would not be allowed to throng down a staircase without any supervision to provide against the minor accidents that might have been expected. But there the children were in a state of excitement, and, instead of additional care being consequently taken of them, a fatal obstruction was actually prepared in their way—a veritable death-trap into which many scores of them fell. Surely there is here a case for rigid investigation, little as that will do to alleviate the public grief and indignation.

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OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENCE.

MIDDLESBOROUGH-LOVE TO BE TAKEN FOR PAIN in some form or other, and he does not seem to care much how it is. He determines to have at least a thousand pounds' worth of notoriety in return for his risking his £1,000 to Mr Irving Bishop. There was much disappointment at the St. James's Hall meeting that the bet did not come off. But the event showed that quite a number of people had sank some which they are willing to dispose of to any one who will read the numbers without seeing them. Mr Wakley, who took the chance, appears to have lost £5 to Mr Bishop recently at Leeds. Mr Charles Russell, who was present, volunteered to be similarly experimented upon by the same amount, and so did several other people. But Mr Bishop betrayed a singular unwillingness to exhibit his powers. He would have been inevitably put down as an impostor if he had not finally been persuaded into winning a note from one of the audience in a remarkably short and easy method. But the great prize of £1,000 has still to be contended for. Mr Bishop can scarcely plead exception to Mr Labouchere's latest offer, giving him a list of fifty eminent gentlemen from whom to select a stakeholder.

The *Church Times* advises the Bishops to renounce their seats in a House iniquitous enough to pass a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, threatens the Lords with speedy extinction as a legislative body, but pleasantly announces that marriage itself as an institution is hopelessly disgraced. The triumph of the agitators is very great, and well it may be, for they have worked long and hard for the result which they have obtained. "The more you shout the more you are likely to be heard," is the moral, and agitators generally will take the lesson to heart. It is absurd to describe the Bill as one of national importance or popularity. Average folk are sick and sore at the Parliamentary fuss on the subject as not one immediately concerning them, though, at the same time, if the thing were put to them, willing to admit that there was no particular reason for the existing restriction. The passing of the Bill has been secured by the persistent efforts of a very wealthy clique. No general enthusiasm would ever have been aroused upon the subject. As it was, the measure might have been still indefinitely delayed but for the active personal influence of the Royal Princes, who never took any apparent interest in the subject until a few years ago, and are therefore not unnaturally believed to have in view the renewal of their family alliance with the Grand-Ducal House of Hesse.

We may yet have to lament over another wasted session. Mr Bright's incautious remarks, apparently incriminating the whole Conservative party with the veiled obstruction of the Fourth Party, and implying, worse than all, that the party was in secret alliance with the Parnellites, brought about what we might expect. The antagonism which has thus been excited between parties will probably throw back the practical work of the Session, and it is doubtful whether we shall have time to show for another year's parliamentary work than two measures of only second-rate importance, such as the Corrupt Practices Bill and the Agricultural Holdings Bill, both of which the Ministry are pledged to carry.

Whatever may be thought of his remarks on Conservative "obstruction," Mr Bright decidedly overshot the mark in his speech on the Channel Tunnel, when he denounced those who oppose it as lunatics at large and Bedlamites out of Bedlam. We are consider that Mr Knowles, in the *Nineteenth Century*, took the trouble to canvass the leading men of the day, and found an overwhelming preponderance of opinion opposed to the proposal, it is certainly presumptuous to ridicule those opposed to it as the most stupid men in the old John Bull type. For my own part, I must confess that misgiving as to this Tunnel scheme is the last superstition I can disagree on, as a reverence for Archbishop Honley was the last superstition of Sydney Smith.

The charge which Lord Salisbury made the other night against Mr Chamberlain, in order that no of divided responsibility and consequently of divided personality, may be made easily to recoil on the noble Lord himself. There are few people in the world who do not act in one capacity in one place, and in another elsewhere. Are they therefore to be charged with double-faced? Are not Mr Chamberlain's demands for the three points of the Radical Charter, he admitted frankly enough that he was willing to take an instalment, a sure position, as he oddly enough called it, perhaps through having got Bankruptcy on the brain.

A Session which has seen the Penal Clauses had the C.D. Act, and the passing by the Lords of the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill may probably see before its close a constitutional alteration in the Vaccination Laws. Dr. Cory's experiment upon himself, which has resulted so disastrously as far as he is concerned, is great capital to the Anti-Vaccination party. It has produced an evident effect upon the House of Commons; but it had previously produced a deep effect upon Sir Chas. Dilke, who is said to have privately instigated the question which was put to him upon the subject. Mr Gladstone some time ago gave the world a post-card intimation that his mind was open to conviction on the expediency of modifying the law, and other members of the Cabinet are known to favour, in part at least, the views of Mr P. Taylor and Mr Hopwood. There is indeed a special argument now for an alteration in the law. If, as the doctors say, there is a probability of the increased spread of syphilis through the suspension of the C.D., Act, there is all the more reason for anticipating the communication by impure lymph, and Dr. Cory's case seems conclusively to prove that it may be so communicated.

The "Marie Wood" has just been repaired and refitted and largely modernized. This old and stately State barge was built in the mayoralty of Sir Matthew Wood, and named after his daughter, the elder sister of the late Lord Hatherley. It was sold by the Corporation some time back to the proprietors of the Gaiety Theatre, after having been long disused by the Corporation. It is now frequently used during the Summer months for the river excursions of various Livery Companies. It was quite necessary to repair it; but it is a pity that its old-fashioned character should have been taken away from it.

One is reminded of the saying that "one shall be taken and the other left" on observing the recognised standing which the Deceased Wife's Sister has now obtain in the House of Lords, while the Vacchophobe has been dismissed to obscurity, without a hearing, in the other House. It is premature and hazardous to suppose that Mr P. A. Taylor and his portuacious following will consent to accept even the vote of 259 to 47 as conclusive in favour of the practice of vaccination. All these sinkii sections of agitators are quite conscious of the accumulative potency of importunity. They act on the principle of the "constant dropping" that wears away even the stony heart of officialism and its Parliamentary majorities, and are therefore even ready to "try, try again," or to "keep pegging away," as Abraham Lincoln phrased it.

"Horrible and heartrending" is all that can be said of the details of the Sunderland disaster. Sir William Harcourt has taken the right course in sending a professional man down to watch the case on the part of the Government; but the more the evidence is looked into the more the sad occurrence seems to have been of the nature of a misadventure, from a interrupting door might have been drawn to by an accident in the pressure of the descending throng; and the obstruction having once been caused, the little creatures fell on each other like sheep into a pit, the moment the first stumbled. The chief practical lesson which all this can teach us is that people should be cautious of any kind lastly become a disorderly "Panic" in consequence; and not a few persons may reflect on Sunday next that before the the multitudes were led safely were made to sit down "by moonlight" on the grass. This "massacre of the innocents" as we may well call it, will not have happened in vain if it leads to the passing of a short Bill putting all places of public entertainment under a town inspector, who shall give certificates as to the safety of the building for ingress and egress, as well as for its structural stability. Some such regulations, in fact, as are obligatory upon all passenger steamers as to the number of passengers to be carried, cargo, capacity, and so forth, must be extended to buildings on shore.

Parliamentary Summary.

THURSDAY.

In the House of Lords, the third reading of the Naval Discipline Bill was agreed to. Lord SALISBURY twitted Earl Northbrook for shifting his ground as to the expediency of the Bill to the shoulders of the naval lords of the Admiralty. The Cathedral Statutes Bill was read a third time, but Earl Kimberley could hold out no hopes of its being discussed in the House of Commons this session.

In the House of Commons, on the motion of Lord R. GROSVENOR, a new writ was ordered for the city of Peterborough, in the room of Mr G. H. Whalley, the puppet, Mr Williams, in reply to Mr W. H. Smith, said Major Baring's salary as Consul-General of Egypt would be £4,000 per annum. Sir Stafford Northcote, in reply to Mr MAURICE stated, in answer to Mr Monk, that a Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Germany and Madagascar was expected to be shortly would be signed forthwith. It closely resembled the treaty now in force, and it was agreed to refer to arbitration the question of claims to arise under it. In reply to Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Mr GLADSTONE said the Basutoland question was still in an active state, and continued to occupy the attention of the High Commissioner or the Acting High Commissioner. In connection with the Transvaal Convention, the Government had determined on the sending of a special commissioner from South Africa, whose business would be to consider our relations with the Transvaal Government, and the terms and provisions of the convention. In answer to several hon. members, Mr GLADSTONE said negotiations were still going on with reference to the purchase of a portion of the Ashburnham manuscripts. Replying to Mr Onslow, Mr J. K. Cross stated that it was true that the Secretary of State had nominated Mr Godley to the vacant post of Permanent Under-Secretary of State for India. The House afterwards went into Committee on the Corrupt Practices Bill.

FRIDAY.

In the House of Lords, a debate extending over two hours was raised on South African affairs by Earl CADOGAN and the Earl of CARNARVON. The latter nobleman drew attention to the Convention with the Transvaal, and contended that as no act of suzerainty had been attempted by this country, the Government should either tear it up or else when it is in such a state as to restore the confidence of the people of South Africa. Lord SALISBURY having adversely criticised the policy of the Government, Earl GRANVILLE replied by stating that the duty of an Opposition was sometimes useful in criticising the conduct of those in office, but on the present occasion he thought adverse criticism had been carried too far. He hoped the speeches made by noble lords would not tend to the belief that the Government were wrong in not going to war, or that they wished to wash their hands of South African affairs.

In the House of Commons, Mr LABOUCHERE gave notice to move a resolution to the effect that no Bill dealing with parliamentary reform would be satisfactory that did not contain provisions for the establishment of equal electoral districts, giving a vote to every man not disqualified by crime, and securing the payment of members, in order that no man who had capacity and intelligence to serve his country might be excluded. Mr ARNOLD gave notice of a similar resolution, and moved a resolution declaring that the House regarded the independence and progress of Madagascar with sympathy and interest, and expressed the opinion that Her Majesty's Government would omit no favourable opportunity for obtaining a friendly settlement of the difficulty with the Queen of Madagascar. Mr E. ASHLEY informed Sir M. Hicks-Beach that the despatch from the Governor of Queensland with respect to the annexation of New Guinea had been received, and would shortly be laid on the table. Mr GLADSTONE stated, with regard to the progress of business and the proceedings on the Corrupt Practices and the Agricultural Holdings Bill, that, so far as he had been able to ascertain, the prevailing desire of the House was to proceed in the order in which they were now engaged. Accordingly, the Government proposed to proceed with the Corrupt Practices Bill in Committee, and subsequently to pursue a similar course in regard to the other bill. The House then went into Committee on the Corrupt Practices Bill. On the assembling of the House at 6 o'clock the House was immediately counted out.

MONDAY.

In the House of Lords, the Marquis of SALISBURY drew attention to Mr Chamberlain's recent speech at Birmingham, and asked Lord Granville whether it represented the views of the Government when he spoke in favour of universal suffrage, equal electoral districts, and the payment of members. Earl GRANVILLE said that Mr Chamberlain had informed him that in the speech referred to he had expressed his individual views only, and what he believed to be the views of his constituents, and that he had no intention whatsoever of stating the views of the Government on these subjects. The Criminal Law Amendment Bill was read a second time.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr Warton, Mr Gladstone declined to be held responsible for the views of Mr Chamberlain regarding the payment of members and equal electoral districts. Sir S. NORTHCOTE called the attention of the House to some remarks made on Thursday last by Mr Bright which appeared to him to amount to a breach of the privilege of this House. He read the passage of Mr Bright's speech in which he charged members of the Conservative party with being in alliance with the Irish party. That was language which it was impossible to let pass, and he therefore moved that it was a breach of the privileges of the House. Mr Bannerman said he was surprised that passages in his speech had lead to searching of heart among the Opposition. He was speaking in his constituency, and he found among them anxiety about the slow progress of business. He believed there was evidence to show that on the part of the Opposition it was considered the best way of damaging the Government to make it impossible for the Government business to succeed. They parties against the Government seemed to have the same purpose—to worry the Ministers and defeat the Government. With reference to the Irish party, the Prime Minister had said Parnell, to whom he had referred, if they would say they were loyal to the Crown he would withdraw his charge, and make an apology if the House thought necessary. After a long and animated debate, in which Mr GLADSTONE, Sir RICHARD CROSS, and others, took part, Sir S. NORTHCOTE's resolution was rejected by 151 against 117 votes.

TUESDAY.

In the House of Lords, the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill was considered in Committee.

In the House of Commons, the greater part of the morning sitting was occupied in Committee on the Corrupt Practices Bill, especially with regard to the matters of bribery and intimidation; and we think progress had been made when the debate stood adjourned. At the evening sitting Mr P. A. TAYLOR introduced his motion in reference to the vaccination question.

WEDNESDAY.

In the House of Commons, Mr BLAKE moved the appointment of a Select Committee on Irish Fisheries (Ireland) Bill. The measure, he said, had this merit—that it imposed no charge upon the Imperial Exchequer, and received the approbation, and the majority of the Irish members. Its object was to secure the development of the Irish Fisheries out of purely Irish resources. The estimated cost of £200,000 was proposed to be taken out of the Irish Church Fund. The bill would also give power to borrow money for providing public harbours, if considered necessary, and also to appoint four Irish Commissioners to be associated with the present inspectors. Mr PARNELL thought the case which had been made out in favour of the bill was a very strong one. In regard to the Irish Church Fund, he himself believed that there was a small surplus. If, however, there were none, the Irish fishermen had a strong claim for assistance, although he deprecated a gift from the State. Mr ARNOLD, speaking as a member of the Harbour Commission, said the impressions he had received from evidence given before the Commission had set his mind strongly against grants of public money and loans which were no better than grants, but in the bill now before the House such money was not asked for, and under the circumstances he thought the House should pass the second reading. Mr CHILDERS and Mr PARNELL followed, and upon a division the second time amid cheers. Mr JUSTIN M'CARTHY proposed the second reading of the Viceroyalty (Ireland) Bill. He said it was not the object of the measure was that the office of Lord Lieutenant should be abolished from the 1st of January. 1884, to achieve the Viceroyalty should be henceforth transferred to a Secretary of State, and that the Secretary of State should be a member of the House of Commons and should be elected by the constituents. Mr RICHARDSON moved the rejection of the bill. Mr TREVELYAN said it was a measure which could only be proposed on the authority of the Government as a whole, and the Government certainly had not made up its collective mind that such a proposal step was required. Mr CALLAN described the bill as a sham, and said it never was either brought before the Irish party or considered by them. He was talking at 5·45 when the debate stood adjourned.

LOCAL LAW CASE.

DICKINSON v. DICKINSON.

On Wednesday se'nnight this case came before Lord Justice Baggally and Lord Justice Cotton in the Court of Appeal, on a motion for a decree for the legal representatives of the deceased partners against Mr Robert Dickinson, the sole surviving partner in an undertaking carried on at the South Derwent Collieries, and it set up various cases more or less of misconduct and misappropriation on the part of the defendant, with respect of which the plaintiffs claimed to be entitled to make him liable for, or at least that they should have an account from him. The defendant had carried on a colliery business at the Dipton Colliery, and was also engaged in other pursuits, and the main claim made against him was that he had neglected or fitter in the partnership, he retained for his own use various profits and brokerages arising from freights, &c. In the early part of the year a motion was made by Mr Justice Chitty in chambers for the production, at the trial of the action before a judge without a jury, of the various documents specified in which the various transactions would appear. Some of the communications made in respect of the defendant's private business sent out of the partnership papers and were intermixed with the partnership business, and the defendant sought to cover or to seal up such parts as he had were connected with his own private business, until the question was decided whether or not the fitting business was a separate business. The order made in chambers was appealed against in open court, but Mr Justice Chitty dismissed the application with costs. The present appeal was against that decision of the court below. Their lordships decided that the order of Mr Justice Chitty was right, and held that for the purpose of finally deciding the question at issue, and that justice might be done in the case, the several documents relating to the mixed-up transactions should be produced, and that some of the parts for which the defendant claimed protection should be unsealed. The appeal was therefore dismissed with costs. Mr Whitehouse, Q.C., and Mr H. Greenwood appeared for the appellants; and Mr Horace Davey, Q.C., and Mr Finch for the respondents.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN DURHAM.

From the report just issued showing the income and expenditure of each school inspected for annual grant we compile the following relating to this county:—

Church of England Schools.—The income per scholar in 1882 was, including annual grant, £1, 14s 9d, and, excluding annual grant, 19s 11½d. The expenditure was £1, 12s 11½d; inclusive of grant and £1, 1s 0½d exclusive, the expenditure being £1, 14s 10½d. In 1876 the income, inclusive of grants, £1, 13s 2½d, and £1, 1s 0½d exclusive, the expenditure being £1. 13s 7d. In 1873 the income was £1, 9s 7½d inclusive, and 18s 9½d exclusive.

Roman Catholic Schools.—The income per scholar in 1882 was £1, 10s 9½d including grant, and 15s 5½d excluding grant, the expenditure being £1, 10s 6½d. In 1880 the income was £1, 10s 1d inclusive, and 16s 1d exclusive, the expenditure being £1, 10s 6d. In 1876 the income was £1, 10s 2½d inclusive, and 1s 10½d exclusive, the expenditure being £1, 11s 0½d. In 1873 the income was £1, 5s 9d inclusive, and 15s 8d exclusive, the expenditure being £1, 7s 8½d.

British Schools, &c.—The income per scholar in these schools in 1882, including grant, was £1, 15s 9d, excluding grant, 1s 3d. In 1882, the expenditure being £1s 16s 2½d. In 1880 the income was £1, 15s 11d inclusive of grant, and £1, 1s 0½d exclusive, the expenditure being £1, 16s 1½d. In 1876 the income was £1, 18s 2½d inclusive, and 2s 2½d exclusive, and the expenditure £2, 1s 11½d. In 1876 the income was £2, 1s 4½d inclusive, and £1, 11s 1½d exclusive, the expenditure being £2, 1s 4½d. In 1873 the income was £1, 15s 3½d, inclusive of grant, and £1, 10s 7d exclusive, the expenditure being £1, 14s 9½d.

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THE CUSTODY OF A YOUNG JEWESS.

In the Chancery Division on Saturday, before Mr Justice Chitty, the petition of Rosenberg v. Linde was brought on for hearing. The petitioners are the next friends of a young Jewess named Rosenberg, who in 1881 left her father's home in New York, and went to reside with her uncle at Leeds. She soon after left her uncle's house and went to her grandmother's at Middlesborough. She ultimately found herself an inmate of a Roman Catholic Home at Middlesborough, where she was baptised. Dr Lacey, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Middlesborough, and Miss Burke, the Lady Superior, were examined in court some two months ago, when it was elicited that the girl (now some 15 years of age), had gone to a convent in Paris. The motion came on as part heard on Saturday, when Mr Romer, Q.C., on behalf of the petitioners, admitted that the petition could not be sustained, as the girl was now out of the jurisdiction of the court, but asked that the respondents should not be allowed their costs.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT CONSETT.

AN ENGINE FIREMAN CRUSHED TO DEATH.

On Tuesday afternoon an inquiry was held before Mr Coroner Graham at the house of Mr Geo. Brown, Railway Hotel, Consett, concerning the death of William Hall (21), residing in Front Square, Leadgate, who expired in the Consett Infirmary on Monday morning from injuries received. The following was sworn:

Robert Graham, of Leadgate, who said that he was a driver of one of the Consett Iron Company's engines. Deceased was employed as a fireman, and had worked along with him for about a couple of months. He was an efficient workman, and knew perfectly well how to couple the engine from the wagons and trucks. About half-past seven o'clock on Monday morning, Hall had to uncouple some wagons and have them shunted into a siding, that is known as the "High Way" or "Consett Bank," situated a distance of half-a-mile from the Iron Works, for the purpose of shunting the wagons. There where seven empty trucks with spring buffers next the engine, and nine of the old fashioned chaldron waggons ladened with coal. The trucks were not provided with inside buffers to correspond with the sides of the coal waggons. They were all between the engine and the train, as known as the "High Way" or "Consett Bank," situated a distance of half-a-mile from the Iron Works, for the purpose of shunting the wagons. There where seven empty trucks with spring buffers next the engine, and nine of the old fashioned chaldron waggons ladened with coal. The trucks were not provided with inside buffers to correspond with the sides of the coal waggons. They were all between the engine and the train, as known as the "High Way" or "Consett Bank," situated a distance of half-a-mile from the Iron Works, for the purpose of shunting the wagons. There where seven empty trucks with spring buffers next the engine, and nine of the old fashioned chaldron waggons ladened with coal. The trucks were not provided with inside buffers to correspond with the sides of the coal waggons. They were all between the engine and the train, as known as the "High Way" or "Consett Bank," situated a distance of half-a-mile from the Iron Works, for the purpose of shunting the wagons. Witness stood the waggons away about 3ft., and when deceased gave the signal he immediately stopped. Hall got in between the waggons and the trucks without taking the precautionary step of "chocking" or putting a "drag" in the wheels of the former. The result was that the engine moved forward, witness standing on a slight incline towards the engine) moved forward, and jotted against the trucks, and the deceased was pressed against the trucks. Witness stood fearfully multiated between the waggons, and again moved the engine and trucks slightly forward, when the trucks remained stationary. Henry Gladders, the foreman engineman, was standing close at hand, and witness told him that he feared Hall had been caught between the trucks and waggons, and just afterwards he pressed his foot protrude outside the rail. Both Mr Gladders and himself ran down to the spot, and saw the unfortunate youth lying across the rail. He was fearfully crushed in the chest, having been caught between the bottom frame of the coal truck and the side end of the waggon.

In reply to the Coroner, the witness said he had seen the new coupling apparatus used on the North-Eastern Railway. The apparatus could not be applied in the present case, because the waggons invariably ran close into the trucks.

The Foreman (Mr Fraser) Is the chain so short that it could not be got off?

Witness: It is because the centre bars run past each other. The truck centre bar goes over the top of the waggon centre bar.

The Coroner: No; it is evident they require as inlets set of buffers in these cases.

Mr Swainston (a juryman): In your opinion Hall ought to have put a "chock" in the wheel?—Witness: Yes, if there had been one handy.

How was it the waggons did not stir when you moved the engine a second time?—Probably the waggons were then standing on level ground, or the wheels might have caught a niche or break in the rails.

Mr Swainston said it was a most dangerous practice for to go in between the waggons, and should not be allowed. He thought they should refrain from shunting waggons and trucks together in the same train.

Henry Gladders substantiated the previous witness's evidence.

Dr Donald, assistant to Dr Wm. Renton, stated that when he called to see the deceased in the Consett Infirmary shortly after eight o'clock on Monday morning, he found him to be very seriously injured about the chest. He experienced great difficulty in breathing, and appeared likely to succumb to his injuries. Hall's lungs were so much injured that the air escaped therefrom, and passed out into his body, legs, and feet. The ribs were in a great deal worse than the chest. No ribs were broken, so that the injuries must have been caused by great compression of force. Death was thereby caused by acceleration of the left lung in the first instance.

Mr Swainston strongly projected against these trucks and waggons being used together, unless some means were adopted for coupling and uncoupling the chains without risking lives in this way.

Mr W. Brown, who was present on behalf of the Consett Iron Company, explained that both the trucks and waggons in the present case were the property of the North-Eastern Railway Company, and only the engine belonged to the Consett Company. The trucks, he said, contained coal for Messrs Dickinson's Brick Works.

After a lengthy conversation on the subject, the jury returned a verdict that the deceased met his death accidentally in accordance with the medical testimony; and recommended that so far as the Consett Iron Company's waggons were concerned, they should avoid mixing a set of trucks along with the chaldron waggons; and further recommended the North-Eastern Railway Company that in case it was intended to use these waggons as a means of locomotion they should affix an inside set of buffers on all trucks to correspond with the sides of their coal waggons, and so prevent similar accidents in future.

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PANIC IN THE VICTORIA HALL.

200 CHILDREN SUFFOCATED.

A terrible calamity befel the town of Sunderland on Saturday afternoon. With the object of securing a large audience at the conjuring entertainment given by the Pepper's Ghost Hall, it had been made known that school children would be admitted on payment of a penny each, and a certain number of tickets in the shape of books, toys, &c., had been promised. This announcement proved a great success, it been computed that between two and three thousand persons were present in the performance on Saturday afternoon, upwards of eleven hundred of them finding seats in the gallery. About five o'clock the conjuring tricks, &c., finished, and the distribution of prizes began, the children in the gallery began to stream downstairs towards the hall of the hall, in order to search among their fortune. From the gallery to the area four flights of stairs had to be traversed, and the crush of the children at the bottom of the third flight led to a fearful catastrophe. It appears that at the foot of the third flight of stairs there was a door opening inwardly, and this door stood only some 20in. or 24in. ajar, it having been fastened by a door bolt at that point in order the more conveniently to "check" those entering the gallery. There was, in fact, only space enough for one person to pass through at a time. The eagerness with which the children were anxious to secure to learn whether they had won any of the prizes caused a block at the partially opened door, which firmly resisted the pressure from behind, and in the crush a panic arose, which made matters infinitely worse. The children became piled on the top of one another in the staircase, eighteen or twenty deep, and before any help could be given a great number of them were either suffocated or crushed to death. Scores became jammed into a position in which they could not breathe and from which they could not escape. Their struggles but added to the horror and panic, the condition of the bodies testifying to the fearful but futile efforts which the children had made to escape being buried beneath the weight of their struggling companions. The panic, as it grew but natural, created great sensation not only on the banks of the Wear, but also in town to which tidings of the disaster soon spread.

The news of the terrible disaster at the Victoria Hall, Sunderland, reached Consett on Saturday night. The tidings reached Consett, and created the most profound consternation, as a great many residents in Consett, Blackhill, and the neighbouring hood have relatives living at Sunderland. The subject was referred to at some of the places of worship in the district.

The Sunderland calamity was the general subject of conversation throughout the country on Monday. Everything that sympathy can accomplish is being done to assuage the grief of the parents and relatives of the unfortunate children. A telegram from Her Majesty was received on Monday, stating that "The Queen and Princess Beatrice are shocked at the awful calamity, and her heart bleeds for the many bereaved parents. She prays that God may support them." A work of charity is not being overlooked. The Christian Lay Church Conference, which is meeting in Sunderland, performed the Mayor a cheque for £50, and other contributions from other sources will rapidly follow. The Mayor endeavoured to arrange for all the funerals to take place on one day, and it is now hoped to make an appeal that it should be observed as one of general mourning. Inquests were opened on the bodies on Monday in the Royal Hotel, Sunderland, and at the Palatine Hotel, Sunderland. The jurors having paid a visit to the Victoria Hall in order to make a minute inspection of the place where the catastrophe occurred, returned to their respective hotels where formal identification was taken, and the inquests were then adjourned. It is now ascertained that the total lives lost is 191, and there are two girls and one boy in the infirmary. The girls are said to be out of danger, but the boy is not in so satisfactory a condition.

"The interment of nearly 90 of the victims of last Saturday's tragedy in Victoria Hall, Sunderland, took place on Tuesday in the three cemeteries which are connected with the town. The greatest number of bodies, 33, were interred in the Bishopwearmouth Cemetery, situated about two miles from the town. Throughout the whole route the roads were lined with vast crowds of people, who were most respectful and sympathetic in their demeanour. Most of the houses and shops had drawn blinds, and flags on the churches and public buildings were hoisted half-mast high. The shipyards and other works were for the most part closed, and the streets crowded the main thoroughfares to watch the hearses and mourning coaches, of which there was a constant procession throughout the afternoon, pass by. At the cemetery an address was delivered by the Rev W. A. McGonigle, who referred to the common sympathy which had been shown from the Queen on her throne to the lowest in the land for those who had suffered in the terrible calamity which had come upon the town. At Ryhope cemetery there were eleven interments. At the inquests before the two coroners 181 deaths have been accounted for, but the grosses cannot yet be said to have been definitely ascertained. A suggestion will be made by Mr Maynard to the Home Secretary that bodies jerrie should sit together, and thus obviate the necessity of holding two inquiries.

At Chester-le-Street on Tuesday, between twelve and one o'clock, most of the shops and places of business were closed and blinds were generally drawn down in private houses. At noon the children attending the parish schools attended in church, and they and the congregation filled the old church to overflowing. The Rector (Canon Hunt) read the burial service under the canopy, the lesson being read by the Rev H. Birley, Curate. The Rector then addressed the children from the 90th Psalm. "Thou turnest man to destruction. Again Thou sayest, come again ye children of men." Hymns 58 and 358 were sung, and based one of the most solemn services ever held in this church.

At a special meeting of the Sunderland School Board, on Monday, the members decided to allow the children attending the schools to commence the summer vacation at once, instead of a fortnight hence. Several of the principal teachers urged upon the chairman, urging that this step should be taken. The members consulted agreed to support that proposal.

The great majority of the funerals in connection with the sad affair at Sunderland have now taken place, and only some ten or a dozen bodies remain to be interred. The death list has been swelled by two, a girl and a boy named Atkinson, aged eight and five respectively, who have succumbed at South Shields to injuries received in the crush. The total number of certified deaths is now ascertained to be 182. Sir H. Ponsonby has again communicated with the Mayor of Sunderland. The communication is to the effect that if there is to be a public funeral the Queen was desirous of being represented there. The Mayor replied, thanking the Queen for her kind sympathy, but stating that it had been impossible to have a public funeral. Numerous other telegrams and letters of condolence have been received. Throughout Wednesday there were crowds in the streets watching the hearses go by. Flags were hung down and flags floated half-mast high on the churches and public buildings. The subscriptions to the fund now have reached to upwards of £8,000.

Local Police Courts.

(SEAHAM.—In our account of the police case of Errington v. Errington, published in these columns last week, Mrs Errington, the complainant, was wrongly stated to have said of the expression that her husband had caught her on more than one occasion sleeping with her brother. This statement, it appears, was unknown. What the complainant really said, was that her husband had only slept with her twice during the six weeks prior to the assault.)

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, June 14th.—Before the Rev J. P. De Pauley, Chairman, and Messrs. Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Major E. Leadbitter Smith, and George Hedley, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

John Repon was summoned by Sergeant Tranmer for creating a disturbance whilst under the influence of drink at West Stanley, on the 2nd inst.—Defendant was fined 5s and costs; or seven days' hard labour.

James Fitzpatrick, for having been drunk and guilty of disorderly behaviour in Mr Clarkson's public-house at West Stanley, and refusing to leave the licensed premises when requested to do so, was also fined 5s and costs.

Joseph Regan (brother to a previous defendant) pleaded guilty to a charge, instituted against him by P.C. Robinson, of being drunk and wanting to fight at West Stanley, on the 2nd inst.—Fined 5s and costs, or seven days' hard labour.

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Owen Woods was similarly fined for being guilty of a similar offence at West Stanley on the 2nd inst.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

William McGuinness, Mark Anderson, and Robert Dodds, lads about 14 years of age, were summoned by Sergeant Nicholson for trespassing in the plantation near the Hope Farm, Hall, belonging to Mr Henry Smith, of Burnhan, on Sunday, 20th ult., damaging the underwood to the amount of 2d each.—The officer said the boys were searched for by Mr Smith, but there was not a fence round the field, but a bridle road ran close by the Hope Farm. The plantation, or what remained of it, was a great deal of damage had been done by trespassers, and the boys had no right whatever in the wood.—The plaintiff said that if the boys would agree to pay costs and damage (4s 8d each) they would not be fined.—This the lads' mothers agreed to do.

DAMP TRESPASS NEAR BEAMISH.

William Allison, Patrick Lowder, and Thomas Fitzgerald, were charged with trespassing in search of game in the plantation belonging to Mr Henry Smith, near Esh, on Tuesday, 12th ult. Mr Wetherell, of Durham, appeared for the defendants.—P.C. Raine spoke to finding three snares set in the fence of the wood just below Hope Farm, which he first knocked over and then concealed himself. About twenty minutes later he saw the three defendants enter the east end of the wood, accompanied by a dog, which he set the plantation, and set a rabbit to run right through the hedge where the snares had been placed. Witness saw Allison creep on his hands and knees up to the snares, and he emerged from his hiding place, and the whole of the men ran away.—Allison, who had been previously convicted for poaching, was fined 40s and costs, or one month's imprisonment in default; the other two defendants were mulcted in a penalty of 20s and expenses, or one month's hard labour.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

George Albert Wherley, of Cornsay Colliery, was summoned by Mr J. Wm. Rounthwaite, inspector under the Public Health Act, for neglecting to cleanse, and purifying with a notice to abate nuisances existing on his property at Square House Cottages, near Cornsay Colliery, arising from the dilapidated condition of the privies and a choked drain.—The inspector attested that he served a notice on the defendant to abate the nuisances referred to which expired on the 27th of the same month. Upon re-visiting the place subsequently nothing had been done to remedy the complained of. Witness explained that he had received a letter from the defendant that morning, stating that he was only a portion of the work, but he had no personal knowledge that such was the case. He proved for a penalty, as the defendant had not complied with the notice. The property in the Union, was continually having notices served upon it. He had invariably found it complied with the same until he was aware that the Sanitary Authority were determined to take legal proceedings against him. Mr. Wright, solicitor, said he believed he had done right, but he could not speak for the drain.—The Bench believed, upon the facts, that the defendant had not in order for the abatement of the nuisance within 7 days.

Thomas Rowley was summoned by the same Authority for that he did on the 2nd inst. place a night soil on his premises in Newhouse Cottages, in the occupation of a person named Stephenson, and in a place so as to be dangerous to health.—Inspector stated he supplied the defendant with a proper notice on the 20th February to abate the nuisance on or before the 6th July. On the 2nd inst. he visited the place the 2nd May—defendant then being 67 days in default, nothing whatever had been done, and the nuisance, he believed, was still in the same state. The chairman pointed out that it would be more satisfactory to the Bench if the inspector would mature thrilled those particular places a day or two prior to the cases being heard, and really ascertain whether the requirements of the notice had been complied with. The Inspector stated that he had visited the place since May 2nd, but he would attend to the suggestion thereon the Chairman and Bench.—The Bench treated this defendant in the same way, and ordered the nuisance to be abated at once.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, June 18th—Before A. Towe, Esq. (chairman) J. Pemberton, Esq., and James Annandale, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

Patrick Gillon pleaded guilty to a charge, preferred against him by Sergt. Cruickshank, of being drunk and disorderly and shouting in Front Street, Blackhill, on the 10th inst.—He was fined 5s and 6s 6d costs; in default, seven days' hard labour.

Hannah Smith, a middle aged woman, of Dipton, failed to appear in answer to a summons charging her with being on the premises of Mr Jenkins in a state of intoxication, with a crowd of people round about her. The defendant was so helpless that she had to be lifted up and carried into her house, when, as proved the case, stated that the defendant was "unable to appear, but she had given the officer some money to defray the penalty with.—The defendant was let off on the payment of a fine of 5s 6d and costs.

John Hicks was charged by P.C. Garbutt with being drunk and incapable at Blackhill on the 7th inst.—The officer said he found the defendant in Front Street, drunk, so there found the defendant with his coat off, wanting to fight. Witness requested him to go home, but he refused, and he was in a disorderly condition, half-an hour later creating an uproar, he locked him up.—Defendant, in reply to the Chairman, admitted the charge, and he was ordered to pay a fine of 5s and costs.

Bernard Ward, who was summoned by P.C. Bell for being drunk and disorderly in Front Street, Blackhill, on the 6th inst., was similar dealt with.

Thomas Hutchinson and *Allen Brown* (who was released on bail) failed to surrender her recognizance to answer a charge of being drunk and disorderly.—P.C. Watson addmitted that on the previous Monday night, he noticed the prisoner at the back of Middle Street, Consett, very drunk and using a loud voice. When he approached the prisoner, the defendant used some very bad language, and behaved so disorderly that she was locked up.—Prisoner was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment, in default of paying a fine of 5s and 5s 10d costs.

Edward Forster was accused by P.C. Roper of being drunk and guilty of disorderly conduct in Consett, on Saturday evening.—Prisoner admitted the offence, and was sentenced to a penalty of 2s 3d including costs.

John Winter was brought up by P.C. Wood for being drunk and victous in Middle Street, Consett, on the previous Saturday night, and was fined 5s and costs, or 14 days' imprisonment.

John McLeak, of Dipton, was charged with being drunk at Consett, on Saturday night last.—P.C. Hudson testified that he assisted P.C. Roper to convey the prisoner to the Police Station. The charge was proved, and the defendant was fined 10s and costs, or 14 days' imprisonment.

Patrick Ryan pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly at Leadgate early on the preceding (Sunday) morning.—P.C. Bell proved the case against the defendant, who was allowed to go after payment of 5s, with the costs.

A LUCKY VAGRANT.

James Malloy, a tramp, was charged by P.C. Roper with sleeping in the Rain of Mission.—In Front of the Company's Brickworks at Consett, on the previous morning (Sunday).—As the officer was unable to produce any evidence of the offence, the Bench discharged defendant to pay the district forthwith.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Patrick Hafferty, John McCabe, Michael Clarge, Peter O'Neil, and Henry Fitzpatrick, youths (who were represented by their respective mothers) were summoned by P.C. Turner for trespassing on the 3rd inst. in a field near Dryburn, belonging to Mr Thomas Lumsden, damaging the grass to the amount of 1d each. The officer said the lads were running about the hedge backs, and were in considerable distress for the footpath.—Each defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 5s, which includes costs and damage.

Charles Quinn, Edward McLoon, Thomas Cassidy, Richard Prince, George Hewitson, and James Duffy, all were charged by P.C.'s Turner and Barnes with trespassing in a meadow field the property of Mr A. Smith, at Crookhall Farm, on the same date, damaging the grass to the extent of 1d a-piece.—The Bench inflicted a similar penalty in this case.

A DARKSOME NIGHT.

John Middleton, coal hewer, employed in the Saint Pit, Consett, was summoned for infringing the provisions of the Mines' Regulation Act, by unlawfully making a charge of gunpowder, which had missed fire.—A witness named Robert Caine, working in the Delaval Pit, said that at 6·30 a.m. on the 1st June, he noticed the defendant had his hole ready for firing. About half-an-hour afterwards, he saw him unstanding his shot, and witness threatened to report the fact. Defendant thereupon said it was a pity to lose the hole after drilling it.—Mr J. J. Hedley, viewer, explained that a copy of the Mines' Act was posted at the bank.—Defendant pleaded guilty, but stated that he committed the offence through ignorance of the rules.—After cautioning the defendant, the Chairman imposed a penalty of 20s and 7s costs expenses.

PITCH AND TOSS.

A batch of 16 prisoners sailing from Broomhill, named *Joseph Lonsdale, Isaac Lonsdale, Andrew McPearson, William Dixon, William Anderson, John Anderson, Thomas Walker, John Wright, Thomas Bainbridge, Robert Dent, John Armstrong, James McNastine, William McNastine, Robert Fairbairn, Thomas Fairbairn, and William Angus*, were summoned for playing at pitch and toss near the highway between Hobchester and Broomhill, on the 2nd inst. With two exceptions, all the defendants answered to their names. The absentees were Joseph Lonsdale and John Anderson, the former being represented by his mother, and the latter by his brother. Dr Carr, barrister, appeared for the defendants.—P.C. Armstrong deposed that at 2·30 p.m. on Sunday, 3rd inst., in consequence of numerous complaints received, he proceeded (dressed in plain clothes) to Whinney Hill, where he lingered until three o'clock, when he travelled to a quarry standing on the south side of the main road leading from Hobchester towards Broomhill. At this spot, he remained concealed from 3·15 until 5·15 p.m., and he watched the defendants toss up coppers, and betting on the results. After taking the whole of their names, he disclosed himself, and informed the defendants they could go away home.—The Chairman: How far were you off the men?—Officer: About ten yards away.—The Chairman: Is this quarry close to the road?—Officer: Yes, it stands by the highway from Broomhill.—The Chairman: Is the quarry railed off?—Officer: No, sir.—The Chairman: Is it an awarded or public quarry?—Officer: It is for the use of the public.—In reply to Dr Carr, witness said the defendants were playing right in the quarry. He had frequently cautioned some of them men, and charged the whole of them on this occasion. He told them he had ascertained their names and they could go home. He never had any trouble with them, and he was not sure on the result. There was a stone wall near the quarry, and he was looking past the ends of that wall. He was in sight of the defendants all the time, but they did not observe him. He saw Joseph Lonsdale, John Wright, William McNastine, Robert Armstrong, and William Anderson take their turn in throwing the coppers up. The latter told him his boots were well-nigh worn out with kicking, and he would give him a new pair. Several respectable residents had complained about the defendants gambling in this particular quarry, and of the frightful language used by the men who were skulking about the roadside watching for the police. He had not brought any person who had no complained as witnesses.—Dr Carr, speaking for the defendants, submitted that this was not a proper public house case, as the defendants were not playing on a public highroad. He contended that this quarry was not a public place, although the public had a right of access to it.—The Chairman intimated that the Bench disagreed with the learned doctor on that point, as they considered the men were gambling in public place.—Dr Carr then said there ought not to be a conviction on the ground that the men were playing on a Sunday, and so one required to go into the matter on that day. He thought a warning from the Bench would be sufficient, but if the singlemen were found guilty, he would deny that the men were over playing at pitch and toss at all. The only thing that transpired was that the company were arranging a game of cards and when the policeman made his appearance, he offered to play along with them.—P.C. Armstrong denied the latter allegation.—The magistrates found the whole of the defendants guilty and they were each ordered to pay 16s 6d, which amount included fine and costs.

James Rogan (17) was charged by P.C. Wanson with playing at pitch and toss with several other youths in John Street, Consett, on Saturday afternoon, 10th inst. —Defendant admitted the charge, and was let off with a penalty of 5s and expenses.

UNFAIR SCALES.

Hannah Elliott, grocer, Blackhill, was summoned by Supt. Oliver, inspector under the Weights and Measures Act, for having in her possession on the 18th inst. a false scale and weights, which she found were three ounces against the purchaser.—The Bench cautioned the defendant, and dismissed the case, upon the latter agreeing to pay 6s 6d as Court fees.

LARCENY AT CONSETT.

An old offender, named *Thomas Williamson*, better known as "Tom-Boy," (who was remanded at Lanchester on Thursday last), was again put forward charged with stealing a piece of lime cloth, of the value of 8s the property of John McGhee, a grocer, of Newcastle, on the 12th inst. Mr J. W. Welford, Consett, appeared for the prosecutor who stated that on the following Wednesday previous he visited Consett, and half-past three in the afternoon he offered a piece of lime cloth for sale in Whitfield's beerhouse. The prisoner and other two men were present at the time, and one of them measured the cloth with a rule which he took out of his pocket. The cloth was three yards and one-half, and prosecutor asked 12s but ultimately agreed to accept 8s for it. One of the company said to the prisoner "Give him the sovereign," and the latter put a Hanoverian coin into his hand, which he thought was a sovereign. He went into the public-house opposite side of the street, and asked the landlord to "change" the sovereign for him, but he refused to do so as it was a spurious coin. He went to the Police Station, and made a complaint to the sergeant. The prisoner was shown the coin in question. He first asked 12s for the cloth, but he refused his price to 8s as the stuff cost him 6s. He was not in other public-houses and offered the cloth for sale in the cloth.—Thomas Jenkins, joiner, living in Pit Street, Consett, said that on the afternoon in question he was in Whitfield's beerhouse, the prisoner then being in the bar. Prosecutor came in and showed a piece of blath which he wanted to sell. Witness measured it, and a few minutes afterwards prisoner went out with the cloth in his hand. Shortly afterwards he was apprehended by Sergeant McClymont and charged (along with the prisoner) with stealing the cloth. The charge was subsequently withdrawn against him, and he was taken as a witness against the prisoner.—In reply to the prisoner, witness alleged that it was a person named Robert Charlton handed the cloth to the prisoner, and not himself (the prisoner).—Sergeant McClymont deposed that on the Wednesday previous, about 3·45 p.m., he saw prisoner issue to him. He afterwards accompanied McGhee to Whitfield's bar, and there charged the prisoner with stealing a piece of cloth from that (prosecutor). Prisoner replied "I haven't seen the cloth. I never touched it." He (the officer) then handed him up, and also apprehended the last witness named. Prisoner alleged that it was a person named Tom-Boy took it. He (the officer) then charged the latter with that he would find the cloth at his brother's house. He went there and got the cloth, but he had nothing to do with tendering the money. He admitted that he was drunk at the time, and did not know what he was about. The Magistrate committed him for trial at the Quarter Sessions.

ASSAULTS.

John Barrow, Joseph Walker, and Richard John were charged with assaulting Robert Bradley, a lad about 16 years old, at Consett, on the 31st May.—The complainant testified that at the night in question, the three defendants fastened a rope around his body, and dragged him several times round a field. Barrow also struck him twice in the eye, whilst Jones held him.—Complainant called his father, Bradley, as witness.—"Being informed that the defendants had his son tied up in a rope, he went to the spot and in the round about a dozen youngsters standing together. As soon as he was espied, Barrow and Jones ran away. Witness asked the defendant Walker, why they had bound his lad up in the rope, when the latter laughed at him. He said Walker that he had a good reason to slap his face for his impertinence. On the complainant replying "You can't catch me."—Replying to the Bench, witness explained that the reason why the defendants had a grudge against the lad was because he refused to allow them to play at balls at his house end. The defendants were the ringleaders, and the other lads merely looked on.—Walker said he never laid a finger upon the defendant, while Jones asserted that he was merely playing with the rope. Barrow said he had accidentally (Mrs Young) had Jameson was sitting in the kitchen in a very drunken state, when she replied that she was not aware that he was there. Witness then left the house, and soon after the defendant came outside and called him and Garbutt "a set of bastards," for having the to be found against him. Jameson walked about 30 yards down the street, when he stopped and began to indulge in abusive language. Garbutt ran up, got hold of him, and took him into the street where he lived. Defendant's wife subsequently came out of the house, and dragged her husband inside.—"Again, at 9 o'clock, he saw the defendant proceeding up the bank towards Consett. He was staggering about the footpath, and nearly upset three women who were passing him. When Jameson was in the hands of the bailiffs, he became very violent, and witness averred him. With the assistance of Sergt. Murphy he was conveyed to the Police Station and subsequently locked up.—Cross-examined by Mr Dix: Neither Garbutt nor himself had any drink in the Rose and Crown. There would have been a quarrel in the kitchen. Did not know whether Sayers called drinks for the whole company. Did not see the defendant enter the Rose and Crown. Saw Garbutt rocking to and fro on his seat. He resided about 100 yards from the Rose and Crown. Witness admitted that intoxicated, defendant did not say he would go to Supt. Oliver, and ascertain who her he was drunk or not. He saw a man named Sayers leave the Royal Hotel with the defendants. Never told Turnbull that he had "chucked" the defendant's shoulder in, and that he would go and see the "super" about it. Turnbull did not point out Jameson to him as he was travelling up the bank. He never said to Garbutt "There's the b——— going up the bank to play b———— with the boss." He never knocked defendant down or kicked him in the inside the Police Station yard. Could not account for Jameson being off work for two days afterwards in consequence thereof. He was not dragged into the office as if he was a dead dog, but he was pulled from off the rails.—P.C. Garbutt gave similar evidence, and in reply to Mr Dix, said that from only had his finger on defendant's coat sleeve. He was arrested close to the National School. He did not know whether the defendant was bailed on bail as soon as he saw the Superintendent, but witness met him the same night in Derwent Street, when he exclaimed "Now then, Joe Jones, I'm out again."—Sergt. Murphy deposed that about 9·30 p.m. he heard a noise in the Police Station yard. Upon going outside, he saw the defendant clinging to the rails of the cage, refusing to go into the office, and his wife was screaming out. Jameson was drunk and violent. He was in the Police Office and he was afterwards locked up.—To Mr Dix: He was sentenced when the defendant interfered with the Police, and inquired if he was intoxicated. The Superintendent asked him to walk across the floor of the room, and he did so several times. The Superintendent said he had had some drink, but he was sufficiently sober to be capable of walking quietly from a room. Witness stated that on the night of the 11th inst., a person named Mrs Jameson came to his house and informed him that her husband was drunk in the Rose and Crown, and that information he went into office and saw Jameson, who appeared to be considerably under the influence of liquor. The defendant said he failed to go home to his wife promising to see him home, he was liberated after being locked over in the Superintendent's room to appear in the Court that day.—To Mr Dix: Defendant had been subjected to some rough usage. He told Jameson, after he walked outside, that he was a disgrace to us if you are charged with simple drunkenness, I consider you are disgraceful. If you are charged with drunk and disorderly, and then there were grounds for arresting you and locking you up.—P.C. Bell said he was on duty at the Police Office when the defendant was brought in, in an intoxicated condition. Witness said he remembered that defendant at the seven o'clock last Monday night he was going down Derwent Street when he met the defendant about half-way down the street very drunk. He (the witness) saw Jameson at nine o'clock, when he appeared in a worse condition than when he noticed him on the 11th inst., but if you are charged also with being disorderly,

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GEORGE HOBSON,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
MILLER AND CORN MERCHANT, GARDEN AND FIELD SEEDSMAN, GROCER AND PROVISION MERCHANT,
HAS ALWAYS ON HAND A LARGE STOCK OF
PURE LINSEED AND COTTON CAKES, WHOLE OR READY BROKEN.
INDIAN MEAL, PEA MEAL, BARLEY MEAL, BOXINGS, SHARPS, AND BRAN.
OATS, WHOLE AND CRUSHED, and FEEDING STUFFS of every Description.
THE CELEBRATED EXCELLO HORSE FEED
Thoroughly Cleaned by New and Improved Machinery, Spiced, or otherwise, to order.
HOBSON'S IMPROVED CONDIMENT FOR HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, PIGS, POULTRY, STACKING, &c., Cheapest and Best in the Market.
HOBSON'S AROMATIC CALF FOOD. REARS CALVES WITHOUT MILK.
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.
G. H.'S MIXTURE OF
PERMANENT CLOVER AND GRASS SEEDS has been tested and approved by the leading Agriculturalists of the district upwards of thirty-five years.
PRICE LISTS ON APPLICATION. 427r

SURGICAL DENTISTRY.
HENRY DELLOW,
SURGEON DENTIST,
1, NEW BRIDGE STREET (Corner of Higham Place), NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
17 Years with the late Messrs. NIGHTINGALE.
ARTIFICIAL TEETH of superior make on most Reasonable Terms, and all Surgical Operations skilfully performed. Attendance Daily, 41, New Bridge Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 877q

DENTISTRY.
SUPERIOR DENTISTRY AND REASONABLE CHARGES.
ARTIFICIAL TEETH from 3s. to 5s.; complete Upper or Lower Sets, containing 14 teeth, 30s. to 60s.; a perfect fit; and all work guaranteed and warranted for five years.
MONS. VAN GELDEREN,
SURGEON DENTIST,
17, ELDON SQUARE, NEWCASTLE.

Business Announcements.

CHEAP STATIONERY DEPOT.
JASPER COCKBURN,
STATIONER, NEWSAGENT, PRINTER, BOOKBINDER, PICTURE FRAMER, CONFECTIONER, AND DEALER IN FANCY GOODS,
13, FRONT STREET, CONSETT.
Books not in Stock may be had at a short notice.
Agent for the Eureka-Tinted Perioscopic Spectacles, Fuller's Dye Works, &c., &c. 434r

MR. A. E. TURNER
TAILOR, DRAPER, MILLINER, &c.,
41, DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL,
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. 37br
FURNITURE AND HARDWARE SOLD UPON THE CO-OPERATIVE SYSTEM.
DISCOUNT 2s. IN THE POUND FOR CASH ONLY

WILLIAM WILKINSON,
CATCHGATE,
BEGS to inform his friends that owing to the great increase of business he has had to take the whole of his premises to meet the demands of his customers, and is now prepared with a well selected Stock of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, in all its Branches. Also, HARDWARE, GLASS, CHINA, CLOCKS, WATCHES, JEWELLERY. WEDDING RINGS from the best makers—Wholesale and Retail.
Agent for the New Patent Table Wringing and Mangling Machine, Bickman and Clarke Coffin Furniture, and Patent Horse Nails. 371r

MASONIC AND GENERAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE:
9, NEW BRIDGE STREET, LONDON, E.C.
The Directors are desirous of receiving applications for Loans on Real or Personal Security in connection with Life Assurance.
Every description of Life Assurance and Annuity Business transacted.
Commissions allowed to Solicitors and others introducing business.
For full Particulars and Forms apply to
A. TORKINGTON,
480r Managing Director.

THOMAS MILNER,
CENTRAL CHEMIST, CONSETT,
At this season of the year desires to draw the attention of the public to the following preparations, viz:—
BOWEL COMPLAINT MIXTURE for CHOLERA and DIARRHŒA, prepared as recommended by the Local Board of Health.
EFFERVESCING FRUIT SALTS, IN BOTTLES, 1S. EACH.
Agent for W. TAYLOR'S, Chemist, Saltburn, superior Soda Water, Ginger Ale, &c.
"MANNA CAKE,"
SUBSTITUTE FOR CASTOR OIL.
TOOTHACHE DROPS. CORN SOLVENTS
SPECTACLES AND STEREOLENS TO SUIT ALL SIGHTS
Near Vision, Convexes, and Conducting Mothers' Meetings. Present Address — 12, Rogers Street, Blackhill. 849r
BURNOPFIELD CRICKET CLUB PIC-NIC.
LOOK out for the PIC-NIC on the GIBSIDE ESTATE, on BANK THURSDAY, JUNE 28th. A splendid Band will be in attendance. Athletic Sports, Archery, Dancing, &c. Refreshments provided.
Admission to Tea and Field, 1s.; Field only, 6d. For particulars see Bills. 897r
TANTOBIE READING ROOM AND LIBRARY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.
ATHLETIC PIC-NIC AND SPORTS, ON SATURDAY, JULY 7th, 1883.
120 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT RACE. £5 will be given. Closed entries. Entries to be made to Mr. M. Snowdon, Tantobie, near Lintz Green. Open to all. £8 given for other Sports. For further particulars see Bills. Entries close on July 4th, 1883.
£3 REWARD.
DERWENT ANGLING ASSOCIATION.
WHEREAS some evil disposed persons have lately TAKEN FISH BY POISONING SOME OF THE TRIBUTARIES of the RIVER DERWENT, in the neighbourhood of Shotley Bridge. The above Reward will be paid to any person who will give information which will lead to the Conviction of the Offenders.
ELI BURTON, Hon. Sec.
Shotley Bridge, June 14th, 1883. 895r
LANCHESTER WESLEYAN CHAPEL.
THE MEMORIAL STONE (in connection with the Enlargement of the Sunday School, Erection of Vestry, Class Room, and Chapelkeeper's Room, will BE LAID on Thursday, June 28th, 1883, at Half-past Three o'clock, by the MAYOR OF DURHAM (Alderman FOWLER). Addresses will also be delivered by the Revs. JOHN LYTH, D.D., Chairman of the District, W. HARE, V. TYAS, and H. SMITH.
After which, TEA will be provided (in the National School (kindly granted for the occasion). Tickets, One Shilling each.
In the Evening, a SERMON will be Preached in the Chapel, by the Rev. J. LYTH, D.D., at Half-past Six o'clock.
A Collection will be made at the Stone-laying Ceremony, and the Evening Service, in aid of the Building Fund. 896r
REMEMBER THE DIPTON AND DISTRICT FRIENDLY SOCIETY'S
EXCURSION
TO
EDINBURGH
VIA BERWICK ROUTE.
ON SATURDAY, JULY 7TH, 1883.
Leaving Consett at 5·35 a.m., and calling at all Stations down to Newcastle.
For particulars see small Bills.
MR. THOMAS BOWES, Secretary, Dipton,
Via Lintz Green. 860r

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 RIDGE ROAD, BLACKHILL.
ALL ORDERS WILL RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION

BROOKS'
CELEBRATED
FELT 2s. 6D. HAT,
59, CLAYTON STREET,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. 754q

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
THOMAS LAMMONBY,
TAILOR AND WOOLLEN DRAPER,
LEADGATE,
RESPECTFULLY announces that he HAS REMOVED from Front Street, to the NEW HOUSE AND SHOP, IVESTON ROAD, Leadgate.
In announcing his Removal to these Premises, he desires to thank his friends and the public generally for the patronage hitherto bestowed on him, and trusts by strict attention to Business, Moderate Prices, and Supplying a good Article, to merit a continuance of their favours. 861r

PUBLIC NOTICES.
MATTHEW WILLEY is no longer in the employ of Mr. GEO. HAWDON, and is not authorised to receive any Money or Accounts for Mr. Hawdon. 914r
NOTICE.—GENERAL HOLIDAY.
THE TRADESMEN of Consett and Leadgate have hereby agreed to CLOSE their respective places of Business, on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27th, 1883.
NOTICE.
THE Game upon Medomsley East House and Allendale Farms is strictly preserved.—Dogs found on these Farms will be destroyed, and all Persons found Trespassing will be prosecuted. 363p
IMPORTANT—TO LADIES ONLY.—A Lady having discovered a secret invaluable to Ladies generally, will be pleased to forward same gratis to any address on receipt of stamped directed envelope.—Address, Mrs. C., Highland Villa, Totterdown, Bristol.
ST. IVES CHURCH, LEADGATE.
THE LORD BISHOP OF DURHAM will Preach in the above Church, on Sunday Evening, July 1st. The proceeds of the Collection will be devoted to the liquidation of the remaining debt on the Church.
NOTICE.
HIGH Stables, Pontop Hall, and Billingside Farms, Pontop Pike, and Pont Weds.—All TRESPASSERS found upon the above Estates will be prosecuted; and all dogs found thereon will be destroyed. 899r
DERWENT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.
THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Derwent Liberal Association will be held in the Room of Temperance Hall, Derwent Street, Blackhill, on Monday Night, June 25th, 1883, at 7·30 p.m.
908r JOHN STERINGHAM, Hon. Sec.
NOTICE.
I, THOMAS BIBBINS, residing at Paddiers' Row, Consett, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I will not be responsible for any Debt or Debts my Wife, ISABELLA BIBBINS, may contract after this date.
(Signed) THOMAS BIBBINS.
June 21st, 1883. 890r
NOTICE.
THE FURNESS RAILWAY COMPANY have opened an Office at 49, Collingwood Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, where all information as to the Barrow Docks, also Tariffs for Dock Dues, charges for loading and discharging, rates, &c., can be obtained from
S. WALTON, Traffic Agent.
873r
HELP FOR MOTHERS.
WE are glad to state that Miss M. KEMP, a lady of experience and ability, will commence her labours in Consett, Blackhill, and district, on June 14th, 1883. The order of her work will be from house to house Visitation, Convening and Conducting Mothers' Meetings. Present Address — 12, Rogers Street, Blackhill. 849r

Business Announcements.

NOTE THE ADDRESS:—
THOMAS MILNER,
DISPENSING & AGRICULTURAL CHEMIST,
7, SHAKESPEARE STREET,
OPPOSITE THE POST OFFICE,
CONSETT 861r

BEWARE OF COUNTERFEITS!
THE CELEBRATED
SINGER'S SEWING MACHINES
ARE MANUFACTURED ONLY BY
THE SINGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY
(Formerly I. M. SINGER & Co.).
TO PREVENT DECEPTION
SEE THAT THE
COMPANY'S TRADE NAME
"SINGER"
IS UPON THE ARM OF THE MACHINE
As also on the oval trade mark which is affixed to the side of the arm, and cast in each side of the stand.
603,292
SINGER'S SEWING MACHINES
WERE SOLD DURING LAST YEAR.
THE PUBLIC VERDICT is that they are the SIMPLEST, CHEAPEST, and BEST for every description of Sewing.
PRICE FROM £4 4s. 0d.
10 PER CENT. DISCOUNT FOR CASH.
ON HIRE AT 2s. 6d. PER WEEK.
With Option of Purchase.
INSTRUCTION FREE TO ALL.
PRICE LISTS GRATIS BY POST.
ALL KINDS OF SEWING MACHINES REPAIRED OR EXCHANGED.
SINGER'S SEWING MACHINES CAN BE HAD ONLY AT THE OFFICES OF THE SINGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY,
Chief Office in the United Kingdom, 39, Foster Lane, London, E.C.
SOLE ADDRESS IN CONSETT:
14, NEWMARKET STREET,
And 370 Branches in all the Principal Towns of Great Britain and Ireland. 520r

Public Notices.

ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, BENFIELDSIDE
RE-OPENING SERVICES.
SUNDAY, JULY 1st, 1883.—HOLY COMMUNION, 8 a.m. FULL CHORAL SERVICE, with SERMON, by the
LORD BISHOP OF DURHAM
10·30 a.m.
EVENSONG, WITH SERMON, 6·30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY.—EVENSONG, with SERMON, by
REV. J. IRWIN, M.A.
Rector of Hurworth-on-Tees. 7 p.m.
FRIDAY.—EVENSONG AT 7 P.M.
SUNDAY, JULY 8th.—MORNING, 10·30 A.M. EVENSONG, 6·30 P.M. Both SERMONS will be Preached by the
REVEREND CANON SCOTT,
Vicar of New Seaham.
ALL SEATS FREE.
A Collection at all Services towards defraying the expenses consequent on making the Church free. 893r

LEADGATE WESLEYAN DAY AND SABBATH SCHOOLS.
A GRAND BAZAAR
Will be held in the above Schools
ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY, JULY 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 1883,
Under the patronage of the following Ladies and Gentlemen:—
Mr. and Mrs. BROWN, Mr. and Mrs. BUCKMAN, Mr. and Mrs. MUSE, Mr. and Mrs. RICHARDSON, Mr. and Mrs. SHAW, Mr. and Mrs. SWALLOW.
The Bazaar will be OPENED on the Monday, at 2 p.m., by W. JENKINS, Esq., J.P., of Consett Hall.
The Stalls for the Sale of Goods will be presided over by the undermentioned Ladies:
Mrs. HARRISON, Mrs. HALL and Mrs. R. STEWARD.
Confectionery Stall.—Misses WHITFIELD and BELL.
Refreshment Stall—Madames BOUSTEAD, FOSTER, and MILLER.
An Efficient STRING BAND will be in attendance and Play Selections of Music each day.
Admission Fee.—First Day, from 2 to 7, One Shilling; from 7 till 10, Sixpence. On Tuesday and Wednesday the Bazaar will open at 3 p.m., Admission on each of these days, Six pence. 894r

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Phillipson.
Cross Row, Delight Cottages, Dipton.—Saturday, June 23rd, 1883.
MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. G. RIDLEY, who is leaving England for Australia, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date, all pick Valuable Mahogany and other FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
Sale to begin at Half-past One o'clock. 877r
Stanford's Houses, Dipton.—Monday, June 25th, 1883.
MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. JOHN GLENDINNING, who is leaving England for Australia, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date, all his Valuable Household FURNITURE and General EFFECTS.
Sale to begin at Half-past One o'clock.
N.B.—People Furnishing will do well to attend Mr. Glendinning and Mr. Ridley's Sales, as there is a useful lot of Articles not to be met with every day. 876r
Excellent House Property for Sale at Dipton.
MR. A. PHILLIPSON, commissioned by Mr. SAMUEL MANN, will Offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Mr. W. Maddison's, Lion Hotel, Dipton, on Monday, June 25th, 1883, at Six o'clock in the Evening, a lot that very Valuable
FREEHOLD PROPERTY,
Comprising—Two Dwelling-Houses, of Four Rooms each, with Gardens in front, and useful Yard and all necessary Conveniences behind, now in the occupation of Mr. Harrison, Carrier, and Mr. Robinson, Joiner, and situated near the Co-operative Stores.
This attractive Property is well-built, capital situation, let for £22 clear, and will make a profitable investment.
For further particulars apply to the Proprietor, Mr. S. MANN, Billingside Farm, Dipton; or to the AUCTIONEER.
Tenants will show the Property on application. 878r
Sale and Emigration Office, Front Street, Dipton.
A. PHILLIPSON,
GENERAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, HOUSE-AGENT, &c., DIPTON.
CASH ADVANCES made, and FURNITURE, &c., Bought for Cash. Business done Promptly, and upon Reasonable Terms. 77p
EMIGRATION TO AMERICA
Great Reduction in Fares by the American Line.
ONLY £4 PER ADULT!
For reliable information, apply to A. PHILLIPSON, Auctioneer, Dipton, or to WILLIAM ROBINSON Medomsley. 126r

By Mr. Joseph Oley.
JOSEPH OLEY,
THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,
19, WOOD STREET, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

By Mr. Thomas M. Dawson.
PERSONS having Goods for Disposal should send them to a Central Auction Room,
Where there is a regular Weekly Sale held every Friday.
Where there is always a large attendance of Buyers.
Where the Auctioneer's experience can be trusted to secure a fair price.
Where prompt and ready settlements are always made.
Where the Auctioneer will Purchase the Goods, and Thereby relieve the risk of Sale.
Where the Auctioneer will advance Cash prior to the Sale.
Where Goods of every description are regularly Sold. Where?
AT "THE" AUCTION ROOMS,
6, MARKET STREET, AND 16, HOOD STREET,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THOMAS M. DAWSON, AUCTIONEER. 536r

By Mr. John Crawford.
JOHN CRAWFORD,
AGRICULTURAL VALUER AND FURNITURE AUCTIONEER,
25, VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT.
Business done promptly and on reasonable terms.
EMIGRATION to AMERICA, or to any part of the World.
For information apply to Mr. WOODWARD, Burnhope; or to the AUCTIONEER. 259r

Mr. A. T. Crow.
Peel's Great Northern Horse Repository, Haymarket.
The Oldest Established in the City.
SALES BY AUCTION of HORSES, CARRIAGES and SADDLERY, EVERY TUESDAY, at Two o'clock.
Entries respectfully solicited.
A. T. CROW, Auctioneer.
JOHN PEEL, Proprietor.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

Gibson Street, Great Street, Mount Pleasant, and Templetown, Consett.—Important Sale of Valuable Freehold Property.

ADAM BRODIE has received instructions to Offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the House of Mr. George Brown, Railway Hotel, Consett, on Thursday, July 5th, 1883, at Half-past Seven o'clock in the Evening, the following Valuable and Well-situated

FREEHOLD PROPERTY,

Which will be field subject to the conditions to be then and there produced and read:—

Lot 1.—All that Well-built FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE, situate and being No. 6, Gibson Street, Consett, as occupied by Mr. Patrick Regan, containing Four Rooms and large Yard with every Convenience.

Lot 2.—The Three-Stalled STABLE and CART SHED immediately opposite Lot 1, as at present occupied by Mr. James Sayer.

Lot 3.—The Well-built COTTAGE, in Great Street, Consett, containing Four Rooms, Yard, and other Convenience, as occupied by Mrs. O'Rourke, as Tenant thereof.

Lot 4.—The Superior Well-built Pleasantly situate FREEHOLD SHOP and DWELLING-HOUSE, of Four Rooms, as occupied by Mr. James Sayer, Butcher, Consett, together with the commodious House next door, combining Four Rooms and every Convenience, as occupied by Miss Dodds, as Tenant.

☞ If this is not Sold in One Lot, it will be offered separately.

The occupiers will show the various Lots, and further particulars may be had from Mr. THOMAS DENT, Mount Pleasant; or from the AUCTIONEER, Town Hall, Consett. 812b

TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

MESSRS. HEDLEY and BRODIE, Agricultural Auctioneers and Live Stock Salesmen, Town Hall, Consett, respectfully undertake the Sale by Auction, or otherwise of every description of Live Stock, Agricultural Produce, and Farming Implements, at such terms as shall be found most advantageous to the Vendors, and with every attention to secure the confidence of the Agricultural and Pastoral Interests. Insurances on Farming Stock effected through the London Insurance Corporation (Established 1720). 744b

By Messrs. Nicholson and Murray.

☞ Royal Auction Mart, Agricultural Hall, Benfieldside.

ON MONDAY FIRST, June 25th, 1883.

30 VERY PRIME FAT CATTLE.
67 FAT SHEARLING SHEEP,
18 VERY PRIME FAT BERWICKSHIRE SWINE.
10 FAT LAMBS, including
6 SHROPSHIRE DOWNS, very prime.
6 IN-CALVING COWS.
2 NEWLY-CALVED COWS.
3 NEWLY-CALVED HEIFERS AND THEIR CALVES.
HALF-BREED MARE, 15h. 2in., a capital hack, and been in harness.
6 GELD COWS AND SEVERAL STORE CATTLE.

☞ Sale to commence punctually at One o'clock.

808b NICHOLSON and MURRAY, Auctioneers.

By Mr. J. Jenkins.

Trimdon Street Sale-Rooms, Consett.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the above Sale-Rooms, on Monday First, June 25th, 1883, a large quantity of Valuable New and Second-hand Household FURNITURE.

MR. JOHN JENKINS, Auctioneer, Commission Salesman and Broker, Mahogany Drawers and Bookcase; Bed-room Drawers; Washstand and Dressing Table, to match; Brass and Iron Tester and French Bedsteads; 2 Foldd Bedsteads; Desk Bed; Feather, Down, and Flock Beds; Large Centre Table; Mahogany Card Table; Kitchen and Tea Tables; 4ft. Walnut Chiffonier; Easy Chair, in Hair-seating; Rocking Chair, in Hair-seating; large Mantlepiece Mirror, several Pieces of Oil Cloth; Tweal Rails; Cornice Poles; Clocks and Timepieces; Parlour and Kitchen Fenders and Fireirons; Kitchen Utensils; Pictures; Longcettle; Windsor and Cane Chairs; 2 Arm Chairs; Kettles; Pans; Pails; Flat Irons; together with a large quantity of other useful Goods too numerous to mention.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 810

By Messrs. Fogan and Murray.

No. 10, Queen Street, Consett.

MESSRS. FOGAN & MURRAY, having received instructions from Mr. JAMES QUIN, who is about to emigrate, will SELL BY AUCTION, at the above address, on Monday, July 2nd, 1883, the whole of his Household FURNITURE, comprising—Mahogany Chest of Drawers; Mahogany Bed; Feather Bed, with Damask Curtains; 2 good Iron Beds, and Bedding; 3 Flock Beds; 4 Mattresses; 2 Kitchen Tables; 2 Round Tables; half-dozen good strong Chairs; Arm Chair; Half-dozen nice Pictures; Alarm Clock; a quantity of Cocoa Matting, nearly new; Wash Hand Stand; Window Curtains. Also, Pots, Pans, Kettles, Fenders, Fireirons and Tidy, Parafin Lamp, Great Stand, Glass, China, Crockery Ware, and Ornaments.

Sale to commence at One o'clock to a minute.

Business Announcements.

THE NEW

COAL AND STONE BORING MACHINE

Price 20s. and 25s. each, complete with Drills; also BURT'S and HARDY'S PATENT STEEL PICKS and SHAFTS; DRILLS, JUMPERS, and STEMMING GRAB, Wholesale and Retail at

THOMAS ROBINSON'S,

RUN STREET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

MOST MONEY LENT

On Silver Plate, Watches, Jewellery, Diamonds, and other Precious Stones, Plated Goods, Cutlery, Guns, &c., &c., at

J. & E. WILSON'S,

The Oldest Established and Largest Pawnbroking Business in the North of England. Established 1760.

12, PILGRIM STREET

(FOUR DOORS BELOW BLACKETT STREET).

PRIVATE ENTRANCE: FIRST SIX DOORS IN HIGH FRIAR LANE.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. 797

A NOTE!

Were the enormous and vast sales resulting from purchasing "Paine's" and other Medicines from Mr. ROBERTS, The Pavement Chemist, properly understood, we have no hesitation in stating that Consett residents requiring cough and similar articles would invariably call (when in Newcastle) and consult Mr. ROBERTS, at 1, New Bridge Street, or 97, CLAYTON STREET, where Paines Medicines may be had at less than London Prices. Our Consett friends will do well to make "a note of this fact!" 494c

The Rev. J. M. Lister, vicar of Allenheads, acknowledges a cheque for five guineas from Mr and Mrs Todd, of Leeds, on behalf of the vicar and family of the late John Phillipson, of Scotch Meadows.

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22ND, 1883.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

"Trade Unionist" seems to be one of those incomprehensible beings with whom one comes in contact from time to time. He is, or at least affects to be, "woefully disappointed" that I did not meet him according to his preconceived notions of thrust and parry, and complains bitterly that he got nothing, sneers and sneers in reply to his letter. "Trade Unionist" is evidently below par in that faculty which qualifies men to take cognizance in a general way of things which ever and anon pass before them. He takes Mr. Nelson, of Copenhagen, whom told that a certain signal was flying at the masthead of the Admiral's ship, put the glass to his blind eye and declared he saw no signal, there are people who will neither see nor understand. One or two things—presumably of darker type than all the rest—must not, it appears, go unchallenged, and heading the black list is the charge—that trade unions are conducted on selfish principle, because in their deliberations no cognizance is taken outside the pale of the organization. Let us see how "Trade Unionist" rebuts this assertion, and proves to his own satisfaction that the very opposite is the case. Here are his own words: The ironworkers have their Board of Arbitration, which is composed equally of men and masters, and where all grievances in connection with the trade are discussed with equal fairness, &c. Having delivered himself thus, he triumphantly asks: Can "Incedo" show us wherein lies the selfishness? Well now, if all men were ironworkers the sin of selfishness could not very well be laid at their door, because their interests could hardly clash with those of their neighbours, but the prosperity of a district as well as a nation depends not upon one trade or industry, but upon the harmonious working of the huge machine by which their interests are indissolubly linked together. Should a strike of any magnitude occur, a shock is the result, and the vibration of the wave is felt far beyond its original starting point. "Trade Unionist" takes no note of this fact, which is as true of our social life as it is of the law by which the great domain of Nature is regulated. The man who quoted the Board of Arbitration as a living specimen that such institutions were something but selfish must have had a sorry selection to choose from. Ah! but they took the masters into their confidence, and that proves beyond a doubt their sympathies were broad and deep enough. Such, in substance, is the logic dished up by "Trade Unionist." Deal gently with him by critics, for it will require something more than an ounce of civet to sweeten such a decoction. I was hardly prepared for so far-fetched an illustration of unselfishness. What about the two shifts a fortnight system? Was that a magnanimous action? If "Trade Unionist" thinks that by allowing the masters to have a voice in the matter is proof that there was no display of selfishness in the compact he is mistaken. There is no need to refer to the baneful influence which that false step has had upon other handicrafts. Take "Trade Unionist's" broad ideal of justice and equity—the ironworkers. How fares it with the ordinary labouring man? Did the agitators take his ease into account, or was he left to starve at the outer gate? A report in last week's issue of the Guardian throws some light on the subject, but of course those who find it convenient to shut their eyes at times would hardly see it. Tonnage men may feast sumptuously every day, even on the ten shifts a fortnight rule; but to the labourer it means the very borders of starvation. In the face of this, I am asked to "show wherein lies the selfishness!" The man whose mental vision is so circumscribed that he fails to see what must be patent to everybody save himself, is somewhat out of his element in championing a cause. Space forbids me from reverting to the other "things" he is so anxious to place information about. Such would form the subject of a lay sermon, so for the present I must beg to be excused. The cry of shame he feebly attempted to raise anent my remarks on the Sky Crofters will not disturb my slumbers. There is no need to scramble all the way to the Isle of Sky for objects of sympathy. The Crofters are being well looked after. I feel were for the hundreds of honest men employed in the iron industry who on five shifts a week can barely keep the wolf from the door.

I was glad to learn from last week's issue of this journal that large congregations mustered to hear the (Rev William Baitey preach his farewell sermons. It is a curious phase in Methodism which admits of its leaders and guides being moved about like men on a chess-board. Doubtless, like most systems, it has something to recommend it, but to the outsider it does seem very like an ass' error. Few ministers in West Durham have done so prominently before the public in the course of the last few years as the Rev William Baitey; and fewer still have done more to break down the barriers which to some extent still exist between the various sections of the Christian Church. The reason is obvious: as a popular lecturer Mr Baitey has appeared with acceptance on almost every platform for many miles around Consett, while at anniversaries and social gatherings of his fellow-ministers, of all denominations, he invariably met with a cordial welcome. Gifted with natural abilities of a superior order, his racy speeches and brilliant witticisms never failed to counsel, instruct, amuse. I am sure Mr Baitey will carry with him the good wishes and lasting respect of many who are in no way connected with Methodism, but who can recognise worth in whatever creed or colour it may be found.

The subject of co-operative farming is just now receiving a fair share of attention. The people of of Annfield Plain have had the flowery side of the venture displayed to them, and from the report of their gathering last week it would seem the majority of those interested were in favour of giving the system a trial. Co-operation has grown amain till its branches have spread to well nigh every corner of the land. The longing—one might almost say the determination—to carry out the principle is so marked that "Stores," as they are termed, of every conceivable size and standing—from establishments rivalling in grandeur the gorgeous bazaar of the east to the dingy structure in a pit village presided over by an old woman—have sprung up wherever the hum of industry has been heard. The question as to whether Co-operation has accomplished what the originators of the scheme had a right to expect will not form the subject of consideration now. Enough that it has flourished like "the green bay tree," and that thousands have been led through the example therein set forth to foster habits of frugality and thrift. A few years ago farming assumed the form of a mania, and many a rich merchant became a ruined farmer, and at the present moment farming is perhaps the most hazardous of speculations. "The land for the people" sounds well, felt this is an age of industry proper, and men have not time to sit down and wait the circle of chances. Ready returns is the order of the day, and so long as the produce of the nations of the earth can in a few days be piled on our rugged coasts, the English farmer will bewatched against overwhelming odds.

Local and District News.

DALE v. ROBSON.—In this case, heard at Lanchester last week, the defendant was liberated on bail.

The Rev. S. Adcock, Wednesbury, has accepted the invitation to the Wesleyan superintendency at Crook.

BURNOPFIELD CRICKET CLUB PICNIC.—We beg to call attention to the Picnic to be held on the Gibside Estate on Thursday next, under the auspices of the above club. A splendid band has been engaged, and a variety of athletic sports will be brought off; besides, archery, dancing, &c.

THE UNITED MEDICAL HERBALISTS OF GREAT BRITAIN.—Mr Thomas Hudspith, medical herbalist, of Foundry Row, Blackhill, has been enrolled a member of the United Medical Herbalists of Great Britain, a certificate of which appears in his window.

WITTON GILBERT.—On Sunday last sermons were preached in Witton Gilbert Church by the Rev T. Callinan, curate of St. Margaret's, Durham, on behalf of the Church of England Temperance Society. The offerings of the congregation amounted to £2 8s.

PRESENTATION AT CASTLESIDE.—On Thursday last the members of the Castleside Church Choir presented Mr F. W. Stoker (organist), who is about to leave the neighbourhood with a chaste silver inkstand and fittings, in a frame of olive wood, as a token of their esteem and good wishes for his future welfare.

STANLEY READING ROOM SPORTS.—These sports were held on Saturday. There were four contending football teams, who, notwithstanding the bad ground, showed some good play. The first prize was awarded to the Tantobie Red Socks, and the second was allotted to the Catchgate Red Stars.

ACCIDENT AT IVESTON PIT.—On Thursday, se'night a lad named McGurk, living at Leadgate, was admitted into the Consett Infirmary for injuries received down Iveston the Pit. He was coming up by way with the pony and tubs, when a fall of stone occurred, and he was crushed rather severely.

STOTLEY BRIDGE FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—We have pleasure in notifying that the Committee of the Stotley Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society have determined on holding a Rose Show on Saturday July 21st, in the Town Hall, Stotley Bridge. As this is the first show of rose in connection with this society we hope our readers will countenance this effort of the committee by their presence on that occasion.

BURNHOPE WESLEYAN CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY.—On Saturday and Sunday the Burnhope Wesleyan anniversary services were celebrated. In the morning was held, Mr Joshua Dawson in the chair, and addresses were delivered by Mr W. Beaumont, of T. Nadess, Stockton, and Mr Henry Feather stone, Wearhead. On Sunday, the sermons in the afternoon and evening were preached by Mr Beaumont.

LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.—A monthly meeting of the above committee took place at Lanchester yesterday (Thursday) morning, under the chairmanship of Geo. G. Taylor-Smith, Esq., J.P. There was in attendance Messr R. W. Shaw, J. Newton, Jas. T. Collinson, W. H. Hedley, W. Logan, G. Hobson, and T. Pringle.—The Clerk read the financial statement for the year ended the 25th day of March last, which had been examined by the auditor and found correct. The amounts received in pursuance of precepts issued to the several constituent Authorities was £631 5s 6d. The items of expenditure were—Formation of the Board, £9 9s 7d; deposit on purchase of land, £10; stationery, printing, &c., £8 9s 10d; making a total of £34 18s 5d.—On the proposition of Mr Logan, it was resolved to have the statement printed and distributed amongst the members of the various bodies concerned therein.

PROPOSED PRESENTATION AT CONSETT.—The friends of the Rev William Baitey intend presenting him with a testimonial of their esteem on his leaving the district. The presentation will take place on Monday, July 2nd, at seven o'clock in the evening, in the Assembly Rooms, Consett, and will consist of an illuminated address, a gold watch, and purse of gold, when the chair will be taken by the Rev F. Steggall (vicar of Consett). The meeting will be addressed by the Rev Henry Smith (Wesleyan), R. W. Jenkins (Baptist), and other friends. After the presentation, a complimentary supper will be held in the New Lecture Hall adjoining. We may add that the subscribers are representatives of the various religious denominations in the locality, and thus desire to express their appreciation, not only of the high character of Mr Baitey as a Christian gentleman, but of the important services rendered by him during his residence amongst us in the maintenance of truth against error. The subscription list, we understand, will remain open until the date of the presentation.

IVESTON WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The anniversary services in connection with this school were held on Sunday last in the Wesleyan Chapel. The weather being fine, there were large congregations at all the services, the sacred edifice being far too small to admit the number of people who were present. Mr W. Robinson, Holmside, conducted the services, and gave some sound, practical remarks to the parents, children, and friends. Select portions of Scripture, hymns, poetry, and dialogues were recited by the scholars in a very praiseworthy manner, which showed that great pains had been taken to bring them up to the state of perfection they had done. Several hymns and anthems were sung at intervals by the choir under the able leadership of Mr Jasper Cockburn, of Consett. The harmonium was presided over in a very efficient manner by Mr W. Wilson, of Leadgate. On Monday afternoon a tea party was kindly provided by the Misses Hedley, Mrs Thirlwell, Miss Harper, Miss Attchey, Miss Cheesman, Miss Stokoe, and Miss Robinson. A goodly number partook of the repast provided. In the evening there was a public meeting, when speeches were delivered by Messrs T. Wilson, T. Hammondy, W. Robson, and R. Bell, and whose brilliant remarks on Sunday School work were listened to with a great amount of interest. The chair was occupied by Mr T. Johnson, of East Castle, and the choir and children again sang choice selections of music in a manner that showed there had been no means spared in getting them up. The proceedings throughout were a complete success.

WOLSINGHAM COUNTY COURT.

SATURDAY, June 16th.—Before E. J. MITCHELL, Esq., Judge.

HORSE v. PORTERY.

A SOX SUING HIS MOTHER.—William Hobbs, of Tow Law, sued his mother, Elizabeth Portery, for £1 10s, value of a dress and hat detained by her.—Plaintiff had stayed with his mother up to marriage, and going away with arrears for board and lodgings unpaid, defendant impounded the articles complained, belonging Hobbs.—His Honour gave judgment for the restitution of the hat and dress, or their value, to be reduced to a shilling if the articles were returned, the judge telling defendant that her only remedy was to sue plaintiff in the ordinary way for what he owed.

ROBERSET v. TOWN LAW.

ACTION AGAINST A FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—Mrs Hornsby sued the Tow Law Lodge of Druids (Witton Park Equalised District) for £14 odd, alleged to be due for sick and funeral money in respect of plaintiff's late husband.—Mr J. T Proud, for the lodge, said that under the arbitration clause of the Friendly Society Act, if a person must, in any dispute, first avail himself or herself of those clauses. This the plaintiff had not done; and His Honour, confirming Mr Proud's plea, nonsuited the plaintiff.

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY BOARD.

The general meeting took place in the Boardroom of Lanchester on Thursday last (yesterday) afternoon, Mr Geo. Alder (Chairman) presiding. The following waywardens were present:—Messrs Geo. G. Taylor Smith, W. H. Hedley, W. Logan, G. Hobson, J. Towns, W. Cummins, W. Brown, T. Longstaff, G. Ridley, J. Nicholson, W. M. Annandale, T. Rowland, W. Fawcett.—Messrs J. Robson, J. Urwin, the Clerk (Mr C. Maynard), and the Surveyor (Mr W. Dixon).

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read, confirmed, and signed.—The judge.

APPLICATION FROM A TELEPHONE COMPANY.

The CHAIRMAN read a letter received from Mr John B. Bradley, manager for the Northern District Telephone Company, Limited, asking for permission to erect telephone posts along the portion of road under the control of the Board from Rowlands Gill Railway Station to Dr Watson's residence at Burnopfield, subject to the usual conditions. The Company offered to pay a nominal rental of 1s per annum for each post erected. If the application met with the approval of the Board he (Mr Bradley) would be pleased to show their Surveyor where they intended to fix the respective poles.

The Surveyor pointed out that already there was one set of telegraph posts along the side of that portion of the road.

Mr RIDLEY suggested that their Surveyor should meet the manager of the Telephone Company and arrange as to where the poles should be erected. This was only a narrow highway, and he should certainly object to telegraph posts being erected on either side of the road.

This suggestion met with the approval of the other waywardens.

PROPOSED NEW LINE OF TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION.

Mr Geo. Humble, Inspector in the Postal Telegraph Department, Newcastle-on-Tyne, wrote to acquaint the Board that it was contemplated by the Postmaster-General to lay a new line of telegraph wires, in connection with the extra business arising from the sixpenny telegraph tariff which will shortly come into operation. The writer explained that it was intended to taken was a branch Consett to Castleside, and from thence to Riding Mill, Stagshawbank, &c.

The Surveyor pointed out that it was intended to run the wires from Tow Law to Allansford Bridge up to Castleside, and then a branch line to Consett within their Highways. There were two directs routes for the branch standing along the road from Allansford to Tow Law, which by some means or other had been confounded in the minds of some who appeared desired to put them up again. High Stoop to Allansford was situated on the West Auckland Main Road, and he had received petitions from Castleside to Consett, and from persons from Hedleyfield and Conside and Knitsley Townships.

It was resolved, on the proposition of Mr LOGAN, seconded by Mr RIDLEY, that the required permission fe granted to the Postmaster-General, subject to the usual conditions.

THE TREASURY ACCOUNT FOR THE HEDLEYFIELD TOWNSHIP.

It was proposed by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr BROWN, that the precept issued for the Hedleyfield township be confirmed by £134 5s 5d; the rateable value being £5331.

SURVEYOR'S ACCOUNTS.

The Surveyor's accounts, amounting to £315 13s 1d, was examined and passed.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr Dixon reported as follows:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Highway Board.

GENTLEMEN,—The last month of March and the dry weather of late has greatly prevented the stone on many roads from breaking. We have gathered of the surplus and blended portions of road that had been coated, and have succeeded with few exceptions in getting them into a fair state.

I attended at the County Surveyor's office with the County Authorities' Road Surveyor, and in conjunction with Mr Crosier, who remarked that our Board paid 9s per day for single horse carts. He did not make a complaint, but said that I should mention to the Board that many Highway Boards paid 7s 6d and 8s per day; but some of our Boards paid as far as 9s and 10s. I have ordered quantities of stone have been carted during the past six weeks. The contractors are now busy at work at Annfield Plain, Burnopfield, and Tow Law hands, who I fear will get into grief with the North-Eastern Railway Company for not getting the stone discharged in proper time. I have let a considerable quantity of stone by contract at 1s 5d and 1s 6d per ton for Burnopfield and 3s 6d for Hedleyfield. I have an offer for breaking limestone on Edmondbyers Main Road at 1s 7d per ton.

The Surveyor, Mr Robinson, Home Farm, in the township of Holmside, commenced to enclose a portion of the awarded road adjacent to his land during the last winter. I spoke to the agent, asking him to desist from taking in the road, and he did so, but he has not yet removed the posts and rails which had been erected. Although I wrote telling him to do so. I wish the Board's instructions as to what course I should take.

John Armstrong would not accept his contract for carting lot 8 in Tanfield Township. Robert Arrowsmith has taken the offer, and he will take it as well as lots No 13 at 1s 6d and No 14 at 1s 9d per ton. There were no offers for those lots at the "letting." John Hutchinson, lot 11 at 1s 3d in Hunstanworth township at 2s per ton.—I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant.

WM. DIXON.

Surveyor's Office, Lanchester,
June 21st, 1883.

The report was adopted, and the Surveyor was commanded by the Board to take down the rails and posts erected near the Home Farm.

EXTRAORDINARY TRAFFIC.

The Surveyor had received a letter from Mr W. J. Hancock, of the Burnopfield Timber Yard, stating that Mr Wigham was going to carry a lot of wood with his traction engine from Blackhill to Edmondbyers, and Burnopfield Bridge to this yard. The weight of the engine was eight tons, along with a four-wheeled waggon, with six inch tyres, and expected to bring four tons of wood at a time. He was not however clear on the point as to whether the Board could hold him liable, under the Highway Act, for any damage to the roads, &c., caused by this excessive weight, and he wished to be enlightened on the subject.

The Surveyor wrote in reply, to the effect that he could not give a definite answer, but would lay the subject before the waywardens at their forthcoming meeting. He requested Mr Hancock, however, not to travel over the roads without his permission, as some of the bridges might not be able to bear the test; and moreover he must first obtain a proper license.

Mr ROWLAND said there was not two miles highway they could travel over. It was a foolish idea.

The Board confirmed the Surveyor's letter, and instructed that official to inform Mr Hancock that they would seek to recover every penalty they possibly could for damages if he should persist in carrying out this extraordinary amount of traffic over their highways.

A DILAPIDATED ROAD AT EDMONDBYERS.

The Surveyor at Edmondbyers wrote to the Board, expressing regret at his inability to be present, and asking that a piece of road past Hedshaw's house at Edmondbyers should be mended, as the weather was favourable.

The Surveyor explained that the portion of road referred to was about 40 yards in length. It was a carriage road, and connected the turnpike with the highway leading to Blackhand. It had never been repaired, to his knowledge, during the past 16 years.

Several members expressed a doubt as to whether this was a public highway, and it was eventually moved by Mr LOGAN, and seconded by the CHAIRMAN, that the Board should decline to accede to the rev. gentleman's request.

Carried unanimously.

ALLEGED NUISANCE AT DIPTON.

Mr LOGAN proposed that leave be given to the Marley Hill Colliery Company to' open out certain pipes at Dipton, in consequence of a nuisance being thereby created, and put in a separate drain from their dwelling-houses; subject to the drain being disconnected when called upon to do so.

Mr ROBINSON seconded, and the motion was carried.

PURCHASE OF A STEAM ROLLER.

Pursuant to notice, the CHAIRMAN moved that the Board take into consideration the advisability of purchasing a steam roller, to be used upon their roads. He remarked that he was sorry he could not furnish any information as to how it would act on local roads; but he was the majority of their highways, he fancied it would be desirable for them to obtain a steam roller. Consequently he asked them to discuss the matter that night, and probably some of the members might be able to throw some light on the subject. He supposed the Board would have to take into consideration the outlay involved in purchasing the roller in the first instance, and likewise the expense of working the machine.

Mr NICHOLSON: What would it cost?

The CHAIRMAN: About £800—not a penny in the 2 upon rates.

Mr HODSON considered this an excellent idea, as they could also utilise the engine for stone-breaking purposes. If they could only obtain a piece of waste land at every station where they had limestone delivered, and had the stone broken before it was carted on to the side of the roads, he thought it would be a great advantage.

The Surveyor believed the engine and roller combined could be obtained for about £800.

Mr LONGSTAFF said the roller would be advantageous in cases where a thick coating of metal was laid on; but as the material was only very thinly scattered over the highways in their district, he thought the machine would be of no use at all. The Board would consequently have to purchase a much larger quantity of metal; and it would necessitate a great deal of expense in working the machine.

The CHAIRMAN: Are you speaking from personal experience?

Mr LONGSTAFF: Yes, I am.

Mr LOGAN observed that practically on many of their roads the roller would be of no use, on account of their narrowness. He suggested that a committee should be formed to gather up some facts in relation to the matter.

Mr GEO. G. TAYLOR SMITH thought the question was somewhat crude and premature at present, as some of the members knew nothing at all about it. He thought the matter should be thoroughly discussed. He therefore he moved that the Chairman, Messrs Logan, HEDLEY, and Longstaff be appointed a committee to gather the information, and report upon the advantages or disadvantages of procuring such a machine, and the saving a expense or otherwise that would accrue therefrom, and report thereon that day month. Then the members would be able to determine whether they should purchase a steam roller or not.

After the success of Messrs Geo. G. Taylor Smith and J. Nicholson had been added to the list, Mr ROWLAND seconded the resolution, which was carried nem con.

This was all the business transacted.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Self Help.—Prior to the discovery of these remedies an easy, ready and reliable remedy for outward disfigurations and inward complaints was not, practically speaking, unknown. No one need now be at a loss if they should unfortunately suffer from ulcers, sores, tumours, boils, bruises, sprains, &c. Enveloping Holloway's medicines are very intelligible printed directions for using them, which should be attentively studied and immediately followed by all who resort to his treatment. Sooner or later the sufferer will assuredly triumph over the worst diseases. Holloway's Ointment dispersses all the malignant humours which aggravate diseases of the skin, prevent the cicatrization of ulcers, and exercise a salutary tendencies in the system.

DEATH OF POLICE-CONSTABLE CUMMINS.—The late P.C. George Cummins, whose decease in the prime of life is recorded this week, was universally known and respected throughout the whole of this extensive district. He was born at South Stockton in the year 1847, and in his youth was employed as a pitman. Cummins originally joined the police force in January 1868, but resigned shortly afterwards. However, he re-joined in December 1871, and, entering the Lanchester Petty Sessional Division, he was first of all stationed at Annfield Plain. After remaining at that place for a brief period, he was transferred to Iveston, and from thence in January 1875 to Waskerley, during the construction of the Consett Water Works. The deceased was then stationed at Stotley Bridge, Rochester, and Medomsley, where he remained until the 3rd of January in the present year, when he was removed to Cape Sunnyprospect, in the Durham County Police Division. Deceased, who was portly in stature, was a most efficient and energetic officer. He was married, and leaves behind him a wife and small family.

ANNFIELD PLAIN WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—This anniversary was celebrated as follows:—On Saturday afternoon a public tea was held, at which there was only a meagre attendance. In the evening a large public meeting, with the Rev Victorio Tyas in the chair. The following gentlemen also took part:—Messrs T. Gawey, J. Humble (Lanchester), R. Johnson, W. Harris (Kyo), and R. Taylor (Catchgate). At the commencement the chairman gave the keynote to the meeting, which continued in a very spirited manner, and was sustained throughout. The leading thoughts of the varied discourses were based upon "Sunday school work and catechism." On Sunday morning Mr T. Cowey preached a very able sermon from Isaiah xii. 6; in the afternoon a review of the first quarter's lessons was delivered by the scholars in the Testament classes; and in the evening the scholars in the Bible classes went through a similar exercise, Mr Jas. Macpherson conducting both services. Several chapters from the Bible, select pieces of poetry, dialogues, and the first section of the Wesleyan catechism were recited by the children in a very creditable manner. There are 230 scholars on the books, with an average attendance of 170, besides 27 teachers. The collections taken at each service together, with the proceeds of the tea, amounted to £7 10s, which were given to the school funds.

Cricket.

CAUSEY F. BEAMISH.

Played at Causey on Saturday last, resulting in a win for the visitors Score:—

CAUSEY.		BEAMISH.	
N. Carr c & b G. Jackson	2	Jackson c McCourt	0
G. Atchison l. Elder	3	Clark c Morton	0
R. Liddell b G. Jackson	10	Wrangham b Carr	3
W. Flaiem b G. Jackson	0	Jackson c Atchison	10
W. Mathewson b G. Jackson	0	Jackson b Carr	10
W. Mathewson b G. Jackson	0	G. Ivesside b Carr	39
J. Morton run out	19	Dr Kilham c Morton	4
R. McCourt b G. Jackson	0	P. Carr b Carr	0
J. Jackson c Brunskill	3	J. Wrangham b Atchison	2
T. Sadler c Laidler	0	J. Laidler c Liddell	1
J. Fletcher lbw	0	R. Tranmer not out	1
A. Atchison not out	0		
Extras	8	Extras	6
Total	67	Total	116

MEDOMSLEY F. ESH WINNING.

Played at Esh on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for Medomsley team. The bowling of Messrs Cawthorn and Walton was excellent, and the batting of Messrs A. Little (16), T. Murphy (31), and J. Murphy (18), brilliant. Score:—

ESH WINNING.		MEDOMSLEY.	
R. Morpeth b Walton	3	A. Little c Cook	16
W. Adamson b Cawthorn	0	M. Milburn b Bowes	0
J. Morpeth b Cawthorn	1	T. Murphy c Walton	31
T. James run out	0	J. Murphy thrown out	18
W. Young b Cawthorn	0	W. Bell b Morpeth	0
T. Surtees b Cawthorn	0	W. Wetherburn out	1
R. Bowes b Cawthorn	0	J. Snowdon b Buttery	0
A. Cook c Murphy b Walton	1	J. Walton c Morpeth	1
T. Lomas b Walton	0	E. Charlton c Young	0
R. Jones b Walton	0	A. Cawthorn b Bowes	3
T. Woodward not out	0	G. Harding not out	1
Extras	1	Extras	16
Total	6	Total	98

BURNOPFIELD F. DIPTON.

Played on Saturday last, and resulted (after a pleasant game) in an easy victory for the Diptonians. Score:—

BURNOPFIELD.		DIPTON.	
W. Hogarth l b w b Thompson	0	W. Porter c Cuthbertson b Finlay	2
J. H. Cuthbertson b Thompson	0	R. Gardner run out	6
T. Southern c Murray b Tweed	0	J. Mackay b Lamb	10
J. Curry b Thompson	4	F. Hooper b Finlay	0
D. Richardson c Thompson	3	W. C. Murray c Lindsay b Hogarth	4
R. Armstrong run out	0	F. Thompson c and b Finlay	0
R. Lavinder b Thompson	1	G. Greenfield c and b Hogarth	1
T. Kennis c Thompson b Tweed	2	Rev R. Tweed b Lamb	4
G. Finlay c Gardiner b Tweed	2	W. Redhead b Southern	1
J. Potts not out	3	T. Ridley not out	0
J. Leitch lbw b Thompson	0	T. Tindle run out	0
Extras	6	Extras	2
Total	26	Total	67

CONSETT F. NORTH ELSWICK.

This match was played on Saturday last at Consett, and terminated in a draw. The home team went first to the wickets to the bowling of Messrs. Shotton and Mole and were not disposed of until they had totalled 169. The principal contributor to this score was Mr Israel Richards whose innings (of 74 not out) was a very praiseworthy display of batting. Messrs J. Stephenson, S. Templeton, and F. Flynn also rendered good service for the home team. For the visitors Mr H. Shotton batted and bowled in excellent form. Score:—

CONSETT.		NORTH ELSWICK.	
J. Richards not out	74	H. Shotton run out	22
J. Costello run out	4	T. Flint b S. Templeton	0
F. Gibson b Shotton	1	G. Stewart not out	4
C. H. Winter c Robson b Stewart	5		
Jas. Richards c Mole b Shotton	7		
T. Jameson b Shotton	0		
F. Flynn b Shotton	15		
Dr. O'Donnell b Shotton	0		
S. Templeton c Shotton b Morrell	16		
W. Jackson b Morrell	0		
J. Stephenson lbw b Shotton	18		
Extras	23	Extras	2
Total	169	Total	36

CONSETT 2ND. F. MEDOMSLEY 2ND.

The above match was played on Saturday last, and in resulted a victory by 50 runs for the visitors. Score:—

CONSETT.		MEDOMSLEY.	
O. Heppner b Graham	9	G. E. Milburn c T. Gibson b Stevenson	3
M. Gibson b Milburn	6	G. Graham b Raw	0
T. Jackson c Milburn b Graham	0	G. Walton c Jackson b Raw	5
N. Raw run out	1	G. Armstrong c Ramsay b Stevenson	1
W. R. Gough run out	1	S. Mason c Jackson b Raw	1
W. Stevenson b Graham	0	T. Harrison run out	0
W. Ramsay b Milburn	12	W. Horn b Raw	5
A. Russell b Milburn	2	T. Foster b Askew	5
J. Askew b Milburn	4	M. Foster b Raw	0
J. G. McLean not out	1	J. Cant b Raw	0
T. Gibson lbw b Graham	0	F. Robinson not out	0
		J. Archer lbw b Raw	0
Extras	27	Extras	10
Total	58	Total	55

CASTLESIDE F. CONSETT WHITE STARS.

This match was played on Saturday last on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a victory for the home team by 19 runs. Score:—

CASTLESIDE.		CONSETT WHITE STARS.	
W. Walton b Robson	6	J. Robson b Toward	0
A. Toward b Willey	0	J. Maxwell b Kirkup	2
J. Proud c Robson b Willey	0	E. Walker b Kirkup	6
W. Patterson b Robson	1	J. Wright b Proud	0
R. Toward run out	5	J. G. Willey run out	7
T. Dodsworth not out	0	R. Turley b Kirkup	0
J. S. Kirkup b Willey	1	J. Welch c Toward b Kirkup	0
J. Robinson b Robson	0	J. Malpass c Brownless b Kirkup	0
J. W. Golightly b Willey	1	J. Harwood run out	0
R. Gray b Willey	0	T. Adamson not out	1
T. Brownless b Willey	3	T. Cockburn b Kirkup	4
Extras	20	Extras	12
Total	41	Total	60

TOW LAW F. TANFIELD.

This match was played at Tanfield on Saturday, in fine weather, and resulted in a victory for the visitors. Score:—

TANFIELD.		TOW LAW.	
R. Ray c Cowan b Scales	1	A. Bailey b Temple	13
W. Taylor run out	0	H. Lister c Laidler b Jewitt	2
T. Jewitt c Jobson b Scales	0	W. J. Hall b Laidler	21
J. Robson b Scales	3	R. Scott c Jewitt b Temple	10
H. Hancock b Hall	0	W. Cowan b Laidler	0
W. T. Brown b Hoppner	0	R. Wilson b Laidler	3
T. Curry b Scales	13	F. L. G. Simpson not out	4
D. Temple c M. Bailey b Scales	2	M. Bailey c Curry b Jewitt	3
J. Laidler lbw b Simpson	3	J. Allison b Laidler	0
C. Fawcett c Simpson b Scales	0	J. Jobson b Temple	0
T. Morton not out	1	Jas. Brown c Jewitt b Taylor	3
Extras	13	Extras	1
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CHAPTER XI.

THE SPIDER PREPARES THE SILK.

Adrian Lyon felt satisfied with himself as he flung off his coat, wrapped himself in his dressing-gown, and sat down in his luxurious reading chair in his study, preparing for that hour of thought before going to bed, which every man, whether married or single, who thinks much, feels to be a necessity of his life. That half-hour to the married man, whether the evening has been a festive or a domestic one: whether he has endured a dinner at a friend's house, or undergone one at his own; whether he has given an evening party or been at one, is most invaluable. He lights his pipe—a cigar at that period is an anachronism, and as the rings of smoke curl upward, he thinks with some what less of pleasure than of pain of the bill at dinner mayhap; or the number of plates and glasses broken; or how that confounded warmed-up relation-and-bore Mathilda, who gives ridiculous dinners from the pastycook's, will be safe to disagree with him next day; or how old General McFancy, from whom his wife has expected much, frowned on she curvy, which had been prepared expressly for his delectation; how confoundedly dear coals have become; how the ironmaker's bill does mount up; how he is to pay for the next season in town, or how his son's debts contracted in a rash moment, are to be met. What domestic quarrels, what scenes, what heart-burnings that half-hour has prevented, only a worried paterfamilias can know, who has felt his digestion improve, his liver feel less languid, his head less oppressed, and his troubles grow lighter, as the smoke from his lips curls upward in fantastic rings, which wreathe about the ceiling and float over the book-case, and hover halo-like on the busts of sages that crown its ledge. If wives only knew how much they were indebted to it, there would be fewer murmurings about tobacco-scented rooms, fewer remonstrances of Disturbance in the first quarter of an hour of sleep.

To the bachelor that half-hour is not less valuable. It is then the lawyer ceases to think of his cases, the physician of patients, the wearied writer of copy, the dinned man of bills. As the curls of smoke wreath upwards, away goes the remembrances of Jones' mortgage, or Smith's tumour; of the uninished article; of the unpaid debts. As the smoke rings move fantastically around him, they form themselves into shapes; wherein the bachelor sees visions, perhaps of a loved old face, long since crumbled in the dust; perhaps of a fair young countenance that would look well at one end of a table if he, the bachelor, were seated at the other; perhaps of a will signed with the respected name of a maiden aunt, by which the bachelor inherits a fortune. That half-hour is the period of the day, when a man can forget his troubles, if he have any; or when at least they wear a some what less gloomy aspect than they do in working hours. It should be a cherished, a sacred time, never to be intruded upon by any visitor, never to be foregone under any pretext whatever.

Adrian Lyon smiled to himself as he lighted his pipe. His eye caught the reflection of his face in the mirror, and he smiled again.

"I have not done badly," he muttered. "*Mon Dieu*, I flatter myself that touch about the cowhead was excellent. I wonder what my father will say. I don't suppose he'll like it, but the money ought to mollify him. Let me see. How much did Denigrée say it was?" continued he, musingly, as he opened a drawer in his writing-table and drew out a paper. "Yes, this is it. Two thousand a year after mother's death, that is not so bad. The dowager can't last long—I am as certain as can be she is suffering from heart disease. I give her two years at the outside, and the family must make her some allowance in the meantime, say a thousand or fifteen hundred a year. No, I don't consider it a bad and speculative. Perhaps I might have done better, but on the whole it is good. She is well born, pretty enough, and has a style about her though. I prefer a more Juno-like woman; still on the whole there is a fair case to lay before my father. I wish he was indeed."

Adrian again gave a glance at the extract from the will of the late Lord Proudfoot, with which his friend Denigrée had furnished him in he filled his pipe, folded the paper, lighted his pipe with it, and flung it to the grate, where he watched it slowly burn to ashes.

"The worst of it is," he continued, carrying on the thread of his whispered self-discourse, "the worst of it is that she undoubtedly loves me, and it is decidedly a bore being engaged to a girl who loves one; in such a case the girl is always *exigeant*. Fifteen was confoundedly hot, and it was a perfect nuisance. In this case, however, it is somewhat different. If I have my will, the engagement will be short. Love after marriage is not so much nuisance. Interesting no doubt, and flattering to one's sense of one's own importance, but still not productive of inconvenience. The difficulty is whether she has the courage to enter into the scheme which, so far as I can see, renders our mutual happiness possible. I fear she has her mother, but it is wonderful how weak women become cold on an emergency, especially when their affections are engaged. At any rate I can, if no other course be open, play upon her timidity. Her fear of me shall be pitted against her fears of her mother, and I flatter myself will prove the stronger."

He rose, knocked the ashes from his pipe, and went to bed; without one baby thought of the love of the pure heart he had won, without one pang of remorse for the wrong he was about to do.

CHAPTER XII.

THE SPIDER SPINS THE WEB.

Violet Proudfoot awoke with a headache on the morning following the party at Canon Witherfield's. The first time in which the words of love are whispered into her ear is always an epoch in a girl's life, and it was but little wonder that she had passed a sleepless night. Few hours she had lain awake thinking over and over again of the scene in the conservatory, and recalling Adrian Lyon's passionate words of love. "Oh, he felt love me," she kept saying to herself, and the words found a responsive echo in her heart. "His choice, his choice heart is mine, and I may make or mar his life." Then she slept and dreamt bright dreams of which Adrian Lyon's sad face was the central figure.

She came down to breakfast and was almost glad that her mother was too unwell to leave her room, and that her sisters were absent. She felt too excited to eat, and was thankful that there were no fond questioning eyes to notice her agitation.

Her apology for breakfast over, she sought her mother's room, and was again thankful for the shaded light which prevented her mother from observing the traces of her agitated night which Violet felt only too conscious were visible on her fair face.

"Tell me all about the party, Vi," said Lady Proudfoot, as Violet seated herself by the bed and kissed her. "I am feeling so much better to-day, that I think I shall get up and go down to the drawing room, and I should like to be *au courant* should any one call."

Then poor Violet had to enter into a full account of the entertainment of the previous evening, as to who was there, and who was absent, and the dresses that were worn, and who looked best, and who seemed loveliest, till her voice grew weak from very weariness.

Her mother noticed the change.

"Thou will do, dearest," she said, "I see you're tired, and I can hear the rest later on—

"No, I am not tired, mamma, but I have a bad headache, and I think I will go out for a short walk."

"Headache, my dearest, why did you not tell me?" said her mother, reproachfully; "but you had better go and lie down, and bathe your forehead with eau-de-cologne. I always find lying in the dark does a headache more good than anything."

"I would much rather go out than lie down, mamma dear, and really my head is not so bad."

"Very well, darling, if you prefer to go out, by all means go."

Violet kissed her mother, and slipped from the room.

She was so agitated that she could scarcely put on her walking dress. At length the task was completed, and she descended the stairs and passed into the street.

She felt her agitation increase as she walked along the Crescent, and her limbs shook under her as she approached the house of Adrian Lyon, waiting for her at the corner.

She had almost recovered her composure as he held out his hand in greeting. Adrien felt there might be prying eyes looking on them that they knew nothing of, and he cautiously reserved.

"Let us walk up the hill together," he said, "for we must speak somewhere quietly."

"Where shall we go?"

"Have you the key of the gate of the cliff path, Violet?"

Her heart gave a bound. How sweetly musical his voice was. Strange she should never have noticed it before.

"Yes, Adrian."

They crossed the road and opening the gate, entered the cliff path, a private and seldom used road, which led up through a natural wilderness along the side of the cliff between the Crescent and the Terrace and which from its steepness was usually avoided in warm weather, and from the damp of its overarching trees scarcely ever used on moist days, although it afforded a short cut between the two streets. They were soon within the shade of the trees.

"Here we may talk in peace, my Violet; but first tell me, will you pardon the presumption, will you pardon the deep heartfelt love for you which induced me perhaps too wildly to speak to you, and I do Adrian. Long before you spoke to me I loved you. I know it now, and all last night I lay awake thinking of you."

"Poor petite," he murmured, caressingly drawing her tiny hand within his arm and fondling it, "poor *petite*, but you must not lie awake and rob your pretty face of its bloom."

"But it was not of you altogether, Adrien, it was of mamma too, that I thought, and of what she would say. I know I fear to her that I wish to marry Monty Faircombe, but I don't care for him one bit."

"But is of your mother we must speak, darling, the difficulty must be faced one day, and the sooner the better."

"But is of Adrien, I couldn't tell mamma. I might tell Algy, and get him to speak to mamma. Whenever I was naughty as a child, I always got Algy to speak for me. Mamma is very fond of Algy, and he can do anything with her," said Violet, shaking her little head gravely.

"You dance, you know I fear in the present instance your brother's influence would fail us. It is quite possible, more than probable in fact, that he might object."

"Oh, but Algy never did object to anything I wanted," interrupted Violet.

"Ah, but my own, you must remember marriage is a very serious affair, and brothers who are very kind under ordinary circumstances, are apt to take serious view of matrimony."

"You quite frighten me, Adrien; but why, after all, when one comes to consider, should mamma object to Algy?"

"Precisely, Violet, but they will," said the doctor, bitterly, "because there is such a thing as society; because there is such a thing as birth and wealth, and because you are Violet Proudfoot, daughter of a lord, and niece of an earl, and I am simply Lyon a physician, a man who lives by his brains, and earns his money hardly thereby."

They had reached the top of the hill.

"We must part here—my own Violet,—but before I go, shew me you love still trust me."

He drew her into the shade of the bushes, and kissed her upon her forehead. The best over her, and her warm lips touched his face.

In that kiss he felt sure his victory was won. In that kiss Violet Proudfoot linked her life with that of Adrien Lyon.

They parted; he to go to his patients, she to return to her home burthened with a secret, the first she had ever had from her mother. She went home ready to act, if not to speak the first lie of her life. Yet she had been carefully nurtured. One of those girls with whom modern society believes training is stronger than nature. Yet she was plotting herself into the hands of a man she had only known a few short months, simply because his stern, handsome face had fascinated her, and his passionate words of love had bewildered her.

Verily love is a mysterious power.

Right and wrong are sometimes blurred.

Of course Violet should have known better, but she was not the first who knowing better has made one false step, which caused a life-long regret.

(To be continued.)

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE NEAR CHESTER-LE-STREET.—An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease is reported to have occurred on the Harraton Hall Farm, where Mr George Farrow, jun., of Durham, was called in on Monday last, and found four head of cattle suffering from that ailment.

A DIFFICULTY AT USWORTH COLLIERY.—A strike of the workmen employed at Usworth Colliery took place on Monday last, resulting, it is stated, from a notice posted by the manager on the pit heap intimating that all workmen neglecting their work would in future be proceeded against before the magistrates for a breach of the agreements. It is expected that the difficulty will be quickly settled. The men have returned to work and the difficulty therefore is consequently at an end.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.—For the week ending the 16th inst. there is an increase in the North-Eastern traffic receipts of £4,126 as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The improvement extends to all departments save that of coal, in which there is a falling off of £332. The total increase up to date is £64,009, and the return just issued represents the twenty-fourth week of the half-year.

Local and General News.

Mr Edward Jepson and Mr T. Hutton have been nominated for the vacancy, in the South West, Durham, created by the elevation of Mr A. O. Smith to the aldermanic bench.

On Saturday last, Mr Hilary Tease entertained to tea at Stanhope Castle, over 100 persons connected with the coffee palace, mothers' meeting, and children's band. The treat was adjourned, but children were entertained at Stanhope Castle on Monday by Mrs Pease.

WINLATON.—*North Durham* v *Whickham*—Played at Gateshead on Saturday, and resulted in a win for North Durham by 66 runs. Messrs Reed (42), Abraham (37), and Green (11) showed good form with the bat; and Mr Anderson was again successful as bowler, obtaining seven of his opponents' wickets for 17 runs. Mr Anthony (19) batted creditably for Whickham. Score:—North Durham, 133; Whickham, 67.

WOLSINGHAM.—The third annual sports of the Wolsingham Cricket Club was held on Saturday, but owing to the unfavourable weather, the attendance was limited. Results:—£1 is was given for cricketing, which was divided between Wolsingham Wanderers and Howdon Excelsior. Handicap Foot Race, 120 yards. Final heat—1st, J. Stephenson, 3 yards; 2nd, T. Gardiner 10 yards. Won by half-a-yard. Handicap Foot Race, 100 yards, for boys under 16—1st, W. Craggs; 2nd, J. Kirkbride. Time through the plantiff's premises in R. Bainbridge, 4t. 1in.; 2nd, G. Morrow. Rain prevented any further competitions. The Wolsingham Band would adopt if he were taking a day for his own property, and on that ground, and not deciding the other question, he gave judgment for plaintiff. The second claim was proved, and the judgment may therefore be entered for 1s with costs, unless the admission of the defendants be made to the satisfaction of the actual damage claimed, which was £1.

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IMPORTANT TRESPASS CASE.

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THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Business was resumed on Monday morning. Memoirs of the deceased ministers were read by the Revs T. Mitchell and J. Wenn. There were sit in all, namely, H. Green, G. Grigg, E. Hancock, T. Lane, R. Thompson, and Adam Dodds.

The Rev C. C. McKechnie, the Connexional Editor, was appointed to prepare the memoirs, and said that it was matter of thankfulness, not only that the number of deaths of ministers was smaller, but also that the the number included none of the younger men. The statistics were taken as read. From them it appeared that the membership was 196,480; deaths, 2,821; ministers, 1,147; local preachers, 15,982; leaders, 10,994; connexional chapels, 4,427; other places, 1,812; value of church property, £2,812,263 17s; debt on the property, £1,087,015 18s 2d; schools, 4,184; teachers, 61,215; scholars, 400,597; scholars in membership, 14,941 over 14 years of age; 13,412 under 14 years.

Immediately after the opening of the conference, the subject of the Victoria Hall disaster first engaged attention, all persons being deeply affected by the report of the horrifying calamity. The following resolution was submitted by the Rev J. Travers, and directed to be sent to the Mayor of Sunderland:—"The Conference has heard with profound grief of the dreadful calamity in Victoria Hall, Sunderland, by which 183 children and young people lost their lives, and begs to assure the bereaved that the Conference sincerely sympathises with them, and earnestly prays that God may impart to them the consolation and support which they so much need in this hour of darkness and sorrow."

On resuming on Tuesday, a committee was appointed to take into consideration the General Chapel Fund regulations, with a view to improve its working and efficiency. On the subject of supernumerary ministers resuming labour, the following resolution was moved by the Rev J. Travis (Liverpool district) and accepted by the Conference:—"When a properly qualified medical man and the quarterly meeting of the station in which a supernumerary minister resides, certify that he is capable of resuming labour, he shall be at liberty to accept an invitation to a station in accordance with the rule, and treated in all respects as if he were a preacher in regular work."

The Hull District meeting submitted the following on Sunday schools, which was carried:—"That each Sunday School District Committee should be allowed to spend a sum equal to 3d per 100 of the scholars in the respective districts in the way the said committee may deem most likely to promote the interests of the schools."

Other regulations affecting the detailed work of the school in relation to filling up its reports were agreed upon. The Executive of the Sunday School Committee are to determine after each conference the dates on which the agent (Rev J. Whittaker) shall visit the respective districts. The proposal of the Shildon Circuit of the Sunderland District to abrogate the rule which requires the attendance of a minister at the teachers' meetings was warmly debated. It was ultimately decided that the quarterly meeting and Sunday school authorities should make such arrangement as would secure the presence of a minister as far as practicable.

The Rev R. Chessman, General Committee secretary, called attention to another aspect of the Sunderland catastrophe, viz., that which had reference to the necessity of a contribution to the fund for the relief of the bereaved poor. He moved that a donation of £50 be given from the Conference Fund.

Rev C. C. McKechnie, editor, seconded the proposition, and said he did so with deep feeling, ask he was told that more than a dozen of their own families in Sunderland had suffered the loss of one or more children by the terrible calamity.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

In addition to the above contribution from the Conference Fund, eight gentlemen were appointed to receive subscriptions from the members of the Conference and the visitors, the amount of which has not yet transpired.

A Durban telegram of Wednesday's date announces the death of Dr Colenso, Bishop of Natal.

The Weather.—During the past seven days the atmospheric conditions have hardly been those which are usually associated with June. Cold, bleak winds have prevailed, with a dull leaden sky. Rain, which has been expected and is most required, has only fallen in scanty showers. Yesterday (Thursday) was a bright sunny day, more resembling midsummer than any day this week or last.

Cheques for £1,400 Found in Newcastle.—On Saturday the son of Mr Davidson, of Belsay Place, Newcastle, was passing along Bewick Street, when he found a parcel of papers, and on examining them discovered cheques for over £1,400. They had been made but by Messrs Annandale and Sons, of Shotley Bridge, and were payable to various parties. Mr Davidson at once communicated with Messrs Annandale, and the cheques were on Monday night forwarded to them.

A Marauding Bull at Busty Bank, near Burnopfield.—On Saturday night, the 9th inst., Elizabeth Stones, the wife of James Stones, innkeeper, of Busty Bank, in order to engage from her husband, leapt from the second story window of her own house, a distant of 20 feet, into the back yard. Although no bones were broken she was very much injured, and remains in a precarious state. Hopes are entertained, however, of her recovery.

Witton Gilbert District Conservative Association.—The annual meeting of the members of this association was held at the house of Mr Wm. Robinson, Findon Hill. C. E. Barnes, Esq., was elected to the chair. The secretary read the report of the committee, in which they stated that the meetings of the association were very regularly attended by a large number of the members. The report speaks confidently of the increase of Conservative feeling in the district, and expressed an opinion that the association was a great means of drawing together and uniting the Conservatives of the neighbourhood.

The Production of Pig Iron.—On Tuesday, a private meeting of the ironmasters was held at the office of the association, Middlesbrough, to take into consideration the question of the heavy production of pig iron. There was a good deal of conversation on the subject of restriction and the best means of regulating the output. No definite resolution was passed, but it is understood that some steps will be adopted, which will result in a diminution of the production.

Wheatley School Board.—At the monthly meeting of the Winlaton School Board which was held in the Board Room, Blaydon, on Thursday se'nnight, the chairman (Mr W. Paxton) presiding, it was unanimously resolved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by the Rev. A. B. Tebb, vicechairman, that the Winlaton Temperance Society be allowed the use of the Winlaton Board schools, with coals and gas free, after school hours for holding temperance meetings.

Buying Soldiers' Clothes.—At Durham City Police Court on Monday, Nancy Hunter, landlady of the Garden House Inn, was charged under the Mutiny Act with buying three shirts and three pairs of stockings from three members of the North Durham Militia, on June 12. The militiamen had gone into defendant's house, and she had purchased two shirts from them for half a gallon of beer, and had given them 2quart of beer for the other shirt. She also gave them a quart of beer for each pair of stockings. Defendant was fined 20s and costs for each offence and treble value of the articles, which amounted to 9s. The total amount she had to pay was £5 5s.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS

This body held its fortnightly meeting at Lanchester Union Workhouse yesterday (Thursday) forenoon, when the undermentioned Guardians were in attendance:—Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., J.P. (in the chair), the Rev Canon Kearney, Messrs Wm. Logan, W. H. Hedley, George Hobson, T. Siddell, W. M. Annandale, R. W. Shaw, Tom Taylor Smith, Thos. Pringle, J. Nicholson, Wm. Cummins, J. Lax, Jos. Eltringham, J. Collinson, Jas. Fairley, John Bowey, with the clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the relief business was gone through.

CEMENTING THE YARDS, &c.

The Building Committee reported that they had considered the various tenders submitted for cementing the yards and footpaths around the Workhouse, and they recommended that the tender of Mr John Alder, of Gateshead (the lowest) should be accepted.

This was agreed to.

ASYLUM COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting reported that they had visited the Tudhoe Home and the Sedgefield County Asylum on the 13th inst. At the former institution they saw 8 of the Board's children—3 girls and 5 boys. The Home itself is very comfortable and clean, and on visiting the school they found the children very happy and contented. Five of the children, from the ages of 13 to 11 years, were in the 5th standard; the others in the 3rd and 4th. As the Asylum, in the female wards they found 20 inmates—9 incurables and 1 epileptic; in the men's wards 23 inmates—17 incurables and 3 doubtful cases. The Committee concluded by expressing their obligation to Dr Smith for the courteous manner in which he received them and shewed them through the Asylum.

The report was approved.

ELECTION OF GUARDIANS BY BALLOT.

A circular letter was read from the Northampton and Swaledale Unions asking the Board to petition the Local Government in favour of altering the present mode of conducting elections of Guardians, and adopting in lieu thereof the ballot system.

The Chairman did not think it would be practicable to adopt the ballot system in country districts, unless they had an exceedingly large number of polling booths, and then not one-half of the ratepayers would take the trouble to vote.

Mr Logan moved that no further notice be taken of the communication.

The members assented to this.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICER.

The School Attendance Committee recommended the re-appointment of Mr Wm. Ward, of Iveston, as school attendance officer for twelve months at a salary of £70.

Mr Tom Taylor Smith inquired if Mr Ward had an assistant?

The Clerk replied he had not.

Mr Smith said he had heard frequent complaints of Mr Ward not attending to his duties, but if he had the whole of the Union to look after, it was impossible for him to supervise the whole of their extensive district without some assistance.

The Chairman observed that Mr Ward was granted an advance last year to enable him to keep a pony.

Mr Lax pointed out that Mr Bernays, H.M. Inspector, had spoken very highly of Mr Ward's energetic labours in securing such a large average attendance at the schools in the Union. Mr Bernays had stated that if Mr Ward had not been an efficient servant, they would have been compelled to appoint another officer at least.

Canon Kearney said that as chairman of the School Attendance Committee, he had made inquiries into the matter, and had heard several gentlemen speak in eulogistic terms of their attendance officer. The Rev F. Steggall, vicar of Consett, and other school managers, considered Mr Ward a thoroughly efficient man. He, however, agreed with Mr Tom Taylor Smith, that Mr Ward had too wide a district to look after.

After further remarks, Mr Logan proposed, and the Chairman seconded, that Mr Ward be reappointed in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee.

Carried without dissent.

INMATES OF THE WORKHOUSE.

Week ending June 12th;	154
Corresponding week last year	152
Week ending June 20th	152
Corresponding week last year	140
Average number during past fortnight	152
" " corresponding fortnight last year	100

BALANCE IN HAND.

The Treasurer (Mr Cummins) reported that the balance in hand on 21st June was £985.

This concluded the business.

LANCHESTER RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

A special meeting of this Authority took place yesterday, when the members were present as above.

DIPTON DRAINAGE SCHEME.

It was agreed to give Mr Hall, the contractor for this work, the sum of £40 on account.

A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE INSPECTOR.

A letter was read from Mr George Wallace, of Annfield Plain, complaining of the delay made by the Inspector (Mr J. W. Rounthwaite) in opening out a drain near his premises, which ran into Mr Lumley's yard, thus causing a great deal of annoyance and inconvenience. The writer further complained of the activity of the Inspector towards him when he requested the latter to proceed with the work as swiftly as possible.

The Chairman explained that when the drain was opened out, the Inspector ascertained that the pipes would have to be taken up for a short distance in order to get the drain into proper working order. Mr Rounthwaite accordingly wrote to him, and asked for instructions on the matter. Unfortunately, he (the Chairman) was away from home at the time, and did not in consequence receive that letter until his arrival home on Tuesday night; but on Wednesday he instructed the Inspector (on behalf of the Authority) to do what was necessary to put the drain into proper order. That would account for the delay complained of.

Mr Honeyman said this was the third time this particular drain had been opened since it was laid in. It ran the wrong way at the outset, and he believed that was the fault of the drain at the present time.

The Authority confirmed the action of the Chairman, and the matter dropped.

ALLEGED NUISANCE AT CRAGHEAD.

Mr John Turnbull, of The Deanery, Chester-le-Street, wrote to Mr Fairley (manager for Messrs Hedley) informing that gentleman that as he was travelling through Craghead the other day, he observed some sewage matter running through a grass field near the public-house, and this sewerage was likely to pollute the burn which supplies the inhabitants of Chester-le-Street. He wished to know if he can rely on a good improvement in the property adjacent, and if so, would they adopt means to allay this pollution?

Mr Fairley stated that he saw Mr Turnbull a day or two afterwards, when the latter threatened to stop up the pipes if the pollution was not stopped. Subsequently he wrote to Mr Turnbull informing him that he would lay the matter before the Sanitary Authority at their next meeting on July 5th; but as the subject required urgent attention he thought it advisable to bring it forward that day.

It was decided to let the matter remain in abeyance until the ordinary meeting.

This was all the business, and the Authority rose.

BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of this Board was held in the Town Hall Buildings, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday afternoon. The chair was occupied by Mr James Annandale, J.P., and there were also present Messrs J. Lax, W. Wheatley, W. Wilson, H. Carse, J. Eltringham, J. Dowson, M. E. Turner, F. Priestman, and Dr George Renton. The Clerk (Mr Booth) and the Surveyor (Mr Dixon) were also in attendance.

The Chairman read the minutes of last meeting, and, on receiving the approval of the members, signed them.

MRS ELLIOTT'S PREMISES.

The Surveyor stated that he served a registered letter on the agent of Mr Thompson, of Bishop Auckland, to abate a nuisance at that place, but nothing had been done, and the notice had lapsed.

Mr Carse said their next course would be to instruct their Medical Officer and Inspector to visit the place and make a thorough inspection, and afterwards apply to the magistrates for a summons, laying all particulars of the nuisance before them.

The Clerk thought it was unnecessary to have another inspection of the property, as both these officers and the Sanitary Committee had reported that there was a nuisance at the place. All they need do was to instruct the Inspector to issue a summons against the owner of the property, and at the hearing of the case the Medical Officer would have to give evidence.

Mr Carse still held that there should be a special inspection.

Mr Dowson then proposed that the Inspector apply for a summons against the owner of the property occupied by Mrs Elliott, at Blackhill, for neglecting to abate the nuisance complained of.

This was agreed to on being seconded by Mr Lax.

CUT-LYING AND DETACHED PORTIONS OF ROAD.

For some time past the Board has been negotiating with the Lanchester Highway Board for the latter to take over a piece of land on the Wolsingham road (in the Benfieldside township), it being a great inconvenience to the Benfieldside Local Board. The Clerk (Mr Booth) dilated at great length on the great amount of trouble and inconvenience caused by cutting and detached portions of land in their district, and pointed out that they should be done away with. He had received a letter from the Clerk of the Lanchester Highway Board, and they offered to take the piece of land referred to, on the Board paying them the sum of £40 to make the same. He (the Clerk) thought this was very moderate, and the Board should accept the terms, but first getting the consent of the Local Government Board as the matter stood.

After a little consideration on the subject, it was proposed by Mr Carse, that the Clerk be instructed to place before the Local Government Board the circumstances connected with the highways in the excluded and detached portion of the Benfieldside township, and to ask the Local Government Board's consent to the Board paying the sum of £40 to the Lanchester Highway Board for the making of a piece of road in the Chapman Union to the township of the Lanchester Highway Board, relieving the Board of any further responsibility for repairs of the roads outside their district.

Mr Lax seconded the proposition, and it was agreed to.

FINANCE.

Accounts to the amount of £143 7s 7d were submitted for payment, and on the motion of Mr Wilson, seconded by Mr Priestman, cheques for the same were signed.

REDUCTION OF GAS.

Mr Lax stated that Mr Carse and he waited upon the Shotley Bridge Gas Company, as requested at last meeting, to ask them on behalf of that Board to make a reduction on the rate of gas paid to the Company by the Board. The deputation pointed out that the gas bill, which was very large, was all paid in a bulk, while for private consumers there is a clerk and collector employed to make periodical visits for the payment of the amount of gas consumed, and still the Board had to pay the same rate for gas as the private consumer. They also quoted prices for gas of several towns, which were all less than the rate charged by Shotley Bridge Gas Company. The chairman of that body informed the deputation that their request could not be entertained this year, owing to the Company being gone to considerable expense in making additions to the Gas Works, and were not sure as to the amount of profit there would be gained by the new arrangements, and also were doubtful whether they would pay at all. However, they would promise them that next year the company were going to make a general reduction in the gas rate.

Mr Carse substantiated what Mr Lax had just said, and thought they could not do anything further in the matter, but just to let the subject remain on the books.

This was agreed to.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

Gentlemen,—During the past month the workmen have been employed on the several highways and streets in your district, water-tabling and dressing-up. The stone-breakers are preparing material for the ensuing year.

During the month Mr Ornsecd has completed his contract connecting the Shotley Footpath. This work has been carried out satisfactorily.

The kerbing of the Lobley Hill Footpath has been completed during the month.

I wish to have the instructions of the Board as to who is liable to re-build a fence wall that has fallen down between Mr Stout's and Snow's Green.

Messrs Hunter's, Goddard's, and Eltringham's plans have been examined by your Committee since amended, and have been stamped.

Since last meeting I have collected and paid to treasurer, from General District and Highway Rates, £56 1s 9d.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

June 20th, 1883.

THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

Gentlemen,—During the past month I have inspected your district several times. I find the sabpits well cleaned out, and your main drains in good working order.

No. 1 Mill Street.—The alterations to this property are in progress, and will be completed shortly.

The alteration to property No. 57 and 58, Wood Street are progressing. I hope to be able to report this work completed next month.

Hillgreat House.—Since last meeting the south-west end of this house has been cemented and tarred to prevent dampness.

Mrs Elliott's house.—Notice was served by registered letter on the agent, Mr Thompson, Bishop Auckland, to abate a nuisance at this house. Nothing has been done to abate the nuisance.

Chester-le-Street.—Mr Raw, the agent, has carried out the instructions of the Board with regard to this property, and no doubt a great improvement will be part of your district.

Mr McIlrove.—With regard to this gentleman's house, I have been put up, and the house very much improved, but the ashpit and privy are still to remove from the side of the house. The agent informs me he has given orders for this work to be done.

Mrs Hedley's property.—Nothing has been done to this property yet. The agent is getting tenders for the work. I expect it will be commenced shortly.

Franklin and Oxley's cottages.—These cottages have been ventilated by grates on footpath, but nothing has been done towards cementing them.

As instructed at last meeting, I served a notice on the agent to Mr Southerton to cover his ashpits. This work is in progress, and will soon be completed.

Messrs. Renton and Turnbull have put the alterations of their conveniences into the hands of the Board to carry out as required. I have received tenders for the work required to be done. These tenders are laid before you.

With regard to Mr Taylor's property, Wood Street, the agent informs me that the back cottage is closed, and will be pulled down. He means to make yard room for the cottages and conveniences.

Bullewell's Midden.—I served a notice for the removal of this midden. This was attended to, but I see he is depositing his manure there again.

Messrs. J. Annandale and Sons have commenced with the alterations to their property, and the work will be completed shortly.

Your Committee have inspected several properties in Cutler's Hall Road. They have also examined several plans, and will report thereon.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

June 20th, 1883.

BROKEN-DOWN WALL AT SNOW'S GREEN

The Surveyor informed the Board that a fence wall at a cottage at Snow's Green had been broken down, and the owner's agent, Mr Clark, had disputed the right of putting the wall in repair, it being for the protection of the public, and contended that the Board would have to do the work.

Mr Carse: There is one thing certain, the Board has never put it in repair before.

The Clerk: Can you prove that the Surveyor of highways never put the wall right before?

Mr Carse: Yes; and if you will let the matter stand over for a month I will prove that Mr Jos Richardson has repaired the wall several times, and also that the Board never did repair it.

It was agreed to let the subject stand over for a month, to allow Mr Carse to throw some light on the matter.

ALTERATION OF CONVENIENCES.

The Surveyor stated that he served notices on Messrs. W. Renton and Turnbull to make some alterations in conveniences connected with property belonging to them, and they had put it into the hands of the Board to carry the work out, for which tenders were laid on the table.

The lowest tenders were Mr Westgarth for mason work, and Mr Strachan for plumbing, and Mr Eltringham, proposed that these two be accepted.

Mr Carse thought the Board had no right to put this property in order, but contended that the owners should do so. It was wasting the time of the Inspector.

Mr Eltringham said that the notice served on the owners had expired, and they had therefore, just put it into the hands of the Board to make all the alterations required, and charged them with the expenses.

The Clerk: Yes; but in such a case as that we can charge five per cent. for our officer's labour. This is a small matter, certainly, but property owners in the district might want the Board to carry out the work of repairing a whole street, and then our Inspector would be kept from his own work, and the Board would have no recompence for his services. In such matters as these, people who don't want to do their own work, but leave it with the Board, should be charged five per cent. for the Inspector's services.

Mr Carse: Why not let the matter remain in the Inspector's hands, and the Board to have nothing at all to do with it.

Mr Eltringham: No, no; I do not believe in making our Inspector into an architect and contractor. It would not be right at all.

The Chairman: We did not authorise the Inspector to get these tenders, but he no doubt did it for the best, and I agree with Mr Eltringham's motion as to accepting Messrs. Westgarth's and Strachan's tenders be adopted.

The Surveyor said that the conveniences that required altering were the worst in Shotley Bridge, and Mr Renton and Mr Turnbull both thought it would be best to let the Board do the work, as it would be done properly.

Mr Eltringham again put forth his proposition, and it was agreed to.

URINAL FOR SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

The committee appointed to fix a site for a urinal at Shotley Bridge, reported that it made any fixed spot, but will do so by next meeting.

PLANS.

Mr Carse moved, and Mr Wilson seconded that the plan submitted by Mr Wilkinson for house in Durham Road, Blackhill, be stamped, subject to a copy of the same being forwarded to the Board.

A plan was also received from Mr Hull of a hayshed proposed to be built on land set out as common quarry, at Blackhill, for Mr Dixon.

Mr Eltringham thought it was illegal for Mr Hull to build on land set apart for common quarry, and the Board should stop him at once.

The Clerk: This Board has nothing at all to do with the quarry; it belongs as much to a person in any part of Benfieldside as to the Benfieldside Local Board. They had no jurisdiction, whatever over it. What they had only to do with was the passing of the plan for the proposed erection, and see that the public were not going to be placed in any danger by allowing the erection of the same.

Mr Dowson: I propose that the plan be passed, and the place erected at the owner's own risk.

Mr Lax seconded this, and it was unanimously agreed to.

WHOLESALE IMPROVEMENTS.

The Sanitary Committee had made an inspection of the district during the month, and suggested various alterations and improvements in property situate in Cutlers' Hall Road, belonging to the following gentlemen:—Messrs. Isaac Hunter, Red, Armstrong, R. Ward, J. Scott, Annandale and Sons, Lough, and Emmerson.

The Committee recommended the Board to order the whole of the property at the east side of Cutlers' Hall Road to be upcouted, on account of there being no ashpits, no slops, and the water dropping from the eaves, running underneath the walls and floors, causing a great amount of dampness.

Mr Carse moved that the Surveyor serve notice on the property-owners mentioned to make all the improvements suggested by the committee.

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

THE POLLUTION OF THE RIVER DERWENT.

The Clerk stated that he had received a letter from Mr Walton-Wilson about the pollution of the river Derwent by the sewerage from Hownsham, and asked the Board if steps could not be taken to put an end to this great nuisance. (He (the Clerk) thinking, it concerned the Benfieldside Board more than Benfieldside, sent a copy of it to the Clerk, who brought it before the Board, and that body had resolved to appoint a deputation to meet the Benfieldside Board, together with Mr Walton-Wilson and Messrs Annandale and Sons (who had also made a serious representation to the Consett Board about the matter) at any date and time fixed by them to go thoroughly into the subject, and try to come to amicable terms as to the best method of dealing with the nuisance. This, he (Mr Booth), thought was a very fair way of dealing with the matter, and asked the Board to appoint a deputation to meet them as desired.

Mr Carse said the time certainly had come when this question should be settled, and he suggested that the whole Board meet the deputation from the Consett Board.

The Clerk: The Consett people would think we were going to take them by storm if all the Board met them. (Laughter.) I think the Sanitary Committee would be sufficient to see them.

Mr Eltringham: Some of the members on the Consett Board seem to think that we are as much to blame as they are for polluting the river.

Mr Carse: Not only thought they were going to get a companion in distress by blaming us with helping to stop the Lintzford paper mills by the sewerage from our district joining theirs below the gas works.

Mr Lax (ultimately proposed, and Mr Wilson seconded, that the Sanitary Committee be appointed a deputation to meet the committee of the Consett Local Board, together with Mr Walton-Wilson and Messrs Annandale, and Sons about the pollution of the Derwent, the sewerage, and that the Clerk be requested to convene the meeting.

This received the approval of all the members.

The Board then rose.

Correspondence.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHOTLEY BRIDGE STAR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Dear Sir,—I see by yours of the 16th inst., that the Secretary's remark at the meeting at Blackhill on the 5th inst., are made to convey a different meaning to that intended. It stated that Mr Gibbinson remarked that it was doubtful last year whether the Society would be able to exist another twelve months. It should have been that some of our friends were doubtful last year whether the Society would exist. The Board of Management had no doubts.—Yours, &c.,

J. GIBBINSON.

THE RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY AND THEIR INSPECTOR.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—I, with others, wish to know why the proceedings of the Lanchester Board of Guardians was abridged in your issue of Friday se'nnight. Anyone not allowed to report in full as Consett, Benfieldside, and Lendgate Local Boards, or are the Guardians, or a majority of them, afraid the ratepayers would know how the Sanitary Inspector spends their time as architect to a School Board of a distant Borough in preparing plans of schools and carrying out the works at an estimated cost of over £21,000? Also, plans of dwelling-houses (of the Lanchester district), of which it is his duty to do the office to inspect during the progress of the work. When was this privilege granted? When does he use to devote his whole time to the service of the Board at a salary of £200 per annum. Their late Surveyor was not allowed to do anything else but give his whole time to the service and was not allowed to peruse or take a copy of the reports of a committee (Messrs Logan, Wilkinson, and Hutchinson) on the state of Wagtail Cottages at Craghead when they were raised by the owners, Messrs. Hedley, but on application for the same it was refused. Shall have more to say when this is answered.—I am, sir, yours, &c.,

A LATE RESIDENT OF LANCHESTER.

Consett, June 12th, 1883.

The Weardale Lead Mines.—The Healeyfield Lead Mining Company have secured a 60 years' lease of the Weardale Lead Mines. They have bought the plant at these mines for £25,000. It is expected that shares will be offered to the public in the course of a few days.

Derwent Cottages Wesleyan Chapel.—The anniversary services in connection with the above school were held on Saturday and Sunday last. On the first-named day, a public tea was provided in the Chapel, which was tolerably well patronised, the tables being presided over by Misses Elizabeth Cash, Jane Wales, Isabella Cash, and Margaret Walker. At the public meeting held subsequently, the chair was occupied by Mr Joseph Oley, of Shotley Bridge. Addresses were delivered expressing a hope that they would have a successful anniversary, said he had always held that the education offered to the children on the Sabbath-school at Derwent cottages was of a higher standard than that given by similar schools in the district. The recitations and singing by the scholars were clearly and precisely rendered, that he had come to the conclusion there must be a lot of clever people at Derwent Cottages (Applause.)—Mr Mark Noble (Blackhill), followed with an able address on the principles of carrying on the work of Sunday-schools, and urged the teachers, class leaders, superintendents, and others, to be more united in their efforts in teaching the young.—Mr Geo. Dickinson (Albion, Cumberland), in an eloquent speech, dwelt at length on the good work accomplished by the Sunday-schools in this country, and the great responsibility that it with them were seeking to rock the foundations of their religion. He referred to the spread of atheism and infidelity, which were now known by the name of secularism and socialism. As the children in their schools would be the men and women of the future, it was necessary for them to make the most strenuous efforts to combat with this evil, which was manifesting itself more and more day by day.—The addresses were interspersed by selections of music, recitations, &c., given by the scholars under the leadership of Mr R. Hopwood; Mr Richard Harbottle presiding at the harmonium.—The meeting terminated after a vote of thanks, moved by Mr A. Dobson, and seconded by Mr Hopwood, had been accorded to the chairman and speakers.—On Sunday, the services were conducted by Mr G. Dickinson, being held in the afternoon and evening in the open-air. Unfortunately, the weather proved unfavourable at night. Collections were taken at the meeting and at the close of each service in aid of the School Funds.

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BIRTHS.

Victoria Garesfield.—On the 19th inst., the wife of Lanneckie Pascod, of a son.

Flass Hall.—On the 19th inst., the wife of Major E. Leadbitter-Smith, of a daughter.

Witton Gilbert.—On the 13th inst., the wife of Mr James Dixon, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

Lanchester.—At the Register Office, on the 13th inst., Mr R. Carter to Miss G. Faitison, both of Blackhill.—15th inst., Mr J. Murphy to Miss M. J. Bell, both of Blackhill.—Same day, Mr G. Hardman, of Malting, to Miss H. Lowes, of Hamsteels.—Same day, Mr T. Farrer to Miss C. Hughes, both of Consett.

Burnopfield.—At Hedley Church, on the 20th inst., by Hoense, by the Rev. G. Williams, M.A., vicar, Mr Walter Oliver Stobie, wool merchant, Forth House, Newcastle, to Miss S. Probert, daughter of Mr T. Probert, of Birtley.

DEATHS.

Leadgate.—Bradley Square, 18th inst., aged 21 years, William Percival Hall.

Benfieldside.—Royal Hotel, 16th inst., aged 42 William Thompson Ward.

Blackhill.—Ashley Street, 16th inst., aged 29 years, William Nicholson Shiamin.

Sunny Bridge.—Rose Cottage, 16th inst., aged 19, Annie Linzie, youngest daughter of John Smith, Architect.

Stanley.—Hall-Moon Lane, 14th inst., aged 33, P.C. George Cummins, late of Medomsley.

Wrekenton.—19th inst., aged 71, Abraham Spoor.

Rowlands Colliery.—19th inst., aged 36, Ann Stafford, wife of John Henry Stafford, formerly of Annfield Plain.

Dipton.—First Hill, 20th inst., aged 2, James, son of Joseph and Sarah Rumney.

Wolsingham.—On the 11th inst., Mr William Green, aged 36 years.

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