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The monthly meeting of this body took place at the Board Buildings, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday sennight—Mr Jas. Annandale, J.P., presiding. The members in attendance were:—Messrs. J. Lax, W. Wheatley, R. Murray, J. Eltringham, A. E. Turner, H. Carss, W. Telford, the Clerk (Mr J. Booth) and the Surveyor (Mr John Dixon.)

THE SANITARY COMMITTEE

Reported that the Medical Officer's (Dr. G Renton) report—which was published last month—was considered to be satisfactory, and did not require comment. The question of the ventilation of sewers was left over, but the Inspector would report upon the present condition of the sewers.

FINANCIAL.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of the following:—Surveyor's monthly pay bill, £41 19s 8d; Gas Company's account, £79 5s 7d, and other sums showing a total of £123 7s 8d.

On the motion of Mr MURRAY, seconded by Mr WHEATLEY, cheques were ordered to be signed in favour of the foregoing amounts.

HIGH BAXTON BURN QUARRY.

The Clerk having presented a lengthy petition, relating to the application of the Board to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for acquiring the above-mentioned quarry, the same was approved of and ordered to be sealed.

A DILAPIDATED STABLE.

A communication was read by Mr W. Southeron of Newcastle (now staying at Whitehaven), to the effect that he did not deem it necessary to carry out the Board's notice already served upon him with regard to the stable, &c., in Wood Street, occupied by Mr W Bell. The Board had no power to compel him to pull the building down, nor did he see it would be any benefit to erect a new one on the opposite side of the yard. To carry out the Board's directions would be very expensive, and he hoped they would re-consider their decision.

Mr CARSS explained that the stable, privy, &c., was a lean-to structure against a dwelling-house. The place was in a dilapidated condition, and was never intended for a stable. The noise made by the horses kicking and stamping their feet disturbed the folks round about so much that they could not sleep at nights.

Mr ELTRINGHAM stated there were holes so large in the structure that some of the horses found their way into the yards. (Laughter.)

Mr WHEATLEY: They'll not suffer for the want of fresh air. (More Laughter.) There are no stalls in the stable; the horses being separated from each other by an old sack suspended by string from the ceiling. (Laughter.)

Mr CARSS further explained that it was a wooden stable, the floor of which had been kicked into holes. There were no drains to take off the urine, and no provision for the depo it of refuse. If a private gentleman could obtain redress from the crowing of a bantam cock at nights, surely the people living in this locality were entitled to redress in consequence of the noise made by the trampling of the horses feet through the night. (Laughter.)

Mr WHEATLEY: We cannot prevent the horses from stamping their feet; but we can shut up the stable.

At the CHAIRMAN's request, the Surveyor read a copy of the notice served upon Mr Southeron, in March, which ordered him to abate a nuisance caused by the dilapidated stable, privy, &c., against a dwelling house; and for that purpose doing away with the stable, and constructing the privy into a water-closet.

After discussion, it was resolved on the proposal of Mr MURRAY, that the Surveyor be authorised to lay a complaint before the Magistrates with a view to taking legal proceeding for closing the premises.

REPAIRING THE BLUE BRIDGE AT SHOTLEY.

Respecting this matter, which has occasioned so much controversy of late, after re-discussing its varied phrases, and hearing the Clerk's opinion, it was ultimately resolved that the Clerk be instructed to write the owner of Shotley Hall Estate (Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson, J.P.) that the Board, after making full and diligent enquiries, found they were not liable for the maintenance and repair of this bridge; and that the reponsibility of so doing rested with him, and that if he (Mr Wilson) did not forthwith commence to repair the bridge, legal proceedings would be taken against him; furthermore, that a notice-board be put up warning pedestrians of the dangerous and ricketty condition of the structure.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the month your workmen have been employed on your several highways and streets in watertabling, gathering off loose stones, and dressing-up. Your stonebreakers are prepairing materials for the ensuing season.

I have received a letter from Mr Crozier, county surveyor, with regard to your highways. He considers them in fairly good condition.

As instructed at last meeting, I have made the apportionments for Queen Street and Ritson's Road. These have been laid before your Highway and Finance Committee. I want your instructions with regard to sending these accounts to the several properties abutting these streets.

The drinking fountain has been erected at Blackhill.

I have collected and paid to treasurer during the month the following sum:—

General District Rate - - £18 15s 1d

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

The Board instructed the Surveyor to forward the cost of making Queen Street and Ritson's Road to the different owners.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector submitted the following monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Leadgate Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—I have inspected your district several times this month. I find the refuse generally cleaned out, and consider you district in a fairly good sanitary condition.

With regard to the ventilation of main sewers mentioned in Dr Page's report, I have examined our main sewer, and I find that we have 40 surface ventilators on our main drain at present. In my opinion this ought to be sufficient ventilation for our main drains, with the exception of a portion of drain at Blackfine, and I would suggest that a ventilation shaft be placed at the above-mentioned place.—I am, yours, &c., JOHN DIXON.

Benfieldside, June 15th, 1887.

THE VENTILATION OF SEWERS.

It was proposed by Mr MURRAY, and seconded by Mr CARSS, that the Inspector be empowered to erect a 6in. ventilating shaft at High Blackfine.

In answer to a communication from the Local Government Board, enquiring what the Board contemplated doing, re Dr Page's recommendations on sewer ventilation, the Clerk was directed to inform their Lordships that the Sanitary Committee had examined the district and found there were 40 surface ventilations or grates; and the Board had decided to erect an additional ventilating shaft at Blackfine, this being considered ample for the purposes intended.

THE JOINT PARKS COMMITEEE

Recommended that 20 iron stands be ordered for seats in the Public Park.

The report was adopted.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS ACT.

The Clerk reported that the regulations had been duly published, and would come into operation on the 30th of this month. He had obtained from the police authorities a copy of the previous register, and he ascertained that there were 32 persons registered under the old Act in Benfieldside Local Board district.

Mr MURRAY said there were certain persons registered who did not require to be so under the new Act. He understood that farmers and those persons supplying milk to their workmen or neighbours need not be registered.

The Clerk, having perused the Act, admitted that this was the case; but pointed out that such persons must conform to the provisions of the Act, as regards area, light, ventilation, cleanliness, &c.

Mr CARSS said that these persons were bound to carry out the regulations, in the same was as licensed cowkeepers, only it was not necessary for them to be registered.

IMPROVEMENTS AT BLACKHILL.

Rev Jas. Foran, of St. Mary's, Blackhill, wrote intimating that he was enclosing the road from the entrance in Derwent Street to the Presbytery, and as it would be necessary to interfere with or break up some of the cemented footpaths and crossings, he wished the Board would give him the requisite permission to do so, Mr Foran promising to make everything as good as heretofore.

The Board acceded to the rev. gentleman's request, the only stipulation being that he should re-construct the footpaths to the satisfaction of the Surveyor.

A communication, signed by the 13 owners and occupiers of property, was presented beseeching the Board to make a footpath on the right-hand side of Durham Road towards Highgate.

Mr CARSS stated that Cutlers' Hall footpath had the preference.

In the course of discussion, it was explained that the estimates of the present half-year would not permit of any footpaths improvements being executed, consequently the question was ordered to remain in abeyance.

THE RATING OF MACHINERY: MR CARSS A TORY!

A circular was received from Mr J. W. Gibson, clerk to the Newcastle Guardians, on behalf of five large unions in Northumberland and Durham, asking the Board to petition Parliament against the New Rating of Machinery Bill, and urging upon their members to use their influence to prevent the measure from passing into law.

Mr CARSS remarked that it was a very important matter indeed. He considered that machinery, whether movable or fixed, should be rated; and the valuation at what the premises would let for assessed just in the same way as other buildings properly fitted-up for carrying on any other kind of business. The new act before Parliament would exempt machinery from rating, and it would affect their rates to an inconsiderable extent.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that it was moveable machinery—not affixed to the floors or walls of any buildings—that was to be exempted from rating.

Mr CARSS admitted that this was so; but pointed out that in the shipyards on Tyneside every conceivable trick and dodge had been resorted to in order to evade the act. Their thanks, however, were due to Messrs Hedley, valuers, Sunderland, for the part they had taken in bringing these dishonest practices to light. If the Bill was carried it would create quite a revolution in the system of rating.

Mr MURRAY enquired if it was not a standing rule upon that Board not to meddle with political questions?

Mr CARSS (astonished): Why, sir, this is not a political question. It is a matter affecting the ratepayers, and we, as representing them, are bound to take it up.

Mr TELFORD: Who can gainsay, after these speeches, that Mr Carss is not a good Conservative? (Loud laughter.)

Mr ELTRINGHAM concurred with Mr Carss, and urged that every rating authority ought to take up the matter in earnest.

The Clerk confessed that he had never seen the Bill.

Mr CARSS: Beg pardon, Mr Clerk. If you are behind the times, that does not imply that the members of this Board are asleep also. (Laughter).

The Clerk (humorously): But lawyers are not supposed to read Acts till they have passed into law. (Laughter).

Mr CARSS: Then the mischief's done. I am anticipating the evil.

The Clerk suggested that the subject should be postponed till next month, and in the meantime he would procure a copy of the Bill.

Mr ELTRINGHAM pointed out that if they waited for another month the Bill might probably be passed into law.

Eventually Mr CARSS proposed, and Mr ELTRINGHAM seconded a resolution that the Board should memorialise Parliament against the measure.

The proposition was carried, Mr Murray remaining neutral on the point.

The Clerk stated that he had not seen the provisions of the measure, and he could not tell what they were petitioning against. He must see a copy of the act before he would draw up any memorial.

After further remarks, the Clerk was empowered to obtain a copy of the measure; and, with the assistance of Messrs Carss and Eltringham will prepare a memorial forthwith.

The Board then separated.

WEARDALE QUARRYMEN'S DEMONSTRATION.

On Saturday, the seventh annual demonstration of the Weardale Qarrymen's Association was held at Stanhope—Mr Joseph Toyn, agent of the Cleveland Miners' Association, occupying the chair, and Mr T. Phillipson (Stanhope) the vice-chair. The men marched to the field, accompanied by a brass band.

The CHAIRMAN apologised for the absence of Mr John Wilson, Durham, from whom he read a explaining that duties connected with the Mines Regulation Bill called him to London. He said they had difficulties to surmount in Cleveland since last they met, and they had had difficulties in Weardale. They, too, knew what short time was, but they hoped the worst was past. (Applause.) The resolutions that day would bring before them two subjects—trades' unions and local self-government. Of the former they had had six or seven years' experience. The principle they had adopted was the right one, and was never more necessary than it was that day. (Applause.) The spirit of hostility to trades' unions was abroad in their valley. They had had more members at one time than they had now, and that was owing to pressure. (Applause.) If working men were true to themselves no power could hurt them, for the greatest enemies they had were in their own ranks. There were things that transpired in their dale for which there would be a fearful reckoning one day.

Mr N. RAW (Frosterley) moved the following resolution in an able speech, in which he reviewed historically the position of the working masses of the people:—"This meeting being of opinion that combination is absolutely necessary to enable the working classes to permanently improve their position, resolves to do all in its power to increase the membership of the Cleveland Miners' Association and spread the principles of trades' unionism."

Mr W. SNOW, Cleveland Blast Furnacemen's Association, seconded the resolution. It was, he said, rather strange that at the end of the nineteenth century they should still have to preach the benefits of trades' unionism. But it was necessary just as it was still necessary to preach Christianity after 1,800 years of continual preaching of it. But it should not take more than five minutes to convince every one that it was their duty to be trades' unionists. They ought to make some return for the privileges they enjoyed that day. It was through the combination of the people that they had been able to break down monopoly and injustice. It was through combination the hours had been shortened, and through it he hoped yet to see the eight hours' day general throughout the kingdom. (Applause.) He had heard there of managers who did not deal fairly by their fellowmen. They could only prevent that by combination—by being united as one man. (Applause.) It was trades' unions which had improved the conditions under which men worked. He had had 10 years experience of work in the Cleveland mines. He had worked in them from the Monday to the Saturday twelve and thirteen hours per day, and never seen the daylight. But the Cleveland Association was started, and the difference between working in the mines now and working in them seventeen or eighteen years ago was the difference between living in a comfortable cottage and a mud hut. The employers were compelled to see to the safety and convenience of their men. The ventilation was better. The men were not struck down as they used to be because they could not see their danger. And when a fatal accident occurred the coroner's jury did not make a mere formal inquiry. The officers of the association were apprised, and were present. After a tribute to Mr McDonald, who, Mr Snow said there were those said strikes never did good. They did not know the history of labour. From the anxiety of capitalists to avoid the expense of strikes had come boards of arbitration, joint committees, sliding scales. But, at the same time, if managers would deal justly there would be no strikes. (Applause.)

Mr T PHILLIPSON, Stanhope, moved the second resolution in a thoughtful speech:—"This meeting believing (1) that the present system of land tenure is detrimental to the interests of the nation, and (2) that decentralisation of government is necessary to enable Parliament to deal with this and other questions of national importance, is of opinion that the reform of the Land Laws and the question of local self-governmant should receive the earnest and speedy attendance of Her Majesty's Government, and calls upon them to introduce into Parliament, at the earliest possible moment, bills dealing in a comprehensible manner with these most important subjects."

Mr R. ROWLAND, general secretary, seconded the resolution. The land question he considered, was one of the most important that could engage their attention. (Hear.) Our system of land tenure had produced evils so gigantic, and was responsible for so much destitution and misery, that radical reform had been absolutely necessary—(applause)—and could not with safety be delayed. We boasted of national progress, but it could not be continued with the working classes engaged in a grinding struggle for mere existence.

Mr W. PARKER, Stanhope, proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers for their services and to Bishop Ryan for the use of the ground.

Mr J. MADDISON, Frosterley, seconded, and it was agreed to unanimously.

Mr SNOW, by request, then recited a spirited little poem, "Work for Freedom," with effect.

On the motion of Mr TOYN, a vote of thanks to the newspaper press represented was heartily carried.

LANCHESTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At the monthly meeting of this body, on Thursday, in last week—Mr John Buckham presiding—it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Mr W. LOGAN, that the Board of Guardians be recommended to divide the district of the Committee into two districts, viz:—The northern comprising the parishes of Conside, Ebchester, Iveston, and Tanfield, containing a population of 22,053; and the southern district comprising the parishes of Cornsay, Esh, Hedleyhope, Lanchester, Langley, and Satley, with a population of 14,696; Mr W. Ward to act as attendance-officer for the northern district, and that another officer be appointed for the southern district at a salary of £70 per annum.

The subjoined report was read from the Attendance Officer:—

To the Chairman and Members of the School Attendance Committee of Lanchester Union.

GENTLEMEN,—The annual Government examinations have been held at the following schools:—Ushaw Moor St. Joseph's Roman Catholic, Esh Winning British, Newhouse St. Mary's Roman Catholic, Cornsay St. Charles's Roman Catholic, Cornsay British, East Hedleyhope Colliery, Hedley Hill Colliery, Stanley National, Stanley St. Joseph's Roman Catholic, and Flint Hill National.

Owing to prevalence of meales the schools in Iveston parish have been closed.

During the month 392 absentee visits have been made in Conside and Knitsley; 139 in Iveston; 145 in Esh; 81 in Lanchester; 24 in Cornsay; 218 in Tanfield; 5 in Satley; 4 in Langley; and 5 in Ebchester; total, 1,013. Of this number 813 were made respecting children who were attending school irregularly, and 200 respecting street children. In 52 cases the children were not attending any school, viz:—36 who had lately removed into your district, and 16 who had recently attained school age. Sickness is the main alleged cause of absence. Mumps as well as measles have been epidemic in your district.

Ten notices, under your bye-laws, have been served at Lanchester; 21 at Consett; 2 at Leadgate; 2 at East Stanley; 8 at West Stanley; 4 at Hamsteels Colliery; 7 at Quebec; 3 at Lintz Colliery; 5 at Burnopfield; 2 at Hobson; 5 at Langley Park; 6 at Ushaw Moor; 3 at Shield Row; 4 at Kip Hill; and 1 has been served at The Traveller's Rest; total, 83.

John McGuire and John Thompson, both of Consett, have been summoned before the Magistrates the former for disobedience of an attendance order, and the latter under your lye-laws. The cases were heard at Consett on the 13th inst., when the full penalty was inflicted in each case.

Some boys attending Consett British School, who have lately commenced to play truant, will, I am afraid, require special attention. Their names are Thompson, Parkinson, Green, Tindall, Lowes, Seaton, and Stephenson.

Thirty-three cases, embracing 39 children, are entered in the report book to be laid before you.

As instructed by you I have applied to the head teachers for a return of the attendance for last month. The particulars relating to 8 schools have not yet come to hand.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM WARD.

Iveston, June 16th, 1887.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

At the fortnightly meeting, on Thursday se'nnight, there were present: Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P. (in the chair), Revs J. P. De Pledge, J.P., and Chas. Gillow, Messrs Wm. Logan, Wm. H. Hedley, J. Wilkinson, Geo. Hobson, T. Pringle, T. J. Muse, J. Buckham, R. Mitchinson, J. Watson, J. Lax, Rd. Murray, C. Balleny, T. Nichol, W. Cumming, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

ASYLUM VISITING COMMITTEE.

The following gentlemen were appointed to visit the union inmates in Sedgefield County Asylum:—the Chairman, Messrs R. Murray, C. W. Balleny, and Councillor W. Brown.

The Clerk intimated that owing to the overcrowded state of Sedgefield Asylum, four of the Lanchester paupers had been transferred to Lancaster Asylum.

VACANCY IN ESH TOWNSHIP.

A vacancy having been caused upon the Board in the representation of Esh, by the removal of Mr Hy. Hornsby, colliery manager, the Clerk was directed to notify the Local Government Board.

OFFICIALS AT LOGGERHEADS.

Further complaints were preferred by Mr J. Proud, Shotley Bridge, against Mr J. J. Thompson, of Lanchester, registrar of births, with reference to certain irregularities in the performance of his duties. It was agreed, after some discussion, to ask Mr Thompson and Mr Proud, the vaccination officer, to attend the Board meeting next fortnight, and offer some explanations, Mr HOBSON believing that Mr Thompson could clear himself of the stigma cast upon him.

A CORRECTION.

Mr BALLENY drew attention to an error which he stated had crept into the report published in the *Consett Guardian* of the last meeting. He was reported to say that the Overseers acted as bondsmen for the Assistant-Overseers. This statement was utter nonsense, as such was not the case.

INMATES OF THE HOUSE.

Week ending June 8th	174
Corresponding week of last year	165
Week ending June 15th	176
Corresponding week of last year	167
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	9
" corresponding fortnight last year	16

THE DIVISION OF THE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DISTRICT.

Mr BUCKHAM, as chairman of the Scholo Attendance Committee meeting held that morning, gave notice to move at the next meeting of the Guardians, the recommendation of the Attendance Committee to divide the district.

Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE: Does Mr Ward still act as enquiry officer for the whole district?

Mr BUCKHAM: Yes; he holds that appointment for life.

Mr LOGAN explained that Mr Ward now received £70 a year as attendance officer. It was proposed to reduce his salary to £50 per annum for these duties. Mr Ward had an extensive district to traverse, and the Guardians allowed him £20 for to keep a horse; but now that the area would be divided, he could dispense with its services. There was no fault to find with Mr Ward in the performance of his duties.

Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE: So in point of fact Mr Ward will still be receiving a salary of £100 a year?

Mr LOGAN: Yes.

Mr HOBSON enquired if Mr Ward would consent to the reduction of his salary?

Mr LOGAN stated that the Committee had not consulted him upon the point; but he had no doubt that Mr Ward would accept the terms offered.

SUNDAY CLOSING OF PUBLIC-HOUSES.

A memorial in favour of the Sunday closing of public-houses was ordered to lie upon the table.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

On the proposition of Mr LOGAN, seconded by Mr BALLENY, it was agreed at future meetings to transact the items on the agenda paper prior to dealing with the relief business.

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

THE PROPOSED WEARDALE RAILWAY.

Last Friday, a deputation from the Weardale Railway Committee had an interview, at York, with the Board of Directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company with respect to the above project. The directors present were Sir Lothian Bell (in the chair), Sir J. W. Pease, Bart., M.P., Sir J. Kitson, Bart., M.P., Mr D. Wilson, Capt. Duncombe, Mr J. W. Pease, Mr D. Dale, Mr T. Gray, and Mr J. Cleghorn, with Mr Harrison, the engineer-in-chief, in attendance. The deputation consisted of the Rev R. Shepperd, vicar of St. John's, Weardale; Mr J. Blenkiron, chief agent, Weardale Lead Company; Dr C. C. Hewitson, St. John's Chapel; Mr J. Dawson, St. John's Chapel; Mr T. Carr, merchant tailor, Cowshill; Mr Thos. Elliott, farmer, Sidehead; Mr W. M. Egglestone, Stanhope; and Mr T. G. Watson, draper, St. John's Chapel.—Sir Joseph Pease introduced the deputation, and explained its object to be to urge the Board to extend the Wear Valley Railway from Stanhope to Wearhead.—The Rev J. Shepherd, secretary of the committee, briefly explained the benefits which would arise from the proposed railway extension, and Mr Egglestone summarised the resources of the upper portion of the dale.—Mr Blenkiron and Mr J. Dawson added a few words.—A number of questions were put by the directors and answered by different members of the deputation. The interview was not lengthy. Before leaving the deputation thanked the Board for the courtesy they had shown.—The Chairman intimated that the subject would receive the careful attention of the directors.—Copies of a printed paper, specially prepared by Mr W. M. Egglestone, on the agricultural and mineral resources of Weardale, were handed in to assist the Board in coming to a conclusion on the subject. The distance from Stanhope to Wearhead is about 9½ miles. Mr E. W. Lyall, Darlington, instructed by Sir J. Pease, has surveyed the proposed line, and estimates the cost at £48,627. The Wear Valley Railway was opened out to Frosterley in 1847, and extended to Stanhope in 1862. The project is by no means a new one. So far back as 1845 the promoters of "The Wear Valley Extension Railway" purposed carrying the line through the upper reaches of the dale. Seventeen years ago another scheme was brought forward. On April 9th, 1870, a public meeting was held at the Town Hall, St. John's Chapel, and Messrs Wilkinson and Smith, engineers, Westminster, exhibited plans. It transpired that a tunnel through Kilhope Law would cost £90,000, and a line gathering up the hillside was shown on plan for the purpose of carrying a line from Stanhope to Alston. The line would have been 25 miles in length. The total cost was estimated at £97,000, or about £4,000 per mile. Both projects, of course, fell through.

A WEARDALE ADMINISTRATION SUIT.

At Wolsingham County Court—before His Honour Judge Meynell—Mr Thompson, solicitor (Stanhope), applied, on behalf of the plaintiff in the case of Vickers v. Raine, to the Judge to order the certificate presented by the Registrar. The action is brought for the administration of the estate of Mr Wm. Raine, formerly of Birkdale, a farmer, who died in 1866 intestate, having, it is alleged, some £600 or £700 in personality and some land, and leaving a widow and seven children. Part of the personality was money deposited by deceased in a savings bank at Middleton in his own name and that of five of his children. The plaintiff was not one of these five children in whose names the deposits were made. An inquiry was some months ago ordered to take place before the Registrar, and he has certified to the Court that the personal estate amounts to £193. This certificate, however, ignores the whole of the savings bank deposits in the names of the five children, which is one of the reasons for the present objection to the certificate. Mr Thompson contended that these deposits must either be taken into account as the moneys of Wm. Raine (deceased), or if considered as the moneys of the children in whose names they are deposited, then they are "advancements" of such children made by the father in his lifetime, and that the five children so "advanced" must be excluded from participation in the other personal estate unless they bring these "advancements" into "hotchpot" in accordance with the 5th section of the Statute of Distributions.—The Judge, after reading the section to which his attention was thus called, said that this appeared to be so.—Mr Hodgson, who appeared for defendants, said he was not prepared to reply, as there had been no notice of motion; but it was pointed out no notice was necessary.—His Honour ultimately took time to consider the case, and he further ordered that the money already found to be due to the estate be paid into Court within 21 days.

LANCHESTER UNION ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE.

RATING OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The monthly meeting of the Assessment Committee for the Lanchester Union took place on Thursday se'nnight, under the chairmanship of Mr Wm. Logan.

The Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson) intimated that the district auditor (Mr C. L. Hookin) had requested that all the elementary schools should be rated.

Rev. J. P. DE PLEDGE: A nominal rate will do. The schools are not used for any other purpose. How much would they let for? I wouldn't give £5 rent for my schools.

The Clerk suggested that they might be utilised as cottages.

Rev. J. P. DE PLEDGE: They would never be occupied.

Mr C. BALLENY: The schools could only be let occasionally for public meetings.

The CHAIRMAN said he had never received a farthing rent for his schools at Langley Park.

Rev. J. P. DE PLEDGE: I consider it a great hardship to keep up voluntary schools and then have the burden of rates.

Messrs J. WILKINSON and G. HOBSON considered it perfectly ridiculous for private individuals to build schools and endow them, and then be compelled to pay rates for them.

Rev. J. P. DE PLEDGE: From whom do you gather the rates?

The CHAIRMAN: The managers.

The Rev. J. P. DE PLEDGE: It is a very great hardship, especially to the smaller schools in villages.

Mr MURRAY suggested that the question should be shelved as long as possible.

The Clerk: But the auditors will not allow us to shirk it any longer.

Rev. J. P. DE PLEDGE: What would be the result if we refuse to rate the schools?

The Clerk: The auditor would refuse to pass the overseers' accounts.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the question had already been discussed at Newcastle, and they had agreed to rate the schools at a higher rate of basis than he would suggest. We will have to comply with the law, and we had better do so before the audtior forces us.

Rev. J. P. DE PLEDGE: Would you rate the schools according to their capacity?

The CHAIRMAN; I think the average attendance would be a better standard.

Rex. C. GILLOW protested against the schools being rated; but if they were obliged to rate the schools he hoped they would only be nominally rated.

Rev. J. P. DE PLEDGE failed to see the object of it.

Ultimately, the CHAIRMAN proposed, and it was seconded by Mr WILKINSON, that schools having an average attendance of 100 and less than 200 children should be rated at £5 per annum; 200 and upwards, and less than 300, £10; and £5 for every additional 100 scholars.

Rev. C. GILLOW suggested that they should draw the line at £20; but Rev. Mr DE PLEDGE pointed out that larger schools were better able to pay the rates than the smaller ones.

The proposition was carried *nem com.*

SKINNY MEN.—"Wells' Health Renewer."—Greatest remedy on earth for dyspepsia, nervous weakness, impotence of mind, limb, or vital functions, mental or physical decline. At Chemists.

Cricket.

FIXTURES.

June 25.—Consett and District v Consett Iron Company's Officials, at Consett.
" 25.—Leadgate 1st v Swalwell, at Leadgate.
" 25.—Leadgate 2nd v Blanchland, at Blanchland.
" 25.—Blackhill Royal Oaks v Lanchester 2nd, at Lanchester.
" 25.—Burnopfield v Medomsley, at Burnopfield.
" 25.—Burnhope v Brandon, at Brandon.
" 25.—Pensher v Craghead, at Pensher.
" 25.—Tanfield v Felling, at Tanfield.
" 25.—Ouston v Westwood, at Ouston.
" 25.—Corbridge v Stagshawbank, at Corbridge.
" 25.—Ovingham v Royal Artillery, Newcastle, at Ovingham.
" 25.—Whickham 2nd v Dunston 2nd, at Whickham.
" 25.—Wolsingham v St. Helen's Church Institute, at Wolsingham.
" 25.—Crook v Ushaw Moor, at Ushaw Moor.

Mr Is. Richards, of Consett, has been selected to play in the county match—Durham v Northumberland—at Tynemouth to-day (Friday) and to-morrow (Saturday).

GLOUCESTER v GREENSIDE.—Played at Ryton Willows on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the Gloucester by 15 runs. Score:—Gloucester, 60; Greenside, 45.

HAYDON BRIDGE v BLAYDON.—The return match was played on the ground of the latter on Saturday, in splendid weather, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 17 runs. Score:—Haydon Bridge, 50; Blaydon, 33.

OUSTON v NEWFIELD WANDERERS.—Played on the Wanderers ground on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by 20 runs. Score:—Ouston, 70; Newfield, 50.

ST. JAMES'S (SCOTSWOOD) v BLAYDON RED ROSE.—Played at Blaydon in splendid cricketing weather on Saturday, and after a pleasant game the "Saints" were returned the victors by 35 runs. Score:—St. James's, 79; Blaydon, 44.

ROYAL OAKS v SPEN JUNIORS.—Played on the ground of the former on Saturday, resulting in a victory for the home team. Score:—Royal Oaks, 32; Spen Juniors, 26.

MEDOMSLEY JUNIORS v REDWELL HILLS AMATEURS.—Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a win for the Juniors. Score:—Juniors, 60; Amateurs, 56.

CROOK 2ND v USHAW MOOR 2ND.—Played at Crook on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—Crook, 75; Ushaw Moor, 67.

STAR THEATRE 2ND v BLAYDON HAUGHS RED ROSE.—Played at Blaydon, ending in a victory for Red Rose by 22 runs. Score:—Red Rose, 83; Star Theatre, 61.

CRAGHEAD v SOUTH MOOR.—Played on Tuesday, and resulted in a win by 33 runs. Score:—South Moor, 67; Craghead, 34.

HERRINGTON v SOUTH MOOR.—Played at South Moor on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the home team. T. Wilkinson did the hat trick. Score:—South Moor, 51; Herrington, 45.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v TRINITY ASSOCIATION.

Played in Consett Park on Saturday afternoon, in a blazing hot sun, before a large number of spectators. For the home team, J. Petherick batted in famous style; the only other batsman who put on a big score being W. Turnbull. Hamilton batted well for the visitors. The fielding of the Trinity men was vigorous at the outset, but the heat of the sun seemed to pay them out. Score:—

CONSETT.		TRINITY ASSOCIATION.	
Is. Richards c Balfour b Mann	5	J. G. Alder c H. Foggon b Young	4
W. Turnbull run out	24	Hamilton b Young	20
J. Petherick st Hamilton	78	G. Hunter b H. Foggon	4
J. Richards b Mann	11	W. B. Shaw not out	14
Dr Young b Alder	5	J. G. Mann not out	11
R. Park b Alder	0	C. G. Binks	To bat.
Dr Short b Huntingdon	10	R. Geddes	To bat.
P. Gibson c Binks b Geddes	6	J. C. Brummell	To bat.
W. Foggon run out	7	P. Balfour	To bat.
H. Foggon c Hamilton b Mann	0	Huntingdon	To bat.
S. Templeton not out	0		
Extras	12	Extras	1
Total	158	Total	54

Y.M.C.A. v CONSETT 2ND.

Played on Jesmond Recreation Ground on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the home team by 19 runs. Score:—

Y.M.C.A.		CONSETT.	
C. T. Traill b Williamson	0	T. Gray b Wilkinson	5
F. R. Bance b Wood	0	J. Askew run out	3
H. Tait b Williamson	21	J. G. Murray b Traill	0
H. Pattle b Wood	1	A. Wood b Wilkinson	15
H. Shorter c Russell	4	A. Russell b Wilkinson	0
H. Wilkinson c Stanton	4	M. Williamson c Stephenson	2
P. H. Cooke c Fiddes	6	J. Wilson not out	7
G. Simpson b Williamson	7	R. Watson c and b Wilkinson	5
R. Stephenson b Askew	1	T. Turner run out	3
C. Little not out	6	J. Fiddes run out	0
F. Short c Askew	10	H. Stanton b Wilkinson	0
Extras	13	Extras	14
Total	73	Total	54

WHITE ROSE JUNIORS v MEDOMSLEY 2ND.

Played at Newcastle on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the home team by 21 runs. Score:—

WHITE ROSE.		MEDOMSLEY 2ND.	
E. Stephenson b Walton	1	Charlton b Wilde	0
J. Hunter b Walton	2	Taylor b Wright	3
J. Makepeace b Charlton	9	Walton c Atthey b Wilde	0
J. Ashworth b Charlton	0	Barnes b Wright	0
T. Wright c Bramley b Wilkinson	7	Bramley b Wright	8
Cutting run out	1	Hunter st Brumwell b Wilde	2
G. Wilde run out	15	R. Wright b Wright	1
Brumwell b Charlton	11	J. Wilson not out	8
T. Atthey b Charlton	0	Wilkinson b Wright	2
J. Wilson b Walton	1	A. Thompson c Hunter b Wright	1
Tuff not out	2	W. Hunter c Hunter b Wright	0
Extras	10	Extras	13
Total	59	Total	38

LEADGATE v LITTLEBURN.

Played (with twelve men each) at Leadgate Park on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the home team. Snowdon played carefully for his 13, being at the wickets an hour-and-a-half. Murphy and Monaghan bowled well for the home team, and Willans did good service for the visitors. Score:—

LEADGATE.		LITTLEBURN.	
J. Snaith c Halliday b Willans	2	T. Bowes b Monaghan	4
W. Brears c Smith b Willans	5	T. Carter b Monaghan	3
J. Monaghan b Willans	0	H. Young b Murphy	0
J. Snowdon b Mordue	13	J. Mordue run out	3
F. Jackson c and b Young	0	J. Kindred c Murphy b Monaghan	2
John Snaith lbw b Willans	0	Hugh Young c Snaith b Murphy	1
J. Maughan b Willans	8	C. Cummings b M'rphy	11
J. Noble c Carter b Willans	0	J. Willans b Monagh'n	0
R. Boustead b Young	3	M. Halliday b M'rphy	6
J. Murphy b Bowes	16	W. Bowes not out	4
J. Boustead not out	1	R. Telford b Murphy	2
A. Burnip b Bowes	3	W. Smith b Murphy	2
Extras	16	Extras	6
Total	67	Total	44

BURNOPFIELD v ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Played at Burnopfield on Saturday, resulting in a draw. The batting of Finlay (56) and Armstrong (23) was much admired. Score:—

BURNOPFIELD.		ROYAL ARTILLERY.	
J. Cuthbertson lbw b Johnson	12	Capt. Hardacre run out	5
R. Armstrong c Brennan	23	Corp. Brennan b Lamb	5
W. Hogarth b Smedley	1	Gun. Batty not out	3
R. Dent st Hardacre	0	Bomb. Hope	To bat.
G. Finlay c Hardacre	56	Bomb. Berry	To bat.
J. Curry b Johnson	0	Gun. Johnson	To bat.
J. Potts b Johnson	0	Gun. Johnson	To bat.
R. Davidson b Brennan	4	Drv. Rishworth	To bat.
G. Lamb run out	17	Drv. Smedley	To bat.
R. Ferguson b Johnson	5	Gun. Making	To bat.
J. Elliott not out	0	Bomb. Osborne	To bat.
Extras	20	Extras	2
Total	139	Total	15

BURNHOPE v LANCHESTER.

Played at Lanchester on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the Burnhope team. Score:—

BURNHOPE.		LANCHESTER.	
W. Dyson c Hunter b Dixon	28	H. Dixon c Heckels b Robinson	0
J. Lawson b Hunter	0	W. Snaith b Robinson	0
A. Heckels b Hunter	1	J. Ross c and b Dyson	1
H. Burnett b Hunter	4	J. Marsh c Lawson b Robinson	8
J. Robinson b Buckham	19	T. Buckham b Dyson	2
J. Ridley b Hunter	0	H. Hunter c T. Burnett b Robinson	0
T. Burnett c and b Hunter	7	G. Robson b Dyson	12
J. Holt c Andrews b Dixon	1	A. Hedworth c T. Burnett b Robinson	1
G. Heslop b Dixon	2	R. Toward b Robinson	0
W. Elliott not out	16	J. N. Walton b Robinson	0
J. Burnett b Dixon	9	W. Andrews not out	0
Extras	1	Extras	7
Total	88	Total	31

BLACKHILL JUNIORS v ST. CUTHBERT'S JUNIORS.

Played in Consett Park on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team by 90 runs. Score:—

JUNIORS.		ST. CUTHBERT'S.	
J. Williams b Seed	1	E. Bell c Williams b Dunn	3
T. Linday b Seed	6	S. Leadbitter b Dunn	6
J. Watson run out	24	J. Seed run out	3
J. Brown c Stokoe b Seed	9	G. Stokoe c Lindsay	4
J. Sayers b Seed	0	L. Bell b Dunn	0
G. Hewitson b Seed	1	J. Ormerod st Will'ms	0
T. Barnett not out	38	J. Surtees c Lindsay b Watson	4
W. Atkinson b Bell	13	G. Surtees b Watson	3
T. Dunn b Bell	10	F. Richardson b Watson	1
E. Simpson b Seed	4	J. Robson b Watson	1
P. Campbell b Bell	2	E. Oley not out	0
Extras	14	Extras	7
Total	122	Total	32

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Played at Newcastle on Wednesday afternoon, and resulted in a draw, the visitors occupying the wickets the whole of the afternoon. Is. Richards batted splendidly, carrying his bat out. Score:—

CONSETT AND DISTRICT.	
Is. Richards not out	82
E. Jones run out	0
W. Allan c Berry b T. Johnson	0
W. Foggon c Brennan	16
Dr Short c H. Johnson	0
N. Raw b T. Johnson	16
W. Ramsay c H. Johnson	6
J. Dixon c Berry	4
T. H. Kirkup b Brennan	1
Grieves c Brennan	4
J. G. Redlaw b H. Johnson	0
Extras	14
Total	143

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The Jubilee Celebrations.

LOCAL PUBLICANS AND THE JUBILEE.

Only one magistrate—Mr James Annandale—attended the Consett Petty Sessions on Monday, consequently three or four innkeepers present who contemplated asking for an extension of hours on Tuesday night, did not proceed with their application.

On Monday, a deputation, consisting of Messrs Joseph Towes and Ralph Walton, as representing the innkeepers of Lanchester, waited upon the Justices privately, and applied for the public-houses in the village to be kept open two hours later than usual on the Jubilee day.—The Justices were unanimous in granting the request.

The Hexham Bench, on Monday, granted the innkeepers of Blanchland an extension of two hours on Tuesday.

The Stanhope Bench granted several Stanhope and St. John's Chapel innkeepers an hour's extension on jubilee night, and seven Wolsingham publicans, through Mr Devey, also applied.—The Bench, however, thought the latter should have applied at the Wolsingham Court, and declined the extension. It was stated that only part of the Wolsingham innkeepers had applied, and that the extension would bring the Tow Law people down to Wolsingham. If all were kept alike they could not complain.—Mr Devey said his clients took the other idea. They thought that a few would have a better chance than all of getting an extension.

BURNOPFIELD.

The Jubilee was celebrated with becoming joy in the parish of Burnopfield. A tea was provided for the teachers and children attending all the Sunday-schools, including the Wesleyan, United Methodist, Primitive Methodist, and the Church Schools. The children, to the number of about 620, marched from their respective places to the church, and filled the sacred edifice to overflowing. Never, probably, had such a number of children been gathered within the precincts of St. James's Church. A special service was held, the Vicar preaching an eloquent and impressive sermon, dwelling with emphasis on the Christian character of our gracious Queen and the prosperity of our country at home and abroad during the fifty years of her reign. The National Anthem was sung, and the children joined in right heartily. After service an adjournment was made to the Temperance Hall, where the tea was served out and the children soon did ample justice to the good things provided for them. After tea a move was made for the field, kindly granted for the occasion by Mr Adamson, at Middle Friarside, and in a few minutes cricket, rounders, football, and other out-door sports were indulged in. The day was gloriously fine for such amusements and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Mr Geo. Smith, churchwarden, had been instrumental in collecting a sum of money with which was procured a quantity of nuts, oranges, and some toys for prizes to the children who could distinguish themselves in running, skipping, &c. The prizes were equally divided between the boys and the girls, and a number of races were run with great eagerness, the most amusing perhaps being the three-legged race by the boys. Messrs Boast, A. Davis, Bell, Geo. Smith, and W. Hogarth made themselves very useful on the field and helped the children to enjoy thoroughly their day's outing. At the close Mr Boast proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Stirrup and the other donors by whose liberality the tea was given. Mr Davis seconded this, and it was carried with acclamation, Mr Hughes replied on behalf of the donors, and thanked those present for their hearty expression of gratitude. The National Anthem was then sung, and three hearty cheers for the Queen were given, and the company dispersed homewards thoroughly satisfied with their Jubilee treat. The heartiest thanks are due to the following ladies and gentlemen, by whose kind liberality the tea was provided:—Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Watson, Messrs Annandale, R. Clark, H. Watson, Berkley, Gilchrist, W. Hogarth, and the Vicar.

DIPTON.

A commencement in the Jubilee rejoicings here was made on Monday afternoon, when the children attending the Collierley Board Schools assembled on the green in front of the schools and sang the National Anthem and other songs, after which there were scrambles for nuts, sweets, &c., given by the teachers, Mr Powell, and Misses Baker and Wood. In the evening a numerous company attended the Co-operative Hall, where a concert had been arranged to raise funds for the school children and old folks on the morrow. The performers included Drs Duncan and Johnson, Rev. C. H. Newman (Tanfield), Messrs King, Martin, and Ross, and Miss R. Compton and the members of the singing class. The members of the Salvation Army granted the free use of the hall, and a pleasant evening was spent, the proceedings closing with the National Anthem. Tuesday's doings commenced by the assembling of St. John's S.S. children at the vicarage, where a medal commemorative of the Jubilee, and kindly provided by Hon. Mrs Vereker, Hansterley Hall, was presented to each scholar—who then marched to the church—the members of the congregation joining the procession. Service was held at two o'clock. There was a large congregation. The National Anthem was sung, and the vicar, Rev. R. Tuson, preached the sermon. At the close the procession was formed, and marched back to the vicarage field, where a free tea was provided for the 300 scholars, 70 old people, and 170 parishioners at a small charge. After tea, various amusements filled up the evening, and several balloons were successfully sent up. The Wesleyan demonstration on Pontop Pike was attended by great numbers of people. From the top of the Pike some 70 bonfires could be seen on the surrounding hills.

WEARDALE BONFIRES.

Arrangements were made for lighting several bonfires in Weardale in connection with the Jubilee celebration. The highest hill in Weardale on which a bonfire was to be lit was Killhope Law, 2,206 feet, but the highest hill in the valley is Burnhope Seat, 2,452. At Stanhope a large bonfire was erected on Crawledge Edge. The whole of these were to be lit at about ten o'clock.

EDMONDBYERS.

On Tuesday at five o'clock, the villagers joined to provide a pic-nic tea on a hill behind the village, which was partaken of by the children and others. At 10.35 p.m. a bonfire was lighted on the same hill, with cheering for the Queen and the singing of the National Anthem, which burned for an hour. From the same hill, which is visible for miles around, seventeen bonfires were observed.

SLALEY.

The Jubilee holiday will be celebrated on the 25th inst. by thanksgiving services in the parish church at 2·30 p.m., and afterwards by a free tea for all parishioners provided by public subscription. The Slaley Brass Band will perform during the afternoon, and there will be sports for young and old in a field granted for the happy occasion by the Rev W. Sisson, vicar.

BEAMISH.

The loyalty and liberality for which Mr Mr T. Duncombe Eden, of Beamish Park, is so well known in this district were shown in a marked degree on Tuesday. The whole of the servants and workpeople on the estate and inmates of the Methold Almhouses were sumptuously entertained to tea in the hall, Mr Nathaniel Clark, the agent, presiding. The toast of the health of the Queen was most enthusiastically received, as also was that of Mr Eden. Games were indulged in during the afternoon, the Pit Hill Band playing a selection of music throughout the proceedings. A most pleasant day was brought to a close with a dance upon the beautiful lawns in which old and young heartily joined. Rejoicings on a still larger scale took place on Wednesday at Mr Eden's Cheveney estate in Kent.

CHESTER-LE-STREET

The school children assembled at one o'clock in the Back Chare, where each child from 5 to 14 received a Jubilee medal. A procession afterwards took place, followed by a tea and various sports, and the festivities concluded with a display of fireworks. A special service was held in the Parish Church at eleven o'clock in the morning, being largely attended. The inmates of the workhouse were regaled with a substantial dinner, and the children were taken to the Lambton Park.

The school children of Lumley were entertained at Lumley Castle in the afternoon, and enjoyed themselves afterwards in various sports.

USHAW COLLEGE.

This great English Catholic college is keeping High Festival in honour of the Queen's golden Jubilee. On Sunday the usual solemn High Mass was made more solemn still by special prayers for Her Majesty the Queen. The Antiphon, *Domine salvam fac Reginam nostram Victoriam*, &c. ("O Lord, save Victoria, our Queen"), sung on all Sundays after High Mass, was, in honour of the occasion, sung to an adaptation of the beautiful air of the Austrian National Hymn. As the last strains died away the organ pealed forth the opening notes of the *Te Deum*. This glorious hymn of thanksgiving, that has been in use in the Catholic Church for at least 1,200 years, was then sung in thanksgiving for the many blessings showered down on our Queen and country during her 50 golden years of golden reign. In the evening service, too, the *Te Deum* was again solemnly sung, with the additional versicles, responses, and prayers ordered for occasions of solemn thanksgiving. On Monday morning at 9 a.m., the ringing of the "big bell" announced a whole play-day for the students. With its iron tongue it rang out, "Jubilee, Jubilee," if ever a bell sang or spoke. So thought the students, at any rate, who, in their scores, had gathered round the bell tower, cheering so lustily for the Queen that the loud and ceaseless song of the bell, "Jubilee, Jubilee," was drowned by the deafening chorus that greeted the censor's appeal to the warm young hearts, "Nine times nine for Her Majesty, our noble Queen, Victoria." Tuesday morning—the Jubilee day itself—came, and at an early hour the Very Rev President (Dr Lennon), professors and students, mustering close on 300 strong, assembled on the terrace facing the college; and there, with the college band in their midst, reverently and solemnly sang "God save the Queen."

WOLSINGHAM.

Jubilee was celebrated by a tea to the Sunday school children belonging every religious denomination. A procession was formed by the Wesleyans, Baptists, and Primitive Methodists, headed by the Wolsingham band, after which the children were served with tea in a field lent by Mr Craig. The Church school children and all the aged people in the town, with a considerable number of communicants, were provided with a meat tea at the Rectory. The Rectory grounds were thrown open to the public for recreation and refreshment. The Wolsingham Brass Band was in attendance.

BLAYDON.

On the Summer-house Hill, a point rearing high above the village, the materials for a bonfire were piled up in the course of Tuesday, and set a blazing when the darkness began to set in. The situation is such that the fire could be seen from places far removed in the surrounding district.

GREENSIDE.

On the 21st inst., the whole of the children attending the day and Sunday schools in this village were entertained to tea in a field at Maiden Hill, Woodside, kindly granted for the occasion by Mr Wm. Jobson. A number of old widows and poor people were also entertained to tea at the same place by Mr J. B. Simpson, who supplemented a treat to 25 others who were entertained at Moor House, Ryton, by Mr Robert Simpson. The weather being all that could be desired, each one seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

RYTON-ON-TYNE.

On Sunday, special services were held in the church of the Holy Cross, Ryton. A subscription is being made by Mrs Lamb, of Ryton Hall, for providing a dinner for the elderly people in the parish, and a tea for the younger people and children, on some day in the month of June, and £40 has already been collected.

WHITTONSTALL.

The special service was rendered chorally in Whittonstall parish church at three p.m., after which a sermon was preached by the Vicar from I. Tim., ii., 12. All the children in the parish, whether attending school or not, and the poorer members of the community, were entertained to tea, and medals commemorative of the occasion were distributed to all, with rewards to such of the school children as were recommended by the master. The children were occupied in sports until a late hour in the Vicarage Fields. The elevated situation of Whittonstall made it an advantageous position for seeing the beacon fires, of which sixteen could be counted in the two counties of Northumberland and Durham, as well as brilliant fireworks at Hedley-on-the-Hill and Consett. A handsome donation was forwarded from Mr Laycock, the lord of the manor, part of which was expended on the prizes given to the children, and the remainder is to be appropriated for the purpose of a bell for the school, in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. The special services will be repeated on Sunday next.

WHICKHAM.

The Jubilee festivities were opened in this parish by a substantial tea on Monday evening, to which about 100 people of both sexes of the age of 63 years and upwards were invited. After tea, the Queen's health was proposed by the Rector, and most enthusiastically responded to.—Tuesday morning was ushered in by the ringing of the church bells at an early hour. Divine service was held in the parish church at 11 a.m. At 3·30 the school children of the parish began to assemble marshalled by the clergy and their teachers, on the Church Green, consisting of Whickham and Swalwell Church Sunday-schools, Whickham Church Day and Swalwell Board Schools, amounting in all to about 800 children, who being duly marshalled commenced their march in perfect order in one long far-reaching column to the grounds of Dunston Hill, most kindly granted by Mr J. R. Carr-Ellison for the occasion. Here the young people were all served with tea and cake to their hearts' content, and were also each of them presented with a Jubilee mug, 400 of these being given by Mr J. J. Hunter, The Grange. After tea, games and sports of various descriptions were engaged in right merrily. At 10·30 a telling bonfire, consisting of tar barrels, &c., was lighted in a field situated on the north side of the Church and village.

WEARDALE.

The day, which was charming, was observed as a general holiday, many journeying in the earlier part to view the piles of fuel for the bonfires which were lighted in the evening on Killhope Law and Billing Hills. The festivities were numerous, and were stimulated by the commendable loyalty of the Vicar of Heathery Cleugh (Mr Monkhouse), who entertained at his own cost the Sabbath scholars, choristers, and aged poor of the chapelry at the Vicarage. The famous hostelry of Mr R. Bright (Cowshill Hotel), was the scene of regal feast and revelry through the kindness of the lessee of the shooting rights on the Killhope and Wellhope Moors, whose bounty taxed the ever sumptuous *menu* of the hostess in doing justice to the stint-holding gamekeepers and other guests who pledged Royalty and the donor — Mr Woolston, Austin Friars, London, one of the directors of the Lead Company—with ringing cheers.—At St. John's Church a thanksgiving service was held by Rev R. Shepherd, merry peals being rung at intervals from the steeple. The green was the converging focus of the children from the several Sabbath schools, about 400 in all, who, after a brief service, marched to an elevated pasture near, headed by the Weardale band, where with the aged poor they were regaled with tea and cake from the Jubilee fund, each of the children receiving a *souvenir* of the occasion in the form of a jubilee mug from an ex-Weardale lady, Mrs Robson, London. Under the direction of the secretary, Mr James Rushton, and the committee a variety of amusements for the juveniles contributed largely to the enjoyment of the *fete*, which was largely attended.—At Westgate a similar treat was given to the children, and the Rookhope band supplied the music. In the evening an excellent social supper was served by the host of the Miners' Arms, St. John's Chapel, Mr J. Nattrass, to a numerous gathering, who toasted the occasion. The lighted bonfires and display of fireworks at Westgate closed the eventful day, which was heralded by a display of flags and frequent *feu de joies* from the cannons at New House, &c.—A short service was held in Eastgate Church by the Vicar at two, after which a procession, headed by the band, marched to Blakie's Isle, a field, where a repast was provided free to all parishioners. Programme of sports and money prizes. At night, a large beacon on the Billing Hills. Mr J. R. W. Hildyard, J.P., the principal landowner, subscribed £15 towards the funds, in addition to a tea for the school children.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

The Jubilee was celebrated at Annfield Plain on Tuesday afternoon. The Owners of South Derwent and West Shield Row Collieries, through their manager (Mr W. Rutherford) and his staff of officials, supplied all their workmen's children in a suitable field with fruit, bread, and tea, and also presented each child with a nice orange. Altogether over 1,000 children partook of this hospitality. The South Derwent Prize Brass Band was in attendance, under the leadership of Mr Thomas Walker, and played a fine selection of music. Numerous games were indulged in by the boys and girls to the entire satisfaction of all who took part. At nine p.m., the band played "God save the Queen," and the company separated and went home, having spent a most enjoyable day. The weather was fine and pleasant to the vast concourse of people assembled on the occasion, and the afternoon's "outing" will long be remembered by the juvenile portion of the community who took part in the celebration through the munificence of Messrs Dickinson and Co.

The Owners of East Pontop Colliery (Messrs Bainbridge) have not provided a jubilee celebration for their workmen's children, but the juvenile portion were determined not to be left behind in showing their loyalty to England's Sovereign on attaining her 50th year as Queen of the realm. As soon as it was ascertained that there was no treat provided by the owners, a number of them banded together and held a council meeting, and they determined to raise a treat. They canvassed a number of friends. Mr Browell very generously gave them a start, and in their efforts they found many friends, and to their great enjoyment had their fruit bread and tea and games. They fully anticipate, however, that when Messrs Bainbridge are applied to they will send a box of oranges and some sweets to all the juveniles belonging to their workmen.

The Jubilee anniversary services in connection with Annfield Plain Primitive Methodist Sunday-school were celebrated in the following order:—On Saturday, the teachers and scholars marched in procession from the chapel, headed by the Mission Brass Band, by way of South Pontop and Greencroft to a field near the Greencroft Tower, kindly granted by Mr Wilson, Maiden Hall Farm, where tea was provided free for the scholars, after which a public tea was held, when a goodly number partook of the good things set before them. Tea over, games were freely engaged in by all till nine p.m., when the teachers, scholars, and friends marched to the farm, and after singing several hymns, Mr P. Reay, on behalf of the school, presented to Mr and Mrs Wilson a beautiful copy of the Queen's Printer's Teacher's Bible. Mr and Mrs Wilson responded, and said they did not expect to receive such a present, but were ready and willing to help them in any way they could.—After three hearty cheers for Mr and Mrs Wilson and family, and the singing of another hymn, the company returned homeward, having spent a most successful day.—On Sunday, three services were held in the Co-operative Hall, conducted in the morning by Mr C. Graham, and afternoon and evening by Mr P. Reay. At each service, the children recited portions of scripture, poetry, dialogues, and sung (assisted by the chapel choir) a grand selection of suitable music.—On Monday night, a grand floral festival service was given in the chapel by the children and choir. The service was conducted by Mr P. Reay, in the absence of Rev John Magee. The chapel was prettily decorated with flowers of various kinds, and had a most handsome appearance, filling the chapel with their fragrance. At the close, Mr T. Spark was presented with a bible similar to that handed to Mr and Mrs Wilson on his leaving the school. The presentation was made by Mr Reay, who addressed a few kindly words to Mr Spark, and the latter feelingly responded to the manifested kindness of the teachers.—Votes of thanks to all who had in any way assisted at the tea and chapel decoration and to the choir were heartily given. This concluded one of the best anniversary services held in connection with this school. We may note that this being the jubilee year of our Gracious Queen it is also the jubilee year of this school. The proceeds were in advance of last year.

THE WEARDALE ARTIST IN AUSTRALIA.

The *Melbourne Age*, in noticing their National Gallery of Pictures, says:—"The first, and the picture of the year, is the one already alluded to. Mr Longstaffe's "Breaking the News" tells its own story in a realistic and pathetic manner which is perfectly irresistible. Dismissing the accidental coincidence of the Bulli disaster as unpremeditated by the artist, unless in the spirit of prophecy, we find the inspiration of the painter in some colliery accident at home witnessed or narrated, and which has taken a hold upon his feelings. A domestic interior, whose homely and neat surroundings are represented witn scrupulous fidelity, discloses an anxious mother, babe in arm, already more than half guessing the awful tidings about to be imparted to her by an aged man, hoary in locks, but browned with toil, presumably her father, which are that the bread-winner has perished, that the home will be broken up, and that possibly herself and infant may be separated. The half-open door shows the colliery derrick in the distance, and mournful figures, hushed into silence, stand on the outside. None but those who have the sympathy to feel these tragedies, in addition to the art to portray them, can adequately do so. We shall be surprised if this picture, whatever be the price set upon it, is not snapped up by a purchaser as soon as shown." The painter has probably witnessed, and has burnt into his memory, the scene and tragedy his pencil has thus transferred to the canvas. The truth is he is a native of Weardale. Mr Longstaffe left us when a boy. Now that he has won a travelling scholarship in art, enabling him to visit the chief European studies and exhibitions, there is some probability of him renewing acquaintanceship as a man with the scenes and friends of his earlier years. The judges of the Australian Exhibition state in their report "that they had sincere gratification in referring to Mr Longstaffe's picture as the best figure painting that had yet been produced by a Victorian artist, and justifying the expectation that his artistic career in Europe would reflect credit on his instructor as well as on himself, and fully confirm the wisdom of the policy which had founded the scholarship." It would appear that this is the first time the travelling scholarship has been awarded and therefore; we Weardalians have reason to be proud that it is to one of their own race Victoria presents her vigin chaplet. Mr Longstaffe is a son of Mr Ralph Longstaffe, who left Spot House, Westgate, Weardale, many years ago. He had, previously to emigrating, served his apprenticeship to be a millwright at Barnard Castle. Mrs Sarah Watson, Brier Hill, Weardale, is his father's sister. The history of the great artist whose paintings are attracting so much attention in the capital of Australia, Melbourne, is unique. Mr Longstaffe was indentured to a mercantile firm, the chief of whom noting the bent of the youth's genius, urged his father to cancel in indentures and place him under an artist. The future of the Weardale painter was heralded on the exhibition of his first picture by the Governor of Victoria, Sir J. Locke, C.B., who is himself a painter of no mean attainments. The latest production from the brush of Mr Longstaffe is the one which, as many of our mining district readers can too well understand, appears to have led the critic of the *Melbourne Age* on April 25th, by its vividness and realism, to anticipate the verdict of the Colonial Art Judges. Among the judges there was no difference of opinion. They awarded premier place to Mr Longstaffe's picture, and with that position the gold medal and the travelling scholarship of £150 a year for three years.

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THE TREASURE HUNTERS;

OR,

THE SEARCH FOR THE MOUNTAIN MINE

BY

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CHAPTER XXVII.

ANOTHER CHECK.

It was a pleasant fortnight that they spent by the shor of that clear-watered lake, ever changing in its hues—now glittering and shimmering like silver in the sun now mirroring the shapes of the mighty mountains which surrounded it on all sides; or by night smooth and tranquil, with a long path of light seeming to pave a way to where the great round moon poured down beams which sent the tiny waves rippling to break upon the sand like fluid phosphorescent light.

The days passed there were for rest, and Frank and his wife rambled often through the pine woods, whose wholesome resinous perfume seemed to load the air. It was a dreamy, lotus-eating existence, and Larry declared it to be grand for the "mule bastes."

"Only look at Don John," he said to his master; "did ye iver see such a coat? Look how it shines, yer honour; an' fale the fat he's got on his ribs. Arrah! now, be quiet," he shouted at the mule, which raised its head from where it was grazing, laid its ears back, and gave an unmistakable kick. "Is it wantin' to pick a quarrel ye are? or did ye think ye could touch me ribs by raisin' yer leg in that unconvanient way? Now be aisy, an' go on atin' an' gettin' sthrong."

The mule went on with its grazing, and Larry led the way to another.

"There's Pepe, sor; he's as sthrong as a horse, an' quite fat. It's wondherful how they've all improved. I tell thim to make good use ov their time, for there's some hard work for thim to do by-and-by. Bud it's proud they ought to be, carryin' goold as crowns is made ov, instid ov a dhirty load ov shtones such as some poor neglected bastes would have to bear, an' sore places comin' on their backs at the same time. Arrah! an' that's a fine mule, that Pepe. Look how purtily the baste wargles his ears whin the flies come tazin' him, an' how he makes much ov the little bit ov tail he's got, an' it isn't much. Thim bastes, sor, will carry a wondherful load, see if they don't; an' only want a rowl in the sand now an' thin to freshen thim up for their next journey."

And now a month had glided away; and, as they sat watching the glorious tints upon the mountain tops as the sun painted upon them the glories of his last rays, Dawson said, with a sigh, and a dry look of humour upon his face:

"I'm very sorry, but I feel quite well now."

"Sorry!" exclaimed Mrs. Adams.

"Yes, sorry that I must assume once more the position of protector instead of protected. It is utter nonsense that I should idle any more. But," he said, glancing round at Mary, "the holiday has been very sweet."

Mary was busy over some piece of work, and did not seem to hear.

"We must be up and doing again," continued Dawson, who seemed, as it were, to be rousing himself from the peaceful, dreamy state into which he had fallen. "I've lain by too long, and now, Master Frank, I mean to resume the reins of government."

"With all my heart," said Frank, lazily; "but, do you know, there must be something in this soft mountain air that is enervating as to moral tone, while it is exhilarating to the nature. I could go on living here for ever. It is a pleasure merely to exist—to breathe the pure breezes, to sniff up the scent-laden air, to sleep such restful slumbers and wake up so strong and refreshed, to eat and drink and think so little. Heigho! Dawson, old fellow, gold and civilisation and the world seem to be of very little consequence when one can live in such an Eden. What do you think of it, Larry?"

"Sure, an' it's very nice," said Larry, who was smoking; "bud it don't seem quite perfect."

"Not perfect?"

"No, yer honour, not for me. Sure, haven't ye two gintlemen got the society ov the ladies, same as Adam had in his Eden? while poor Pat, as Misther Dawson's so fond ov callin' me, has got nothin' betther 'an the mules, which is a highly respictable kind ov bastes in their way, bud still they aren't Christians."

"Then you would not like to stay here always, Larry?" said Mrs. Adams.

"Sure, an' I wouldn't," said Larry—"'specially in the winther; an', be the same token, isn't the tobacco runnin' so short it won't last above a week or two longer?"

"Larry's quite right," said Dawson. "The tea, too, is running low, and the flour and rice. We're plenty for some time, but these things won't last for ever."

"An' the throut aint so wicked as they were," said Larry; "they're gettin' convarted from their evil ways, an' won't take to the poachin' like they did at first. Not that it matthers much, for I'm ready for thim in two or three other ways if they won't bite."

"We came out silver hunting," said Dawson, after a pause.

"And we have hunted gold," said Adams, "and have grown so enervated in the mountain valley that we care for it scarcely at all."

"But now comes a general waking up," exclaimed Dawson. "Back to the big city is now the order; for it is not prudent to remain here. Because we have been unmolested so long, we are tempting fate. I don't want to be a bird of ill omen; but not only may the Indians find us here, but nature may turn unkind and send us storms, for the season is getting on. I take my place as leader once more, then, and say it is not prudent to stay. The mules are strong and hearty, our treasure lies waiting us to claim it, so to-morrow let us be well on towards the valley, and load our beasts for the journey across the desert."

At daybreak the next morning the little tent was struck and wrapped around its light pole, the mules laden with the food and such few things as they felt that they must have; for with such a weight of treasure awaiting them they could not afford to burden the mules with tools and packages that would be of little service now. The light valises and specimens collected here and there were tossed aside unwillingly, but the necessities of the position bade them do it; and at last, cleared of everything that they could dispense with in the homeward journey, they gave a farewell look at the peaceful lake, and started for the golden valley.

"Sure, this won't do, if there's to be much ov it," said Larry, wiping the perspiration from his face. "The mules is that skittish wid rest an' feedin', an' now nothin' to carry, that they're killin' me intirely, an' I'll have to load thim up wid shtones."

But they grew steadier as they journeyed on, falling into their old places, and following their leader in regular Indian file.

As they plodded along, Dawson, who had thoroughly fulfilled his word of once more taking the lead, gave out his orders for the march, the most important being that they should get as close as they could to the valley before sending out a scout—who, by the way, was to be himself—and then, if all proved safe, they were to stay just as long in the place as would be sufficient to load the mules with the treasure. After this was done, what remained could be covered with fragments of rock, and fetched at some future time.

Strange forebodings began to oppress them as they neared the valley, but it was not spoken of by a single member of the party, lest it should dispirit the others. The journey was a series of descents along ravines that looked as if they were the beds of mighty torrents during the wintry storms, when they would be filled with snow-drifts. Once or twice they had a ridge to surmount, but these were slight; and they wondered now at the height to which they must have climbed almost imperceptibly in their wanderings.

In spite of the dispirited feelings which they might have attributed to the breaking up of their pleasant camp, no obstacles appeared, and they trudged on till the sun grew unbearably hot, and towards midday they picked out as sheltered a spot as they could find, and came to a halt, with the faint, dull roar of the cataract coming at intervals to their ears.

This, it was decided, was as near to the valley as it would be prudent for them to go; and now came the reconnoitring.

"I have been an idler for so long that I shall take up that duty," said Dawson.

"You are too weak yet," remonstrated Adams.

"Not I," was the reply. "Whatever you do, keep close with the mules until our return; for it is possible that there may be Indians hanging about the place."

Adams promised; and after going to Mary's side for a few moments, Dawson made a sign to Larry, and the two well-armed men stepped onward along the high ravine, which, some distance ahead, opened into the golden valley.

For a time they confined themselves to walking steadily on through the glaring sunshine, which made the very rocks too hot for the hand to be rested upon them.

"Sure an' this will give the finishin' touch to my complexion sor," said Larry, in a whisper. "I've felt meself turnin' black for a month past, an' now I'm bein' finished. I suppose that was how the nagurs first got turned that colour."

"Don't talk so loud, Larry," was the reply—"a whisper goes flying down these hollows in a way sometimes that is startling."

"I'm spachless, yer honour," said Larry, trotting on close behind his leader. "Bud whisht! what's that?"

Almost involuntarily he stepped behind a rock, closely followed by Dawson. But it was a false alarm: a piece of stone, loosened by a bird or some little animal, fell, rattling down from high up the slope of the ravine; and smiling at their nervousness, they stepped on once more, till they came close to the entrance to the valley, where they halted for a few minutes in a shady nook to gain rest and breath.

"We shall have to be careful here," said Dawson, "and go slowly, keeping always under shelter. And mind this, Larry, if we do come upon the savages, we must not run towards where our friends are hid."

"An' why not?" said Larry, scratching his head.

"Why not? Because it would be drawing the Indians to where they are. If it comes to that, we must try and lead the wretches away."

"Anyhow ye like, yer honour—I'm wid ye," said Larry.

They now went cautiously down from the ravine, sheltering themselves among the brushwood, till they stood once more in the familar valley, with its bluffs, points, and rifts, all familiar to them from their long sojourn. Everything was still in that noontide heat but the reptiles and insects; for here and there upon the hot stones a tiny brown lizard ran rapidly along, to disappear in some rift; a kind of grasshopper chirped, and kept up its monotonous and tedious noise among the parched, mossy herbage; and once they saw a small snake, alarmed by their approach, glide among the stones. So silent did everything seem in that blazing heat, that a less cautious man would have been content to step boldly out; but Dawson had learned no little by experience, and he went on from shelter to shelter, as one might be expected to go who is prepared to receive an inimical shot at any moment.

There was the rivulet, with its golden sands and nugget-haunted pools flashing back the sun; there the place where they had been attacked; across the valley the opening to the rift where the silver lay, and not far off the rocks that towered over the *cache*, and the spot where their hut had stood; behind them was the entrance to the cañon, out of which came the deep bass roar of the waterfall. But everywhere the place looked deserted and free from even a suspicion of danger. The hot sun beat down on rock and pine from the dazzling sky, and the very air seemed to quiver and vibrate, as they scanned the place from the shadow of a clump of small firs.

The hut seemed to be standing safely, and that meant that the gold had been untouched. They were not quite sure, for their observations had been taken from the farther side of the valley, but they were satisfied; and going on, farther away still from the open desert, they found more and more shelter.

"This is about where thim beggars played at bow-an'-arrow wid us," said Larry in a whisper, as they halted once more among some stunted pines, which grew from amidst the rugged stones, one of which stood up square and massive upon a little flat clear piece of sand; and he pointed towards the pool in the rivulet where they had been so busy. "Bedad! if I had the rascals now, I'd——"

Larry's whispered speech came to an end, for Dawson's hand was clapped upon his mouth, as the latter peered anxiously back along the route which they had come. Larry looked in the same direction, and there about five hundred yards back, and between them and the ravine where the rest of the party awaited their return, was an Indian, coming along with bent head and cautious look from side to side, evidently tracking their footsteps.

One Indian only; but his tribe must be close at hand.

What was to be done?

Escape was impossible, for this keen-eyed enemy was certainly tracing them step by step. They could see him evidently at fault now and then upon the stony ground, and he would again and again disappear in the little clumps through which they had passed; but when he came out it was to be pursuing their trail with unerring eye, and in a few minutes he would be up to where they stood, for not only had he their footmarks but the broken and trampled bushes through which, for the sake of shelter, they had forced their way.

Dawson examined the lock of his rifle, and a stern, hard look came into his face; but Larry, after rubbing his chin for a few moments, made a gesture of dissent, handed Dawson his rifle, and wetted the hand which held his stick, going through the pantomime of being in ambush and knocking a man down.

"If ye shoot, it'll bring all the varmints down upon us, yer honour," he whispered. "Come along, an' I'll show ye. D'ye see that bit ov a rock?" he continued, pointing to the mass right in their path.

Dawson nodded.

"Very well, thin—he's follyin' us be our fate; so whin we get there, ye shall go on an' I'll dodge back, an' take up me quarthers behind that shtone. He'll come slitherin' along like a shnake, the baste, an' thinkin' we're on in front, whin—whoosh! Oh, the nate tap he shall have on that copper-coloured head ov his! I'll tache him to play the shnake after us!"

The plan was good, and they went on a dozen yards when, making a side leap, Larry landed himself among the bushes, and made his way back to the big rock, where he took up a favourable position with upraised stick, and such a smile upon his face as he might have worn if feeling for heads outside a tent at Donnybrook.

And all this time, and ever coming nearer, the Indian crept cautiously on, tracing step by step, with unerring fidelity, the trail taken by the two adventurers.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

MANY A SLIP.

The silence in the vale seemed awful now, not even the chirp of a grasshopper being heard in that glow of heat. For a few minutes Larry had heard the rustle made by Dawson as he went on, in accordance with their ruse. Then he had evidently stopped, and was listening, perhaps covering with his rifle the way the Indian must come, in case Larry might miss.

Larry listened—not a sound.

"Bedad! an' it's astonishin'," said Larry to himself, "how mighty heavy this bit ov shtick is whin ye howld it up so long. Bad luck to Masther Copperskin whin he comes! for it will rest all the heavier on his dhirty head."

How long it seemed, and not a token of the savage coming, not even the faintest sound, rustle of leaf, or movement of stone.

"Ah, bedad! an' he's gone some other way, the chatin' thafe!" grumbled Larry to himself. "An' he won't come this road at all. Oh, the omadhaun, whin if he'd only shown his shadow for a moment, I'd have known where to find his head, an' have given him as purty a tap as iver fell from a bit of blackthorn! Now which way will he be gone, an' what 'll I do now?"

Larry's face was screwed up in perplexity, as he glanced behind him to see if it was possible for him to be taken in the rear; but no, that was well protected by rocks, and he went on watching and listening.

"Ah, an' he's gone intirely—perhaps to fetch some more ov the blagards; an' makin' a fool ov me like this, the desaver—lookin' so thruthful an' sure to come by as he did! Bedad! he shall have a hard wan for this if he——"

Crack!

There had not been the faintest sound, and Larry, whose arm ached tremendously—"like a whole shcore ov rhoomyticks," as he expressed it—as he stood there close to the square block, saw the Indian's bent head suddenly come into view, and the stick fell like lightning.

The Indian saw him, and was in the act of darting back as the blow fell; but he was too late, and without a cry he rolled over among the brushwood, face downward.

"Did it hurt?" said Larry, derisively, as he ran to the Indian's side, and took away knife, tomahawk, and bow and arrows.

"Cleverly done, Larry," said Dawson, in a whisper, as he ran up; and then going back a few paces, to where they had first seen the Indian on their track, he stood and watched all along the valley without seeing another foe.

"Is he much hurt?" said Dawson, coming back.

"Bedad! an' I don't know," said Larry, rubbing his chin, and staring blankly at the prostrate savage. "He won't shpake at all, though I've thried him twicet."

"The poor wretch is dead," said Dawson, stooping and turning the Indian over.

"None ov yer blarney, now, Misther Dawson, sor," said Larry, looking horrified. "Sure, an' I didn't even thry to kill him."

For answer, Dawson pointed to the savage's indented skull, where, on the bare smooth surface denuded of hair, the stroke of Larry's stick showed it's deadly trace.

"Bud I didn't mane to kill the poor baste," said Larry, whose brown face looked rather ghastly. "It's puttin' a thrick on a man to timpt him into sthreckin' a blow, an' only havin' a head as tinder as a basin."

"He's dead enough, poor wretch!" said Dawson; "but he would have killed us without mercy had he had a chance. Look at those."

Dawson pointed to seven ghastly trophies hanging at the Indian's belt.

"An' what are thim, now?" said Larry.

"Scalps," was the reply—"the proofs of seven lives he has taken."

And Dawson turned over the horrible relics—two being Indian, and the others the locks of whites, one being the long, fair tresses of a woman.

"Look at that, now," said Larry, whose face fast resumed its former colour. "Oh, if that's been his game, an' he would have paled me poor head in that fashion— Oh, bad luck to the baste! I aint sorry at all, at all. Here, let's hide him away."

"It's of little use, if his fellows seek him," said Dawson, as Larry performed the rites of sepulture with bushes and pieces of rock, while he again thoroughly examined the route by which they had come.

"An' d'ye think he would have taken our scalps like that, Misther Dawson, sor?" said Larry, whose conscience was still troubling him.

"Ours, Larry?" said Dawson—"yes, even those of the tender women who are watching for our return."

"Hurroo!" said Larry, "that's satisfyin'. Ye see, Misther Dawson, sor, I didn't feel aisy in me mind, an' iver a praste nowhere near to say a bit ov confission to. Bud all the same, I didn't mane to kill the savage. An' what'll we do now?"

"Wait for night, Larry—it is our only chance."

(To be continued.)

RAILWAY FATALITY AT WOLSINGHAM.

On Monday, Robert Pybus, a platelayer, living at Etherley Dene, near Bishop Auckland, whilst engaged in fastening up the bottom board of a ballast truck, accidently fell, and one of his feet was completely cut off by the train, which was in motion. Dr. McCullagh ampurated the injured limb in the evening. The man lay in a bad state, and expired at an early hour on Tuesday morning.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

Monday, June 20th.—Before Jas. Annandale, Esq.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

James Evans (19), a native of Consett (late of the Border Regiment), was brought up charged by P.C. Million with having been drunk and causing a disturbance in the streets of Consett last Saturday night, at eleven o'clock.—He was fined 5s and costs, or seven days.

THE THEFT AT CONSETT.

Mary Ann Waggott (42), of Green's lodging-house, was again remanded on a charge of stealing a white sheet, valued at 9s 6d, the property of Mr George T. Hyden, schoolmaster, East Parade, Consett, on the 13th inst.

DESERTING HIS FAMILY.

James Hornsby (30), ironworker, Consett (who gave himself up to Sergt. Davidson), was placed in the dock and charged by Mr J. Moon, relieving officer, with deserting his family, and leaving them chargeable to the funds of the Lanchester Union.—Prisoner was remanded till Thursday.

Wednesday, June 22nd.—Before Jas. Annandale, Esq.

CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE.

Elizabeth Hares (34), a married woman, a tramp, was brought up by P.C. Stubbs, for having been drunk and disorderly at Leadgate, on Jubilee night. —The Magistrates treated the case leniently by discharging the defendant.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

The Weardale Guardians have again approved the movement to close public-houses.

We regret to learn that Mr James Sparke, of Wearhead, does not recover the use of his leg, and is still an invalid, although the monotony of confinement is being neutralised by frequent open carriage drives through the valley. General sympathy is expressed towards Mr Sparke, whose hitherto active life and habits render the affliction more severe.

Many visitors are now sojourning in various parts of Weardale, which now presents a charming appearance.

Mr Harrison, Wear Villa, Wearhead, on the 12th inst., hived two fine hives of bees, the largest seen for many years, which, considering the high altitude and want of foliage, is unusual. Mr Harrison is now convalescent, and departs to a watering place this week.

Trade Notes.

The dry weather has stopped the ore-dressing at several of the Weardale mines, no water to work the machinery being procurable.

Sporting Items.

Consett Grounds.—There was but a limited number of competitors at the No. 1 Grounds at Consett on Saturday afternoon, owing doubtless to other sports being held in the neighbourhood, and it was consequently arranged to postpone the trial heats of Mr John Morgan's 120 yards foot-race handicap for a week or two.

Blaydon Bicycle Club Road Race.—On Saturday afternoon a road race was decided between Axwell Park and Shotley Bridge, a distance of eleven miles. Bell, 7min, was despatched first, Brookhouse, 6min, following. Crozier and Herron, with 5min. each, were next away, and the latter going in capital style rapidly overhauled the leaders, with Banks and Reid, each 3min, coming up behind. Herron soon took the lead, and was never again headed. Results:—R. Herron, 5min, first; B. Reid, 3min being second, 33 seconds later; W. Banks, 3min third, two mint tes afterwards. T. Murdock was timekeeper, D. McPherson judge, and Tom Anderson starter.

Athletic Sports at Stanhope.—Thanks to the enterprise and courtesy of Mr R. Mews, proprietor of the Weardale Hydropathic, Horn Hall, a large gathering enjoyed themselves thoroughly over the following contests:—Wrestling, for 10st men—Final round—I. Wearmouth, Weardale, 1; H. Bell, Weardale, 2; W. Bell, Weardale, 3; T. Whitefield, Preston, 4. Wrestling, for men of all weights:—Final round—Wm. Foster, Stanhope, threw Wm. Wearmouth, Weardale, twice in succession, after having two dog-falls, and won, H. Bell being third. Foot-race, 120 yards—Geo. Heads, Stanhope, 1; Isaac Wearmouth, Weardale, 2; Thomas Rutherford, Stanhope, 3; 8 ran. Quoiting, 56 entries—Wm. Henderson, Wm. Nodding, Wm. Gowland, Wm. Harker, Wm. Foster, C. Allison, Tanner, and Wm. Elliot divided.

Greenfield (Weardale) Sports and Gala.—On Saturday, in beautiful weather the above sports were held, and the attendance was very large. The field, which is close to the famous wrestling grounds on the borders of Cumberland, Northumberland, and Durham, drew together the leading exponents of the "hipe and heel," to contest for two splendid silver cups. The Weardale brass band was in attendance, and Messrs J. Brown, Wm. Wearmouth, and N. Harrison umpired. Results:—Cricketing—Allenheads, 1; New House, 2. Throwing cricket ball—T. Harrison, Cumberland, 1; Ed. Peart, Killhope, 2; E. Bowes, Weardale, 3. Handicap foot-race—M. Bright, Allenheads, 1; T. Rutherford, Alston, 2; J. Crow, Gateshead, 3. Wrestling for 11½ stone men, for a seven guinea silver cup. First round—T. Whitfield, Irestone, threw J. Fairgreaves, Newcastle; E. Rowell, Burnhope, threw G. Peart, Killhope; J. Peart, Moss, threw J. Pattinson, Weardale; T. Harrison, Sedling, threw T. Rutherford, Burnhope; W. Thompson, Burnhope, threw H. Bell, Weardale; J. Walton, Bollihope, threw I. Wearmouth, Weardale; W. Bell, Weardale, threw W. Wilkinson, St. John's Chapel; N. Peart, Burnhope, threw T. Ridley, Allendale; J. Watson, Ireshope Burn, threw T. Whitfield, Irestone. Second round—J. Peart threw J. Watson; J. Walton threw T. Whitfield, W. Thompson threw N. Peart, E. Rowell threw T. Harrison. W. Bell odd man. Third round—W. Bell threw E. Rowell, J. Peart odd man. Fourth round, J. Peart threw W. Thompson, W. Bell odd man. Final—Bell threw Peart twice and won, W. Thompson being third.

Business Announcements.

FIFTEENTH YEAR OF ATTENDANCE.

MR. H. MARKHAM,

SURGEON DENTIST,

OF 50, NORTHUMBERLAND STREET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,

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JUST ARRIVED, A

LARGE STOCK OF DINNER CUTLERY,

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PRICES FROM 2s. PER HALF-DOZEN KNIVES AND FORKS, AND UPWARDS.

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Emigrants would do well to select from this Stock. 477x

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WATCHMAKERS AND JEWELLERS,

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KINDLY NOTE ADDRESS:—

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NEW TOWN HALL, FRONT STREET, CONSETT, & HIGHGATE, BLACKHILL. 311x.

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WATCHES: Ladies' and Gentlemen's Silver Lever, Geneva, Chronograph, Keyless, &c. Nickel Silver, from 11s. 6d.

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PRESENT of Half-Dozen Nickel Silver Tea Spoons given to purchasers of a Gold Wedding Ring.

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NOTE ADDRESS:—33, WESTGATE ROAD (near Central Railway Station), NEWCASTLE. 450v

BOOKS suitable for PRIZES and SUNDAY SCHOLARS can be had at ROBERT JACKSON'S, 9, NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT

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Clean the flues, clean the flues,
Let it be your end and aim
The same to ever keep clear;
For should they get into a flame,
At Court they'll cost you dear.
—Faithfully yours,
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PLEASE NOTE ADDRESS. 360x

Mayor's Chambers, Shotley Bridge.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MRS. FRANCES CHRISTOPHER, widow of the late ROBERT CHRISTOPHER, Hackmaster, Delves Lane, Consett, in returning thanks for the liberal patronage accorded to him during the many years in which he carried on Business, respectfully intimates that the same will be conducted as usual, and trusts that by keeping a superior turn-out of Horses and Conveyances, she may be able to secure a continuance of the favours of her friends and the public of the district. 662x

BICYCLES AND TRICYCLES.

THE NORTHERN "ECLIPSE" Safety and Roadster. Specially built for and admirably adapted to the Northern Roads. Machines taken in exchange. Repairs promptly executed.—JAMES SUTTON & Co., 25, Pilgrim Street. Manager: BOB PATTISON, late of the North of England Bicycle Company. 807x

THE CLYDESDALE STALLIONS, "SOVEREIGN" and "BEAMISH," will stand at South Causey Farm, Shield Row, this season. Fees, 25s. each mare, and 2s. 6d. groom's fees. 10s. paid at the end of the season, and 15s. when the mare proves in foal.—For information apply to JOSEPH WATSON, Stanley, R.S.O., Durham. 531x

ARTIFICIAL TEETH.

SPECIAL NOTICE AS TO PRICES.

Mr. G. RICHARDSON, SURGEON DENTIST, Inserts his well-known "Superior Quality" of ARTIFICIAL TEETH (by a New Painless Process) at less prices than usually charged for common quality and inferior workmanship. For comfort, durability, and natural appearance they are unsurpassed. Every Tooth Guaranteed.

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All kinds made to Measure.

Special and Personal Attention to Fitting all kinds of feet.

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Only Leather of most durable Quality used.
Gentlemen's Boots Soled and Heeled, from 2s 9d.
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WE continue to present a Half-Dozen best Nickel Silver TEASPOONS to each PURCHASER of our Standard GOLD WEDDING RINGS.

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Chandeliers, from 16s.; Hall Lamps, 5s. 6d.
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Which does twice the Work of any Soap with half the labour. It also Cures Scurvy, Ringworm, Corns, and Sores, and when used with FURNIVAL'S MAGIC WASHING FLUID, Robs Washing Day of half its troubles.

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CONSETT.

Business Announcements.

SURTEES LESLIE,

HOUSE PAINTER AND DECORATOR,

BEGS to inform the inhabitants of Shotley Bridge and neighbourhood that he has REMOVED TO No. 1, FRONTSTREET, SHOTLEY BRIDGE, and trusts by strict attention to Business, good Workmanship, and Reasonable Charges, to merit a share of their patronage. 999x

S. SWALWELL,

TAILOR AND DRAPER, DIPTON,

IS now showing a splendid range of the most Fashionable CLOTHS, comprising SCOTCH AND WEST OF ENGLAND TWEEDS, WORSTED AND OTHER COATINGS, suitable for the present Season's wear, which have been bought on the most advantageous terms, and will be made up much below ordinary trade prices. Patterns of which will be forwarded by post or otherwise on application.

The quality of our Goods have been tested for the last 20 years, and have given the greatest satisfaction.

A FASHIONABLE STYLE, CORRECT FIT, AND GOOD WORKMANSHIP GUARANTEED.

N.B.—Liberal Discount allowed for Cash. 973x

EVENING CLASSES.

MR. J. W. MULCASTER, Principal of the HIGH SCHOOL, CONSETT, begs to announce that he has arranged for the holding of EVENING CLASSES for Young Men, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., in the Primitive Methodist School-Room, Consett, commencing on Monday Evening next, the 2nd May.

Mr. MULCASTER's long experience and success in the Public Examinations of the day, enables him to guarantee thorough Preparation for Civil Service and other Examinations, as well as for General Commercial Life, and the higher branches of a sound English Education.

FEES, according to requirements, in all cases payable in advance.

Consett, April 27th, 1887. 804x

TO PARTIES FURNISHING.

WM. WILKINSON, has on hand the Largest and Cheapest Stock of Furniture, Iron Beds, Mattresses, Flocks, Feather, and Rabbit Down Ticks ready made. Perambulators, all sizes and newest patterns, and from best makers, at lowest prices possible.

TO UNDERTAKERS.

W. W. is the largest Dealer in Coffin Furniture in the district; Brass and Electro-Plate, and improved Black Handles, Plates, and Lace, all of the best patterns.

Also Frillings, Trimmings, Black and Blue Cloths, Robes, Wreaths, and Swans' Down, Nails, Screws, &c.

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W. W. is offering all sorts and sizes of patent Horse Nails, Rasps, Files, &c., from best makers.

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W. W. has on hand a good and selected Stock of Scythes, and Sneds, Strickles, Stones, Hay Rakes, Forks, Sickles, Manure Grapes, Shovels, Reaper Files, all of good quality and best make, at less than Newcastle prices.

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PASSAGE £17 ONLY.

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This young and promising Colony is now offering Special Advantages to all Classes.

FARMERS and OTHERS may obtain FREEHOLD LAND under the Homestead Clauses of the present Land Act up to 160 Acre Blocks, for 6d. per annum per acre, being paid as Rent for Five Years, making 2s. 6d. per acre in all, when payment ceases and the Land becomes Freehold.

LARGER FREEHOLDS and LEASEHOLDS, on specially favourable conditions, may be had under the recently-passed Land Act.

For further Particulars apply to A. BRODIE, TOWN HALL, CONSETT; GRAY, DAWES, & Co., 13, AUSTIN FRIARS, LONDON, or the Brokers, Gellatly, Hankey, Sewell, & Co., London; Manchester, Liverpool, and Glasgow. 30y

Public Notices.

NOTICE.—OXHILL VEGETABLE, &c. SHOW will be held on September 17th, 1887.

191. AND 89 ARE THE WINNING NUMBERS of the Boring Machine and Stemming Gear, drawn for at Woodhouses, Dipton.

BRASS BALL SHOOTING HANDICAP at Mr WHEATLEY's, Catchgate, on Saturday, June 25th, 1887. 38y

129 IS the WINNING NUMBER of the Silk Quilt, drawn for at Derwent Cottages, in June. 27y

THE PEDIGREE BULL, "Home Rule," White; Sire—Major Fitz Halnaby (48,281), Dam—Snow Queen. Kept by Mr J. W. ARMSTRONG, West Newbiggin, Lanchester. Terms, 10s. 6d. each Cow. 969x

NOTICE.

HAVE YOU SEEN these WONDERFUL WATCHES price 12s. 6d., Good Timekeepers, at T. McCOURTY's, Watchmaker, Newmarket Street, Consett, and only Practical Spectacle Maker in the County of Durham. 679x

CONSIDE AND KNITSLEY TOWNSHIP.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that according to instructions, I will, on Monday, July 4th, 1887, apply for a SUMMONS AGAINST ANY RATEPAYER in this Townships, WHO HAS NOT PAID BEFORE THAT DATE ALL RATES NOW DUE.

WILLIAM ELLIOTT,
Assistant Overseer.

New Town Hall, Consett, June 10th, 1887. 982x

SHOTLEY BRIDGE & CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

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

M. RICHLEY, Secretary.

FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

F. T. WILLIAMS begs to inform the inhabitants of Consett THAT HE HAS TAKEN THE ABOVE PREMISES, and WILL OPEN THEM ON FRIDAY, JUNE 24th, for the Sale of FRUIT, VEGETABLES, AND FISH, and trusts by careful attention to Business, to merit a share of public patronage and support. 1y

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ON THE BANKS

OF THE DERWENT,

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AUTHOR OF THE

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PRICE SIXPENCE.

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CONSETT INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETY, LIMITED.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Society will be held on Saturday night, July 2nd. Chair to be taken at 6·30 o'clock, when the following Business will be considered, viz:—

Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting.
Minutes of Committee.
Report and Balance Sheet.
Election of Three Committee Members.
Election of one Auditor.
Report of Congress at Carlisle.
Election of Three Members of the Educational Committee.
Notice of Motion from Mr. Wilson Clayton that the General Committee be not elegible for Educational Committee.
Notice of Motion from Mr. Carruthers that a Branch Library be Established at Castleside.
Notice of Motion from Mr. William Dodds, that a uniform Dividend be paid to Members and Non-Members alike, but that half of the Non-Members' Dividend be Capitalised or placed to their Credit in the Society's Books. 45y

Public Notices.

TO PUBLIC COMPANIES, FRIENDLY SOCIETIES, TRADERS, & OTHERS.

ADAM BRODIE, F.S.A., and ROBERT J. BRODIE, A.S.A., PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS and PROFESSIONAL AUDITORS, undertake the BALANCING and AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS and the PREPARATION of STATEMENTS under the INCOME TAX Acts. SHARES BOUGHT and SOLD on the usual terms.

Address:—Town Hall, Consett. 561v

NOTICE.—BURNHOPE COLLIERY READING ROOM SPORTS, &c., will be held on Saturday, June 25th, 1887. £15 will be given for FOOT-RACING, QUOIT PLAYING, CRICKET, and FOOTBALL PLAYING, &c.—GEO. LAWSON, Secretary. 820x

NOTICE.—CAMP AT GIBSIDE from June 25th to July 5th. Field open to the public at the small charge of 1d. each; all carriages and conveyances, 6d. Only entrance at the gate, near Rowlands Gill Station. 36y

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

ON TUESDAY, 28th June, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT at 9·2 p.m., for LONDON for Four Days. See Bills. 2y

ON TUESDAY, 28th June, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT at 9·2 p.m., for CAMBRIDGE, BURY ST. EDMUNDS, COLCHESTER, YARMOUTH, CROMER, and LOWESTOFT, for Four Days. See Bills. 37y

STAGSHAWBANK MID-SUMMER FAIR.

A BRAKE will leave CHRISTOPHER'S LIVERY STABLES, CONSETT, for the above, on Monday, July 4th, by way of Allansford and Manor House, leaving Consett at 6 a.m.

FRANCES CHRISTOPHER,
Proprietress. 23y

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

ON behalf of the Committee for providing the Tea for persons of fifty years of age and upwards, in the New Town Hall, Consett, on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee, on Tuesday, June 21st, 1887, we beg to tender hearty thanks to the Ladies who, on the occasion, so efficiently and gracefully arranged and presided at the various tables—a proper opportunity for doing so in the hurry of the proceedings not having occurred. Thanks are also due to the Gentlemen who assisted in carrying out the arrangements, and the names of the various persons will be found in the report published in this week's *Consett Guardian*.

Signed,
WILLIAM AYNSLEY, Vice-Chairman.
ADAM BRODIE, Secretary.

Town Hall, Consett, June 24th, 1887. 34y

JOSEPH WOOD, DECEASED.

ALL PERSONS having any Debt or Claim against the Estate of Mr. JOSEPH WOOD, late of Newmarket Street, Consett, in the County of Durham, Furniture Broker, deceased, are requested to lodge particulars of the same on or before the 30th day of July next, with the undersigned.

Dated the 23rd June, 1887.

THOMAS WM. WELFORD,
Parliament Street, Consett,
Solicitor for the Executors. 28y

DAVID BALLENY, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that all Creditors and other Persons having any Debt or Claim upon or affecting the Estate of DAVID BALLENY, late of Little Greencroft, Consett, in the County of Durham, Gentleman, who died on the 4th day of January, 1887, and whose Will was proved in the District Registry of the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice at Durham, on the 18th day of June, 1887, by EDMUND WILLIAM ELLISON BALLENY, of Little Greencroft aforesaid, the Executor thereof, are hereby required to send in the particulars of their Claims to me, the undersigned, his solicitor, on or before the 30th day of July, 1887, at the expiration of which time the Executor will proceed to Distribute the Assets of the said David Balleny, the Testator, among the persons entitled thereunto, having regard to the Debts and Claims only of which the said Executor shall then have had notice, and the Executor will not be liable for the Assets so distributed to any person of whose Debt or Claim he shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution.

Dated the 23rd day of June, 1887.

T. W. WELFORD, JUN.,
Parliament Street, Consett,
Solicitor for the Executor. 29y

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

Persons desirous of Purchasing

AN APPROPRIATE TOKEN OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE JUBILEE OF

HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY,

SHOULD PAY A VISIT TO

9 AND 10, NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT,

And inspect the Choice Selection of COLOURED LITHOGRAPHS on Cabinet Cards and Medallions from 2d each upwards. NOW ON VIEW.

The Cards are suitable for Photo Frames or Albums, and the Medallions, neatly mounted in Gilt Rims, are admirably adapted for Household Decoration.

A Specially Designed Full-Length Portrait of HER MAJESTY, in handsome Gilt and Elaborately Carved Frame, about 3ft. by 4ft. Prices, ONE AND THREE GUINEAS.

Sales by Auction.

By Messrs. Nicholson and Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

MONDAY, JUNE 27th, 1887.

Present Entries.
15 Prime Fat Cattle.
110 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
4 Veal Calves.
A number of Dairy Cows and Heifers, calved and to calve.
20 Irish Heifers, 2 to 3 years old.
Pork and Store Pigs, Poultry, &c.
1 Coup Cart.
Washing Machine.
2 Patent Chain Blocks (new).
2 Iron Rope Blocks and Pulleys.
A quantity of Stack Nets.
Myers's Cattle Spice.
1 Sheep Dipping Tub (new).
A quantity of Harness.
20 Cattle Troughs.
Wheelbarrow.

Further entries solicited and taken up to time of Sale.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

NICHOLSON & MURRAY, Auctioneers. 49y

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,

AGRICULTURAL VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

A WEEKLY SALE every Monday for Fat and Store Cattle and Sheep, Dairy Cows, Horses, Conveyances, Farm Produce, &c., commencing at 12 o'clock with Fat Stock, Cows at 2·30 p.m.

Entries should be sent on Wednesday each week.

JOSEPH VICKERS Auctioneer.

Grove Villa, Tow Law. 454x

Sales by Auction.

By Messrs. A. & R. J. Brodie.

Tuesday, June 28th, 1887, at 8 o'clock, p.m. Consett Reading and Recreation Rooms.—Sale of Magazines and Newspapers.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed by the Committee of the above Institution, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Tuesday, June 28th, 1887, the MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS to be taken in during the ensuing half-year.

Sale to commence at 8 o'clock in the Evening.

Saturday, July 2nd, 1887.—Four Lane Ends, Castleside.—Sale of Excellent Household Furniture, including Mahogany Drawers; Desk Bedstead; Brass-Mounted and Iron Bedsteads; 6 Mahogany Chairs, in Hair-seating; 6 Polished Birch Chairs; 3 Windsor Chairs; Painted Chest of Drawers; Dressing, Kitchen, and Tea Tables; Good Wringing Machine, and a great variety of Miscellaneous Effects.

MESSRS. A. & R. J. BRODIE are instructed by Mr. R. BROWNLEE, who is about to Emigrate, to SELL BY AUCTION, on the Premises at Lane Ends, Castleside, on Monday, July 2nd, 1887, the whole of the Superior Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

Sale to commence at Half-past One o'clock.

Particulars in Bills. 41y

Wednesday, July 6th, 1887.—Oakfield Villa, Shotley Bridge.—Important Sale of Superior High-class Modern Household Furniture, in Walnut, Mahogany, and other choice Woods; Pictures and Engravings; Silver, Electro-plated, and Ornamental Goods; Beds and Bedding, and a large assemblage of other Furnishings, including the whole of the contents of this residence.

MESSRS. A. & R. J. BRODIE are instructed by Mr. JOSEPH COLLINSON, who is declining housekeeping, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises at Oakfield Villa, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday, July 6th, the whole of the Superior HOUSE FURNISHINGS and EFFECTS.

Particulars in future Advertisement and in Posters.

Sale to commence at Twelve o'clock prompt.

Templetown, Consett.

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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH, 1887.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

THE RECENT CELEBRATION.

Now that the Jubilee celebrations are come and gone, chronicled among the events that were, people will settle down to the more matter of fact business of life. "Spring would be but gloomy weather if we had nothing else but spring," says the felicitous bard, Thomas Moore, and so to some extent would it doubtless be with Jubilee celebrations. Too much of one thing is good for nobody, yet not in vain has been the outlay and display during the past few days. The aged and the needy have had their hearts gladdened. They have been made to feel that somebody cared for them, and joy for the time being has shed a gleam of sunshine in many a weary bosom. Gone is the pomp and pagentry. The music has died away, and the last embers of the beacons are extinguished, but more lasting than these memories is the sunshine of the heart. The treat to the poor of the respective districts was one of the best and noblest features in the Jubilee celebrations. The poor ye shall always have with you, says the Scriptures, and it is pleasing to note that in few districts have they been neglected. It was perhaps well to make the most of the occasion, for few now living will witness a loyal demonstration of so marked a character. There are few of the Queen's subjects who have not good cause to wish her well. If other than good has befallen any one of them, it has certainly not been due to the example nor personal influence of the reigning sovereign. History might indeed have told another tale had Victoria lived in the troubled times of Good Queen Bess, and the beautiful, but hapless, Mary Stuart. In those days it might with truth have been said: "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." Her Majesty happily made her *debut* on the ever-changing stage of life

at a period in the world's history when the duties incumbent on the sovereign are of a purely nominal character, yet has her pathway not been strewn with roses. Joys and sorrows have gladdened and bowed down her woman's heart by turns, and smiles and tears have formed a portion in her cup.

AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE.

It was with feelings of sincere regret that I learned of the death, at the early age of 45, of the late George Hewitson, one of the many contractors in the employ of the Consett Iron Company. The deceased gentleman was well known to me, and a better type of the well-to-do English working man it would be difficult to point out. Steady and industrious, Mr Hewitson was always at his post in the rolling-mills by night or by day, and his kindly disposition rendered him a general favourite both with the Company's officials and the men. Tall and powerfully-built, Mr Hewitson was a man who, to judge from appearances, looked as if fell disease had never touched him with its withering finger; but the sickle of death is no respecter of persons, and the seemingly healthy and robust are frequently the first to pass across that mysterious bourne "from whence no traveller returns."

TRADE.

Still no particular change to note in the shipbuilding industry. I mention that especial branch simply because with it are linked the fortunes of the majority of the people of Consett. Were no new ships needed, then would the iron dampers perched jauntily on the top of funnels in forge and mills, tingle a knell of doom. The reader may peradventure think that the allusion to the dampers is not quite so happy as it might be, but the idea is borne of experience. I would almost as soon pass through a churchyard at midnight, as go through a laid-in ironworks alone in broad day. The feeling is oppressive to the man who has heard the musical roll of machinery day and night, and the feeling of desolation is heightened by the wind playing at fast and loose with the dampers overhead, like so many sextons met to celebrate the final jubilee! But I headed this note "trade," and must not, therefore, allow my wayward pegasus to lead me a canter among sepulchres and urn. The improvement in shipbuilding is far from being uniform. Only two yards on the Tyne being fully employed. Next week will be a holiday time throughout, the Tyne shipyards being closed on Monday night for the week. Attempts have laterly been made to mak the holidays fewer and still further between, but without effect. The people desire to get holidays, and they mean to have them.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC JOTTINGS.

[By the "Old Crow."]

It is pleasant at all times to hear of the success of local musicians, and "Old Crow" offers his congratulations to Mr Geo. Dryden, jun., who recently passed his examination for pianoforte playing (senior division)

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Die Musikanten is the title of an unpublished opera by Flotow, composer of *Martha*, &c. It is to be produced on the Continent in the course of the present season.

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It is a great advantage to a good brass band such as the Consett Teetotal Band to have amongst its musical *repertoire* new music from time to time. It was pleasant to hear the Consett band at Shotley on Whit-Monday, but it would have been more so if here and there some new pieces had been introduced. Mr Hobday, the conductor, is too sensible a man not to know that it is advisable to keep "well up" in new music.

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Dorothy, the new comedy-opera by Alfred Cellier, composer of *Sultan of Mocha* and *Tower of London*, &c., is having a most successful run, having nearly accomplished its 300th representation in London. The music is exceedingly sweet and of a "taking" character. This is not in the least surprising, as all "Old Crow's" readers who have had the pleasure of hearing its predecessors will agree that only pretty themes seem to come from Mr Cellier.

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The *Yorkshire Post* says:—"A pianoforte of extraordinary qualities has just been made in England to the order of an American gentleman. The instrument is of the finest quality, but the most valuable part is the case. This has been designed by Mr Alma Tadema, and adorned with paintings by Mr E. J. Poynter, R.A. The cost was between £2,000 and £3,000." According to *Fun* it 'licks creation.'

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Here is Mr Henry Irving meeting the charge against the stage:—"When," he says, "I am told there are evil influences in the drama, and that this or that entertainment is immoral, I can only say that there are a good many novels which are injurious to morals, and that their existence is no reason why the young should not read Scott, Thackeray, Geo. Eliot, and Dickens. The young man who is educated according to a truly enlightened methods will learn to discriminate between good and evil, and not to interdict a great art merely because an occasional phase of it may offend his moral standard."

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"Old Crow" begs to thank his correspondent "Musico" whose letter and enclosures are to hand. The idea now-a-days seems to be to include in organ recital programmes as much of the clasical element as possible, and not unfrequently this is very much overdane. If, as "Musico" states, the programme he sends is a fair average of those submitted on popular days at the Newcastle Exhibition, "Old Crow" quite agrees with him that the sooner a change the better, and that what is wanted is something more in harmony with the popular audiences—there could be no possible difficulty in arranging such programmes.

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Not the least interesting of the many addresses of congratulation in commemoration of the fiftieth year of the Queen's reign, is that of the managers and actors of the United Kingdom, the text of which is as follows:—"The actors and managers of the United Kingdom tender to your Majesty their truest congratulations on the attainment of the fiftieth year of your reign. We, your faithful servants, rejoice that the period of your illustrious government has been so long prolonged. and we pray that it may long continue. The manifold blessings of peace have been showered on the land through your righteous dealing with your people and with other peoples, and under your gracious protection all the arts have flourished. For us who follow the stage as a calling a new era has come. With the remainder of your subjects we rejoice at the blessings which have followed in your footsteps; and, as actors, we are proud to be 'the Abstract and Brief Chronicles of your Time.'" It will be interesting if only as a record of the number of professional ladies and gentlemen constituting the Dramatic World of 1887.

Early Hay Harvest.—A field of old land grass, the property of Mr T. Gray Thirlaway, of Jaw Blades Park, Ravensworth, was cut on the 20th inst. The crop was very heavy and in excellent condition.

Friendly Societies' Service.—On Sunday morning, the members of the Order of Druids, Oddfellows (Bolton Unity), and Mechanics marched in procession, accompanied by the Tanfield Lea Band, to the Parish church at Tanfield, the company being attired in their regalia. An eloquent sermon was preached by Rev C. H. Newman (curate). The edifice was well filled.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

Socialism.—On Monday night, Mr J. T. Mahon, of the Socialist League, delivered a lecture in the open-air, at the Fountain in Consett.

A Jubilee Swarm of Bees.—A large swarm of bees alighted on the bank leading from Consett to Blackhill on Tuesday afternoon. They had been in and about the place the whole of the morning. An attempt was made to capture them.

Wesleyan Circuit Meeting.—The quarterly meetings of the Shotley Bridge and Consett Wesleyan Circuit were held at Monday at Consett, under the presidency of the superintendent, Rev. Henry Parkes. The local preachers met at one o'clock, and after tea the meeting of circuit officials was held. The numerical and financial returns were considered satisfactory. The whole of the ministers remain in the circuit another year, the superintendent a third year, and Revs. J. W. Keyworth and F. S. Chesters a second.

The Queen's Coronation.—There are not many who celebrated the Queen's Jubilee who remember the proclamation of her accession to the throne, or of her coronation shortly afterwards, but amongst those who remember the accession and coronation are Mr John Calvert, a highly-respected townsman, who saw the Queen on her return from Westminster Abbey after her coronation wearing the crown, and Mr Thos Williams, the messenger for the Consett Ironworks Company during the last 30 years, who heard her proclaimed in Hyde Park, London.

The Wheelbarrow Man.—James Spark, the champion wheelbarrow man, of Consett, writes from London last (Thursday) night:—"I am coming home to Consett to-day (Friday). I leave here this morning for Chelmsford—thirty miles. A large crowd collected round me whenever I stopped, but I did not collect many coppers, while the police were unremitting in their attentions to me, in repeatedly requesting me to move on. The Cockneys evidently do not appreciate the sturdy barrow pusher. I however changed my pitch as often as I was requested to do so. I continued my journey at ten o'clock this morning, starting from the Cross, where 100 people had congregated."

BLACKHILL.

A case of swine fever has appeared at Blackhill, a pig belonging to William Lynn, Foundry Row, being afflicted with the disease. The animal was killed, and Mr Foreman pronounced it to be a very bad case. The fact has been reported to the Durham County Authorities.

Railway Servants' Camp Meeting.—The Railway Servants' Religious Association—Consett and Blackhill district—held their united camp meeting on Sunday, in a field near the Tinmill Works, Blackhill. The services commenced with a prayer meeting in the Gospel Mission room, Foundry Row, from which place Railway men from many different centres proceeded to sing, assisted by the Mission Band, through the streets, exhorting the people to come to the camp ground to hear the gospel preached—In the morning by Mr G. Tully, Shildon, and G. D. Pashby, Newcastle. Conductor, Mr J. Scott, Newcastle. In the afternoon gospel addresses were given by G. D. Pashby, G. Tully and J. Makepeace, Tyne Dock—conductor, Mr J. Kirkby, Newcastle—to a large concourse of people, who listened attentively throughout. In the evening an experience meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, being conducted by Mr J. Makepeace, and proved to be the best in connection with these services that has yet been held.—Mr G. Tully also conducted a service in the Gospel Mission-room, when the room was filled. He gave a powerful address, which will not be soon forgot on.

WEST STANLEY.

On the 5th inst., Mr Anthony Swinburne, butcher, of West Stanley, obtained a swarm of bees, being the earliest recorded this season.

BURNOPFIELD.

Sabbath School Anniversaries.—Sunday School anniversaries were celebrated on Sunday by the Primitive Methodists at White-le-Head and Burnopfield Colliery. At the former place three services were ably conducted by Mr Geo. Oates, of Andrew's House, At Burnopfield Colliery a sermon was preached in the morning by Mr J. Johnson, of Andrew's House. The other services consisted of the usual recitations and music. The congregations were large at all the services.

MARLEY HILL.

Serious Colliery Explosion.—A serious explosion has occurred in the workings of Marley Hill Colliery, by which five persons—three men and two youths—were more or less injured. One of the men, it is stated, is very severely burnt about the face and body. No details are forthcoming, but it is alleged that the explosion is due to the presence of gas in the mine, which is worked with naked lights.

WOLSINGHAM.

Railway Casualty in the Wear Valley.—As the engine of the train due in Darlington at 1·56 on Friday was shunting for at Wolsingham for box containing Mr Strakers's horse, the engine left the rails, happily leaving the main line clear. A Stanhope engine was telegraphed for, and after a delay of 45 minutes, the passengers were taken on to Bishop Auckland, Darlington, &c. The engine was off till a late hour at night, and the horse-box could not be liberated on that account.

WEARDALE.

Accident at Rookhope.—Last week, an accident happened to a workman at Rookhope, while engaged repairing a tall chimney. The ladder broke, and he was precipated to the ground. He was conveyed to the house of a friend in a cab.

Accident at Frosterley.—An accident occurred last week at the Broadwood Limestone Quarries, Frosterley, owned by Messrs Pease and Co., to a young man named Joseph Temperley, residing in Frosterley. While pursuing his daily vocation as quarryman a stone fell heavily on his foot and leg, smashing his foot terribly. Drs. Livingstone and Robinson were called in, and amputation of the mangled foot was considered necessary.

Methodist Anniversaries.—On Saturday, the anniversaries of the St. John's Primitive and the Burnhope Wesleyan Chapels were celebrated by a public meeting at the latter and a lecture at the former, the Rev. James Taylor and Mr J. Oliver, Burnhill, being the principal speakers.

WATERHOUSES.

Fatal Colliery Accident.—After twelve hours' severe suffering, Thomas Thompson (22), stoneman, employed at Waterhouses Colliery, died on Saturday from the effects of injuries received by a fall of stone early on Saturday morning. The deceased was engaged taking down some stone, when a sudden fall took place, and his head was badly fractured. Dr. McKay attended to Thompson but he only lived twelve hours after the accident.—An inquest was held on Monday night at Mr S. Coxon's, Waterhouses, before Mr Coroner Graham, on the body of Thompson.—A verdict of "Accidentally killed" was returned.

LANCHESTER.

The Primitive Methodists of Lanchester successfully celebrated their chapel anniversary on Sunday.

Joint Hospital Board.—The monthly meeting took place at Lanchester on Thursday week, under the presidency of Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P.—No report was received from the medical officer (Dr Geo. Renton), but it was announced that there were but two patients in the Institution.—A committee was appointed to examine the hospital and ascertain what repairs were requisite.—The question of supplying provisions, &c., to the Leadgate Infectious Hospital was brought forward, it being suggested that the person who contracted for the beef at the Workhouse should have the privilege of supplying the hospital as well.—It was stated that the groceries were ordered from Mr W. Aynsley, Leadgate; and the beef from Mr E. Todd, of the same place, and as this arrangement was deemed to be quite satisfactory, it was decided not to re-adjust this matter at present.

TOW LAW.

Auction Mart.—On Monday, Mr Vickers had forward 25 cows, which made up to £17 12s 6d; 8 fat cattle, up to £19 5-; 2 store cattle, up to £7 12s 6d: 78 fat sheep and lambs. Fat sheep, to 51s; fat lambs, to 23s 6d. Five calves and two horses.

An open-air public meeting was held on Wednesday night, opposite Mr Stephenson's, Tow Law, when Mr J. Wrathall, Good Templar Missioner, gave one of his eloquent and vigorous addresses. Mr R. Dixon officiated as chairman, and there was a good audience.

STANHOPE.

Painful Position for a Gentleman.—At Stanhope Police Court on Friday, Mr Maw represented the Local Guardians in an application, on behalf of Annie Peart, a young widow, now in the workhouse, for an affiliation order against Charles Monkhouse, described as of Heathery Cleugh, gentleman.—The Relieving Officer and Mr Davey (solicitor), proved that defendant had that morning consented to pay 3s 6d per week; and an order for that amount and costs was made.

TANFIELD LEA.

Primitive Methodist Sunday School Anniversary.—These services were held at Tanfield Lea on Sunday, when the children recited scripture, poetry, and dialogues to which much praise is due to them, and to the superintendent (Mr John Young) for the way that he had them trained to say their pieces. The anniversary is to be continued

GREENCROFT COTTAGES.

United Methodist Free Church Mission Room Sabbath School Anniversary.—The anniversary of the above chapel was celebrated on Saturday and Sunday, at Greencroft Cottages.—On Saturday afternoon the scholars were gratuitously regaled with tea, bread, cakes, and buns. Afterwards a public tea was held, and was well patronised by a great number of people of the village. The duties of the ladies were admirably discharged by Misses Taylor, Standard, Reynoldson, and White; while Mesdames Forster, Elliott, White and Armstrong, in serving out the tea and provisions, rendered it quite a success.—In the evening, an entertainment was given in a most pleasing and interesting manner by the choir and several others.—On Saturday, services were held morning and afternoon, conducted by Mr John Allsopp, Annfield Plain, when the scholars recited portions of scripture, dialogues and poetry in a most excellent manner, interspersed with singing by the choir, under the leadership of Mr Geo. Statt, while Mr J. W. Carr presided at the organ. The congregations were good and the collections everything that could be desired.

WHICKHAM.

The Local Board and the Rating of Machinery.—At a special meeting of the Whickham Local Board, held on Monday night, it was decided to send a petition to Mr Jas. Joicey, M.P., against the bill relating to the rating of machinery, now before Parliament.

THE VOLUNTEERS AT GIBSIDE.

Yesterday (Thursday), the encampment of the 5th Durham Rifle Volunteers at Gibside Park was almost completed, and to-day (Friday), the various detachments from Winlaton, Blaydon, Gateshead, &c., will march into camp. The ground is open to the public at the nominal charge of 1d. Mr Matthew Adamson, the Leazes, has been commissioned to supply the whole of the meat and milk for the officers and men, while Mr Joseph Hopper, Blaydon, will provide the requisite provisions.

GREAT FIRE AT BURNHOPE.

On Tuesday morning, between eight and nine o'clock, a fire of a destructive character broke out on the premises of Mr Wm. Gray, grocer, provision dealer, and newsagent, Burnhope Colliery, near Lanchester. The conflagration was not extinguished till the shop premises and dwelling-house were completely gutted, and had it not been for the strenuous efforts of the workmen at the pit—who were laid idle that day—it is probable the public-house adjoining the shop would have suffered by the flames. It is not exactly known how the fire originated. The stock-in trade was destroyed, and considerable damage was done. We understand the place is covered by insurance. The fire, it seems, originally appeared about 8·15 a.m., in the back shop, and was first perceived by Mr Gray when entering the shop for the purpose of obtaining a bath-brick. The premises were safely closed at nine o'clock on Monday night. The conflagration soon had a good hold of the building, and unfortunately there was not a supply of water near at hand. However, between 300 and 400 miners assisted in carrying the water in buckets from the nearest taps. The fire was not got under till the two shops had been entirely gutted. The damage to property and stock amounts to about £900; and is covered by insurance in the Norwich Union office. The flames were extinguished by ten o'clock. A large crowd soon surrounded the burning structure.

MR. ATHERLEY-JONES AND THE MINES ACT.

Speaking in the House of Commons on Monday night, Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones (Member for North-West Durham), deprecated the conduct of the Government in putting the bill down for that night when they knew there would be but a scanty attendance of members. He did not take a benignant view of the bill, which he thought was little worse than a re-arrangement of the clauses with some few minor alterations. As to the employment of women, he said he would show that that labour was degrading to women. He asked the Home Secretary why after the report of the Royal Commission on safety lamps he had not prohibited the use of lamps which had been proved to be unsafe? and urged that increased and more stringent inspection should have been provided for in the bill. There ought, he also insisted, to have been a larger attempt on the part of the Government to make some stringent resolutions in connection with shot firing. He hoped that the Government would seriously consider the position of the checkweighman. What the miners desired was that the checkweighman should hold an entirely independent position.

"A SERVANT GIRL'S TRIALS."

We have been requested to publish the following letters:—

PEACOCK v ECCLES.

Madam.—I beg to withdraw the remarks made by me in connection with his case, heard at Consett Petty Sessions, on the 13th inst.; and also in respect to Mrs Peacock and her family. I beg to apologise to them for the language I have used, and withdraw the said remarks, and authorise you to publish this disclaimer in the public press.

(Signed) E. Milner.

Witness—T. W. Welford, Solicitor, Consett.

Mr Editor,—I beg to contradict the statements made in the Consett Police Court by the girl Eccles about Mrs Peacock. It would be very unlikely that I should recommend the girl to Mrs Peacock's place one day, and tell her all sorts of lies about them another. We farmed under Mrs Peacock for 18 years; and I do not know anything wrong about any of them. The statements in Court by Mary Eccles were made to defeat the ends of justice, but in this she miserably failed,—Yours truly,

Hannah Scott.

PIT ACCIDENT AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Old Windsor, Pontop Colliery, owned by Messrs John Bowes and Partners, which is the oldest working pit in the district, was on Friday afternoon moved out of her quiet steady working way, as every precaution is taken for the safety of the workmen by the officials. At three p.m. the pit was in full operation drawing coals with a beam engine, round wire ropes, and a "two-decker" cage. When one of the cages was near to bank the rope broke and the cage and tub of coals fell to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of fifty fathoms. Fortunately there was no loss of life or limb. The shaft was comparatively little damaged, the cage and tub being of course broken. The men and boys were speedily got out by the Greencroft Drift. The weight of the cage and tub was 56 cwt. The rope had been used for 16 months. The ropes are carefully examined, and this one was noticed to be wearing away and was to be shortly replaced by a new one. At this pit they have had wire ropes worked for twenty months, and when taken off have been in good order and put to other purposes. Pontop Colliery is bored into some of the neighbouring collieries, so that in case of any mishap the workmen can be promptly and safely got out. The colliery is laid idle this week in consequence of the cylinder being taken out and a new one put in, besides other substantial repairs to the winding engine. This is a colliery that once a man with his family is safely employed at he does not care to leave. Men have all their lives been working at the pit, and an excellent feeling exists between master and workmen.

THE ATTEMPTED SEIZURE OF WEARDALE PROPERTY.

EXTRAORDINARY EVIDENCE.

At Stanhope Petty Sessions on Friday—before Mr C. J. Backhouse (chairman) and Dr Arnison—*Watson* (glassmaker). *James*, and *William Corner* (blacksmiths), all brothers, living at Bishopwearmouth, surrendered to bail on separate charges of refusing to quit the Miners' Arms, at St. John's Chapel, kept by John Nattrass; of assaulting Nattrass; and also of assaulting Sergt. Humphrey. George, Watson, and James Corner were further charged with assaulting P.C. Watson. All the summonses bore date May 17th. and had their origin in a claim made by defendants to certain public trust property at St. John's. Mr G. W. Hodgson (Stanhope) conducted the prosecution, and Mr Geo. Maw (Bishop Auckland) represented defendants. The affair has created considerable excitement in the dale, especially in the more immediate locality of the occurrence.

Mr Hodgson stated that Mr Nattrass was the tenant of the Miners' Arms at St. John's Chapel, and on Tuesday, 17th ult., the defendants entered the house about six o'clock at night, and were there at intervals until closing time, when they were requested to leave the premises with the rest of the company. They refused to do so when upon the complainant called in the police and assisted to eject them, during which a scene of violence occurred. The Miners' Arms, along with other property at St. John's, was vested in trustees, who held in trust for the inhabitants of the chapelry of St. John. As far back as 110 years ago the Miners' Arms was held by the trustees' predecessors in title and upon the same trust, and it had been in the possession of them and their successors ever since. In 1885 a claim to the property was made by an old man named Corner, residing at Sunderland, who in November of that year sent to St. John's Chapel a gang of representatives, and a sample of whom the Bench would deal with that day. These men entered the Miners' Arms and stated that the property belonged to Mr Corner and demanded the rent. On that occasion they were allowed to remain until closing time, when they were requested to leave the premises. This they did quietly, and Mr Nattrass received no further annoyance from Mr Corner until the 17th of May last. About six o'clock in the afternoon the defendants, with another man who had absconded, entered the Miners' Arms and proceeded to read what they called an ejectment warrant signed by Mr Corner, and threatened the tenant with forcible ejectment if he had not cleared out by noon on the following day. On this occasion they were dealt with in the same manner as before, being permitted to remain until closing time and then requested to leave. This they refused to do and violently attacked the landlord and the police, and those who assisted to eject them. The Bench should note two or three points. First, defendants never purported to remain as travellers; they never asked for night accommodation, and were therefore treated as ordinary frequenters of the house. As to the attempt to oust the Bench's jurisdiction on the question of title, that was perfectly immaterial to the point, as the course taken to establish the claim was quite illegal. Defendants, further, had not even the credit of believing they were doing right. They came with the deliberate intention of breaking the law.

John Natrass (an ex-champion wrestler) adduced that defendants ordered liquor, then said they were going to shift a lot of things. Witness, however, thought they "wouldn't shift the things." (Laughter.) He had never been served with a notice not to pay his rent.

Mr Maw read a formal notice of November, 1885, calling on defendant to pay no more rent.

Witness said no such notice was ever left with him or with his wife.

Joshua Teesdale said he was a trustee. He saw defendants refuse to quit, and heard them use threatening language at the same time.

Sergt. George deposed to hearing defendants use threats. They claimed the property. Witness told them he had nothing to do with that. A tall man (not in court) had a life preserver, and he said "Knock their brains out." The little man said "Twist 'em in two." Witness replied that he had a duty to perform, that defendants must leave, and that if they resisted he should help to put them out. Next morning, in the police station, defendants said they were poor men, that they knew they had done wrong, that they thought to frighten the people, and that they did not think the police would interfere.

This completed the prosecution for refusing to quit.

The assault on Nattrass was then heard.

Mr Maw: There was a general scrimmage?—Nattrass: There was.

You can take care of yourself?—I have done sae far.

You are not much worse?—I ail nowt sae far. (Laughter.)

Joshua Teesdale and Sergt. George corroborated. Sergt. George's evidence was then taken. He described the assault, and said he drew his truncheon, and told Watson to draw his. The defendant stabbed him in the hand with a knife; the second defendant behaved more like a tiger.

Teesdale, again a witness, said defendants assaulted every person who came nigh them. Witness was nearly choked.

Isaac Robinson corroborated, and the assault on the police was heard. It was materially the same as the other. Defendant said they had "put other policemen through, and they would not be the last."

Mr Maw, for the defence, submitted that Mr Hodgson had raised a question of title, and by so doing the hands of the Bench were tied. That was a point of law he submitted with every confidence. If the Bench thought defendants were acting under an honest supposition of right, however absurd their action might be, then the Bench's hands were tied. Mr Hodgson knew the question was one of title, and was acting for so-called self-constituted trustees, who might have had possession for five hundred years and still have no legal title. Counsel had a copy of the will under which Mr Corner claimed the property, and also certificates tracing possession since the original bequest. The will obtained from Durham was that of Thomas Egglestone, and bore date 1750, and the property referred to was that now claimed. Counsel produced the burial certificate of Thomas Egglestone, dated 6th September, 1750; the baptismal certificate of Hannah Egglestone, who married Edward Blenk (marriage certificate produced); the baptismal certificate of Elizabeth, the only child of Edward and Hannah Blenk. The daughter married one Watson, and the certificate was here that couple had a son Edward, and his baptismal certificate was produced. That son married Hannah Forest, and the issue of that marriage was Mary Ann Watson, who became the wife of defendant's father, who claimed that his wife was heiress-a-law.

James Corner, the father of the defendants, was called into the witness-box by Mr Maw, and stated that he had procured from Durham an office copy of the will of Thomas Egglestoen, bearing date, 1750, and which gave and devised to the children and descendants of Joseph Egglestone property in Weardale, and which was situate in St. John's Chapel. Witness also produced the burial certificate of Thomas Egglestone, the testator, who died on the 6th September, 1750. Witness next handed in various certificates of baptism and marriage of the descendants of Joseph Egglestone, tracing down to Mary Ann Watson, the daughter of Edward Watson, who was married to the witness. The three defendants were her sons, and he claimed that his wife was the heiress to this property, and that the sons were entitled thereto.

Mr Hodgson: Were you present at St John's—on the 17th May last? Witness: No.

The Bench retired to consider the cases, and upon returning into court Mr Backhouse said they considered Mr Maw's arguments did not hold good because there was no evidence that the defendants, who committed the assault, claimed a *bona-fide* right to the property. Secondly, they did not think that the cases quoted by Mr Maw in support of his contentions applied to cases of refusing to quit licensed premises, or assaults on the police on licensed premises. For refusing to quit each defendant would be fined 5s and costs, and for the assault on Nattrass, which was a serious one, £1 and costs each. For the assault on police-sergeant, more serious still, a fine of £2 10s and costs each, and for the assault on the constable, another £2 10s costs each altogether. The fines totalled £21 8 6d, and defendants upon paying £5 were liberated, they being allowed a fortnight to pay the remainder. The Corners left Stanhope by the 5·30 train Mr J. H. Collins, of Sunderland, property agent, was, he said, in Court to watch the case for the Corners.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

5TH DURHAM RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

On Sunday morning the Winlaton and Blaydon detachments of this regiment held a church parade at Winlaton. Colonel J. A. Cowen was in command, and among the officers present were Capt. J. Iveson, Capt. J. Shotton, Lieut. J. Bagnall, Lieut. W. Bennett, and Lieut. F. Simpson. Rev. A. Jones, rector of Winlaton, assisted by the curate (Rev. W. Wykes), read prayers, and the sermon was preached from the words "Fear God, honour the King" by Rev. T. H. Archdall, vicar of Tanfield who is one of the regimental chaplains. The service, which was fully choral, was admirably rendered by the church choir.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

The members of the Chester-le-Street Rifle Club held their fourth annual handicap of the season at the range of the corps on Saturday. There was a capital attendance of members. Conditions—Five shots at each range. Appended are the leading scores:—

Sergt. J. Hutchinson	73
Private Jas. Wilson	68
Private M. Brown	65
Corporal Jno. Thompson	64
Sergt. Jas. Usher	64
Private G. Fish	62
Corporal Jno. Wilson	62
Corporal R. Finlay	59
Col.-Sergt. I. Smiles	57
Private R. Atkin	57
Private R. Beveridge	57
Private W. Robson	54
Private Jas. Bonsall	53
Corporal L. Spence	52

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY BOARD.

A special meeting of the waywardens was held at Lanchester Workhouse Buildings, on Thursday afternoon in last week, Mr W. Logan filled the chair, and those present included Messrs G. Hobson, Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., W. H. Hedley, J. Crow, T. Drummond, F. Rowland, T. Copeland, W. Cummings, Thos. Longstaff, J. Wilkinson, R. Mitchinson, the Clerk (Mr C. Maynard), the Surveyor (Mr W. Dixon), and the Assistant-Surveyor (Mr H. Dixon).

SURVEYOR'S REPORT

The report of the Surveyor stated that the condition of the roads did not call for any special remark. The carting of road metal passed last month had been pushed vigorously forward. The County Surveyor (Mr Crozier) had inspected the main roads, and considers they are in good order. He recommended that the Board have the guide-posts painted this summer. There was no protection between the public road and a quarry at Ebchester Hill. He (the Surveyor) had written to the owner, and produced his answer.

THE UNPROTECTED QUARRY AT EBCHESTER.

The letter in question stated that the party using the quarry would not be responsible for any accident, as he was not working the quarry in a dangerous manner. It was asserted that several similar quarries had been protected from the highroads at the expense of public bodies. It was not the duty of the the person working the quarry to fence it in; but probably it might devolve upon the Halmote Courts at Durham.

Mr Hedley remarked that this was a public quarry, which had been wrought by different persons.

The Surveyor replied that no one had worked so near to the highway as the party he had written to.

The Clerk was instructed to investigate the matter.

THE FORD AT BOLTSBURN: A PARSON OF THE OLD SCHOOL.

A lengthy correspondence was read with reference to the alleged dangerous condition of the Ford across the river at Boltsburn Rev P. C. Jones, vicar of Hunstanworth, endorsed a newspaper cutting showing that a serious accident befel his wife and himself as they were driving through the ford a few weeks ago. The rev. gentleman urged that it was necessary to build a bridge across the stream; but in the meantime he hoped the Board would protect the place sufficiently, so as to render it safer for travellers.—The next was an epistle from Mr Jasper Stephenson, of Newbiggen House, Blanchland (who is waywarden for the township), telling the surveyor that he need not alarm himself about the state of the Ford at Boltsburn, inasmuch as it was in as good a condition now as it had been for the past 20 years. He never remembered an accident in the same place where Rev Mr Jones met with his mishap; but if people would persist in driving when they were not capable of doing so (loud laughter), wilfully pulling the wrong reins, and backing the horses over the edge of the ford (more laughter), they must take the consequences. From the way in which the rev. gentleman had been driving about, the neighbours had been expecting a mishap for a long while, and Mr Stephenson thought the latest adventure would do the parson some good. (Loud laughter.) He (Mr Stephenson) asked Mr Dixon to come over and see the ford for himself.—Mr Jones again wrote to the effect that he was sorry he did not have a call from Mr Dixon when he visited the ford the other day; and he affirmed that it was a place which demanded urgent attention. The roadman had made the ford more dangerous still by putting fresh soil near the water's edge; and his horses naturally refused to pass through the water. He also complained that the roadmen working there remained still and declined to render any assistance whilst he was in difficulties. (Laughter.)—Mr Stephenson wrote from Cullercoats intimating that it would not be convenient for him to attend the meeting that day. He considered it quite unnecessary to burden the ratepayers with the expense of building the bridge for the sake of parsons with mis-stitched horses and incompetent drivers. (Loud laughter.) He asked Mr Logan and Mr Dixon to come and see for themselves if the ford was in a dangerous state. Mr Jones had intimated that he would compel the Board to build a bridge across there. (Renewed laughter.)

Mr Rowland said that he had driven through the ford as much as anybody during the past 50 years, and asserted that it was never in a better state than it was at present. He had had a conversation with the roadmen, who had been reported by the parson, and they assured him that the horse did not take the slightest notice of them.

The Chairman said he intended to visit the place himself.

After discussion, it was unanimously resolved that the Surveyor be instructed to re-examine the ford, and prepare a plan showing a railing for the lower drops of the ford for the protection of the public.

The Clerk was likewise directed to write and inform Rev. P. Jones that it was not their intention to build a bridge there at present, and also acquaint him of what steps the Board proposed to pursue.

THE HOURS OF THE ROADMEN.

The Chairman having given notice at the last meeting to bring forward the question of the number of hours the workmen were engaged upon the roads, presented the subjoined tabulated statement:—

Townships.	Ordinary days.	Saturdays.
Cornsay	7 to 5	7 to 1
Esh	7 to 5	7 to 1
Holmside	7 to 4·50	7 to 1
Satley and Butsfield	7 to 4·50	7 to 2
Greencroft	7 to 5	7 to 12
Lanchester	7 to 5	7 to 12
Langley	7 to 5	7 to 12
Burnhope and Hamsteels	7 to 5	7 to 12
Conside and Knitsley	7 to 5	7 to 1[illegible]
Tanfield	7 to 5	7 to 12
Collierley and Pontop	7 to 5	7 to 12
Lobley Hill Main Road	7 to 5	7 to 12
Kyo	7 to 5	7 to 12
Medomsley	7 to 5	7 to 2
Durham and Shotley Bridge Main Road	7 to 5	7 to 2
Ebchester	7 to 5	7 to 1
Hunstanworth, Roughside and Edmondbyers	7 to 5	7 to 1
Auckland Main Road	7 to 5	7 to 1
Muggleswick	7 to 5	7 to 1
Hedleyhope	7 to 5	7 to 12

The Chairman explained that 1½ hours per day were allowed for meals. The average hours of work per week was 47. He ventured to assert that the men had not wrought more than 40 hours per week for the past few years.

Several waywardens explained that in certain remote townships the men had to travel five and six miles to and from work every day.

Mr Buckham suggested that the working hours should be divided into two sections. The men could work a longer number of hours in summer than in winter.

The Chairman stated that some proper system must be laid down. In cases where the men had six miles or so travel to their employment, of course it could not be expected that they should walk backwards and forwards in their own time; but when they were only compelled to go short distances, they certainly ought to be ready to start punctually at the hours named, and continue till five o'clock at night, only meal times being allowed. The hands of the Surveyor must be strengthened, so that in case any waywarden caught any man neglecting his work he could report to Mr Dixon, who could deal with the offender as he thought proper. He was satisfied the men wanted to be more thoroughly suppressed.

After a good deal of discussion, the question was relegated to committee to consider and report upon.

After passing the monthly accounts, the Board adjourned.

LADIES' COLUMN.

To be allowed to take part in the making of history, even only as a looker-on, is a great privilege. Those of us who live to old age will be able to look back and speak with pride of our having been in London this week and shared in the celebration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. But up to the present time of writing we are all too feverishly excited to be able to look back calmly and discuss the details in a systematic manner. How we have been rushed through these last days we, who are newspaper correspondents, will never be able to make other people understand. Our readers naturally expect that we should be informed upon every little detail which the great pens which furnish the accounts to the daily papers cannot condescend to notice. One reader asks how the triumphal arches were built, and another is really concerned to read particulars of the royal bonnets. Piccadilly and its beauties interest some people, while the embankment fascinates another. The Abbey music comes home to country choirs as a theme of surpassing importance, while unmusical folk flout anthems, and want to hear all about skirts and trimmings. In the discharge of professional duties we had many times before the great day itself to walk the whole long line of streets through which the procession was to pass, and note carefully the details of the decorations, what every club-house shewed, and the taste of the private residents. We have become now quite familiar with the relative merits of bunting, flags, and cotton imitations, the best way of disposing pendant lanthorns, and the most effective plants for balcony decoration. For kindness and courtesy in supplying information we are debtors to several houses of business, the gentlemen kindly allowing their occupations to be interrupted in order to answer innumerable questions. But to the Chief Commissioner of Works, and the other great authorities lady correspondents owe no debt of gratitude. Accustomed as we are to receive kind attention on public occasions, the tardy answers and curt refusals of facilities of any kind for doing our work was a new experience.

The kindness, however, of private people along the route did us good service. Each large house of business generously allotted seats to the press, on public-spirited grounds altogether, as individuals had no legitimate claims. Many pens, it is to be hoped, will remember to record the debt owed to Messrs. Hampton, the eminent firm of house agents, decorators, and furnishers, who gave up safe and good vantage points to those who ought to have been provided for elsewhere. It was no small sacrifice to give away places on the grand stand in Waterloo-place, in front of the English and Scottish Law Life Assurance Associations' Buildings, for which a large number of press correspondents were indebted to Messrs. Hampton's kindness.

London has not, in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, been so full as it has been all this week. At the time of the Queen's Coronation, London was a much smaller place than it is at present, and before the days of railroads there were fewer facilities for country people coming to town. Only rich people who could afford to hire a carriage and post horses came to town for great occasions, and the same question of cost prevented middle-class people putting up at hotels. Suburban London is entirely a growth of the last quarter of a century. When the Queen lived at Kensington Palace she was cut off from London by green fields and shady lanes, and Kensington was a distinctly separated place, not as it now is, a part of London itself. Paddington was the country before the railway days began, and the streets all round the present station have grown up within the time of the Queen's reign, and covered over the pleasant green fields in which baby fingers plucked daisies and buttercups at their own free will. Now the only green plants to be seen in all the streets adjoining the Great Western Railway Station are artificially grown, cultivated by Londoners to bring floral beauty a little nearer to their dull homes.

The daily papers have already exhausted all the details of the procession day, who went to the Abbey, and who stayed away, and told the long story of the events of the 21st of June, 1887. As yet it has not been possible to obtain exact particulars of the dresses, bonnets, &c., which were worn by the ladies of the royal party, so they must remain over for next week.

The first order issued by the Lord Chamberlain desired ladies admitted to the Abbey to wear morning dresses, bonnets, but no mantles. In accordance with these instructions ladies decided what they would wear, and the West-end modistes went to work in order to get as many of the dresses as possible finished, and out of the way. A second order, more definite as to details, added an injunction that the dresses worn must have long skirts, and this caused a great amount of inconvenience. Though it is to be hoped that we are not about to return to the foolish fashion that prevailed a few years ago of dragging a long skirt on the ground in the morning, there is, this year, a perceptible lengthening of the skirts of morning dresses, many of them touching the ground at the back, and requiring to be raised when crossing a street or walking in a crowd, to the very great inconvenience of the wearer. But this increased length was not a sufficient compliance with the orders of the Lord Chamberlain, and many dresses had, within the last few days, to be sent back to have train backs substituted for all-round short ones, or ingeniously lengthened by the addition of drapery. The greater number of the dresses worn were white.

A young married woman named Campbell was found by a couple who were crossing Chelsea Bridge at night on the point of drowning her three children and herself. She had placed the children on the balustrade, and was about to push them into the water when John Hyde and Annie Sutley interfered. The woman, when brought up at the Westminster police-court, said her husband had driven her to it by his drinking. She was remanded.

Mr. Parvenu and Family Abroad.—Mr. Parvenu, with the air of a connoisseur: "That's by Titan, and I call it his *hors-d'œuvre*."

She has begun to instruct him.—Waiter, to country groom: "Will you have French bread, sir?" Country bride, to husband: "Take ordinary household bread, John. French bread must be stale before it gets here."

Opals are coming into fashion again, as nothing, it is now urged, can be unlucky that is beautiful. A very poetic idea.

Red hats are at the present moment, and are likely to continue, in fashion. The favourite bonnet is still very small, and the trimming is still very high.

The fashion at the West End is for gentlemen who have been present at weddings in the morning to wear their favours on their manly breasts all the day long after—in the streets, in the parks, and even at the theatres

THE JUBILEE IN LONDON.

THE SCENE IN THE STREETS.

It is not unsafe to assert that London did not go to bed on Monday night. The carpentering and joinering and decorating went merrily on in the small hours of the morning, and at half-past 4 a considerable number of her Majesty's subjects were inspecting the line of route. These belonged exclusively to the working classes, who had evidently chosen this early hour with some deliberation, for they came in vans and vehicles of every description. By the earliest trains enormous numbers of people poured into town from the suburbs, and the distress of those who were unable to get into the overcrowded carriages, and were left behind with the disagreeable prospect of arriving at their stations after the suspension of the carriage traffic made cabs impossible, was a pathetic sight. The statement that traffic would be suspended as early as half-past 8 proved, however, a playful fiction, and until 10 o'clock indeed pedestrians had little difficulty in making their way through the crowds, even in Piccadilly, where the admirable dispositions of the military and police preserved good humour and prevented confusion. A more perfect day could not have been desired by the most captious. The brilliant sunshine was tempered by a delightful breeze, and the display of colour in every window and balcony extended even to the roofs, where the chimney-pots were frequently concealed by tasteful costumes, and the sun flashed from hundreds of opera-glasses. The popular excitement was greatest at the top of St. James's-street, in Waterloo-place, and on Westminster Bridge. Two triumphal arches, a close array of banners hung across the thoroughfare, and festoons of flowers on both sides, made the lower part of Regent-street the most picturesque point of the Queen's journey. At Hyde Park-corner the throng of spectators was probably as dense as in Trafalgar-square, where the most notable figure was a very small boy perched on the head of one of the lions. The decorations in Piccadilly, especially at Devonshire House, where there was an immense mass of flowers, and the town house of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, which was conspicuous both for the taste of the ornamentation and the agreeable break of blue in the monotony of red, were highly successful. As the morning wore on the crowd increased in volume till the mass which was forced back on either side of Piccadilly threatened to break in the frail partitions which secured the shop windows. In Bond-street it seemed impossible for so many human beings to breathe in so small a space, but the adventurous spirits in the mob beguiled the tedium of waiting by occasional surges against the line of volunteers and hussars, and at one time it seemed as if the route of procession in Piccadilly would be flooded by the too exuberant citizens. Touches of comedy were not wanting. A German band persisted in plying its discordant trade in Albemarle-street, regardless of the military music which drowned it, and the general indifference of the crowd. The first outburst of enthusiasm was caused by the appearance of Buffalo Bill on foot, followed by several of his Indians in full costume. A gorgeous flunkey excited mingled merriment and commiseration by nearly falling from his perch behind his carriage. A dozen ready hands saved him from a dangerous tumble. A brawny workman in a cart was received with much applause which he gracefully acknowledged, but as he had presently to jump down and scatter gravel, the sacrifice of dignity was greeted with roars of laughter. An incident of a very different kind threw a temporary gloom over the people. This was the appearance of a soldier apparently dead carried by policemen on a stretcher. It was a painful suggestion of the list of casualties which must have been considerable before the day was over.

THE PROCESSIONS.

Punctuality must be a highly-respected virtue in India, for the Indian princes who formed the first procession came earlier than any one expected. It was barely half-past 10 when they passed St. James's-street, evidently well-pleased with the cordial greeting of the populace, who were dazzled by the resplendent jewels worn by Holkar and his fellow magnates. Two or three of the princes literally blazed with gems, and this part of the show gave high delight to the spectators. The foreign princesses, in charming toilettes, came next, and then there was a disappointment. Fifteen carriage-loads of European kings and princes ought to have been fully displayed to the public. Instead of that they were shut up in closed carriages, as if for fear that some democratic eye would shoot a disagreeably revolutionary ray into their seclusion. What manner of men may be the Kings of Denmark, the Belgians, Saxony, and the Hellenes, few in the crowd will ever be able to say. It was now apparent that the punctuality of the Indians did not mean that the rest of the procession would be equally prompt. There was a long pause, which was unfortunate from the exhibition point of view, as there is nothing so necessary on such occasions as concentration of effect. Perhaps the crowd began to realise that there was not very much to see after all, but when the Queen appeared at last, accompanied by the Princess of Wales and the Crown Princess of Germany, in a carriage drawn by six cream-coloured ponies, it became apparent that the delay was largely due to her Majesty's desire to let everybody take a long and lingering look. The cheering, which was well sustained, disturbed the serenity of the cream-coloured ponies, and the driver of the Royal chariot had a considerable amount of trouble, but the two Scotch attendants who sat behind the Queen were perfectly at their ease. The horsemanship of the mounted guard of honour gave much satisfaction to the spectators, for amongst the foremost horsemen were the Prince of Wales and the Crown Prince of Germany, whose imposing figure in a white uniform on a charger which he managed with admirable skill, excited universal admiration. All along Piccadilly the waving of handkerchiefs was incessant, but the Queen's eye was probably most impressed by the spectacles in Regent-street and in Cockspur-street, where Waterloo House, which directly faced the procession, was literally alive with ladies, whose costumes, fluttering handkerchiefs, and genuine zeal made a very pretty sight.

FROM TRAFALGAR SQUARE TO THE ABBEY.

The scene on the route from Trafalgar-square to the Abbey was of such splendour as one never sees in this country except on some such unique ceremonial as the present, and but seldom in the great cities of the continent. The enormous concourse of people collected from all quarters of the habitable globe, filling roadways, pathways, doors, windows, and roofs, the magnificent and gorgeous decorations and illuminations, the thousands and thousands of ladies dressed as was befitting such glorious weather, in colours of every conceivable tint, the bouquets of flowers held in thousands of windows, and the brilliant uniforms of the troops, all combined to make such a *coup d'œil* as satisfied the most critical lover of the picturesque, even though some of the shades of royal red used by people whose tastes were somewhat doubtful, artistically speaking, did not harmonise so completely as might have been wished with the decorations used by their neighbours. But the loyalty of the people generally was undoubted and spontaneous, and will be remembered for many a long day by those who witnessed it.

As early as 3 o'clock in the morning crowds of people perambulated the streets viewing and inspecting the decorations and illuminations and watching the workmen putting the finishing touches to decorations and stands, of which latter an enormous quantity were erected along the whole line of route. In fact, it is doubtful whether London has ever before witnessed such a general gathering of the masses as has been seen on this occasion. Trafalgar-square and Parliament-street, Parliament-square, and the streets leading from thence to the Embankment presented a sight which, once seen would be ever remembered. Every rough rafter, every piece of deal was covered with royal red, and decorated, emblazoned, and be-flagged till nothing but a mass of gorgeous colour was to be seen. At 8 o'clock in the morning all the stands in Parliament-square, as well as the Houses of Parliament were opened to those who had the right to enter them, and immediately after that hour the favoured visitors began to take up their positions. Soon afterwards the members of both Houses of Parliament and those who had Abbey tickets, began to arrive, and from then till 11 o'clock the roads around the Abbey were filled with thousands of vehicles setting down their occupants. The carriages of the nobility and the members of Parliament were "packed" inside New Palace-yard, while the carriages of the Ambassadors, the Colonial visitors, and the Royal visitors, were massed in a great open space which was kept clear outside the Abbey.

Rapidly the members of both Houses of Parliament began to arrive, Sir James M'Garel-Hogg, one of the new peers just announced, being down early. He was rapidly followed by Mr. Stuart Wortley, M.P., Mr. Holms, M.P., Sir W. Harcourt, Sir W. Cunliffe Brooks, M.P., Colonel King-Harman, M.P., Sir U. Kay-Shuttleworth, M.P., Sir J. Mowbray, Sir James Fergusson, Sir R. Fowler, and others, while even two members of the Irish party, Mr. O'Hea and Mr. P. Macdonald, did not scorn to put in an early appearance, accompanied by their ladies, with the evident intention of being present at the Jubilee celebration, which the party as a body have so vilified and poured contempt upon during the last few weeks. A few minutes before 10 Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone drove into the yard in an open barouche. The ex-Prime Minister was attired in Windsor uniform and looked in capital health. He was received with cheers and applause by the crowds outside, who by this time began to attain formidable dimensions. Then came the more prominent members of the late and present Government. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mr. Goschen, Earl Spencer, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Mr. John Morley, Lord Ashbourne, Viscount Ebrington, Mr. J. G. Hubbard, &c. Shortly before 11 the Speaker met the principal members of the House of Commons in Westminster Hall, and then went in procession into the Abbey.

The troops began to mass on the ground soon after 9 o'clock. First came the band of the Life Guards, who played the National Anthem when her Majesty arrived at the Abbey, then followed the Highland pipers, and rapidly afterwards came down the 1st Royal Dragoon Guards, the Horse Guards Blue, the Hon. Artillery Company, the Scots Guards, the Grenadier Guards, and Middlesex Artillery Volunteers. As these came down they were formed in single line in the roadways, and kept the route, while behind them stood the hard-working policemen. These latter got all the pressure and abuse of the crowd, which albeit good-humoured to a certain extent, was somewhat unruly and brutal occasionally, resulting in many cases of injury from pressure and blows, which had to be treated by the ambulance men on the ground, who did good and useful service.

As the time wore on, and 11 o'clock came, the hour at which the first part of the procession was to arrive along the route, the crowds thickened, the District Railway still vomited a stream of human beings upon the over-crowded roadway, and everywhere Westminster became "blocked" in the full sense of the word. By this time every seat was taken on the roofs, windows, balconies, and stands were full to overflowing of loyal and dutiful subjects of her Majesty, anxious to shew by their presence and applause, their appreciation of the blessings bestowed upon the country by the long-continued reign of our Sovereign lady. The scene at Westminster-bridge beggars description. Seen from the Houses of Parliament, the bridge was one black mass of heads, while such was the fearful pressure that again and again was the line of military and police broken by a wild rush, and the greatest difficulty was experienced in preserving order. Women were taken out by the dozen, faint and half crushed, laid on sand heaps in the road, and attended to by the ambulance men, while apparently two lifeless bodies were carried by on stretchers a few minutes before the arrival of the Queen.

The scene in Parliament-square viewed from an advantageous point in the Houses of Parliament was absolutely gorgeous; the dense masses of spectators, the crowded stands filled with gaily dressed ladies, the glittering helmets and brilliant uniforms of the troops, taken in conjunction with the procession itself, which was grand in the extreme, formed a pageant which will not readily fade from the memory of those who witnessed it.

Punctually enough the first part of the Royal visitors began to arrive at Westminster. These carriages contained the Princes and Princesses of Saxe-Meiningen, Schleswig-Holstein and Hesse, while the last carriage contained their Royal Highnesses the Princesses Marie Victoria and Alexandra of Edinburgh. There, as well as the Prince of Saxe-Weimar and the Prince of Leiningen, came to the Abbey by the West-end, and not by the Royal route. At 10.45 the distinguished Indian chiefs, as well as deputations from Indian native States, arrived, and dressed in Oriental splendour, with their gay robes and Eastern jewels, flashing in the sun, presented a striking appearance, and greatly pleased the spectators. Among them were the Persian Siamese and Japanese Princes with their suites, and the Queen Kapiolani and the Princess Lillyewokalani of Hawaii. The Queen of Hawaii seemed mightily pleased with her reception, and nodded and bowed most graciously to the plaudits of the crowd. Next came a brilliant host of royal and distinguished guests, who made a procession of 15 carriages, preceded and followed by a field officers' escort of the 1st Life Guards. Eight of their carriages contained the ladies and gentlemen of the respective suites of the following distinguished personages: Prince Hohenlohe-Langenburg, Prince Ludwig of Baden, Prince and Princess Philip of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, the Grand Duke and Prince Herman of Saxe-Weimar, the Grand Duke and Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Prince Ludwig of Bavaria, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, the Infante Don Antonio and Infanta Donna Eulalia of Spain, the Duke of Aosta, the Crown Prince of Sweden, the Crown Prince and Princess of Portugal, the Crown Prince of Austria, the King of Saxony, the King and Queen of the Belgians, the King, Crown Prince, and Prince George of Greece, and the King of Denmark. Then came a long break in the procession, nearly three-quarters of an hour elapsing between the arrival at Westminster of the last-named personages and that of the Queen. But at last, at half-past 12, the first signs were to be seen of the grandest cavalcade of Royal Princes which within the memory of man has ever surrounded a reigning Sovereign. First came a grand military escort, including the chiefs of the army staff, in all the brilliancy of their gorgeous uniforms, accompanied by some of the officers of our Indian regiments, and then came the Queen's body guard of Royal princes, eliciting such an outburst of cheering as drowned the very bells which were pealing from St. Margaret's tower, their pæan of joy and jubilant thanksgiving. But now is to be seen the beloved Monarch of that Empire on which the sun never sets, seated on her carriage drawn by cream-coloured ponies whose trappings are cloth of gold, by her side her eldest daughter, and before her her favourite Princess, the admired of all beholders, and then went up to heaven such a stentorian shout of applause as shewed conclusively that our gracious lady reigns not only over the destinies but in the hearts of her people. The Queen's reception further all the way to the Abbey was an ovation. Nothing like it has ever been seen before, and the Queen testified her deep appreciation of her subjects' delight by such womanly symptoms of feeling as shewed how deeply she was touched. And well might the tears come into any woman's eyes—albeit a Queen—as she looked upon such a magnificent array of her subjects as had come together from all parts of the globe to do honour to her in the Jubilee year of her reign—representatives of all sorts and conditions of men, from the peer to the peasant, from the prince of blood royal to the humblest artisan—and well might she think herself blessed as no woman has ever been blessed before her.

IN THE ABBEY.

The last impression we got before entering the Abbey was a mixed and confused view of ladies walking on the roof of St. Margaret's Church, of a sea of heads far, far away to east, north, south, and west of Parliament-square, occupying the tallest roofs of the tallest houses, of a waving of innumerable flags in the brisk cool air, of a trampling of mettled steeds, of a glitter of scarlet and gold and brass on a thousand uniforms, and of the sparkling of the softer tints of the ladies' dresses. Notabilities were here, there, and everywhere. Generals, colonels, admirals, officials in the Windsor uniform, gentlemen in Court dress, jostled and swayed gently before the closed doors of the great quiet pile before them. To emerge out of all this din and bustle into the still, cool Abbey—still, save for the hushed gossiping of the gathering crowd—was a welcome change of view and sensation. A short climb, and we were in our places, with the dais and stalls and altar before us, and to right and left, in front and behind, tier upon tier of crimson-clothed platforms. Our first glance was at the delicately-pointed arches and exquisitely clustered and moulded columns of the Abbey, still solemn and cold in spite of the bravery of its attire. Looking up, we smiled to see the beautiful foliated arches of the triforium filled with rows of heads and bonnets, and this perhaps was the one touch of unworthiness about the spectacle. The great apse above the altar was filled with sightseers, looking down from the great height straight on the dark oak of the Coronation chair, supported by the historic Scone stone, and with the crimson velvet *prie-dieu* and the gorgeous coronation robes ranged in front and around it. To right and left of the chancel were seated the peers and commoners, the former gay with orders, ribbons, and shoulder knots, with here and there a glimpse of scarlet uniform. Medals, orders, and more scarlet were also the rule in the galleries running parallel with the nave. Looking backward towards the doorway, one was struck by the Queen's trumpeters in yellow and black, standing facing the entrance, and signalled by Sir Albert Woods, the Garter King at Arms, a magnificent figure, close to the door. To the left, looking from the altar, was a great deep patch of scarlet, where the representatives of the army were grouped, and opposite them was a broad band of blue, where the naval uniforms were massed. At the vestibule stood the clergy, so gorgeous in their copes of plush and velvet and ermine and cloth of gold that they seemed more like Catholic priests than Protestant prelates. There were the Archbishop of Canterbury (in purple and red) the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of London (in scarlet and white), the Dean of Westminster, hardly less gorgeous than his companions, and several others. Turning again to the dais, we note that along the choir strutted and lingered the Yeomen of the Guards in full Windsor uniform, heavy with lace, the wearers looking, whenever a flash of sunlight caught their attire, like huge golden-breasted birds of Paradise. By and bye came clanking along the Gentlemen of the Bodyguard, gorgeous in helmets, with long white plumes attached, and scarlet uniforms, for the moment almost dulling the fine feathers of their comrades. Here and there a great officer of the Household could be picked out with a glass—for we had brought our glasses with us, as to any other great show—the Lord Steward, the Lord Chamberlain, Lord Arthur Hill, or another. The light streaming down in long lanes, and resting on altar, gallery, or helmet, brightened the dull greys of the stone walls, made the brass shine like gold, and threw into relief the white robes of the choir, ranged round the organ where Dr. Bridge's watchful eye could control them. In the front row of the peers' enclosure, the Lord Chancellor's squat figure—clothed in full-bottomed wig and red robes, and with the mace placed on a cushion in front of him—shewed conspicuous. In close conversation with him were Lord Aberdare, the Mr. Bruce of other days, and Lord and Lady Salisbury, the former with the broad blue ribbon of the Garter across his breast. Behind were Lord Rosebery's youthful face, his dress being the plainer blue Windsor uniform, Lord Spencer in scarlet, and others. Lord Cross, Lord Cranbrook, Lord Sherbroke, white of hair and rubicund of face—were visible enough. There were some gallant figures and costumes in the diplomatic gallery hard by, but they were a little over-shadowed by the glories of the peers. By-and-bye Princess Frederica of Hanover came quietly up to a corner stall in the choir, some pretty children in white entering in her company. By 11 the Speaker had arrived and in the canons' stall were Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar (in military scarlet) and his wife, the sister of the Duke of Richmond, and the Admiral-Prince Leiningen (in naval blue), both well-favoured and bulky old gentlemen. The Speaker faced the Chancellor in the north transept, the Lords taking the south, and, in the front row of the Commons, were Mr. Gladstone, Sir William Harcourt, Mr. Childers, Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, Mr. Ritchie, and many other well-known faces. Then the most brilliant stream of colour which the Abbey had as yet sustained filtered into the stalls, and the rich greens, and purples, and whites, and blues of a band of Indian princes and dignitaries mingled with the prevailing scarlet. A few moments later, and the semi-silence was sharply broken by the notes of a stirring March of Silas, quickly followed by the enchanting melody of the "Bridal March" from "Lohengrin" given by special request of the Prince of Wales. Lord Arthur Hill and Lord Folkestone took their stands within the dais, and stood, two brilliant figures, awaiting her Majesty's arrival. In the sacrarium to the left of the altar, and beyond the dais, were now the Queen of Hawaii, in a green flowered dress, and the Princess Liliyewokalani of Hawaii, in black, crossed with a broad scarlet ribbon; but the first rows of the stalls were still vacant, save where one of the jewelled and be-laced Orientals, or an officer of the Household, had taken a place. The row of Royalties sat quietly in the background, and the sunlight, now streaming more freely in, from the higher lancet-shaped windows, gave warmer tints to the scene. The coldest hues of all were massed in the two galleries above the sacrarium, which the Dean had reserved to the clergy and their wives.

But the hour of the ceremonial was approaching, and the first strains of Benedict's brilliant "Marche des Templiers" heralded the entrance of the Royalties who were to occupy the sides of the Sacrarium. Most of the audience rose as the glittering files passed through the choir in rather easy order. A medley of Hussar and Dragoon uniforms, of white plumes and clanking swords, was all that one could gather from first impressions, but when the dazzling swarm settled, one could pick out the personages who composed it. There was the tall figure of the King of the Belgians, and next him the King of Denmark, wonderfully young-looking for his age, the handsome and soldierly King of Greece, the King of Saxony, and a little further on, in the white uniform of the Austrian service, the young Crown Prince of Austria-Hungary. Next him was the keen face of the Crown Prince of Sweden in blue, and then came the Crown Prince of Greece, the Duc D'Aosta (once King Amadeo of Italy), and on the other side of the sacrarium an almost equally brilliant throng terminated by two gorgeous Oriental uniforms, the diamonds of which could be seen glistening some way down the choir.

There had been a pause for some time, and then a faint murmur from without grew into the sound of distant cheering and the clash of military bands. The officials got into position—Lord Mount Edgcumbe, the Lord Steward, at the right of the dais, and Lord Lathom, the Lord Chamberlain, the left—and suddenly, at a signal from Sir Albert Woods, the trumpeters in the gallery blew a silver-toned blast, awaking delightful soft echoes in the still Abbey. There was another rather long pause, and then Dr. Bridge invoked the full power of the magnificent organ, as he struck the first chords of "God Save the Queen." Up came the Royal procession the Duke of Cambridge going some way in front. History will record that it was headed by a beadle and two minor canons, and then by the long procession of clergy in the rich purples and reds of full ecclesiastical dress. The Queen did not wear the crown, but the high white bonnet with Alençon lace, and across her breast was the broad Ribbon of the Garter and one or two other orders. The Prince's procession preceded her, and one could not but notice the stalwart trio next the Queen—the Prince of Wales in scarlet, and the Grand Duke of Hesse in blue, on either side, and the splendidly martial figure of the Crown Prince of Germany, clad in white from head to foot, between. Similarly among the princesses the slender form of the Princess of Wales marked itself out from the more matronly figures of the Crown Princess of Germany and the Princess Christian, all three ladies in white, the Princess of Wales with a glimpse of red-tinted fruit in her bonnet. To the left of the altar went the Princes, to the right went the Princesses, while the Queen, aptly helped up the steps by Lord Arthur Hill and Lord Folkestone, walked to the central chair, after a ceremonious bow to her faithful Lords and Commons. As the Queen ascended the nave the National Anthem had given place to the march from Handel's "Occasional Oratorio," with its splendid Handelian lilt and swinging rhythm. The service began at once, the faint tones of the Archbishop at the altar being caught up by the full-voiced choir in responses of exquisite cadence. The Prince Consort's "Te Deum" proved a thoroughly graceful and scholarly composition, to which the organist and choir gave perfect emphasis. The Dean of Westminster replaced the Archbishop for a short interval, and then the latter resumed his position in front of the altar, and read in clear and silvery tones the first of a series of what may be be called Royal prayers.

"Almighty God, we humbly offer unto Thy Divine Majesty our prayers and hearty thanksgivings for our gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, unto whom Thou hast accomplished full 50 years of Sovereignty. We praise Thee that through Thy grace she hath kept the charge Thou gavest her in the day when Thou didst set the Crown upon her head, bidding her 'to do justice, stay the growth of iniquity, and protect the Holy Church of God; to help and defend widows and orphans; to restore the things gone to decay, maintain the things that are restored; punish and reform what is amiss, and confirm what is in good order; to keep the Royal Law and Lively Oracles of God.' We bless Thee that Thou hast heard, through sorrow and through joy, our prayer that she should alway possess the hearts of her people. And we humbly pray Thee that for the years to come she may rejoice in Thy strength, and at the Resurrection of the Just enter into Thine immortal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

The voice of the prelate died away, and the full notes of the choir took up the service with Dr. Bridge's fine anthem, "Blessed be the Lord thy God, which delighted in Thee," with a charming chorale by the Prince Consort between the two choruses, each provided with a bass and tenor solo, sustained from the left and right wings of the choir. The music closed with an exquisitely soft "Amen" by Dr. Stainer, the organist of St. Paul's, the gentle cadence rising by degrees and then dying away again in a swan-like end.

The service was over and there was the gentle stir—everything sounded softly in that vast space—of departure. Then came the one touch of home-like pathos in the almost o'erwrought splendour of the ceremonial. One by one, beginning with the Prince of Wales, the princes stepped up to the Queen's chair, bent on one knee, and inclined their face to the Queen's, who stooped down and kissed them, and then offered her own hand to be kissed. Young and middle-aged, stalwart and slim, shared the affectionate greeting given and received with a certain touching simplicity. Then came the turn of the Princesses, and there went a little thrill through the assembly when the Crown Princess, the Queen's eldest daughter, bowed low before her mother, and was kissed on either cheek, a warm, long pressure of the hand accompanying the embrace. Similarly marked was the greeting to the Princess of Wales, and then the more distant relatives, who joined in this charming family reunion, came in for the Queen's kiss and Jubilee greeting, a little more formally given. Before one could realise it almost, the ceremony had come to an end, and at the opening notes of the recessional march in "Athalie," falling presently into the well-known and brilliant air, the procession reformed, and passed in leisurely order down the nave.

THE RETURN JOURNEY.

The return journey to Buckingham Palace was attended by a repetition of the enthusiasm displayed on her Majesty's progress to the Abbey. Trafalgar-square was still one compact mass of humanity. Waterloo House, with its noble frontages, was full of sight-seers from its basement to its uppermost storey. The clubs in Pall Mall and St. James's-street were thronged, and presented a most brilliant appearance. It is needless to give a detailed review of the procession on its return, but it may be noted that the order of progress was reversed as to the positions which the carriages occupied in proceeding to the Abbey

THE ILLUMINATIONS.

From nightfall until far into the morning hours the streets were simply a blaze of fire, which, viewed from the suburban heights, presented the appearance of a huge conflagration. Illuminations are by no means an uncommon method of marking festive occasions, but such a display as that which was prepared for the Jubilee Celebration was beyond comparison with anything which has gone before, both as regards magnitude and design; and the many thousands, who thronged the main thoroughfares till early in the morning, must have been amply repaid by the great feast of light in which they revelled for hours. Many mansions in the West End were splendidly illuminated. One grand combined display was made in Grosvenor-place, at the residences of the Earl of Scarbrough, the Duke of Northumberland, Lord A. Percy, the Right Hon. W. H. Smith, the Duke of Grafton, Sir E. C. Guinness, the Duke of Portland, and the premises occupied by the Wellington Club. Fascinated by the glowing fires, a densely-packed mass of spectators pressed forward from every point into Clubland, to witness the phenomenon of night almost turned into day. The clubs altogether made a brave display, and the Royal tradesmen were not behind hand. Crystal stars and crowns, with occasional flower-beds, made radiant with gas or electricity, added to the thousands of fairy lamps to be seen everywhere, made up a scene of unparalleled splendour. In the City the most attractive point was that in which the Bank of England, the Mansion House, and the Royal Exchange is situated. The Bank of England presented a very magnificent and brilliant appearance, the whole building being outlined with variegated lamps in gas, principally ruby and white; altogether, in laurels, festoons, and outlines upwards of 10,000 lights were used. The Royal Exchange was handsomely illuminated by thousands of oil lamps in various colours. On the front of the building was a gigantic oval with wreaths of laurels, surmounted by a Royal crown; on either side two shields with the arms of the City in the centre encircled by laurel leaves, while the stone pillars were snaked with golden lamps, with garlands of green lamps tied with bows in blue above. The Mansion House was illuminated in much the same fashion, and the combined effect was a magnificent one.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

The demonstration did not pass off without some serious casualties. The Marquis of Lorne, directly after starting from Buckingham Palace with the royal procession, was thrown from his horse, a young restive animal, and fell upon the kerb. For a moment the cavalcade was stopped by the accident, but the marquis arose immediately, and progress was resumed. His lordship, however, did not rejoin the procession, but went back to Buckingham Palace, and, taking a steadier animal, rode through Birdcage Walk to the Abbey. A man named Bennett was killed by a kick from a trooper's horse near the Haymarket, and another man named Cetherford sustained fatal injuries by falling from a scaffold at Grosvenor-place. No fewer than 400 cases were dealt with by the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps posted along the route, the large majority being attacks of fainting through the heat and the crush. Nearly 60 persons were treated at Charing-cross Hospital, chiefly for simple fractures and minor injuries. At the other hospitals a smaller number of cases were treated.

IN THE PROVINCES.

The Jubilee was observed with great heartiness throughout the country. The celebration took the form of thanksgiving services in the places of worship; processions of the local authorities, volunteers, and friendly societies; treats to school children, dinners to the aged poor; fireworks and bonfires. In every town and village the public buildings and private houses were decorated with flags and loyal mottoes. At Dover it was noticed that the ships passing in the Channel were gay with bunting. The inhabitants of Pontefract sustained a serious disappointment; they had prepared a huge bonfire, but a bystander threw a lighted match into the straw early in the afternoon, and the bonfire blazed away in the daylight.

CELEBRATIONS ABROAD.

The occasion was also celebrated by the British abroad. At Paris the English Colony, with Lord Lyons and all the members of the Embassy at their head, attended Divine Service at the church in the Rue d'Aguesseau. In the evening the English working men and their wives employed at St. Mande were entertained at dinner by their employers. In Berlin, Vienna, and other Continental capitals, as well as in many of the smaller towns, there were special services, receptions, and dinners. The Australasian Colonies were remarkable for their demonstrations, while in Canada and the United States there were appropriate rejoicings. The Governor of South Australia opened the Jubilee Exhibition at Adelaide, and telegraphed to the Queen informing her of the event.

LEADGATE HIGHWAY INSPECTION.

The following is the report of the Highway Committee presented to the Leadgate Local Board, at their last meeting:—

Durham Road from East Carr House to High Woodside.—With the exception of a portion at the west end, this main road was found to be in excellent order, and in smoother running condition than for several years past. Near East Carr House the surface is uneven—wavy rather than rutty—the result, it is considered, of the coating of whinstone that was put on in 1882-3. Here and near Iveston Pit, and at the south end, the metal will require renewing next winter, and will take about 150 tons of limestone and 20 yards of slag. At the end of the new houses in Durham Road your committee recommend some dressing back of the earthwork round the turn of the road, and that the material be put into the slacks in the park.

Streets in Leadgate.—The cartways are in good sound condition, but the footpaths generally will stand in need of a coating of small slag as the winter comes on. It may be remarked that that the spouting of the houses now being done will—if means be provided for carrying off the water from the fall pipes—save much of the renewal on the footpaths in future. Small slag, 100 yards.

Watling Street is in a good condition of repair. Perhaps a little more might be done in the way of keeping the water-tabling in line and the two sides parallel. A slack near railway opposite the Commercial Inn would be better of being gradually levelled up with slag, the rise towards the railway being too abrupt. 40 yards of slag.

St. Ive's Road is now in a sound condition. No new stone will be needed this year. A drain is required at east side of Mrs Teaney's house to take water off after heavy rains, and for this and other similar purposes about 100 yards of 6-inch and 4-inch common draining pipes should be procured.

Pont Lane.—Condition of road fairly good on the whole, and will only need a small quantity of slag to keep it up. In one or two places where the water has a long run in the water-tabling, it should be taken off into the deep gutter near the wall. 20 yards slag. There being a formed footpath on the Lanchester Highway Board's portion of this road to the North, and there being considerable passage of school children and others along the road, your committee would advise a footpath being gradually formed on the part under the control of this Board where not attended with much difficulty or expense, and that this year a portion be made as far South as a gateway about 80 yards beyond the Pont Burn, as wide as can be got, allowing not less than 18ft. for the road and water-tabling. Quite recently some 20 yards or more of the railing at the bridge over the Pont has been wantonly pulled down, and the desirability of offering through the newspaper a reward of say £2 for information that would lead to the conviction of the offenders is suggested.

Brooms Lane is in fairly good repair throughout, and may do without metal this year, but in the northern half there is room for improvement as to the shape. At the bottom of the hill, the slack there is being partly filled up with freestone from the Park field, &c., and still more filling-up would be of advantage. Where the footpath joins the road from the Brooms school, the managers have requested the Surveyor to put a stone stile in the fence, and this it is recommended should be done.

Annfield Lane.—In good running condition now, but will require metal at different places in the winter to keep the crust of the road sound. The East Castle Company having by arrangement with the Surveyor partially raised the Pontop Pike Lane where it crosses the Annfield Lane, it is apparent that both roads would be improved by about 2ft. of further filling up. 50 yards of slag.

Pontop Pike Lane.—Further levelling-up by refuse from East Castle Colliery has been done, and there is still room for more. Road is in fairly good order—soft, but good enough for the traffic for which it is ordinarily used. Part of water-tabling needs attention, and a few cobbles in middle of road breaking up. 20 yards of slag.

Burn House Lane.—In good sound condition, only needs water-tabling finishing.

Iveston Street and Bank.—The bank near the top is somewhat slack in the middle, and should have ten loads of small slag. Rest of road is in good order. 30 yards of slag. The roadsides through the green have been sloped off, and the place looks all the tidier for it. At the well in the bank a neat piece of work has been carried out by a substantial cap being put on and channelling and grating fixed.

Stockerley Lane and Bank.—In very good order. No stones needed this year. A deep gutter near Witch Hole, close by road side, should be partially filled up. Slag for the purpose can be had from the Crookhall heap.

High Woodside footpath.—Your committee walked along this ancient footway from Iveston to the highway opposite the farm-house, but refrain from referring to the question of the ploughing-up of part of it, as the Clerk has not yet been able to obtain sight of the Iveston Manor plan. Your committee noticed a stile near to the farm-house to be very dilapidated, and recommend that it be renewed.

With reference to expenditure, this, for the past year ending at March 31st, has been very favourable. The cost of the highways, exclusive of the salary of the Surveyor and proportion of the Clerk's, and other general expenses having been:—

	£	s	d
To this Local Board - - - -	158	17	4
To the County Authorities and Government three-fourth of outlay on Durham Road - - - - - - -	67	8	8
Total	£226	6	0

This is about £50 below the average of the previous five years, but last year was a light one in the items of material required, and of snow casting, and if the two past years be put together they come out within £3 of of the five years average. For 1887-8 the estimated cost is somewhat above that of 1886-7, but still slightly within the five year's average, viz., £250.

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SOMETHING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

WEEZY'S SAMBO.

Little Weezy Haynes had more dolls than she could take care of, and they were always falling into mischief. Her china twins had but one leg and one arm between them, and not a sign of a head. Her pretty wax Rosa was without a nose. And as to her gutta-percha baby, it was so wrinkled and ugly that Weezy rubbed the window panes with it when she played at cleaning house. Phoebe Redlan cut paper dolls for her by the hour, but these frisked out of the window or into the fire; and of Weezy's large family there was left only one sound child.

This was little Sambo, knit of worsted; black face, scarlet jacket, yellow trousers, and all. When he tumbled into the wash-bowl, Weezy squeezed him out and dried him over the register. When he ravelled, mamma darned him, and made him as good as new.

O, he was the nicest kind of a doll! and from his white sewing-silk teeth to the black stocking-yarn toes, Weezy loved every inch of him. Yet she did love to punish him. One morning, when she found him in papa's boot, she shook him till one of his bead eyes dropped out.

"What for Sambo run away and hide?" cried she, "Now mamma mus' tie Sambo, 'cause Sambo didn't mind."

She looked about the hall for something to tie him to, and saw papa's overcoat on the hat-tree. The buttons on the back of it were just within her reach.

"There! Sambo must be tied till he is a good boy," said she, winding the ends of his tiny scarf round one of the buttons.

Then, leaving the poor doll hanging by his neck, she danced off to the kitchen to tease Bridget for "two big plums."

Pretty soon Papa Haynes came out of the sitting-room to go up to town. It was rather dark in the hall, and he put on his overcoat without seeing the doll. Next he drew on his gloves, and walked briskly into the street with Sambo bobbing up and down from the button at the back.

It was funny enough! One little boy laughed so hard that he rolled off the doorstep. Some school children at the corner shouted and clapped their hands. Papa Haynes wondered what all the noise was about. He couldn't see anything to laugh at.

He might have gone on right through the village with Sambo's yellow legs dancing a jig behind him if the minister hadn't called to him.

"Sir?" said papa, wheeling in front of the minister's gate so suddenly that the doll bounced against him.

"Why, what is this?" he went on, reaching his hand behind his back.

"Something, that belongs to Weezy, I fancy," laughed the minister, unwinding Sambo's scarf.

When papa Haynes saw the doll, he couldn't help laughing too.

"Well I must say I've cut a pretty figure," said he, with a very red face. "No wonder the boys shouted!"

He felt like tossing Sambo over the fence, but then he thought of his little daughter.

"I suspect Weezy is crying this minute for her lost baby," said he, cramming Sambo, head first, into his pocket. "I'll take it home to her this time, but she must look out how she ties it again to my coat button!"

HE WAS A GENTLEMAN.

Some amusing stories are told of the wit and wisdom of London school children. A class of boys in a Board School was being examined in Scripture. The history of Moses had for some time been a special study, and one of the examiners asked, "What would you say of the general character of Moses?"

"He was meek," said one boy.

"Brave," said another.

"Learned," added a third boy.

"Please, sir," piped forth a pale-faced, shabbily dressed lad, "he was a gentleman."

"A gentleman?" asked the examiner. "How do you make that out?"

The boy promptly replied, in the same thin, nervous voice, "Please, sir, when the daughters of Jethro went to the well to draw water the shepherds came and drove them away; and Moses helped the daughters of Jethro, and said to the shepherds, 'Ladies first, please, gentlemen.'"

INVENTING A LANGUAGE.

Miss Jean Ingelow in one of her novels tells of two little people who exercise their wits in the invention of a language, and that to the great embarrassment of their tutor. Such incidents are not confined to fiction; one well-authenticated case of the formation of a new language happened in Boston, United States, some twenty years ago.

Twin boys belonging to a family there exhibited an intense affection for each other, and were always together. At the usual age they began to talk, but strange to say, not in their mother tongue.

They had a language of their own, and no pains could induce them to speak anything else. They persistently refused to utter a syllable of English. Their mother relates that although she could not understand their language, she contrived, by attention, to discover what they wished or meant. Even in that early stage, the language was complete and full; that is to say, it was all the children needed.

They were at no loss to express themselves in their games, and chattered together all day long. At length they were sent to a school, where they gradually learned English, as children learn a foreign language, and the memory of their own speech faded from their minds.

An account of a similar phenomenon, with specimens of the language, has been given by Dr. E. R. Hun, of Albany. In this case, the speech was invented by a little girl four and a half years old, with the help of her brother eighteen months younger than herself.

About twenty of the words are specified, most of which are used in similar acceptations, as *ma*, meaning both, cat and furs; *miggo migno*, water, wash, bath; *bau*, soldier, music; and so on.

Dr. Hun adds, "The little girl uses her language readily and freely, and when she is with her brother, they converse with great fluency and rapidity."

Further inquiries have shewn that such cases of child-language are by no means uncommon.

DUTCH CARE OF BIRDS.

The early Dutch settlers on the banks of the Hudson were very hospitable to birds, more so than their descendants have shewn themselves to be. They not only let the birds alone, but encouraged them to build their nests about the houses. These wise Dutchmen knew that the birds would pay for their protection by feeding on the insects that swarm in a new country.

Each large Dutch house had a portico, floored like a room, open at the sides, with seats all around. Above was a slight roof, painted like an awning, or a covering of lattice-work, over which a transplanted wild grape-vine spread its luxuriant leaves.

Here hundreds of little birds domesticated, occupying a small shelf built round the portico, where they were as sacred as the household gods of the Romans. Children and slaves were taught to regard them as the good genii of the family, who were to be cherished, but not disturbed.

In clearing the ground for a house, a tree was always left in the middle of the back yard for the use of the birds. The negroes, quick to imitate their masters, used old hats to form asylums for their little feathered friends. The deal fences were also utilised by the negro's to furnish homes for the birds. On the stakes, to which the deals were nailed, were stuck the skeleton heads of horses and cattle, the jaws being fixed in the poles so that the skulls should be uppermost.

The small birds were so tame, that when the family were breakfasting or drinking tea in the airy portico—a summer custom—they constantly glided over the table with some insect to feed their young chirping above.

NUTS TO CRACK.

1.—Thirteen letters, a famous song; 3, 8, 13, 9, to come together; 5, 11, 3, 12, a portion; 10, 9, 2, 9, what summer is; 5, 7, 9, 1, a man's name; 5, 4, 6, what men do with books, seeds, and clothes; my 9, 2, 12, 4 is another name for one of these three things.

2.—DROPPED LETTER COUPLET.

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3.—Lawyers and loafers belong to my *first*;
My *next* of all tortures is one of the worst;
The two put together will instantly shew
A place where our soldiers most frequently go.

SQUARE WORDS.

4.—Hasty; a plant; a fish; part of the body.
5.—Refreshment; a girl's name; thin; quiet.
6.—A mineral; a monster; sculpture, painting, and engraving; a conjunction.

LAST WEEK'S KERNELS.

1. Queen Victoria. 2. Good Friday. 3. River, lake, bay, isle, dale, sea. 4. Man-u-fact-ure. 5. Hamlet. 6. Day, ay(e). 7. Honesty is the best policy.

A lawyer, residing in the north of England, and noted for his laconic style of expression, sent the following terse and witty note to a refractory client, who would not succumb to his reiterated demands for the payment of his bill: "Sir, if you pay the enclosed, you will oblige me. If you do not, I shall oblige you."

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LOCAL CELEBRATIONS.

CONSETT.

We were truly honoured with "Queen's weather" on Tuesday; and following the lead of other towns and villages throughout the country, Consett commemorated the Jubilee of the accession of Her Majesty to the Throne after its own fashion. The day will ever live fresh in the memory of the thousands who participated in the festive rejoicings. At an early hour in the morning, the church bells in the various towers in the town and district rung out merry peals, and people were soon astir in making final preparations for the great National festival, which is destined for few generations to witness in the course of a decade. The town and neighbourhood wore a gay and attractive appearance the decorations on every side being marvellous to behold. All the public buildings in the place were prettily adorned for the occasion with flags, banners, bunting, and garlands. The decorations of the Parish Church, the County Police Buildings, the Infirmary, and the Vicarage were of a magnificent character, and were greatly admired. The principal trading establishments and offices were also embellished with flags, mottoes, emblems, and symbols. There was, however, one conspicuous omission to the artistic display. The New Town Hall—the noblest and most prominent structure in the town or its environs—was totally devoid of any decorations. This was probably only an exemplification of the old adage—"What's everybody's business is nobody's business." The fact is to be regretted; but we suppose that no one can be at fault. In the forenoon, a Jubilee Thanksgiving Service was held in Christ Church, when Mr W. Jenkins, J.P. (chairman of the Local Board), and his colleagues attended in their official capacity. There was a large congregation present. A novel feature of the service was the fact that Rev Henry Parkes, Wesleyan Superintendent Minister, stationed at Consett, read the lesson, the rev. gentleman being attired in a surplice. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Vicar (Rev F. Stegall) who took his text from the last verse of the special lesson of the morning's service (I. Peter 2·17), "Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King." It was on the morning of the 21st June, 50 year ago, that the beloved monarch, whose jubilee we keep to-day, was proclaimed Queen of England. Her royal uncle, King William IV., had died the day before. With the last breath of the king, the Princess Victoria, by the law of succession, became Queen of England, and on the day following, at this hour, amidst the boom of artillery and the acclamations of tens of thousands of voices, her accession to the throne was publicly declared. The most touching incident on this occasion was seen in the conduct of the maiden queen, who, it is recorded, "threw her arms around her mother, and wept without restraint." It will be no matter of surprise if this episode should find a counterpart in the emotion of our Queen to-day, when in the Abbey Church of Westminster, in the presence of kings and princes, her nobles and her commoners, her children and her subjects, she offers her unfeigned thanksgiving to Almighty God for the completion of 50 years of her reign. An accomplished poetess of the time wrote some beautiful lines on the incident to which I have referred:—

"O maiden, heir of kings,
A king has left his place,
The majesty of death has swept
All other from his face,
And thou, upon thy mother's breast,
No longer lean adown—
But take the glory for the rest,
And rule the land that loves thee best.
The maiden wept;
She wept to wear a crown.

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God bless thee, weeping Queen,
With blessing more divine,
And fill with better love than earth's
That tender heart of thine;
That when the throne of earth shall be
As low as graves brought down.
A pierced hand may give to thee
The crown which angels shout to see.
Thou wilt not weep
To wear that heavenly crown."

With the leading incidents of Her Majesty's reign, the Jubilee literature of the past year will have made you so familiar, that it is as needless as it would be inopportune for me to dwell on them on this occasion. I am sure that one common feeling of gratitude will pervade every breast to-day—gratitude to God for his national mercies in having raised to the throne of England such an exemplary monarch as we possess in Queen Victoria, who as a woman, a wife, a mother, and, we add with sorrow, a widow, has won all hearts, and equally deserves the synonym which attaches to the name of her late Royal and beloved Consort, Victoria "the Good." And now let the exhortation contained in the text speak to us as citizen-Christians to-day—"Honour all men." How important and consistent this duty. How much we have in common! A common parent in our Father in Heaven—a common apostacy in our Father Adam on earth; a common Saviour in our Lord Jesus Christ of whom the Apostle Peter in the context speaks as the stone laid in Zion on whom true believers are built, to whom He is precious; and a common heaven, in which all believers must consort for eternity. Differences of opinion, political and religious, often estrange men, and beget a contempt wholly alien to the spirit of charity, and to that honour which all men deserve, and should manifest one to another. Our unhappy divisions are a source of pain at all times, but honest difference of opinion is good for the State—and God overrules it for our welfare. May He do so in relation to that great question which is causing such a strain on the national mind at the present time, and is the only cloud in the otherwise serene sky of this auspicious day. But there are other differences worse than political, technically called "religious." How important once ag in the counsel "Love the brotherhood." When Peter wrote there was much outward unity but little uniformity, and hence the spirit of brotherhood. The Church, the congregations of the faithful, was governed by general principles which find expression in decency, order, edification and charity. By mutual love, God is honoured, and Christ's prayer answered. It sweetens life. It promotes human happiness. God commands it. "Fear God." We profess this fear to-day. May it permeate our lives. May God grant that this fear may never be banished from the palace, the senate, and the homes of England; may it hallow the whole national life, and be manifested in all parts of Her Majesty's dominions. "Honour the King." For us, this exhortation is hardly needed to-day. How different the circumstances under which the Apostle wrote. How needful for Christians, when a monarch like Nero or Hadrian fills the throne. Submission to lawful authority is the Christian's duty under all circumstances. May we have grace to fulfil it. I invite you to honour the King by joining in the nation's prayer, and singing two verses of the National Anthem.

The congregation, and the National and British Schools' children then sang with much heartiness, two verses of "God save the Queen" in an effective manner.

At the conclusion of the service, the members of the Local Board and other public functionaries were entertained to a luncheon, which was served up in the Public Offices in Parliament Street.

The great event of the day, however, was the monstre procession of the children attending the Wesleyan, National, British, and St. Patrick's (Roman Catholic) Day Schools. At two o'clock the boys and girls, representing over 2,000 scholars, assembled in Medomsley Road, Consett, and, accompanied by the Tanfield Lea Prize Brass Band and St. Mary's League of the Cross Brass Band, marched in procession, which was hearalded by Mr Jenkins and family, and other local gentlemen seated in their carriages. The children carried a variety of flags and banners and the route was via Gibson Street, Newmarket Street, Mount Pleasant, Parliament Street, Church Street, Victoria Street, Trafalgar Street, Harvey Street, Sherburn Terrace, thence by Front Street, and proceeded through Middle Street, and Shakespeare Street, to the Parish Church, where a halt was made. The assembled multitude here sang the National Anthem, accompanied by the bands, and "Rule Britannia" and other national airs was played. Afterwards the scholars repaired to their respective schools, and were plentifully supplied with tea and cake. About 4·30, the children marched off in companies to the Vicarage Field (kindly granted by the Consett Iron Company), headed by the bands, and here a comprehensive programme of sports was brought off, and did not conclude till nearly nine o'clock. The final heats of the children's sports resulted as follows, the schools to which the competitors are attached being distinguished:— W—Wesleyan. N—National. C—Catholic. N—British:—

Boys' Flat Race, 80 yards; Standards II. and III.—Elliott, b, 1; G. Hardy, b, 2; H. Johnson, n, 3; Young, b, 4; J. Boyle, c, 5; Dodds, b, 6; J. Foy, c, 7. 80 entries.

Girls' Flat Race, 80 yards; Standards II. and III.—K. Lovell, b, 1; M. Brown, c, 2; J. Donaghy, c, 3; Fredick, b, 4; M. Graham, w, 5; E. Ramsey, n, 6; McGucken, c, 7. 61 entries.

Wheelbarrow Race 50 yards; Standards II. and III.—Bagnall and Simpson, n, 1; Foy and Doyle, c, 2; McCoade and Crawley, c, 3; Coleman and Roberts, c, 4; Nichol and George, n, 5; Kirkup and Smurthwaite, b, 6; Reay and Mills, b, 7. 47 entries.

Girls' Skipping Race, 80 yards—Standards II. and III.—M. Graham w, †; Donaghy, c, †; Inglis, b, 3; Ramsey, n, 4; Frazer, b, 5; Lovell, b, 6; Bates, b, 7. 63 entries.

Boys' Flat Race, 100 yards.—Standards IV. and V.—A. Taylor, n, 1; E. Storey, n, 2; R. Harkness, w, 3; G. Stokoe, n, 4; J. Atkinson, b, 5; S. Howard, w, 6; W. H. Taylor, b, 7. 66 entries.

Girls' flat-race, 100 yards—Standards IV and V—M. Quigley, c, 1; McGeoghegan, c, 2; H. Leathard, w, 3; M. Reay, b, 4; M. Ward, n, 5; L. Green, b, 6; A. Winter, w, 7. 61 entries.

Boys' flat-race, 128 yds—Standards VI and VI—G. Brand, b, 1; J. Quigley, c, 2; E. Carlill, c, 3; J. Hull, n, 4; H. Devine, c, 5; J. Kelly, c, 6; Thos. Allison, b, 7. 50 entries.

Girls' flat-race, 100 yds—Standards VI and VII—S. Williamson, n, 1; M. E. Moore, b, 2; K. Higgins, c, 3; F. Kelly, c, 4; M. Craig, b, 5; F. Siddle, b, 6; M. Lamb, c, 7. 34 entries.

Boys' three-legged race, 160 yds—Standards IV to VII—Allison and Tindle, b, 1; Kelly and Quigley, c, 2; Hull and Crawford, n, 3; Lynn and Fiddes, b, 4; Smurthwaite and Teasdale, b, 5; Rawes and Robson, n, 6; Spencer and Griffin, w, 7. 55 entries.

Girls' skipping-race, 100 yds—Standards IV to VII—M. Ward, n, 1; Johnson, b, 2; Moore, b, 3; L. Stobbs, n, 4; M. Lamb, c, 5; F. Kelly, c, 6; M. Quigley, c, 7.

Boys' pot-pegging race, 100 yds—Stds. IV to VII—Green, b, 1; Brand, b, 2; Allison, b, 3; Richards, b, 4; Dormer, b, 5; O. McNaney, c, 6; Forkin, c, 7. 49 entries.

Girls' skipping contest—Standards IV to VII—Winter, b, 1; M. E. Flynn, c, 2; M. Hanlon, c, 3; M. Quigley, c, 4; A. Jones, n, 5; F. Kelly, c, 6; M. Lumley, n, 7. 55 entries.

Tug of War (8 boys in each team)—1st heat: Catholic beat Wesleyan, 2 to 0; National beat British, 2 to 1. Final: Catholic beat National by 2 to 0 and won.

A variety of sports for infants were also brought off. The judges were Messrs J. Noble, W. Palliaser, C. Almond, D. Smith, and G. Christopher. Starters:—Messrs C. Lumley, S. Brodie, Chas. Davison, and J. G. Wood. The prizes, which consisted of various useful and ornamental articles ranging in value from 2s 6d to 6d, were afterwards presented by Miss A. Jenkins; and a vote of thanks was accorded to her by the acclamation of the scholars.

At three o'clock, a cold meat repast was given in the New Town Hall, chiefly through the instrumentality of Messrs Wm. Aynsley and Adam Brodie, the vice-chairman and secretary of the relief fund, to all the old folks in the town of 50 years of age and upwards. Over 500 people of both sexes partook of a most substantial repast, and this proved to be one of the most interesting features of the day's proceedings. The whole of the arrangements were under the superintendence of Mr W. Aynsley and Mr A. Brodie, assisted by Messrs T. Williams, T. Allan, W. Gill, J. Lyttleton, N. Fawell, — Allison, A. Lowrie, W. Maund, T. Lowes, T. Hall, and A. Struthers. The making of the tea was in the hands of Mr Thos. Kennedy, Leadgate. The laying-out of the tables were under the superintendence of Mrs T. Hancock (Allendale Cottages), Mrs A. Brodie, Mrs W. H. James, Mrs M. Brodie, Mrs T. Williams, and Mrs Thompson, all of which were presided over by Misses Robson, Coates, Carr, Batey, Fawell (2), Wade (2), Aynsley, Robson, Carey, Routledge, Mrs S. J. Brodie, Misses E. M. Brodie, M. Aynsley, Telford, B. Hancock, Maund (2), Harkness (2), and their successful carrying out of the whole of the proceedings was due in a great measure to the activity of Mr W. H. James, caretaker. At the close, the males were each presented with an ounce of tobacco, and the females with half-a-pound of tea, the latter being generously given by Mr Jenkins, J.P.

Returning to the Vicarage field, the magnificent pyrotechnic display began at 9·30, two practical men from Newcastle manipulating the fireworks. The display lasted for about an-hour-and-a-half, and the beautiful spectacle was thoroughly enjoyed by the immense crowd assembled. In fact, so great was the crush that it was only with some difficulty that admission could be obtained to the field. The illuminations were so brilliant that they were seen for miles around; and at Kilhope Law, which is 2,500 feet above the level of the sea, the fireworks at Consett were seen to the best advantage. The huge bonfire, 30 feet in height, which had been constructed by the committee—Messrs W. Rippon, G. Ainsworth, J. Murray, and T. Carr, assisted by the fire-brigade men—was lit up just after 11 o'clock, and was instantaneously one mass of flames. It burnt with great rapidity, the glaring flames darting up in all directions till 12·30, when it smouldered away. It is estimated that between 10,000 and 12,000 persons passed into the field during the day. All the arrangements were carried out in a highly creditable manner to all parties concerned, and we may add that Mr T. W. Welford acted as secretary to the jubilee committee. About one o'clock, the windows of the Vicarage were magnificently illuminated by innumerable candle lights, and at a distance the aspect was a pleasing and fascinating one.

The field was not entirely deserted till about four o'clock the following morning.

TOW LAW DISTRICT.

With fine weather, work to a considerable extent suspended, and the shops closed, there were a great many holiday makers at Tow Law on Tuesday. At one o'clock the scholars of the various Sunday-schools assembled at the Reservoir, and then paraded the streets headed by a brass band and banners. They afterwards had tea and a variety of games. A grand demonstration and musical *fete* was held by the Primitive Methodists of Tow Law and district in a field at East Hedleyhope, and during the afternoon Jubilee pieces were sung at intervals. Addresses were given on the social and religious progress of the country during the last fifty years, and a tea was held. At night there was a huge bonfire on an elevated place near the railway bridge.—At Thornley, the Wesleyan scholars had a field-day, games, and tea.—At Sunniside the school children assembled, and after walking through the village proceeded to Billy Hill, to join other schools, all of which were treated to tea during the afternoon.

SHOTLEY.

On Tuesday, a meat tea was given to about 150 children and 150 adults at the school-room at Shotley (Northumberland) to celebrate the Jubilee. A beacon was lighted about 10·30 near the ruin of the old parish church, which is about the highest point in the parish, and commands a view over Sunniside to the Cheviot range.

MOOT LAW, NEAR MATFEN.

The Jubilee of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen was celebrated on the estate of Messrs. J. and W. M. Annandale, at Moot Law, near Matfen, Northumberland, on Tuesday, on an elevated spot upwards of 760 feet above the sea level, being a Roman outlook, on this a large beacon and bonfire had been erected. The workmen from Linzford were conveyed thither by brakes. On their arrival they were all regaled with the sumptuous dinner and tea. Various sports were indulged in, until a signal rocket was sent up by Mr W. M. Allandale, denoting that the time had arrived for igniting the beacon. Mrs Annandale then took a large torch and lighted the large bonfire, which was almost instantaneously all ablaze, illuminating the whole of the district, and witnessed by upwards of 1,000 spectators. After a few dances to music supplied by the band, the happy company returned home having spent a most enjoyable day, but not before they had returned thanks to Mr Annandale with musical honours. Mr Annandale replied in an appropriate speech.

BENFIELDSIDE.

In connection with the Jubilee celebrations at Benfieldside, a special service, containing a solemn *Te Deum* was held in St Cuthbert's Church, at nine o'clock on Tuesday morning. The choir, vested in cassock and surplice, attended, and some prayers (arranged by the Most Reverend the Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England) were offered by clergy and people, the priest's part being said by Revs G. H. and H. H. Ross-Lewin. Sermons were preached at the Sunday services on the duty of loyalty in worldly matters to our earthly Sovereign, while jealously preserving the liberty of the church in her sacred synods to self government without Royal interference.

The inhabitants of Benfieldside and the surrounding district had, on Tuesday afternoon, the privilege of witnessing a rather unusual sight, that of upwards of 1,400 children parading the principal streets of Blackhill and Shotley Bridge. The turn-out was the successful issue of a scheme proposed at the Benfieldside Local Board a few weeks ago, when a committee was formed for the carrying out of the various arrangements connected therewith. Judging from the manner in which the children and their parents were entertained, the committee have not been lacking in energy. The various schools, which are as follows:—St. Aidan's, Blackhill; Primitive Methodists, Blackhill; Free Methodists, Blackhill; St. Mary's Roman Catholics, Blackhill; Wesleyan Methodists, Blackhill; Baptists, Highgate; Primitive Methodists, Shotley Bridge; Wesleyan Methodists, Shotley Bridge; and St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, met at St. Aidan's church, Blackhill, where they formed in procession, and proceeded through Blackhill *via* Siemen's Street, Foundry Row, Derwent Street, Durham Road, Cutlers' Hall Road, Front Street, Shotley Bridge, to the Spa Grounds. Arrived there, amusements of various kinds were provided for their indulgence, and they enjoyed themselves thoroughly until tea time, when a substantial tea was provided for them by Messrs Wilson Bros, the energetic lessees of the Spa Grounds. The cost of the tea, which was considerable, was met by the generous subscriptions of the ratepayers towards the fund raised for the purpose. During the day competitions of a varied nature were brought off for the benefit of the children, and numerous and suitable prizes were given to the winners. After the completion of the sports, the children were treated to a splendid display of fireworks, provided for them by the committee. The following is a list of the officials connected with the sports:—Mr W. Ramsey, secretary; Rev H. H. Ross-Lewin, judge for the racing; Messrs J. Dixon and J. Sloane, skipping contest; stewards for sports, Messrs R. Marshall, J. Sloane, J. W. Forster, G. Cooke, M. Gibson, J. G. Murray, J. Dixon, and W. Ramsey. Mr J. Tummelty acted as starter. The entries for the various sports, which were taken on the ground, exceeded 600 names, the skipping alone occupying over two hours, there being no less than 89 entries. In this contest a great deal of interest was manifested with regard to the accomplishments of the little ones under 7 years, several of whom fully equalled the achievements of many of the older children. Owing to the great number of entries in the different events, a difficulty has arisen in obtaining and classing the names of the numerous winners; we therefore refrain from publishing what would be but an imperfect list. The list of sports is as follows:—For infants—Skipping contest, skipping race, tug-of-war (teams of ten), and flat race. For girls—Two skipping contests, egg and ladle race, tug-of-war (teams of five), 100 yards skipping race, and flat race. For boys—100 yards handicap, three-legged race, sack race, egg and ladle race, tug-of-war (teams of five), wheelbarrow race, and frog race. A great deal of interest was shown by the spectators throughout the whole of the programme, but more especially when the latter list of events was brought off, the sack and three-legged races causing much amusement. At the close of the sports the band played and the children sung the well-known National anthem, "God save the Queen." It is calculated that fully 5,000 people (including the children) visited the Spa Grounds on Tuesday. The Spen Excelsior Reed Band accompanied the procession and played selections in the ground.

LEADGATE.

On Tuesday, this place was *en fete* consequent upon the Jubilee celebrations in the Public Park at Redwell Hills. During the past few days the Leadgate Local Board have had a number of men employed in beautifying and improving the park for this auspicious occasion, and the ground looked neat and tidy. All the prominent buildings in the place were decorated with flags and banners, and the event was looked upon as a general holiday. Nearly every building was bedecked with a flag or adorned by some ornamental and artistical motto and device. The church spire had not been overlooked, and the town presented an appearance of gaiety and festivity. In the morning, a special Jubilee service was held in St. Ives church, when an appropriate sermon was preached by the respected vicar (Rev J. W. Mitchell, M.A.), before a large congregation. About two o'clock the children in connection with St. Ives National and Infant Schools, the Wesleyan (Bottle Bank) schools; the Brooms (Roman Catholic) schools; and the Iveston British schools, numbering about 1,400, assembled on the Bradley Green, and forming into procession, with the Leadgate Saxhorn Band in front, wended their way *via* Cross Street, Watling Street, Plantation Street, West Street, Front Street, and then down St Ive's Road, into the Park. Flags and bannerettes were conspicuous in the procession, and a monstre Union Jack, with a portrait of Her Majesty embellished thereon, was an object of universal admiration. Mr W. H. Hedy (chairman of the Local Board) and the whole of the members, besides other prominent citizens, participated in the procession. In the Park, the children were provided with a capital tea, supplied by Mr W. Rowe, confectioner, and the food being of an excellent character, their appetites were fully satiated. A spacious marquee (belonging to Mr Calvert, Medomsley) had been erected on the ground, and in this several hundreds of adults also partook of a repast. The whole of the refreshments were of first-class quality. A number of stalls were also on the ground. At intervals during the afternoon and evening the musical strains of the Leadgate Saxhorn Band—under the leadership of Mr Hy. Palmer—were listened to by crowds of people; and it was estimated that no less than 5,000 holiday-makers visited the Park. Mr Turnbull, engineer, deserves commendation for the noble flag-staff he had erected close to the band-stand. A variety of children's sports were successfully brought off under the supervision of the teachers of the several schools, sweets and toys being awarded to the successful competitors. In the course of the proceedings each boy was presented with a bronze medal; and each girl with an illuminated address card. Everyone present enjoyed themselves to their heart's content; and this will certainly be remembered as a red letter day in the history of Leadgate, as no similar *fete* has ever taken place in the town. The children sang several pieces in the Park; the singing of the Brooms and Iveston scholars being much appreciated by the throng. After dark, some fireworks were let off by Mr Ed. Forster; but the principal feature was the huge bonfire, which had been constructed in the Park. It was twenty feet high, and fifty feet in circumference. Great praise is due to Mr Matthew Robson for so successfully erecting the beacon light, which consisted of a quantity of firs, presented by Mr Edward Balleny, barrels and casks from the Consett Iron Company, besides 35 grease casks and a large number of railway sleepers, furnished by the North-Eastern Railway Company. The combustibles were carted to the rendezvous by Mr Geo. Nicholson. The beacon fire was lit about 10·30, and attracted universal attention, shedding its lurid flames in all direction, and shining with great brilliancy for miles around. Revs J. W. Mitchell and J. Robson (curate), and Father McGarrity (Brooms), were most assiduous in looking after the interests of the scholars. Mr Thos. S. Longstaff (town surveyor) admirably superintended the working arrangements, while the general arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Mr Geo. Nicholson. The whole proceedings passed off without the slightest mishap. It is the intention of the Local Board, when the proper season arrives, to plant a number of trees in the Park in commemoration of the Jubilee. We may add that the members of the Local Board, with the assistance of several leading residents, constituted themselves a committee to promote the demonstration; and their efforts have been brought to a most successful issue. Subscriptions were forthcoming to the amount of £46; and it was stated that the total cost of the festivities would be about £45, leaving a slight surplus.

On Sunday afternoon, a children's jubilee service was held in St. Ives Church, when the preacher was Rev R. Tuson (Dipton).

RYTON.

At the Church of the Holy Cross, Ryton, Holy Communion was celebrated on Tuesday morning at eight o'clock, and again at eleven. The services were fully choral, and there was a large congregation present at each.

LANCHESTER.

Of all the pretty sights to be witnessed in this neighbourhood on the occasion of Her Majesty's Jubilee on Tuesday, the ancient village of Lanchester most assuredly takes the palm. The inhabitants exhibited a spontaneous desire to show their loyality and fealty to their beloved Sovereign. Superb decorations, in the shape of flags, banners, bunting, &c., met the gaze of the visitor on every hand. The Union Workhouse must occupy the premier position for its artistic and elaborate ornamentation. At the carriage-way entrance was erected a conspicuous triumphal arch, which is surmounted by half-a-dozen flags, and below is the inscription, beautifully designed — "God Save Our Queen." A similar arch of smaller dimensions was affixed at the front of the residence of the genial Workhouse master and matron (Mr and Mrs Walter Brotherhood). Flags and banners were also hoisted at various points of vantage on the buildings, and in the spacious grounds attached thereto were displayed a number of elaborate devices. Soon after twelve o'clock the inmates of the institution, numbering 190, filed into the commodious dining-hall, which had been prettily decorated for the occasion, and were provided with a capital dinner, at the expense of the Union. The fare consisted of 21 stones of roast beef (from the establishment of Mr J. Parker, Leadgate); 4 cwt. of plum pudding, with brandy sauce *ad lib.*; a quarter of a ton of potatoes; together with a barrel of good old ale. Previous to the repast, Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P. (Chairman of the Guardians), decorated each inmate with a medal, in the centre of which was inserted a *carte-de-visite* of the Queen. After dinner the smokers were each supplied with an ounce of tobacco and a pipe; the non-smokers, including women and children, with oranges, nuts, sweets, toys, &c. Amongst the ladies and gentlemen in attendance were Mr, Mrs, and Miss Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., Broadwood Park; Mr and Mrs Thos. Taylor Smith, and Miss Maslin, Greencroft Park; Mr W. and Miss Logan, Stobillee House; Rev J. P. and Miss De Pledge, Satley Vicarage; Messrs Geo. Hobson, Hurbuckley Mills; John Wilkinson, Morrowfield; John Parker, Leadgate; Jonathan Wall, Lanchester; Mesdames Wall, Waugh, Dunn, and Reed, together with the Master and Matron, the assistant-matron (Miss Brookes) and the nurse (Miss McLaughlan), and others. A magnificent Union Jack floated from the tower of the quaint old church; and every inn and public building in the village could boast of ornamentation of one sort or another.

The festivities really began at Lanchester began on Monday evening, when a service of song, entitled "Her Majesty's Jubilee," descriptive of the life of the Queen from her infancy to the present day, was given in the National Schools by the children. Mr James Fairley, Shafto House, filled the chair (in the absence of Mr W. Hedley, J.P., who was announced to preside), and the connective readings were given by the Vicar (Rev F. W. Glyn). The room was crowded to excess, and one and all seemed to be delighted with the entertainment provided for their delectation.

On Tuesday afternoon (the Jubilee day), a grand children's *fete* was held. The children to the number of 360 assembled in the School-room at two o'clock, and were decorated with medals by Mrs Geo. G. Taylor Smith and Miss Taylor Smith, of Broadwood; Mrs Dunn, and other ladies. They then were mustered in the large playground, and were speedily arranged into marching order by Mr Dunn. Flags of all kinds were given to the children, and banners with various mottoes were carried by the elder ones. They then marched down the street headed by the Stanley Reed Band. The lengthy procession halted, and sang a Jubilee song, accompanied by the band. The march was then resumed. Crowds of people had assembled, and appeared to be very greatly surprised and pleased with the imposing scene. At last the field (kindly granted by Mrs Nicholson, of Manor House) was reached, and various sports, which caused no end of fun, were indulged in, under the management of Messrs W. Brotherhood, W. Nicholson, P. Hodgson, R. Welton, and T. Wilson. During the afternoon Mr Dunn had charge of the balloons, &c., which were very successful. At five o'clock, the children were grouped in circles of fifty each, seated on the grass, and they partook of an excellent tea. Their wants were attended to by a committee of ladies, who worked hard that the little ones should be well served. Bags of sweets were then distributed, and after that further games were indulged in, and at eight o'clock the children were again arranged in marching order, and headed by the band marched to the village green. There the National Anthem was sung in a most hearty manner. The march was then resumed, and a halt made near the schools, when Mr Dunn addressed the children, and called on them for three times three cheers for Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family. Cheers were also given for Mrs Nicholson, to those who had subscribed towards the *fete*, and for the Vicar. They then dismissed, and from nine o'clock witnessed the ascent of several balloons, all of which went on their way beautifully amidst great cheering. The balloons were of various sizes, from eight to twenty feet in circumference. The climax was reached, when the last one, an elephant (Jumbo) gracefully ascended, and went on his way. A perfect roar arose when he appeared, and the comical look he had, together with his motions and style generally, caused great laughter. When darkness set in, more fireworks were let off, and some beautiful coloured fires were burnt on the hill-side above The Lodge, which had a most magic and fairy-like effect. The bonfire was built under the superintendence of Mr R. Walton, on the hill-top above the village in a field kindly granted by Mr Holmes, and at half-past ten o'clock was lighted by Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., who in doing so uncovered, said: In commemoration of the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria and Empress of India, I light this bonfire, and may she be spared to reign over us for many years to come. God save the Queen.—For size and brilliancy it was second to none, and immediately the flames arose, the cheers of the crowd assembled on the village green be distinctly heard. The bells of the old parish church rang out merry peals at intervals during the day. Most of the inhabitants displayed flags of various kinds, and most noticeable of all was the newly-erected flagstaff on the church tower, on which floated an immense "Union Jack." We congratulate the inhabitants of Lanchester for the manner in which they celebrated Her Majesty's Jubilee. The whole of the proceedings were well arranged, and passed off most successfully, except that Mr Dunn was somewhat interrupted in the management of the fireworks, &c., by a person who had evidently drunk the Queen's health once too often.

On Wednesday evening, a special thanksgiving service was held in the church. Hymns and anthems were rendered by the choir. The Vicar preached, taking his text, Lev. xii., 26—"What mean ye by this service?" His able discourse was listened to with rapt attention by the congregation.

CASTLESIDE.

Jubilee day at Castleside proved to be one of the most enjoyable treats ever given in the locality. The children mustered in the Board Schools at one o'clock, when every child was present save two, who were sick. On leaving for the procession each child was presented with an orange. The whole of the Board members attended except Mr R. Walton, of Stanhope, who was prevented from attending. On the route, a halt was made in the centre of the village for the singing of "God Save the Queen," and cheers for her Majesty. The procession was then continued to a field willingly lent by Mr Wm. Graham, Castle Hills Farm. At four all returned to the schools for tea, the most interesting feature being the presence of the aged people, who were supplied in one of the class-rooms. The contrast between the two rooms was striking, the numbers present being about 230 children and about 60 old people. The following ladies graciously rendered assistance:—Mesdames Muse, Scott, and Duckworth; also as waiters:—Misses Dent, M. J. Proud, E. Ingram, I. Ripley, M. Harker, and M. Hall. The whole village was *en fete*, nearly everybody being present in the field, where the sports and various games were well patronised and thoroughly enjoyed. The ascent of a large balloon was a most interesting feature, as a very large portion of those present had not before witnessed anything of the kind. This was accomplished about 7·30 p.m. The balloon, after rising most majestically to a considerable height, floated away towards the south till lost in view, being watched with great interest. At 9·30, both children and friends mustered for the singing of the National Anthem, which was given most heartily and followed by cheer after cheer. Mr Graham also received a good round of applause for lending the field. Another followed for the Board members for supplying the means of enjoyment to both young and old on the occasion. The handsome gift of £5 towards expenses from Mr Wm. Jenkins, J.P., is, without exception, spoken of with gratitude and thankfulness by all. Upon leaving the field a general movement was made towards the bonfire on Rowley Bank. The match was applied about 10·30 by Mr T. J. Muse, and furnished a magnificent blaze for a considerable time. To carry combustibles carts were supplied by Messrs Muse, Drummond, Leybourne, Lee, Kirton, and Mrs Davison. The Board tender their obligations to those persons, and to the young men who worked so generously and effectually to its complete success. Great credit is due to Messrs Muse, Scott, Duckworth, Leybourne, and others, who planned and so successfully carried out what proved to be one of the most enjoyable days known in the village.

BLANCHLAND.

Great rejoicings and festivities took place at Blanchland on Tuesday in celebration of the Queen's jubilee. The occasion was observed as a general holiday, and the weather being most charming a large number of excursionists visited the pretty little village, and were much interested in witnessing the proceedings. Flags and banners bearing appropriate mottoes were displayed from the windows of the Lord Crewe's Arms Inn, conspicuous amongst them being one on a red ground, imprinted with white letters the words "Long may she reign." During the early part of the day cannon was fired in the adjacent wood, which reverberated through the valley. About two o'clock the school children, accompanied by the choir and churchwardens, formed in procession at the schools, and headed by the latter, perambulated the village, forming a circle in the centre, when "God save the Queen" was most effectively sung. Then marching to the beautiful green, in front of the inn, tea was served to all the children, after which the adults of the parish, of both sexes, numbering about 150, sat down to a most substantial knife-and-fork tea, salmon and other edibles in season being liberally furnished and were most heartily disposed of, the whole being provided by Lord Crewe's trustees and other subscribers. The company afterwards formed into groups, when songs were sung by the choir, and various amusements entered into, dancing being spiritedly kept up to the close to violin and other music, the proceedings terminating without the slightest mishap in a most orderly and unsatisfactory manner.

CRAGHEAD, HOLMSIDE, AND SOUTH MOOR COLLIERIES.

By the munificence of Mr W. Hedley, J.P., Burnopside Hall, the whole of the officials and young people connected with the above collieries were on Tuesday entertained in a manner which will long be remembered by all who had the opportunity of taking part in the Jubilee celebration provided for them. A large marquee was erected on "Kate's Rigg," a 26-acre field on the Middles Farm, the property of Mr Hedley, where some 2,000 people (including children) partook of an excellent tea during the afternoon. Early in the day, scores of people were attracted by the preparations the workmen being busily engaged in erecting tables, &c., for the tea, fixing cannon, hoisting flags, and arranging the fireworks fixtures &c. Mr Fairley, manager, visited the ground, and made the necessary arrangements for giving Mr Hedley a hearty reception on his arrival. After the arrival of the school children, the band belonging Craghead Colliery marched to the field playing the National Anthem and other popular tunes, and in a very short time this large field was covered chiefly with young folks playing football, cricket, and other games. A few minutes before 3 p.m., the discharge of five cannon announced the approach of Mr Hedley, and immediately after the band struck up "See the conquering hero comes," during which the carriage drove on to the ground, and Mr Hedley, who was accompanied by Mr R. L. Armstrong and Mr Mark Archer, was received by Mr Fairley. On the band ceasing, the Craghead Church choir sang the following appropriate hymn:—

Long live our maiden Queen,
The people once did say,
For she was scarce eigteen
Upon her crowning day.
God save our Queen,
And grant that we, with her,
On Thee for strength may lean.

Long live our wedded Queen,
Her people next did cry;
High as their hopes had been,
They now were doubly high.
God save our Queen, &c.

Long live our mother Queen,
Soon from men's lips did fall,
And in her eyes we've seen
A mother's love for all.
God save our Queen, &c.

Long live our widowed Queen,
Sadly the nation sighed;
When death stepped in between
The good Prince and his Bride.
God save our Queen, &c.

Long live our long-loved Queen,
Our latest lips reply;
Here on this earthly scene,
Then in eternity.
God save our Queen, &c.

—*Words by the Rev. G. Harford, Battersby.*

The school children and the members of the choir then marched past Mr Hedley, and were each decorated with a handsome Jubilee medal. Some 400 were decorated, and to the great surprise and intense satisfaction of recipients and onlookers, Mr Hedley decorated each one with his own hands, in each case asking the name, and in many cases making some appropriate and jocular remark. When all had been distributed, the oldest workman (in length of service) stepped forward, and Mr Hedley, evidently surprised, asked the question, "What do you want?" and, on being told "A medal," he at once decorated Richard Charlton, master smith, who then drew from a small box, which he held in his hand, a gold medal, bearing the inscription:—"Presented to William Hedley, Esq., J.P., by his colliery officials, as a small but sincere token of esteem. 21st June (Jubilee day), 1887." Mr Hedley, who was quite surprised, in a few well chosen words acknowledged the gift, and having been decorated, next sauntered over the grounds, and expressed his pleasure with all the arrangements. Tea was next provided to about 2,000—the children, receiving in addition, oranges and sweets. Racing and all kinds of sports were then indulged in to a late hour, the whole finishing up with a grand pyrotechnic display, which brought forth loud hurrahs from the children. Mr Hedley did not leave till about 11 o'clock, and many kindly expressions concerning him were overheard in the field during the evening, Mr Hedley being now in his 80th year. The day throughout was blessed with "Queen's weather," and nothing of an untoward nature occurred to mar the pleasure of those for whom it was provided. All the servants from Burnhopside Hall were also present.

BURNHOPESIDE HALL.

On Jubilee night, Mr Wm. Hedley, J.P., entertained a number of ladies and gentlemen, together with the servants at Burnhopeside Hall, to a most *recherche* repast. There were some grand fireworks, the display being second to none in the district. Mr W. Welsh, South Moor, directed the arrangements. A royal salute, or *feu de joie*, was fired from five cannon on the estate early in the morning. A magnificent bonfire was also lit up.

MUGGLESWICK.

Through the indefatigable exertions of the two churchwardens of Muggleswick, Messrs R. Sherlock, and T. Copeland, a free tea was provided for all the children attending the schools in the parish and for all other children below 13 years of age. After tea, several stones of sweets were scrambled amongst the youngsters, also provided by the same liberal-minded gentlemen. The children had various amusements provided for them, such as skipping, running, singing, dancing, football, &c., a goodly number of young men and women, also many of the leading residents of the neighbourhood partook of tea, and joined in the amusements. The following ladies attended to the tea tables:—Miss Sherlock, Miss Fenwick, Miss Beetham, Miss Bulman, Mrs John Gowland, ably assisted by Messrs R. Sherlock, T. Copeland, R. Irwin, and Mr John Gowland. Precisely at 9·30 Mr Sherlock stepped forward and asked all to join in singing the National Anthem, after which three hearty cheers were given to Messrs Sherlock and Copeland for their kindness in providing such an enjoyable afternoon. Mr Sherlock then proceeded to light up a monstre bonfire which he along with Mr Copeland and some of the neighbouring farmers had piled up, consisting of fir branches and tar barrels. During the progress of the fire, other bonfires could be seen springing up on the surrounding hills, making Jubilee Day at Muggleswick long to be remembered. We may mention that Rev. J. J. Candell, subscribed handsomely to the children's treat, as did also Mrs Ritson, of Calf Hall.

MARLEY HILL.

The Jubilee of the accession of the Queen was celebrated at Marley Hill by a tea given to all the day and Sunday school children, teachers, choir, and church workers of St. Cuthbert's Church, Marley Hill. The teachers and children assembled at the Church and marched in procession to Riding Barns to a field kindly granted for the occasion by Mr Bowman. Both before and after the tea, which seemed to be enjoyed by both old and young, various games were freely indulged in, and after singing the National Anthem, the large company of upwards of 400, dispersed at 9·30 p.m., to their respective homes, after having spent a most enjoyable afternoon under the most favourable of circumstances as regards the weather, which was everything that could be desired. Jubilee thanksgiving services will be held in St. Cuthbert's Church, Marly Hill, next Sunday morning and evening, in aid of the Church Improvement Fund.

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BIRTHS.

Consett.—48, Puddlers' Row, 15th inst., the wife of Wm. Arnott, of a daughter (still born).

Castleside.—13th inst., the wife of Wm. Pattinson, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

Medomsley.—Parish Church, 18th inst., Henry Campbell (son of the late Richard Campbell, Shotley Bridge), to Hannah, only daughter of Wm. Taylor, builder, both of Medomsley.

Tanfield.—Parish Church, 20th inst., by license, by Rev T. H. Archdall, M.A., assisted by Rev C. H. Newman, M.A., Thomas Henry, eldest son of Mr Richardson Smith, Tanfield, to Mary Jane (Minna), eldest daughter of Mr Thomas Robinson, Tanfield Leith Farm.

Stanhope.—Primitive Methodist Chapel, 18th inst., by Rev E. Phillipson, Joseph, eldest son of Mr James Vickers, West Terrace, Stanhope, to Miss Brown, eldest daughter of Mr Isaac Brown, Marten Street, Stanhope.

Winlaton.—St. Paul's, 20th inst., William Walter, eldest son of D. Radford, Esq., J.P., of Mount Tavy, to Leila Blanche, youngest daughter of John Taylor Ramsay, Esq., Parkhead Hall, Durham.

Blaydon.—St. Cuthbert's Stella Church, 22nd inst., by Rev M. Green, M.A., rector, Richard Brown, M.B., eldest surviving son of Philip Brown, M.D., Blaydon House, to Amy, eldest daughter of the late John C. Dalton, Stella.

Bishop Auckland.—Register Office, 20th inst., Frederick Humble, of Wolsingham, to Kate Martin, of Bishop Auckland.

DEATHS.

Consett.—At 15, Medomsley Road, on the 21st inst., aged 22 years, Sarah Ann Ward. Interment at Benfieldside Cemetery on Sunday at Three o'clock. Friends, please accept this intimation.

Front Street, aged 9 months, Elizabeth Ann (Lilly), infant daughter of Henry and Rachel Davison.

Fenhall, near Lanchester.—16th inst., aged 93, Elizabeth, relict of the late Joseph Herron.

Ebchester.—John Middleton, formerly of New Marske.

Tantobie.—The Cottage, 20th inst., in his 73rd year, Wm. Snowdon.

21st inst., aged 28, Hannah Bell, wife of the late Chas. Pringle, and daughter of Wm. and Sarah Simpson.

Whittonstall.—19th inst., aged 54, Wm. Brewis.

Ovingham.—16th inst., aged 54, Mary, wife of Johnson Elliott.

Mickley Square.—20th inst., aged 5, suddenly, Joseph, son of John Laverick.

Langley Bridge House.—16th inst., James, infant son of Thos. Fletcher, jun.

Jamberoo.—April 5th, aged 65 years, John Richardson, late of Marley Hill. He leaves a daughter and two sons.

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