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PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly correct an error that occurred in my communication under the above heading in your last week's issue, where I am represented as saying that if Mr Nicholson's letter had never been sent there would have been *a debate* should have read "no debate."—Yours, &c.,

H. WILLIAMS.

Catchgate, June 21st, 1892.

MUSIC IN THE CONSETT PARK.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—As "Old Crow" in his notes of last week kindly mentions my name (as leader of the Blackhill Mission Band), and asks if it is not possible for the Mission Band to perform once or twice a week during the summer months, I may say that it is an impossibility for the Mission Band, or I think any local amateur Band in a district like this, where men are employed day and night shift to get up even a decent programme once a week so as to in any way satisfy the performers or the public. Owing to night-shift work, our Mission Band can only have practice every alternate week, and I believe the other bands in the district are similarly situated. I can assure "Old Crow" and the public generally that it is the ardent desire of the four local bands to satisfy the public craving for music in the park, and occupy the splendid band-stand, and give cheer and social enjoyment to the inhabitants once a week; but suffer me to ask what is being done towards helping and encouraging the local bands in this direction? Admirers we have, but practical sympathy is also required, for each programme will cost for music alone about £1, and if the four local bands give each four performances during the summer months, that will cost them £16, and remember we give our services *free*. Last year the four bands gave 11 performances without receiving any assistance towards providing music. "Old Crow" asks what are the bands doing? On behalf of the Mission Band and the other three local Bands, I make free to ask what is the Consett Iron Co. or the public generally doing towards meeting this extra expense? If the park continues to be closed at eight o'clock (as it has been during this June month), the Mission Band must abandon the idea of playing at all, as it is 7·30 before we can commence.—Yours,

J. PALLISER.

THE PUBLIC DEBATE AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—The Corespondent who did the report of the above discussion has disclosed his identity. The report can now be estimated at its true value by your readers. Bias is evident in every line of his letter. Its truthfulness and correctness must in consequence be of a limited character.

My first impulse was, after reading the letter, to quietly ignore it, owing to its scurrility and petty spleen, but as silence is too often taken to mean consent, or weakness to reply, I think it best to reply at once. Mr Williams must be blinded by prejudice, or ordinary perception would have enabled him to see the weakness of his contention. But it is a fair example of the logic which does duty with the average Christian. Mr Williams does not know the true state of his own mind, for the object of his own letter is to prove that challenge was sent; yet he says in the course of his letter "whether it was a challenge or not." Why this *not*, Mr W., if it was a fact? The truth of the dispute is easily proved by carefully reading my letter to Mr Bradlaugh, wherein I distinctly invite him to "come and offer any *opposition* to the *lecture*." Now surely this is no challenge to *debate*. The word debate is never once mentioned in my letter, then how could any challenge to a set debate be intended. It was the usual opposition after the lecture that was invited.

Mr Williams then declares that even if my letter had never been sent there would still have been a debate. Indeed!! How delightfully entertaining. What evidence has Mr Williams of this new notion. If this is true why did Mr Bradlaugh's representatives not begin by writing to us, instead of waiting for us to begin. How a debate could have been properly arranged after the Tuesday night I do not know. Mr Hunt was to lecture on the Thursday, and Mr Bradlaugh only received my letter on the Tuesday morning, so that really only one day elapsed before the debate actually took place. No, Mr Williams, it won't go down only as simple boast.

Mr Williams then charges me with writing "what I know to be positively untrue," and again with "deliberate falsehood." Evidently my critic feels his case is weak, as this is only abusing the writer. But the above is good for one who professes to possess that charity which thinketh no evil. I am constrained to explain with the poet, "Oh, the rarity of Christian charity." Such charges and such language are rather unbecoming in good society, Mr Williams. I am afraid your rearing has been neglected. As I am the party who reported to the *Freethinker*, perhaps my adversary will allow me to say that instead of the report being deliberate falsehood as he politely describes it, it is only the plain truth boldly stated, and I here prove it at once, proving the incorrectness of Mr Williams' assertion.

Several friends, along with myself, heard Mr Bradlaugh's sermon on the Tuesday night, after which service the committees met to arrange details. During the sermon, and after the correspondence had been alluded to and read, the preached proceeded to say—"That a little bird came and told him stories. He had been told that several of his friends had been making reference to him as not doing his duty if he did not turn up at the Thursday's lecture and oppose Mr Hunt, &c., &c." And he went on to say how they would be deceived. All my friends bear me out in this, having a distinct remembrance of the same. Mr Williams, you had better learn the first principle of Secularism, for your future guidance, and so prevent such mistakes. Reason more and let faith take a back seat for a while. Now, where is the deliberate falsehood? I hope to see a frank apology for your baseless charges after you have time to make enquiry. Let us at least be fair. As for Mr Foote not printing the letter of Mr Bradlaugh, let Mr Williams write to the editor of the *Freethinker* to explain; it is not my place to do so. I imagine a satisfactory explanation will be rendered. Look in the *Anti-Infidel* for July for the correction to the letter of the editor.

Hoping that the above will help to clear away the cloud in which Mr W.'s has evidently been groping, and that it may help him in future to search a little deeper and thereby find new jewels—truths of Secularism—which will shine anew and illumine his darkened path. Thanking you in anticipation, Mr Editor, for your public service by printing such correspondence,—I am, &c.,

H. NICHOLSON.

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Cricket.

Secretaries of cricket clubs will greatly oblige by sending their list of fixtures to this office as early as possible.

* * Secretaries of cricket clubs would greatly oblige us by despatching their reports so that they may reach our office not later than Tuesday morning.

Blackhill Primrose beat the Benfieldside White Rose by 142 runs. Score:—Primrose, 166; White Rose, 24.

Leadgate Excelsiors and Leadgate Blue Bells met on the ground of the latter. Score:—Excelsiors, 36; Blue Bells, 27.

BLACKHILL EXCELSIORS v THOMAS STREET SCRATCH TEAM.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team by 17 runs. Score:—Excelsiors, 35; Scratch, 18.

BLACKFINE RISING STARS v DELVES LANE ROVERS.—Played at Blackfine, and resulted in a victory for the home team. Score:—Rising Stars, 57; Rovers, 49.

Allendale Red Rose and Shotley White Rose met at the Shotley Spa grounds, the former being victorious by 15 runs. Score:—Allendale, 42; Shotley, 27.

Allendale Cottages Red Rose would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Ages, 11 to 13. Apply to Joseph White, 137, Allendale Cottages, Medomsley, R.S.O.

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DURHAM CITY 2ND v LITTLETOWN.—This cup-tie was played at Littletown. The home side took first innings, and were all out for 36, Lishman taking five wickets for six runs. At the call of time Durham City had scored 75 runs for the loss of seven wickets, thus winning easily.

DURHAM COUNTY CUP COMPETITION.

SECOND ROUND.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. EPPLETON CHURCH.

These teams met on the former's ground at Blackfine, and resulted in an easy win for the home team. Score:—

CONSETT.		EPPLETON.	
G Walton c Hindle b Milburn	17	A Wood b Richards	4
T D Dales c Worlock b Kay	8	Rev R Hindle c Walton b Dales	3
I Richards b Whitfield	2	T Lishman b Dales	5
A S Godfrey c Hindle b Milburn	16	J Nurse b Richards	3
Wm Turnbull b Whitfield	2	W Whitfield c Siddell b Richards	0
A Wood b Whitfield	10	G Stewart b Richards	4
J Siddell b Earnshaw	17	J Milburn not out	7
A Little not out	23	J Worlock b Richards	2
W Railton b Milburn	0	R Rankin b Richards	0
R Watson b Whitfield	12	W Earnshaw c Dales b Richards	0
M Williamson to bat	-	R Kay c and b Dales	2
Extras	6	Extras	0
Total	113	Total	30

Innings declared closed.

LEADGATE 1ST v. 22 OLD LEADGATE PLAYERS.

Played at Leadgate, and resulted in a win for the 1st eleven. Score:—

OLD PLAYERS.		LEADGATE.	
W Gustard b Snowdon	0	J Snaith b Dorman	11
J Dorman c Snowdon b Jackson	0	A Burnhope run out	8
J Snaith b Snowdon	1	F Jackson c Maughan b Day	5
W Miller b Snowdon	7	J Snowdon b Dorman	4
R Wilson b Snowdon	0	John Snaith st Crowther b Dorman	0
M Robson run out	0	J Monaghan not out	28
R Birtley b Snowdon	0	J Wilson run out	9
J Crowther run out	1	J Walton run out	4
J Brown c Henderson b Jackson	2	J Henders'n b Gustard	1
W Steel b Jackson	2	Rev R S Hay absent	
J Day b Snowdon	4	W Brears absent	
J Maughan b Jackson	2		
J Irwin b Jackson	0		
J Burnhope b Jackson	0		
J Haggerstone c Monaghan b Jackson	0		
R Richardson b Snowdon	3		
J Costello b Snowdon	0		
C Burnhope not out	3		
R Irwin b Snowdon	0		
J Wheatley c Henderson b Snowdon	0		
T Stephenson b Jackson	0		
J Black b Jackson	2		
Extras	3	Extras	5
Total	30	Total	75

BLAYDON v. BLACKHALL MILL.

Played at Blaydon on Saturday, on a wet but true wicket, and ended in a very easy victory for the home team. Score:—

BLAYDON.		BLACKHALL MILL.	
E Latimer b J Wood	6	T Emmerson b Agar	12
B Rodham run out	24	J Greener c Roscamp b Latimer	0
T Adamson b W Wood	4	J Wood b Agar	6
A Brownless not out	64	W Wood c Poole b Brownless	18
H Rogers c Bragg b W Wood	12	J Burdis c Rogers b Brownless	2
J Roscamp b W Wood	0	T Greener c Rodham b Agar	1
W Wilson b W Wood	0	H Bragg lbw b Brownless	1
R Agar c Greener b J Wood	0	J Nichol b Brownless	1
W H Poole b J Wood	2	W Ward not out	10
W Tingate b J Wood	1	T Embleton b Brownless	0
Jos Tingate not out	16	Jos Nichol b Brownless	2
Extras	9	Extras	1
Total	138	Total	54

CORNSAY v. SUNNYBROW.

Played at Cornsay, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

CORNSAY.		SUNNYBROW.	
W Dows'n b Weatheral	16	W Wilson c Raw b Slater	0
J Slater c Wilson b Weatheral	16	W Yeoman c Raw b Slater	7
R Johnson c & b Marshall	11	B Walker c Dowson b Milburn	9
W Davis c Emmerson b Weatheral	11	J Emmerson c Dowson b Milburn	0
J Aston b Marshall	0	J Rasher run out	0
W Hodgson b Marshall	0	Weatheral b Slater	0
J Hodgs'n b Weatheral	0	W Foster b Slater	0
J Milburn b Marshall	4	J Jackson run out	0
J Raw b Marshall	14	J Marshall not out	3
W Grey c Yeoman b Weatheral	5	R Allison c Dowson b Milburn	0
E Asson not out	7	A Wilson c Milburn b Slater	0
Extras	2	Extras	2
Total	86	Total	21

TANFIELD v. OXHILL.

Played at Tanfield, the home team winning by 26 runs. Score:—

TANFIELD.		OXHILL.	
W Charlton b Rain	5	R Palmer b Robinson	1
W T Jones b Murphy	41	G Collins run out	7
J Charlton b Murphy	4	M Ledger c Reay b Atthey	1
R Reay b Middlemass	6	W Rain b Bowes	8
Rev T G Cole run out	1	J Middlemass not out	26
M Robson b Middlemass	0	R Henderson b Wallace	1
W Robinson b Murphy	9	W Rutherford b Charlton	3
T Swinburn b Murphy	0	J Murphy c Cole b Robson	0
T Atthey b Murphy	6	James Middlemass b Charlton	0
E Bowes b Murphy	0	J Charlton b Atthey	0
W Wallace not out	4	D Palmer c Swinburne b Cole	0
Extras	7	Extras	10
Total	83	Total	57

LIZZIE v. SOUTH MOOR.

Played at South Moor, the visitors winning by 29 runs. Score:—

LIZZIE.		SOUTH MOOR.	
J Stobbart run out	2	W Brass c Mason b Stobbart	26
W Taylor b Joyce	1	H Wright b Porter	2
S Smith run out	4	R Dixon b Porter	0
T Tindale c Joyce b Wilkinson	16	J Elliott b Thompson	2
F Thompson b Dixon	34	E Smith b Porter	6
L Simpson c & b Joyce	9	H Joyce run out	3
J Robinson b Dixon	7	T Wilkinson run out	5
W Porter b Wilkinson	5	J Forster lbw b Tindale	16
J Mason b Dixon	0	J Low b Tindale	0
J Smith run out	5	J Welch b Porter	0
J Martin not out	3	W Greathead not out	0
Extras	2	Extras	0
Total	89	Total	60

LIZZIE 2ND v. TANFIELD LEA 1ST.

Played on the former's ground, and ended in favour of the home team. Score:—

LIZZIE.		TANFIELD.	
J Stobbart b Gaffney	0	T Gaffney b Starford	0
T Buck b Armstrong	9	E Gailes b Burton	11
J Burton b McDonald	26	T Brace b Burton	0
H Herdman b Gaffney	1	J McDonald b Burton	0
J Carroll b Armstrong	3	W Milburn c and b Burton	0
T Errington b Gaffney	3	W Christopher b Burton	1
W Stobbart not out	4	A Gardner not out	5
W Herdman b McDonald	0	T Christopher b Buck	0
T Smith c Gardner b Gaffney	0	W Armstrong b Burt'n	1
W Starford b Gaffney	4	J Milburn b Buck	2
J Coyle b Gaffney	0	T Thompson b Burton	0
Extras	0	Extras	3
Total	50	Total	23

SHOTLEY GROVE v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE 2ND.

The above match was played at Shotley Spa in showery weather, the Grove winning by eleven runs. Score:—

SHOTLEY GROVE.		SHOTLEY BRIDGE.	
Wm Fox c Town b Oliver	3	J Archer b Turner	2
S Leadbitter c Mackey b Archer	17	J Postle b Leadbitter	0
J Manglaws b Oliver	0	T Bell b Leadbitter	0
J Leadbitter c Grant b Oliver	5	E Bell b Leadbitter	4
J Brown c Postle b Oliver	2	W R Town b Walker b Leadbitter	0
A Turner c Oliver b Mackey	0	W Oliver b Chisholm	18
J Chisholm b Oliver	0	A Charlton b Turner	5
T Walker not out	0	J Grant b Chisholm	5
J Gowans b Mackey	2	C Smailes run out	6
A N Other	23	J Wardhaugh b Leadbitter	0
J Fox c Town b Mackey	0	A Mackey not out	0
Extras	2	Extras	5
Total	54	Total	43

TANTOBIE v. KIP HILL.

Played at Tantobie, the latter winning by 38 runs. Score:—

TANTOBIE.		KIP HILL.	
R Holmes b Wallace	42	G Lee b Holmes	2
W Kielor run out	0	F Carr run out	0
H Cockett b Carr	0	M Carr c Holmes b Cockett	12
Ed Forster c Little b Carr	3	J Bowman run out	4
J Bowes b Wallace	1	G Wallace c Kielor b Cockett	4
J Richardson b Wallace	0	M Cockburn run out	10
F Cockett b Carr	28	E Hills b Cockett	0
T Atthey c Carr b Wallace	0	T Little b Cockett	1
T Clarkson c Cockburn b Wallace	1	A Bowman b Cockett	2
T Shepherd c & b Carr	0	J York c Clarkson b Cockett	7
J Brown not out	0	J Fairbairn not out	3
Extras	10	Extras	2
Total	35	Total	47

PELTON CHURCH CHOIR v. OUSTON MISSION CHOIR.

Played at Pelton on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

OUSTON.		PELTON.	
Thompson b Turnbull	5	Turnbull run out	20
Hadley run out	3	T Clark c Hadley b Strong	11
W Strong run out	0	Gray run out	5
M Bates c Bulmer b Clark	0	Selkirk run out	1
G Harle c Cragge b Clark	0	Moffatt not out	3
J Brown b Clark	0	Craggs not out	2
Mark Bates run out	1	Johnson, Bulmer, McDonald, T Gray, J Coutts — To bat	
F Hughes b Clark	0		
Robson not out	3		
Skeene c Selkirk b Turnbull	1		
J Harle lbw b Turnbull	5		
Extras	21	Extras	19
Total	39	Total	61

EAST STANLEY NOBBLERS v. CRAGHEAD TONIC-SOL-FA.

Played at Craghead, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Score:—

STANLEY.		CRAGHEAD.	
J Dunn b Craggs	0	J Craggs c and b McKinley	
J Bulman b Craggs	3	M Dodds b Shield	
A Atkinson st	6	R Wood b Shield	0
F Smith run out	9	E Allan b Shield	0
W Watson b Craggs	1	G Hunter b McKinley	1
T Shield b Craggs	0	J Brown b McKinley	0
S Chisholm b Dodds	1	G Jones b Shield	0
D Temple caught	7	T Burton b Shield	0
N Summerbell b Craggs	3	W Dodds run out	0
G Blogg b Craggs	4	J Dodds b Shield	3
J McKinley not out	0	J Jones not out	0
Extras	7	Extras	1
Total	41	Total	10

WOLSINGHAM G.S. v. BISHOP AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Wolsingham, and resulted in a victory for the home team by 13 runs. Score:—

WOLSINGHAM.		BISHOP AUCKLAND.	
Fairley b Widdas II.	24	Widdas I. b Nicholson	0
Hamilton b Widdas	9	Widdas II. c Hamilton b Green	8
Hood c Scrafton b Widdas	3	Scrafton b Nicholson	0
Green b Brown	2	Robson b Nicholson	0
Nicholson c Scrafton b Widdas	3	Brown b Hamilton	8
Davison b Widdas	0	Gibson b Hood	4
Morgan b Widdas	0	Armstrong b Nichols'n	18
Batty b Proud	0	Farthing b Hood	5
Baker c Widdas I. b Widdas	0	Byers b Nicholson	0
Crawford not out	0	Proud c Hood b Nicholson	3
Gordon c Byers b Widdas	0	Gill not out	1
Extras	4	Extras	2
Total	45	Total	49

A second innings was played, the scores being:—Wolsingham, 37; Bishop Auckland, 20.

BURNOPFIELD 2ND v. TANFIELD LEA.

Played at Tanfield Lea, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 30 runs. J G Allan was very destructive with the ball, while Hunter did good service with the bat. Score:—

TANFIELD.		BURNOPFIELD.	
A Bloomfield b Allen	0	G Bell b Allendale	0
W Fletcher b Allen	2	C Bell b Allendale	2
G Mudd b Allen	1	J G Allen b Allendale	2
R Allendale b Allen	1	W Turnbull c Fletcher	4
H Greener b Allen	0	E Keefe c Allendale	1
W Gaffney c Allen	0	J Hunter not out	21
W Rockett run out	0	R Walton b Allendale	1
J Wood b Lamb	0	W T Allen b Allendale	0
G Milburn run out	1	J Mein, stumped	2
T Christopher not out	0	R Davison, b Rockett	6
J Gardner run out	0	N Lamb b Rockett	0
Extras	7	Extras	3
Total	12	Total	42

LANGLEY PARK v. BROWNEY.

Played at Browney, and resulted in a draw in favour of the visitors. Score:—

LANGLEY PARK.		BROWNEY.	
A Plews b A Bloomfield	8	J Dixon run out	2
G Kelsey c Kennedy b Bloomfield	4	W Wood b J Lowes	0
F Moss lbw b Bloomfield	43	T Deans b J Lowes	8
J Lowes not out	48	H Haunaby b J Lowes	0
J Plews run out	1	J Robson c Moss b J Lowes	23
H Ardley not out	13	J Roxburgh run out	21
T Dixon, J Rutter, G Lowes, T Morland, W Cooper — To bat		B Hepple b Cooper	2
		W Gray not out	8
		F Kennedy to bat	
		A Bloomfield to bat	
		T Robson to bat	
Extras	7	Extras	6
Total	124	Total	70

BLACKHILL PARK v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE RED ROSE.

Played at Shotley Spa, and resulted in a victory for the visitors. Score:—

BLACKHILL.		SHOTLEY BRIDGE.	
Geo Fiddes b Brown	0	J Fox b Fiddes	0
T Tindal c Brown	13	J Angus b Fiddes	9
R Whaley b Brown	0	H Lishman c Wilson	0
J Wilson b Brown	2	A Barrass c Wilson	4
J Robinson c Denham	10	T W Brown b Fiddes	0
J Jackson b Brown	4	J Appleby b Robinson	0
J Laybourne b Brown	2	J Nicholson not out	8
W Askew b West	2	G Denham c Tindal	1
M Williams b Brown	0	F Rasbeck b Fiddes	0
J Maughan b Brown	3	P Quinn b Fiddes	5
F Turnbull not out	2	D West b Tindal	1
Extras	0	Extras	2
Total	37	Total	30

CRICKET NOTES.

[BY "L.B.W."]

EPPLETON'S EXIT.

Although Eppleton had come safely through the preliminary and first rounds of the cup competition, it was taken for granted that Consett would have but little difficulty in giving them their *quietus*. And, as a matter of fact, the game proved even more one-sided than the home spectators expected. Owing in a great measure to the heavy downpour of rain in the morning, numerous people who would otherwise have been present refrained from attending, doubtless thinking that the tie would not be played. However, the ground was in fair condition, and the umpires declared it fit for play.

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The cup-holders first appeared on the defensive, and their innings was chiefly remarkable for the even display of batting given by the team. No less than six men got into double figures, and yet the highest score was that of Little (23 not out)—an excellent exhibition. Siddell also played capitally for 17, as did Walton (17), Godfrey (16), Watson (12), and Wood (10). When nine wickets had fallen for 113, Dales declared the innings closed. Whitfield and Milburn were the most effective of the visitors' trundlers; but, with the exception of the former, the bowling did not appear at all formidable.

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Dales and Richards shared the attack on Eppleton taking up their place at the wicket, and these two proved quite sufficient for the visitors. Their batting was of the most mediocre description, not one of them reaching double figures, and were out for the paltry total of 30. Milburn (7 not out) was the only one who showed decent form. Richards and Dales were in great form with the ball, the former capturing seven wickets for 18 runs, while Dales claimed the other three for seven. Great disappointment was expressed at the one-sided nature of the match.

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BLAYDON TOO GOOD FOR BLACKHALL MILL.

Blackhall Mill are no doubt a very strong eleven, and have accomplished some really creditable performances this season; but on Saturday at Blaydon they proved no match for the home club. The Blaydon venture was notable for the magnificent innings played by Brownless, who hit hard and open for 64 (not out). His innings included one six, three fours, two threes, and nine twos. Rodham (24) was also showing up well when he ran himself out, and the total eventually reached 138 for nine wickets. J. Wood and W. Wood were the only bowlers who could get wickets on behalf of the visitors.

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Although Blackhall Mill did not shape at all badly with the willow, they could never get within hail of the home score. Brownless proved to be as deadly with the leather as he had been with the bat, and secured six wickets for 11 runs He has good reason to look back on his day's performance with the proudest satisfaction. The visitors totalled 54, the chief contributors being W. Wood (18), Emmerson (12), and Ward (10 not out).

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TANFIELD THRASH OXHILL.

Oxhill were the visitors to Tanfield on Saturday, and they gave the home club a capital game. On Tanfield taking up the batting, W. T. Jones was found to be in splendid form, and his batting was the feature of the innings. The aggregate amounted to 83, and Jones was responsible for no less than 41 of these. Murphy (is this the old Leadgate man?) bowled admirably for Oxhill.

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Like the Tanfield venture, the Oxhill men's display was characteristic for the good batting of one man—viz., J. Middleman, who carried out his bat for a sound 26. "Extras" was next with 10, and the whole eleven were dismissed for 26 runs less than their opponents. The homesters gave several bowlers a chance of distinguishing themselves.

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CAPITAL BATTING BY LANGLEY PARK.

Langley Park were entertained by the Browney club on Saturday, and gave a splendid exhibition with the willow. The home team won the toss, and sent the visitors in. The first two batsmen did not do much, but on Moss (43) and J. Lowes (48 not out) becoming partners, the bowling was knocked all over the field. Ardley (13 not out) afterwards batted well, and when four wickets had fallen for 124, the Langley Park skipper applied the "closure," and declared his innings closed.

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The trundling of J. Lowes was much too good for the first four batsmen on the home side; but when things were going very badly for the Browney, Robson (23) and Roxbury (21) became associated, and these two undoubtedly saved the match. When stumps were finally drawn, the homesters had put on 70 for seven wickets, Langley Park then having to be content with a draw in their favour. The latter are a wonderfully improved team.

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OLD 'UNS V YOUNG 'UNS: "YOUTH WILL BE SERVED."

Being without a fixture on Saturday, Leadgate Park arranged a novel match for their patrons, the first eleven opposing 22 "good old have beens." The game excited considerable interest, and, as may be imagined, there was any amount of good-humoured "chaff" flying around. The innings of the veterans cannot by any stretch of imagination be termed brilliant, nor could it be expected. Snowdon and Jackson played sad havoc with the ball, and the united efforts of the 22 reached 30. Twelve men failed to trouble the scorers.

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As a matter of course the runs necessary to win were soon rubbed off by the present representatives of the club, who were two short; but the "ancients" arrived and fielded much better than anticipated. Monaghan played a capital not out innings of 28, and Jos. Snaith contributed a useful 11. The game provided a capital afternoon's sport, which was no doubt the object the promoters had in view.

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CORNSAY HAVE AN EASY JOURNEY.

Cornsay gained a very easy victory over Sunnybrow on Saturday, at Cornsay. The home club put together 86, for which five men were mainly responsible—viz., Dawson and Slater (16 each), Raw (14), and Johnson and Davis (11 each). The visitors were unable to make any stand of consequence against the effective bowling of Slater and Milburn, and were all sent back for 21. The extremely large proportion of eight out of the eleven gained the symmetrical "0."

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THE LIZZIE BEAT SOUTH MOOR.

A capital game resulted from the meeting of the above clubs at South Moor. F. Thompson (34) and T. Tindale (16) showed excellent cricket for the Lizzie, whose score totted up to 89. The home team failed to reach this by 29, although Brass (26) and Forster (16) did their utmost to save the match.

THE CITIZENS BEAT USHAW MOOR.

The only confidence possessed by the citizens when they left home for Ushaw Moor on Saturday, was that they were sure to try; but they were by no means certain of winning. Contrary to expectations, however, the game turned out a one-sided affair, the citizens winning by three to one—thanks to the bowling of the brothers Middleton, and the superb batting of Bewicke. The citizens made a rank bad beginning, losing their first three wickets for five runs. After this though, runs came more rapidly, Bewicke causing the attack an almost endless amount of trouble before he fell to Harding, after piling up 52, which ought to have been nearly doubled; his 21 two hits each representing four on any ordinary field. For Ushaw Moor the bowling honours certainly go to Wm. Harding, who took eight wickets; the total score being 95 for the citizens.

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The home team could make no sort of a stand against the trundling of the brothers Middleton, and the telegraph quickly showed six for four. The whole lot were dismissed for 20, Tommy and Pep each accounting for five wickets. As the analysis is smart I append it:—

	O.	M.	R.	W.
W. Middleton	11	3	14	5
T. Middleton	10·1	2	15	5

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I am pleased to notice that Bewicke's admirers have, during this week, made him a nice little present in recognition of his valuable 52 in the cup tie, which makes the citizens go forward one more step in the competition, and which their supporters and admirers think they will now win. So mote it be.

Trade Notes.

THE DURHAM MINERS.

By a small majority, the Federation of the Durham Miners' Association has resolved to join the Miners' National Federation.

Volunteer Intelligence.

CHESTER-LE-STREET RIFLE CLUB.

The third of the annual series of competitions was held on Saturday, on the club range, in a drenching rain and hailstorm, owing to which there was a small muster of members. The following are the principal scores:—Private W. Curry, 12 start, 96; Corporal R. Atkin, scratch, 95; Colour-Sergeant James Usher, 2 start, 95; Sergeant R. Finlay, 6 start, 89; Sergeant-Instructor Clark, 15 start, 89.

BLAYDON RIFLE CLUB.

The members of this club held a handicap competition on the rifle range at Bues Hills, near Blaydon, when there was an excellent muster of competitors. The competition consisted of seven shots and one sighting shot at 200 yards kneeling, at 600 yards prone, and at 600 yards in any position—Bisley targets and scoring. The following competitors were successful:—Private R. Chilton, Blaydon, scratch, 93; Corporal W. Hunter, Winlaton, 16 start, 92; Sergeant W. V. Shotton, Winlaton, scratch, 84; Corporal J. Roscamp, Walker, scratch, 83; Private E. Adams, Blaydon, scratch, 78.

Football.

CROOKHALL WANDERERS A.F.C.

The members of the above club held their annual meeting at the club-room, Crookhall, when the secretary presented his report for the past season. Although the club was not yet strong, it had done a capital season's work, and the members have promised to work well next season, so as to make the club a success. The members then proceeded to elect officers for the coming season, and after a sharp contest the following were elected:—Captain, T. Martin; vice-captain, T. Collins; treasurer, Thomas Finlay; secretary, William Gregory, 28, Trafalgar Street, Consett.

MATCHES WANTED.

The secretary of the Crookhall Wanderers A.F.C., begs to say that all dates are vacant, and he would like them filled up as soon as possible. Address:—Wm. Gregory, 28, Trafalgar Street, Consett.

Annfield Plain Red Stars 2nd team would like to arrange matches for the ensuing season with moderate 2nd teams or moderate reserves. Average age 18 years. Apply to the secretary, J. Taylor, Railway Hotel, Annfield Plain.

South Moor Rovers A.F.C. have nearly all dates vacant and would like them filled up with moderate firsts or good seconds. Address:—Ben Coxon, 25, Pine Street, South Moor, Chester-le-Street

Annfield Plain Red Stars A.F.C. have the following dates vacant and would like them filled up with good teams:—September, 3rd and 17th; October, 15th; November, 19th; December, 3rd, 10th, 24th, and 31st; January, 7th, 14th, and 21st; February, 4th, and 25th; March, 11th, 18th, and 25th; April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Address:—Peter Bell, 38, Clavering Cottages, Annfield Plain, Lintz Green.

Consett Swifts A.F.C. have a few vacant dates and would like them filled up as soon as possible with good junior teams. Address:—Joseph Allison, 32, Medomsley Road, Consett.

Leadgate Science and Art would like to arrange matches with any teams within a radius of four miles, all dates vacant, ages from 10 to 13. Apply to E. Birtley, St. Ive's Road, Leadgate.

Annfield Plain Jolly Tars would like to arrange matches for next season, average age 18. Apply to A. Thompson, 14, Pontop Rows, Annfield Plain.

Oakey's Lilywhites 2nd would like to arrange matches with moderate 2nd teams or good 3rd teams. Apply to J. L. Smith, 13, Oakey's Houses, Stanley, R.S.O.

"HOW TO DEBATE."—This is a handy little work containing the rules of debate, hints on public speaking, and other useful information for members of debating societies. The work, which is published at the small price of sixpence, may be had at Robt. Jackson's bookseller, 9 and 10, Newmarket Street, Consett.

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NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

RACE-SUNDAY IN AND AROUND NEWCASTLE.

Race or "Festival" Sunday as it is just as frequently termed, is an institution quite as firmly established as Whit-Sunday in and about the "Canny toon." The fore-runner of the great annual festival of temperance, the Sunday immediately preceding the 20th of June marks quite an epoch in the year's march.

This year it follows Whitsuntide more than usually closely, but, despite this, it retains all the characteristics peculiar to the day with which long usage has associated it. It is somehow altogether different to any other Sunday in the year, and it is singular that everybody feels a disposition to regard it more as a day of recreation than any other Sunday in the year. If fine and agreeable weather reigns supreme the streets assume all day long a quite unusual appearance of activity and life. It is true the trams run no more frequently, and that cabs are no more numerous than on an average Sunday. Nor are we allowed to forget that the doors of various places of worship are open as the merry, or doleful pealing of their distinctive bells invite us within the scared portals of one or other. No, it is not that we are unmindful of the sacredness of the day altogether. But, after all, in spite of ourselves we fail to regard it with the usual seriousness. The pavements are crowded with pedestrians the whole day long in the city, the vast number of strange faces one encounters at all points, the quantity of drags, waggonettes, traps, and a thousand other forms of vehicles leaving or coming into the town, go to make up quite a gay and lively scene, and give to Race Sunday an air peculiarly distinctive. There are scores of people who pride themselves on making a point of "excursionising" on this day while they would ignore the more widely popular Whit-Sunday and these pleasure seekers glory in a sail down the river to Tynemouth notwithstanding that they have often to be packed on board the steamer like herrings in a box. Far from objecting to it they seem fairly to revel in the excitement of the business. Then there are thousands of others who are less courageous, and care not to risk the perils of the briny deep, or to face the distressing possibility of sea-sickness. Thus it is that our trains are crowded and our country roads at certain points packed to the hedgerows. The cry is, of course—and the inclination—for fields and pastures new. Amateur coachmen occupy for the nonce quite distinguished positions, and prove themselves more or less equal to their temporary elevation. Their destinations are, happily, various. It would scarcely do, you know, for all fancies to be alike, and so patronage is divided. Scores roll merrily along to Ponteland, to Morpeth, to Shotley Bridge—where, as you know, Mrs Morgan looks well after their wants—to Corbridge and Riding Mill, Stocksfield, and even Hexham. All this, mind you, and a great deal more, by road. Travellers by rail are a thousand times more numerous, and are found to incline in favour of the coast. Tynemouth, Cullercoats, Whitley, Roker, Whitburn, Newbiggen, Alnmouth, Warkworth, and the rest—not to speak of more distant points—are all eagerly sought after. True it is that thousands, like the writer, are compelled to make the most of what is to had at home, and have little or no opportunity for tramping abroad at this particular season of the year. And, after all, there is a lot to be seen without the necessity for outstripping even the city boundary. The great Town Moor is quite a centre of attraction on Race Sundy. Let us take a walk along Northumberland Street to the North Road, and make up our minds to share in the general excitement. The afternoon being particularly fine, without being overpoweringly warm, we find streams of people wending their way in the direction of that "Bleak Northumbrian Moor" about which so much has been written. And, bless my life, what a show of new costumes! This is the day *par excellence* for the exhibition of all that is "latest" in ladies' dresses, and in this respect decidedly takes the "biscuit" and is far gone with Whit-Monday. What a variety, and how pretty for the most part. There are many "dainty sets" in black velvet; a considerable number have shown a preference for white and cream, scores of ladies are enveloped in varicoloured garments, and in addition there are lots of neat costumes in slate-blue, pea-green, olive-green, and fawn, and with not a few, crushed strawberry remains a favourite colour. But I'll tell you what is distinctly not pretty—nay, I will go so far as to call it absolutely ugly, and not in the least becoming to one out of every ten of our fair sisters. I refer to the hideous shapeless slack jacket which can scarcely be considered a boon even to the most figureless of maidens, and is certainly no advantage in the world to others more generously favoured.

The scene on the Moor is a pretty and an animated one. On our distant left the strains of a powerful brass band are heard to advantage, and the music of that beautiful hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" is wafted towards us by the gentle breeze. An afternoon service is being held. Moving with the crowd into a more central position, mothers with babies in arms, and quiverfuls of older bairns are passed, and many young couples seated on the grass whispering into each other's ears soft nothings. And now we have reached the most "active" quarter of all. On all sides there are earnest meetings in progress. Here on a gaily painted wagon members of the Plymouth Brethren are exhorting their hearers to prayer; directly opposite there is a gathering of Spiritualists listening to a very eloquent address from a gentleman who is evidently in earnest and satisfied that he has found the truth. Quite close to there is a little band of Salvationists "holding forth," and just as I approach Sister —— is announced to sing a solo, "during which a collection will be made" cries out a strong masculine voice. As I have no change I don't stand sufficiently long to be appealed to, and as the sun is sinking, a somewhat chilly wind blows from an easterly art and so, buttoning my coat up about me, I make for a quick march across the moor passing many other groups along the way. It is quite an interesting way of passing a Sunday afternoon, although there may not be anything very greatly exciting about it. If we don't feel much better for the religious services we have listened to, this must be laid at our own door. At least it may be said the writer has done what he set out to do. To conform with an old custom, he has not failed in his duty—that of visiting the Town Moor on Race Sunday.

"Something accomplished, something done."

THE STRAND MAGAZINE for June fully maintains its well-merited position. The articles are well written, instructive, and highly interesting. Mr A. Conan Doyle gives, in his own happy style, another chapter of the adventures of Sherlock Holmes—the adventure of the Copper Beeches. Mr Grant Allen tells the story of the Conscientious Burglar, and the "Queer side of things" is comically given by Mr. J. F. Sullivan. There are also excellent articles on home sculptor work, sun dials, and instantaneous photographs, and the subject of illustrated interviews is Madam Adelina Patti.

BEATTY'S PIANOS AND ORGANS.—Hon. Daniel F Beatty, the great Organ and Piano manufacturer, is building and shipping more Organs and Pianos than ever. In 1870 Mr Beatty left home a penniless plough boy, and by his indomitable will he has worked his way up so as to sell so far, nearly 100,000 of Beatty Organs and Pianos since 1870. Nothing seems to dishearten him; obstacles laid in his way, that would have wrecked any ordinary man forever, he turns to an advertisement and comes out of it brighter than ever. His instruments, as is well-known, are very popular and are to be found in all parts of the world. We are informed that during the next ten years he intends to sell 200,000 more of his make, that means a business of $20,000,000 if we average them at $100 each. It is already the largest business of the kin in existence—Send to Daniel F. Beatty, Washington, New Jersey, for Catalogue. 801b

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CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

FIRST COURT.

MONDAY, June 20th.—Before Councillor ANNANDALE (chairman), W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN, Esq., J. W. WALTON-WILSON, Esq., and J. T. POTTS, Esq.

THE VALUE OF A GOOD CHARACTER.

Thomas Barry, an old resident of the town, was charged by P.C. Humphrey with being drunk in Parliament Street, Consett, on the 16th inst.—Defendant pleaded guilty.—The officer deposed the facts of the case to defendant coming to see Supt. Oliver and refusing to go away.—Supt. Oliver intimated that defendant was an old resident of the town, and he had never known him to be brought to the Court on such a charge before.—The Chairman: How long have you lived in Consett?—Defendant: 47 years.—The Chairman: This is your first appearance.—Defendant: Yes, I have never been here before. It was my coming to the Police Station that did the mischief. (Laughter.)—The Chairman: You can go this time; but mind don't come here again.—Defendant thanked the Bench and left the Court.

HER 21ST APPEARANCE.

Mary Ellensworth, the wife of a hawker, living at Stoney Heap, was summoned for being drunk near Leadgate, on the 10th inst.—Defendant pleaded guilty.—Sergt. Nicholson averred that on the day stated he was sent for to go and remove defendant off the railway owing to her being in a drunken condition.—The Chairman: Have you anything to say.—Defendant: No.—The Chairman: How many times have you been here?—Defendant: I can't say.—Supt. Oliver stated that it was defendant's 21st appearance.—The Chairman remarked that it was a thorough disgrace to see defendant at Court so often.—Defendant was fined 2s 6d and costs.

John Ellensworth, husband of the last defendant, was proceeded against for being drunk at the same time and place.—Sergt. Nicholson proved the case.—A fine of 5s and costs was imposed, and the Chairman said that it was a scandal defendant getting drunk so often.—Defendant: This is the second time in my life.—Supt. Oliver: You have been convicted once or twice at Lanchester for the same offence.—Defendant: I believe I was once.—(Laughter.)

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AT WEST STANLEY.

STRIKING HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER.

George Humble, miner, was charged on a warrant, with committing an aggravated assault upon his wife, Lucy Humble, at West Stanley, on June 16th. Prisoner pleaded guilty.

Complainant, whose head was bandaged, and her face very much disfigured, fainted, and had to be accommodated with a seat whilst giving her evidence. She stated that on the morning in question, about a quarter-past-six, prisoner came from work, and placed his bottle and satchel on the table, and declared that some men had been at the house. Complainant said, "What matter of that," and then he commenced to use her very badly. Her daughter took up the poker to frighten prisoner, when he wrenched the same from her daughter and dealt her a blow on the back of the head. Prisoner then attacked complainant, and hit her on the head with the poker, and gave her several "bats" with the weapon. Both complainant and her daughter ran outside, and they were bleeding most freely from the injuries, and prisoner threw the coal-rake after them, but it did not strike them. Complainant thought that whilst prisoner was battering her face, her daughter did strike him first with the poker. Prisoner had been very strange in his manner for the last four weeks, and at times carried on most ridiculous. She wished for a separation order, because she dare not live with him any longer. Prisoner had on several occasions threatened to attack her. After the assault, she sent some neighbours to reconcile him, but he would not let them do so, and went as far as to say that he would not allow them to come into the house any more. Prisoner had treated them shamefully, and he had no reason for doing so.

In answer to the Chairman, complainant said that prisoner acted very strangely at times. On several occasions he had come into the house and seemed to be all right, but before they knew what was the matter he was as queer as possible.

A daughter named Mary Ellen Humble, whose head was also bandaged, deposed that she was present when prisoner came from work, and she heard the complaint. She took up the kitchen poker when prisoner had complainant by the neck, and was battering her face, but did not strike him. Prisoner wrenched the poker from her, and dealt her a blow on the back of the head, and then struck complainant several blows with the weapon. Prisoner had threatened her mother several times.

Prisoner: Witness struck me on the top of the head with the poker first.

Witness: I did not strike you with the poker.

A certificate was put in from Dr D. Christie, M.B., C.M., of West Stanley, stating that he had been in attendance on complainant and her daughter. The former was suffering from a contused scalp wound half-an-inch in length, and a black eye, whilst the daughter was suffering from a contused scalp wound 1½ inches in length.

Sergt. Liddell spoke to apprehending prisoner about nine o'clock the same evening, and in answer to the charge stated that they commenced the disturbance first.

In answer to the Chairman, complainant stated that prisoner was a miner, and earned something like £2 6s 0d per week. There were seven children at home, two of whom were working.

The Chairman: This is a most serious charge. Have you anything to say in defence of what you have done?

Prisoner said they used the poker first, and commenced the quarrel, or else he would never have assaulted them. There were far too many women like complainant in the world, who were far too clever. Complainant put the daughter up to strike him with the poker.

Complainant: I did nothing of the kind.

The Chairman said prisoner had been found guilty of a most aggravated assault, and the least punishment they could inflict was two months' imprisonment with hard labour, prisoner to pay the costs—£1 13s 8d, or another 14 days. They would grant a judicial separation, and ordered prisoner to pay 10s per week towards complainant's maintenance, and the latter to have the custody of the children.

Prisoner: Complainant is welcome to a separation order.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr Granger) informed Mrs Humble that her husband would be examined whilst in prison as to the state of his mind.

KEEPING A DANGEROUS DOG.

William Anderson, living in Ritson's Road, Blackhill, was summoned for keeping a dangerous dog on May 27th. Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Maria Burkitt, a married woman, deposed that she lived in Ritson's Road, and on the day in question she had occasion to cross the Quarry Green near to defendant's house, when the dog sprang upon her. It was a very savage animal, and when it seized complainant it was fastened to a clothes-post on the green, near to defendant's residence. This green was a public place, and she was something like twelve feet away from the animal when it sprang upon her, and do as she would she could not get the dog to desist, and it seized her about a dozen times, and entirely destroyed her dress (produced). The same dog bit a boy and also a fish-woman from South Shields, a short time ago.—In answer to the Chairman, complainant stated that she did not cross any fence to get on to the green which was used by everybody.—Defendant contended that where complainant crossed was private property, and belonged to Coun. Richard Murray, and nobody had a right to pass this particular side of his residence. The animal was fastened to a clothes-post, and there was no public road, and complainant was trespassing. The dog was kept continually fastened up. He knew nothing about the dog seizing complainant, because he was in bed and asleep at the time. The animal was fastened to the clothes-post by his wife.—In answer to the Chairman complainant stated that the house they were living in was the one formerly occupied by Mr. J. S. Murray, and defendant and herself were neighbours. The post the dog was fastened to belonged to defendant's house.—The Chairman addressed defendant, and stated that that wasn't proper control, and they didn't consider that an animal fastened with a string of an unlimited length was under proper control, and it did not matter where the other end of the string was fastened to. If he did not keep the dog under proper control, they would make an order for the dog to be destroyed. Defendant would have to defray 7s 6d costs.

HIGHWAY RATES.

Charles Henry Winter, masterman at the Derwentcote Steel Works, was summoned at the instance of Mr Matthew Coupland, assistant-overseer for the township of Ebchester, for the non-payment of Highway rates to the sum of £1 11s 6d.—The Bench made the usual order, with 9s costs.

GAS RATES.

Luther Dimmick, of Consett, was summoned by Mr P. Surtees, at the instance of the Shotley Bridge and Consett District Gas Company, for the non-payment of gas rates to the sum of £1 4s 8d.—Mr Surtees explained that since the summons was taken out he had received 4s of the sum stated, leaving the balance of £1 0s 8d.—The usual order was granted, with 6s 3d costs.

SECOND COURT.

Before J. W. WALTON-WILSON, Esq. (presiding), and W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN, Esq.

DAMAGING THE CONSETT IRON CO.'S PROPERTY.

Geo. Hobbs, jun., Chas. Devlin, Hugh Miller, Leadgate; *John Dixon*, Consett; *William Brown, Benjamin Muller*, Leadgate; *Charles Grant, Peter Grant, John Rafferty*, Consett; *James Casey, Bernard McAloon, James Hagan, George Hobbs, sen., and John Best*, Leadgate, were severally charged with causing damage to the amount of 1s each to a certain road way at Crookhall, the property of the Consett Iron Co., on the 26th and 27th May. Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) appeared to prosecute, and explained that the firm did not wish to press the charges, but they had suffered such a large amount of damage that they were bound to institute these proceedings to put a stop to the practice. It appeared that defendants had not only taken away a large quantity of coals, and destroyed the roadway, but they had even employed cartmen to lead the stuff away. In addition, about 3,600 or 4,000 "keys" or stakes, which fastened the rails to the "chairs," had been stolen and used as firewood.

A witness named Westhorpe gave evidence of the damage done to the road, and an old railway, by taking away coals, at Crookhall.

Mr C. D. W. Balleny, agent to the Co., explained that this was a railway which had been in existence about 50 years, and was constructed upon a bed of small coals.

Sergt. Minto deposed that the coals had been "howked" out a yard deep for a distance of upwards of 200 yards. Over 1,000 loads had already been taken away, and 25 loads were in readiness to be carted off, when the men were stopped.

Some of the defendants pleaded guilty to taking the coals, but denied ever damaging the railway.

Mullen stated that he bought a load of coals, and paid someone else to cart the same away. There were about 50 persons getting coals at the same time.

Dixon said he was simply employed to cart the coals away, and was not aware he was doing wrong.

Rafferty explained that he purchased a load of coals for 1s 6d, and paid a man for leading them.

Hobbs, sen., said that he was merely carting the coals for an innkeeper and a blacksmith at Consett.

Hagan declared that this system had been going on for three weeks, without the interference on the part of the Company. If they had known they were doing wrong, they would not have been there. There were no caution boards erected.

The Bench pointed out that it was not necessary, although perhaps it would have been better if such boards had been put up.

Casey averred that he never did any damage or "howked" for coals.

Devlin mentioned that the Magistrates understood all about the case, and it would be far better for the whole lot to plead guilty and save any further bother. (Laughter.)

The Bench: We don't understand all about the case. We are only trying to get at it.

Best said he simply led two loads of coals for people in Leadgate.

There was no evidence against McAloon, and he was acquitted.

The case against Hobbs, sen., was withdrawn, and he was called, on the face of protests from defendant Hagan, to give evidence for the prosecution. He very reluctantly said that he was employed by Casey and Hagan to lead coals for them.

In the result, the Justices found the rest of the defendants guilty, and imposed a fine of 6d, 1s damages, and costs—7s each.

OPENING OUT OF A HANDSOME NEW CO-OPERATIVE STORE AT FROSTERLEY.

A handsome new Co-operative Store, costing upwards of £1,000, was opened out at Frosterley on Saturday last. To Mr George Moses, a veteran co-operator of Stanhope, and chairman of the Stanhope Store committee, was relegated the high honour of turning the locks of the doors with a silver key, and pronouncing the Store open to the public. Mr Moses is a shrewd, long-headed, far-seeing working man, who has the courage of his convictions, and who sees in the co-operative movement the great panacea for many of the ills which afflict the working classes. After the Store was pronounced open, the company repaired to the Bridge End Primitive Methodist school-room, where a very nice and comfortable tea was prepared. In the evening a public meeting and concert combined was held in the Board Schools, presided over by Mr Moses. Mr Scott, of Newcastle, and others, gave speeches. Frosterley Band considerably enlivened the proceedings all through, by discoursing in their lively style a choice selection of music. Bollihope String Band took a prominent part in the evening's entertainment, and pleased well, as they invariably do. A number of others also took part, by giving songs, instrumental music, &c. Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had taken part in the day's proceedings.

THE CANDIDATES FOR NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

The *Newcastle Daily Chronicle* gives portraits of the two candidates for North-West Durham, with the subjoined narratives of their careers:—

MR L. A. ATHERLEY-JONES.

Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones is one of the most independent of the Durham Gladstonians. He is willing to follow, but not afraid to lead. He has the hardihood to speak his opinion, and, what is more, to support them by his vote even though the whips do frown. He is not so pronounced a democrat as his father, nor so gifted a man, but he is a Radical by conviction, and is endowed with powers of his own which have early and easily obtained him a good position at the bar and in Parliament. His frankness and energy, his intelligence and industry, will help him more and further. He has given special attention to mines and miners; has written a book on the law of mining; looked after the pitmen's interest in Parliament; pleaded for them successfully in the Courts; spoken at their galas; and advised them in their difficulties. There are much in Mr Atherley-Jones's appearance and bearing that remind you of the old Chartist leader in his young days. He is scarcely so tall, rather slight in build, but has the same complexion, and the same mobile, nervous, well-bred manners. The son, however, lacks the imagery and elation of the sire. Ernest Jones was not a great, but he was a genuine poet. He was, too, an orator, had all the enthusiasm and imagination, all the flow of fiery words and eager thoughts that are requisite to make one. His son is a ready speaker, has a clear voice, appropriate action, and a telling method of exposition. But he is neither a poet nor an orator. Poor Ernest Jones, how harshly the world treated him! His foes were quick to blame, and his friends afraid to praise, yet a little praise to a generous man, how it warms out of him the good that is in him; and the sneer of contempt, how it chills his ardour and sours his temper! Ernest Jones loved the people, and gave all he had ungrudgingly to their service. And they left him to starve, as they have left many more like him. Of all human affections, gratitude is the holiest; yet how few honest patriots hear "its still small voice." If heard at all, it is usually when its sound is unavailing. May better fortune befall Atherley than befel Ernest Jones. The son has no passionate longing to find ideal truth in real life, and his pessimism will keep him clear of much worldly trouble. He is no fanatic in politics, sees that there is much to be said on all sides, and his electicism will help him when Liberal patronage—that odd element in the British Constitution which excites the hopes and disappoints the expectations of so many—is in the air. Mr Atherley-Jones is forty-three years of age, and is married to a daughter of the late Mr. James Lambert, of Durham. He was educated at Brasenose College, Oxford, became a B.A. in 1874, and Barrister of the Inner Temple in 1875.

MR. JOHN DUNVILLE.

Mr Dunville, the Unionist opponent of Mr Atherley-Jones, is a young Irish gentleman of excellent abilities and attractive manners. He is not, as far as we know, connected with the district, but he comes to it with unexceptional credentials. He belongs to Belfast, is 26 years of age, and was educated at Eton and at Cambridge University. He took his degree of M.A. in 1885, has acted for some time as private secretary to the Duke of Devonshire, and has the leisure and aptitude for public life. Those who know him predict for him a notable political future. He was married in January last to Violet Annie Blanche, a daughter of Lady Fanny Lambert and the late Gustavus Lambert, Esq., of Beau Park, Ireland.

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NORTH-WEST DURHAM LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

SELECTION OF CANDIDATE.

MR ATHERLEY-JONES NOMINATED.

The annual meeting of the council of the North-West Durham Liberal Association took place on Saturday afternoon, in the Town Hall Buildings, Consett, when, in spite of the unpropitious weather, there was a numerous attendance of delegates from all parts of the constituency. Additional interest was centred in the proceedings from the fact that the important business of choosing a candidate in the Gladstonian interest was on the agenda. In the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr W. Logan, of Langley Park (President of the Association), Mr J. Orr, of Annfield Plain (vice-president, and also president of the Durham Colliery Mechanics' Association), presided. He was supported by Miss Gibson, Snow's Green (secretary of the North-West Durham Women's Liberal Association); Coun. J. W. Winter, Leadgate; Messrs Jos. Eltringham, J. G. Cooke, Jas. Palliser, and Jas. McCann, Blackhill; Henry Carss, Shotley Bridge; Wm. Maund and A. Struthers, Consett; J. W. Taylor, Dipton; J. Ripley, Castleside; J. Oliver, Burnhill; Wm. Bulmer, Tanfield Lea; J. Nicholson, White-le-Head; Luke Reay, Greencroft; W. Indian, T. W. W. Ritson, and Jonathan Green, West Stanley, &c.

The CHAIRMAN regretted the absence of Mr Logan, but trusted that he would soon be so far restored to health as to enable him to take an important part in the coming election. (Applause.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The financial statement for the year ending 31st December, 1891, was read and adopted; after which the meeting proceeded to elect officers for the current year, with the subjoined result:—

President—Mr W. Logan, Langley Park.
Vice-president—Mr J. Orr, Annfield Plain.
Treasurer—Mr R. G. Barclay, Shotley Bridge.
Auditor—Mr J. Eltringham, Blackhill.
Secretary and registration agent—Mr Adam Brodie, Town Hall, Consett.

The following gentlemen were selected to constitute the executive committee: Messrs J. G. Cooke, Blackhill; H. C. Wood, Burnopfield; J. Thompson, Castleside; W. I. Mackay, Catchgate; C. P. Douglas, Consett; E. Hardy, Esh; J. W. Taylor, Dipton; W. Pears, Edmondbyers; G. Ridley, Stanley; Andrew Hartley, Burnhope; Jos. Eltringham, Blackhill; F. Clark, Langley Park; J. W. Winter, Leadgate; G. Peile, Shotley Bridge; Rev F. G. Wesley, Hamsteels; W. Bulmer, Tanfield Lea; W. Indian, West Stanley; L. Reay, Greencroft; Wm. Hardy, White-le-Head; and W. Shaw, Esh, with Miss E. M. Gibson, representing the North-West Durham Women's Liberal Association.

Mr J. PALLISER gave notice that at the next council meeting he would propose the alteration of the rule so as to admit of the election of more than one vice-president of the Association.

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

The CHAIRMAN said the time was not far distant when the country would be in the midst of a general election, and the issues involved were of the most important character. While he regretted that the members of that association had not displayed sufficient zeal and activity during the past few years in the general advancement of the Liberal cause, still they were in no worse position than similar associations throughout the district, and he trusted they would make amends in the future for their apathy. (Applause). There was plenty of energy and zeal amongst the Liberals scattered throughout the constituency, and he had no doubt that when the proper time came excellent machinery would be called into operation to work effectively in the interests of Liberalism. (Applause). He believed, moreover, there was sufficient intelligence even amongst the members of that council to devise means whereby the working classes generally would be induced to take a much greater interest in the affairs of that Association. The recent strike in the coal trade had, however, to a certain extent affected the financial position of the Association, but he had no doubt the expenditure incurred in carrying on the work of the noble cause would be forthcoming. (Applause).

On the suggestion of Mr. J. G. COOKE, it was agreed that the Association should be thoroughly re-organised immediately after the general election was over.

THE SELECTION OF A CANDIDATE.

THE LABOUR PARTY.—FEMALE SUFFRAGE.

The CHAIRMAN observed that they had arrived at the most important part of their business. Their hon. member was not able to attend that meeting. He need hardly say anything in respect of Mr. Atherley-Jones as their representative; his opinion being that the hon. member had upheld his integrity and reputation as a gentleman; had maintained the interest he had always manifested in his constituency as their representative, and was completely "in touch" and harmony with the general body of the electors. (Applause). His (the chairman's) opinion was that no member of Parliament was more "in touch" with his constituents in any division in England than was Mr. Atherley-Jones. (Applause). They did not question his ability, nor the manner in which he had distinguished himself in the House, which proved that Mr. Atherley-Jones was likely to become a useful and progressive member. He therefore hoped that the Council would see its way clear to again adopt Mr. L. A. Atherley-Jones as the Gladstonian candidate for North-West Durham. (Applause).

Mr. J. G. COOKE (tradesman) said there were two candidates in the division soliciting their votes; and it was for them to decide which was the most suitable candidate.

Mr. J. W. TAYLOR (Dipton): Do you mean there are two Liberal candidates?

Mr. COOKE begged of Mr. Taylor not to interrupt, as he was coming to the point.

The CHAIRMAN stated that it was quite competent for any member to ask a question while another was speaking.

Mr. COOKE (proceeding) said that they knew from past experience that Mr Atherley-Jones was as good a candidate as they could possibly get. (Applause). He did not care whether they were Home Rulers, in favour of Church Disestablishment, or the abolition of royalty rents; members of the Labour party, or even the temperance movement, Mr Atherley-Jones seemed to be "in touch" with the whole of them, and was the best and soundest person they could find to champion the cause of Liberalism in North-West Durham. (Applause). When Mr Jones came into that division seven years ago, they were told that he was a "carpet bagger," and that his character would probably go away with him. (Laughter). They had, however, the satisfaction of knowing that even if he was a "carpet bagger," he had not come across the Channel to seek a constituency like the other candidate, but had simply come across the country. He (the speaker) could not tell of a single man in any constituency in England who was more in sympathy with the Liberal cause than Mr Atherley-Jones. (Applause). He advocated all the points advocated in the Newcastle programme, and also the London programme. He therefore proposed that, as representing the Liberal party of North-West Durham, the Council should formally write Mr Atherley-Jones to become their candidate at the general election. (Cheers).

Mr H. CARSS (gentleman), in seconding the proposition, cordially endorsed everything that had been uttered concerning Mr Atherley-Jones. As an all-round Liberal, he did not know any gentleman in the north of England who would compare so favourably with their hon. member. They could not find a more superior person to emphasise their opinions or expound their views. (Applause.) There was only one defection in his principles, and that was on the subject of Women's Suffrage. (Hear, hear.) That was a point upon which Mr Atherley-Jones would have to be severely "heckled" when he came amongst his constituents. (Laughter.) How far the ladies might contemplate extending Women's Suffrage, he could not tell, but he (Mr Carss) contended that Mr Jones ought to go this far at present to allow all women who possessed the household franchise, and had the same qualifications as men entitled to the Parliamentary vote, to be placed on the register. (Applause.) That was the only logical and sensible conclusion he could arrive at. If the ladies should require something more later on, well, he would not stand in their way. In conclusion, Mr Carss promised to do his utmost to return Mr Atherley-Jones to Parliament. (Cheers.)

Miss GIBSON, as representing the North-West Durham Women's Liberal Association, thanked the council for the kind way in which they had received the Female Suffrage question. She explained that there had been a good deal of correspondence with Mr Atherley-Jones on the subject of Women's Suffrage, during the past few months, and although the hon. gentleman had firmly declined to support the Women's Franchise, he had since consented not to vote against the Bill. (Hear, hear.) With a little more pressure from his male constituents however, she believed that ultimately Mr Atherley-Jones would be induced to vote for Women's Suffrage. (Applause.)

Mr W. INDIAN (checkweighman), spoke in support of the candidature of Mr Jones, and said that as a Labour representative, Mr Atherley-Jones was equal to any of the Labour members in the House of Commons, although not directly connected with the Labour interest. (Applause.) Mr Atherley-Jones, as their representative in the Commons, knew their wants and requirements better than any other man. (Applause.)

Mr WM. MAUND (iron and steelworkers' delegate) averred that even if they had a Labour candidate of their own he would still vote for Mr Atherley-Jones, because he was in full sympathy with the iron and steelmaking, and also the mining classes. He (Mr Maund) had been a prominent Trades Unionist since he was 17 years of age, and although he acknowledged they had some able and capable men in their ranks, and without speaking derogeratory of their leaders, he believed that Mr Atherley-Jones was as good, if not better, than any of their own. (Applause.) During the past seven years Mr Jones had discharged his Parliamentary duties in an honest, noble, and straightforward manner. (Cheers.) Speaking conscientiously he preferred Mr Atherley-Jones to any other member. (More applause.)

Mr JOHN OLIVER (farmer) expressed his conviction that Mr Atherley-Jones was the strongest candidate they could obtain, inasmuch as he would receive the support of more Liberals than any other man—honestly more votes than a Labour candidate would secure. (Applause.) He (the speaker) was an advanced Radical, and there were very few agriculturalists indeed who would go so far as he did. There was hardly one farmer in fifty so Radical as himself; but these agriculturalists would vote for Mr Jones, but would not support a Labour candidate. To bring such a person forward would prove disastrous to the Liberal party in that division. He (Mr Oliver) yielded to no man in his love for the aspirations of labour; but he considered that Mr Atherley-Jones, the son of Ernest Jones, was sufficient guarantee that their candidate would continue, as in the past, to promote the interests of the working classes. (Cheers.)

Mr JAS. PALLISER (tradesman) expressed his sincere approval of the candidature of Mr Atherley-Jones, whose views on all questions coincided with his own. (Applause.)

Councillor J. W. WINTER (agent) spoke in a similar strain, and reminded the Liberal party that they had a stubborn battle to fight in that division. It was urged that Mr Jones came there without a character, but he had received a character at the hands of his opponents. (Laughter.) He knew that Mr Atherley-Jones's seat was safe. (Applause.) The Tories were aware that they could not win the contest; but said they intended to reduce the majority of nearly 2,000 votes recorded for Mr Jones at the last election. If the working classes in that constituency allowed the majority to be reduced, after observing Mr Atherley-Jones's seven years' work in the House of Commons, it would be a standing disgrace and an insult to their member. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that although Mr Atherley-Jones was prepared to carry out Radical reforms, he never attempted anything that was impracticable. If Mr Atherley-Jones first came amongst them as a carpet bagger, then he (Mr Orr) thought there was a great deal of credit to the electors of the division for their keen perceptive abilities, and proved that they were not going to be "fooled" by any person who came amongst them to seek their votes. (Applause.)

The proposal to accept Mr Atherley-Jones as the Liberal candidate for the division was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Some details as to carrying out the campaign were arranged, and brought the successful and enthusiastic proceedings to a close.

MEETING AT CONSETT.

On Tuesday night, a meeting of the supporters of Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones, the Liberal candidate for North-West Durham, was held in his central committee rooms, Trafalgar Street, Consett. There was a numerous and thoroughly representative attendance, under the presidency of Councillor J. W. Winter, of Leadgate. Amongst those present were—Messrs E. Foster, secretary of the Durham Cokemen's Association; William Maund, member of the Council of the Associated Iron and Steelworkers of Great Britain; J. Wildsmith, Consett Millmen's delegate; R. Gillespie, Consett Steelsmelters' secretary; W. Wheatley, Shotley Bridge; J. G. Cooke, Blackhill; J. R. Hall, Rowley; T. Walton, Leadgate; J. Thompson, Castleside; Jas. Daly and A. Struthers, Consett; J. A. Jack, Blackhill; J. Clark, Westwood; A. Brodie, Liberal secretary and registration agent; J. O'Connor, leader of the Irish party in Consett; &c.

The CHAIRMAN explained that the object of the meeting was to rally their forces and to thoroughly organise themselves with a view to the pending General Election. Although they might be perfectly certain in their own minds as to the result of the forthcoming contest, knowing that they had a good man and a noble cause to support, that ought not to restrict them in making every effort to return Mr Atherley-Jones again by an overwhelming majority. (Applause.) The Chairman urged that a complete and diligent canvass should be made, so that the Liberal party might poll their full forces, and let the opposing candidate (Mr John Dunville) see that his services were not required—at any rate not in this part of the globe. (Applause.)

A comprehensive general committee was chosen, with power to add to their number as desirable. The various polling districts were empowered to appoint their own committees, and it was announced that canvass books would be ready in a day or two. Local committee rooms had been arranged for at most places throughout the division. Other matters were arranged with the object of furthering the candidature of Mr Atherley-Jones.

Mr Atherley-Jones will commence his campaign in North-West Durham by addressing a public meeting of the electors, in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Monday evening first.

THE UNIONIST CANDIDATE.

Mr John Dunville, the Unionist candidate, is at present staying at Springfield, Shotley Bridge. Active preparations are in progress with the view of furthering his candidature.

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THE TEMPERANCE PARTY AND THE GENERAL ELECTION.

CONSETT.

In answer to a request from Lady Henry Somerset, the members of the Consett United Temperance Association held two monstre open-air demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday evenings, to bring before the people the necessity of only recording their votes at the forthcoming general election for those candidates who were fully pledged to support immediate and efficient Temperance legislation, and especially the direct popular veto, and entire Sunday-closing. The former meeting was held in the Square, John Street. The Consett Mission Band processioned the main streets of the town, and consequently drew a large concourse of people to the place of meeting. The chair was occupied by Mr G. D. Powell, Consett, who was supported on the platform by the Revs T. J. Watson (Primitive), T. Durant (Baptist), Consett; J. Charlton, Templetown, Councillor J. W. Winter, Leadgate, and G. T. Eggleston (secretary), Consett.

The CHAIRMAN, after expressing his pleasure at seeing such a gathering, stated that they were met together for a purpose. They were on the eve of another General Election, very soon fresh legislators would be appointed, and they had come out on that occasion, in answer to a request from Lady Henry Somerset, to ask the men of this town if the time had not arrived when they should have the direct popular veto and Sunday-closing. They wanted the electors to promise that they would not support any candidate at the forthcoming election, but what would support these measures. The drink traffic was the ruination of this country, and they wanted to put a stop to its course. The time had now arrived when such should be done, and for the people to rise up and say how such a traffic should be regulated. (Cheers.)

Coun. WINTER moved the following resolution:—

"Realizing that the present drinking customs are the main cause of irreligion, crime, poverty, and many other terrible social evils, which all true christians and patriots deplore, and that all moral suasion efforts must be ineffectual unless the abounding temptations to intemperance are removed, this meeting calls upon all christian electors to support only such Parliamentary candidates as will pledge themselves to support, in the House of Commons, entire Sunday-closing, and the direct popular veto." (Applause.)

He stated that they all knew the meaning of the resolution, and it did not mention any candidate who belonged to any particular party, but it asked them to support such candidates who would promise to support their measures in the House of Commons. (Applause.) The time had now come when this question should be settled, and it was one that the people of this land had to deal with. (Hear.) What they should do was to vote for the candidates for Parliament who would give them the best measures and the most freedom. (Applause.) They were indebted to temperance reformers for the good work that had been accomplished in the past, and which was now a great stimulus for them to carry on the work in the future. (Applause.) Their votes were of great importance, not only to themselves, but to the generation that came after them. The drink traffic was a great obstruction, and he would ask them as Englishmen, to use their votes in the right direction and have such a traffic removed. (Applause.) Having made reference to the heavy expenditure in the maintenance of the Sedgefield Lunatic Asylum, he went on to say that he held that the policemen of the town could reduce drunkenness by one half, if they only did their duty. If there was a mad dog in the town the police would very soon be after it in order to have it put down. If they did this, why did they not look after the people that filled the cursed stuff that created so much madness. (Applause.) He considered that the time had now arrived when the police should be put under the control of the ratepayers, and taken out of the hands of the Joint Committee of the Durham County Council. (Applause.) He hoped that they would see that the renovation was carried out, and that they would "heckle" the two candidates on the question during their campaign. (Cheers.)

Mr CHARLTON seconded the resolution, and remarked that he was a teetotaller of 25 years' standing, and thought that testimony was sufficient to prove that a working man could do without drink. (Applause.)

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

At the close of the proceeding, a young man named Grant, who had evidently indulged too freely in something stronger than tea, mounted the platform, and began to set forth the claims of the other side of the question, and remarked that he would allow every man a pint of liquor after a hard day's work. If it could be proved to him that a working man could do without drink and do his work, he would sign the pledge.

Rev T. DURANT then stepped forward, and in a practical speech gave the young man a thorough dressing, and fully proved that a working man could do his work better without strong drink.

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated. The Mission Band rendered several of their choice selections during the meeting.

The other demonstration took place on Sunday evening near the Fountain, Front Street. A few minutes before eight o'clock the various religious bodies assembled *en masse* at the top of Park Road, and marched in procession, headed by the Consett Mission Band to the Fountain, where fully 500 people were congregated together. In spite of the downpour of rain the large assemblage remained together, and seemed to be imbued with the same spirit that prompted Lady Henry Somerset, president of the British Women's Temperance Association, &c., to send forth the appeal throughout the country that it was time the conscience of the nation was aroused. This lady, in an address to the heads of all the various churches throughout England, says that those who are fighting intemperance, and who have found humanity's deepest needs are well aware that the drunkenness of the people—the national outcome of overwhelming temptation to vice—is the most serious obstacle to all moral and religious progress. Everywhere and every day we see strong drink robbing manhood of its prime, mothers of their motherhood, and children of life's springtime and joy. Throughout the Christian Church temperance work has been carried on for years; thousands have pleaded for a deliverance from evil; strong men have bowed, weeping and praying that temptation might be removed; women, whose hearts were formed for purity and sacred trusts, have cried for strength to be true to their nobler selves; and the voices of helpless children, whose sufferings, however, ignored on earth are hourly recorded in heaven, have ascended to the throne of God; and yet the evil remains to-day mocking us, thwarting us, humiliating us, producing misery, and inciting to crime. The very figures of our national drink bill stand an unanswerable witness to our national peril, and as the measure of our national disgrace for nearly half-a-century the pioneers of temperance reform—an agitation no less significant than the ante-starving movement—have prayed for legislation. They have felt that moral suasion was but a forerunner preparing the way for just laws, and have longed for the day when the power of self-protection should be placed in the hands of those who suffer most from the evils of the liquor traffic; when a direct veto on the issue and removal of licenses should be allowed to the inhabitants of every locality. For this legislation the time is fully ripe, and Lady Somerset closes the address with a pleading that all citizens may be taught the sacredness of the trust which God gives to every man who records a vote, seeing that he must vote either for or against the emancipation of his race from a terrible and grinding tyranny. On this occasion the chair was occupied by Mr G. T. Eggleston, and was supported by several well-known temperance workers.

Rev THOS. DURANT proposed the following resolution:—

"Being convinced that the temptations to drink, presented by the abounding licensed facilities, is the greatest factor in thwarting the efforts of ministers of religion, Sunday-school teachers, and all social reformers, and that it is contrary to all right principals of Government to license, and derive revenue from a system that is antagonistic to the religious, social, and material well-being of the people, this meeting hereby resolves to use every effort at the forthcoming general election to return only such members to Parliament as are prepared to vote and work, for measures giving the people the power, by direct vote to remove these temptations and enacting imperial Sunday-closing."

This was seconded by the Rev T. J. WATSON, and supported by Mr T. G. GOLIGHTLY (Castleside), Rev E. W. JENKINS, Highgate, and Capt. KAPIER, of the Consett 48th Corp of the Salvation Army.

The resolution was put and declared to be carried unanimously, after which the proceedings terminated.

TOW LAW.

At Tow Law a meeting was held in the Auction Mart, (lent by Councillor Vickers), when addresses were delivered by Mr Brewer, W.C.M. (chairman), Mr James Davis (Peases' West), and Mr George Watson, (Tow Law).

ESH COLLIERY.

On Saturday afternoon, a temperance demonstration, under the auspices of the "Waterhouses and District Total Abstinence Association," was arranged to be held in a field (by kind permission of Messrs Pease and Partners) at Esh, but the weather was so unpropitious that the company adjourned to the Baptist Church, where addresses were delivered in favour of "Sunday Closing," "Direct Veto", and against "Compensation", by Messrs Potts, R. Taylor, J. Davis (Billy Row), Walker, J. Taylor, M'Millan (Sunderland), Fitzpatrick, J. Barron, and others. Mr Thomas Binns, missionary, presided. Open-air meetings had also been held every night during the week.

WATERHOUSES.

On Friday night, a public meeting was held near to the Miners' Institute, Waterhouses, by the Temperance Prohibition Society, and was but sparsely attended by the inhabitants. Mr Jas. Patrick was in the chair. Addresses were delivered by Messrs McMillan, (Northern Agent Temperance League), Davison, Binn, and others.

Mr DAVISON referred his hearers in a most emphatic manner to an assembly of brewers, who persistently met for the purpose of extending and protecting the Licensed Victuallers' trade in opposition to the wishes of the public. These men engaged in that business were guilty of crime beyond limit. It had a tendency to shorten life—(shame)—and undermined intelligence, destroying altogether men's constitutions. If allowed to go on they could not conceive what measure of degradation one would be subject to. Go where they might, and under what conditions, they could trace this venemous line in all classes of society. Guy Fawkes had been arrested for attempting to perpetrate a national disaster, for which he was put to death. These men were pursuing a similar course, making their country a scene of devastation, of civil and moral disaster. Still this traffic was allowed to exist. Suppose a host of parasites living here, and passing through life unchallenged, how long would they consent to this drinking custom, and be abbettors to their own shame? Would they continue slaves to their own passions, and aggressors to all that was lovely in nature, and support a system of evil, crushing all that was good and pure? Their enemies had had their say in the bluntest fashion. He appealed to them as citizens who dwell on Britain's land to decide, not as individuals, but as a people. Take observation of these pony characters who appear before you with pleasing expression, who repudiate principles of truth and justice, and not leave it in the hands of the titled few. They possessed the power which they ought to exercise. Remember, upon them rested the responsibility of their future welfare.

Mr MCMILLAN said he wished to give them something to consider, talk about, advocate, and examine. He did not fear but what the conclusion they came to would be right. Lord Nelson had on one occasion disobeyed orders, the signal given was not adhered to, he had placed the glass to the wrong eye. There were glasses for the body as well as the mind. Some wore glasses that they might see, others that they might not see—His Lordship had placed his glass on his blind eye—but achieved a glorious victory or would have been shot. If, as Liberals or Conservatives they applied these spectacles in a similar way nothing in the world could change the colour of things. They had an eye-opener to dispose of at a cheap rate. He thought if it were possible to induce them as workmen to consider their own best interests a great victory would be gained. A great waste was going on in the country, millions of money spent without anything being returned. He urged them to consider the Liberal programme before the time of dissolution. He referred them to the game laws as ruining the country, through which the country was losing £10,000,000 every year. A gentleman in Cleveland was in receipt of £50,000 from royalty rents, but returned nothing back. He thought he had no right to the money. Hundreds of individuals were suffering in the country from injustice of land laws, which to a large extent was causing the unprofitable condition of trade. The country lost £40,000,000 of money attributable to the land laws, 10,000,000 to the game laws, composing a total of 50,000,000 through two bad laws. The work-people often blamed other folks for the condition in which they found themselves, but if placed on the right shoulders a considerable big lump must rest on themselves. The amount of mineral brought from beneath the surface in this country in a raw state had been valued at £90,000,000, when manufactured into goods its value amounted to £200,000,000. How came that change? He doubted whether anyone could tell him the cost of pig iron per ton. It was something like £2 10s, but when manufactured into a girder to form construction of railway bridges it was enhanced to £6 in value. He possessed a sewing machine, a deal of which had been made from pig iron at £2 10s per ton, when turned into machinery was sold at a rate of £6 10s. The steel pen he held in his hand originally made from pig iron, and bought by him at a shilling a gross, had reached the enormous value of £568 per ton. Had they robbed him? He saw workmen down in Cleveland rooting the hills like so many rabbits, and digging out ironstone and limestone, which were conveyed on the railway companies' lines from one place to another. Then they took coke from here to these furnaces, into which limestone is put, employing skilled workmen both on the railway and in Weardale limestone quarries. These wages, of course, were very expensive. Then taken into account the construction by machinery, manipulating it into form with more coke and coal to produce fine steel by the process of rolling mills and flattening it out in fine sheets to make it complete for the people to write with. Though they pay £50 odd for it, still they get fair value for their money. These wages in consequence return to the workmen's pockets. He (the speaker) had seen a machine capable of doing a great amount of work, and, owing to its usefulness was of immense value, amounting to £2,000, which, when in its raw state, was only worth £5; but the wages paid to workmen added greatly to its value. Such trades was filling the mouths of their children and homes with many comforts, benefiting all classes. The liquor trade was alleged to be carried on for the advantage of the people. Money spent in that business helps to break down other trades. Each Englishman annually spends upon an average £4 1s, which is in excess of both Scotchmen or Irishmen. It means that in the last twelve years, had a man saved or properly spent it, he would have had £50. The money spent in beer was largely due to the disastrous strike. Without counting the interest or principal and saving the amount, spending £25 on goods for the household, they would necessarily have been richer. Keeping £25 in their pockets he doubted very much if their employers would have sought any reduction. They asked it because they knew the majority had spent their earnings and would be begging off their neighbours, and in consequence would return to work at any price they chose to offer. In Cleveland he was told the Durham owners had decided to allow their workmen to live in their houses rent free. They did not consider that big families of five or six workers in one house were paying rent all the year round. Had it not been the case they would have evicted them. They dare not do it. Had the workmen any money the masters would not have allowed them to come out at all. Instead of living in those miserable huts, as workmen, they should possess houses of their own. Why pay the publicans' rent, who pocket the money, which, if saved, in a few years, would enable them to live in their own houses? The money spent in drink during the last 40 years financially speaking, had swallowed the value of the whole country, which, if used in a proper way, would have produced £310 to every individual family in Great Britain. Some people said money was made round and ought to go round, but when it got into the pocket of the brewer or publican it stopped, and they gradually made enough out of the poverty-striken people who called them excellent, and rewarded them by sending them to the House of Lords. £140,000,000 was spent in the liquor traffic, which does not increase trade, but was mischievous and tended to keep men idle. Men engaged in the liquor trade did not intend to let it go, which shows they were indignant to the interests of work people, by which practice they destroy the health and the morals of the people. He asked them to renounce the traffic, as they were practically robbing the nation. They urged upon them as a temperance party, who sought the interests of the people, did not believe in the peopled brewers nor Conservatism, but as a Liberal measure, call upon them to consider and make their point at the general election. The meeting then dispersed.

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NORTH-WEST DURHAM ELECTION, 1892.

NOTICE.

I, THE undersigned, being the appointed Election Agent for JOHN D. DUNVILLE, a Candidate at the above Election, hereby give notice that, in view of the Provisions of the Act, 46 and 47 Vict., C. 51, the said Candidate will not be answerable or accountable for any payment for goods supplied, services rendered, or expenses incurred by any person acting, or claiming to act, on his behalf, unless such purchase, service, or expense has been previously authorised in writing under my hand (or is incurred by a duly appointed Sub-Agent acting within the limits of my authority).

(Signed) J. G. MURRAY.
Mount Pleasant, Consett.

Dated June 22nd, 1892. 673i

NORTH-WEST DURHAM PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION, 1892.

JOHN D. DUNVILLE, Esq.

(UNIONIST CANDIDATE)

will ADDRESS the following MEETINGS during the ensuing Week:—

MONDAY, June 27th.—School-room, Lanchester, at Seven p.m.

TUESDAY, June 28th—School-room, Burnhope, at Seven p.m.

WEDNESDAY, June 29th.—Assembly Hall, Langley Park, at Seven p.m.

THURSDAY, June 30th. — Temperance Hall, Medomsley, at Seven p.m.

FRIDAY, July 1st.—The Green, Cornsay Village, at Six p.m.

Do Do —School-room, Satley, at 7·30 p.m.

SATURDAY, July 2nd.—The Green, Edmondbyers, at Three p.m.

Do. Do. — Board School, Castleside, at Seven p.m.

676i JOHN G. MURRAY, Election Agent.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM.

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS.

AN EXAMINATION will be held during the week commencing July 18th, 1892, for awarding FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS of £30 a-year each, and TWO SCHOLARSHIPS of £60 a-year each.

Full particulars now ready, with forms of application, which must be filled up and returned so as to be delivered by Eleven a.m. on WEDNESDAY, July 6th, 1892, to

J. A. L. ROBSON, County Education Secretary.

16, Silver Street, Durham. 657i

CONSETT INDUSTRIAL & PROVIDENT SOCIETY, LIMITED.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING will be held on Saturday Evening, July 2nd, 1892, in the Co-operative Hall, Chair to be taken at 6·30 p.m., when the following Business will be brought forward for consideration:—

1.—Minutes of Last Quarterly Meeting.
2.—Minutes of Special Meeting.
3.—Minutes of Committee for past Quarter.
4.—Report and Balance Sheet.—General.
5.— " " —Farm.
6.—Election of Three Committee-men.
7.—Election of one Auditor.
8.—Co-operative Demonstration at Tynemouth.
9.—The Reading Room at Westwood.
10.—Re-Subscription to the Agricultural Show at Shotley Bridge.
11.—Miscellaneous Business.

The Members' Share Books will be balanced and given out on and after the 4th July, 1892.

N.B.—All the places of Business will be closed for the Employees' Trip all day on June 29th.

The EDUCATIONAL QUARTERLY MEETING will be held in the Co-operative Hall, on Monday Evening, July 4th, 1892, at Seven o'clock, when the following Business will be considered:—

1.—Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting.
2.—Minutes of Committee for past Quarter.
3.—Report and Balance Sheet.
4.—Sale of Papers and Magazines by Auction.
5.—Miscellaneous Business.
6.—Mr W. S. Davies will give his Report—Re Co-operative Congress at Rochdale. 554i

Public Notices.

LOOK OUT for BRASS BAND CONTEST, on August 27th, 1892, at West Stanley. £60 in PRIZES.

For particulars, apply THOMAS COWEN, Secretary, 62, West Stanley, R.S.O., Co. Durham. 643i

NOTICE.—A LEEK AND VEGETABLE SHOW will be held at the Pack Horse Inn, Crookgate, on Saturday, October 24th, 1892, when upwards of £12 will be given in Prizes. Closing Meeting, July 16th, 1892. Distance, 2½ Miles.—For further particulars apply to the Secretary, THOMAS CLARK, High Row, Marley Hill, R.S.O. 668i

WESLEYAN METHODIST NEW CHURCH AND SCHOOLS, &c., MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT.

THE FOUNDATION and MEMORIAL STONES will be LAID on WEDNESDAY, July 13th. 558i

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

HALF-DAY EXCURSION TO NEWCASTLE AND TYNEMOUTH.

ON SATURDAY, the 25th of June, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Consett at 2·30 p.m (with Bookings from Shotley Bridge and Ebchester), for NEWCASTLE and TYNEMOUTH.

See Bills.

Superintendent's Office, Newcastle. 661i

Sales by Auction.

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

MONDAY, JUNE 27TH, 1892.

8 Fat Cattle.
70 Prime Fat Sheep.
30 Prime Fat Lambs.
A number of Prime Veal and Keeping Calves.
Pork and Store Pigs.
A number of S.H. Cows and Heifers, calved and to calve.
Young Stock, Geld Cows, and Keeping Sheep.
1 New Coup Cart, 2 Sets of Cart Harness, 1 Set of Pony Gig Harness.
Stackyard Ladders, Hay Rakes, Poultry, &c.

Sale at One o'clock.

681i J. S. MURRAY.

LEADGATE, COUNTY OF DURHAM.

VALUABLE

BUSINESS & OTHER PREMISES

GAS AND WATER SHARES, FOR SALE.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the House of Mr. THOMAS S. LONGSTAFF, Masons' Arms, Leadgate, on Wednesday, June 29th, 1892, at 3 for 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, prompt.

Mr. J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

Lot 1.—A COPYHOLD HOUSE, consisting of Seven Rooms and BUTCHER'S SHOP and SLAUGHTER HOUSE, with STABLE and usual Out-buildings behind, situate in Front Street, Leadgate, as now occupied by Mr Edward Todd, at the Yearly Rent of £35.

The above Premises are Built of Stone, and Slated, and occupy a good Business position in Leadgate.

Lot 2.—All that FREEHOLD MESSUAGE OR DWELLING-HOUSE, situate at Leadgate, known as "Clifton House," as lately occupied by Tirzah Ann Todd, consisting of Seven Rooms, Built of Stone, and Slated, with Large Yard, Stable, and Wash-house and other Conveniences, behind the same.

All that FREEHOLD MESSUAGE OR DWELLING-HOUSE adjoining the last-mentioned Messuage, as lately occupied by Andrew White, consisting of Three Rooms.

Lot 3.—A Valuable COPYHOLD BUILDING SITE, now used as Garden Ground situate at Leadgate aforesaid, containing 600 Square Yards, and having a Frontage of 90 Feet towards the Main Road from Leadgate to Newcastle, as now occupied by Mr. Edward Todd.

Lot 4.—21 B SHARES IN SHOTLEY BRIDGE & CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

Lot 5.—36 CONSETT WATER SHARES.

For further particulars apply to the AUCTIONEER, or to Mr. EDWARD TODD, Leadgate (who will show the above Properties), or to

MR. BOOTH, Solicitor, Shotley Bridge.

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,

AUCTIONEER, AGRICULTURAL VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

Appointed by His Honour JUDGE METNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

SPECIAL SALE (by request) of STORE CATTLE and SHEEP, Thursday, June 30th, 1892. Present entries—

3 S.H. Bull Stirks.
20 Farrow Cows.
150 to 200 Steers and Heifers, various ages.
A number of Keeping Sheep, all classes, including special consignments of 150 Black-faced Wethers, 2 and 3 yrs. old.

Further entries solicited.

Ballot drawn Wednesday Evening.

See "Daily Journal" and "Northern Echo" of Tuesday and Wednesday for further particulars.

Sale at 12 noon.

682i J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, June 27th, 1892.—50 to 70 Dairy Cows and Heifers, 22 Fat Cattle, including a consignment from the Weardale Iron and Coal Co., Limited, 125 Fat Sheep and Lambs; 6 Store Cattle; 9 Finger Calves, and 6 Young Pigs.

Entries to day of Sale.

Sale at 12 Noon.

688i J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

By Mr. John Crawford.

John Crawford's Sale Rooms, 6, 13, & 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL at the above Rooms, on Monday, July 4th, a lot of Valuable Mahogany and other FURNITURE, &c. Sale to commence at One o'clock.

Anyone disposing of their Furniture can have it Sold at the above Sale, or at any time. 686i

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, AUCTIONEER, VALUER, HOUSE and LAND AGENT, is prepared to execute all orders for AGRICULTURAL, PROPERTY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE SALES on reasonable terms, prompt settlement. Appointed by his Honour Judge Meynell, to levy distress for Rent under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Furniture bought for Cash.

Sale Office: 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 542i

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

Front Street, Annfield Plain.—Saturday and Monday, July 2nd and 4th, 1892.

MR. A PHILLIPSON is favoured with instructions from ROBERT ALLEN, Esq., Chartered Accountant, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Trustee under deed of assignment—of the estate of Mr John Ledger, of Annfield Plain, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date, the whole of the STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c., comprising a large and varied stock of Hardware, Tin Goods, Ladies' Bags, Baskets, and Fancy Articles, large assortment of Oilcloth, Window Curtains, quantity of Crockery and Glass Ware, Paints and Varnish, Oil Tank, Pit Oil and Casks; Shop Fixtures, Counter, Scales and Weights, two Patent Wringers, full size, Four-Wheeled Wagon (sold on Monday) and Harness, and other useful lots of great variety.

See Bills for Particulars.

Sale to begin each day at 2 o'clock, and continued in the evening if necessary. 664i

SPECIAL EMIGRATION OFFICE, &c.

A. PHILLIPSON, Dipton, by Lintz Green Station. AUCTION SALES will be conducted in the best style, and upon most reasonable terms. LETTERS by Post will have prompt attention, and all Sorts of GOODS, FURNITURE &c., can be bought right out for Cash.

Sales by Auction.

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

Monday, July 4th, 1892.—Victoria Sale-Rooms Consett.—Sale of Mahogany, and other Household Furniture, Fine-toned Pianoforte, and other Effects.

MESSRS. A. & R. J. BRODIE are instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett, on Monday, July 4th, 1892, the Superior Household FURNITURE including Handsome Walnut Sideboard; Excellent Lobby Drawers; Kitchen Press; Mahogany and other Chairs; Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Mattresses; Bedroom Drawers; Dressing Chests; Feather and Down Beds; Pots, Pans, Earthenware, and a great variety of Miscellaneous lots. Also, Fine-toned Iron-Framed Pianoforte.

Also, a quantity of superior Household Furniture, removed from Benfieldside, including Tables Chairs, Iron Bedsteads and Mattresses, Clock, and a full Set of Joiners' Tools, &c.

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

FOR SALE, 10 Consett Iron SHARES, £3 paid.—Apply, A. Brodie, Town Hall, Consett.

FOR SALE, by Private Treaty, 3 Four-roomed HOUSES in South View, Templetown; 2 COTTAGES in Pitt and John Streets to pay 12 Per Cent.—Apply A. Brodie, Town Hall, Consett.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—A. & R. J. BRODIE Auctioneers and Valuers, Town Hal Consett, undertake the SALE OF PROPERTY of every description either by PUBLIC AUCTION or otherwise, on reasonable terms. FORTNIGHTLY SALES held every Pay Monday, at the Victoria Sale-Rooms, in which Furniture or other Goods can be included, or if preferred, will be Purchased for Cash. Bailiffs under the Agricultural Holdings Act, and under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

Accident Assurance.—Assurance against Accidents of every kind in the following Offices, noted for prompt settlement of claims—Scottish Accident Assurance Company, Imperial Union Accident Assurance Company.

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

Maiden Law, near Lanchester.—Wednesday, June 29th, 1892.

MR G. R. HOBSON is instructed by Mr Matthew Wake, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION the whole of his SURPLUS STOCK of CATTLE, SHEEP, HORSES, &c., including—

9 Store Cattle, 1 to 2 years old.
2 Incalving Cows.
1 Geld Cow.
10 Mule Hoggs.
3 Fat Sheep and 3 Fat Lambs.
1 Mare, with Foal at Foot, 16 h.h., 9 years old.
1 Dun Pony, 13·3 h.h., 9 years old.
1 Brown Cob, 14·3 h.h., 6 years old.
2 Young Pigs.

Entries accepted to-day of sale.
Sale at Two p.m.
Sale Office, Catchgate, Lintz Green. 672i

By Messrs. A. T. & E. A. Crow.

Healeyfield Lead Mines, within a short Distance of Consett, Blackhill and Rowley Railway Stations, N.E.R.

MESSRS A. T. & E. A. CROW have been honoured with instructions from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of England, to SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, 29th June, 1892, the Valuable

MINING PLANT AND MACHINERY.

which is in splendid order, many of the Lots being nearly New, viz:—

Double Cylinder Winding Engine, 30in. Cyls., 2ft. Stroke; 44in. Cyl. Pumping Engine, 9in. Stroke, with W.I. Beam; 12 in. Cyl. Engine, 2ft. Stroke; Flywheel 8ft. Diameter; 68 Tons Flat Bottomed Rails, about 18lbs; Donkey Pump, 2in. Diameter, Double Acting, 14in. Stroke; 3 Cornish Boilers, 2-33ft. and 20ft. 6in. long x 6ft. and 5ft. 6in.; Fan and Fan Engine, 12in. Cylinder, 24in. Stroke, Flywheel 8ft. Diameter; 25ft. W.I. Quadrant, with Connecting Rod, 27ft. long; 3 Double-Geared Hand Winches; 20 Iron Tip Wagons; 2 Sets 12in. and 14in. Diameter Pumps, with Bucket and Clack pieces, and Wood Boxes complete; a splendid Lot of Pitch Pine Spears, with Plates and Bolts complete; 40 Fathoms W.I. Air Boxes; W.I. Cage; 70 Fathoms 2¼in. and 2¾in. Wire Rope; 6 W.I. Sinking Kibbles; Pole Wagons; Carts; Timber Bogies; 4 Trams; Tip Wagons; 500 Sleepers; Stone Crusher, 9in. x 15in. Jaws, with Pair Crushing Rolls; 9-12in. x 11ft. Pumps, with Windbore 12in.; 40ft., 18ft., 12ft, and 7ft Water Wheels, with Jiggers, Classifiers, and Main Breakers; 4 Winding Pullies; Pit Head Gearing, Staging, and Gangways; Wooden Erections; Stables, and Loose Boxes; the contents of Blacksmiths' and Joiners' Shops, Offices, and General Stores.

Sale to commence at 12 for One o'clock precisely.

Descriptive Catalogues may be obtained from the Auctioneers, 33, West Sunniside, Sunderland, on application, free of charge.

Rowley Station is a short distance from place of Sale. 616i

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

Business Announcements.

THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT
BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY
TOWN HALL CONSETT.
SHARES MAY BE TAKEN ANY DAY
Advances made on Freehold or Copyhold Property
Money received on Loan at 4 Per Cent. Interest, repayable at Three Months' notice.
ADAM BRODIE, F.S.A., F.A.I., Actuary and Public (Incorporated) Accountant, Secretary

GLENDENNING'S BEEF & MALT WINE,

Composed of Liebig's Extract of Beef, Kepler's Malt Extract, and old Port Wine. It is therefore a concentrated nutritive digestive food, blood-making, flesh-forming, and strengthening. Of the utmost value to children, invalids, and those who require strength.

Price: 3s. 9d. Per Bottle; 2s. Per Half-Bottle.

Prepared only by W. Glendenning, Newcastle.

LOCAL AGENTS:—
CONSETT.—RICHARD MURRAY, WINE MERCHANT. T. D. DRYDEN & Co., FRONT STREET. THOMAS MILNER, CHEMIST.
WITTON GILBERT.—J. HODGSON, STATION HOTEL.
MEDOMSLEY.—R. M. RUTHERFORD, ROYAL OAK HOTEL.
DIPTON.—ROBERT ARMSTRONG, WINE MERCHANT.
STANLEY.—WM. CHARLTON, STANLEY HOTEL.
ANNFIELD PLAIN.—WM. TAYLOR, RAILWAY HOTEL.
BURNOPFIELD.—WM. STONES, BURTON HOUSE.
TANFIELD.—JOHN IRWIN, PACK HORSE INN.
BLACKHALL MILL.—T. ARMSTRONG, WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT.
SOUTH MOOR.—R. DIXON, THE OAK INN.
TOW LAW.—J. MOSES, POST OFFICE, HIGH STREET.
LEADGATE.—JOHN SNAITH, QUEEN'S HEAD HOTEL. 869b

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
N.B.—A Large Stock of New and Second-hand WATCHES Gold & Silver GUARDS ALBERTS &c., on Sale at the Lowest Prices!
SEE THAT YOU GET TO THE RIGHT SHOP—No. 12.
OBSERVE PROJECTING ILLUMINATED CLOCK OVER WINDOW. 739

Late Advertisement.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

MR. L. A. ATHERLEY-JONES

Will ADDRESS the ELECTORS of the Division as follows:—

CONSETT—New Town Hall, Monday, June 27th
ESH COLLIERY—Tuesday, June 28th.
ANNFIELD PLAIN—Wednesday, June 29th.
DIPTON—Thursday, June 30th.
LEADGATE—Friday, July 1st.
STANLEY—Saturday, July 2nd.
EAST HEDLEYHOPE—Monday, July 4th.
TANTOBIE—Tuesday, July 5th.
ALLENDALE COTTAGES—Thursday, 7th.

Full particulars in Bills, or from
ADAM BRODIE,
Election Agent,
Town Hall, Consett.

WEATHER CHART FOR JUNE.

Mr B. G. Jenkins, F.R.A.S., London, gives the following as the probable weather for this month:—A rather wet month. The first half of the month experiences a high barometer with fine weather; the last is generally wet, with brighter weather round the 18th and 28th. The heavy rains produce floods. In North Britain more unsettled and colder weather. Thunderstorms about the 16th and 26th. Temperature.—The unsettled weather gives a very unsteady thermometer. High temperatures round the 9th, 16th, and 26th; cooler weather about the 13th, 18th, 23rd, and 29th. After the 13th the general tendency of the thermometer is upward into July. Readings of 80 deg. will probably be experienced about the 9th and 25th. Rain.—Three inches; chiefly about 2nd, 11th, 17th, 22nd, and 27th. heavy on 3rd, 17th, and 23rd. [Average rainfall: London, 2·5 in.; Glasgow, 2·8 in.; B. Isles, 2·4 in.] Prevailing Winds.—S.W., N.W., and S.E. Westerly winds predominate.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

Letters for insertion should reach us not later than Wednesday mornings.

J. Osman.—Your letter in reply to Mr Clark cannot be inserted. Mr Clark opened the debate and had the right to the final reply, which appeared in our last issue.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, June 24th, 1892.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[By "Incedo."]

CONSETT PARK.

The advent of "leafy June" has brought about a pleasing transformation scene within the borders of the Consett Park. The meadow grass, which forms a carpet of the richest green on both sides of the winding walks and promenades, is now growing in great profusion, the sameness of the hue being relieved by the beautiful heads of wild daisies, which, like things of life, seek to rise above the surrounding verdure. I had a pleasing stroll around the enclosure on the forenoon of Tuesday last, and on that day an air of peace and tranquility rested upon every bush and twig. Kindly nature seemed to have bestowed her richest favours on every plant and tree—glossy leaves growing not on branches only, but adorning in many instances the trunks of the saplings. The old trees, which with singular good taste have been allowed to stand in the park, have shared in the gifts that come in the train of summer's queen, even the old thorn tree which occupies a post of honour near the centre of the grounds, and close to one of the seats, is so rich in foliage that its branches and leaves form an impenetrable cluster through which the sky above is virtually undiscernable. In this shady retreat a colony of sparrows were having a right royal carnaval on Tuesday. There was a rare musical festival in the top of that thorn tree, and as the performers were hidden from mortal sight the interest was, of course, correspondingly increased. Being passionately fond of music I tarried awhile and listened to the concert. Often and on many occasions have I played the *role* of musical critic; but neither tongue nor pen could convey even the shadow of an idea of the sounds which issued from that thorn tree. During my stay two or three of the performers sallied from the bosom of the tree and fluttering for a moment immediately over my head rejoined the company, with the tidings no doubt that the efforts of the choristers were not being wasted on the desert air. Such a tale, assuming that these sparrow scouts could have carried it, would have been quite in order, for I really enjoyed the unsophisticated sounds that came from the top of that thorn tree—my habits being simple, and my wants few.

IMPROVEMENTS.

I noted with satisfaction that a number of workmen were engaged forming an extensive flower bed on a gentle eminence near the south entrance to the park, and from the promenade by which it will be surrounded a very fine view will be obtained of the grounds below. Curiously enough, the first impression conveyed to my mind on seeing the men digging was that they were so many sextons, an idea born no doubt by reading an announcement over a gateway near the entrance to the park, that coffins could be had on the shortest possible notice. This turned my thoughts into a contemplative mood, as it occurred to me that I once read a notice in the window of an undertaker, in which it was set forth that second-hand coffins could be obtained from two shillings each upward,—hence the sepulchral train of thought to which I have just referred. But the assurance of the workmen that they were engaged in the formation of a flower bed at once dispelled the passing thoughts of coffins, graves, and sextons. Other men were engaged mowing grass, which will doubtless be taken to the market-place and sold to defray expenses. The end of the park adjoining Blackhill is by far the most attractive, but the improvements being carried into effect at the Consett end will, when completed, conduce to equalise the *locale* of the attractions. I had occasion to refer a few weeks ago to the almost entire absence in the park of hardy annuals and bi-annuals, and need not, therefore, revert to the subject, as I pointed out pretty clearly what could be done on the lines indicated—supporting my contention by a practical illustration of what had been achieved in a new park and on less fertile soil than the verdant slope dividing Blackhill from Consett.

THE BANDSTAND.

Hereby hangs a tale; but it is happily not a long tale, nor a tale of woe. The structure named is quite an ornament to the park, the colour of the roof harmonising well with the shade with which the works are covered. It is true that a "concert of sweet sounds" has seldom issued from between the pillars by which it is supported; but that is purely the natural outcome of circumstances, for as Wordworth wisely puts it:—

"Disasters, do the best we can,
Will reach both great and small."

The band denominated the Consett Iron Company's Workmen's Band died a natural death, and its ghost haunts me to this hour.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

Colonel Eden, Chief-Constable, paid his first official visit to Consett on Monday, the men of the division being on special parade in the barracks for the gallant Colonel's inspection.

On Wednesday, the members of the Consett Primitive Chapel Choir had their annual excursion and picnic to Hexham, the party being conveyed thither in two brakes.

A Generous Act.—On Saturday and Monday, Mr James Frosdick, billposter, &c., who is the owner of certain property in the town, whilst collecting his rents, deducted a certain sum from each of his tenants' books, making the rent of their houses to be about one half the usual amount during the period of the late miners' strike.

General Election.—From our advertising column it will be seen that Mr Atherley-Jones will commence his electoral campaign by addressing the electors in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Monday first, the 28th June. This meeting to be followed by others throughout the division.

The Half-day Holiday Movement.—The Wednesday half-day holiday amongst grocers seems to be gaining ground. Mr Swainston, grocer, of Middle Street, Consett, announces, in another column, his intention to close his shop every Wednesday at noon.

By reference to another column it will be seen that the Durham County Council, under their new technical instruction scheme, are offering for competition three classes of scholarships, technical day scholarships for girls or boys, under 14 years of age, now attending, or who have left, an elementary school, and who desire to take up their education at a grammar or other secondary school, and county scholarships of two classes, each class being for either males or females. Class A, of the value of £30 a-year, tenable at any school or institution in the county of Durham supplying approved technical instruction, and Class B, of the value of £60 a-year, tenable at any college or institution in the kingdom providing higher technical instruction. To those who are awake to their own interests the advantages of such scholarships as the above are too obvious to need pointing out.

BLACKHILL.

A Durham Emigrant in Pennsylvania.—Mr J. A. Barron, of Blackhill, who emigrated in 1892, has settled in Pennsylvania, and reports favourably of the home of his adoption in a letter addressed to Mr W. H. Robinson, bookseller, Newcastle. He settled in the town of Priceburg, and carried on business there as "a dealer in groceries, hardware, dry goods, and notions." He says there is very profitable employment for capital in Pennsylvania, and good openings for farmers, as a well-cultivated farm of 125 acres can be bought for £500. Mr Barron has sent to Mr Robinson an order for 100 copies of Messrs Allan's Tyneside songs. It seems the volume is in great request in the mining districts of Pennsylvania.

STANHOPE.

About £300 has been subscribed by the people to the Stanhope Health Resort Association Relief Fund, which had been paid in wages to the unemployed during the Durham miners' strike in improving, opening out, and beautifying Stanhope Burn Wood. The Stanhope limestone quarrymen have been off work more or less for about 15 weeks, and as yet they have only partial work. At Parson Byers quarry the men have had two days this week. At Newlandside they also have had two days, the first for 15 weeks. At the Ashes quarry the men have been working half-time a few weeks. At the Frosterley quarries a similar state of things has occurred, and the Durham miners' strike will long be remembered.

IVESTON.

Wesleyan Anniversary.—On Sunday, the anniversary services in connection with the Iveston Wesleyan Sunday-school, Iveston, were conducted, morning, afternoon, and evening, by Mr T. Cowey, of Annfield Plain. There were good congregations at each service, and recitations, dialogues, &c., were very creditably rendered by the children. On Monday night, the annual public meeting and tea was held, when addresses were delivered by Messrs T. Cowey, Annfield Plain, and G. Buckham, Lanchester. Collections were taken after each service in aid of the Sunday-school fund.

LANCHESTER.

A Thunderstorm.—On Friday, shortly after noonday, a most severe storm of hail and rain, accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning, and heavy brattles of thunder, passed over Lanchester and the vicinity. The house of a miner located in Victoria Terrace, Lanchester, was struck by the lightning, the roof and chimney being almost demolished. The lightning made its escape by means of the downcomer, and fortunately none of the inmates of the house were any the worse, with the exception of a severe shock to the nerves. A sheep and two lambs grazing in a field were killed by the lightning, which also frightened a foal belonging to Mr Pallister, in a field adjoining Victoria Terrace, causing it to gallop away, and breaking its leg.

Marriage.—On Tuesday morning, the marriage was solemnised at the Parish Church, Lanchester, between Mr Jos. Walton, grocer, and Miss Hannah Parker, only daughter of Mr Geo. Parker, The Deanery, land steward to Mr Fawcett, of Durham. In the absence of the vicar (Rev F. W. Glyn), who is from home, the Rev A. Watts, Rector of Witton Gilbert, performed the ceremony. There was a large number of people present in the edifice. Mr A. Edwards acted as best man, and Miss J. Bolam was the bridesmaid. The bride was given away by Mr W. Brotherhood. A good company partook of a wedding breakfast at The Deanery, after which the newly-married pair left at 1·30 for Harrogate, to spend the honeymoon. There was a lot of useful presents.

CROOK.

Wesleyan Circuit.—The quarterly meeting of Crook circuit was held on Tuesday—Rev W. Fern presiding, supported by Rev C. Lumsden and Mr F. Uttley.—Although a decrease has taken place all round, the circuit must congratulate itself that the decrease is so small considering the recent strike. The number of members was reported to be 1,193, a decrease of 12, with 20 on trial. The total income had been £86 9s 10d, against £97 19s 5d expenditure.—Rev W. Fern received a most hearty vote in recognition of his labours during the past three years.—It was resolved that the stewards endeavour to secure Rev Chesters as superintendent, and that Mr Philpotts be secured if possible for Waterhouses.

United Temperance Demonstration.—On Tuesday evening, a largely-attended open-air meeting was held in the Market Square, Crook. Although under the auspices of the Crook Wesleyan Society, the speakers represented the various Nonconformist bodies of the town. Rev W. Lumsden, of Willington, was in the chair.—On the motion of Rev A. Graham-Barton (Baptist), seconded by Rev W. Titterington (Moravian), a resolution was passed urging upon all candidates for Parliament to support the Sunday closing and adopt the direct popular veto.—On the motion of Rev W. Murray, M.A. (Presbyterian), seconded by Mr J. Vicars Walton (Wesleyan), a resolution was carried calling upon all Christian churches and social reformers to unite in securing the prohibition of the liquor traffic.—Mr Pepperdine moved, and Mr I. Walton seconded, a vote of thanks to the chairman and speakers.

BURNHOPE.

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—On Sunday, two sermons were preached in this place of worship at Burnhope, afternoon and evening, by Mr P. Reay, of Annfield Plain, to large congregations. Collections were taken at each service in aid of the Circuit Fund.

[illegible] At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Tuesday last, James Robinson, miner, Spen Colliery, was fined 1s and costs for being drunk and disorderly, and 1s costs and 5s damages for assault on P.C. Stark on the night of the 2nd inst., at the Spen. A cross summons by Robinson against the constable was dismissed.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Wedding.—On Wednesday, the marriage of Mr John Callicott, seventh son of Mr Philip Callicott, of Annfield Place, to Miss Jane Ellen Maddison, fifth daughter of Mr Robert Maddison, of Pontop Rows, was celebrated at the Wesleyan Chapel, by the Rev J. Crawshaw.

WEARDALE.

The Ironstone Industry.—It is semi-officially rumoured that the ironstone industry will be resumed shortly by the Weardale Iron Company, an intimation which is hailed with much satisfaction in the still depressed state of trade. The resources of the miners are becoming exhausted, and doubtless many are now suffering silently. There is an existing impression that the resumption will, as usual, only be for a season, to supplement the reduced stock of the lessees, and that active operations may not commence until the accumulated deposits of stone by the railwayside, and at Westgate depot, are moved to Tudhoe furnaces for smelting. It is to be hoped the fact of the distress will weigh with the company to accelerate the finding of employment for their old hands.

St. Andrew's Church, Westgate-in-Weardale.—This church has been re-opened after a thorough cleaning and beautifying. The ceiling has been whitened, the walls distempered in two shades of salmon color, and the lower portion of the walls oil-painted green, with a stencilled border, the whole harmonising beautifully with the different tints of the Cathedral glass in the windows. The seats and other wood work have been re-varnished, giving a freshness to the whole. The work has been done by Messrs George Taylor and Son, painters and decorators, Stanhope. The Misses Schofield have made themselves responsible for the cost of the work, and are receiving subscriptions from friends outside the parish. The Archdeacon of Auckland preached at the re-opening service, and Bishop Sandford, Assistant-Bishop of Durham, held a confirmation in the church on Wednesday, the 15 inst. The re-opening and confirmation services were well attended by the villagers and others.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Chester-le-Street Wesleyan Sunday-school.—Probably the most successful Sunday-school anniversary ever held in Chester-le-Street was that celebrated by the friends of the above school on Sundays June 12th and 19th. On the first day the services, conducted by the Rev W. Sharpley, circuit superintendent, were well attended, and highly appreciated.—On Sunday last, the Rev W. E. Quicke preached morning and evening. In the afternoon a service of song, entitled "Lost in London," was rendered by the choir, the connective readings being given by Mr J. G. Appleby, of Newcastle. At all the services the children recited scripture, poetry, and dialogues, with great credit to themselves and their trainer (Mr J. E. Gimblett).—The great attraction of the festival, however, was the music which, though of a high-class and difficult character, was rendered in magnificent style, to the evident delight of the large audiences assembled. The conductor, Mr Tom Carr, the organist, Miss Mitchell, the orchestra, including several well-known musicians, the choir, and the children merited the thanks tendered them at the close of the services, and the expression of satisfaction heard on all hands. The collections were considerably in advance of those of former years.

TOW LAW.

Wesleyan Sunday-school Anniversary.—Services were held on Sunday at Tow Law, when a service of song entitled "Coals of Fire," was rendered by the choir and scholars. On Monday evening a lecture on "The Times we Live in," was delivered by the Rev W. Baker, of Houghton-le-Spring, in the Wesleyan Chapel.

Co-operative Union, Limited, Northern Section (South Durham, No. 6 District.)—The quarterly meeting was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Tow Law, on Saturday, Mr James Vickers, president of Tow Law Society, in the chair. The minutes of last conference and committee meetings were read by the secretary, Mr Craig, and confirmed, after which, Mr Joseph Bell, Tow Law, read Miss Llewellen Davis's paper on "The Democratic control of industry." There was a good discussion on the paper, after which Mr Oliver, of Hetton, read Mr McKinduck's paper, viz., "The best men as Co-operative Leaders, and how to secure them." All present thought the paper a good one. Votes of thanks were given to the readers of the papers and chairman. The next conference will be held at Crook, in September. At the close of the conference, the delegates sat down to tea provided by the Tow Law Society.

On Saturday night, an open-air meeting was held in connection with the Good Templar lodges. The object of the meeting was the adoption of a resolution formulated by Lady Henry Somerset, and dealing with the direct veto and Sunday-closing questions. Mr W. T. Brewer occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by Rev G. Samuel, Tow Law, Rev Graham-Barton, Crook, Mr J. E. Dixon, Tow Law, and others. After some remarks from the chairman describing the nature of the meeting, he called upon the Rev Graham-Barton, who, in an able and telling address moved the resolution, which was as follows:—"That as nothing stands so much in the way of all religious and moral reform as the manifold and terrible results of the licensed liquor traffic, this meeting calls upon all candidates for seats in the new Parliament to range themselves on the side of religion, morality and true progress, by declaring in favour of the closing of public-houses during the whole of Sunday, and of the Direct Popular Veto over all licenses." This was seconded by Mr J. E. Dixon, and ably supported by Rev G. Samuel. The speeches were telling and to the point, and on the motion being put it was carried unanimously, as was also a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A PRIMITIVE METHODIST MINISTER.

On Monday night the Rev Benjamin Moody, Primitive Methodist minister at Seaton Delaval, died very suddenly. The deceased, on returning from an appointment at West Cramlington, complained to Mrs Moody of not feeling very well, and in about an hour he passed away. The rev. gentleman's sudden death has caused quite a sensation in the district. He was very well known amongst Primitive Methodists in the counties of Northumberland and Durham, having travelled in South Shields, Shotley Bridge, Berwick, Newcastle, and other circuits. He leaves a widow and two children.

[illegible]: Excuse me, Miss Sharpe; I had quite forgotten you. I am so absent-minded, don't cher know." Miss Sharpe: "Yes, I have noticed the absence of mind."

Tourist: "What's my bill?" Waiter: "Let me see, your room was——" Tourist: "I didn't have any room, I slept on the billiard table." Waiter: "Ah well, then, a shilling an hour."

A Paris restaurant, in an effort to captivate travellers, hangs out signs in English which read, "Coffee to the milk," "Eggs on the plate," "Dishes to the choice," and, worst of all, "Irisch wisky."

Doctor: "What is that scar on your leg, Mr. Bland?" Patient: "A dog bite received in boyhood." "Goodness gracious! Didn't you get the hydrophobia?" "No. I hadn't heard of hydrophobia at that time."

Artist: "Have you taken my picture to the exhibition?" Porter: "Yes, sir; it seemed to please the gentlemen very much." Artist: "What did they say?" Porter: "Oh, they didn't say anything, they only laughed."

First Actor: "What's the matter, Macbeth? You seem to be terribly bruised." Second Actor: "Yes; injured by a stage coach." First Actor: "Is that so? Run over?" Second Actor: "No; had a dispute with the prompter."

The jury brought in a verdict of "Not guilty." His honour said admonishingly to the prisoner, "After this, you ought to keep away from bad company." "Yes, your honour," returned the prisoner; "you will not see me here again in a hurry."

Mind reading is now the proper caper. "Take hold of my left hand and tell me what I'm thinking of," said the head of the family to his confiding spouse. "Oh, yes," said she grasping his hand convulsively, "you are thinking about taking me to hear Patti." She had to guess again.

LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

A special meeting was held yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, under the presidency of Mr George Hobson, there being present:—Councillor T. J. Muse, Messrs J. Collinson, Geo. Nicholson, and L. Nicholson.—Four tenders were received for the enlargement of the Infectious Hospital at Leadgate, in accordance with the plans prepared by Mr J. W. Rounthwaite, architect, Benfieldside, and were opened; but it was found that the prices were considerably in excess of the estimated cost, and it was agreed to leave further discussion of the matter over for a fortnight.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM DIVISION.

Mr Atherley-Jones (Gladstonian), commences his candidature by addressing a public-meeting of the electors in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Monday evening first. His central committee rooms are the Christian Lay Church in Trafalgar Street, Consett. Mr Atherley-Jones has appointed Mr Adam Brodie, accountant, Consett, as his agent.

Mr John Dunville, the Unionist candidate, inaugurates his campaign by a meeting at Lanchester, next Monday evening. His central committee-rooms are located at the Constitutional Club, Mount Pleasant, Consett. Mr J. G. Murray, solicitor, Consett, has been chosen to officiate as his agent.

FACTS ABOUT WEARDALE.

Population of Stanhope Parish in the 17th and 18th centuries.—By the term Stanhope Parish is meant the whole of Weardale from Killhope to Frosterley.

From 1660 to 1680 in Stanhope Parish there were 637 baptisms, 198 marriages, and 764 burials.

From 1700 to 1780 there were 2265 baptisms, 583 marriages, and 1469 burials.

Population of Wolsingham Parish from 1660 to 1680 there were 817 baptisms, 93 marriages, and 518 burials.

From 1700 to 1780 there were 851 baptisms, 247 mar iages, and 600 burials.

Materials and their prices in Weardale in 1809 were as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Quarrying stones per yard	0	0	8
Bricks per 1,000	1	5	0
Westmoreland slate, per yard	0	5	0
Scotch do. do.	0	5	0
Freestone do. do.	0	3	0
Red tiles per 1,000	3	15	0
Blue do. do.	6	6	0
Ling per load of 24 bushels	0	6	0
Ling per thrave	0	2	6
Straw per thrave	0	2	6
Norway logs of timber, per foot	0	3	0
1½ inch deals, per foot	0	4	0
Three feet laths for plastering per 1,000	0	4	0
MASON WORK.			
Common stone wall, per yard	0	1	3
Ashler do. do.	0	2	2
Brick Wall, 15 inches thick, per yard	0	0	9
Brick Partitions, per yard	0	0	3
Polished hewn-work, per foot	0	1	6
Flagging, per yard	0	4	0
Plastering, do.	0	0	4
Ceiling do.	0	0	6
Roofing with slates, per yard	0	1	0
Roofing with tiles, per 1,000	1	0	0
Roofing with straw per square yard	0	0	2
CARPENTERS' WORK.			
Roofing per square yard, best	0	12	0
Roofing, do. common	0	7	6
Joisting, do.	0	4	0
Flooring, grooved, per yard	0	1	3
Flooring, plain, do.	0	1	0
Doors, per foot	0	0	6
Windows, per foot	0	0	6

Through the courtesy of a gentleman in Stanhope, I was favoured with the following items, the other evening, for publication:—

Prices of provisions in 1785 and 1805, in Weardale:—

	1875 s.	1875 d.	1805 s.	1805 d.
Wheat and Maslen per bushel	5	6	9	0
Barley	3	6	6	0
Oats	2	0	3	6
Potatoes	1	6	2	0
Beef per pound	0	5	0	7
Mutton	0	5	0	7
Wool	0	8	1	0
Butter	0	9	1	4
Cheese	0	5	0	7
Milk per quart	0	1	0	2

Prices of labour:—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Man servant per year	10	0	0	21	0	0
Women	4	0	0	9	0	0
Man labourer per day	0	1	2	0	2	6
Women	0	0	6	0	0	10
Carpenter's labour per day	0	1	6	0	3	6
Masons	0	1	6	0	3	6
Blacksmith's work per pound	0	0	5	0	0	3
Oak wood per foot	0	1	6	0	2	3
Ash	0	1	0	0	2	3
Fir	0	1	0	0	2	6

LEAD MINES WORKING IN WEARDALE IN 1809.

Lead-mining at that time was the staple industry of Weardale. Now it is principally confined to Upper Weardale, and only a few are being worked now.

MINES	OWNERS	OCCUPIERS
Frosterley	Robert Wright	W. Bell and Co
Crow Laneside	Bp. of Durham	Col. Beaumont
Stanhope Burn	C. Rippon	Quakers Co
Branden Wells	Dean & Chapter	Jopling & Co
Stotsfield Burn	"	"
Lintz Garth	Bp. of Durham	Col. Beaumont
Risply	"	"
Wolf Cleugh	"	"
Groove Rake	"	"
Whites Level	"	"
Slitt	"	"
Middlehope	"	"
Level Gate	"	"
West Fall Level	"	"
Black Dean	"	"
Breckon Syke	"	"
Pasture Groove	"	"
Sedling	"	"
Pudding Thorn	"	"
Scraith Head	"	"
Cow Hurst	"	"
Langty Head	"	"
Burnhope	"	"
Coldberry	"	"
Hawkwell Heap	"	"
Chapel Pasture	"	"
Barberry	Quakers Co	Quakers Co
Newlandside	John Walton	Jno. Vickers
Softlyside	Tweddle & Co	H. Walton & Co
Quarry Hill	"	"
Billyhope	Rect. of Wolsingham	
Coves	Mrs Leaton	Emmerson & Co
Dry Bourn Side	J. Harrison	J. Harrison & Co
Lead mines in Derwent in 1809.		
Healeyfield	Dean & Co	Elliott & Co
White Head	Ord & Co	Monkhouse & Co
Ramshaw	"	"
Jeffrey's Rake	Mr Scott	Easterby Hall & Co

The following mines at that time were working to profit:—Jeffrey's Rake, Wolf Cleugh, Branden Wells, Pasture Groove, Sedling, Chapel Pasture, Hawkwell Head, and Breckon Syke.

The rent paid to the owners was generally one-fifth of the lead ore produced.

The average earnings of each miner was about £40 per year. 32 cwt. of clean ore was calculated to produce a ton of lead. If a ton of lead did not contain 8oz. of silver it was considered not worth refining. The lead-ore was wrought by bing piles. Eight pokes were a bing and a poke contained eight stones.

Owing to the inclement weather last Sunday, the open-air service at Wolsingham in connection with the Wesleyan cause was again abandoned.

Visitors are beginning to make their appearance at Stanhope, and they will this year find a great acquisition in the new scenery opened out to them in Stanhope Dene, which, by the way, is to be opened shortly in a somewhat popular manner. We hope the weather will be favourable for the event.

AMONG THE JOURNALISTS.

Cradled in ancient Rome in the form of the *acta diurna*, a kind of official gazette, issued under the management and authority of the Government, and posted up in prominent places within the city walls, where those who ran might read, the slumbering embers of journalism were vivified in the opening decades of the seventeenth century, and from that epoch in our history until now great has been the progress of this branch of the Fourth Estate. It is written that man cannot live by bread alone, and certain it is that next to the staff of life itself news and the interchange of thought and the ever-varying ideas of men take the first place in social, and indeed in every relation of life. Human life is a mystery, and hence one-half of the world is desirous above all things of knowing how the other half lives. To meet this want and supply the void is the special prerogative of the journalist. Their number now is legion, and the injunction emanating from one of the early English writers that literature was not to be persued as a trade has no bearing whatever on the requirements of modern times. The days when men of letters were obliged perforce to hang on the skirts of this noble patron or that has forever passed away, and to the freedom and independence of the newspaper press much of our social and national progress is undoubtedly due. Combination among all sorts and conditions of men is the order of the day and hour, and it would be odd indeed were journalists to constitute the exception to the rule. It is a trite saying that birds of a feather flock together, and if press men are the last, they are surely not the least among the thousand-and-one branches which together make the colossal fabric of modern civilisation. It is written that as iron sharpeneth iron, so doth the face of a man his friend, and for that reason, more perhaps than the other, the journalists in the north have become an integral part of the great and ever-widening circle of combination. The members of the Northern Counties District of the Institute of Journalists had their mid-summer outing the other afternoon, Hexham being selected as the *rendezvous*. The weather was unpropitious, but there was nevertheless a good muster of scribes from Carlisle on the north, Durham on the south, and the coast line from Hartlepool to the mouth of the "Coaly Tyne," the Newcastle pressmen assembling in strong force. The party left the Central Station, Newcastle, before one o'clock, a large number of ladies being in the company—journalists believing presumably that it is not good for man to be alone. Rain fell almost without intermission, pattering ominously in the windows of the railway carriages as the train swept along the sylvan banks of the winding Tyne. The view was very fine, old castles, "nodding grey," and cosy country mansions, forming a striking contrast to the hum and bustle of the city—and more especially journalistic life. The party arrived at its destination shortly before two o'clock, and as the unpropitious state of the weather rendered the proposed drive to the Chesters and other centres of historical interest out of the question, the company proceeded to the Abby Church; but as the doors were closed at the moment, the quaint structure which does duty as a covered market was turned to good account as a temporary retreat from the merciless elements without, the clerk of the weather being obviously no respecter of persons. Whilst waiting until a messenger returned with the keys of the sacred edifice, the ladies and gentlemen alike were much amused by the recital of a local worthy, who, without either introduction or apology, began to tell in no measured strain of having built a model in cork of the Abbey Church, a self-imposed task, the execution of which extended over three-and-a-half years, and of how he ultimately engaged a booth and exhibited his treasure at the hirings held in the town. It was, it appears, another instance of a man awaking to find himself famous, for in the short space of an afternoon the rising artist netted three pounds in copper and two in silver. "I was a proud man that day," said the narrator of the incident, "but when aw went hame and gave the money to Mary Jane, the first thing she axed me was if aw hed robbed anybody." "Nowt of the kind, lass," says I, "aw hev made the money with ma model, an aw is going to travel and make a fortune for us both." "Travel," says she, "and leave thy wife at Hexham! I'll travel thee," and wix that she got the chopping axe and knocked ma model to pieces. "Ah," said a journalist, with a merry twinkle in his eye, "your good wife must in truth be very much attached to you, and the destruction of the model was no doubt prompted by her love, because had your idea of travelling to make a fortune been carried into effect she would have been left behind to mourn." "Aw nivvor thowt the thing in that way," was the contemplative reply, "but Mary Jane is a queer ane, although it was too bad thou knows to take the chopping axe." The party were afterwards shown over the Abbey Church by Mr Robson, who dwelt at length on the historical associations of the venerable structure. Wallace and Bruce had, he said, been twice within its portals, and there used to be at one time a huge bell which the monks were wont to ring at midnight to frighten the Scots away, but without effect. The company afterwards bent their steps in the direction of the well-known hydropathic establishment, at the entrance to which the visitors were met by Mr Lawson, formerly of the literary staff of the *Newcastle Daily Journal*, and Mrs Lawson, by whom the members of the Institute and their lady friends were invited to tea. Later in the afternoon the extensive grounds were inspected and much admired, as also were the lofty corridors, halls, and apartments of the institution itself, which for years has been a popular resort of professional and business men who seek seclusion for a season and a renewal of strength for the work-a-day duties in the round of modern life. An interesting programme was gone through in the evening, dancing being freely indulged in, in a lofty and commodious hall, a number of ladies sojourning at the establishment being present, one elderly lady artlessly observing to her friend, "Dear me! how singular these smart-looking gentlemen should be journalists. I always thought that pressmen wore long white beards, were dressed in flowing gowns like the ancient monks, and carried ink horns dangling at their girdles." "Would you believe it?" said another lady to her friend, "how splendidly these journalists can dance." "I have always been led to understand," she continued, "that they were amongst the most unsocial of men, a story having been told me about a distinguished writer who, when the news of his beloved wife's death was conveyed to him in his study, he merely turned to his informant and said: "Well, she was a good woman, and you had better see the undertaker about the funeral arrangements." That was really dreadful you know," and the lady shuddered at the bare thought of such an abandoned husband. Taken all round the company was a singularly distinguished one. There were editors of daily and weekly newspapers, ex-editors, sub-editors, novelists, and reporters. Enjoyment was the order of the hour, nor did the falling showers in any way damp the attendant pleasure of the trip, although the unfavourable state of the weather conduced no doubt to circumscribe the limits of the circle. Mr Grant deserves credit for kindly opening his doors to a pleasure party—a most unusual occurrence, so much has he the comfort of his patrons at heart—and Mr Lawson and Mrs Lawson for their bountiful hospitality. A tea was in good truth a misnomer for the feast set before Mr Lawson's quondam colleagues. Serving men arrayed in white, and with knives as big as broad-swords carved for the company, and the tables groaned under the weight of salmon fresh from the Tyne, dismembered chickens, cut off in the prime of life,

"Ere sin could blight or sorrow fade,
Death came with timely care,"

and venison enough to have victualled a passing army, much less a contingent of professional scribes out for a holiday.

Primitive Methodist Sunday School Anniversary.—On Sunday, the anniversary of this school was continued in the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain. The services were conducted in the morning by Mr P. Reay; afternoon, by Mr E. Foster; and in the evening by Mr W. Stoddart, all of Annfield Plain. Large congregations were present on each occasion. The children recited portions of scripture, poetry, &c., and rendered selections of music, assisted by the choir.

CHESTER-LE-STREET DIVISION.

RESOLUTIONS IN FAVOUR OF MR JAMES JOICEY.

On Thursday se'nnight, a meeting of the Liberal electors of the Gateshead district of the Chester-le-Street Division was held in the Town Hall. The primary object of the meeting was to elect representatives of the Council on the Liberal Association for the division. There was a good attendance, and the proceedings were of an enthusiastic character. Mr Joseph Thompson, North Dene, presided. On the motion of Ald. Hindmarsh, seconded by Mr W. C. Tyrie, Mr Thompson was re-appointed president. The election of representatives resulted as follows:—President, Mr Jos. Thompson; secretary, Mr C. J. Foster; Ald. Hindmarsh, Ald. McDermott, Coun. Armour, Coun. Finn, Coun. Bradshaw, Rev J. G. Binney, Messrs R. Brewis, W. Cole, W. Chambers, W. Hamilton, J. Thubron, and W. G. Tyrie.—Mr Lawes next moved the following resolution:—

"That this meeting hereby expresses and places on record its unabated confidence in Mr James Joicey, M.P., as member for the division; and recommends that the Council of the Liberal Association for the division adopt him as the Liberal candidate for the division at the ensuing general election." (Applause.)

—The motion was seconded by Ald. Hindmarsh and supported by Coun. Finn, and carried with greatest enthusiasm.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

A meeting of the Liberal Home Rulers was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Chester-le-Street, on Thursday se'nnight "for the purpose of adopting a Liberal candidate for the division." Mr Robert Kell, president of the Local Liberal Association, who occupied the chair, said that the meeting was really a business one for the purpose of appointing representatives to attend a meeting at Gateshead.—Mr John Myers moved that the meeting express their thanks to Mr Joicey for his Parliamentary services, and ask him to continue to represent them, assuring him of their suffrages. When Mr Joicey was first returned he was a young, untired man, recommended to them by gentlemen in whose judgment they had confidence. Things were different now. Mr Joicey was now a tried man, and they were in every way satisfied with him. (Applause.)—Mr Robert Clark seconded, and said that Mr Joicey had stated that if a majority of the electors in Chester-le-Street adopted any other Liberal candidate he was ready to stand aside; and if they adopted a working man candidate he would use all his influence and interest to secure his return. He recommended Mr Joicey because he knew he was a sound Radical. (Applause.)—Mr Geo. W. Barker supported the resolution. He could assure the meeting that when Mr Joicey came to answer the calumnies laid against him in respect to the recent strike, everything that had been said would rebound to Mr Joicey's credit, and to the success of his candidature. (Applause) They had a sound Democratic Radical in Mr Joicey, and the greatest man in the world as a leader. (Applause.) The motion was unanimously carried amidst enthusiastic applause. The meeting then proceeded to the appointment of delegates to the meeting to be held at Gateshead, when the following were appointed:—Messrs Youlden and Chambers, Chester Moor; Messrs Robert Clark, George Wm. Barker, H. Pringle, Thomas Jobling, John Mitchell, J. H. Middlemass, George Gray, Edward Usher, and Thomas Birtley, Chester-le-Street. Other business relating to furtherance of Mr Joicey's candidature was transacted, and a vote of thanks to the chairman closed the enthusiastic proceedings.

PITT HILL.

On Tuesday night, a meeting of the electors of the Pitt Hill Polling Districts was held in the Pit Hill Infant School-room. There was a fair attendance. Mr Robt. Ratcliffe presided, and stated that the object of the gathering was to prepare for the coming election. The following resolution was carried unanimously:—

"That we support the candidature of Mr J. Joicey at the coming election, as his past conduct has been satisfactory to us."

On Tuesday night, Mr Jas Joicey, M.P., addressed meetings at Nettleworth, Chester Moor, and afterwards in the Co-operative Hall, Chester-le-Street. Capt. H. T. Fenwick, Gladstonian candidate for the Houghton-le-Spring Division, presided at the latter place. Mr Joicey said that he had the honour of representing them in the House for six years, and he was heartily sick of the present Government. (Applause.) At the conclusion of his address, Mr John Myers moved a resolution in favour of returning Mr Joicey to the House of Commons. Mr Robt. Clark seconded, and Rev John Binney supported the resolution, which was carried.

UNABATED CONFIDENCE IN MR JOICEY, M.P.

A meeting of the Liberal Association was held at Dunston on Thursday se'nnight, to appoint representatives to a meeting of the Council at Gateshead.

The following resolution was unanimously passed:—"That this meeting hereby declares its unabated confidence in Mr James Joicey, M.P., as member of this division, and recommends that the Council of the Liberal Association for the division adopt him as the Liberal candidate at the next General Election."

Mr J. W. Laws, president of the Dunston association, afterwards addressed the meeting, and condemned the policy of the present Government. He showed that the Tory party had endeavoured to pass the most reactionary measures, and every particle of good that they had done had been forced out of them by popular feeling, and even this had been granted in the most grudging manner.

A large meeting of the electors of the West Pelton polling district was held on Friday, presided over by Major Humble, when representatives were chosen to attend the meeting at Gateshead. A vote of confidence was passed in favour of Mr Joicey, M.P. The proceedings were of a most enthusiastic character throughout.

A meeting was held in the Congregational Hall, Winlaton, on Thursday se'nnight—Mr A. B. Tebb presiding—to select a candidate for the Chester-le-Street Division, when it was resolved that the representatives to the General Council meeting at Gateshead go to support the selection of Mr James Joicey. Other business in connection with the arrangements for the forthcoming election was transacted.

At a meeting of the electors of the Whickham and Swalwell polling district of the Chester-le-Street Division—Mr G. H. Snowball in the chair—the following resolution, moved by Mr Burns, seconded by Mr T. Elliott, and supported by Mr Thubron, was carried unanimously:—"That we, the electors of Whickham and Swalwell District, are satisfied with the past services of Mr Joicey as our representative, and do hereby pledge ourselves to use every legitimate means to again secure his return at the approaching general election."

On Thursday se'nnight, a largely-attended meeting of Liberals of Pelton Fell was held in the Colliery Schools at that place—Mr T. Minors presiding.—A vote of confidence in Mr J. Joicey was unanimously adopted.—A strong committee was appointed to canvass the electors and to take other steps for promoting of Mr Joicey.

MR JOICEY AT VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

On Wednesday evening, Mr James Joicey, M.P., candidate for the Chester-le-Street Division, visited the western portion of the constituency, and addressed two meetings of miners in the Spen polling district. The first of these was held at Victoria Garesfield, and was well attended.

Dr Colquhoun occupied the chair, and announced that they had gathered together to hear an address from the member for the Chester-le Street Division on the eve of a very momentous election—a fight between might and right, between conciliation on the one side and oppression on the other. (Hear, hear.) Mr Joicey, he was glad to say, was on the side of right, and he thought that he represented the feelings of the great majority of the people in that constituency. (Hear, hear.)

Mr Joicey, who had a good reception, said he had had the honour now to represent them for about seven years, and from what he had gathered during his visits to different parts of the division at various times, he thought that his political actions had met with the approval of at all events the large majority of the Liberal party. (Hear, hear.) He had always voted for what he believed to be Liberal principles, and when any measure intended to ameliorate the condition of the masses of the people had been brought before the House of Commons, they would find, if they took the trouble to refer, that he had supported them. (Hear, hear.) Mr Joicey then went on to expose the Tory policy, and said that what they had done was simply to put their hand into the public purse, and to deal out to this and that class interest public money to suit their own purposes. Every measure they had brought forward was practically to support privilege in one way or another. He instanced the Free Education Act, which had given an enormous amount of money to voluntary schools without the right of popular control, and went on to speak of the Allotments Act, the only good done by which had been to frighten a few Tory squires into granting allotments, because they feared that when the Liberal party came into office, a much larger and more generous measure in favour of the people would be adopted. His opponent had no programme to put before them, and if he went to the House of Commons, he would support the Conservative Government, which only brought in skeleton measures without any substance in them. (Hear, hear.)

Mr Adam Smith moved a vote of confidence in Mr Joicey, and, in doing so, said he would like to remind them of one or two facts with regard to Ireland that could not be disputed. During the last 50 years they had had 3½ million evictions in Ireland—and they could recognise what suffering and privation lay wrapped up in that single statement—and during the same period no less than one-and-a-quarter millions of people in that country had died from famine. Besides that four millions had been obliged to emigrate. Forty thousand people in Ireland inhabited in one room, a mud cabin built by the the tenant and directly afterwards taken and taxed by his landlord, and three hundred thousand lived in two-roomed cabins which were dealt with in the same way. ("Shame.")

Mr Gardener seconded, and the motion was carried with only one dissentient.

MEETING AT SPEN.

Mr Joicey then drove to Spen, and was met at the entrance to the village by the Miners' Association band, which preceded the cab, playing a lively tune until the Miners' Hall was reached. This was soon crammed by an eager and attentive audience.

Mr Richard Armstrong presided, and said he was very pleased to welcome their present and he believed their future member. (Cheers.)

Mr Joicey, greeted with cheering, prefaced his remarks by thanking those gentlemen who had kindly provided him with a little music by the way—(cheers)—and he went on to say that no doubt they were all well aware that he was the selected Liberal candidate for the division. He had been unanimously selected by the representatives on the Liberal Council, and therefore he considered that he had a claim at all events on every gentleman in the division who called himself a Liberal. (Hear, and cheers.) His opponent had been speaking very little of late, so far as he had been able to gather from the papers, but he saw that at one meeting at Pelton Sir Edward Sullivan had referred to him (Mr Joicey) on the question of Home Rule. He was not afraid of dealing with any question, but it did strike him as peculiar that those gentlemen who wanted to know what the Liberal Home Rule bill was to be were always their opponents. Liberals knew that the usual custom was for a principle to be accepted, and it was then left for some Government to devolve some scheme to make that principle practicable. (Cheers.) His opponent seemed to be very much opposed to any Home Rule measure, and it did strike him (Mr Joicey) to be a very peculiar thing that any Irishman should come over here to oppose the liberties of the Irish people. (Cheers.) He next referred to the Convention held in Belfast, and said that the people of this country need not pay much attention to that considering that there were 81 Nationalist and only 16 Unionist members returned from Ireland, and there were 4,257,000 Nationalist voters in that country, and only 922,000 Unionist. One of the great cries from the other side was, "Will you submit your Protestant brethren in Ireland to the dictation of the Roman Catholics?" There were other countries that were peculiarly Roman Catholic, and they did not find any difficulty existing there. His belief was that if they passed a Home Rule measure they would have the Protestants trying to get all the representation they could on the Irish Parliament. Michael Davitt had given a forecast, and he said that out of about three hundred members the Protestants would be able to gain some eighty seats, and a party that could do that would be well able to look after its own interests. (Cheers.) Mr Gladstone was anxious to settle this matter once and for all as the crowning achievement of his life, and if they wanted to assist in that work they would support him (Mr Joicey), but if they voted for Sir Edward Sullivan, his opponent, the thing would be delayed for some years yet. Mr Joicey then went on to deal at length with reforms foreshadowed in the Newcastle programme, mentioning particularly the necessity for shorter Parliament, the temperance question, Welsh disestablishment, payment of members, reform of the registration laws, including a three months' qualification, and "one man one vote," and that all elections should take place on one day. (Cheers.) Speaking of the late strike, he went on to say that they must remember he was connected with an association the same as they were. There was only one thing that would make him speak out plainly, and that was his opponents who were coalowners attempting to use this strike for political purposes. Some people might say, Why did not Mr Joicey come out of the association? In answer to that he would reply, in the first place, that they were bound for six months, and even if that had not been so, he should have thought it a dishonourable thing, after he had received all the advantages that he had from the Coalowners' Association, to become a blackleg, and he would not be a blackleg even to secure votes. (Loud cheers.)

A number of questions were asked and satisfactorily answered by the candidate.

Mr Thomas Armstrong moved a vote of confidence in Mr Joicey, and in reply to two men who had been interjecting remarks from the body of the hall about the strike, said they should look at both sides of the question. They had had a great deal to do with blacklegs all over the district, and he did not see why any man should want Mr Joicey to be a blackleg in regard to his own association when the men had such a repugnance to that sort of work among themselves. (Loud cheers). He moved this resolution on political grounds only, but even if he was to consider the social aspect the same as Mr Dobson—(one of the men who had been interrupting)—he thought he would still move a vote of confidence in Mr Joicey, for there were coalowners and coalowners. (Cheers). They must remember that Mr Joicey was only a member of the firm, but he thought that the hunger in the district would not have been so great if every colliery owner in the county had acted as Mr Joicey and his firm had done. (Loud cheers). Let them take West Pelton, Pithill, Oxhill, Tanfield Lea, Tanfield, and other places. He knew what had taken place there. At a great many of the schools, children who did not belong to workmen of Mr Joicey shared in the dinners provided to every child at Mr Joicey's expense. (Loud cheers).

Mr Robson supported the motion.

The resolution was then put and carried amid loud cheering, with only three dissentients, one of whom was the man who voted against a similar resolution at the Garesfield meeting, and had walked from there to the Spen.

MR JOICEY'S CANDIDATURE.

A meeting of the Council of the Chester-le-Street Division Liberal Association was held on Saturday, in the Town Hall, Gateshead. Mr Jos. Thompson was re-elected president of the Association, and took the chair. There was a full attendance of delegates.

The President returned thanks, and said he would do his best to bring about the return, at the head of the poll, of the Liberal candidate for the division at the forth-coming election. (Applause.) He thought Mr Joicey would be the candidate selected. (Applause.)

Rev A. B. Tebb was re-elected vice-president of the association; Ald. McDermott was re-elected treasurer; and Mr W. Swinburne hon. secretary.

The meeting proceeded to the adoption of a Liberal candidate.

The Chairman thought the meeting would possibly like, as a matter of form, to hear Mr Joicey before they selected him.

Mr Thubron (Gateshead) thought they need not wait to hear Mr Joicey before they adopted him, but let him see that they had confidence in him by nominating him before they heard. (Hear.) Mr Joicey had served them admirably as their representative. At first he (the speaker) was afraid he might be tempted by class influence to go a bit astray. But time had shown that there was not in the House of Commons a member more faithful to the Liberal cause than Mr Joicey. He therefore moved that Mr Joicey be the Liberal candidate for the Chester-le-Street Division. (Applause.)

Mr G. W. Barker seconded the motion. He said it would be only a graceful act and scant justice to accept Mr Joicey's past services as a guarantee for his future conduct. (Hear.) He did not think it was necessary to put Mr Joicey on his trial, as some wished. He thought they were perfectly satisfied with Mr Joicey's past services. (Hear.) In the district of Chester-le-Street they were unanimous in Mr Joicey's favour. (Hear.)

Mr T. Nicholson (Spen) moved as an amendment that Mr Joicey be not accepted as candidate until they had heard his views. It was possible there were those present who would like to ask Mr Joicey a few questions before they voted for his adoption. He (the speaker) was as good a Liberal as any one in that room, but there were certain points which he would like to have cleared up. (Applause.)

Mr G. Gray (Chester-le-Street) quite endorsed the remarks of the last speaker, and seconded his amendment. He would like to hear a few words from Mr Joicey on certain points. As far as Mr Joicey's political career was concerned he was satisfied, and as a Liberal, he would do his utmost to further his candidature. But he thought if Mr Joicey were questioned on certain matters his answers might do him a lot of good amongst the miners. He found when he visited mining localities in the division he had to face a boisterous sea. A drop of oil might do much to smooth matters, and one question asked and answered by Mr Joicey at that meeting might do his chances more good than the influence of the whole of the delegates. (Applause.)

The President said they did not want any amendment. If it was the wish of the meeting to hear Mr Joicey before it adopted him, that course could be adopted.

Mr Joicey was then brought into the room, and was received with enthusiastic applause. He said the meeting would be well acquainted with his views on the important political questions of the day. He had learnt, in moving about the constituency at different times, that as he had represented the division his political actions were approved of. (Applause.) When he came forward he came forward as an untried man. Still he did not agree with many people that he was an inexperienced man. (Hear.) Because for many years he took an interest in political questions, and although he did not appear on public platforms yet he considered himself not the less capable on that account of forming and expressing an opinion on political questions. (Applause.) His time before he came forward was occupied in commercial matters, and he thought the experience he gained in such matters was experience which fitted him to a certain extent to form an opinion on questions which might come before him. From his experience of political life, he had come to the conclusion that it was not the orator or the energetic politician but the man of shrewd and experienced judgment who gave the best satisfaction to the country. Mr Joicey then proceeded to criticise the actions of the present Government, especially with regard to Ireland and the questions of land purchase in that country. In the latter connection he contended that no Government had the right to vote public credit as the present Government had done. The Government measures had convinced him more than ever that the only method of settling the Irish question was by committing the management of Irish affairs to an Irish Parliament. (Applause.) The Irish question was the main question upon which the ensuing battle would be fought. There were many other reforms which were necessary and to which the Liberal party had pledged itself. That pledge the Liberal party would not break. But Ireland must first be cleared out of the way. Whatever opposition Home Rule might be met with, he was sure an Irish Parliament would be ultimately established in Dublin. Speaking on the Ulster Convention, he said they would see from the papers they were going to have something to do with regard to Ulster. His opinion was that the great Convention was intended more as an advertisement than anything else. Those who composed the Convention claimed to represent Ulster. But did they? ("No.") Of course they did not. He was sure there were as many Nationalists in Ulster as there were of those who called themselves Loyalists. Threats were used when the Disestablishment Bill for Ireland was about to be passed, but they came to nothing, and the Bill was accepted loyally. Threats were now being used about Home Rule, but when it was passed Ulster would have to accept it just as any other part of the Empire had to accept a measure passed by the Imperial Parliament. (Hear.) He would insist on it, and would assist in compelling obedience to such a law. (Hear.) Their opponents had had some difficulty in getting a candidate to contest the division. They had been unable to get one in the county, or even in the country; they had had to go to Ulster for one, so enamoured were they of Ulstermen. (Laughter.) He could have found them a Liberal Unionist in the county who would have fought a much better fight than Sir Ed. Sullivan. (Hear.) Their opponents could not fight them on principles; they dealt mainly in personalities. His opponent asked him why he did not come down to the division during the miners' strike and try to settle it. He did come down for the purpose of trying to settle to strike. (Applause.) He recommended Sir Edward Sullivan to inquire what his (Mr Joicey's) action was in the matter. (Applause.) If the truth was spoken, he should be content. (Applause.) It was not for him (Mr Joicey) to say what he did; but if his opponents thought they were going to fight the battle and keep his hands tied with regard to the strike they would find they were much mistaken. (Cheers.) If his opponent wished to avoid personal matters, as he said he did, he would recommend him to let the question of the miners' strike rest. Having spoken on general political questions, Mr Joicey concluded by saying that if the Liberals in the division acted together he had little fear that Chester-le-Street would give a good account of itself. (Applause.)

Mr Gray said Mr Joicey had taken "the legs from under him" in regard to the miners' strike as to which he had intended to ask him some questions. He had not the slightest doubt Mr Joicey would be questioned in the mining districts as to the strike; but if he gave them the same satisfaction as he had given him that day regarding it, he would have no doubt about the state of the men's minds. (Applause.)

Mr Joicey having replied to questions, the following resolution was moved by Mr Thubron, seconded by Mr Beningham, and carried unanimously:—

"That this meeting hereby expresses, and places on record, its unabated confidence in Mr Joicey as the representative for the Chester-le-Street Division, and hereby adopt him as the Liberal candidate at the ensuing election."

Mr Joicey returned thanks, and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

SIR EDWARD SULLIVAN'S CAMPAIGN.

On Monday night, a well-attended meeting of Liberal-Unionists was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Chester-le-Street, Mr George Pickering, C.C., presiding.—The Chairman said that they were about to engage in a stiff fight; but they meant to win. The late disastrous strike in Durham County had taught the miners who were their true friends. If they did not succeed in beating Mr Joicey, at least they would reduce his majority very considerably. (Applause.) A great change had come over the constituency since 1886.—Mr Lindsay Wood, The Hermitage, Chester-le-Street, was appointed chairman of the local committee, and Mr Geo. Pickering vice-chairman. A strong working committee was also appointed to further the candidature of Sir E. Sullivan. It was announced that suitable committee rooms had been secured, and that Mr Jos. Tolson, West Street, Gateshead, had been appointed Sir Edward Sullivan's election agent. Resolutions in favour of Sir Edward's candidature was unanimously passed, and the meeting pleged itself to use all legimate means to secure his return.

Sir Edward Sullivan, Unionist candidate for the division, concluded a preliminary tour of the district on Thursday se'nnight, when he addressed a meeting largely composed of miners in the National School at Fatfield. Mr Southern, manager of the local colliery, was in the chair. The candidate and Ald. Lucas, of Gateshead, who also spoke, were listened to attentively. At the conclusion a vote of thanks was passed to the speakers.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

On Sunday, the anniversary services were held in Wesleyan Chapel, Tow Law. The society was very fortunate in securing the help of Rev Woodthorpe Baker, of Houghton-le-Spring, who, at the morning and evening services, preached excellent sermons. The evening discourse was most thrilling and inspiring, and was from the text "Come and see." In the afternoon, a capital service of song, entitled "Coals for fire," was given by the choir. The solo parts were taken by Misses Emmerson, Little, and Hodgson, and Mr J. Graham, and the duet by Miss Emmerson and Mr J. Graham. The solo, "Kindness sweetens sorrow," by Miss F. Graham, was rendered in good style. Mr G. Newton acted with his usual ability as organist and conductor. On Monday night, Mr Baker delivered a splendid lecture on "The times we live in," which was very much appreciated by a large company. Mr T. Graham occupied the chair.

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THE TEMPERANCE PARTY AT WEST STANLEY.

On Saturday night, a largely-attended meeting was held in the Co-operative Hall, West Stanley, and was addressed by Rev M. Robinson, Rev T. Archer, and Messrs Travers and Bailey. Mr Jonathan Green presided.

The Chairman said his whole sympathy was in favour of the object of the meeting, which was for the people to have power put into their hands to say how many public-houses they shall have in their midst.

Mr Bulmer moved the following resolution:—

"Being convinced that the temptations to drink presented by the abounding licensed facilities is the greatest factor in thwarting the efforts of ministers of religion, Sunday-school teachers, and all social reformers, and that it is contrary to all right principles of government to license and derive revenue from a system that is antagonistic to the religious, social, and material well-being of the people, this meeting hereby resolves to use every effort at the coming General Election to return only such members to Parliament as are prepared to vote and work for measures giving the people the power by direct veto to remove these temptations, and enacting Imperial Sunday-closing."

The motion was seconded by Mr Lowrie, and supported by

Mr Travers, who said: I am not here to lift up any man, be he Conservative, Unionist, Liberal, Radical, Socialist, or Labour candidate, if he is not in favour of the question at issue to-night—namely, temperance reform. Since 1884 a great responsibility has risen upon the English nation, as represented in its representative power, and we have greater privileges and greater obligations than ever as an English nation we have had in the past, and I hold that everyone who has the power given to him should realise more and more the deep solemnity, the full responsibility of being empowered as a voter for any member of Parliament. If a man comes and offers you a good post, consider your manliness before it, and if he cannot stand before you with principles that are right and true, then think twice before you vote. We are largely supported to-day in our work by very able men, and the car of temperance is making headway, not simply because of what we are saying, but because of what others are saying and doing. Sir Andrew Clark has said, "I feel as though I could give up my public profession, and go forth throughout the length and breadth of the kingdom upon a holy crusade, preaching from that one important text, 'Beware of the enemy of the race'"; and if he does not go forth, we are proud to know that he ranges himself on our side from the drink point of view. I am pleased to find that your member, Mr Atherley-Jones, has distinctly stated that he is in favour of no compensation, and that he is in favour of the direct veto and Sunday-closing. The direct veto is a most important matter; it means giving the people power to say whether or not they will have public-houses in their midst, and if that is not right and fair I do not know what is. I only want those who have the power of licensing—whether they be the present magistrates, County Boards, or County Councils—to let us have a direct voice and vote as to whether we shall have these houses or not.

The resolution was carried with only two dissentients.

Rev M. Robinson moved the following resolution:—

"That as the liquor traffic is the cause of great suffering to women and children, and is the main source of irreligion, crime, pauperism, poverty, and social disorder, this meeting declares that the people ought to be entrusted with the direct veto for the issue and re-issue of licenses in their own neighbourhood."

He said it was plain that all men have enemies; we know that the beasts of the field and the birds of the air have their enemies, and the Almighty has ordained them with weapons of defence. The labouring man of this country has an enemy; he does not seem to know it, but nevertheless it is a fact, and that enemy is the publicans and public-houses. The object of this meeting is to get rid of this enemy, and the weapon which they must use was to get this bill passed in Parliament, the resolution of which I have just put before the meeting. We should endeavour by all possible means to get this bill passed in Parliament; it should be done because of the great evil in the land. Everyone knows that an immense amount of crime is the result of drunkenness in this country. If we take away the cause then the temptation will be taken away, but so long as public-houses remain the temptation exists. There is another way besides legislation by which drink may be stopped, and that is for every householder, both the father and mother of children, to send their children to Bands of Hope, and by early education their minds are trained in the right way. They, by joining Bands of Hope, have clear heads for their early training, and if they keep total abstainers their heads will remain clear for their duty and business in after life; their health is secured, and wealth follows health; they become a blessing to their parents and friends, and to those with whom they associate.

The resolution was seconded by Mr Thompson, and supported by

Rev T. Archer, who said I think we should not be too hard on the magistrates. I don't think they have always done their best. They have been placed in a very awkward position, for while there has been a great many urging them to withhold licenses, there has been a great force urging them to grant them. It was high time we put them out of their office and took the work into our own hands. I do not think we ought to be too hard upon the Government; we must bear in mind that we make the Government, and we have no right to complain of the Government. We have the voting power, and if we made a bad Government we must expect to suffer. What we must do is to send men to the House of Commons that are temperance men, who will carry out the measures we wish carried out. They go there as our servants, and unless a man will pledge himself to do his best to grant us these measures we ought not to send him. I am happy to find that our member is fully on our side in this matter, so that we have nothing to fear.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr Bailey also addressed the meeting.

The Tanfield Lea Mission Band was in attendance, and rendered selections of music. Messrs J. Shand and T. Strafford gave recitations, which were well received.

MARRIAGE OF MR J. G. MURRAY, OF BENFIELDSIDE HOUSE.

On Tuesday, the village of Shotley Bridge and the immediate vicinity was *en fete* on the occasion of the marriage of Mr John George Murray (son of Councillor Murray, of Benfieldside House), solicitor, practising at Newcastle, and Consett, and Conservative and Unionist Registration Agent for the North-West Division of Durham, to Miss Charlton, of Hamsterley, daughter of the late Mr William Charlton, formerly of Wylam. In both Blackhill and Shotley Bridge flags and bunting were prominently displayed. The ceremony took place at noon in St. Mary Magdalene Parish Church, Medomsley, and the edifice was well filled with a large and fashionable company. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev W. Cockin, M.A., vicar, assisted by the Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin, M.A., vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside. The bridesmaids were Miss Hall (sister of the bride) of Hamsterley, and Miss Murray (sister of the bridegroom), of Benfieldside House. The groomsmen were Mr R. T. Murray (brother of the bridegroom), of Benfieldside House, and Dr J. R. Bibby, of Blackhill. The bride was dressed in heliotrope trimmed with green silk, and a white hat with wisteria to match. The bridesmaids were attired in brown cloth dresses trimmed with yellow silk and lace frills and wore brown hats with laburnum. After the ceremony the party proceeded to the house of Mr Morgan, Commercial Hotel, Shotley Bridge, where they partook of a sumptuous repast along with a large number of guests. Amongst those present were Councillor and Mrs Murray, Benfieldside House; Mr and Mrs Allison, Hamsterley; Rev Wm. and Mrs Cockin, Medomsley; Rev G. H. Ross Lewin, Benfieldside; Miss Smith, Durham, and a large number of relatives and friends. The happy couple, during the course of the afternoon, left for Grange-over-Sands to spend their honeymoon. Mr and Mrs Murray were the recipients of a large number of presents, some of which were most handsome and costly. The boquets for the occasion were provided by Mr Charlton, of the Benfieldside Nurseries, and consisted of stephenotes, showers of laburnum and yellow roses. The carriages were provided by Mrs Christopher, of Consett.

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EDDA'S BIRTHRIGHT.

By Mrs. Harriet Lewis,

Author of "Her Double Life," "Old Life's Shadows," "Lady Kildare," etc.

Chapter XXVI.

A SINGULAR COMPLICATION.

It was indeed a "bonny face," that of the deposed heir of Storm Castle. The old housekeeper might well display it with fond pride and adulation. Not any portrait of Highland chieftain in all that grand picture-gallery was half so striking as this. Not any Mac Fingal of them all had more a look of conscious pride and power than he who had been cast forth from the home of his ancestors poor and disinherited.

A noble brow, with a cloud of fair hair tossed carelessly back from it; a pair of grand blue eyes, fearless and unflinching; a frank, firm, smiling mouth; a square-cut chin; a strong, handsome, yet boyish face; all these made up a countenance remarkable and distinguished in the highest degree, and once seen not to be forgotten.

Edda's agitation at sight of it seemed inexplicable. The old housekeeper looked from the portrait to Mrs. Vavasour's young companion and back again in wondering amazement.

"Did you ever see Mr. Dugald, Miss Brend?" she asked, suspiciously.

"Yes, I have seen him."

The housekeeper's face kindled with a sudden warm glow. Her heart warmed to this young girl who had seen her idol.

"You knew him, Miss Brend? When?"

"It was last autumn, in the hunting-season," said Edda, hesitatingly. "It was on the Yorkshire moors. He was there hunting and sketching."

"To be sure," said Mrs. Macray, approvingly. "Like all gentlemen, he is fond of hunting. And as to his pictures, there are portfolios of them locked away in the library—and he was hunting and making pictures, too, my bonny boy!"

"He was making his pictures to sell," said Edda. "He told me he was poor."

"Poor, and he the rightful heir of old Ben Storm! And yet he said right," groaned Mrs. Macray. "He is poor, thanks to that nasty cat, Miss Gretta Cameron, the sly minx, who, I do believe, is trying to win Ben Storm for herself, either with or without Master Dugald. I don't wonder he would rather be poor than marry her, and how my leddy can be so infatuated with her passes my comprehension."

"He called himself Dugald Mack."

"The minister told me so when he came back from England last month. He says the young master has given up the name of Vavasour with all the rest of his rights. It was all along of the madam screeching out at him like some witch-cat as he turned to go away: 'Go off, and never let me see or hear of you again! Don't drag my honourable name of Vavasour into your low life, and do not let the world know that the last of the MacFingals prefers to be a hireling to an Englishman instead of lord of his own halls!' And so when he went he left his name behind him. Oh, Miss Brend, my leddy is as cruel as death, and remorseless as the grave."

The old housekeeper wiped away her tears, and looked lovingly upon the portrait.

She did not see Edda's glowing face and passionate eyes fixed in a worshipping gaze upon that same picture. Had she turned suddenly, she would have encountered a revelation. For this was Edda's secret. She had a lover, as Gascoyne Upham had jealously suspected, and as Miss Powys had feared. And this lover was the disinherited heir of old Mrs. Vavasour, though until the moment of looking upon this portrait Edda had believed him to be poor, and possibly lowly born.

During the preceding autumn, in the course of one of her ramblings over the dreary Yorkshire moor surrounding her home of Racket Hall, she had encountered a young huntsman, who had addressed her, making certain enquiries of her concerning the topography of the neighbourhood. To Edda, accustomed to the snivelling tones and affected invalidism of Mr. Nizbit, to the rough speech of the peasant population of Moor End, this young gentleman seemed a being of another world. He was frank, chivalrous and gentle. He treated the unprotected moor-girl with the courtesy he would have shown a queen surrounded by her court.

It is probable that the young girl, with her short, crisp, black locks, her small dark face, and her vivacious beauty, made a deep impression upon him, for it happened that he encountered her frequently thereafter in her rambles on the moor, and their conversation took a wide range of subjects. They talked of books, of music, of the great problems of life. He found her restless and eager to enter the world, but he never learned aught of her save that she was Edda Brend, the reputed niece of Mr. Nizbit of Racket Hall.

He prolonged his stay upon the moors to nearly three months, instead of going away in a fortnight, as he had originally intended. And one lowering day in November, when the two were out alone upon the moor, he told Edda that he loved her; that he was poor, and would not bind her to promise to marry him; but that he should come back to woo her as soon as he should have gained by his own industry a sufficient income to enable him to marry. And Edda shyly confessed that she loved him, and would be happier as his wife than as a crowned and honoured queen of a mighty realm.

Yet even then he would not bind her to a promise. Pure and noble and chivalric, he told her that she knew, as yet, nothing of the world, and he should give her time to study her own heart. He promised to return again in the next autumn, and then to visit Mr. Nizbit, and openly declare himself Edda's lover.

The little autumn idyl there ended. He went back to London and hard work. He never wrote to Edda, but she knew that he loved her and was working for her. Mrs. Nizbit was dead, and there was no one to whom the girl could confide her hopes and dreams.

From the time of her lover's departure, Edda became more restless and eager to leave Racket Hall, and take her place in the world. But from the hour of their parting she had never seen him, nor heard from him, and never heard even the remotest allusion to his existence until now.

The discovery that he belonged to the proud race of Vavasour, that he was of a high family and the rightful heir of Ben Storm, brought more of pain than pleasure to Edda's soul. She would have married a poor man if she loved him, but would Dugald Vavasour desire in good truth to marry her who had no claim to honourable parentage, and whose very origin must remain a secret forever?

The girl aroused herself from her trance-like reverie as Mrs. Macray slowly reversed the picture.

"I should like to go to London," said the housekeeper, "to see my dear boy. There's no one loves him as I love him. I was his nurse, Miss Brend, and the minister says that Master Dugald asked particularly about me when he saw him. And the minister says that, though Master Dugald has all the Mac Fingal pride, that he has hopes of inducing him to come back and see Mrs. Vavasour, and try to make friends with her. He may come back at any time—think of that."

Edda arose from her seat.

"I must go to my room, Mrs. Macray" she said. "It is near the lunch hour, and I dare not be late. Sometime I hope you will tell me all about Mr. Vavasour. And if you hear that he is expected here, I beg you to tell me."

The housekeeper looked at the girl keenly and assented. She conducted Edda back to the girl's room, and then returned toward her own private apartment, where Mrs. Prigge awaited her.

"I shouldn't wonder," thought Mrs. Macray, as she threaded the long passages, "if Miss Brend were dead in love with Master Dugald. She certainly showed a strange agitation when I spoke of him. As if he, the last of the Mac Fingals, and the rightful heir of Ben Storm and all the wealth of the English Vavasours, would look upon a hireling to marry her. He may have talked love to her—young men will be young men—but marry her, aye, that he won't. A princess is not too good for him, and since the sons of Scottish chieftains are marrying English princesses, why, my laddie would never marry a hired companion—never!"

Smiling at the absurdity of the very idea, she went into her room.

Edda appeared at the lunch-table, and was rather quiet, but Mrs. Vavasour was very talkative and did not notice her silence. After luncheon Edda strolled through the gardens, green-houses and conservatories. About three o'clock the carriage appeared in the porch, and the centenarian took her place upon the rear seat spreading out her velvets and ermine in the summer sunshine, and Edda seated herself opposite her employer.

They drove down the mountain to a little hamlet called Brae Town, and ascended the mountain again by another road worse if possible than the first, arriving at the castle in time to dress for a late dinner.

After dinner there was music in the drawing-room, and at ten o'clock Mrs. Vavasour retired, and Edda went to her own room.

She sat up late writing a letter to Miss Powys. She said nothing concerning her discovery of the identity of the legitimate heir of Mrs. Vavasour, but gave in other respects a close narrative of her experiences at Storm Castle. She concluded her letter with certain guarded expressions of affection, and signed it, "Truly yours, Edda Brend."

The letter sealed and addressed, Edda went to bed. Next morning, Mrs. Prigge, with the letter in her possession, went away in the post-chaise which had brought her and Edda to the castle, and Edda was left alone to begin her new life.

For two or three days everything passed smoothly. Mrs. Vavasour was inclined to be captious and suspicious of her young companion, but Edda's unfailing good humour won upon her, and she grew to feel a strange sense of dependence upon the vivacious little brunette.

Upon the third morning of Edda's stay there arrived in the noon post—the earliest that reached Storm Castle—two letters for Mrs. Vavasour. She did not read them until the meal was concluded, and she was seated with Edda in her boudoir; then she carefully examined the postmarks, her chin and nose seeming almost to meet as she continued her investigation.

"Humph!" she said. "This letter is from Gretta Cameron, of Glen Cameron, a great favourite of mine, Miss Brend. She writes a spidery, illegible hand, like so many young ladies of the present day, and I find it difficult to decipher—not that my sight is failing," the centenarian added quickly—"You shall read it to me."

Edda complied with the command.

The letter, written on tinted paper, with the most elaborate of monograms, in an almost illegible handwriting, was dated at "Glen Cameron," and stated that the author—Gretta Cameron—was dying to see her dearest, dearest grandmamma, and was going to treat herself to an informal visit of a week at Storm Castle, and would arrive the next day subsequent to the date of the letter.

"It was dated yesterday," said Mrs. Vavasour.

"Why, then she'll be here to-day! Glen Cameron is thirty miles from here, and that dear helpless Gretta knows that it usually takes a week for a letter to come from her to me. But perhaps this was sent by special messenger to Brae Town. Yes, that is it."

Edda folded and restored the letter to her employer.

"This other letter, also postmarked Brae Town, is from the minister of Brae kirk, who dines with me once a week. Read that also, Miss Brend. Let us hear what the dominie has to say by letter that he cannot say by word of mouth."

Edda opened and read the second letter. Its contents were as follows:

"Brae Manse, August 20th.

"My very Dear and Honoured Friend,—I write this letter to you as a minister of the church, and as one who would be a peacemaker between two noble but misguided souls. As you know, I visited Mr. Dugald Vavasour in London during my recent stay in the metropolis.

"I found him hard at work, of good habits, and well-grounded in the noble principles instilled in his mind in boyhood. He would be an honour to you, dear madam, and to your name. I invited him to come up and see me and make me a visit. All this you know. I have received to-day a letter from him, dated at some moor hamlet in Yorkshire, where he has been spending some days. This letter, written in great depression of mind, and under some great blow, as it seems to me, announces that he is tired of London, is weary and overworked, and that he will accept my invitation, and come to visit me at the manse on the 20th inst. His letter has been strangely delayed. He will arrive, D. V., to-day.

"May I not implore you, honoured madam, in consideration of your venerable years, and the certainty of the near change from mortality to immortality—may I not beseech you to reconcile yourself to Mr. Dugald Vavasour before you go hence? Will you not crown your life of well-doing by this act of justice and mercy to one so eminently worthy of your favour? Under the circumstances, I am constrained to deny myself the pleasure of my usual weekly visit to Storm Castle. I fear that my course toward your descendant may annoy you; but while I earnestly deprecate your displeasure, honoured madam, as a sorrow grievous to be borne, I must not be unmindful of my high calling, and of the duty I owe Him whom I serve.

"With the greatest esteem and a hopeful heart,

"I am, dear and venerable madame,

"Your attached friend, J. Macdougal."

Mrs. Vavasour listened to the reading of this epistle with her chin on the head of her walking-stick, and a speculative look in her keen, hard eyes.

"Well, well," she said, when Edda had finished, "after all the favours I've heaped on the dominie, this is the way he turns on me. He thinks I'm near death, as he's polite enough to say, and he wants to get on the right side of Dugald. But the dominie is after all but a simple soul. Perhaps there's a Providence in this thing, Miss Brend. Here are Gretta Cameron and Dugald coming here at the same time—both will arrive to-day. I will forgive Dugald and take him back on the old condition that he will marry Gretta. Write a note to that effect to Mr. Macdougal, and tell him that if Dugald is humbled enough to except my terms I would be happy to have him and the dominie come up to the castle at once. I shall have my way at last, you see. I shall live to witness the marriage of my great-great-grandson to Gretta Cameron!"

The old lady chuckled in her delight.

And with a pale face and a heavy heart, Edda wrote the proposed letter from Mrs. Vavasour's dictation.

(To be continued).

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TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, 44 dairy cows and heifers, 16 fat cattle, 14 store cattle, 11 calves. Cows made up to £21; fat cattle to £19 17s 6d; store cattle to £1; calves to 48s; 119 fat sheep and lambs; fat sheep to 54s 6d; fat clipped hoggs to 51s 6d; fat lambs to 34s.

THE DISTRESS IN WEST DURHAM.

STANHOPE.

The following are this week's additional subscriptions to the Stanhope Health Resort Association Relief Fund: Mr Edgar Storey, £10; the Bishop of Richmond, 10th week, £5; per Mr J. G. Bainbridge, £5; Miss Heugh, 8th week, £1; Mr W. Clayton, per Dr Arnison, £1—making a total, with small sums, of £292.

HILL TOP, DIPTON.

SIR,—I am requested by many of the parents in Hill Top whose children were supplied with soup, bread, and tea for ten weeks during the late lamentable strike to publicly thank Messrs James Joicey and Co., also their agents—Mr Asquith and Mr Pringle—for supplying coals to the sick, and many other acts of kindness which were shown to their workmen and the widows. Mr Asquith since he came amongst us, has shown himself to be a man of great feeling and sympathy. His conduct during the late strike contrasts very favourably with some of the adjoining colliery agents, who would not even allow a cwt of coals to boil the soup that many kind friends provided for the starving children. I am sorry to read that some of my fellow-men are making political capital out of the late strike against Mr Joicey re the election, but when the time comes they will find him at the head of the poll by a large majority.—I am, &c.,

A HILL TOP RESIDENT.

Hill Top, Dipton, June 20, 1892.

USHAW MOOR.

SIR,—The Ushaw Moor Relief Committee begs to express its hearty thanks to all those who kindly contributed towards the relief of the distress at that colliery during the recent strike. The small balance in hand has been transferred to the fund for providing free breakfasts for children, and the committee has dissolved.—I am, &c.,

VIVIAN TYACKE JACKA, Treasurer.

Esh, June 17th, 1892.

SOUTH MOOR.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow the members of the above lodge, through the medium of your valuable paper, to tender their sincere thanks to Mr James Fairley, manager, likewise all the other officials of South Moor Collieries, for the kind and liberal manner in which they have supplied the children with soup and jam and bread during the late struggle.—Signed on behalf of the Morrison Lodge,

JAMES ROBSON, Secretary.

South Moor, June 21, 1892.

CHOP HILL RELIEF FUND.

The above relief fund has now been closed, and reflects the greatest credit on the local committee, who have collected the subscriptions, and met the various cases as they have come to hand. The recipients have been served with goods as they might require. The total amount collected has reached £39 11s. Members of the committee:—Messrs Thomas Soulsby, Robert Bulman, Wm. Brown, Robert Martin, Hugh Lawson, William Jackson, and Francis Hewison; Philip Allan, treasurer; Thomas Wrangham, chairman; Thos. Hall, secretary.

WEST PELTON SCHOOL.

SIR,—I am requested by the parents of the children attending the West Pelton Schools to publicly thank Messrs James Joicey and Company and their agents, Messrs Asquith, Humble, and Ridley, for their kind consideration in supplying the free dinners during the last eight weeks of the unfortunate strike. It may be stated that dinners were given to 470 children per day, and consisted of soup and bread, ham sandwiches, tea and buns, which was very much appreciated by the children. I may also state that during the strike Messrs Joicey supplied all families, where sickness existed, with what coal they required, and their kindness in these and other matters will not be soon forgotten by the people of that neighbourhood.—I am, &c.,

W. A. MALLAMS.

West Pelton, June 21st, 1892.

BURNHOPE COLLIERY.

SIR,—Kindly allow the committee of the above space in your valuable paper to tender their sincere thanks to the people of Burnhope and surrounding district for their liberal support towards relieving the distress at the above colliery; also thanking Mr Emmerson, brewer, Newcastle, for his subscription of £1 1s per week. We have expended £53 on soup and bread. Other goods have also come in from Co-operative Stores, &c. We also thank Mr Gray and Mr Corker for the use of their boilers.—Signed on behalf of the committee,

C. CUMMINGS, Chairman.
A. HARTLEY, Treasurer.
J. JOHNSON, Secretary.

Burnhope Colliery, June 20, 1892.

TOW LAW.

On Saturday, the last distribution of soup took place in the Auction Mart, to upwards of 300 children. The first breakfast was given on the 13th of April to 120 children, the number during the strike rising to 400. A public meeting was held in the mart on Saturday evening to hear the report and wind up the affair—Mr James Vickers in the chair. The treasurer, Mr G. Richardson, read the report and balance sheet, which showed the cash income to be £66 6s 2d and the outlay to be £67 9s or £1 2s 10d deficient—this amount does not cover all the cost of relief. Tickets for goods and coals have been given to the most distressed cases. Beef, mutton, and potatoes, have been given in large quantities by the committee, which, together with the cost of feeding the children, would put the amount to over £100 spent. A hearty vote of thanks was given to all those ladies and gentlemen who have helped in any way to relieve the poor and needy.

OPEN AND VICTORIA GARESFIELD RELIEF FUND.

SIR,—At a very large meeting between the two collieries, the following resolution was passed:—

"That we should express our deep and hearty thanks to our many kind friends who have helped us so generously in our late struggle by gifts of money, bread, beef, milk, vegetables, &c."

We have served 395 families with a small parcel of groceries (parcel according to number of family), 1,500 gallons of soup have been made, which were served four and five times a week, and upwards of 4,000 children have partaken of tea. We are pleased to say the amount in money realised for feeding the needing was the handsome sum of £61 9s 9½d, with an expenditure of £70 9s 9d, leaving a balance of £1 0s 0½, which will be given to the most needful old people. We (the committee) desire to thank Mr Richard Browell for his kindness in granting us the use of the Miners' Hall every day during the strike, where the poor people have been served.—We are, &c.,

JOS. ROBSON, President.
WM. ROBSON, Treasurer.
E. STOKER, Secretary.

COLLIERLEY BURIAL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of the above Board was held on Thursday se'nnight, in the Board room, Hare Law. Members present: Messrs J. Gornall (chairman), H. Brown, J. Moore, and P. Reay.

THE LATE VESTRY MEETING.

The report from the vestry meeting was read, and on the motion of Mr REAY, seconded by Mr J. MOORE, it was carried.

THE GROUND.

Mr REAY moved, and the CHAIRMAN seconded, that the burial ground be opened on Sundays as follows: April 1st to May 13th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; May 13th to September 30th, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and from September 30th to March 30th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to friends and visitors.

This was agreed to.

SELLING THE GRASS.

The CHAIRMAN moved, and Mr MOORE seconded, that Mr J. Walker, of East Stobb House, have the grass grown on the ground at his stated sum. The ground to be cleared by August.

Carried.

PURCHASING IMPLEMENTS.

The CHAIRMAN moved, and Mr MOORE seconded, that the caretaker be instructed to purchase the necessary implements for his work, and also seed annuals required in the name of the Board.

FINANCIAL.

The balance to the credit of the Board at the bank is £52 13s 4d.

Other formal business was attended to, and the Board arose.

STANHOPE PETTY SESSIONS.

FRIDAY, June 17th.—Before Dr ARNISON and V. A. RIPPON, Esq.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

Thomas Robinson, a youth, residing at East Lane, Stanhope, was charged with using obscene language in the streets of Stanhope, on the 28th ult. He was feigning being drunk at the time the police came upon him. He also refused to give his name, and only did so on the police threatening to lock him up.—The Bench inflicted a fine upon him of 8s, the costs being 7s.

CRUELTY TO A PONY.

Joseph Ballant, a fish hawker, hailing from the neighbourhood of Bishop Auckland, was charged by P.C. Wallace with working a pony in an unfit state, the latter having a large wound about the size of a man's hand on the shoulder, the offence taking place at Stanhope, on the 25th ult.—Ballant admitted the charge, but said the wound was not so large as had been stated, nor was the collar touching it. He had taken the pony after to Mr Dean, the veterinary surgeon at Bishop Auckland, to examine, and who, he said, he expected being present to give evidence; but he did not put in an appearance. Mr Dean, however, sent a note, which mentioned a wound on the near shoulder, whereas defendant said it was on the off shoulder, thus showing a discrepancy between their statements.—The Bench fined him 20s, including costs.

METHODIST QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—The quarterly meeting of the Chester-le-Street Primitive Methodist circuit, was held on Wednesday week—Rev. John Taylor presiding. The return of membership showed a decrease of 18 on the quarter, chiefly owing to deaths and removals. The financial statement presented by Mr Thomas Telford, the circuit steward, was of a satisfactory character, there being a balance of £6 in hand after all expenses had been paid. A resolution thanking the Rev John Taylor for his services to the circuit during his ministry was carried. Mr Thomas John Harrison, who has acted for two years in place of the minister during the illness of the latter, was also thanked for his services and awarded a gratuity of £5.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT WESLEYAN CIRCUIT.—On Wednesday week, the quarterly meeting of this circuit was held at Lanchester. Those present were:—Revs J. H. Taylor (presiding), J. Crawshaw, J. V. Sutton, C. W. Barber, along with the stewards and about sixty brethren.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.—The financial statement was read, which shewed an income of £195 8s 1d, whilst the expenditure amounted to £193 1s 5d, leaving a balance of £2 6s 8d. This was considered to be good, owing to the miners' strike having lasted the most part of the quarter. The horse-hire fund income was reported to be £27 1s 6d, whilst the expenditure amounted to £26 4s 4d, leaving a balance of 17s 1d. It was agreed that two gatherings should be held in the circuit, the proceeds of which were to be devoted to the Furnishing and Building Fund, and the secretary (Mr J. Palliser) was instructed to convene a meeting for making the arrangements at an early date.—The numerical statement shewed 1.465 members, being an increase of 16, with 43 on trial.—The minute of the Invitation Committee, with reference to giving the Rev R. W. Butterworth (Supt. in the Durham Circuit) an invitation to succeed the Rev J. H. Taylor, was unanimously endorsed.—A pleasant conversation took place on the work of God in the circuit, and it was decided to hold open-air services throughout the circuit, as much as possible during the summer months.—It was resolved that the Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Association collection throughout the circuit should be made in August.—The Lanchester friends were cordially thanked for their hospitality in providing the splendid tea.—It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Leadgate.—The Rev Joseph Muir (from London), formerly a local preacher in the circuit, at this stage was accorded a hearty welcome, and the address he delivered will not soon be forgotten by those who had the pleasure of listening to the same.

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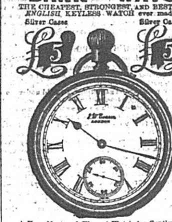
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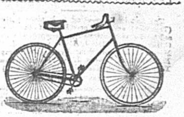
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INMATES OF THE HOUSE.

Present No. of inmates	160
Corresponding period last year	148
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	11
Corresponding period last year	9

OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

Mr R. Walton, relieving officer, eastern district, reported :—

Adults, not able-bodied—Males	77
Females	134
Able-bodied (temporarily disabled)	2
Females (in health)	40
Temporarily disabled	0
Children under 16 years	185
Total	438

Amount of relief in money, £72 13s.

Mr J. Moon, relieving officer, western district, also reported :—

Adults, not able-bodied—Males	55
Females	108
Able-bodied—Males	11
Females (in health)	82
Temporarily disabled	0
Children under 16 years	287
Total	543

Amount of relief in money, £77 19s 6d.

TOTALS.

Adults, not able-bodied	374
Able-bodied	135
Children	472
Total	981

Amount of relief, £150 12s 6d.

Figures for the corresponding period of last year :—

Adults, not able-bodied	329
Able-bodied	133
Children	468
Total	930

Amount of relief, £140 14s 6d.

THE TREATMENT OF CASUALS.

The Clerk read a new casual order from the Local Government Board, empowering the Master of the Workhouse, if he was satisfied that any casual had performed his task to the best of his ability, he might let him go out of the House, from Lady-day to Michaelmas, at 5·30 in the morning, instead of 9 o'clock as heretofore, and from Michaelmas to Lady-day at 6·30 in the morning, providing he was a *bona-fide* person in search of work.

Mr AYNSLEY : Has the Master any objection?

The Master (Mr W. Brotherhood): It's no use when the order has come from London.

THE GILSLAND CONFERENCE.

Notice was given that at the next meeting a deputation from the Board would be appointed to attend the annual Poor-Law Conference at Gilsland.

ASYLUM VISITING COMMITTEE.

Rev P. C. Fortin, Messrs Wm. Aynsley, J. Collinson, and W. Rutherford were appointed the special committee to visit the Tudhoe House and the Sedgefield Asylum.

ADVERTISING FOR A WIFE!

A dirty, ragged, dejected-looking young fellow, belonging to Consett, attended the meeting, and applied to be admitted to the House to break stones.

The Master said that the man had frequently been in the House, and always went out to break stones.

Applicant said he had been employed under the Lanchester Highway Board, but all the stones had been finished on the previous day.

The CHAIRMAN : But you must have had a little money saved up?

Applicant : I have none.

The Master: Have you been advertising for a wife lately? (Laughter.)

Applicant : No, sir.

Mr Brotherhood : He advertised for a wife some time ago—one with plenty of money, £150 or £250 a year, to keep him. (Roars of laughter.)

Applicant : I wanted £50 down. (Laughter.)

The Master : But he did not succeed in finding one. (Renewed laughter.)

It was agreed to let the man come into the House, providing he went out again as soon as there was stone ready for breaking outside.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

A CASTLE DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION.

Mr George Hobson presided.

Both the Medical Officer (Dr T. Bolton) and the Inspector reported that a dwelling-house, known as "Mulligan's Castle," at Templetown, near Consett, was unfit for habitation, and ought to be closed forthwith. The walls were thin and damp, and the roof was so flat as to admit water.

Mr COLLINSON : Then you are going to close the castle? (Laughter.)

Mr AYNSLEY : The place is in no worse state than it has been for years.

The CHAIRMAN : What sort of a place is this?

Mr AYNSLEY : A sort of wood shanty ; but with its garden, the surroundings are much superior to living in coke-ovens.

A letter was also received from Dr Benson suggesting that the Authority should request the Consett Iron Company to re-build the house. There was only two years of the lease to run.

The Authority, however, agreed that they could not call upon the Consett Iron Company to re-build the dwelling.

The Inspector said that Mulligan was a "squatter" who built a house on an old quarry many years ago.

Councillor MUSE: He's a proper Home Ruler. (Laughter.)

It was resolved to take the necessary steps to close the house.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Eastern District.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The condition of the district as regards diseases that are notifiable is very satisfactory. Only four cases of scarlatina have been reported to me during the month. The patients live at Friarside, and are members of one family. The epidemic of measles that commenced at The Causey is practically ended, but solitary cases have occurred at Tanfield, Tanfield Lea, East Tanfield, Beamish, and East Stanley. The source of each case was easily traceable, and although every care is being used, there is a probability that other cases may follow, particularly in the two first-mentioned villages.

The mortality for the month is remarkably low. Only eight deaths were registered, which is equal to an annual death-rate of from seven to eight per 1,000 on the estimated population after deducting Stanley Local Board area.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
T. BENSON, Medical Officer.

June 21st, 1892.

Medomsley District.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The following cases have come under my notice during the month :—One case of typhoid fever at Hamsterley Colliery, and one case of puerperal fever at Allendale Cottages. Measles continues prevalent throughout the district, but of a mild form.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
W. T. BOLTON.

Ebchester Hill, June 22nd, 1892.

Lanchester District.

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

GENTLEMEN,—Since my last report the following are the fresh cases of epidemic diseases that have appeared in this district :—Five cases of scarlet fever, 13 of whooping cough, and 5 of measles at Langley Park ; 4 cases of scarlet fever and 11 of whooping cough at Ushaw Moor ; 1 case of erysipelas at Durham Road, Esh Winning ; 5 cases of scarlet fever at Hamsteels Colliery ; 3 cases of scarlet fever and 2 of measles at Quebec ; 10 cases of scarlet fever, 15 of whooping cough, 7 of measles, and 1 of erysipelas at Cornsay Colliery.

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
JOHN WILSON.

Lanchester, June 23rd, 1892.

THE OUTBREAK OF FEVER.

Coun. CURRY suggested that the Medical Officer and Inspector should confer as to what steps should be taken to abate the disease.

The Inspector said that the outbreak was not due to faulty sanitary arrangements, but was spread by people visiting their neighbour's houses.

Mr LOWDEN stated that the epidemic was abating, the affected dwellings at Hamsteels Colliery having been properly disinfected.

SURVEYOR'S AND INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor and Inspector submitted the following report :—

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

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to report that at East Hedleyhope the surface channels which take the sewage from the houses are decayed and in a defective condition in two of the colliery rows, and foul matter is liable to percolate into the ground near the dwellings, and that the pavements near the same are much decayed.

At Hedley Fell there are six houses without proper ashpits, and I am in communication with the owners thereof respecting the same.

The main drainage and sewage disposal works at Medomsley are fast approaching completion, and some steps should now be taken with regard to the management and utilization of the irrigation area, and I would suggest that in the meantime one-fourth of the area be sown with Italian Rye grass.

The Medomsley Edge drainage is now being proceeded with by Messrs Milburn and Gibson in accordance with their tender.

The owners of the houses at Medomsley have now commenced connecting their drains with the new sewers, and I would recommend that the Clerk of the Works be retained to inspect the pipes when laid, and see that my orders are being carried out with reference to the house-drainage ; in addition to this to act as Clerk of the Works for the Medomsley Edge drainage, and fill up any spare time he may have while these works are in progress in the detection of nuisances.

The sewage disposal works at Tantobie are progressing satisfactorily, and the subsoil is very suitable for filtration purposes.

The water-mains have nearly all been laid by the Consett Water Company for the water supply of Tanfield, Causey, and Andrew's Houses, and the necessary branches may now be proceeded with.

The Joint Committee of the Esh Winning Sewerage Works on the 16th inst. agreed to the acceptance of the tender of Mr George Robson for those works.

The sewers at Templetown and a Castleside have during the month been flushed by means of the flushing water-cart, and are in a satisfactory condition.

The house known as High Knitsley Cottage, or Mulligan's Castle, Templetown, is unfit for habitation, as the walls are thin and damp, and the roof so flat that water passes through it into the house.

41 villages have been inspected during the month.

The following houses are ready for habitation 1183. Three houses at Burnopfield for James Cuthbertson.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
J. E. PARKER.

Lanchester, June 23rd, 1892.

JARROW WESLEYAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL TRIP TO LANCHESTER.

On Wednesday, the annual trip of the Jarrow Wesleyan Sunday scholars took place, the locality chosen being the same as last year, viz. : in one of the fields adjoining Greencroft Park, its use being kindly granted for the occasion by Mr Buckham, the well-known timber merchant, farmer, and stock-breeder of Lanchester. Along with the Jarrow portion was a large contingent from High Shields, the whole party numbering considerably over 1,090. A large special train conveyed the trippers to Lanchester Station, whence a procession was formed and the joyous company marched to the field, in which a large marquee had been previously erected, and in which large numbers of both adults and children partook of the light luncheon they had brought with them. Long, however, before the rear of the lengthy procession reached the *rendezvous* the first arrivals had dexterously pitched their wickets, formed themselves into bowling portions, fastened their swing ropes, and otherwise made arrangements for the numberless other amusements which the juvenile brain is ever fertile in promoting. Accompanying the party was a fully equipped and highly efficient string brand, the extraordinary variety of the music which was listened to by admiring crowds who seemed spell-bound at the feeling which was so tenderly thrown into the more delicate pieces. Another great attraction lay in the permission granted by that kindest and most obliging of gentlemen, Mr Lovett, gardener at Greencroft Park, to walk through the grounds of that fine old mansion. At no season of the year is it possible for the grounds to look more attractive than they are at present. The display of rhododendrons—of which there is the finest and most varied collection in the north—was a sight, which, when once seen, will not soon be forgotten. Shortly after four o'clock the juvenile portion of the party were regaled with tea and cake, which for quantity and quality satisfied even the most fastidious. After the children the adults were served, when the sports were resumed. During the proceedings the photographers was tolerably well patronised—a considerably number of groups having been taken by Mr Franks, of Gateshead, including a large and gorgeously bloomed rhododendron shrub with the gardener, Mr Lovett, standing beside it. Shortly after seven o'clock a move was made for home, and on arriving at the village green a meeting was held, presided over by the Rev Mr Wilkinson, of Jarrow, at which addresses were given by Rev Mr Judson, South Shields ; Mr Mee, Jarrow ; and others, while a cordial vote of thanks to Mr Buckham for the use of the fields was moved and seconded by Mr Penman and Mr Burdess, of Jarrow, and supported by Messrs Smith and Adamson, High Shields. Singing a processional hymn, the party then proceeded to the station, where the train was waiting for the return journey. Jarrow was reached at 10 p.m. and High Shields ten minutes later without a single mishap, and the weather being favourable throughout.

The following are the names of the players and the programme :—

1st violin—Messrs Young, English, and Farmer.
2nd violin—Messrs Harris and Lee.
Viola—Mr Errington.
Cello—Mr W. Mackey.
Double bass—Mr E. W. Penman.
Flute and piccolo—Mr Hope.
Oboe—Mr Hedley.
Cornet—Mr Robinson.
Horn—Mr Kinghorn.
Harp—Mr Deacon.

PROGRAMME :

March........."Russian parade".........F. Godfrey.
Overture......"Le Chevalier Buton".........Herman.
Spanish valse......"Cordona".........Juan Gomiz.
Graceful dance........."Zele".........Victor Vienot.
Selection..."Life on the ocean wave"...Binding.
Valse......"When the lights are low"......Bonheur.
Mazurka........."Styrienne".........Whittman.
Selection........."Babylonia"..Warwick Williams.
Gavotte........."Clarissa".........H. Talbot.
Lancers........."Talk of the night"...W. Williams.

Yesterday (Thursday), the scholars and teachers of the Shields Wesleyan Sunday School, to the number of 800, journeyed to Lanchester by special train, and had a similar treat provided for them.

CHOIR TRIP.—Last Sunday, the Wolsingham Wesleyan Chapel choir had their annual outing to Barnard Castle, journeying by brake. A halt was made at Staindrop, where the historic church, with its valuable relics, afforded pabulum for the antiquarians. Afterwards (through the kindness of Mr Scarth) a detour was made through the park at Raby, celebrated for its herds of fine deer. After arriving at their destination, lunch was partaken of, when the notable sights were visited, including the old castle ruins and Egglestone Abbey.

WEAR VALLEY EXTENSION BILL.

In the House of Commons, on Thursday se'nnight, on the motion that in the case of this bill the standing orders be suspended, and the bill be considered and read a third time,

Mr J. W. LOWTHER asked the House to allow him to explain his position. He represented on this occasion the Cumberland County Council, who felt that their interests were very injuriously affected in that a railway would be made under this bill which would possibly be constructed in such a form that under no circumstances could it ever be continued to reach the district of Alston, which was the part of the constituency specially affected in the matter. The residents in Alston and in the eastern and western parts of the district had promoted an alternative scheme which would have provided another line running through Alston. The Cumberland County Council recently presented a petition to be heard by council against this Wear Valley Extension Railway Bill, on the ground that their interests were injuriously affected, but the referees decided that the Council had no *locus standi*. It was his intention to have appealed from the court to the House on the previous day (Wednesday), but no doubt in consequence of the period of the session at which they had arrived, and the rapidity with which it was necessary to carry the bill through, the promoters took the course of treating the bill as an unopposed measure and passing it through its report stage on that (Wednesday) morning. Consequently when he rose for the purpose of opposing the measure, he found that it had already been passed through Committee. He was bound to say that the County Council felt that their interests would be injuriously affected if it were impossible to make a through line from Alston to Stamford, and he would ask his hon. friend opposite whether he would not be prepared to give an undertaking in the House that he would use his best endeavours to facilitate the efforts that would no doubt be made in that district of Cumberland to procure a through line to run from Alston to Stamford. If his hon. friend could give such an undertaking he (Mr Lowther) should not be under the necessity of troubling the House any further in the matter.

Sir J. PEASE said the line was originally laid out with the view of going forward to Alston, but they had only been able to take one step at a time. The line, however, had been carried out in a way that would facilitate its future extension to Alston, and he should only be too happy to lend any aid he could to so very desirable a development—one the promoters of the line had in view from its inception. He assured his hon. friend that the line was so laid out that it could be continued to Alston at some future date, and so far as he (Sir J. Pease) was concerned, he would take care that the arrangement should be carried out.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read a third time.

The Wear Valley Extension Railway Bill obtained the Royal assent and became an Act on Monday. The welcome intelligence was wired to the local committee by Sir Joseph Pease, and general satisfaction was expressed at the success of a scheme which it is hoped will do something to restore prosperity to the dales.

RACE-WEEK SCHOOL AND OTHER EXCURSIONS.

The following is a list of the Sunday-school, &c., excursions from Newcastle and Gateshead to different parts of the district this week :—

Tuesday.—Shipley Street Mission, 40 adults and 250 children, to Ryton. Mount Pleasant New Connexion, 40 adults, 60 children ; St George's Presbyterian, 30 adults, 100 children, to Stocksfield. New Bridge Street Hall, School Street, and Hindhaugh Street Mission, 110 adults, 280 children, to Swalwell and Rowlands Gill.

Wednesday.—High West Street Wesleyan, Elswick Road Wesleyan, 230 adults, 420 children, to Lanchester. Durham Road PM, Durham Road UMFC, 200 adults, 350 children ; Park Terrace Presbyterian, 150 adults, 350, to Chester-le-Street. Sunderland Road PM, 70 adults, 250 children ; Gallowgate Mission, 100 adults, 200 children ; Buckingham Street Mission, 50 adults, 170 children ; St Paul's, 120 adults, 230 children ; Temple Street, 50 adults, 130 children ; Westmoreland Road Presbyterian, 100 adults, 300 children ; Derby Street PM, 50 adults, 150 children ; Bensham Road Wesleyan, 200 adults, 280 children ; Cumberland Street, 60 adults, 120 children, to Rowland's Gill. Pine Street Christian Lay Church, 30 adults, 140 children, to Swalwell. Bell's Close Wesleyan Choir, 50 adults, to Lintz Green. Christian's Meeting House, 40 adults, 60 children, to Ebchester. Eldon Street, Hamsterley Road UMFC, Erskine Presbyterian, East Street Wesleyan, Snow Street MNC, 250 adults, 670 children ; St Stephen's and St Mark's, 250 adults, 600 children, to Wylam. Brown Memorial, 50 adults, 100 children ; Strickland Street PM, 70 adults, 180 children, to Ryton. West Street PM, Cuthbert Street UMFC, Mount Pleasant, 163 adults, 290 children, to Prudhoe. Park Road Wesleyan, 130 adults, 350 children ; Rye Hill Baptist, 75 adults, 225 children ; Blackett Street Presbyterian, 100 adults, 500 children ; Gateshead Congregational, 150 adults, 200 children ; Trinity Presbyterian, 300 adults, 650 children, to Stocksfield. Gloucester Street UMFC, 80 adults, 150 children ; Arthur's Hill Presbyterian, 50 adults, 150 children, to Riding Mill. Jarrow, St John's Terrace and North Street Wesleyan, 250 adults, 850 children, to Lanchester.

Thursday.—St Aidan's, 150 adults, 220 children, to Swalwell. Paradise Wesleyan, 70 adults, 160 children ; Durham Road PM, 140 adults, 60 children, to Rowland's Gill. St Joseph's Church party, Rev R Trotter's party, South Benwell MN, 450 adults, 250 children, to Shotley Bridge. Durham Road Baptist, 150 adults, 550 children ; Maple Street, 150 adults, 200 children ; Diana Street Wesleyan, 60 adults, 250 children ; Central Hall choir, 70 adults, to Stocksfield. St Augustine's, 100 adults, 200 children ; St Peter's, 40 adults, 150 children ; Clarence Street Wesleyan, 130 adults, 200 children, to Wylam. City Road, 75 adults, 180 children, to Prudhoe. Dunn Street Wesleyan, 60 adults, 200 children ; Westgate Road Baptist, 125 adults, 600 children, to Riding Mill. South Shields Wesleyan, 200 adults, 380 children, to Lanchester.

THE TEMPERANCE FESTIVAL.

It must be admitted that with respect to weather the North of England Temperance Festival Association has been extremely fortunate. During the past ten years they have, as a rule, been favoured with the very best atmospheric conditions, and as a result each recurring festival has proved to be a satisfactory success. Indeed, without fine weather, a financial success in connexion with such an undertaking would be impossible. It did seem this year as if the Association was about to lose its usual luck. "The rain it raineth every day" was a proverb that was strictly applicable to last week, and even on Monday there were copious showers, while on Monday night lowering clouds and drizzling wet bespoke a prospect drear. But all the gloomy anticipations created passed away on Tuesday morning. There was a brilliant sun shining at an early hour, and though there was alternate cloud and sunshine for a few hours afterwards, yet brightness predominated, and the pleasure of holiday-keepers appeared to be assured. Ald. W. D. Stephens and the three special weather prophets he alluded to on Saturday night at the Central Hall seemed to be, at any rate, right for the first day. There was joy and congratulations, of course, on all hands. The interesting preparations on the show ground were neither likely to prove in vain nor unprofitable, and from the open sports stand to the site opposite the old grandstand there were lines of popular attractions. That which gave so much contentment to the executive and the purveyors for public patronage, was, of course, an equal source of satisfaction to the public, and at the opening ceremony, on the military stands, and amid the madding crowd listening to the din of the various itinerants, nothing but mirth and fun and lively spirits were manifested. There was a fairly large crowd on the Moor when the opening ceremony took place, a crowd which largely increased in numbers as the day wore on. During the afternoon a programme of military sports were gone through.

It looked most unpromising for the first day of the festival, but it turned out fine. The evening signs seemed all right, but on Wednesday morning they were proved to be once more unreliable in our fickle climate, and at six o'clock it rained as hard as possible. Strange to say, it faired up in the forenoon, and though the sun glared through a misty atmosphere, the clerk of the weather, being a friend of the High Priest of the people's *fete*, behaved wonderfully well. It was dry overhead, but the ground was, as has been said, sloppy. The arrangement of the ground, and indeed the whole details of the festival, were more satisfactory than ever. There was a tent for lost children in the centre of the fair, and more facilities for cheap and good food. These tents and marquees were havens of rest and comfort for the tired family groups. The usual pic-nicking on the ground was a dangerous business in its wet condition, and this fact no doubt helped to crowd the sitting accommodation at the various sports to the very utmost extent. There has been a grand stand this year added for the popular attraction of the children's games, and it, too, had its patronage, while that of the military sports, though added to in extent, had no standing room left. It was, in the sultry condition of the weather, a trying stand, and it surely was a testimony to the interest of the tournament that so many endured it. Outside the fun of the fair was less boisterous—much quieter than usual. It seemed as if the syrens had been silenced, and the steam organs allowed a rest. There was a keen business air about, and the fact of certain enjoyments the previous day having been reduced to a halfpenny instead of the usual twopence would seem to infer that showfolk, too, come to appreciate restrictions in pocket money. The swing boats and steam merry-go-rounds are most in evidence, and there is an absence of the old showman type of entertainer, something strong and exciting being more to the taste of the multitude. They expend their energy in swings or knocking down cocoa nuts. Other ways of getting rid of superfluous energy are in dancing, for which two large tents are fitted up, and in tooth extracting free of charge, a sight free and open to everybody, and there was no lack of custom for the expert operator. Sobriety reigned throughout.

CONCLUDING PROCEEDINGS.

The festival, in which alternate hopes and fears, cloud and sunshine, umbrellas and waterproofs, damp ground and fair skies, have played so prominent a part, was continued on Thursday. On no former year has the gathering been held under more discouraging appearances than this year, and yet it has been attended with a success that is truly satisfactory and surprising. As a rule, the fixture is a sort of big family re-union—where friends and relatives meet each other year by year ; where the man and the woman with the large family take them out, so to speak, in order that they may have the benefit of the June air, bright sunshine, and keen enjoyment. The usual sight—which is added to the spectacle of streams of people crossing the Moor, and turnpikes laden with conveyances—is generally like a large pic-nicking party, with thousands of persons squatting here and there on the green sward, and enjoying, for the moment, *al fresco* repasts. To these diners-out the sports, for the time being, have, as a rule, no attraction, and the speakers on social or temperance platforms may, for aught they care, talk till they are hoarse. All their interest is for the moment centred in the novelty of the situation, and, the meal over, a peep at the shows, a turn at the sea-on-land, a whirl on the roundabouts, or a fly in the "shuggies" completes the day's enjoyment.

But the festival this time has perforce lost much of its pic-nicking character ; at anyrate, the family parties dining on the grass in anything like large numbers have been few and far between, through the condition of the ground. In all other respects, however, the institution has retained its popularity. There have been splendid crowds ; the stands, enlarged as they were this year, have been filled from end to end, and in other ways, financially and otherwise, the success this year has been most complete. For this happy result a good deal of the credit must be due to the interest which Ald. W. D. Stephens, J.P., president of the Association, has taken in the proceedings ; while it may be added that the arrangements of the hon. sec., Mr A. W. Wilkie, capital as they have been before, were never of a more perfect kind. Mr Wilkie has been fortunate in having as assistant secretaries such efficient gentlemen as Mr M. Harle and Mr Thomas Lightfoot, and the Association certainly owes much to Mr M. H. Siddle, who, as erector of the various stands, has provided accommodation of both a capacious and substantial kind. Space will not permit reference to the names of other gentlemen who have played a leading part in promoting the success of the eleventh Festival, but it may safely be said that the officials and their friends have worked all round with an assiduity that has been thoroughly commendable. There was, as has been the case all the week, on Thursday, a good deal of uncertainty about the weather. The forenoon, in the main, was dull and cloudy, and the fear of wet troubled many minds. There, was, however, again a very large attendanc on the Moor.

CRICKET.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH).

Consett 1st v Crook 1st, at Consett.
Consett 2nd v Crook 2nd, at Crook.
Medomsley 1st v Ushaw Moor, at Ushaw Moor.
Medomsley 2nd v Chester-le-Street 2nd, at Medomsley.
Shotley Bridge 1st v Leadgate 1st, at Shotley Bridge.
Shotley Bridge 2nd v Leadgate 2nd, at Leadgate.
Langley Park v Burnhope, at Langley Park.
Consett Fell v Newcastle North-Eastern 2nd, at Consett.
The Lizzie (Annfield Plain) v Usworth, at Annfield Plain.
Whickham 2nd v Haldane, at Whickham.
Oxhill v Oakenshaw, at Oxhill.
Cornsay v Bank Foot, at Bank Foot.
West Pelton Violets v Littletown, at Littletown.
Wolsingham v Etherley, at Wolsingham.
Beamish v Burnopfield, at Beamish.

BLACKHILL STATION JUNIORS v BLACKHILL LILYWHITES.—Played at Blackhill on Wednesday, and resulted as follows :—Juniors, 168 ; Lilywhites, 25.

BLACKHILL EXCELSIORS v LEADGATE JUNIORS.—Played at Leadgate, and after a very close game resulted in a victory for the Excelsiors by seven runs.

MEDOMSLEY v USHAW MOOR.—These teams will meet at Ushaw Moor to-morrow (Saturday). The following team will do duty for Medomsley :—R. Cant (captain), G. E. Milburn, M. Charlton, W. Cant, Dr Mann, M. Murphy, M. T. Milburn, R. Campbell, J. E. Taylor, W. Simpson, and W. E. Charlton.

DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP.

SECOND ROUND.

CHESTER-LE-STREET v. USHAW MOOR.

Played at Ushaw Moor on Saturday, in showery weather. The visitors went first to the wickets, and although their three first wickets went down for five, they piled up the respectable total of 95, of which John Bewicke contributed 52, Kerrich-Walker and Routledge being the only others reaching double figures. When the homesters went in, they fell rapidly before the splendid bowling of the brothers Middleton, who accounted for the first six wickets for four runs, and finally dismissed the lot for 30. Score :—

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

S. Shepherd c and b Tweedy	4
D. Crichton b W. Harding	1
G. Halliday c J. Harding b Tweedy	0
T. Middleton b W. Harding	9
John Bewicke b W. Harding	52
W. Middleton b W. Harding	0
G. Kerrich-Walker b W. Harding	10
J. Witherspoon b W. Harding	0
A. Routledge c Smith b W. Harding	11
Jas. Bewicke b W. Harding	2
Ralph Walker not out	1
Extras	5
Total	95

USHAW MOOR.

W. Hill b T. Middleton	0
R. Hope b W. Middleton	2
C. Smith b T. Middleton	0
G. Browning b W. Middleton	1
J. Harding b W. Middleton	0
W. Harding b T. Middleton	1
J. Smith not out	8
H. Hudson b T. Middleton	5
W. Tensick b W. Middleton	1
W. Lynn c Walker b W. Middleton	4
R. Tweedy b T. Middleton	7
Extras	1
Total	30

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[BY WEARSIDER.]

Mr James Joicey commenced his electorial campaign on Tuesday night, when he addressed meetings at Nettlesworth, Chester Moor, and Chester-le-Street. Capt. Fenwick, the Liberal candidate for Houghton-le-Spring Division, occupied the chair at the latter meeting, which was held in the Co-operative Hall. There was a very large attendance, the hall being quite filled in every part. The hon. member was supported on the platform by Ald. Thompson, Gateshead ; Rev J. G. Binney, Gateshead ; Messrs Robt. Kell, John Jenning, Thos. Storey, John Myers, and others, of Chester-le-Street. Mr Joicey had a most enthusiastic reception, and was listened to attentively through a somewhat lengthy speech. Resolutions in favour of his candidature were unanimously passed.

But the election of a member of Parliament is not the only election in which we are particularly engaged just now. Mr W. M. Ritson, the rate collector and assistant-overseer for the township of Chester-le-Street, has resigned his appointment as rate collector ; an appointment which rests with the Guardians, while the assistant-overseer appointed is elected by the ratepayers. There are a large number of applicants for the post of the rate collector, most of them quite qualified to fill the position with satisfaction to the Guardians and credit to themselves. I hope that in this case the Guardians will carry out a tacit understanding arrived at some time ago, and pay attention to the action of the Chester-le-Street Guardians. The understanding is that when appointments are to be made in any of the townships, the voice of the Guardians from that district shall be the payhele of the settlement.

For the nineteenth successive time Dr David Duncan has been appointed medical officer to the Loyal Laurels of Chester Lodge of Oddfellows. His opponent on this occasion was Dr W. M. Renton, who received 15 votes, while the old officer was honoured with 41. I understand that Dr Renton was not aware of his nomination, which had been made by some of his friends without his sanction. At the same time it is satisfactory to know that Dr Duncan's services which have undoubtedly been satisfactory have been acknowledged in such a practical way.

Formerly "Race-Week" regularly brought large numbers of pleasure-seekers to this neighbourhood ; but that was when the use of Lumley Castle and grounds could be had for the asking. Now they cannot. Chester-le-Street people make no special attraction to bring people to the place, and the gad-about family will go where there is excitement and spirit of one kind or other. This year there has only been one or two Sunday-school trips to the district. Fortunately the weather, although threatening, was not so bad by any means as it was last week.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

A Stanhope man went the other day to a neighbour's house and said, in the Stanhope vernacular : "Hev ye onnything ye wad len ma tae mow'd brigstones wiv." He meant a scythe.

Much fun has been caused in Wolsingham by some wonderful packets of tea. A young lady got one of them. She had a party, and had no other tea in the house ; but lo and behold it turned out to be sawdust. She was in a dilemma. She was not the only one duped. Some at Stanhope bought this wonderful tea with similar results. This is said to be "the cup that cheers but not inebriates," but sawdust hitherto has not been known as a stimulant. Yet such it is that those who purchased it were stimulated to concert pitch when they found it out.

The wood bridge up the water-side at Stanhope is getting out of repair very much just now. The authorities might, when they repair it, improve it so as to make it broader. It is too narrow, and could easily be made broader at little expense.

Linkirk is suffering at the expense of Stanhope Dene, as it is now called. It is practically forgotten in the craze for the Burn Wood, yet it is as romantic and picturesque as it. It is a pretty spot of nature that should be open out to the public. Dr Arnison, J.P., is anxious to have it opened, and a nice walk made to it, and has promised to use his influence to have it done. The Health Resort Association might do a worse thing than see after opening out this pretty place to the public.

Stanhope Castle and moors are reported to be let for the season.

A farmer on the borders of Wales has sent £5 to the Stanhope Health Resort Association Relief Fund, to be spent in giving employment to those out of work. He is a native of Stanhope, and has succeeded well in the farming line ; but has not forgot "Joe" when it was well with him. He also intimated that, if necessary, he would come again. I saw and read the letter from him. "Gentleman is that gentleman does." He remembers the old place—the scenes of his boyhood. More than that—he gives practical expression to his sympathy with the place.

A deputation from bonnie Weardale recently visited London. One of them, dining at a restaurant, was, on leaving, tipped by a rather impertinent looking waiter of the Cockney class. He looked round, and the Cockney, in an audible whisper, said : "Remember the waiter, sir." The rustic Weardaler replied : "Aye, aw'l remember tha as lang as aw lives," and departed as he said so. The Cockney looked daggers at our dalesman.

"Three hot days and a thunderstorm" is the proverbial English summer. This season, so far, promises to be like it. Scientists tell us the sun is cooling down, and in the course of time this globe of ours will be enveloped in ice. Scripture, on the contrary, tells us that this old globe shall be burnt up with fervid heat. Some of our scientists are extremely clever, and are well advanced—in fact, would have us think they know more than the Creator Himself.

The election will soon be upon us. Already we hear the clatter of arms. Our Conservative friends are bringing out a Labour candidate to oust Sir Joseph Pease. It would take a Cabinet Minister to do it. Lord Salisbury or Mr Balfour could hardly manage it, much less a servant of the party, good though he may be. Theirs is a hopeless case. The Barnard Castle Division is not so easily won. We would like to have seen them bring out a more formidable foe—one more worthy of our steel. What's got all the country squires?

Well done little Frosterley! One of its dairy maids has won success, well-merited, in the southern counties. Miss Ridley, of Peakfield, has as a lecturer and public demonstrator in butter-making, climbed the ladder to the top-most round. I should not be at all surprised to hear of this promising lady at the royal show. She is an expert and has proved herself such. Frosterley has every reason to be proud of her.

Frosterley, too, has become possessed of a handsome Co-operative Store, a building that would do credit to a large town. All it wants now is a Town Hall.

At a concert recently given at Frosterley, the chairman said "That the next piece would be an instrumental piece, given by instruments only."

On Sunday, the sermons in the Blackhill Wesleyan chapel were preached by Rev Joseph Muir, of London, before good congregations.

THE GRASS CROPS.—The grass crops in and about Stanhope, look forward and fresh, and it is evident that the hay harvest will be good so far as crops are concerned, and early, if favourable weather continue. Recently the weather has been exceedingly cold, but, notwithstanding this, the grass has grown quickly, and to all appearance the crops will be good.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[BY "CASTLESIDEITE."]

CONSERVATIVE COMMITTEE.

Mr R. Booth, the Conservative agent for the North-West Durham Division, visited Castleside on the 17th inst., and met a few followers of Lord Salisbury with a view to organise a working committee on behalf of the candidature of Mr J. Dunville, the Tory candidate, and opponent of the present and *future* M.P. for North-West Durham (L. A. Atherley-Jones, Esq.). The number present on that occasion were the agent, three electors, and a few young men—not a very large muster in the interest of Mr Dunville. The officers appointed were :—President, Mr T. C. Elliott, Dean House ; vice-president, Mr H. Clark, Castleside ; secretary, Mr ——. Though a few have fallen out of the Liberal ranks, there are still men left, staunch and true, who will bear the Liberal flag on to victory.

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board was held on Monday afternoon, in the Board-room. There were present :—Coun. T. J. Muse, Rev C. J. Walker, Messrs R. Ralton, W. Pattinson, and J. Proud (clerk). The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Attendance officer's report shewed improvement in the attendance. The Master (Mr T. Duckworth) reported number on roll :—boys, 107 ; girls, 120 ; total, 127 ; average present, 199 ; average absent, 28 ; percentage, 89. Cash :—Fees, £3 9s 11d ; books sold, 13s 11d ; total, £4 3s 10d. Cheques were signed for £19 10s 11d, leaving a balance in hand of £54 13s 7d. The teachers and scholars have entered on their holidays.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

The Primitive Methodist Sunday School anniversary services were held on Saturday and Sunday, conducted by Rev C. Longstaff, Brompton, via Northallerton. On Saturday, the children were entertained to tea in the school-room ; the tables were presided over by the following young ladies : Misses Bainbridge, Ripley, Robson, Lister, Harker, and Forster, assisted by Mesdames Raine, Ripley, and Pattinson. In the evening, a public meeting was held in the chapel, Mr W. Campbell, Shotley Bridge, occupying the chair. The meeting was addressed by Rev C. Longstaff, Messrs T. Mackey (Benfieldside), and T. Topham, of Consett (in the absence of Mr A. S. Coates). Votes of thanks brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. On Sunday, Rev C. Longstaff conducted three services, the afternoon and evening services were crowded to excess. Many friends from all parts of the station came to see and hear Mr Longstaff, who was a general favourite in the station, when he travelled with us some eight years ago. The children recited poetry, dialogues, and scripture at each service, and the choir, under the leadership of Mr T. Raine sang some very choice pieces. Mr F. B. Raine presided at the harmonium.

NEW POTATOES.

I have been informed that Mr R. Robson, on Sunday last, furnished his table with new potatoes, taken from his own garden, being of the "Glouster kidney" family, first introduced into the village by Mr Robt. Charlton, Benfieldside, four years ago. Surely we are making headway from a gardening point of view, and this speaks well for the coming show.

THE DISTRESS.

LEADGATE.

The committee desire gratefully to acknowledge the following additional donations, which they have received during the week :—Mr T. Simpson, 2s 6d ; Mr Whitfield, 4s 9d ; Miss C. Davidson, £1 ; Miss Wilson, £1 ; Miss Kate Wilson, £1 ; Mr and Mrs Procter, 3s ; Mrs Reed, 10s ; a friend, Newcastle, 5s ; Fenwick and Sons, £1 1s ; Nurse Watson, 2s 6d ; Rev J. Elliott, 2s 6d ; Mr J. Dunville (2nd donation), £1 ; Major Yeldon, 5s.

J. W. WINTER, Secretary.

MARLEY HILL COLLIERY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—On behalf of the Relief Committee of Marley Hill Colliery, I tender our sincere thanks, through your columns, to all the kind friends who have so liberally supported us during the late strike with donations of money and gifts in kind.—I am, &c.,

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS

BLACKHILL—Thomas Street, 20th inst., the wife of James McWilliams, of a son.

LANCHESTER—18th inst., the wife of W. H. Ritson, of a daughter.

HIGH SPEN—16th inst., the wife of Thomas Robertson, grocer, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

MEDOMSLEY—St. Mary Magdalene Church, 21st inst, by Rev W. Cockin (vicar), assisted by Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin (vicar of Benfieldside), John George, eldest son of Richard Murray, of Benfieldside House, to Isabella, the daughter of the late Wm. Charleton, of Wylam Rift. At home Tuesday and Wednesday, 5th and 6th of July. 644

LANCHESTER—Register Office, 18th inst, F. W. Lumley, Blackhill, to Ann Whale, Consett.—Same day, J. Carrick, East Pontop, to I. J. Smith, Annfield Plain.

DEATHS.

On the 23rd inst., aged 58, John Brodie, late of Shotley Bridge. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery on Sunday first. *Cortege* to leave the residence of his brother, 15, East Parade, Consett, at Three prompt. No cards.

LEADGATE—South Cross Street, 20th inst., aged 22, William Short.

DIPTON—15th inst., aged 22, Eliza Jane, daughter of Edward Masterson.

SOUTH MOOR—50, Poplar Street, 14th inst., aged 59, Thomas, husband of Mary Ann Forster.

ROWLAND'S GILL—Aged 52, John Goodfellow.

WHICKHAM—20th inst., Margaret, widow of Henry Hayton, late 49, Lovaine Place, Newcastle.

BLAYDON HAUGHS—28, Victoria Street, aged 43, William Hodgson Ritson, husband of Margaret Jane Ritson, late of Hexham.

BLAYDON—Roan Head House, 22nd inst., aged 76, T. H Tweedy, formerly of the Art Gallery, Newcastle.

27, Cuthbert Street, in his 77th year, John Biggins.

WINLATON—Commercial Hotel (the house of her brother-in-law), 15th inst., Prescilla, wife of Hy. Rayne, Woodcutter's Inn, Lumley.

BIRTLEY—9, St. John's Place, 16th inst., aged 84, Mary, the wife of the late Edward Kennair.

In loving memory of Robson Temperley, the beloved husband of Elizabeth Temperley, who died at Stannifordam, June 23rd, 1891.

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A voice that we loved is still'd,
A place is vacant at our hearth
Which never can be filled." 643

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