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By order of the Directors,
M. RICHLEY, Secretary.
Shotley Bridge. October 9, 1870. 24

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July, 1875. 7132

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THE GUARDIAN.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH, 1877.

PROSPECTS OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

It is unfortunate for those who labour in the promotion of what is called the Emancipation of women that the movement, after having very nearly attained success in one of the most important of its stages, seems now to lie outside the pale of practical policy. For the present it matters little, when the question comes on for the annual debate in the House of Commons, whether it be negatived by a proportionateiy greater or smaller majority. When any measure has to be viewed as an abstract thing—an affair only of the doctrinaires, numbers do not count either in votes or in signatures to petitions. It is so that among the men who bear active parts in the organization of public opinion, Women's Suffrage is regarded. Many of them believe firmly in the principle that taxation without representation is tyranny; they admit the truth of the axiom just as fully in its application to women as to men; but when they look to any gains that will accrue either to a political party or to the nation from the inclusion of the female sex in the machinery of political life and development, they doubt whether, upon the whole, the game is worth the candle. If, so far as calculation and foresight can tell, the admission of a given body of women who are qualified by separate interests for the same share of political privileges as they would undoubtedly enjoy were they but of the masculine sex be not likely to alter the balance of parties, then, plainly, no partizan feeling can be excited in favour of their inclusion; and reliance must be placed on the strength of independent consideration for any real progress toward the end sought by the leaders of the agitation. Shrewd politicians, however, have no faith in concessions that are lightly or easily procured. Agitation long sustained is almost an essential to any considerable success, regard being had to the results. It is one of the great educational forces of the time, and animportant factor of sound policy. Nothing could be more unwise than the bestowal upon any hitherto unenfranchised class of unaccustomed powers, previous to the education of that class into proper conceptions of their value and purpose; and hence, as agitation is the most efficient of educative forces, compelling thought and action in even the least cultured of our people, it is well that a long and an arduous struggle is invariably imposed as the price to be paid for high privileges, and this the more because the newly-admitted electors are stimulated to the exercise of whatever they may have proved their right to hold.

Against the claims of women who sustain in all other respects the *role* of citizens to bear their part in the active discharge of public duties, it is not so easy as once it seemed to formulate objections that will hold water. We have got beyond that stage of discussion which would deal with these claims as with the petulant caprice of semi-children for something new in the fashions. It cannot be urged that there is in the constitution of women aught that is so different from the qualities of men, of necessity to unfit them for what has generally been viewed as an appenage of only male citizenship. In the greater part of the ordinary details of social existence, women, though in smaller numbers, do precisely the same kind of work, and in as generally satisfactory a manner as men accomplish it. We place no special stress upon the numerous instances on records or capable of being observed among us of those who have performed extraordinary feats of manual labour, those who have displayed a daring courage on occasions of emergency that has shamed into silent admiration the inaction of hosts of bystanders, and those who, in the face of all the obstacles that men have reared in their paths, have won enduring honour for themselves and their sex at the examinations of at least two great seats of learning and culture. Exceptions do not establish a rule upon secure bases; and it must always be true that while a few bright examples, the very presence of such necessitaties the back ground of innumerable common place or worse specimens of humanity, serving as a foil to eminence. We cannot legislate for the Harriett Martineaus, the Florance Nightingales, the Eliza Ormes, or the Mary Somervilles whose services to literature, to humanity, and to the arts and sciences ensure for them enduring immortality; nor do we feel called upon to deviate from our course for the occasional Charlotte Burburys, Frances Power Cobbes, Anna Gorelangtons, Anna Swanwicks, and Madeleine Whiteheads. To these true gentlewomen we may listen with respectful ears; we must allow peculiar weight for whatever they choose to say; but their case is not one for which an Act of Parliament can prudently be drawn and passed. It it rather for the average women—for those who pursue means of gaining an ordinary livelihood; those who as spinsters or as widows conduct businesses or still the minor occupations of life: it is for these the right is needed of being able to choose who shall tax them and for what purposes. And it is with respect to this class that doubts arise as to the policy of conceding the demand for awhile yet. We do not say that the demand is unreasonable. We do distinctly assert that this class takes small trouble to learn what privileges its members have within their grasp, as electors in every form of constituency except the Parliamentary; and that, as a general thing, they neglect the votes it is in their powers to register. So long as this shall be true, the appeal that is made for further enfranchisement will assuredly be urged in vain.

Choice is now offered between two large sections of the community, which of them shall first be clothed with the fullest powers of an enlightened citizenship. There is no necessary antagonism between the Agricultural labourers and the women suffragists; but both will certainly not at the same time be enfranchised; and the admission of one must indefinitely postpone the chances of the other. The County Franchise Bill involves a partizan advantage, which Women's Suffrage does not. For this reason, then, it is most unlikely that the latter will for years yet to come take rank among practical and pressing pclitical issues.

GOING! GOING!! GONE!!!

The gay world, that is to say, the world that chronicles or busies itself with the passing scandals of the day, has recently been much interested in a certain auction sale in Paris. At this sale, the effects of well-known *demi-mondaine* were disposed to the four winds of heaven—as they had come. The chroniclers of the day have waxed eloquent respecting the hangings of satin and lace, the gilded furniture the mirrors framed in Dresden china, the toilet service of massive silver. The old, old stories that were new when the goddess of the shrine was young have been revived and retold. They are very old stories now. That men would once fain have died at the damsel's feet for sheer despair sounds like a legend of the Middle Ages. To the *habitues* of such circles in the palmy days of the Empire she may still retain some after-glow of her former glory. This plain-featured Venus, who once arose from a mimic sea of champagne, was a power in the land. She set the fashions for better women than herself. If none who were *not* better had refused to copy her gowns and headgear, her following would have been but small. Her celebrity and her grandeur were indeed a marvel. Without beauty of feature, or brilliancy of intellect, she played for sometime a social role of no mean importance. But that period is over now. To the dwellers in Paris of later years, this once noted dame is merely a hard-featured Englishwoman with a bad reputation. The luxury is fled that might well have awakened the fervent ejaculation of a pious Presbyterian lady, "Well, the Lord be praised, there is a hell for sinners." And now, moralists and chroniclers find their theme in the history of this strange and exceptional career. They point a moral with the story of the auction, the other day, while they adorn the tale with anecdotes of that dim past, which was illumined by a would-be suicide, and made resplendent by the smiles of royalty.

But for us the moral of the story lies deeper yet than in the decadence of one elderly dame. The days for the apotheosis of females of that ilk are ended now. The fervid dramatist, who once brought the charm of his genius to lend lustre to the career of " La Dame aux Camelias," has turned into the cool cynic of " L'Etrangere." There is no one left now to preach forgiveness for unrepentant *hetairæ* in robes from Worth's and diamonds from Boucheron's. But that such a career—such celebrity and such power over the ways of fashion—should be renewed, is not without the limits of possibilty.

And it is of no use for men to storm at women because they imitate the dress and make-up of such notorious damsels. It is a well-known fact that women are quick to copy only that which men admire. Go to some public assemblage—the opera, for instance—and note who most attracts the opera glasses and the comments of the male portion of the audience. Is it Mlle. Fleur de Lys, sitting pale and tranquil in her white dress beside her watchful mother! It is any aristocratic dame, ablaze with ancestral diamonds! Not at all. The opera, the fair young maiden, the queenly leader of society, will not receive a second glance if the plastered cheeks and dyed locks of some notorious *demimondaine* be visible in a prominent place in the grand tier. The countess, with her thirty quarterings, looks at Mlle. Trois-Etoiles in her turn; and it will be well if she do not go home to assume a yellow wig and to order a fresh supply of pearl-powder from her perfumer. For she sees that simple and decorous dress and modest behaviour have no attraction for the leading gentlemen of the gay world. And if she be a fashionable woman she is apt to possess that very natural and feminine desire, namely, a wish to be admired.

Such are the indirect evils caused by such creatures and by such a career. As to the direct harm that they do, it is probably much exaggerated. We hear continually of ruined fortunes and of blighted hopes caused by their machinations. But what manner of men is it after all, that become, the prey of such harpies! It is only the weak-brained, small-natured beings, whose souls soar no higher than their shoe-ties, whose frail life-barks ever get wrecked on such very palpable rocks. As a brilliant parisian chronicler recently remarked it is only fools that are capable of such folly. There have, indeed, been women who could strangle the hearts of great men in the serpent-coils of their fascinations. But these were great, too, in their way; they were not the poor notorieties of an hour, bolstered into notice by a trick of horsemanship or an extra dash of effrontery.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

The re-opening of Parliament has been quite overshadowed in political importance by the great Birmingham demonstration towards which the masses of the Midlands flocked with as much eagerness as though they came out to see Brummy (the hero of the mythical man and dog fight) or to hear a Moody and Sankey service. This is a grest compliment to a great statesman; and Mr Gladstone could hardly help feeling proud of the esteem and admiration in which so many of his fellow-countrymen hold him, when he find himself so reverenced in irreverent Birmingham. He might almost say as did the Great Commoner after one of his oratorical triumphs—

> "Yes, I am proud; I must be proud to see
> Men not afraid of God, afraid of me."

From a party point of view, the meeting was a great success. If Mr Gladstone did not reconcile his policy during the Crimean War with his present conduct (as he has promised to do "when the time comes") he, at any rate, reconciled himself with the Radicals; and if his enunciation of the right course for England to pursue with regard to the Eastern Question was rather indefinite, Mr Chamberlain's Declaration of the Liberal programme was tolerably clear.

I heard a good thing the other day from a friend who happened to meet Mr Gladstone and Sir Henry Elliot at the same dinner-table. Being guests of the evening, the ex-Premier and the ex-Ambassador were placed right and left of the host, who was carving a turkey with a skill which left nothing to be desired. As the dismembered parts of the fowl lay on the side on which Mr Gladstone was seated he turned to Sir Henry with the remarks, "you see, Sir Henry, how we take care of the integrity of Turkey." The *mot* is neat; but what is the use of giving contradictory orders? If one party wish to preserve Turkey and the other be prepared to dismember her, there can be only one end of such divided councils. The turkey will be sliced up, and the Elliots will have the poor satisfaction of being helped last.

If there were any doubts as to the speedy and complete collapse of Turkey, we have only to turn to the correspondents of the pro-Turkish Press, who, writing on the spot, furnish the completest contradiction to the tall talk of leader-writers taking instructions to vamp up successes from the dubious telegrams which come from Constantinople. The *Daily Telegraph* has a correspondent, who rode from Frebizond to Erzeroum, and his report of what he saw on the road and when he reached the capital must be decisive as to the result. By his own showing, the place is incapable of resistance, and the Russians have only to summon the place and receive its surrender. As for Mukhtar Pacha, he is 'the laughing-stock of his own men, and is named 'Von Moltke" in derision; and the bare idea of meeting the Russians in the open is treated as a good joke. During the Franco-German war we used to say that the best answer to the leading articles of the *Standard* was to turn to the columns of its own correspondent. We have only to do the same at present with the *Telegraph*.

If the Constantinople correspondent of the *Standard* be well-informed, which we have no reason to doubt, the issue of the war will not be long in suspence. Already the Servians have signed a secret treaty with Russia. When the moment has arrived for the bombardment of Widdin, they will once more operate from Zaitchar, which ought never to have been given back to them; and the Russians will cross the Danube at Rahova. These combined operations will probably paralyse the forces under the command of Osman Pacha. The Servians and Russians will together march on Sofia, and in this way the whole of Bulgaria will be laid open to them. With the Russian flag flying at Sofia and Erzeroum, Bulgaria and Armenia will be practically lost to Turkey, and she will have to make terms as she best can. Already Mr Bourke has had to admit that the policy of relying on Turkish resistance has proved a mistake, and the Ministry which easily might have tied Russia's hands a few months ago, will have to submit to see her aggrandise herself in Asia, if not in Europe.

The birth-day of the Queen is at last definitely settled for the present year of grace, and is actually celebrated nine days after date. This is a privilege which never descends lower than a throne—the privilege, I mean, of deciding after the event exactly when one ought to be, and hence must be deemed to have been, born. Scant interest is taken in the matter in the absence of the Court from the Metropolis; but as a visitor from the Green Isle observes, "God bless Her Majesty, and let her have as many different birth-days as she wants, even if she wish for two in a year."

There is literally an "army of martyrs" emulous of the fame of Arthur Tooth. Three hundred clergymen of the Anglican Church have declared their determination not to obey the Ridsdale judgement. They set the commands of the "Lay Tribunal" and the admonitions of the Bishops alike at defiance. For the most part they desire Disestablishment: and "Father Staunton," the rich handsome, ascetic, and democratic assistant of Mr Maconochie, goes so far as to avow his conviction that endowments of all kinds are not only unnecessary, but pernicious. What with agitation from without and rebellion within, it is not hard to that one part of Mr Chamberlain's programme will not long require to be carried out, and, as he wittily put it such a thing as Dissent will cease to exist.

The sanguine leaders of the Home Rule party expected a million patriots to come forward with a shilling a year for political objects. This sum has not, however, been forthcoming, and there is now said to be an irreconcilable division of forces. Nevertheless, Messrs Biggar and Parnell announce their intention of maintaining their blockade of general legislation.

The great London demonstration of the petticoated politicians was far less successful than any similar gathering for years past. Lord Talbot de Malahide, who is one of the strong towers of the Irish Women's Suffragists, spoke out well for his cause; but, as on former occasions has been the case, the St. James' Hall meeting refused to allow any amendment upon the resolutions to be proposed. How many feathers would outweigh any expression of public opinion so arranged, I need not estimate, when every reader can do so for himself.

With the end of May the close fishing season ceased, and from this time the Thames will be alive with lovers of the gentle craft. Many an old City clerk spends his Saturday afternoon with rod and tackle. With what lazy enjoyment he throws his line; how grave is his joviality; and what true sportsmanlike feeling does he cherish when—to use the words of Izaak Walton he impales the living worm upon his hook "as though he loved it!"

The highly dramatic novels of Wilkie Collins are in peculiar favour just now for stage representation; and one of the strongest of them, "After Dark," is enjoying a deservedly successful run at the *Globe* Theatre. Of course, the strength of the piece is not its only recommendation. Mr Righton has secured for it a powerful cast, and thus gained for it the distinction of rare desert. With this marked feature of attractiveness, the *Globe* may count on popularity in even the dullest of all seasons.

What gossips dub a fine-art magazine will presently emanate from the establishment of the *Illustrated London News*. Montbard is sketching the pictures in the Royal Academy for it.

A NEW SHIP-PROPELLING POWER.

The *Baltimore Gazette*, May 2, says:—About three years ago an intelligent mechanic of Baltimore began to put into shape some ideas he had concerning water as a propelling power for vessels. He believed that by judicious manipulation a boat could be propelled without wheel or screw. With an inventor's sublime faith in the correctness of his theory he gave his spare moments to putting his ideas into practical form. He built a model and launched her in a trough. He "fired up" with kerosene and raised steam to work his pump. The experiment with the working model satisfied the inventor that he was on the right track. But between that model and the trim little Alpha, which ran down the bay on her trial trip yesterday, there was a wide gulf of hope, disappointment, hard work, and expectation. The Alpha is a Baltimore built boat, constructed on the tugboat model, and as neat a thing of the kind as there is afloat. She is 43 feet in length and has 10½ feet of beam. She is furnished with one 16-horse power horizontal tubular boiler, and a No. 7 Knowles pump. From the pump to the stern are two lines of pipe, which strike the water about three feet beneath the surface. Two similar lines run to the bow. The pump drives through each pipe a 2½-inch stream, which enters the water through a ¼-inch nozzle. With sixty pounds of steam the pump makes 180 strokes to the minute, each stroke driving a stream into the body of water. The Alpha made ten knots an hour under sixty pounds pressure. There was not a ripple astern and no perceptible displacement of the water, except the little made by the cutting of the bow. She was backed and turned with perfect ease. To back the boat the stream is driven through the bow nozzles, and the craft obeys on the instant. If the boat were to spring a leak the pump would simply draw its supply from the hold and go on with its work. It is claimed that a vessel provided with this appliance could not sink under ordinary leakage. For prudential reasons there were no experiments in this line yesterday. A remarkable feature of the Caldwell contrivance is that the power which propels will also steer. To accomplish this the nozzles are worked alternately from side to side, using the streams as levers, on the principle of the oar. There is yet another use to which this device can be applied. In case of fire on board or about the docks a line of hose is attached to the pump, and in a second there is a floating steam-engine which could at least hold its own with anything on wheels. The inventor claims that his device can be profitably applied to any vessel, although it is mainly intended for canal service, where the demand is for a cheap propeller that will not wash the banks.

THE NEW CAB COMPANY.—The first carriage for the Newcastle Cab and Carriage Company, recently formed in this town, made its appearance yesterday, and having been tested by being driven though several of the principal streets of the town, it was handed over to the company. It has been built by Messrs. Atkinson and Philipson, coach builders' Pilgrim Street, in this town, and gave the utmost satisfaction to the directors of the company and others who examined it. It is for one horse draught and three persons, and has been constructed upon the most improved design, several novelties being introduced. In the first place, great attention has been paid to cleanlines. It is of paneled mahogany, and the seats are removable, so that they can be taken out every night, as intended, and cleaned and aired. The windows are of plate glass, and are noiseless, the sash being constructed upon a principle which was patented by the builders a few years ago. The vehicle is hung a good height upon the wheels, and the springs have been constructed so as to ensure the ease and comfort of the occupant. The carriage is coloured black, relieved with brown and gold, and the borough arms, encircled by the title of the company, are painted on each side. On each door also is the name of the company encircling the number of the cab. The vehicle altogether is of a light and elegant, and at the same time substantial description, and has the appearance more of a private carriage than of a public conveyance. We understand that the same firm have been entrusted with the construction of two other descriptions of vehicle for the same company. One will be a pair-horse carriage with four seats, and the other a small brougham for to occupants, and both will be of the same appearance and construction as the one just completed.—*Newcastle Daily Journal, May* 30th, 1877.

FITS.—EPILEPTIC FITS OR FALLING SICKNESS. A certain method of cure has been discovered for this distressing complaint by a physician, who is desirous that all sufferers may benefit from this providential discovery; it is never known to fail, and will cure the most hopeless case after all other means have been tried. Full particulars will be sent by post to any person free of charge.—Address:—Mr. WILLIAMS, 10, Oxford Terrace, Hyde Park, London. advt

THE NORTHUMBERLAND LOCK-OUT

Writing to the annual meeting of the Durham and Northumberland Miners' Permanent Relief Fund at Newcastle, on Saturday, Mr Hugh Taylor, of Chipchase Castle, one of the largest colliery proprietors in the North of England, says, "I regret the more not being present as I wished to state the great concern and mortification I felt on my return home to find the pitmen of Northumberland on strike, and refusing to arbitrate on the wages question. For many years past the principle of arbitration has been in force to the benefit of both masters and men, and all confidence will in the future be gone if that just and fair principle is departed from, and I earnestly urge the Northumberland miners to be consistent to themselves, the masters, and the public by not losing an hour in resuming work."

A mass meeting of Northumberland miners was held in Newcastle-on-Tyne on Monday, when addresses were delivered by Mr Burt, M.P., Mr Wm. Brewn, and others, members of the deputation from the miners' conference at Durham, urging the miners to accept arbitration. A motion to that effect was submitted, but was rejected by a large majority. The feeling of the men was strongly expressed in favour of holding out. The same determination has been evinced at other mass meetings since held.

EXTRACTS FROM "PUNCH."

DILAPIDATIONS.

Architect (who has come down about the "restoration").—"Good deal of dry rot about here!"

Garrulous Pew-opener.—"Oh, sir, it ain't nothink to what there is in the pulpit!!"

WORLDLY WISE.

First Mother of Daughters.—"Have you called on the Cholmondeley Jones's yet?"

Second do.—"Yes, I heard they were going to give a ball, and so called last Saturday."

First do, (in a tone of superiority).—"I heard that the ball was not coming off, and so I did not!"

SABBATH BREAKING.—Scotch Cook—"Whisht! There's mester whustlin' o' the Saubath! Losh save us! An' Maggie Lauder too!"

NAME OF THE DEFEATED DERBY FAVOURITE.—(Adapted to English pronunciation by a disgusted backer).—Sham'un.

PROFESSIONAL PRIDE.—Smart tailor (to dissatisfied customer)—"I must ask you just to bear in mind, sir, that tailoring has not yet been brought down to the level of one of the exact sciences."

THE CATHEDRAL AND CITY OF DURHAM.

As we intimated to our readers some time ago, Mr Joseph Hatton commenced "The Queen of Bohemia" in the May number of *Charing Cross Magazine*. This tale will be read with special interest in this county seeing that the city of Durham figures so prominently in it, and it and the cathedral are described in the following interesting manner:—Take it altogether, the nothern city was a happy resting-place for those who could sit down quietly and end their days in peace; and a poetic starting-point for the young, to whom it was the portal of the world. Bishopstown was like a pleasant suburb of the world, where the news of the battle of life came softened by time and distance. There was no excitement except on high days and holidays, and then the antiquity of the place seemed to tone down all inclination to be boisterous. If excursionists came from distant towns to see the castle and cathedral, they went on tip-toe about the place, and finished their visit in the wooded banks of the river singing hymns and madrigals. At the time of our history the restorer had not yet laid his sacrilegious hand upon the fine old ecclesiastical architecture that dominated the town. The only builders who disturbed the general silence were the rooks and starlings. They occupied the trees by the castle, and the towers of the church that capped the climbing banks of trees which had their leafy base in the bed of the river, and their summits level with the belfry-windows. Between these buildings and the upper town of Bishopstown, deep down in a valley of trees, ran the river Wear, and on the other side was a long, straggling street, mounted on a hill even higher than that upon which Priesthood and Feudalism had left their splendid relics. There was a picturesque nonconformity of style in the houses which comprised South-street that kept the stony splendours of the other side in poetic countenance. The streets almost as old as the cathedral, and one house in particular looked as if it might have been occupied by one of the ancient Scots after a Border battle. It was a tall, thin, house with a long, hobnailed-looking door, and numerous gaunt windows. Scrupulously clean, the fuchsia and the geranium flourished in nearly every narrow pane; and the topmost story had a bow window, evidently the addition of some exacting tenant who was not content with a look-out right in face of cathedral and castle, but who wanted to see right down the crooked, hilly street, on the left to the old bridge into the lower town, and on the right to the river as it flowed into the deep gully, above which the cathedral, the ancient wall, and the time-worn castle, raised their crumbling battlements to catch the first rays of the morning's sun, and reflect back the last blood-red tints of its setting beams.

ACCIDENT AMBULANCE.—The want of some organisation for the aid of sufferers by accidents, &c., which are of frequent occurrence, especially in the mining and manufacturing districts, has long been felt; and recently the idea has occurred that the introduction of an ambulance would tend very much to alleviate the sufferings of persons thus injured, while they are being conveyed either home or to hospitals where medical attendance can be obtained. Following out this idea, Messrs Atkinson and Philipson, coach builders of this town, have just constructed an accident ambulance for the Weardale Iron and Coal Company. The ambulance is for one patient; and is drawn by hand or pony. It is provided with a sliding tray and mattress, and the handles are so fixed as not to interfere with the occupant, who may be conveyed to the infirmary or to his own house without any exertion on his part, or pain from motion. The vehicle is light in construction, and well ventilated; and no cloth or other absorbent material being employed, it will easily be kept clean and from infection. In the mining and manufacturing district, such an appliance will be of the greatest use; in fact, in every establishment in which many persons are employed, and in which the nature of the occupation entails risk of accident and injury, an ambulance would be most valuable. It is marvellous, indeed, that nothing of the kind should yet have been provided. All large towns should be provided with them; and even in rural districts, where accidents are less frequent, an ambulance could be stationed at some central place to convey to the nearest hospital or to their homes, any who might meet with accidents. A beginning having been made in the coal districts, no doubt Messrs Rogerson's example will be followed by many others.—*Newcastle Daily Journal, May* 30th, 1877.

THROAT IRRITATION.—The throat and windpipe are especially liable to inflammation, causing soreness and dryness, tickling and irritation, inducing cough and affecting the voice. For these symptoms use glycerine in the form of jujubes. Glycerine, in these agreeable confections, being in proximity to the glands at the moment they are excited by the act of sucking, becomes actively healing. Sold only in 6d. and 1s. boxes (by post for 14 stamps), labelled "JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, 48, Threadneedle Street, and 170, Piccadilly, London. Depot in Newcastle: Proctor and Sons, 11, Grey Street.

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LOTTERIES.

If the antiquity of a practice existence, lotteries might claim pe The Romans, we find, used to enliv nalia with them, by distributing gained some prizes. Augustus mad consisted of things of little value. some for the people, in which 10 daily distributed, and several of favoured by fortune got exceedingl Heligobalus invented some very si where the prizes were of great value one gained a prize of six slaves, fleas; some got valuable vases, and o earth. A lottery of this kind exhibi picture of the inequality with which butes her favours. The first lottery our annals was in the year 1569, wh Stowe, consisted of 40,000 lots, at prizes were plate, and the profi towards the havens of the kingdom. at the west door of St. Paul's Cathe drawing on the 11th January, 1569, incessantly day and night till the 6th ing. The tickets were three yea In 1612, king James granted a lott the plantation of English colonies in was also drawn at St. Paul's.

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REMARKABLE DESCRIPTION OF QUE

I trust the following remarkable Queen Elizabeth, an abstract from author Hentzner, will prove worthy columns devoted to "Notes and original work, written in elegant perhaps there are not above five o England, is an itinerary through Ger France, and Italy, performed by travelling tutor to a young German n passages which I have selected, show respectful ceremony used at Queen El though not in her presence, which wi adoration and genuflection paid t approach to Eastern homage. Wh such worship offered to an old wo neck, black teeth, and false red hai smile; but it also makes one reflect sense was couched under those w which could command such awe fro England. "We arrived next at th of Greenwich, reported to have b Humphrey, Duke of Glouster, and very magnificent addition from Henr here that Elizabeth the present Qu and here she generally resides, part summer season, for the delightfulness We were admitted by an order M. R cured from the Lord Chamberlain, in chamber, hung with rich tapestry, and the English fashion, strewed with r which the Queen commonly passes the Chapel. At the door stood a gen in velvet, with a gold chain, whose introduce to the Queen any person of

Poetry: Original and Select.

THE GREY SHAWL.

FROM THE FRENCH.

O Liz, how light a thing will speak
Of you, and with a start,
Will drive the colour from my cheek,
The life-blood to my heart,
How often, passing through the street,
Your image I recall,
If I but chance to meet,
Dear Liz, a plain grey shawl.

Then how that far November night
Comes rushing on my thought,
That night when first my passing sight
Your passing figure caught;
Your glance, your smile, your blush, love, when
I turned, I see them all,
And follow, as I followed then,
Dear Liz, your neat grey shawl.

Oh, doubts and fears! Oh, hopes, how sweet!
Again for you I wait,
And dread to-night we shall not meet
If, love, you seem to late.
Too late? Oh, doubts and fears how wrong!
My heart forgets them all,
As, down the streets there trips along,
Dear Liz, your neat grey shawl.

O, girl, to live again the past!
To love those swift, sweet hours,
Too swift to fly, too sweet to last,
When love and hope were ours.
What would I give, one kiss one warm
Fond whisper to recall,
To clasp once more the living form
That wore that dear grew shawl.

O, wish, how vain! no more those eyes
By mine, Liz, shall be seen;
Between our hearts an ocean lies,
A world, love, lies between.
Ah, Liz, how dark the future seems,
In vain my heart may call,
No more these eyes, except in dreams,
Shall see that dear grey shawl.

W. C. BENNETT.

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CURIOUS MANUSCRIPT RESPECTING OUR SAVIOUR.

It is said there is in the possession of an Irish nobleman an ancient MS. concerning our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ—it is the record of an epistle to the Roman Senate from Publius Sentulus, the President of Judea, in the reign of Tiberius Cæsar. It was the custom of the Roman Governors to inform the Senate and people of Rome, of such material things as happened in their respective provinces. The epistle is as follows:—"There has appeared in these our days, a man of great virtue, named Jesus Christ, who is yet living among us, and of the Gentiles accepted for a prophet of truth, but his disciples call him the son of God. He raiseth the dead, and cureth all manner of disease; a man of stature, somewhat tall and comely, with a very reverend countenance, such as beholders may both love and fear; his hair is of the colour of a chestnut, full ripe, plain to his ears, whence downward it is more orient, curling and waving about his shoulders; in the midst of his forehead is a stream or partition of his hair, after the manner of the Nazarites; his forehead plain and very delicate; his face without spot or wrinkle, beautiful with a lovely red; his nose and mouth so formed as nothing can be reprehended; his beard thickish, in colour something like his hair, not over long, but forked; his look innocent and mature; his eyes grey, clear, and quick; in reproving he is terrible, in admonishing he is courteous and fair spoken, pleasant in conversation, mixed with gravity; it cannot be remembered that any have seen him laugh, but many have seen him weep; in proportion of body most excellent; his hands and arms delectable to behold; in speaking very temperate, modest and wise; a man of singular beauty, surpassing the children of men." The book from which I have taken the above description of our Saviour, was published in 1820, and says the manuscript was in the possession of the then Earl of Nassarene. Perhaps some reader could give some proof of the existence of the quotation.

TRADITION, Morpeth.

LOTTERIES.

If the antiquity of a practice could justify its existence, lotteries might claim peculiar reverence. The Romans, we find, used to enliven their Saturnalia with them, by distributing tickets which gained some prizes. Augustus made lotteries which consisted of things of little value. Nero established some for the people, in which 1000 tickets were daily distributed, and several of those who were favoured by fortune got exceedingly rich by them. Heligobalus invented some very singular lotteries, where the prizes were of great value or none at all—one gained a prize of six slaves, another of six fleas; some got valuable vases, and others of common earth. A lottery of this kind exhibited an excellent picture of the inequality with which fortune distributes her favours. The first lottery that we find in our annals was in the year 1569, which, according to Stowe, consisted of 40,000 lots, at 10s. each. The prizes were plate, and the profits were to go towards the havens of the kingdom. It was drawn at the west door of St. Paul's Cathedral, and began drawing on the 11th January, 1569, and continued incessantly day and night till the 6th of May following. The tickets were three years in disposal. In 1612, king James granted a lottery, to promote the plantation of English colonies in Virginia, which was also drawn at St. Paul's.

CROSBY, Jarrow.

REMARKABLE DESCRIPTION OF QUEEN ELIZABETH.

I trust the following remarkable description of Queen Elizabeth, an abstract from the obsolete author Hentzner, will prove worthy a place in the columns devoted to "Notes and Queries." The original work, written in elegant Latin, of which perhaps there are not above five or six copies in England, is an itinary through Germany, England, France, and Italy, performed by Hentzner, a travelling tutor to a young German nobleman. The passages which I have selected, show the excess of respectful ceremony used at Queen Elizabeth's table, though not in her presence, which with the kind of adoration and genuflection paid to her person, approach to Eastern homage. When we read of such worship offered to an old woman with bare neck, black teeth, and false red hair, it makes one smile; but it also makes one reflect what masculine sense was couched under those weaknesses, and which could command such awe from a nation like England. "We arrived next at the royal palace of Greenwich, reported to have been built by Humphrey, Duke of Glouster, and to have received very magnificent addition from Henry VII. It was here that Elizabeth the present Queen, was born, and here she generally resides, particularly in the summer season, for the delightfulness of its situation. We were admitted by an order M. Rogers had procured from the Lord Chamberlain, into the presence chamber, hung with rich tapestry, and the floor, after the English fashion, strewed with rushes, through which the Queen commonly passes on her way to the Chapel. At the door stood a gentleman dressed in velvet, with a gold chain, whose office was to introduce to the Queen any person of distinction that came to wait on her. It was on Sunday, when there is usually the greatest attendance of nobility. In the same hall was the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, a great number of Counsellors of State, Officers of the Crown, and Gentlemen, who waited on the Queen's coming out; which she did from her own apartment when it was time to go to prayers, attended in the following manner:—First went Gentlemen, Barons, Earls, Knights of the Garter, all richly dressed, and bareheaded; next came the Chancellor, bearing the seals in a red silk purse, between two; one of which carried the royal sceptre, the other the sword of state, in a red scabbard, studded with *Fleur de Lis*, the point upwards; next came the Queen, in the sixty-fifth year of her age (as we were told) very majestic; her face oblong, fair, but wrinkled; her eyes small, yet black and pleasant; her nose a little hooked; her lips narrow, and her teeth black (a defect the English seem subject to, from their too great use of sugar); she had in her ears two pearls, with very rich drops; she wore false hair, and that red; upon her head she had a small crown, reported to be the same gold as Lunebourg table; her bosom uncovered, as all English ladies have it till they marry; and she had on a necklace of exceeding fine jewels; her hands were small but her fingers long, and her stature neither tall nor low; her air was stately, her manner of speaking mild and obliging. That day she was dressed in white silk, bordered with pearls of the size of beans, and over it a mantle of black silk, shot with silver threads; her train was very long, the end of it borne by a marchioness; instead of a chain, she had an oblong collar of gold and jewels. As she went along in all this state and magnificence, she spoke very graciously, first to one, then to another, whether foreign ministers or those who attended for different reasons, in English, French, Italian; for besides being skilled in Greek, Latin, and the languages I have mentioned, she is mistress of Spanish, Scotch, and Dutch. Whoever speaks to her, it is kneeling; now and then she raises some with her hand. While we were there, W. Slawata, a Bohemeian baron, had letters to present to her; and she, after pulling off her gloves, gave him her hand to kiss, sparkling with rings and jewels, a mark of particular favour. Wherever she turned her face, as she was going along, every person fell down on their knees. [Her father had been treated with the same deference. It is mentioned by Fox in his Acts and Monuments, that when the Lord Chancellor went to apprehend Queen Catherine Parr he spoke to the King on his knees. King James I. suffered his courtiers to omit it.] The ladies of the court followed next to her, very handsome and well shaped, and for the most part dressed in white. She was guarded on each side by the gentlemen pensioners, fifty in number, with guilt battle axes. In the anti-chapel, next the hall where we were, petitions were presented to her; she received them graciously, which occasioned the acclamation of—*Long Live Queen Elizabeth*! She answered it with—*I thank you my good people.* In the chapel was excellent music; as soon as it and the service were over, which scarce exceeded half-an-hour, the Queen returned in the same state and order, and prepared to go to dinner. But, while she was at prayers, we saw her table set out with the following solemnity: A gentleman entered the room bearing a rod, and along with him another who had a table-cloth, which, after they had both kneeled three times, with the utmost veneration, he spread upon the table, and after kneeling again they both retired. Then came two others, one with the rod again, the other with a salt-seller, a plate, and bread; when they had kneeled as the others had done, and placed what was brought upon the table, they too retired with the same ceremonies performed by the first. At last came an unmarried lady (we were told she was a countess), and along with her a married one, bearing with her a tasting knife; the former was dressed in white silk, who, when she had prostrated herself three times, in the most graceful manner approached the table, and rubbed all the plates with bread and salt, with as much awe, as if the Queen had been present. When they had waited there a little while, the yeomen of the guard entered, bare-headed, clothed in scarlet, with a golden rose upon their backs, bringing in at each turn a course of twenty-four dishes served in plate most of it gilt; these dishes were received by a gentleman in the same order they were brought, and placed upon the table, while the lady taster gave to each of the guard a mouthful to eat, for fear of poison. At the end of all this ceremony, a number of unmarried ladies appeared, who with particular solemnity lifted the meat off the table, and conveyed it into the Queen's inner and more private chamber, where after she had chosen for herself, the rest goes for the ladies of the court. The Queen dines and sups alone, with very few attendants; and it is very seldom that anybody, foreigner or native, is admitted at that time, and then only by the intercession of somebody in power."

REGISTER, Wallsend.

ANSWERS.

12.—MESMERISM.

I think it would be better and far more in keeping with the object for which this column was opened, if your Nantwich correspondent would confine his remarks to the subject under discussion, than to attack those who are doing their best to answer the queries, or who are giving a true account of their experience in connection with the question referred to; because it only goes to damp the ardour of those interested in the queries. The reason why I performed the *role* I stated, was because I wished to have a practical illustration of what a sham "subject" could do. What I want to know is this:—Is our friend a believer in Mesmerism or not? For he says in regard to my letter that the Professor cannot or will not perceive the difference between those mesmerised and those simply counterfeiting; which is, as I take it, an admission that he believes Mesmerism to be a fact, and that we were counterfeiting it. I admit that, and so were all whom I have seen at mesmeric entertainments; and, another thing, I don't believe there was anyone mesmerised at all at Walker, nor anywhere else, because in my opinion it is out of the power of man, and against nature, to have any control over persons in an unconscious state. And as for phrenology, I refer our friend to consult Combe or Morgan's books on that subject, and they will convince him of the truth of that science, which says that the head has a great deal to do in forming the characters of men. Our friend also declares his opposition to mesmerism, and his belief in it in the same latter, *i.e.*, he opposes his own belief, and my readers can judge whether he is a "hopeless mass of incredulity" or not.

LYNX, Walker.

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Mesmerism would be defined by a sceptic as a "*pretended* power of producing a kind of sleep, or unconsciousness to external objects, while the mind remains active," and I think that your querist, Lynx, and Philo, would fully coincide in it. I have read the statements of your correspondents on this science, and I cannot say that either of them have brought any evidence calculated to shake the confidence of a believer in it. Lynx relates that he once tried to enter the mesmeric state with the assistance of the celebrated phrenologist and mesmerist, Professor Morgan, and because he was not susceptible to the influence of animal magnetism, he concluded that mesmerism was not a true science, after, as he thinks going through all the various manœuvres of those really mesmerised. Now, had Lynx been one of those generally selected as test subjects, both he and the audience would have found out the deception. For instance, I have seen Mr Morgan select an apparently weak youth and put him through various feats of catalepsy, clairvoyance, &c., &c., which could not be performed except under some such powerful influence as mesmerism. I have not the least doubt but that many persons have assisted to enliven the audience of a mesmerist, although not in that state; but anyone with a keen perception can pick out those that are mesmerised and those that are not, for I have seen cases where young men counterfeiting the true state go through the evolutions in a very lame and confused manner—there was no promptitude in their actions and which characterised the operations of those under the influence, but the former watch and depend upon the latter for their cue. Philo gives a case wherein a medical man could stiffen his limbs to the same extent as the feats performed by the Professor's "subjects." Again, Philo mentions that "stringing the nerves and muscles is part of military discipline in the Horse Guards." I do not dispute this, but I am positive they could not perform the following feat, unless mesmerised, which Professor Morgan illustrated (practically), and which I have seen:—He procured a chair, on which he places in the usual position, a young man of my acquaintance. He then by a few passes of his hand drew the subjects legs, which are perfectly stiff and close together, on a line with the seat on which he was sitting. The Professor then steps from another chair on to the extreme end of the person's limbs, below the knee and close to the ankle. I have seen this feat successfully accomplished, and I have tried to perform the feat myself; but could not hold the limbs up in a similar position, and without any weight on them whatever, for above four seconds. I would advise my sceptical friends to try the experiment, and they will find that it requires something more than strength to accomplish it. I am dubious whether they can even accomplish the feat of holding their lges close together and at the required level. Philo says "that great shame and confusion takes possession of the subject immediately after their return to the normal condition, and yet the same persons are often the first to volunteer to make fools of themselves on the following night." It is a fact that the subject is confused after awakening to thorough consciousness, and goes to prove that they know not where they are until awakened. They are likely to be confused on opening their eyes so that they see a large number of grinning faces. The drunkard is confused and ashamed on his first appearance before his friends, yet he goes and commits the same offence on the first favourable opportunity. I think it is the same with the mesmerist's subjects—they like to commit the offence (if it is an effence) again. I should like very much to know how Philo arrives at the conclusion that mesmerism is the offspring of phrenology—another valuable science, which I have had the honour of testing; *i.e.*, undergoing the manipulations of the phrenologist, whose accuracy in describing my character was something wonderful, and was more than mere guessing. When mesmerism was discovered by Arton Mesmer, in 1776, he probably never thought about phrenology; we also read of animals exerting an influence over other living things, such as birds, &c.,—making them unconscious so that they become an easy prey, wherewith to satisfy their craving appetite. Yet they, of course, know nothing about phrenology. I am of opinion, that phrenology and mesmerism are two distinct sciences. The effects of the passes or fixed attention on persons of nervous susceptibility are various. Writers on animal magnetism distinguish many stages. The following classification is by Kluge, a German writer on the subject, and gives a tolerably correct estimate of the effects which have been observed in mesmerised individuals:—"First degree,—called waking, presents no very remarkable phenomena. The intellect and the senses still retain their usual powers and susceptibility. Second degree—Half-sleep, or imperfect crisis. Most of the senses still remain in a state of activity, that of vision only being impaired, the eye withdrawing itself from the power of the will. Third degree—The magnetic or mesmeric sleep. The organs of the senses refuse to perform their respective functions, and the patient is in an unconscious state. Fourth degree—The perfect crisis, or simple somnambulism. In this stage the patient is said to 'wake within himself,' and his consciousness returns. He is in a state which can neither be called sleeping nor waking, but which appears to, be something between the two. Fifth degree—Lucidity, or lucid vision. This is called in France, and mostly in this country, *clairvoyance*; in Germany *hellschen*. In this state the patient is said to obtain a clear knowledge of his own internal, mental, and bodily state, is enabled to calculate with accuracy the phenomena of disease which will naturally and inevitably occur, and to determine what are their most appropriate and effectual remedies. He is also said to possess the same faculty of internal inspection with regard to other persons who have been placed in mesmeric connection (*en rapport*) with him. Sixth degree—Universal lucidity; in German, *allgemeine klarheit*. In this state the lucid vision becomes greatly increased, and extends to objects whether near or at a distance." Such are the states of the system recognised by mesmerists, and works on the subject abound with cases illustrative of each of these six degrees, and, no doubt my friends will have witnessed many practical explanations of a number of these degrees at the seances of Professor Morgan. If mesmerism is not true, what an amount of time the subject must spend in practising the different expressions of fear, pain, joy, &c., so plainly recognisable in the features of the "supposed entranced."

LOADSTONE, Stanley.

22.—TYNEMOUTH.

R. O. wishes to know the correct pronounciation of the above. I am aware there is a decided reason why any of the forms of pronounciation he has mentioned should be adopted, but from what I have read on the matter I think that *Tinmouth* is the most likely. The following is taken from "A Guide to Tynemouth; by a Native," and published by J. Todd and Co.:—"Various attempts have been made to ascertain the derivation of its present name. It has been spelt Tinmouth, Tinemouth; and the origin of these may be from Gaelic Taen, a river—from Tine or *Tyne*, a Scottish word meaning to forfeit, to lose, from the fact that many Scots paid forfeit during their incursions in this neighbourhood—or perhaps some of the old monks of Hexham may have composed that good old song commencing—

"Flow on thou Tiny river."

OLD BEDE, Jarrow.

23.—SPERM WHALES.

I have great pleasure in being able to give the following particulars to W. M., Consett. The cachalot or sperm whale is very extensive. The species has been seen in almost all seas, but is now principally found in the Southern Ocean, on the coasts of America, Japan, New Guinea, Temor, &c. The head of the cachalot presents a very thick blunt extremity. At its junction with the body is a large protruberance on the back called "the bunch of the neck," immediately behind this is the thickest part of the body, which thence gradually tapers off to the tail, where there is another large prominence called "the hump," from which a number of smaller processes run half way down the "small" or tail. The body then contracts so much as to become finally not thicker than that of a man, and terminates by expanding on the sides into the "flukes," which form a large triangular horizontal fin, about six or eight feet in length, and from twelve to 14 in breadth, in the largest males. The silt of the single blowing hole or nostril is about twelve inches in length. In the right side of the nose is the case, a cavity for the purpose of secreting and containing an oily fluid, which after death concretes into a granulated yellowish substance: this is the *spermacete*. Beneath the case and nostril is the elastic "junk," formed by dense cellular tissue strengthened by strong tendronous fibres, and infiltrated with very fine sperm oil and spermaceti. The mouth extends nearly the whole length of the head. Both jaws are furnished with tolerably well-developed lips. The tongue is small and white. The throat is capacious enough to admit the body of a man, presenting a strong contrast to the contracted gullet of the Greenland whale. The eyes are small in proportion to the size of the animal, and furnished with eyelids. Not far from the posterior angle of the mouth are the swimming paws or fins, not much used in progressing, but probably more as balances, and occasionally in supporting the young. A sperm whale of the largest size is about eighty-four feet in length. The skin is smooth, but occasionally in old whales wrinkled. The general colour is very dark, deepest on the upper part of the head, back and fins, in which situation it is sometimes black; on the sides it gradually assumes a lighter tint, and on the breast becomes silvery grey. Immediately beneath the black skin is the blubber or fat, of a light yellowish colour, producing the sperm oil when melted. As the bulk of the head consists of a membraneous case containing thin oil, it is specifically lighter than any other part of the body, and a slight effort would suffice to raise the whole flat surface of the nose out of the water. Respiration is effected at very regular intervals, when the snout emerges, and from the extremity of the nose the spout is thrown up. It is formed of the expired air forcibly ejected through the blow hole, and acquires a white colour from minute particles of water previously lodged in the chink or fissure of the nostril, and also from the aqueous vapour thrown off from the lungs. The spout is projected at an angle of 136 degrees in a slow and continuous manner for about three minutes, and may be seen from the mast head in favourable weather at the distance of four or five miles. Immediately after each spout the nose sinks beneath the water, scarcely a second intervenes for the act of inspiration, and very little more for expiration in this species. Ten seconds is occupied by a large sperm whale in making one inspiration. At each breathing time the whale makes from sixty to seventy expirations, and remaining at the surface ten or eleven minutes. When the breathing time is over, the head sinks slowly, the "small," or the part between the "hump" and the "flukes," appears above the water curved; the flukes are lifted high into the air, and the animal having assumed a straighter position, descends perpendicularly to an unknown depth. It continues thus hidden beneath the surface for about an hour and ten minutes. Small fishes are occasionally swallowed in quantities by this whale, but its principal food appears to consists of cuttle fishes.

J. K. W. GASCON, Consett.

24.—EGYPTIAN.

"The son of Pharoah's daughter was the daughter of Pharoah's son," when read over seems to be an impossibility and an absurdity; but if thought over, the reader will no doubt come to the conclusion which I have arrived at. It is a rather difficult task to give my definition of the sentence, so that it may be understood by the readers of this interesting and highly instructive—I may say page, for your numerous contributors have monopolised so much of your space, Mr Editor, that you may give a page up to them for notes and queries. Let me see; I scarcely know which way to put the sentence, so that it may be thoroughly understood; but I will give two or three illustrations of it. In the first place I read it thus: "The son of Pharoah's daughter, was the *daughter-of-Pharoah's* son;" or, (1) "The son of Pharaoh's daughter, (2) was son of the daughter of Pharaoh." It is like saying—The sandals of the daughter of Pharaoh, was the daughter of Pharaoh's sandals. The latter part of the sentence which commences (2) "Was the daughter of Pharaoh's son; is a repetition of the first part, (1) the son of Pharaoh's daughter," but composed in a way to confuse the reader. A person reading the sentence is apt to think that it is intended to convey the meaning, that "the *son* was the *daughter* of Pharaoh's son; but, if considered, your readers will perceive that that part of the sentence marked (2) is a repetition of (1).

J. F., Blackhill.

25.—PILCHARDS.

Plymothian, Jarow, wishes to know whether pilchards are caught on the coast of any other country excepting Cornwall and Devonshire. I have not heard of any instance of this species of fish being netted anywhere else, and I am under the impression that they only "honour" the aforementioned coasts with their presence. Perhaps, as they seem to be a "non-resident" on this part of the coast, it would not be out of place to give the following particulars concerning them:—"The *clupea pilcardus* of Linnæus, having a resemblance to a herring, but thicker and rounder; the nose is short and turns up, the under jaw is shorter, the back bone more elevated, and the belly less sharp. These fish appear on the Cornish coast, England, about the middle of July, in immense numbers, and form a considerable article of commerce." From the foregoing quotation it seems as if they were a speciality of the Cornish coast only.

FRED. THOMPSON, Consett.

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At the present time the principal resort of this species (not much unlike the herring) is the coast of Cornwall, where its capture gives employment to a large number of people, and a considerable amount of capital is required to carry it on. At one time it was caught in the principal openings or mouths of the Scottish rivers. The following extracts appeared a few years since in a provincial paper:—"This fish is nowhere seen but on the coast of Cornwall, and is only to be found for a brief period of two or three months. They arrive to the eastward of the Land's End about the end of July, and they continue to the beginning of October. They are afterwards seen on the north coast of the county, where the fishing is carried on a few weeks later. They then disappear, and whither they go is as yet unknown to naturalists, but they are supposed to come from the Atlantic. The size of the sheals and the closeness to which they approach the shore vary much in different years, making the fishery rather a speculative undertaking. Notwithstanding a comparatively good year now and then, this branch of our fisheries is not so important a source of wealth to Cornwall as it was forty or fifty years ago. An account of the manner in which the fish are caught and cured may be interesting to those who do not already know it. They are fished for in two ways: by *seines*, in which far the greatest number are taken; and by *driving*. The latter is similar to the mode followed for the capture of herrings. The pilchard *driver*, or boat, is deep, square-sterned, and generally yawl-rigged. Like the herring boats they can stand heavy weather, and sail remarkably fast. But the *seine* fishing is something novel; and the fish taken in this manner bring the highest price in the foreign markets. A *seine*, with the necessary boats, grapnels, and gear, costs about £1,500. From the amount of outlay which is required, they are generally the property of capitalists, but are sometimes held by a company, and divided into small shares. Twenty men are employed on each *seine*, who are paid by small wages—generally eight shillings a week—and a share in the profits. The *seine* measures in length 220 feet, and in depth from 16 to 18 fathoms. On an edge are placed corks, and at the other leaden weights; and this enormous net is carried in a large boat or lighter, and thrown overboard so as to encircle a shoal of fish when they can be found in water not deeper than the *seine*. As soon as the fish are surrounded by this hempen wall, anchors are carried away from different parts of the *seine*, and it is safely moored; and unless stormy weather comes on, the fish may be kept there, and taken out at leisure. At Mevagissey, on one occasion, when salt became scarce, the *seines* were left in the water, and the fish kept alive till a vessel went to Normandy and brought back a cargo of salt. The fish are lifted out of the enclosed space with a smaller net called the *tuck-seine*. This is done at low water and at night, as the fish during the day remain near the bottom, and any attempt at raising them would result in the tearing of the net. *Tucking*, or lifting out the fish, is thus accomplished: The boats in which the fish are to be carried are brought close to the *seine*, and the small net is drawn tight; two men sit on the gunwale, and with a two-handled basket lift the fish and pour them into the boat. The strange silvery light caused by the living mass of fish, the joy of the fisherman, which breaks out every now and then into songs and shouts, which are echoed from the bold cliffs of the vicinity, make this part of the operation beautiful and interesting. A shoal of fish changes the colour of the water, and this is observed most easily an hour before sunset, at which time the seiners are all silent, and intently watching the water. Much depends upon the eye and judgment of the master seiner, who accompanies the larger boats in a small boat called the *lurcher*. If the *seine* should enclose 200 hogsheads, it is considered a successful shot; but as many as 1,500 hogsheads have been surrounded by a *seine* at one time. It, however, often happens that the fish are travelling so rapidly through the water, that they escape whilst the men are casting the *seine* overboard. The average number of hogsheads exported is about 25,000 per annum; and the wholesale price may be stated at £2 10s. per hogshead. Each hogshead contains about 3,000 fish. The fishery varies very greatly. Instances have been known of quantities sufficient to fill 10,000 hogsheads being taken ashore in one day. The following is the mode of dealing with the fish after they are captured. When they are intended for exportation, they are carried into cellars and *bulked*—that is, laid in rows in a heap, with a layer of salt between each layer of fish. After lying in the salt for a month, they are washed and packed into casks; but before the casks are *headed*, the fish are pressed down, the casks are then filled up, and again pressed; and after being a third time submitted to pressure, the casks are closed up, and considered ready for shipment. The fish being so pressed, keep much better in the warm climate to which they are sent, and a large quantity of valuable oil is produced. It is calculated that fifteen hogsheads of pilchards produce a hogshead of oil; so that the produce of this oil adds considerably to the value of the pilchard fishery, as it sells for £42 per ton; and the scum, or garbage, as it is called, which rises to the surface in the washing-troughs, is purchased by the soap manufacturers at about £10 a ton. The quantity of salt required is very considerable—eight bushels to every hogshead of fish—but the undissolved salt, which is more than half the quantity used, is sold readily for manure at 20s. a ton. A good year's fishing returns large profits to the curers, and supplies cheap food and remunerative employment to those engaged in its capture."

R. J., Jarrow.

26.—SALT.

In regard to the question put by your querist that salt acts in discolouring the hair, I think it has no such effect, though I admit, if taken in excess, it is productive of a disease known as scurvy. There can be no doubt that salt greatly assists the process of digestion, it is one of the constituents of the blood and body generally, and it is well known that when anyone gives up the use of salt that they are very liable to be troubled with worms in the intestines. Some advocate the use of salt in the treatment of typhus fever and cholera, while some hold it up as a universal remedy. I think it is not worth while for me to go any further into the question, as I think that I have already proven from the above that it is *not* injurious to the health. With regard to discolouring the hair, it is a thing that I know nothing about, though I should think it is hardly probable.

OLD JONATHAN, Consett.

QUERIES.

27.—CO-OPERATION.—Would any of your contributors give a complete definition of this term?—A. O. Jarrow.

28.—NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM DISTRICT BANK.—Can any of your readers tell me the date when this bank suspended payment, and a few particulars of the sequel?—ENQUIRER, Shotley Bridge.

29.—BALLAST HILLS.—I have often wondered how the ballast heaps have accumulated on the banks of our river. An account of the means used in conveying the ballast from the ships to the top of these hills—say, those situated at Willington Quay—would, I think, be interesting.—WORKMAN, Jarrow.

30.—WATERLOO.—In the *Leisure Hour* for this month is a picture, the incidents of which are as follows:—At the battle of Waterloo a young ensign fell mortally wounded, but still grasping the colour in his hand. One of his clan has picked him up and is carrying him away from an advancing line of the Imperial guard (French), when the officer, seeing the bravery of the soldier, gave the signal to stop firing. If anyone could give me the names of the ensign, the soldier, and the French officer, I would be very much obliged to them.—BRITON, Willington Quay.

31.—PERPETUAL MOTION.—Could any reader give me some instances of the attempts to solve the problem of perpetual motion.—TIME, Consett.

32.—BUILDING SOCIETIES.—A large number of working men have been and are connected with building societies, while many more do not seem to see that it would be any advantage to them to join them. Perhaps a fellow-workman would give his experience in this matter.—WORKMAN, Jarrow.

33.—QUAKERS.—This is one of the names by which a sect of Christian people, admired for their many noble traits of character, is known. The origination of this—considered by some eccentric—society and other particulars regarding them would confer a benefit on—MINER, Wallsend.

34.—Could any reader of "Notes and Queries" give me any account of the life of the late Mr John Buddle, who died at Wallsend about the year 1845, to whose memory a monument is erected in Benwell church —J. K. W. GASCON.

35 —Having heard a conversation about the murder of Robert Stirling in Smail's Wood, a plantation near Burnopfield, I would be obliged if any reader could give me any account of it.—COKEBURNER, Ebchester.

36.—NIGHTMARE.—Being often troubled in my sleep by this disease, I should deem it as a favour if some of your readers could inform me of the cause and remedy.—WORKMAN, Jarrow.

37.—TRADES' UNIONS—I learn that recently a certain trades' union "struck off" some men who were employed at a Tyneside shipyard, simply because the men had taken a different view of a petty dispute in a slipway some short time ago, and accepted work which the union men had refused. Might I ask,—Is it customary for trades' unions to act so unjustly? also upon what grounds they consider it right to deprive men of employment because they don't take the same view of things as themselves?—JUSTICE.

NOTE.—Riddlers' column is held over until next week.

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Business Announcements.

STALLIONS AT WOODLANDS STUD, KNITSLEY STATION.

"Macgregor," at 15gs., thorough-bred Mares only.
"Idus," at 10gs., half-bred Mares, 6gs.
"Argyle," at 10gs., half-bred Mares, 6gs.
"Stentor," at 10gs., half-bred Mares, 6gs.
For pedigree, and full particulars, apply to Stud Groom, Woodlands, Consett. 831h

DRAPERY AND MILLINERY.

H. THOMSON

BEGS to inform the Inhabitants of Consett and Neighbourhood that he has Opened the premises formerly occupied by Mr. J. Proud, in Front Street, with a Stock of MILLINERY and DRAPERY.

N.B.—Straw Hats and Bonnets, Cleaned, Dyed, and Altered into present Fashions. 888h

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF CONSETT AND DISTRICT.

JAMES FROSDICK, 50, FRONT STREET, CONSETT,

RESPECTFULLY intimates that he has commenced Business as Bellman and Bill Poster, and is prepared to give due attention to all commands with which he may be entrusted. 917h

SWINBURN MURRAY, FRONT STREET, CONSETT,

LETS Brakes for Pic-nic Parties, Cabs for Wedding Parties, and Conveyances of every description.

S. M. daily leaves Mr. George Brown's, Railway Hotel, Middle Street, Consett, and meets all the principal Trains. Orders taken by Mr. Brown, or by himself, at the above address.

FUNERALS SUPPLIED. 863h

SINGLE PAIR OF BOOTS AT WHOLESALE PRICE.

J. BLENKINSOP AND SON, Boot Manufacturers, 4, Middle Street, Consett, are now Selling their Home-made Boots and Shoes, in Single Pairs, at Wholesale Price.

Central Establishment:—
113, PILGRIM STREET, NEWCASTLE.

JOHN STREET AND PITT STREET WINE, ALE, AND SPIRIT STORE.

WINES AND SPIRITS
Of the finest quality.
BURTON AND EDINBURGH ALES
Sold on Draught at 4d., 5d., and 6d. per Quart, usually sold at 8d.
FAMILY CASKS SUPPLIED.
DUNVILLE AND CO.'S FINE OLD WHISKEY, From the Royal Irish Distillery, Belfast. 477h

HAYMARKET COACH WHEEL WORKS.

GEORGE HOGG, COACHBUILDER AND CARTWRIGHT.

ALL kinds of Cabs, Dog Carts, and Spring Carts made to order, repaired, painted, and done-up. Springs and Patent Axles made to order and repaired. Lancewood Shafts and Bent Timber always on hand. The largest Spring Cart Works in the North of England.

All orders punctually attended to. 929h
HAYMARKET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

GREY HAIR.

EAU BOTANIQUE MERVEILLEUSE, gradually and permanently changes Hair turning Grey, and Grey Hair to a beautiful and Natural Brown, Dark Brown, or Black, in a few applications, without discolouring, and imparting a healthy tone to the skin, while it strengthens the roots of the Hair, and acts as a charming dressing. A trial will ensure its recommendation.

In Bottles of 5s. and 10s. each.—Two Bottles of 5s. each, or one of 10s. forwarded, carriage free, to any part of England, on receipt of Post Order, or Stamps.

Apply to the Manufacturer,
C. ROUGIER,
29, GREY STREET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
Chemists and Perfumers supplied. 816h

FARM SEEDS.

NOW ON SALE:
FINE NEW SPRING TARES.
FINE POTATO AND TARTARIAN OATS.
FINE MAPLE PEAS, &c.
CLOVERS AND GRASS SEEDS.
G. H.'S CELEBRATED MIXTURES FOR PERMANENT PASTURES.
TURNIP SEEDS.
GARDEN SEEDS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
Ammonia-fixed and Phospho Peruvian Guanos, Turnip and Potato Manures, Crushed and Dissolved Bones and Top Dressings for Field or Garden use, Nitrate of Soda, and Agricultural Salt.

GEORGE HOBSON,
HARPERLEY MILLS, NEAR ANNFIELD PLAIN, AND CATCHGATE.
(ESTABLISHED 1817.) 654h

NOTICE.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE PEOPLE OF CONSETT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

E. SCOTTER,
THE EXCELSIOR BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTURER, OF NEWCASTLE,

HAS Opened a Branch Shop at 3, SHAKESPEARE STREET, CONSETT (situated beneath the Theatre), for the Sale of his Celebrated BOOTS and SHOES.

These Goods, from their superiority, have won for themselves such a notoriety, that they have become a household word on Tyneside, and only need trying to spread their fame. Every article of Scotter's own make is stamped "Scotter's Unrivalled Boots," and all Goods bearing this stamp are warranted, and will be repaired, free of charge, in case of any failure in the workmanship.

E. Scotter also begs to intimate that all his Boots are marked in plain figures before leaving his warehouses, for the protection of his Customers, and from which price there is no abatement. One trial is solicited, and satisfaction is guaranteed.

Note the Address:—
3, SHAKESPEARE STREET (below the Theatre),
CONSETT.

The following is a list of Scotter's Shops, which have been selling these same Goods with unprecedented success:—23, Nun Street, 14, Nun Street, and 46, Dean Street, Newcastle; 105, High Street, Gateshead; 68, Ormonde Street, Jarrow; 2, Station Road, South Shields; 121, Bedford Street, 13, Union Street, and 9, Tyne Street, North Shields; Bridge Street, Morpeth; and 7, South Street, Middlesbrough.

Take Notice.—All kinds of Repairing executed on the shortest possible notice. Men's Boots soled and healed from 3s. 6d., and Women's soled and healed, 2s. 6d. Boys' and Girls' in proportion.

The above will be found to be the best shop for the rich, the cheapest shop for the poor, and the right shop for everybody. 885h

NORTHUMBERLAND STEAM DYE WORKS, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

JOHN BRADBURN & CO.,
DYERS AND CLEANERS,

BEG to inform the Ladies of Consett and District that they have appointed the INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETY, As their Agents, in place of Mr. JOHN PROUD, Draper, who is leaving the town. Goods for Dyeing and Cleaning, left at the Co-operative Stores, will be forwarded to Newcastle every Friday and returned to Consett within Fourteen Days.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Wearing Apparel, of every description, Dyed and Cleaned in the most skilful manner. House Draperies, in all materials, Cleaned and Dyed. Prices the same as at our Town Offices. 728h

Business Announcements.

STAY DEPARTMENT.

ENGLISH AND MILBURN
Beg to announce that they have cleared part of a Manufacturer's Stock of
FANCY CORSETS,
WHICH THEY ARE NOW SHOWING AT PRICES CONSIDERABLY UNDER VALUE.

ENGLISH AND MILBURN,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRAPERS,
MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT; AND FRONT STREET, DIPTON. 991h

TIMES ARE BAD AND WAGES ARE VERY LOW, SUCH IS THE COMPLAINT ON EVERY HAND.

JAMES LAKE,
6, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT,

IS prepared to prove that his effort of late has been to enable his Customers to get the full Benefit of their Low Wages by supplying a Good Article at a very Low Price, as the following will show:—

Prime Mild-cured HAMS (whole) .... 7½d. per lb.
Good BUTTER, from .... 1s. "
Finest BUTTER, only .... 1s. 4d. "
Good BACON .... 6d. "
Good CHEESE .... 6d. "
Good TEA, strongly recommended .... 2s. "
Good SUGAR .... 3d. "
Good SOAP (Pale or Mottled) .... 3d. "
And every other Article equally as Cheap.

☞ Cash Buyers will find great Benefit by spending their money at the
NEWCASTLE TEA WAREHOUSE,
MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT.
416h JAMES LAKE, PROPRIETOR.

FASHIONABLE MILLINERY ESTABLISHMENT.

2,000
TRIMMED AND UNTRIMMED
BONNETS AND HATS
Are now on View at the Noted
MILLINERY ESTABLISHMENT.
A SPLENDID SELECTION.

Also,
A LARGE STOCK
Of Ladies and Children's
FASHIONABLE JACKETS
From 10s. 6d. to 45s.

SHAW AND ATKINSON,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRAPERS AND CLOTHIERS,
CONSETT. 992h

QUEENSLAND EMIGRATION.

SAILINGS FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

"ROXBURGHSHIRE," 4th July, from Glasgow for Brisbane.
"NEWCASTLE," about the 12th July, from London for Brisbane.
Female Domestic Servants free.

Apply to the Local Agent, J. T. Appleton, Auctioneer, Spennymoor; or to the Agent-General for Queensland, 32, Charing Cross, London, S.W. 844h

CLEARANCE SALE AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

BEST VALUE IN THE DISTRICT IN FURNITURE, CLOCKS, WATCHES, JEWELLERY, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, &c., AT J. WOOD'S, 17, NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT.

Fine-toned HARMONIUMS in Rosewood and Walnut Cases, with Knee Swells, from Seven Guineas. 733h

NORTHUMBERLAND CARRIAGE AND HARNESS MANUFACTORY.
Established 1794.
15, PILGRIM STREET, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

MESSRS. ATKINSON AND PHILIPSON, Invite an inspection of their new designs of carriages for 1877, which comprise the improvements of London, Paris, and America; also the large Stock of Second-hand Carriages and Harness standing for Sale, at the NORTHERN COUNTIES CARRIAGE AND HARNESS REPOSITORY.
ENTRANCE, AT MESSRS. ATKINSON AND PHILIPSON'S, 15, PILGRIM STREET, NEWCASTLE. 559h
A Book of Drawings sent post free on application.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

THE Directors of LANGDALES MANURE COMPANY hereby give Notice to Farmers, in the District of Annfield Plain, Lanchester, Consett, Mdomsley, Burnopfield, Tanfield, Tantobie, Stanley, Pelton, and Cragghead, that their now well-known TOP DRESSINGS, CHAMPION AND CHALLENGE TURNIP, POTATO AND BONE MANURES, SUPER-PHOSPHATES, AMMONIA-FIXED AND PHOSPHO-PERUVIAN GUANOS, &c., are only to be had from their undermentioned authorised Agents. None genuine unless having their Trade Mark—the Game Cock—marked on each bag.

HOBSON AND LIDDELL,
CORN, OILCAKE, IMPLEMENT, AND MANURE MERCHANTS,
NEVILLE STREET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, AND HARPERLEY MILLS. 555h

WILLIAM TODD'S
EASY SHAVING AND FASHIONABLE HAIR-CUTTING ESTABLISHMENT, FRONT STREET, LEADGATE. 579h

THOMAS RAINE,
JOINER AND CABINET-MAKER, DERWENT STREET, BLACKHILL,

BEGS to to thank his Friends for their support during the past Three Years, and wishes to intimate that he has taken his brother CUTHBERT into Partnership.

T. and C. RAINE have also pleasure in announcing to the Public that they have secured the commodious workshops lately occupied by Mr. A. Richardson, where they intend to carry on the business of Contracting, Jeinering, and Cabinet-making. Furniture of every description always on hand, or made to order. Orders will be thankfully received, and promptly executed. Workshops immediately behind the Post-office, Durham Road. Show-rooms, Derwent Street. 835h

THE NEW PARTNERSHIP.

STEWART, THE TEA DEALER, thanks the people who have patronised his Tea Establishments during the last 26 years, especially those who encouraged him with their support during the early part of his business career.

It is a pleasure for him to inform his friends that he has taken his son into partnership, and hopes with the experience of the old member of the firm, and the life and energy of the new, to maintain the proud position he has gained as a dealer in High Class Teas.

He doubts not still greater success will attend the new firm of

WILLIAM STEWART AND SON,
THE TEA DEALERS,
NEWCASTLE AND SUNDERLAND. 870h

FURNITURE! FURNITURE!!

ALEXANDER MOLTENI,
CABINETMAKER, UPHOLSTERER, &c.,
76, PILGRIM STREET,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,

HAS made special reductions in the price of his large Stock of WELL-SEASONED FURNITURE, so that parties furnishing during this term will save considerably by purchasing at this establishment.

A very large choice of splendid Mahogany and other Chairs, in a great variety of patterns; fine Sideboards; Dining Room and Drawing Room Wardrobes, and Bedroom Suites; every description of Brass and Iron Bedsteads kept in stock. Also, a very fine choice of Mantel Mirrors and Toilet Glasses, the whole of which will be sold at 20 per cent. below the regular prices.

A. M. begs to inform all his friends and the public generally of not being able to find purchasers for his business, so he intends to keep it on himself, and, at the same time, he must return his most sincere thanks to all for the liberal support that he has received for the last forty years in Pilgrim Street. By strict attention to all orders entrusted to him, in future he hopes for a continuance of their patronage.

Business Announcements.

J. PARKER,
JEWELLER, &c.,
2, FRONT STREET, CONSETT.
CLOCKS and WATCHES Cleaned and Repaired.
Country Orders attended to.

CLEARANCE SALE AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

D. DOVER,
GENERAL DEALER, FLINT HILL, DIPTON,

FURNITURE, Hardware, Tinware, Clocks, Watches, Paraffin Lamps, Musical Instruments, Second-hand Books, Stationery, and an Assortment of Herbs, in packets. Agent for Stokes on Memory. 988h

IMPORTANT TO DRESSMAKERS AND OTHERS.

FOR SALE, PAPER PATTERNS of the latest styles in Costumes, Tuniques, Tabliers, Polonaises, Mantles, Jackets, Dolmans, Capes, Robes de Chambre, Children's Dresses, &c. Their cut and fit is guaranteed, of a most perfect character, and (with a due regard to *real value*) they are the cheapest in the world. Treble their cost is saved in material and trimmings, economy in cutting out being carefully considered. Agent for Consett and District—ROBERT JACKSON, *Guardian* Office, Consett.

BRITANNIA REX., PEDIGREE BULL,
White, Calved November 22nd, 1875,

BRED by Albert Raine, Esq., Bow Bank, Mickleton, Barnard Castle, the property of JOHN SMITH, East Farm, Medomsley, *via* Lintz Green, will serve Cows at the above Farm. Terms may be had on application.

Britannia Rex. was got by Windsor Rex. (37,687), dam, British Queen by British Flag (25,678), g d Pearly by Baron Booth (23,355), gr g d, Monica by Majestic (16,492), gr gr g d, Bridesmaid by Ambo (12,391), gr gr gr g d, Bracelet by Buckingham Second (12,509), gr gr gr gr g d, Rachel by Bernardo (8,885), gr gr gr gr gr g d, by Lonsdale (9,305), gr gr gr gr gr gr g d, by Buckingham (3,239), gr gr gr gr gr gr gr g d, by Raspberry (4,875), gr gr gr gr gr gr gr gr g d, by Studley Royal (5,342). 832h

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

EDWARD WARDHAUGH AND SON,
HORSE SHOERS AND GENERAL SMITHS,
SHOTLEY BRIDGE,

DESIRE to thank their numerous Customers for the kind patronage bestowed during the Twenty-one Years they have been in Business.

E. W. and Son beg to inform their Customers and the Public that they have entered on their New and Commodious Premises, situated at the foot of Green Street, near the Gas Works, Shotley Bridge, and trust that by prompt attention and quick despatch, to execute all orders entrusted to them in a good, substantial, and workmanlike manner.

E. WARDHAUGH AND SON,
HORSE SHOERS AND GENERAL SMITHS,
SHOTLEY BRIDGE. 979h

Public Notices.

141 IS the WINNING NUMBER of Mr. PERRY'S STOP WATCH, raffled for at Consett. 989h

LOOK OUT for OXHILL ANNUAL GALA and SPORTS, on the 21st of July, 1877.—For particulars, see Bills. 978h

MONEY TO LEND on Land and Houses, from £100 to £2,000.—Apply to T. W. WELFORD, Solicitor, Consett, Shotley Bridge, and Hexham.

REMEMBER Dipton Independent United Order of Mechanics will hold their ANNUAL GALA, on Saturday, July 14th, 1877. 916h

LOOK OUT for CONSETT and DISTRICT UNITED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES GALA, on Saturday, July 7th, 1877. 732h

THE BENFIELDSIDE BRASS BAND is open to take ENGAGEMENTS for the Ensuing Season.—Apply to Mr. JOSEPH DIBLEY, Leader, 9, Turncoat Row, Blackhill. 805h

THE BLACKHILL TEETOTAL BRASS BAND is now open for engagements for the ensuing season.—Apply to Mr. THOMAS GREY, Murray Street, Blackfine, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 810h

NOTICE.

ANYONE found TRESPASSING on the Estate of Medomsley, belonging to Miss ALLGOOD, will be Prosecuted according to Law. 973h

NOTICE.

ANYONE found TRESPASSING on the Low Bradley and Billingside Estates, and the Plantations belonging to Hunter Allgood, Esq., will be Prosecuted according to Law. 912h

NOTICE.

ANY PERSON found Trespassing or Breaking Down the Fences will be Prosecuted, and all Dogs disturbing the Stock on the Farms occupied by JAMES CUTHBERTSON, will be destroyed. 898h

TO TRESPASSERS.

AS the GAME upon East Farm, Medomsley, and Allendale Farms is strictly Preserved, Trespassers will be Prosecuted. 880h

ANNIVERSARY SERMONS.

THE ANNIVERSARY SERMONS of the Presbyterian Church, Blackhill, will be preached on Sabbath, June 10th, 1877, by the REV. JAMES BLACK, D.D., of Glasgow.

Service to commence in the Morning at Half-past Ten and in the Evening at Six o'clock.

☞ The Annual Collection will be taken at the close of each Service. 983h

BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE above Society will hold their NINTH ANNUAL SHOW of HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, PIGS, DOGS, POULTRY, &c., at Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday, August 15th, 1877.

Prize Lists on application to
JOHN RICHARDS, } Secs.
GEORGE RIDLEY, }
Beamish, June 1st, 1877.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

THE REV. PETER MACKENZIE, of Leeds, will preach in the above Chapel, on Wednesday, June 20th, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon. At the close of the Service a Collection will be taken.

In the Evening, Mr. MACKENZIE will deliver a LECTURE in the Town Hall. Subject, "Queen Esther." Chair to be taken at Seven o'clock. Admission, Reserved Seats, 2s.; Area and Gallery, 1s. Tickets may be had of Messrs. TAYLOR, RICHARDSON, LAX, WILSON BROS., and at the Door.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership lately subsisting between us, the undersigned EDWARD ORMEROD and DAVID ORMEROD, carrying on business under the style or firm of EDWARD and DAVID ORMEROD, at Shotley Bridge and Consett, both in the County of Durham, as Plasterers and Cementers, was dissolved by mutual consent on the Fifth day of January last, since which date our respective businesses have been carried on by each of us on his own account.

Dated this 4th day of June, 1877.
EDWARD ORMEROD.
DAVID ORMEROD.
Witness—JOHN BOOTH, Jun., Solicitor, Shotley Bridge. 966h

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875.

DISTRICT OF LEADGATE.

IN pursuance of the 234th Section of the Public Health Act, 1875, I do Hereby Give Notice that JAMES RADFORD, Esquire, will attend at the Board-room, Leadgate, on Friday, the Sixth day of July next coming, at Ten o'clock in the Forenoon of the same day, for the purpose of Auditing the Accounts relative to, and connected with, the said Board, and that Seven Days previous to the said Audit, all Books of Accounts, Contracts, Bills or Receipts, or other Documents therewith connected, mentioned, or referred to in such Accounts will be deposited at the Board-room aforesaid, and may be inspected thereat, on application, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by all Persons interested therein, who are at liberty to take copies thereof, and extracts therefrom, without Fee or Reward.

Given under my hand this 7th day of June, 1877.
M. COUPLAND,
986h Clerk to the Board.

Contracts.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

THE above Board invite Tenders for the whole of the works required in the ERECTION of New BOARD SCHOOLS for 500 Children, with MASTER'S HOUSE, BOUNDARY WALL, &c., in Benfieldside Edge Road.

Drawings, Specifications, &c., may be seen, and Quantities and Forms of Tender obtained at our Offices, Town Hall, Shotley Bridge, on and after the 12th inst., on payment of Five Shillings (which will be returned on receipt of a *bona-fide* Tender.

Tenders (sealed and endorsed) will be received by us on or before the 27th inst.

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.
JOHN SMITH and SON, Architects.
Shotley Bridge, June 7th, 1877. 984h

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

THE above Board invite Tenders for the whole of the Works required in the ERECTION of new BOARD SCHOOLS, for 700 children, with Master's HOUSE, BOUNDARY WALLS, &c., at Dipton.

Drawings, Specifications, &c., may be inspected, and Forms of Tender obtained, at our Offices, Town Hall, Shotley Bridge, on and after the 24th inst.

Tenders (sealed and endorsed) will be received by us on or before the 11th day of June, 1877.

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.
JOHN SMITH and SON, Architects.
Shotley Bridge, Co. Durham,
May 17th, 1877. 908h

TO CONFECTIONERS AND BAND MASTERS.

THE Consett and District United Friendly Societies Gala Committee invite Tenders for their Gala, to be held at Consett, on July 7th, 1877.

TO TEA COMPLETE.—The Contractor to find Plain, Fancy, and Seed Bread, Tea Cakes, Fancy Biscuits, &c., and Tea; also Boilers and attendance at the same, at per head for Adults and Children respectively. The Committee will only find Tents, Water, Coal, and Waiters, and Ware for Tables. The Committee on their part will guarantee 1,395 Members, and the Contractors will be required to give a guarantee to supply sufficient for the Public over and above that number at his own risk. Also, that the Goods supplied shall be equal to Samples, which must be sent with Tenders (sealed and endorsed) to me, not later than Seven p.m. on June 13th, 1877.

Band Masters are requested to state number of performers and price, with or without Tea. Tenders also required for Quadrille Band at Ball.

Procession to start at 12·30 p.m. and Tea on Tables at 3·30 p.m.

The lowest or any of either Tender not necessarily accepted.
WM. S. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.,
8, Nelson Street, Consett.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr Joseph Oley.

DICKINSON'S WOOD COTTAGES, ANNFIELD PLAIN.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, commissioned by Mr. JOSEPH AMBLER, who is about to Emigrate to New South Wales, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at 65, Clavering Place, Annfield Plain, on Saturday, June 9th, 1877, the whole of his Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, FEATHER, DOWN, and FLOCK BEDS, SEWING MACHINE, &c., for particulars of which, see Bills.

Sale to commence promptly at One o'clock p.m.

By Mr. John Jenkins.

TOWN HALL SALE-ROOMS, CONSETT.

MR. JOHN JENKINS will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the above Sale-rooms, on Monday, June 11th, 1877, a large quantity of Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising Mahogany Lobby Drawers; Mahogany Bed-room Drawers and Bookcases; Mahogany Press; Birch Press; 2 Lobby Bedsteads; 12 Mahogany Balloon-backed Chairs, in Hair-seating; Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating; Polished Kitchen and Bed-room Chairs; Walnut and Mahogany Centre Tables; 2 Toilet Tables; 2 Pairs of Lustres; Iron Tester and French Bedsteads; Pole and Camp Bedsteads; Feather and Down Beds; Parlour and Kitchen Fenders and Fire Irons, &c.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 993h

SOUTH MEDOMSLEY.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, this day (Saturday), the whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE belonging to Mr. ROBT. WILKINSON, of 34, South Medomsley Cottages, near Dipton.

MR. JOHN JENKINS, Auctioneer.
Sale to commence at One o'clock. 994h

By Mr. Adam Brodie.

VICTORIA SALE-ROOMS, CONSETT.

IMPORTANT SALE of Superior and nearly New Mahogany and other HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed to SELL BY AUCTION, at the Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett, on Monday, June 11th, 1877, the whole of the superior Mahogany and other HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, belonging to Mr. W. GARDINER and Mr. JOHN H. WORTH, who are leaving the Country, and which is removed for convenience of sale, comprising handsome Mahogany Chest of Drawers; Mahogany Painted Chest of Drawers; full-sized Mahogany Sofa; beautiful Spanish Mahogany Centre Table, with Carved Pillars and Claws; neat Ash Centre Table; Round Tea Table; superior Four-poled Bedstead; Mattress and Hangings; elegant Half Tester Iron Bedstead; Mattress and Hangings; 2 French Bedsteads; excellent Domestic Sewing Machine; Longsettle; 6 Polished Birch Chairs; 6 Windsor Chairs; Arm Chairs; 2 Feather Beds; Bolsters and Pillows; Washstand and Swing Glass; Kitchen Table; Tea Table; 27yds. of best Brussels Carpet, recently made up; Water Filter; Pictures; together with the whole of the Kitchen and Culinary Utensils and an immense assemblage of Fancy China, Glass Ware and Ornaments; also, an Amateur's Chest of Joiner's Tools, and 2 miniature Chiffonieers.

Sale to commence at One o'clock, exact time.

The attention of the Public is directed to the above Sale, as the Furniture is of a superior character, nearly new, and in good condition, and as the parties are leaving the country they will be Sold without Reserve. 971h

VICTORIA SALE-ROOMS, CONSETT.

SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE FOR SALE.

MR. ADAM BRODIE will SELL BY AUCTION, in conjunction with Lots advertised above, at the Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett, on Monday, June 11th, 1877, the whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE belonging to Mr. THOMAS GILL, who is leaving the country, and removed for convenience of sale, comprising handsome Mahogany High Chest of Drawers; superior Brass-mounted Iron Bedstead; Mahogany Card Table; Down Beds and Mattresses; Four-poled Bedstead; 6 Polished Chairs; all the Cutlery; Bed and Table Linen; together with the whole of the Kitchen Utensils, including Pots, Pans, Earthenware, &c.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 972h

TO PARTIES LEAVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OR DECLINING HOUSEKEEPING.

ADAM BRODIE, AUCTIONEER,
VICTORIA SALE-ROOMS, CONSETT,

IS prepared to purchase, for Cash, Household Furniture, Merchandise, Plate, Printed Books, and every other description of Marketable Property, to any amount.

Sales by Auction conducted in the best style with reasonable charges. Cash advanced on Goods sent for Absolute Sale.

Office: Town Hall, Consett.

TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

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

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. William Nicholson.

BENFIELDSIDE AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, JUNE 11TH, 1877.

MR. W. NICHOLSON will have a good supply of FAT CATTLE.
Sale at Twelve o'clock. 989h

By Mr. P. Osborne.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THAT nice little Grazing Farm situate at Crookhall, in the Township of Iveston, and Parish of Lanchester, containing 14 Acres or thereabouts, together with good Farmhouse and Outbuildings, in the occupation of Mr. William Todd, will shortly be exposed for Sale by Public Auction.
995h Mr. P. OSBORNE, Auctioneer.

By Mr. Robert Sewell.

SOUTH MEDOMSLEY COTTAGES, DIPTON.

MR. R. SEWELL honoured with the confidence of Mr. SAMUEL KNIGHT, who is about to Emigrate to New South Wales, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Saturday, June 9th, 1877, the whole of his Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.
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39, SOUTH MEDOMSLEY COTTAGES, DIPTON.

MR. R. SEWELL, honoured with the confidence of Mr. HENRY STEVENS, who is about to Emigrate o New South Wales, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday, June 11th, 1877, the whole of his Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.
Sale to commence at One o'clock.

By Mr. J. Murray.

FRONT STREET, LEADGATE.

DESIRABLE COPYHOLD PROPERTY.

MR. JAMES MURRAY, of Newcastle, has received instructions from the Mortgagees to offer for SALE BY AUCTION (unless previously disposed of privately), on Monday Evening, June 11th, 1877, in the house of Mr. T. Longstaff, Masons' Arms, Front Street, Leadgate, at Half-past Seven o'clock, all that desirable Block of COPYHOLD PROPERTY, in Front Street, Leadgate, consisting of Shop with Double Window, Back Shop, and Cellar, with House communicating, and containing Parlour, Kitchen, and 2 Bed-rooms; also a large Yard with Cart Entrance; all in the occupation of Mr. W. Wilson, Boot and Shoemaker. Also, Two COTTAGES of Two Rooms each, and Stable. Estimated Rental about £32 per annum.—Further particulars on application to Messrs. Forster, Brown, and Forster, Solicitors, Grainger Street West; or to James Murray and Co., House, Land, and Estate Agents, Neville Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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FOR SALE, a STACK of excellent OLD-LAND HAY, about 8 Tons.—Apply to Mr. JONATHAN WARD, Iveston. 980h

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FOR SALE, in whole or in part, a Removable PORTRAIT GALLERY, with all the necessary Appliances and Chemicals to suit. A decided bargain.—Apply to JOHN PARKER 2, Front Street, Consett.

FOR SALE, several IN-CALVING HEIFERS, close to profit Also, some CALVES.—Apply to Mr. JOHN TELFER, Woodlands, close to Knitsley Station. 830h

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STRAW FOR SALE, delivered free to any Railway Station within 20 Miles of Newcastle. Dutch STRAW and HAY in press packed bales always in Stock.—For prices, apply to JOHN G. EAST, 7, Side, Newcastle. 976h

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To Let.

TO LET, WHIN STUBBING.—Apply to E. KIRTON, Lyre Dene. 982h

TO LET, EATAGE of GRASS LAND.—Apply to Mr. R. ANDERSON, Farmer, Hurbuck. 969h

TO LET, the HOUSE and SHOP, 7, Shakespeare Street.—Apply to M. WILSON, 4, Shakespeare Street, Consett. 997h

MARQUEE TO LET, 80ft. by 30ft., with Tables Price £2 for One Day; £3 for Two.—Apply to GEORGE WHITFIELD, Oxhill, Chester-le-Street. 977h

TO LET, a HOUSE and SHOP in Front Street Leadgate.—Apply to JOHN PARKER, High Brooms Farm, Leadgate.

TO LET, a TENT, 120 Feet by 30 Feet or less.—For conditions, apply to Mr. EDWARD LOVAT, Medomsley, 809h

TO LET, a Butcher's SHOP and HOUSE, situate at the foot of Front Street, Consett.—Apply at the *Guardian* Office. 644h

TO LET, for Entertainments, the Co-operative Hall, Dipton.—Applications to be addressed to the SECRETARY. 350h

TO LET, and may be entered immediately, a HOUSE, containing Four Rooms and every Convenience, situate at Eltringham Terrace.—Apply to GEORGE PEART, Blackhill. 968h

TO LET, or FOR SALE, at Templetown, a pleasantly-situated HOUSE, containing Four Rooms and every Convenience.—Apply to WILLIAM KNOX, Joiner, &c., Mount Pleasant, Consett. 977h

TO LET, on Hire, SEWING MACHINES, either Hand or Treadle.—For terms and particulars, apply to WILLIAM HALL, Machine Agent, Dipton. by Lintz Green. 553h

TO BE LET, with immediate possession, Stobb House, with Garden and Stable. Rent, £20. Stobb House is situate near the village of Dipton, and about Two Miles from Lintz Green Station.—Further particulars may be known by applying to Mr. WM. SCOTT, Woodkeeper, Burnopfield; or, Messrs. T. and R. ARMSTRONG, 5, Hawthorn Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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TO BUTCHERS AND OTHERS.

TO LET, for a term of Five Years, the EATAGE of about 26 Acres of GRASS LAND, at Medomsley. —For particulars, apply to WILLIAM CHARLTON, Medomsley. 974h

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MARQUEE TENT TO LET, 60ft. by 30ft., will hold about 300 at Tea.
D. LOGAN, of the "Hat and Feather" Inn, near Medomsley, will Let his Marquee Tent on the following terms:—£1 10s. per each time out. Parties engaging the above will have no trouble with it, as the Owner carts it to the place of erection, puts it up, and takes it down for the above charge. 932h

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ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT MARQUEE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Members of the above Company will LET their Marquees on the most reasonable Terms, in sizes from 30ft. by 30; 48 by 30; 84 by 30; or 100 by 30. Also, they have a small Refreshment Tent, which can be LET on favourable Terms.—For particulars, apply to ROBERT HENDERSON, Catchgate, *via* Lintz Green.

Wanted.

WANTED, a Country SERVANT MAN.—Apply to J. PARKER, High Brooms Farm, Leadgate.

WANTED, a respectable GIRL for a situation in town.—Apply at the *Guardian* Office. 981h

WANTED, a HOUSEKEEPER for a Working Family.—Apply at the *Guardian* Office. 970h

WANTED, at the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, a Strong GIRL or WOMAN for the Kitchen, who has been accustomed to Cook. 996h

TO MASONS.

WANTED, Three or Four Good WALLERS and One HEWER.—Apply to PHILIP BARKER, Mosswood.

THE Directors of the Prudential Assurance Company are prepared to engage Respectable, Energetic Men as Agents. Good references and security required.—Apply to THOMAS PATTERSON, Superintendent of Agents, Cemetery Road, Blackhill.

WANTED, immediately, at Shotley Bridge, for One or Two Months, a FURNISHED HOUSE, containing Four Bed-rooms, Sitting-room, and Kitchen, with or without Stabling. Also, in Middle Street, Consett, One or Two Rooms, for Offices.—Apply to T. W. WELFORD, Solicitor, Hexham.

WANTED, by the Kyo Laws School Board, a CERTIFICATED MASTER for a mixed School of 196 Children at Annfield Plain, the duties to commence on August 3rd, 1877. Salary £80 per annum and one-third of the Government Grant. Applications, with recent Testimonials, to be sent to me on or before the 30th instant.
WM. HENRY RITSON, Clerk,
Lanchester, June 6th, 1877. 975h

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

SYMPATHY, Annfield Plain.—Sufficient has already been said on the subject.

The Consett Guardian.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH, 1877.

LOCAL NOTES BY "PHIZ."

The prize list of the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society, whose show will be held this year at the Spa Grounds, has just been issued. In addition to the money offered by the Society, over one hundred guineas, in the shape of silver plate and cups, will be given as special prizes. In the class for short-horns, a piece of plate, of the value of ten guineas, is offered by Lieut.-Col. Joicey for the best bull above two years old. Mr. Calvert offers a prize of five guineas for the best bull above one and under two years old. Messrs. Wilson Brothers will give three guineas for the best bull calf under twelve months, and a valuable piece of plate is offered by the Society in the class for cows for breeding purposes. Messrs. Hodgkin, Barnett, and Co. have presented a five guinea prize in the class for heifers in calf or in milk. Mr. James Annandale, jun., also gives a five guinea prize for heifers, and Mr. Priestman gives three guineas in the class for heifer calves. The people of Leadgate offer five guineas for the best cow of any breed for dairy purposes, it being specified that the animals exhibited must belong to persons residing within the parishes of Iveston and Medomsley. The butchers of Consett and district give a prize for the best pair of grazing steers. Sixteen prizes are offered for Leicester sheep, one of four guineas being given by Mr. Wilson, of Shotley Hall, for aged tups, the Shotley Bridge Gas Company present five guineas for the best shearling tup, and another five guinea prize is offered by Mr. Charles Wilson, of Shotley Park, for the best pen of three ewes. In the classes for horses for agricultural purposes several valuable prizes are offered, one being a piece of plate which is presented by the Derwent Co-operative Flour Mill Society, another prize is offered by Capt. Joicey in the class for brood mares, the property of tenant farmers residing in the district, and the Licensed Victuallers of Consett provide a cup for the best pair of draught mares or geldings. The inhabitants of Leadgate also give a five guinea prize for the best mare or gelding. In the classes for horses suitable for the field or road, prizes are given by Mr. J. A. P. Archbold, Shotley Bridge (for brood mares), the family of the late Mr. John Murray (who give a piece of plate, value twelve guineas, for the best mare or gelding), the Marquess of Bute, Mr. C. D. W. Balleny, and Mr. Robert Dickinson. The ladies of the district subscribe a cup for the best lady's hackney, and the people of Leadgate give a third five guinea prize in the class for the best cob or pony mare or gelding. There will also be a donkey show. A number of valuable prizes will be awarded in the classes set aside for dogs. Dr. George Renton offers a piece of plate for shepherds' dogs, and pieces of plate will also be given in the pointer and setter classes. Greyhounds are provided for, a piece of plate being offered in this department. Fox and Bedlington terriers are represented, and altogether the show promises to be the most successful that the Society have yet had.

Those persons who are in the habit of arriving on the platforms of our railway stations at the last minute and rushing into carriages without providing themselves with the necessary passport had better take warning. The Railway Company are determined to put an end to this kind of thing, and the Company's officials have been forbidden to accept payment for journies made between intermediate stations without a ticket, the passenger being charged from the station whence the train was dispatched. For instance, a person entering the train at Knitsley and proceeding to Consett would, if he had not obtained a ticket, be charged 1s. 2d. for the journey. The other evening a couple of friends jumped into a second-class carriage at Ebchester, and on reaching Benfieldside were compelled to pay the full fare from Newcastle. Perhaps the payment of a shilling a mile will induce them to pay more attention to the time table.

Anglers are having little sport this season. Trout are in poor condition, and, by all accounts, not over plentiful. The only good basket I have seen this year was made by Mr. Leybourne, of Benfieldside, who fished from three o'clock in the morning till six in the evening, and had over eight dozen at the end of the day. Very few fish have been taken in the Derwent. A disciple of Izaak Walton tells me that he fished this stream one day last week, and got nothing but a good ducking, having tumbled into the river while in the act of slipping from one stone to another. Mr. Annandale Town returned from the Coquet on Monday. He had pretty fair sport amongst the salmon, but very little trout fishing was to be had on account of the east winds. A gentleman fishing the Derwent on Wednesday, tells me that the Mayfly has made its appearance. It is a splendid killer, and ought to be fished on a couple of small hooks up stream.

The Registrar-General has refused to sanction the appointment of a registrar at Consett, and Mr. Jenkins is to write a protest. If this has not the desired effect, other means ought to be adopted. Why not call a ratepayers' meeting?

Very little seems to be doing in the way of cricket. Few matches have been played, but this is no doubt owing to the unfavourable weather we have experienced this season. The club at Consett have obtained the use of the field they had last year, and during the past fortnight the ground has been greatly improved. I hear the club is in a flourishing condition. Mr. Park has been elected captain. On Monday evening there was a committee meeting, when several new members were enrolled. Several of the members having expressed a wish to have athletic games introduced into the club, it has been decided to provide pole-leaping, and there is some talk of a gymnasium being shortly introduced. I wish the club every success.

I had a stroll in the neighbourhood of The Sneep the other day. The woods are covered with primroses, and I never remember seeing so many forget-me-nots before. Within the past few months the land in that neighbourhood has changed occupation, and I am glad to say that any respectable, civil person has now permission to enjoy the scenery which is said to have given Lough his conception of Milo.

There seems to be a feeling at Consett that the machinery of the Lanchester School Attendance Committee will not be adequate to meet the requirements of this particular portion of the Union. I quite agree with the opinions expressed at the Board meeting on Wednesday. We are quite capable of managing our own affairs. Moreover, both the Board of Guardians and School Attendance Committee sit with closed doors. The exclusion of reporters is a violation of the principles of the liberty of the Press, and of the rights of the ratepayers, who rely on the newspapers for information as to the manner in which the money entrusted to the Guardians is spent.

Local and District News.

Durham Assizes have been fixed to open on Saturday, July 7th.

BLACKHILL POST-OFFICE.—Out of thirteen applications for the office of post-master at Blackhill, Mr. Edward Sloan, grocer, has received the appointment.

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS.—A number of valuable cows, belonging to a farmer in the parish of Durris, have been seized with illness on account of pasturing on land manured with nitrate of soda. Two of the cows have died.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT HEDLEY HILL.—On Saturday last, a miner named William Ellis was killed by a fall of stone in Hedley Hill Pit. The first to discover the deceased lying under a huge stone, was his son, who worked in the same mine.

Near the General Post Office, Newcastle, is the St. Nicholas' Square Fire-proof Safe Depot, where there is the largest assortment of Fire-proof Safes (from £3 to £30), Deed Boxes, Cash Boxes, &c.; also Wringing and Washing Machines. Send for price lists to J. R. HALL, above address. 343h

We observe, from our advertising columns, that Dr. Black, of Glagow, will preach the anniversary sermons in the Blackhill Presbyterian Church, on Sunday next. It rarely happens that we have the opportunity in this district of listening to such an eminent divine.

PROPERTY SALE AT LEADGATE.—On the evening of Wednesday sen., Mr. Adam Brodie offered for sale by auction, at the house of Mr. Longstaff, innkeeper, Leadgate, the copyhold house and shop immediately adjoining Mr. Shaw's drapery establishment. The first bid was that of Mr. R. Thirlaway for £150, after which it was quickly run up to £275, and was then withdrawn. It was afterwards sold by the auctioneer to Mr. H. White, Pont Head Farm, Leadgate.

SAD DROWNING CASE AT DURHAM.—Mr. Crofton Maynard, coroner, held an inquest on Tursday night, at the house of Mr Pattison, Claypath, Durham, on the body of Ralph Gowland, 69 years of age, a farm labourer, who was found drowned in the river Wear at Kepier, between seven and eight o'clock on the previous evening. From the evidence, it appeared that on Wednesday afternoon, the deceased was observed near the water edge below Kepier Mill, apparently gathering "willows," and there was little doubt that he had fallen into the river. The jury returned an open verdict.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT NEAR DARLINGTON.—On Thursday, at the Darlington Borough Police Court, a young man, named Thomas Wilson, was brought up on a charge of wounding a fellow workmamed John Kendall, with intent to do grievous bodily harm. The two men had been working together in Neesham brick-yard, near Darlington, when they quarrelled over some chaff, and Wilson drew his pick and struck Kendall on the head, causing a very severe wound, which is expected to terminate fatally. Prosecutor was unable to be present, and the prisoner was remanded.

A SCENE AT A BURIAL.—One day last week, at an Irish funeral at St. John's Churchyard, Seaham Harbour, the funeral procession was met at the church gates by the senior curate (Mr. Wm. Wallis), who at once proceeded to read a portion of the customary burial service. One of the brothers of the deceased thereupon rushed forward and seized the officiating clergyman by the shoulders, saying, "Father Green has read the services and done all we require, and we don't require your services." The clergyman succeeded in extricating himself from the stranger's grasp, and continued to read the Church of England burial services; but he could scarcely be heard on account of the noisy and uproarious conduct of the relations and friends of the deceased.

INQUEST AT WEST KYO.—On Wednesday afternoon. John Graham, Esq., coroner, held an inquest at Earl Grey Inn, West Kyo, on the body of William Parker, aged twenty-one years, who was killed by a fall of stone at the Hutton Pit, South Derwent Colliery, on the previous day. The deceased was a hewer, and on the morning of the accident the deputy seems to have left him the necessary appliances for securing the roof. Parker, however, neglected to make use of them, and, while working the coal the roof gave way. A lad named John Graham, a putter, witnessed the accident, and promptly brought assistance, but life was extinct before the body was recovered. A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned. Deceased leaves a widow, but no family.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Notable Facts.—Intense heat augments the annoyances of skin disease and encourages the development of febrile disorders; therefore they should, as they can, be removed by these detergent and purifying preparations. In stomach complaints, liver affections, pains and spasms of the bowels, Holloway's unguent well rubbed over the affected part immediately gives the greatest ease, prevents congestion and inflammation, checks the threatening diarrhœa and averts incipient cholera. The poorer inhabitants of large cities will find these remedies to be their best friend when any pestilence rages, or when from unknown causes eruptions, boils, abscesses, or ulcerations point out the presence of taints or impurities within the system, and call for instant and effective curative measures.

BISHOPS AT USHAW COLLEGE.—The following Roman Catholic prelates have been on a visit to Ushaw College during the past week:—Dr. Chadwick, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle; Dr. O'Reilly, Bishop of Liverpool; Dr. Vaughan, Bishop of Salford; Dr. Conthwaite, Bishop of Beverley; and Dr. Brown, Bishop of Shrewsbury.

THE NORTHUMBERLAND MINERS' STRIKE.—There is no new phase to report in the strike of the Northumberland miners. It may be mentioned, however, that a number of voting papers sent out from the office of the Miners' Association to the various collieries for the purpose of obtaining a decision of the question of arbitration on the reduction of wages has come to hand; and that before Friday evening the result of the vote will probably be known to the officials of the association.

ROOKHOPE STAR LODGE.—On Saturday evening, the members of the Rookhope Star Lodge Friendly Society sat down to a substantial dinner, served up by Mrs. Simpson, of Boltsburn. Mr. Alexander Rae occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. John Wagstaff, vicar of Rookhope, Mr. C. Fairless, and several other gentlemen. After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given; "The Bishop and Clery," "Success to the Rookhope Star Lodge," and others. The evening passed off in a satisfactory manner.

NEW MAGISTRATES.—At the adjourned sessions at Durham, on Saturday last, Sir Frederick Smith, Bart, of Esh Hall, and Richard Hodgson-Huntley, Esq., of Coldstream, who were recently put on the commission of the peace for the county of Durham, took the oaths and duly qualified as magistrates. The last-named gentleman was formerly M.P. for Berwick, and has also represented Tynemouth in the House of Commons. Sir Frederick Smith took his seat on the Lanchester Bench for the first time on Thursday. Dr. Carr, addressing the Bench, said as senior counsel it became his duty, as it was his pleasure, to offer Sir Frederick a hearty welcome.

ALLANSFORD PRIMITIVE METHODIST ANNIVERSARY.—The above anniversary was celebrated on Saturday and Sunday last. On Saturday afternoon an excellent tea was provided, and a goodly number of persons partook thereof. The tables were gracefully presided over by the following ladies:—The Misses Anderson, Miss Davison, and Miss Hall. After tea a largely attended public was held in the chapel. Mr. F. Raine, of Shotley Bridge, occupied the chair. The meeting was addressed by Messrs. R. Brown, T. Hull, and J. Charlton (Consett), and T. Mackey (Shotley Bridge). Hearty votes of thanks to the chairman, speakers, and the ladies who presided at the tea tables, brought the meeting to a close.—On Sunday two powerful and highly-instructive sermons were preached by Mr. R. Brown. The weather was exceedingly favourable, and the congregations were large. Liberal collections were taken in aid of the trust fund.

STRIKE AT CORNSAY COLLIERY.—The workmen at Cornsay Colliery are now on strike. The mine in question is situated at the higher end of the Dearness Valley district, and is the property of Messrs. Ferrens and Love, and between 300 and 400 men and boys are employed there. The cause of the dispute is a proposed reduction of price for working certain portions of the mine. Mr. Crawford and other agents have visited the pit, and are stated to have counselled the men to leave the adjudication of the dispute to the joint committee, but this appears to have been declined, as the men drew their gear to bank on Wednesday, when the ponies and horses were also brought out of the mine. The overman at Cornsay Colliery, on Thursday, obtained from the Lanchester magistrates a batch of twenty summonses against workmen for leaving their work at the above colliery without having given the requisite notice. The cases will be heard at Consett Petty Sessions on Thursday next.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH, BLACKHILL.—The anniversary services, in connection with the above church were celebrated on Saturday last, by a tea meeting. The tables were gracefully presided over by Miss Whitfield, Miss Nellie Unsworth, Miss Richley, and Miss Phillips. A goodly number partook of the good things provided. In the evening there was a musical entertainment. Miss Nellie Unsworth sang "Give to me those early flowers" and "The vacant chair" with great taste and good expression. Miss Fanny Oley sang the pieces alloted to her very sweetly. Master Joseph Caygill rendered the song, "Put me in my little bed," which highly pleased the audience. Mr. John Siddle sang "My old Friend, John," in a very creditable manner. The Blackhill Teetotal Brass Band appeared in their uniform and performed several selections of music in a manner which reflected great credit upon the performers. Addresses were given by the Rev. W. M. Hunter and Mr. R. W. Moles, the chair being occupied by the Rev. A. Sayer. Master Joseph Caygill presided at the piano with great ability.—On Sunday the Rev. Wm. Hunter delivered two able and convincing sermons to respectable congregations.

WASKERLEY SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—On Saturday afternoon last, the children partook of tea and cake, after which a good number of adults sat down. The tables were presided over by Miss Gowland, Miss Thompson, Miss Liddle, and Miss Raine. The public meeting in the evening was presided over by Mr. T. J. Muse, of Castleside, who warmly congratulated the teachers on having a Wesleyan, a Primitive, and a Churchman on the platform. The Rev. J. Welford, of Blackfine, and Mr. Askwith, of Darlington, each gave an earnest and stirring address. A special piece for soliciting aid for the funds was admirably recited by a boy. On Sunday, Mr. Askwith preached two earnest and appropriate sermons, one from Proverbs iv, 24, "Let thine eyes," &c., and Matthew xxii, 42, "What think ye of Christ." At each service the children gave recitations and singing in a most satisfactory manner, and great praise is due to the schoolmaster for their efficiency. A little girl, not yet five years old, was greatly applauded in reciting her begging piece. The harmoniumist and choir gave some grand old tunes, which enabled the congregation to unite with them, thus making the school-room redound in praises to God. The collections amounted to £5 19s., quite exceeding any previous year.—*Correspondent.*

SHOCKING CRUELTY TO A PIGEON.—At the Durham County Petty Sessions, on Saturday, Matthew Mason, miner, Sacriston, was charged with cruelty to a pigeon, at Framwellgate Moor Colliery, on the 24th ult.—Mr. Oliver, who appeared for defendant, said his client was summoned for an offence committed on the 20th ult., and not the 24th.—The Clerk to the Magistrates said it was a mistake in making out the summons, and the Bench would amend it.—Mr. Oliver said he had several witnesses to prove where the defendant was on the 20th, and if the date was altered he asked for an adjournment as he had been taken by surprise.—The Bench decided to proceed with the case.—P.C. McDonald stated that on Thursday afternoon he was on duty at Framwellgate Moor, when he saw the defendant take a pigeon out of a box from among a number of others, fix an explosive cracker to its leg, and then set it off. After flying a short distance the cracker exploded, and the bird dashed itself to the ground, and continued struggling till the cracker was exhausted, and then the affrighted bird flew away. The defendant was just in the act of fixing a cracker on another bird, when witness went up and prevented him. He gave the name of John Thompson, and he put the cracker on the pigeon because it had the habit of lighting on a particular house top, instead of going straight off home.—Cross-examined: Witness suspected the defendant had given a false name, and, therefore, took a minute description of him and entered it in his pocket book. He was quite certain the defendant was the man, although he had clipped his "chin ender" off since the above occurrence.—Mr. Oliver said it was a case of mistaken identity, and his client knew nothing whatever of the affair.—Ultimately the case was adjourned for a week for further evidence.

Original Poetry.

THE PITMIN EN HIS WIFE.

MAN:—Just had yer jaw, ye nattry wife,
Yor whingin, whingin, a' the day;
Ye winnet live a quiet life,
Aw see, let me de what aw may.
Oh, had yor tung, noo what's the use
O' fleein into sec a rage?
Kickin things aboot the hoose
Just like a wife Methuselah's age?

Ye hea the bairns flaed te deed,
There's Jenny curl'd up i' the neuk,
En Tommy's nail'd a lump o' breed
En oot; they dreed yor very leuk.
The times is bad we knaw, but still
The bairns ill hea te hea their meet,
Suppose aw dee without mesel;
Maw canny lass be sum-way reet.

WIFE:—Ye tawk aboot one gittin vex'd,
Aw sure, relie, twad vex the priest;
Aw dinnet care hoo awm perplext,
It disent truble ye the least.
If ye war i' the hoose a' day,
En had te fyese a hoosewife's fees
Wiv a clarty soverigne pay,
Twad myek ye te turn up yor nose.

Aw sure yor setten up yor jaw,
Es if ye knew a hoosewife's care;
If ye war i' maw place aw knaw
Yor lang tung wadent gan se sare.
Aw hea ne brass, en as for ye,
Ye dinnet seem to care a screw
Hoo getten credit trubles me;
Aw wish to gudness aw cud hew.

MAN:—Maw canny lass, aw wish ye cud,
The money then wad flee, by aye;
But if ye think the bargain gud,
To-morrow ye can hev a try.
Me picks is lieing at the shop,
Me shul, en cracket i' the place,
Ye'll find the tokens ov a prop,
So cum me lass, aw'll swap ye claes.

But de ye really think, maw luv,
Aw isent deing what aw can?
Bekass ye'll find it oot, by jove,
If ivor ye attempt to gan.
Ye'll find things isent as they war,
Te tice a' classes en te hew,
Thors nivor ne ten punds astir,
We work es hard for one or two.

Yor grumlin on aboot the pay,
But if ye had isteed o' me,
Just like a black, day efter day,
Te work till ye cud hardly see,
Te keep a nattry whingin wife
That thanks ye for'd es ye've duen me,
Twad brick yor heart aw lay me life;
Aw wunder hoo aw'll hea te de?

WIFE:—Aw dident doot yor labour, man,
Aw knew that ye wad de yor best;
But woman's noisy tung mun gaun
Whenivor thor bit heart's opprest.
Aw got me monkey up ower suen,
En hurt yor manly feelings sare;
Awm sorry, tho', for wat awve duen,
Forgive us, en awll did ne mare. A. B.

Hamsterley Colliery, June 4th, 1877.

Cricket.

[The results of matches played on a Saturday ought to be posted in time to reach this office not later than Tuesday morning. Care ought to be taken to write both the christian and surname of the players, and these should be written as legibly as possible.]

TANFIELD v. BURNOPFIELD.

A match was played between the above clubs on Saturday sen., and after a very exciting game, resulted in a victory for the Burnopfield Club. Appended is the score:—

TANFIELD.		BURNOPFIELD.	
Horner, c Davis, b Stobbs	2	Cuthbertson, b Temple	4
Reay, b Davis	2	Davis, b Temple	1
Smith, b Stobbs	0	Clark, c Smith, b Laidler	3
Fawcett, b Stobbs	11	Stobbs, b Laidler	6
Laidler, c Clark, b Davis	3	Amble, c Ridley, b Temple	3
Ridley, b Stobbs	5	Minto, b Laidler	0
Temple, b Stobbs	0	Beardsmore, c Horner, b Temple	1
Jewitt, st Beardsmore, b Stobbs	2	Cooper, b Temple	6
Taylor, b Stobbs	2	Armstrong, b Laidler	8
Atkinson, not out	1	Baker, b Temple	0
Temple, b Stobbs	0	Charlton, not out	3
Extras	3	Extras	4
Total	31	Total	39

WHICKHAM v. BURNOPFIELD.

A match was played on Saturday last between the above clubs, on the ground of the former, and after some splendid fielding on each side, resulted in favour of the visitors. Score as under:—

WHICKHAM.		BURNOPFIELD.	
Warren, b Stobbs	2	Cuthbertson, b Warren	0
Mowbray b Cuthbertson	3	Davis, run out	0
Burn, b Cuthbertson	0	Clark, b Burn	0
Atkinson, run out	1	Stobbs, c Burn	0
Berkley, b Cuthbertson	1	Beardsmore, c Davidson	2
Siddell, b Cuthbertson	0	Armstrong, c Burn	10
Burn, b Cuthbertson	2	Cooper, b Burn	3
Harris, run out	0	Potts, b Burn	0
Cheesman, b Stobbs	0	Baker, b Warren	1
Ismay, b Cuthbertson	0	Charlton, not out	0
Davidson. not out	2	Davis, run out	1
Extras	4	Extras	1
Total	15	Total	18

DIPTON AMATEURS v. TANFIELD.

This match was played on Saturday, on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a victory for the former club. Appended is the score.—

DIPTON AMATEURS.		TANFIELD.	
M. Stobbs, b Temple	10	J. Booth, b Stobbs	5
R. Armstrong, b Booth	0	N. Reay, b Stobbs	2
R. Arthur, b Laidler	0	D. Temple, c Bowes, b Stobbs	0
R. Bell, b Booth	3	S. Smith, b Brown	8
J. Storey, st Booth	11	G. Horner, run out	3
J. Wood, not out	12	C. Fawcett, c Glenright, b Brown	0
F. Brown, c Laidler, b Booth	0	J. Laidler, b Stobbs	2
T. Birtley, b Booth	0	W. Taylor, b Brown	0
W. Johnstone, b Temple	1	G. Ridley, b Stobbs	0
J. Bowes, c Smith, b Temple	5	R. Atkinson, b Brown	9
W. Glenright, c Reay	2	J. Robson, not out	1
Extras	14	Extras	19
Total	58	Total	49

A CABMAN AND HIS FARE.—On Tuesday morning, a man named James Boyd, who said he was a saddler belonging to Shotley Bridge, was brought before Mr. A. Town, charged with assaulting the police. From the evidence it appeared that on Monday morning the defendant hired a cab at Newcastle belonging to Mr. Thomas Pickard, and requested to be driven to Shotley Bridge, where he said he had a saddler's shop and several houses. On reaching Shotley Bridge, the cabman demanded his fare, £1 1s., but Boyd, instead of paying the money, took to his heels and ran in the direction of Blackhill. He was followed by the cabman, but persisted in his refusal to pay the fare, and threatened to stick a knife into the cabman if the latter continued to follow him. The driver of the cab, however, dodged his footsteps during the rest of the day, and at nine o'clock in the evening he was found in the Commercial Inn at Shotley Bridge. P.C. Bottrell happened to be in the village at the time, and on this officer asking Boyd to pay the cabman his fare he struck him on the nose. He was then taken into custody, but he resisted violently, biting and kicking the officer and behaving like a madman.—Defendant, in defence, said he was drunk at the time of the assault. He said he had been in the Indian Mutiny, pointed to a scar on his head, and said when he took drink it affected his head. He also promised to pay the amount claimed by the cabman so soon as he got the money.—For the assault he was fined 20s. and costs.

"The dearest object to me on earth is my wife," said Jones. "Well, I'm pretty close to you," said Smith, "for the dearest to me is my wife's wardrobe."

The following notice lately appeared in a shop-window of a tailor at Cork :—"Wanted, two apprentices, who will be treated as one of the family."

"You see," said old Squire Rebling, "science is what you can't understand. As soon as you understand it, you know, it's knowledge, and ceases to be science."

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"A blow on the skull is a serious matter," said a physician. "Yes, but a punch in the stomach sometimes leads to more serious consequences," said a temperance lecturer.

"Boots blacked inside?" read a stranger, as he gazed on a placard in a Chatham street window. "You don't catch me lettin' that chap black my boots, no how!" and he passed on.

"John," said a doctor to an apothecary's boy, "did Mrs. —— get the medicine I ordered yesterday?" "I guess she did," was the reply, "for I saw crape on the door knob this morning."

A traveller in England writes that there are so many bald-headed people there that an audience, looked upon from above, presents the appearance of a cobblestone pavement.—*American paper.*

We often see what are called the "last words of great men" paraded in print; and the impression usually made on us is, that if they can't say anything better, then those words ought to be their last.

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Leaves Newcastle (Week days)—6·0, 6·50, 7·35 (*), 7·55 9·0, 9·55, 10·55, 11·50(*), 12·30, 2·10, 3·0, 3·35 (*) 4·5, 5·5, 6·5, 7·10, 8·5, 9·35, 11·0.

Leaves Newcastle (Sundays)—6·10, 8·0, 9·40, 2·0, 5·0, 7·10, 8·10, 9·30.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—Gateshead, 3; Felling, 8; Pelaw, 15; Hebburn, 20 Jarrow, 25; Tyne Dock, 30; and High Shields, 3 minutes after the above times, arriving at South Shield about 40 minutes after the time they leave Newcastle.

* First, second, and third-class express trains, stopping at Gateshead at 3 minutes, Jarrow at 15 minutes, and Tyne Dock at 18 minutes after the above times, arriving at South Shields about 25 minutes after the time they leave Newcastle.

Relief Trains leaves Newcastle for Jarrow on SATURDAYS at 7·5, 8.0, 9·30, and 10·50 p.m.

On SATURDAYS ONLY, a relief train leaves Hebburn for Shields at 2·20 p.m.

SOUTH SHIELDS TO JARROW AND NEWCASTLE.

Leaves South Shields (Week days).—4·55, 7·0, 8·0, 8·30(*), 9·0, 10·5, 10·40, 11·45, 12·30, 1·50, 3·15, 3·50(*), 4·15, 5·10, 6·15, 7·15, 8·15, 9·15, 10·35.

Leaves South Shields (Sundays).—6·15, 8·0, 9·35 2·10, 5·0, 7·15, 8·20, 9·35.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—High Shields, 3; Tyne Dock, 8; Jarrow, 14; Hebburn 19; Pelaw, 24; Felling 30; and Gateshead, 35 minutes after the above times, arriving at Newcastle about 40 minutes after the times they leave South Shields.

ON SATURDAYS

Relief trains leave JARROW for NEWCASTLE at 1·55 6·18, 8.23, 9·23, and 10·43 p.m. calling at all intermediate stations.

* First, second, and third-class express trains calling at Tyne Dock, Jarrow, and Gateshead, leaving Jarrow 11 minutes after the above times, arriving at Newcastle about 25 minutes after they leave South Shields.

Fares from South Shields to High Shields or Tyne Dock: First, 3d.; second, 2d.; third, 1d.; Gateshead, or Jarrow; First, 8d; second, 6d.; third, 3½d.

Pelaw, Felling, Gateshead, or Newcastle; First, 1s second, 9.; third, 6.

SUNDERLAND TO SOUTH SHIELDS AND JARROW.

Leaves Sunderland (Week days).—4·45, 6·50, 7·50, 8·5 9·55, 11·5, 12·15, 1·40, 3·5, 4·5, 5·0, 6·5, 7·0 8·5, 9·5, 10·25.

Leaves Sunderland (Sundays).—6 5, 7·50, 9·25, 2·0 4·50, 7·5, 8·10, 9·25.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—Cleadon Lane, 7: Tyne Dock, 13; High Shields, 17, minutes after the above times, arriving at South Shields about 20 minutes after the time they leave Sunderland.

Passengers between Sunderland and Jarrow *change carriages* at Tyne Dock.

Fares from Sunderland to Cleadon Lane: first 6d. second, 5; Third, 3d.; Tyne Dock, first, 10d.; second 8d. third., 6d., High Shields and South Shields first, 10d.; second, 8d.; third, 6d.; Jarrow, first, 1s 4d.; second, 1s.; third 7½d. Return ticket to Jarrow first, 2s. 3d. second, 1s. 8d. third, 1s. 2d.

JARROW TO SOUTH SHIELDS AND SUNDERLAND.

Leaves Jarrow (Week days).—5·25 7·13, 8.18, 9·23, 10·18, 11·18, 12·53, 2·33, 3·23, 4·28, 5·28, 6·28, 7·33, 8·28, 9·58, 11.23.

Leaves Jarrow (Sundays)—6·33, 8·23, 10·3, 2·23, 5·23, 7·33, 8·33, 9·53.

These trains leave intermediate Stations as follows:—South Shields 4, High Shields 7, Tyne Dock 11, and Cleadon Lane 16 minutes after the train leaves Jarrow arriving in Sunderland in about 24 minutes.

Fares from Jarrow to South Shields: first, 8d.; second, 6d.; third, 3½d.; High Shields: first, 8d.; second, 6d.; third, 3d.; Tyne Dock, first, 6d.; second, 4d.; third, 2d.; Cleadon Lane, first, 10d.; second, 8d.; third, 4½d.; Sunderland, first, 1s. 4d.; second, 1s.; third, 7½d. Return tickets to Jarrow, first, 2s. 3d.; second, 1s. 8d.; third 1s. 2d.

NEWCASTLE TO TYNEMOUTH.

Leaves Newcastle—Central Station—(Week days)—4·50 6·10(*a*), 7·0, 8·10, 9·0(*), 9·15, 9·45, (*c*), 10·15, 11·0, 12·0, 1·0, 2·0, 3·5, 4·0 4·45(†), 5·0, 5.50(†), 6·5, 6·45, (†), 7·0, 8·10, 9·0, 10·0, 10·40, 11·30.

Leave Newcastle—Central Station—(Sundays).—6·10 (*a*), 9·0, 10·5, 1·0, 2·0, 3·0, 4·30, 6·6, 7·0, 8·0, 9·15.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—Manors 3, Heaton 7, Walker 11, Wallsend 16, Howdon 21, Percy Main 25, and North Shields 30 minutes after above times, arriving at Tynemouth 35 minutes after leaving Newcastle.

* First, second, and third class express trains, stopping only at North Shields.

† These trains stop only at Manors and North Shields Stations.

a.—This train stops at intermediate stations when required, to set down passengers arriving from the south by either the 4.38 or 5·58 a.m trains.

b.—The 6·45 p.m. train from Newcastle will stop at all Stations on Saturdays and reach Tynemouth at 7·20 p.m.

c.—The 11·30 p.m. train stops at intermediate Stations when required, to set down passengers.

3d.; third, 2d.; Walker, first, 6d; second, 4d.; third

Fares from Newcastle to Tynemouth: First, 1s. 3d., second, 1s., third, 8d. Return, first, 2s. 0d., second, 1s. 6d., third, 1s.

North Shields, first, 1s., second, 9d., third, 6d. Return, first, 1s. 8d., second, 1s. 3d., third, 10d.

Percy Main: First, 10d., second, 8d., third, 6d. Return, first, 1s. 6d., Second, 1s. 2d., third, 10d.

Howdon: First, 10d., Second, 8d., third, 5d. Return, first, 1s. 6d., second, 1s. 2d., third, 9d.

Wallsend: First, 8d., second, 6d., third, 3½d. Return, first, 1s. 2d., second, 10d., third, 7d.

Walker: First, 5d., second, 4d., third, 2½d. Return, first, 9d., second, 7d., third, 5d.

TYNEMOUTH TO NEWCASTLE.

Leaves Tynemouth (Week days)—5·20, 6·40 (*a*), 7·45, 8·30 (*), 9·0, 9·30 (*), 10·0, 10·30 (*), 11·0, 12·0, 12·45, 1·50, 3·0, 4·0, 5·0, 5·35 (*), 5·55, 6·30(*), 7·0, 7·30(*), 8·0, 9·15, 10·0, 10·50 (*).

Leaves Tynemouth (Sundays)—7·35, 9·55, 1·0, 2·0, 3·0, 4·30, 6·0, 7·0, 8·0, 9·0, 10·15.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—North Shields 3, Percy Main 9, Howdon 11, Wallsend 16, Walker 19, Heaton 23, and Manors 30 minutes after above times, arriving at Central Station, Newcastle about 35 minutes after leaving Tynemouth.

* First, second, and third class express trains, stopping only at North Shields and Manors stations.

a.—The 6·40 a.m. train stops at intermediate Stations to take up passengers booked to the Central Stations.

b.—The 10·50 p.m. train stops at Stations up to and including Walker on Saturdays, and does not reach the Central Station until 11·20 p.m.

Fares from Tynemouth to North Shields, first, 4d.; second, 3d.; third, 2d.; Percy Main, first, 6d.: second, 4d.; third, 3d.; Howdon, first, 8d.; second, 6d.; third, 4d.; Wallsend, first, 10d., second, 8d.; third, 6d.; Walker first, 1s.; second 9d.; third, 6d.; Heaton, first, 1s.; second 9d.; third, 6d.; Newcastle (Manors or Central), first, 1s. 3d.; second, 1s.; third, 8d.

CONSETT BRANCH
TRAINS.—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS.		1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	1,2,G P.M.
Newcastle	dep.	5·45	9·40	12·30	2·30	5·35
Scotswood	„	5·52	9·47	12·37	2·37	5·42
Swalwell	„	5·59	9·54	12·43	2·43	5·49
Rowland's Gill	„	6·9	10·4	12·53	2·54	5·59
Lintz Green	„	6·15	10·10	12·59	2·59	6·5
Ebchester	„	6·28	10·23	1·12	3·12	6·18
Shotley Bridge	„	6·34	10·29	1·18	3·18	6·24
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill)	arr.			1·25	3·25	
	dep	6·42	10·37		4·40	6·35
Knitsley	„	6·54	10·49		4·52	6·47
Lanchester	„	7·3	10·58		5·1	6·56
Witton Gilbert	„	7·10	11·9		5·12	7·7
Durham	arr.	7·25	11·20		5·25	7·20

DOWN TRAINS—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS		1,2,G. A.M.	1,2 G. A.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G P.M.
Durham	dep.	7·30		11·45	3·40*	8·0
Witton Gilbert	„	7·42		11·57	3·52	8·12
Lanchester	„	7·55		12·10	4·5	8·25
Knitsley	„	8·7		12·22	4·17	8·35
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill)	arr.				4·23	
	dep	8·20	9·10	12 35	3·35	8·50
Shotley Bridge	„	8·25	9·15	12·40	3·40	8·55
Ebchester	„	8·29	9·19	12·44	3·44	8·59
Lintz Green	„	8·39	9·29	12·54	3·54	9·9
Rowland's Gill	„	8·41	9·33	12·59	3·59	9·15
Swalwell	„	8·52	9·42	1·7	4·5	9·22
Scotswood	„	8·59	9·49	1·14	4·14	9·29
Newcastle	arr.	9·10	10·0	1·25	4·25	9·40

MARKET TRAINS ON SATURDAYS.

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

STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.		
Newcastle	dep.	7·10	4·0	5·25	7·30
Scotswood	„	7·17	4·9	5·32	7·37
Swalwell	„	7·24	4·15	5.39	7·44
Rowland's Gill	„	7·34	4·25	5·49	8·55
Lintz Green	„	7·40	4·29	5·55	8·2
Ebchester	„	7·53	4·42	6·8	8·16
Shotley Bridge	„	7·59	4·47	6·14	8·23
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill)	arr.	8·5	4·56	6·20	8·30
	dep.	9·20	5·10		
Knitsley		9·32	5·22	..	
Lanchester		9·41	5·31	..	
Witton Gilbert		9.52	5·44	..	
Durham	arr.	10·5	5·55	..	

STATIONS.		A.M.		P.M.
Durham	dep.			4·0
Witton Gilbert	„	8·5		4·12
Lanchester	„	8·18		4·25
Knitsley	„	8·30		4·37
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill)	arr.	8·45		4·48
	dep.	8·50		5·30
Shotley Bridge	„	8·55		5·35
Ebchester	„	8·59		5·39
Lintz Green	„	9·9	12·59	5·49
Rowland's Gill		9·15	12·44	5·55
Swalwell	„	9·22	12·52	6·2
Scotswood	„	9·29	12·59	6·9
Newcastle	arr.	9·40	1.10	6·20

SUNDAYS.

LEAVE	a.m.	p.m.	LEAVE	a.m.	p.m.
Newcastle	7·30	7·15	Benfieldside	8·35	8·20
Scotswood	7·37	7·22	Shotley Bridge	8·40	8·25
Swalwell	7·44	7·29	Ebchester	8·44	8·29
Rowland's Gill	7·54	7·39	Lintz Green	8·54	8·39
Lintz Green	8·0	7·45	Rowland's Gill	9·0	8·44
Ebchester	8·15	7·58	Swalwell	9·6	8·51
Shotley Bridge	8·19	8·4	Scotswood	9·14	8·59
Benfieldside (arr)	8·25	8·10	Newcastle (arr.)	9·25	9·10

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GOING EAST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Newcastle	dep.	5·45	12·30	2·30
Benfieldside	„	6·50	1·30	4·30
Rowley	„	7·0	1·40	4·40
Burnhill Junction	„	7·10	1·50	4·50
Tow Law	„	7·23	2·3	5·3
Crook	arr.	7·35	2·15	5.15
	dep.	7.38	2·25	5·25
Bishop Auckland	„	8·7	2·53	5·56
Darlington	„	8·35	3·35	6·25
Stockton	„	9·25	4·5	7·15
Middlesbro'	„	9·35	4·15	7·30
Saltburn	„	10·10	4·50	8·50

GOING WEST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

Saltburn	dep.	5·45	11·10	2·30
Middlesbro'	„	6·22	11·45	3·7
Stockton	„	6·34	11·55	3·17
Darlington	„	7·15	12·30	5·5
Bishop Auckland	„	7·48	1·15	5·30
Crook	arr.	8·12	1·40	5·55
	dep.	8·15	2·20	6·0
Tow Law	„	8·27	2·32	6·15
Burnhill Junction	„	8·42	2·45	6·39
Rowley	„	8·52	2·55	6·40
Benfieldside	arr.	9·5	3·5	6·50
Newcastle	arr.	10·0	4·25	9·40

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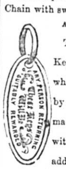
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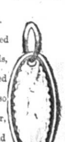
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CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of the members of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, the Chairman (Mr. Jenkins) presiding. The other members present were—Mr. Collinson, Mr. Siddell, Mr. Dunne, Mr. Routledge, Mr. Shell, Mr. Gledstone, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Davison, Mr. Hudson, and the Rev. F. Steggall.

THE LODGING-HOUSES IN SHERBURN TERRACE.

The Surveyor (Mr. Dixon) reported that the lodging-houses in Sherburn Terrace, with one exception, had been closed. A month's grace had been allowed to the tenant, Mr. Passmore, and the time expired that day.

Mr. Gledstone said the owners of the property were negociating with the Commissioners of Sherburn Hospital for the sale of the property. If the houses were sold, they would likely be pulled down to make room for better property.

On the motion of Mr. Collinson, seconded by Mr. Siddell, another month's grace was allowed.

CROSSINGS.

Mr. Dixon reported that he had seen Mr. Brown, the Iron Company's agent, respecting the crossing in Delves Lane, and Mr. Brown had promised to give the matter his attention. The Surveyor added that it had been considered that the erection of a stone wall along the side of the railway would be much safer than a wooden fence.

A letter from the North-Eastern Railway Company stated that their crossings at Carr House and Delves Lane would receive attention.

THE NEW POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

A letter announcing the new postal arrangements having been read,

Mr. Collinson said nothing had been said about building a new post-office. However, we were now well off, having three despatches and a couple of deliveries by letter carrier.

Mr. Davison said we were certainly improving.

THE SURPLUS WATER FROM THE TIN MILL POND.

A discussion arose as to the best means to be adopted to provide for the surplus water which runs from the above pond in times of flood. The matter was eventually left in the hands of the Surveyer and Mr. Douglas, the Company's engineer.

THE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE—A SCHOOL BOARD SUGGESTED.

The Chairman read the following letter, which had been sent to the Education Department by the Clerk:—

May 5th, 1877.

Sir,—I am directed, while you are considering our School Attendance Committee, that as this is a very populous district, numbering some 7,000 inhabitants, the Board hopes that if you decide that we appoint members to be members of the School Attendance Committee for the Lanchester Union, you will autherise us to appoint the full number allowed by the Act.—I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

John Elliott.

The reply to the above letter was as follows:—

Educational Department, Whitehall, London, S.W., 23rd May, 1877.

Sir,—Adverting to your previous letter to this department on the subject, I am directed to inform you that, after communication with the Local Government Board on the subject, my lords are prepared to sanction the appointment of one member of your Board to be a member of the School Attendance Committee of the Lanchester Union. I am to request that as soon as your Board have availed themselves of the above permission you will again communicate with this department.—I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

P. Cumin.

Mr. Dunne said Mr. Elliott had returned the population at 7,000. Now, when the census was taken the population was 8,000, and there was one shift of men at work who were not included in the census. He had been told that the population of the Local Board district was 9,700.

Mr. Routledge said when the last census was taken the population was only something like 5,000.

The Chairman said they might assume that the population had been understated by Mr. Elliott. With regard to the Board's representation on the School Attendance Committee he and others thought that the Local Board ought to be represented by the maximum number allowed by the Act, namely, three. Mr. Collinson and the speaker, as Guardians, were already on the Committee, and if the Board that day appointed one of their number, as sanctioned by the Education Department, Consett would have three representatives out of the total number. No doubt it would have been more satisfactory to them had they been able to send three members in addition to himself and Mr. Collinson, but seeing that they would have three Consett representatives out of the fourteen, was it wise to pursue the subject further?

Mr. Collinson was afraid the Board would be unable to induce the Education Department to alter their decision.

Mr. Dunne thought they ought to be satisfied with three representatives. They were, he considered, getting more than their proportion.

The Chairman said that was also his view of the matter.

Mr. Hudson was of opinion that they could not very well ask for more than three seats on the Committee.

Mr. Siddell said the proportion was a very fair one, but he reminded the Board that circumstances might arise whereby the Board might lose one or more of its representatives.

The Chairman: What you mean is that some gentlemen who sit on the Local Board at present may not be elected another year?

Mr. Siddell: Yes.

The Chairman said while on this subject he could not do better than repeat an opinion he had previously expressed at that Board, namely, that it was a pity they could not see their way clear to manage their own affairs, without delegating them to the Guardians. They had in their own district a population of 9,000, there were some 5,000 at Leadgate, and he thought by amalgamating the two districts for School Board purposes the provisions of the Education Act would be much more satisfactorily carried out than by being tacked on to the Board of Guardians. The cost of a School Board would be comparatively trifling, seeing that sufficient school accommodation was already provided.

Mr. Routledge said a School Board would perhaps be best in the end.

Mr. Davison said as the population had been under-stated it was possible that there was not accomodation for all the children in the district.

Mr. Dunne was of opinion that if all the children in the district attended school the accommodation would be found inadequate. With regard to the formation of a School Board he quite approved of the idea, but was not in favour of an amalgamation with any other district. A School Board, he thought, would be found to give more satisfaction in the end, and perhaps the expenses would not be much greater than under the present system.

Mr. Steggall, in answer to Mr. Davison, said at the present time his schools were filled to overflowing, and he was contemplating the erection of an additional class-room.

The Chairman said a School Board would not in any way interfere with the existing schools, in fact the latter would be benefited, as children would then be compelled to attend school regularly.

Mr. Routledge said it was highly necessary to have the compulsory clauses of the Act in force at Consett.

Mr. Collinson said Mr. Ward, the officer appointed by the School Attendance Committee, had gone through the Local Board district, and according to his figures there were 1,100 children between the ages of 5 and 12 in the Consett Local Board district, and out of this number 115 were not going to school at all. The total number of children below five was 1,066.

Mr. Steggall said there were 525 children on the books at his school, but the average attendance was only 368.

Mr. Routledge: That is considerably lower than it should be.

Mr. Steggall: Yes.

The Chairman: All this shows the necessity of a School Board to manage our own affairs. He believed, if they formed a Board, the Iron Company would be ready to hand the British Schools over to them.

Mr. Collinson thought the Chairman's suggestion had better stand over for consideration.

Mr. Siddell was of opinion that a ratepayers' meeting should be called.

Mr. Dunne suggested that before calling the ratepayers together the Board should appoint a committee to ascertain the number of children at present attending school in the township, together with the school accommodation, and submit the same to the next meeting.

Mr. McDonald enquired if there was likely to be much difference between the expenses of a School Board and the expenditure incurred by the Attendance Committee of the Union.

The Chairman said a School Board would undoubtedly be the most expensive mode of getting the children to school, but it would be the most effectual.

Mr. Collinson wished to know what advantage the ratepayers were likely to gain by the formation of a School Board.

The Chairman said they would have self-government, and that was something.

Mr. Collinson said the Attendance Committee had just the same powers as a School Board would have.

Mr. Davison was afraid that the person appointed by the Committee to get the children to school would be unable to attend to the whole Union.

Mr. McDonald said it was impossible for him to do so.

Mr. Steggall was also of opinion that one man could not attend to the whole of the villages under his charge.

After some further remarks, Mr. Davison proposed, and Mr. McDonald seconded, a proposition to the effect that Mr. Routledge, Mr. Siddell, and Mr. Dunne act as a committee to obtain information as to the number of children attending school, and the accommodation in the Local Board district, and report to the next meeting.—Carried.

On the motion of Mr. Collinson, seconded by the Chairman, Mr. Steggall was unanimously appointed to act as the Board's representative at the deliberations of the Attendance Committee.

THE REGISTRAR.

Mr. Collinson said Mr. Coupland, the Clerk to the Leadgate Local Board, had sent a letter to the Guardians asking them to use their influence with the Local Government Board in obtaining a resident registrar for Consett and the neighbourhood. The Guardians had since been in communication with the Local Government Board, and the latter had replied stating that they saw no reason whatever for making a change.

The Chairman said he had been from home since last meeting, and had been unable to write to the Local Government Board on the subject.

Mr. Shell thought the Chairman had better write an urgent letter to the Local Government Board.

Mr. Siddell said the Guardians did not seem to take much interest in the matter, and the Registrar-General appeared to know this. He was afraid nothing would be done unless all three Boards and the secretaries of the friendly societies in the district communicated directly with the Local Government Board.

The Chairman was also of opinion that the Guardians cared very little about bringing about a change. They seemed to be lukewarm in the matter.

Mr. Dunne remarked that if the Local Government Board persisted in their refusal to appoint a separate registrar for Consett the Board ought to adopt other measures. The matter could be brought before the House of Commons.

Mr. Steggall said the Home Secretary would be the best person to memorialise on the subject.

Mr. Dunne observed that the appointment of a registrar to act for Consett and the district was of great importance to the working classes of that neighbourhood, and some pressure ought to be brought to bear on the Local Government Board.

Mr. Steggall suggested that Mr. Jenkins should write to Mr. Palmer, and ask him to bring the matter before the House of Commons.

The Chairman said he would write a strong letter to the Local Government Board.—The subject then dropped.

SLAUGHTERING HORSES.

Mr. Collinson drew attention to the fact that a horse had recently been slaughtered in a field adjoining the highway. The carcase had been left on the field, the limbs had been torn off by dogs, these had come into the possession of children, and he had heard of one of the limbs being carried off to a considerable distance.

The Chairman: Whose field and whose horse was it?

Mr. Collinson: The field is opposite the settling ponds.

The Surveyor: It was Mr. George Brown's horse. I gave him notice to remove or bury the carcase.

Mr. Siddell: Did he remove it?

The Surveyor: I expect so.

The Chairman: It seems that the dogs have done so. (Laughter.)

Mr. Shell said the carcase of a horse was recently exposed in a field belonging to Mr. Dickinson on the other side of the road. The animal had been skinned, and the bones and flesh lay exposed for a considerable time.

The Chairman said they undoubtedly had power to stop this kind of thing. The question was what means should they adopt to prevent a recurrence of the nuisance?

Mr. Collinson said people ought to be compelled to take the carcases to some suitable place for burial.

It was understood that Mr. Dixon was in future to prosecute any person offending in this way.

FLUSHING SEWERS.

The Surveyor reported that it had been found necessary to flush the sewer in Harvey Street. He suggested that connections should be made in order that all main drains might be flushed during the summer months.

Mr. Siddell asked if the water could be had on reasonable terms.

The Surveyor said the Company charged 5s. per hour.

The Chairman said flushing was highly necessary in places, but unless the flushing was done properly it was better left undone.

The Surveyor said in Harvey Street the sewer was chocked up with 7 inches of mud.

The Surveyor was instructed to flush the sewers when necessary, it being understood that the yearly expenditure should not extend to more than £20.

Mr. Collinson having suggested that a connection should be made with a main drain at the end of Middle Street, near Mr. Aynsley's shop,

The Cheirman said the position of the main sewers ought to be marked on the plan of the district.

The Surveyor was afraid it would be a difficult matter to ascertain the exact position and size of all the main sewers in the district.

Mr. Routledge thought that Hagan would be able to point out most of the drains.

Mr. Hudson said before they obtained the information they desired, they would have to open the ground in a hundred places.

The Chairman said if the Board were so stupid as not to know the position and sizes of all their drains, the sooner they got to know the better.

Mr. Hudson said the question of marking the sewers on the plan was discussed some years ago, but nothing had been done.

Mr. Dunne thought if they left the matter in the hands of the Surveyor, the latter might, with the assistance of Hagan, ascertain the position of each sewer.

Mr. Steggall said the minute-book would be a great help to the Surveyor, as the position and length of each sewer would be entered at the time it was proposed to carry out the work.

It was then decided that Mr. Dixon should obtain the services of a professional draughtsman to mark the position of each sewer, but that not more than £10 was to be expended in carrying out the work.

THE DRAINAGE OF THE HOUSES AT MOUNT PLEASANT.

Mr. Dixon intimated that he had not commenced with the alteration of the sewer at Mount Pleasant, owing to the interference of the occupier of the land, Mr. McNally. The Surveyor added that Mr. McNally did not object to a cesspool on his land, but he wished to be compensated for any damage that might be caused while the work was in progress.—The matter was left in the hands of the Sewerage Committee to make arrangements with Mr. McNally.

THE FENCE IN PASTURE DRIFT ROAD.

A long discussion took place as to whether it was the Board's or the Iron Company's duty to repair the fence in Pasture Drift Road, several of the members being of opinion that at the time the road was taken by the Board the latter agreed to maintain the fence, while Mr. Hudson and several other members considered it was the duty of the Iron Company to do so. Ultimately, it was decided to let the matter stand over for a month.

THE ROAD AT KNITSEEY BRIDGE.

The North-Eastern Railway Company asked the Board to take the supervision of that portion of the road which had recently been formed by them in the construction of the new bridge in Knitsley Lane. The Board agreed to do so.

AN OFFENSIVE SEWER.

Mr. Collinson called attention to an open sewer which ran parallel to the Knitsley road for a considerable distance, and which was very offensive. He suggested that the sewer should be cleaned out.—The Surveyor was instructed to ask Mr. Seymour, the owner of the field, for permission to clean out the sewer.

MORE LIGHT.

Mr. Gledstone said as the time for making arrangements with the Gas Company was drawing near, he thought it would be advisable to ascertain what the Company would charge for giving them 2,000 hours instead of 1,600 hours as at present. He also considered that the lamps ought to be lit a month earlier and a month later.

The Chairman: Is there not sufficient light?

Mr. Gledstone said the place had been very badly lighted during the latter part of the season. He thought the gas ought to be allowed to burn till a later hour than at present.

Mr. Routledge said 400 hours and a couple of months additional lighting would be a serious item of expenditure.

It appeared that Mr. Elliott had already written to the Gas Company on the subject, and their answer will be laid before the next meeting.

THE CLERK'S ILLNESS.

On the suggestion of Mr. Dunne, the Board unanimously voted a donation of £10 to meet part of the expenses incurred by Mr. Elliott, who is at present absent on leave for the benefit of his health.

TIN MILL PLACE.

Mr. Siddell said the channel in Tin Mill Place required attention. There was a great deal of traffic on the footpath, and in some places the channel was a foot deep.—The Surveyor was instructed to attend to it as soon as practicable.

CONSETT BAPTIST CHAPEL.

Mr. Gledstone said the footpath in front of the Baptist Chapel was in a dilapidated condition.

Mr. Steggall said the place required kerbing and chnanelling.—The Surveyor received instructions to kerb and channel the footpath at that spot, the footpath itself to receive a covering of small limestone.

THE WATER CART.

The Surveyor having stated that certain persons had interfered with the watering of the streets, some maintaining that they ought not to be watered, and *vice-versa*, he was told to use his own discretion in the matter.

The Board then adjourned.

Local Police Courts.

CONSETT POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, June 4th.—Before A. Town, Esq.

Drunk.—Jas. Brannigan was charged with being drunk. P.C. Mark deposed to finding defendant drunk at Consett, and to his refusing to give his name, which necessitated his being locked up. He was fined 5s. and costs.——Patrick Hosten was charged with a similar offence. P.C. White said defendant was lying in the urinal in Middle Street, and had to be carried to the lock-up. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.——Francis Timney, charged by P.C. McClymont with being drunk on the 2nd inst., was also fined 5s. and costs.

Alleged Wounding at Dipton.—A young man named George Watson was charged with unlawfully wounding Simon Conroy, on the 3rd inst. Sergt. Thom said there had been a quarrel between prosecutor and Watson at Dipton, during which prisoner threw a stone at Conroy, injuring him so severely that he was unable to attend. He produced a doctor's certificate, from which it appeared that Conroy was suffering from a fractured skull, and unable to attend.—Prisoner was remanded.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, June 7.—Before E. T. Smith, Esq. H. Smith, Esq. (chairman), J. Clavering, Esq., the Rev. J. P. De Pledge, and Sir Frederick Smyth, Bart.

Assault at Oxhill.—John Vicars, navvy, Oxhill, was charged with assaulting Ellen Orr, married woman. Complainant stated that on Saturday night, the 26th May, the defendant entered her house, commenced to use bad language, and finally seized hold of her by the neck, knocked her head against a door, and was dragging her across the room when her husband went to her assistance.—Defendant said the woman struck him twice with a coal-rake before he touched her.—He was fined 10s. and costs.

Assault at Burnhope.—William Bell and John Douglas were summoned for an assault on William Teasdale. It appeared that on the morning of the 25th May, a dispute took place at the colliery, the complainant alleging that Bell struck him on the mouth and that Douglas also assaulted him. After hearing the evidence, the magistrates decided to bind Bell over to keep the peace. The charge against Douglas was dismissed.

Highway Act.—John Ridley, miner, Cornsay, was summoned by P.C. Scaling for allowing a pony to stray on the highway between Old Cornsay and Lanchester. He was fined 1s. and costs.——Emmerson Jackson, Dipton, was charged with allowing a horse and waggon to stand on the highway. P.C. Kendrew said he saw defendant's horse and waggon standing in front of Mr. Foster's public-house at Stanley from ten minutes past ten till eleven o'clock at night.——John Jackson, brother of the last defendant, was charged with a similar offence on the same occasion. The defendants were each fined 5s. and costs.

A Warning to Anglers.—Moses Leary, of Ushaw Moor, was summoned for fishing in the Dearness without leave. Mr. Drury, keeper said on Friday, the 18th May, he found the defendant fishing in the Dearness, on Mr. John L. Smith's property. He had killed one fish.—Defendant said he had leave to fish the Ushaw College water, and produced an order signed by Mr. Jackson, the overman at Ushaw Moor. He was not aware that he was out of his boundary.—Mr. Drury said he had repeatedly cautioned the defendant about fishing on Mr. Smith's portion of the stream. Defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 5s. and costs, and 6d. the value of the fish.—Leary said the keeper took his rod, and he (Leary) wished to have it returned.—The Chairman said they could give no advice in the matter.

Hawking without a Certificate.—Peter Donnolly, an old man, was charged by Sergt. Frazer with hawking without a certificate at Annfield Plain. Defendant pleaded guilty, but added that he erred through igorance. He was discharged on paying the costs.

Keeping a Ferocious Dog at Hedley Hill.—Thomas Young was charged with allowing a ferocious dog to go at large. The complainant was a miner named Patrick Rooney, who stated that on the 30th May he went into an outhouse, leaving his dog, a terrier, outside. While there, the defendant's dog, a retriever, came up and attacked his (complainant's) dog, worrying it very much. A witness named Barker said on the day in question he was following defendant's son along the row. He was accompained by the retriever dog in question. On getting to where Rooney lived defendant's son pushed the retriever against Rooney's dog, which it seized by the throat. The witness added that after Young's dog left, Watson's dog came up and attacked the terrier.—P.C. Scaling was called, and said he had had numerous complaints about the ferocity of Young's dog.—Dr. Carr, for the defence, said it was a case of mistaken identity, and called a witness who swore that the dog which attacked Rooney's terrier belonged to a person named Watson. The witness added that Young's and Watson's dogs were very much alike—Watson was also called, and said the dog which attacked Rooney's dog belonged to him.—The Chairman said there was no doubt that Young's dog was present and attacked complainant's dog. They ordered defendant to put the animal under proper control, and pay £1 4s. 6d. costs.

Drunk on Licensed Premises.—John Appleby Johnson, innkeeper, was summoned for being drunk on licensed premises. P.C. Curran stated that on the 29th May he visited Morton's public-house at South Moor, and found defendant drunk. Witness ordered him to leave the premises, but he refused.—Defendant was charged by the same officer with allowing his horse to stray on the highway.—In each case the defendant, who did not appear, was was fined 10s. and costs.

Refusing to Support a Wife and Family.—Henry Maxwell, boilersmith, Consett Iron Works, was charged with allowing his wife and family to become chargeable to the common fund of the Lanchester Union. Mr. Moon, relieving officer, said Mrs. Maxwell and two children were at present receving out-door relief. Up to the present time maintenance to the amount of £1 4s. had been paid. He produced the earnings of the defendant for the last three months, which showed that he was in receipt of £1 15s. 1d. per week.—Mrs. Maxwell was called and said she left her husband in consequence of his cruelty and drunken habits. She had had four premature births, and, in another case, the child was born dead. Her husband, she said, would not allow her sufficent money to get food for herself and children.—Defendant said his wife left of her own accord. She had taken most of the furniture out of the house, set up a shop of her own, and the furniture had since been seized for arrears of rent.—Defendant was ordered to papthe amount due. He was also ordered to give his wife a separate allowance of 8s. per week.—John Brown was charged with allowing his wife and child to become chargeable to the Union. The chargeability having been proved by Mr. Walton, relieving officer, the defendant was ordered to allow his wife 5s. a-week, in addition to the amount due to the Union.

Keeping a Dog without a License.—Michael Conley, Annfield Plain, was charged with keeping a dog without a license. The case was adjourned from last court, the defendant alleging that the dog was under six months old. Defendant now stated, in answer to the bench, that he was not prepared to prove the dog's age. He was ordered to pay the minimun penalty of 25s.

Alleged Robbery with Violence at Hamsterley Colliery.—John Robson and George Emmerson, on remand, were charged with robbery with violence. Dr. Carr prosecuted, and Mr. Dix defended. The prosecutor, James McElhone, said he was a cinder-drawer at Westwood Colliery, and lived at Blackhall Mill. On Saturday, 26th May, he went to Hamsterley Colliery sports. He had several glasses of whisky, and also had some cider and pop. There was a ball in the tent at night, at which he attended. He left the ball about a quarter to eleven, and while standing near a hedge the prisoners came up and struck him with their fists. Prosecutor was knocked down several times. While the prisoners were attacking him seven or eight men came up. When he was on the ground the prisoners took from him his watch, and a purse containing a sovereign. They also took hir hat and silk handkerchif. He knew the prisoners, but had not seen them at the ball. While he was on the ground, Robson rifled his pockets and Emmerson kicked him. He tried to get away from them by showing battle. A man named Lumsden picked him up and the prisoners were then standing about twenty yards off. Prosecutor ran away, and Robson followed and knocked him down again. As soon as he got away from the men, he gave information to police-constables Cumming and Smith. He told the officers that Robson was one of the men that had attacked him. On the following day prosecutor saw the prisoners at the house of P.C. Smith, and at once recognised them as the men who attaked and robbed him. The watch produced by P.C. Cumming was his property.—Cross-examined by Mr. Dix: During the day he had two glasses and several half-glasses of whiskey, and also one or two glasses of beer. The drink he had did not in any way affect him, as it took a great deal to make him drunk. He did not lie down when he left the tent. The first two men he saw outside the tent were the defendants. On the Sunday a man named John Bull told him he knew a man who had found a watch and was going to advertise it in the newspapers. He did not remember telling P.C. Cumming that he had been robbed of £13. He remembered telling the policeman that he might as well have been robbed of £13, meaning that the damage to his clothes, &c., would amount to this sum.—P.C. Cumming said on the 26th May the prosecutor went to him and complained of having been robbed of a silver watch, £13 in gold, a wash-leather purse, and a hat. He was under the influence of drink, and witness told him to come the following morning when he was sober. The following day McElhone reported that the sum of money he had lost was £1.—William Robert Thompson, a banker-out at Westwood Colliery, said he was at Hamsterley Sports on the 26th May. He attended the ball, which broke up about eleven. After he left the tent he saw the prosecutor lying on his back. The prisoners were there and lifted McElhone on to his feet.—By the Clerk: He was lying on his back before the prisoners went up to him.—Examination resumed: Somebody asked who it was that was lying, and someone replied that it was Jimmy McElhone. The prosecutor had no hat on, and on Emmerson saying that he never had one the prosecutor attempted to strike him. Witness then saw Emmerson snatch prosecutor's watch. Robson then asked him if that was the way he was going to repay his kindness for picking him up, and at the same time knocked McElhone down. Prosecutor was drunk and could scarcely stand.—The Chairman: Where was the watch found?—P.C. Cumming said he apprehended Robson first, and took him to where Emmerson lodged. He charged Emmerson with stealing the watch, and he replied that he knew nothing about it. Robson said to Emmerson "thou had it this morning, lad," and Emmerson then said the watch was upstairs. Witness went upstairs and brought down Emmerson's clothes, and in one of the pockets found the watch produced. Emmerson then said he had found the watch lying on the road.—Robert Morpeth, a miner at Westwood Colliery, deposed that he attended Hamsterley Sports. He saw McElhone lying on his back drunk. Robson picked him up. A crowd gathered, and someone gave a push and prosecutor fell to the ground. When he got up he made an attempt to strike one of the men. His watch was then hanging out of his pocket, and witness saw someone snatch it away.—At this stage the Chairman said on account of the contradictory evidence given by complainant and his witnesses they could not send the prisoners for trial.—Prisoners were then discharged.

Drunkenness.—Ralph Marley, of Cornsay, was summoned by P.C. Scaling for being drunk at Hedley Hill, on the 26th ult. Defendant did not appear. A fine of 10s. and costs was imposed.——Peter Evans, of Cornsay, charged by the same officer with a similar offence at the same place, was fined 5s. and costs.——Joseph Cooper and James Lavin, of Burnhope, miners, were charged by P.C. Hawley with being drunk on the 27th May. The defendants were each fined 5s. and costs.——John Hall, miner, Cornsay Colliery, John Dawson, Langley Park, grocer; Joseph Giving, of the same place, miner, were summoned by P.C. Foster for being drunk at Langley Park. They were fined 5s. each and costs.——Robert Bell, miner, Morrison Colliery, was charged with being drunk on the 26th May. Fined 10s. and costs.——Isabella Grey, married woman, Annfield Plain, charged with a similar offence on the same date, was fined 5s. and costs.——Thomas Nicholson, of Stanley, charged by P.C. Barnett with a similar offence, on the 28th May, was fined 5s. and costs.——James Kay, of Pit Hill, butcher, was charged by the same officer with a similar offence on the above date. Fined 10s. and costs.

Breach of the Peace.—Martin Bann and Geo. Smith, of West Kyo, were summoned by P.C. Nicholson for committing a breach of the peace by fighting on the 26th May. Bound over to keep the peace and ordered to pay costs.——Joseph Bell, of Greencroft Cottages, miner, was charged by the same officer with a similar offence on the 26th ult. Bound over to keep the peace for three months and ordered to pay costs.——James Henderson, of Stanley, miner, charged by P.C. Burnett with a similar offence, was also ordered to pay the expenses and bound over to keep the peace.

Wilful Damage.—George Kennell, John Connolly, and John Foster, of Quebec, were summoned for trespassing in a grass field belonging to Mr. R. Johnson, at Hamsteels Colliery, on the 21st May, and doing damage to the amount of 1d. Defendants were fined 6d. and the damage and costs.——Thos. Gardiner, miner, George Pebble, Henry Hull, Wm. Young, and Joseph Jobb, boys, were charged with trespassing in a field belonging to Mr. Johnson at the same place. Ordered to pay the damage and costs.——Thomas Nicholson, of New Houses, and James Roberts, of Esh, boys, were fined 1s. and ordered to pay the damage and costs for damaging underwood belonging to Mr. Wm. Fleming, on the 26th May.——James Finnigan, of Ushaw Moor, was charged with damaging underwood belonging to J. L. Smith, Esq., on the 3rd June. Fined 1s. and costs and the damage.——Thomas Barnes, miner, was summoned for damaging a grass field belonging to Mr. Thomas Hodgson, farmer, of Stanley Burn, on the 26th ult. Fined 1s. and costs, and 6d. damage.——Wm. Temperley, of Harelaw, miner, charged with trespassing in a field belonging to Mr. Lionel Handy, farmer, Annfield Plain, was ordered to pay the damage and costs.——John Summers, John Martin, John Ewens, William Ewens, and Jos. Peacock, of Annfield Plain, were charged with trespassing in a grass field belonging to George Rippon, farmer, at Iveston, on the 27th ult. Summers was fined 1s. and the damage and costs. The others were ordered to pay the costs and the damage.——Robert Maltby, of Harelaw, was summoned for trespassing in a grass field belonging to W. Maddison, farmer, Dipton, on the 29th ult. Ordered to pay the damage aad costs.——Robert Shield, and Robert Jackson, of Stanley, miners, were charged with damaging underwood belonging to J. H. Burn, Esq. Ordered to pay 2s. 6d. fine and the damage and costs.——Matthew Nicholson, of White-le-Head, and William Hanley, Stanley, were charged with trespassing in a grass field belonging to R. Dickinson and Co. Ordered to pay 1d. damage and costs.

Pitch and Toss.—James Condron and Joseph Appleby, miners, of Hedley Hill, were charged by P.C. Scaling with playing at pitch and toss at the above place on the 26th May. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

Alleged Cutting and Wounding.—George Watson, on remand, was charged with cutting and wounding Simon Conroy, at Dipton, on the 2nd inst. Prosecutor was still unable to appear, and prisoner was again remanded.

Offering Base Coin at Consett.—Owen Hoye, on remand, was charged with attempting to pass counterfeit coin. The evidence went to show that a little before eight o'clock on Thursday morning, the 30th May, the prisoner and two companions went into Mr. Thomas Seymour's public-house and asked for three glasses of whisky. Hoye tendered a coin resembling a sovereign in payment, but the servant, a young woman named Osborne, not liking the appearance of the coin went upstairs to her mistress, who at once saw that it was not genuine. Mrs. Seymour despatched the servant across the road for a policeman, and proceeded downstairs to the bar, where she found the prisoner alone, his companions having decamped in the interval. On the arrival of P.C. Minto prisoner was at once given into custody, and on being charged in the usual way he replied that he received the coin from Mr. Tilly, the cashier at the Iron Works, on the previous Monday. Prisoner now adhered to his original statement, and the magistrates had no alternative than to commit him for trial.

Markets.

Newcastle Corn Market, Tuesday.—At this day's market there was a small country and moderate coasting supply of wheat, but the foreign arrivals during the week have been large. The trade ruled dull, and only a small business was done at prices about 1s higher than on this day week. Barley, beans, peas, and maize unchanged. Fine oats firm, but secondary neglected. Flour dull at previous terms, the arrival of foreign being large.

Hexham Corn Market, Tuesday.—At our market this morning we had poor supplies of all kinds of grain, and sellers holding out for higher prices than buyers were willing to give, sales were slow. Wheat up to 72s per qr.; oats, 21s to 22s per Hexham boll; barley, 24s to 26s per Hexham boll.

Newcastle Cattle Market, Tuesday.—The show of stock presented for sale exhibited an increase of 37 beasts, but a decline of 89 sheep and lambs as compared with that of last week. Respecting quality, there is a slight improvement to notice in cattle; while sheep were middling, and there was little or no improvement in lambs. The supply of beef comprised 1,818 head. The number of sheep and lambs was 5,051. Pigs: 771 were shown. Beasts, prime heifers, per stone, 10s 9d to 11s 0d; secondary sorts, 9s 0d to 9s 9d; good oxen, 10s 6d to 10s 9d; middling, 8s 9d to 9s 3d; cows and inferior, 7s 0d to 8s 6d; pork, large, 5s 0d to 6s 3d; do. small, 7s 0d to 8s 0d; sheep, good vendable welders, per lb., 9¼d to 9½d; middling, 8¼d to 8½d.

Newcastle Hay and Straw, Tuesday.—Old land hay, 120s to 145s; new land hay, 125s to 155s; wheat straw, 4s 0d to 4s 8d; barley straw, 3s 0d to 3s 3d; oat straw, 4s 0d to 4s 6d per thrave.

Durham Provision, Saturday.—Oats, 7s 6d to 8s 9d; barley, 8s 9d to 10s 0d; Indian corn, 8s 0d; beans, 10s to 11s; peas, 10s 6d to 11s 0d per boll. Beef, 8d to 11d; mutton, 9d to 11d; veal, 10d to 10½d; bacon, 4½d to 7d; hams, 6d to 8d; cheese, 7d to 8d per lb. Chickens, 2s 0d to 3s 0d; ducks, 3s 0d to 3s 9d; hens, 1s 6d to 2s 6d each; butter, 1s 4d to 1s 6d per lb.; eggs, 12 to 13 for 1s; pigeons, 1s 4d per couple. Apples, 4s; onions, 3s per stone.

Newcastle Potato, Saturday.—Scotch potatoes, 18s to 20s per load of 20 stones.

Durham Potato, Saturday.—Potatoes, 10d to 1s per stone.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

Consett—At Delves Lane, on the 6th inst., the wife of Mr. J. Murray, of a son.

DEATHS.

Burnopfield—On the 2nd inst., aged 56, Benjamin Morgan.

Stanley—On the 1st inst., aged 48, Barbara, wife of John Charlton.

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