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FRIDAY, MARCH 17th, 1882.

"HIGH TREASON."

WHAT may be called the second in a miserable drama closed on Friday, when the MAYOR of WINDSOR committed the miscreant MACLEAN to take his trial at the Berkshire Assizes on a charge of high treason. So out of keeping must the crime and the culprit thus associated have appeared to the persons present at the magisterial examination that we cannot wonder at Mr. STEVENSON, the solicitor for the Crown, making a virtual apology for the dignity thus imparted into the case, and perhaps we may say for even treating the prisoners as a sane man. "*Prima facie*," as he said, "every man is presumed to be sane, and there is nothing now to show that the accused was not perfectly sane." Eliminating, therefore, the question of mental condition and consequent moral responsibility, which could only be taken into consideration at a later stage the prosecuting solicitor had to address himself to the simple matter of fact which the evidence tended to prove. The prosecution would probably not have been sorry to treat MACLEAN'S outrage as merely a piece of malicious mischief, such as it would have been if it had appeared that the prisoner discharged the pistol only to create alarm and excitement, and without intention to kill or wound the SOVEREIGN. But several witnesses deposed to observing that the accused pointed his revolver evidently towards the QUEEN, and that he still held it so pointed after having fired, as if for the purpose of discharging another shot. If such was his intention, it was defeated simply by the promptitude with which he was arrested and disarmed. And there was not only the evidence as to the aim taken, but it was also shown by the point where the bullet had struck that it must have passed at about the height occupied by the QUEEN as she sat in her carriage. Under these circumstances, the Crown Solicitor seems to have had no option in the view he should take of the case. "The law," he said, "is perfectly clear. If this man had shot at one of HER MAJESTY'S subjects, the case would have been one of intent to murder. The law says that shooting at the SOVEREIGN constitutes one of the acts of high treason, and therefore I have nothing more to do but to ask you to commit the prisoner on the charge of high treason." And the prisoner was committed accordingly. This despicable person has thus obtained a criminal dignity which is quite of historica importance, and which sits with somewhat of a burlesque effect on a scamp without the least claim to a political status. Many persons will no doubt be inclined to regret the grave character which the prosecution felt bound to impute to the offence, as described in the evidence. Perhaps a majority of people would have preferred seeing MACLEAN brought within the operation of the statute which deals with malicious attempts to alarm or intimidate the SOVEREIGN by discharging firearms in her presence, and which prescribes a penalty of seven years' penal servitude, with a number of separate whippings not exceeding three, at the discretion of the judge. This might well have seemed a more appropriate and effective treatment than a prosecution for high treason —the issue of which must apparently be either a verdict of not guilty on the ground of insanity, or a conviction followed by sentence of death. The former result would doubtless be deprecated by many persons as something like a failure of justice, and as not likely to have any strong deterrent effect on potential imitators of MACLEAN. The latter issue might appear to savour of excessive gravity, if not severity. Still, if it can be shown, when this ill-conditioned wretch comes to be tried, that he has been the victim of mental aberration, no rational person ought to wish him worse treatment than secure detention in a criminal lunatic asylum. This, for a very young man, with probably, a long life before him, would be no slight punishment. But if a plea of insanity should either not be made or should fail, it does not really follow that this mischievous ruffian must be convicted of the high crime charged against him. It should be considered that the evidence for the prosecution has not yet been sifted by a legal advocate for the defence, and that the testimony as to the prisoner's obvious intent may yet be invalidated by cross-examination or argument. If the case should thus be reduced in importance, the result will no doubt be generally satisfactory. At all events, in taking leave of this unsavoury malefactor until the time of the assizes (which will be held about the middle of next month), we must venture to express the confident hope that the trial will be conducted in the usual and simple English fashion, and will not be allowed to become the occasion for any unpleasant personal display as occurred on the trial of Guiteau in America. If HER MAJESTY cannot always be secured from personal attack, the authority and dignity of her courts should be protected.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

Although the Cloture Resolutions are delayed—and delayed as most people think to make way for a mere sham fight between the House of Commons and the House of Lords—the Premier has lost no whit of his determination to pass them, and that without amendment. The Liberal party will not incur so many serious defections in the division as was anticipated. Many waverers have become resigned to the will of Mr Gladstone and the Liberal Federation. An independent Liberal has tried to get up an insurrection in the ranks of his party in favour of a Cloture by a majority of two-thirds. He found himself unable to secure any support. The *via media* of a Cloture by a two-third majority, appears to have been abandoned by both parties.

The Jumbo mania is something extraordinary. It is not merely that visitors are flocking in thousands every day to see him, and that he is fed with confectionery in a manner in which no animal from the time of the Creation was ever fed before, but he has also found a place in literature. His "Life and Adventures" is being hawked about the street, and pictures of him in a series on long strips of paper, like the yearly representations of the Lord Mayor's Show, are being vended at the price of one penny. The sacred elephants of Burmah are insignificant quadrupeds compared with the huge creature which the British public in one of its impetuous moods has taken into its head to make a pet of.

The Elephant has somewhat obscured the Channel Tunnel as a subject of conversation. Nevertheless there continues to be a mild degree of alarmism extant upon this topic. It is urged that if one tunnel is successfully bored, there will soon be others, so that the bed of the silver streak will become honeycombed with railway lines to the great prejudice of navigation, and possibly to the great annoyance of fishes—who naturally object to "lines" of any kind—as well as to the danger of the commonwealth by opening up so many trapdoors, so to speak, for invasion. There are some who go so far as to say that our becoming a "Continental Power" will necessitate the adoption of Conscription, to say nothing of an extensive and costly system of fortification. I think it is very likely that the public will be bored before the Tunnel.

When we do become a Continental nation let us hope that we shall adopt some Continental customs, if not Conscription. In postal matters, for example, we lag shockingly behind the rest of Europe. Reforms which are adopted abroad apparently by a mere stroke of the pen take years to be accomplished under our more enlightened Constitution. The parcels post has been long in operation abroad with the greatest advantage to commerce, as well as with profit to the Government. In England the matter has been agitated about for years, and although we have now an enterprising and clever Postmaster, we seem to have but little prospect of obtaining this practical boon. It is not only that legislation is at a dead-lock: there is a great inelasticity about our departmental systems.

In Germany, as is very well known, the best prizes of the successful lawyer are professorships, and the judge is a wretchedly paid and quite insignificant person. In England, especially in the inferior tribunals, there are anomalies almost as striking. In the High Court, indeed, there is room for improvement, for it is well known that in most cases elevation to the Bench means diminution in income. But in the County Courts, since the passing of the Judicature Act, it is generally the case that the Registrar makes a much greater income than the Judge—often twice as much. In some of the Criminal Courts the discrepancy is more singular. The Middlesex Sessions are presided over by paid Assistant Judges. The Surrey Sessions, which are almost as important, are presided over by a magistrate, who, although a duly qualified barrister, receives no emoluments, whilst the Magistrates' Clerk, a solicitor, whose duties are little more than formal, receives £3,000 a year.

Parliamentary Summary.

THURSDAY.

In the House of Lords, the Lord Steward of the Royal Household announced that the QUEEN had intimated her willingness to receive a deputation to present the address congratulating HER MAJESTY on her recent escape from assassination, at one o'clock to-day. Lord NORTHBROOK, in reply to the Duke of SOMERSET, explained certain changes which are proposed in the constitution of the Admiralty, and which have been embodied in an order in Council, having received the sanction of the QUEEN. He explained, however, that it was not intended to make these changes binding on any future Government, and that if they did not answer the purpose for which they were designed, the present system could be reverted to.

In the Commons, Colonel MILES took his seat for Malmesbury, in the room of Mr WALTER POWELL. Mr WHITLEY inquired whether it was the intention of the Government, upon the establishment of the international parcel post, to compensate those who were now carrying on that business. Mr FAWCETT replied that, in the event of an inland and international post being established, it was not the intention of the Post Office to seek to obtain any new monopoly or ask any exclusive powers. It had, therefore, been concluded that no claim for compensation could arise. Mr ARTHUR ARNOLD asked at what date the abolition of the Indian import duties on cotton goods would take effect. The Marquis of HARTINGTON said he believed the remission of the duties would take effect from the commencement of the financial year. Lord KENSINGTON and Lord CHARLES BRUCE were appointed to represent the House at the presentation of the address to HER MAJESTY in connection with the recent attempt on her life. The debate on Mr GLADSTONE'S resolution with reference to the Lords' Committee on the Land Act was then resumed.

FRIDAY.

In the House of Lords, the LORD STEWARD of the HOUSEHOLD brought up HER MAJESTY'S reply to the address of congratulation voted by Parliament on her recent escape. The Earl of CARNARVON asked for information with regard to the fighting between the Boers and the tribes on the north-west frontier of the Transvaal, particularly with regard to the cause of the disturbance and the progress of events. The Earl of KIMBERLEY replied that the Government had no official information with regard to the intelligence published by the morning papers, and they were not aware of the precise cause of the difficulties which had arisen, but they were in the nature of those disputes which repeatedly occurred on the western frontier of the Transvaal. He had, however, instructed the British Resident at Pretoria to call upon the Transvaal Government to take measures for maintaining the neutrality of the frontier, and they had already done so. Viscount ENFIELD, on the part of the Government, consented to the production of certain returns relating to public works in India.

In the House of Commons, Mr W. H. SMITH gave notice of a question, and Mr CHAPLIN of a resolution with reference to the Land Act. Several other questions having been answered, Mr HEALY asked the CHIEF SECRETARY for IRELAND to state to the House the reasons for the arrest of Mr JAS. ROURKE, and, the reply not being to his satisfaction, he moved the adjournment of the House. Quite a "scene" followed, some of the Irish members bringing all kinds of charges against the Government, and being frequently called to order by the SPEAKER. In the end the motion for adjournment was rejected by 147 against 16 votes. On the motion for going into Committee of Supply, Mr STANLEY LEIGHTON called attention to the dormant funds in Chancery, and moved that a resolution with regard to the form of issuing the list of causes to the credit of which unclaimed money belonging to suitors is standing. After a discussion, the motion was negatived by 47 to 21 votes. Mr BLENNERHASSETT moved a resolution in favour of the acquirement and management by the State of the railways in Ireland.

MONDAY.

In the House of Lords, the Earl of KIMBERLEY, in reply to the Earl of CARNARVON, said that certain papers had been left out of the despatches from Sir HERCULES ROBINSON in reference to the Basuto war laid on the table of the House last week, in consequence of those despatches containing confidential matter, which, however, he now supplied. Lord LYMINGTON called attention to the Royal Charter granted on the 8th November, 1881, to the North British Borneo Company. Earl GRANVILLE said HER MAJESTY'S Government felt their responsibility towards Borneo, and were most anxious not to increase their naval or military burdens. The charter gave the company no powers which they could not have obtained under the Companies' Acts, but it had the advantage of containing restrictive powers over the acts of the company in the island. After some discussion, the subject dropped.

In the House of Commons, Mr ONSLOW gave notice that on Thursday he will call attention to the performances of the Salvation Army, and inquire whether the HOME SECRETARY can issue instructions to local magistrates to suppress the processions of that body, which processions have caused serious rioting, have led to gross profanity, and have disturbed the peace of respectable citizens. Sir HENRY HOLLAND inquired whether, considering the fact that operations are being rapidly carried on for the construction of the Channel Tunnel, the Government had any power to restrain such operations pending the decision of Parliament on the subject, and, if so, whether they were prepared to exercise it. Mr GLADSTONE replied that the question would properly arise when the operations came to be below low-water mark. Questions were also answered respecting the sale of rum in India, the rising in the East, evictions in Ireland, the agricultural distress, and the Irish Land Act; and an animated discussion followed as to the order of business, in the course of which Mr GLADSTONE said he hoped to proceed with the consideration of the New Rules next week. Sir GEORGE CAMPBELL called attention to the ultimate effect of a continuance of the International Tribunals in Egypt on the present footing, and moved a resolution on the subject. After some discussion the resolution was withdrawn. A debate ensued with reference to the treatment of the Irish suspects.

TUESDAY.

In the House of Lords the Earl of REDESDALE gave notice that on Thursday week he would take the second reading of the bill introduced by him with regard to the taking of the oath by members of Parliament, and expressed a hope that there would be a large attendance of peers on the occasion. Replying to Lord STANLEY of ALDERLEY, who asked whether Captain PEARSON would be reinstated in the commission of the peace, as the Macclesfield Bribery Commissioners had not found it necessary to remove three magistrates who had been the leading cause of bribery in that borough, the LORD CHANCELLOR said that, having regard to the provision of the Act, there were sufficient reasons why Captain PEARSON should not continue in the office of a justice of the peace.

In the House of Commons, a new writ was issued for the Carnarvon Boroughs. Mr. GLADSTONE, replying to Mr. GORST, said it was necessary to report the first army and navy votes a day earlier this year than last, because HER MAJESTY'S signature was necessary before an Act could pass, and some delay would be caused in obtaining it. Mr. GLADSTONE, in reply to Mr. ANDERSON, said the debate on the first procedure rule having been commenced, it would be inconvenient to postpone it in order to bring on the second rule. In answer to Mr. REDMOND, Sir WM. HARCOURT said it was true that Dr. KENNY had been the medical attendant on MICHAEL DAVITT, and had applied to see him in Portland Prison, but for circumstances connected with Dr. KENNY he had refused to allow the visit. Mr. BROADHURST called attention to the work and position of fitters in the dockyards, and moved a resolution, which was seconded by Mr. SLAGG, but afterwards with-drawn. The House was counted out at half-past seven.

WEDNESDAY.

In the House of Commons, Mr. M'COAN moved the second reading of the Municipal Franchise (Ireland) Bill, the object of which is to assimilate the franchise in Ireland to that which now exists in England. Mr. FORSTER said the bill substituted a rating occupation franchise for the existing municipal franchise on exactly the same footing as that in England. He accepted the principle of the measure, which was one the Government were anxious to see settled. After some discussion the bill was read a second time. Mr MONK moved the second reading of the Judgments (Inferior Courts) Bill, the object of which, he explained, is to make county courts judgments equally valuable over the United Kingdom. The LORD ADVOCATE and the ATTORNEY-GENERAL for IRELAND agreed to the principle of the bill, but the former reserved his right to move amendments in Committee to certain provisions relating to Scotland. The bill was read a second time, without a division. Mr. FINDLATER moved the second reading of the Land Law (Ireland, 1881) Act Amendment Bill, which he said was framed for the purpose of facilitating the fixing of fair rents under the Act, and of facilitating the purchase clauses. The SOLICITOR-GENERAL for IRELAND opposed the second reading. Mr. FORSTER advised that the bill should be postponed, because, if they found that the congestion at present existing was not got rid of during the next few months, it would be necessary to take some steps in the matter, and in that event he would not like the hon. member's proposals to be shut out from the discussion. Mr. LOWTHER trusted the House would not adopt the suggestion of Mr. FORSTER, and so allow the Government to evade the question. Mr. GLADSTONE said that recently there had been a considerable acceleration of business before the Land Court, and the Government were anxious to wait a little longer in order to ascertain the power of the Court to deal with this business before taking steps in the matter. Mr. MITCHELL HENRY moved the adjournment of the debate, and the motion was agreed to by 171 to 86.

THE DURHAM MINERS.

CLAIM FOR INCREASE OF WAGES.

About a fortnight ago, the Durham miners, through their secretary, Mr Crawford, put in a claim for the remodelling of the present sliding scale; or, failing that, an increase of 20 per cent in their rate of pay. The masters in response to this application, arranged to meet Mr Crawford and the members of the Federation Board of the Miners' Association on Saturday afternoon at the Coal Trade Offices, Westgate Road, Newcastle, when the case of the miners was laid before the representatives of the owners' association. A meeting of the latter was afterwards held to consider the demands of the miners, and after some discussion the following decision was agreed to:—

The Durham Coalowners Association is unable to accept either of the proposals suggested in the Federation Board's minutes of February 25th: that is to say —(1) The Association cannot regard the sliding scale drawn up by the Federation Board as just and equitable, and consequently cannot adopt it; (2) the Association cannot grant an immediate advance of 20 per cent in the wages of all men and boys, nor admit that trade warrants an application for any advance at all. Having regard, however, to the difference of view between the owners' association and the Federation Board, the association can only suggest that the question whether wages shall be varied, and if so, to what extent and in what direction shall be left to open arbitration.

CO-OPERATIVE CONFERENCE AT LEADGATE.

On Saturday afternoon a local conference of members comprising the West Durham and Northumberland Section of the Central Co-operative Board took place at the Leadgate Co-operative Store. Over thirty delegates were present, the following among other societies being represented: Consett, Leadgate, Blaydon, West Stanley, Shotley Bridge, Tanfield, West Wylam, and Derwent Four Mill. Mr Hardy, of Leadgate, was elected to preside.

The Secretary (Mr CROOKS, Blaydon) submitted the statistical statement of the balance sheets of the various societies forming the district, for 1881, compiled by Mr Robinson, the statistical secretary. The aggregate figures were: Number of members at end of 1881, 8,947; share capital £88,236; loans £12,037; owing for goods £1,835; amount of reserve fund £3,047; value of saleable stock £39,497; value of land, buildings, and fixed stock £41,784; investments £20,803; accounts owing to societies £255; received for goods sold £337,403; total nett profit made during 1881 (excluding interest), £35,687; applied for educational purposes £181; the average dividend paid by the several societies ranged from 3s 4½d to 1s 3⅔d; the average amount for the district being 2s 3d per member. The officers of the Northern section during that period were:—Chairman, Mr George Lowes, Consett; secretary, Mr William Crooks, Blaydon; statistical secretary, Mr Wm. Robinson, Shotley Bridge; executive committee, Messrs T. Dixon, West Wylam; John Jewitt, Leadgate; William Bulmer, Tanfield; J. Bell, Annfield Plain.

The report was discussed at considerable length. Mr DAVISON (Blaydon), suggested that two additional columns in future be added to the statement—one giving the amount of goods purchased by each store from the Wholesale Society, and the other naming the class of goods upon which no dividend was paid.

A Delegate maintained that the Wholesale Society was in a position to compete with any other system of trading.

Mr FRASER (Leadgate) was sorry to see that only two of the societies in the district—Consett and Blaydon—had devoted any money for educational purposes. One of the great principles of the co-operative movement was to desseminate the knowledge of education.

Mr LOWES (Consett) spoke of the good work accomplished in this town by the reading room and science classes connected with the Consett Store.

Mr DODDS (Consett) believed that the Wholesale Society ought to supply the stores with goods at their legitimate price, and thus knock on the head the system now prevalent amongst tradespeople of making one article sell another. Co-operation should strike out a course of its own and not compete with the shopkeepers in their sharp practices.

Mr CARR (Consett) deprecated the idea entertained by the managers of some stores in endeavouring to get high dividends. The aim of co-operation was to supply pure and unadulterated goods at the lowest possible price.

Mr LOWES and Mr SCOTT (Wholesale) quoted figures showing the progress made by the Wholesale Society, and maintained that it would hold its own in the future as in the past.

It was proposed by Mr SHOTTON (Consett), seconded by Mr CARR, that the statistical report be adopted, and that the recommendations as to additional columns be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

Mr A. FRASER next read an interesting and original paper on "Co-operation: The Friend of the Poor Man," from which we quote the following extracts:—

Were a discussion of a subject like this before a company of co-operators to undergo criticism at the instance of certain writers of the old school of political economy—disciples of the old competitive theory—the whole proceeding, in all likelihood, would be deemed absurd, not only on account of its opposition to their ancient instinct of what is for the interests of society, but by reason also of the bulk of thought tending to lean too much in the one direction; on this account alone it would have been desirable if it could have been investigated before an audience composed of varying opinions. We hear it sometimes asserted that certain results which we, as members of co-operative societies, consider to be for our advantage in our connection therewith, are not benefits at all, but are delusive and imaginary; it is sometimes contended that the abnormal rate of the retail over the wholesale cost of the articles distributed is simply taking it out of one pocket and putting it into another: and that store dividends spring from no tangible source of sound economies. The suggestion has also been made that the savings of working people are not in the safest custody when allowed to remain as capital in the co-operative movement. However, although many sensible, hard-working men still think it to their interests to remain outside; yet it cannot be denied that co-operative societies generally contain on their membership rolls a very considerable proportion of the intelligence and aptitude to be found in the ranks of working people now-a-days. It is for the interests of society that everybody composing it should pay twenty shillings in the pound. This is a principal pillar in the platform of co-operation, and if it were possible that it could be carried out in its entirety throughout it would, indeed, be a blessing to everyone, and to none more so than the poor man. If excessive and uncalled for competition tends to create many of the stupendous failures in commerce which so often happen—then co-operation, which contends with all its might against this state of things, deserves to be supported, in the first instance, by all working men.

The "good old plan," however, won't do now-a-days, without incurring the risk of having to undergo compulsory change of residence for a certain period in your county town (laughter); nevertheless, if you are cute enough and have a little capital to commence with, or can, through the potency of cheek and push, become possessed of a few accommodation bills, at the instance of a friend, by a series of manoeuvres in certain stocks, or by floating a bubble company, or by joining in the proper working of a grain or a pork "corner," or other business conjuring, you may still find a way of becoming possessed of something considerably in excess of what morally belongs to you, or what in equity you are really entitled to. But should your scheme not turn out successful—if you have been unlucky enough to buy for a fall instead of a rise—you are, for the nonce, floored, and must notify your creditors of your being compelled to wind up. You have, therefore, to content yourself—till you get another chance of doing business—in putting a slight contortion on that beautiful verse of Longfellow's:—

> Jeremy Diddlers oft remind us,
> We may do the dodge unsound,
> And, departing, leave behind us
> Something shabby in the pound.

Of what earthly use to society is a creature like this? (laughter). Industry should endeavour by every means in its power to dispense with his interference; legitimate commerce regards him with suspicion, and upright men everywhere give him the cold shoulder. Co-operation has never even recognised him, and certainly never will.

Having dwelt on the advantages of co-operation to working men,

Mr FRASER said that to deny the possibility of a store coming to grief in insolvency would be wrong, however. Comparatively speaking, it is very seldom that such a thing does happen; when it does it is mostly from want of the necessary experience in the early management of young societies or defects from the ranks of old ones. You feel some one tugging at your elbow, wishing to put a private question "Is there any truth that Leadgate store is on its last legs?" (laughter), that Consett has lost its appetite, or that Blaydon is literally bunged up. Even the Wholesale itself is treated to a liberal allowance of the disposable wreck and ruin. An ordinary well-conducted store affords a safe and sound investment for the savings of its members. Our great Wholesale, in the ever-increasing development of its enormous trade, must ever require and find profitable employment for a very considerable proportion of the accumulations of the hundreds of busy societies now gathered under its wings. Arbitrations in matters of trade, sliding scale arrangements, and other schemes purporting to deal with labour questions, must seem to be all imperfect attempts at any satisfactory adjustment of industrial equilibrium, so long as middlemen gamblers and heavy speculators can find it possible to net, as in a case reported some time ago, £50,000 in a few weeks, through speculations in iron warrants. The intimation that the Messrs Samuelson, of Middlesbrough, are on the point of instituting fortnightly sales, so as to discover the true market value of their iron, should be regarded as a step in the right direction. Working men should, therefore, give their support to a movement which is a complete and happy departure from the old competitive system. A movement which has proved itself their friend in the past; and which for the good of a nation is ever endeavouring to narrow the excessive limits that exist between extreme wealth and extreme poverty. That movement is the co-operative movement. (Loud applause).

Several delegates spoke highly of Mr Fraser's paper, and ultimatley on the proposition of Mr ATKINSON (Wallsend), it was resolved to recommend that the same be republished by the Wholesale society in leaflet form.

The usual vote of thanks to Mr Fraser and the Chairman closed the congress, which sat about three hours.

A tea was provided for the delegates by the Leadgate Society in the Long Room, and a public meeting afterwards took place, addressed by several delegates. The whole proceedings were most enthusiastic.

THE USHAW MOOR STRIKE.

MINERS' DEMONSTRATION.

On Saturday, a mass meeting, comprising about 2,000 colliers, was held in a field at Ushaw Moor, in the vicinity of the tent occupied by the evicted miners. The weather was fine, and the demonstration proved a great success. The object of the meeting was to protest against the "tyranny at Ushaw Moor Colliery," and to encourage the miners on strike to continue steadfast in their battle. About twenty-five lodges of the Durham Miners' Association were represented, and the members of fifteen lodges marched in procession to the field, many being accompanied by bands preceded by flags.—Mr. John Lee, chairman of the local lodge, occupied the chair, and after detailing the circumstances which led up to the strike, said that the evicted miners had suffered much inconvenience, but thanks to the generosity of fellow-miners and friends, they had not as yet experienced hunger. He read a sympathetic letter from Mr. Crawford, secretary to the Durham Miners' Association, who was unable to be present.—Mr. D. Reed moved a resolution urging upon all their fellow-workmen the necessity of continuing to support the men of Ushaw Moor in their grand struggle against despotism.—Mr. P. Carlin seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Carlin thought English landlords only required the opportunity to become as tyrannous as Irish rack-renters.—Mr. Samuel Hill (one of the miners' executive committee) advised the men to agree to arbitration, and, whilst upholding their rights zealously, to place no obstacles in the way of a settlement.—Mr Henry Jamieson moved the second resolution: "The manner in which the management of Ushaw Moor Colliery has treated the miners on strike, proves the necessity for combination, and this meeting urges the men on strike to continue the struggle."—Mr. George Ather read the next resolution—"That we, the men, women, and children of Ushaw Moor do hereby give our heartfelt thanks to all our friends who have so nobly supported us in our struggle."—This resolution was also carried with acclamation. The proceedings throughout were orderly, and perfect unanimity prevailed amongst the miners from neighbouring collieries as to the necessity for continuing the strike.

At the Durham County Police Court on Saturday, two of the miners on strike, named Joyce and Brown, were charged with assaulting Frederick Hibbert on the 4th inst. Hibbert, who is looked upon as a "black leg," was walking in the direction of Ushaw College on the night in question, when the two defendants set upon him and ill-used him. Joyce struck complainant in the face and knocked him down, and whilst upon the ground the complainant was kicked until he was insensible. The prisoners were subsequently taken into custody at the Flass Inn. Joyce, who had been previously convicted, was sentenced to one month's hard labour, and the charge against Brown was dismissed.

At the same court, eight women, wives of some of the men on strike, were charged with intimidating a workman named Patrick O'Calligan, with the object of preventing him following his lawful occupation. Mr Brignall prosecuted; and Mr. A. O. Smith defended. The complainant was removing from Broom Park to Ushaw Moor Colliery, with the object of commencing work at the latter colliery. When near the colliery they were met by a large body of the women who are evicted, and who gave the new comers a "tin pan" reception. They called the complainant a "black leg" and threatened to tear him in pieces; and the disturbance frightened a horse, which nearly threw its rider.—The Bench said it was a disgraceful scene; but as no offence under the Act of Parliament had been committed, they dismissed the case.

Local Police Courts.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, March 9th.—Before M. Kearney, Esq. (chairman), Edward Taylor Smith, Esq., Rev. J. P. De Pledge, Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., Captain Leadbitter Smith, and Major W. J. Joicey.

WOMEN'S SQUABBLE AT STANLEY.

Dorothy Evans was summoned for assaulting Jane Pasco, at Stanley, on the 22nd February; and Dorothy Evans charged *Emily Pasco* with committing an assault upon her at the same time and place. Mr Oliver (Durham) appeared on behalf of Mrs Evans; Mr Malcolm (Durham) for Mrs Pasco. —The evidence was of a very contradictory character. Mrs Evans appears to have been the the aggressor. After some bandying of words it is alleged that she threw a shovelful of small coal at Mrs Pasco the elder, and her daughter resented such conduct by attacking the defendant with her fists. There was, of course, a great deal of hair-pulling, kicking, scratching, fighting, and screeching unfortunately accompanying such discreditable scenes, and the usual amount of venom spitting and uncomplimentary epithets unceremoniously flung at one another, which would appear part of the stock-in-trade of these domestic squabbles.—The charges were investigated fully, but the Bench declined to convict, and the cases were dismissed, each party to pay court expenses.

DRUNK AND REFUSING TO QUIT.

Edward Watkin, who failed to appear, was fined 5s and costs for being drunk and refusing to quit a public-house at Lanchester.

Henry Tarney and *Thomas Stacey* were charged with refusing to quit the premises of Thos. Storey, innkeeper of West Kyo, on the 25th ult. The defendants created a great disturbance in prosecutor's house and declined to go away when ordered to do so.—Tarney was fined 1s, and Stacey (who did not answer the charge) was fined 5s with costs each.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Three youths, *Robt. Welsh*, *Thos. Fisher*, and *Wm. Fisher* were found guilty of damaging turnips to the extent of 1d each, the property of John Willey, on the 24th last month.—Robert Welsh and Thos. Fisher were fined 5d each; the other defendant 1s, and to pay damage and costs.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, March 13th.—Before A. TOWN, Esq (chairman), J. PRIESTMAN, Esq., and JAMES ANNANDALE, jun., Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

Edward Todd, charged by P.C. Davidson with drunkenness at Dipton on Feb. 23rd, and *John Conroy* with being drunk on Feb. 25th were each fined 5s and costs.

John Browell was fined 10s and costs for being drunk and incapable at Ebchester; and *Thomas Robinson*, 5s and costs for drunkenness at Blackhall Mill, on Saturday night, 25th inst.—P.C. Armstrong proved the charges.

John McNally and *John Fuller* both pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness, preferred by Sergt. Tranmer, in Harvey Street, Consett, on the 27th ult., and were fined in the same amount.

Thomas Smith was summoned by P.C. Turner for being drunk and disorderly at Leadgate, on the 24th February, was ordered to pay 5s and expenses.

James Baitey pleaded guilty to drunk and disorderly conduct in Newmarket Street, Consett, on the 7th inst, and was similarly dealt with.—P.C. Hudson stated the facts.

Bartley Gillan was summoned by P.C. Wood for committing a like offence in Medomsley Road, Consett, and was also fined 5s and costs.

Charles Carter pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness. Sergt. Tranmer said he found the defendant beastly drunk in Middle Street, Consett, about half-past one o'clock on the previous (Sunday) morning.—Fined 5s and costs.

An elderly woman, named *Ann Carr*, living at Consett, was found by P.C. Wood lying upon the flags in Nelson Street, Consett, in a helpless state of intoxication on the preceding Saturday night.—Defendant pleaded guilty and expressed her contrition for the occurrence. This being her first appearance, the Bench dismissed the charge on defendant promising not to repeat the offence.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

John English and *Joseph Robinson* charged by P.C. Davidson with committing a breach of the peace by fighting at Dipton, near the Bute Arms public house, pleaded guilty to the charge and were bound over in £5 each for three months.

THE EDUCATION ACT.

The undermentioned persons were summoned by Mr John Johnson for breach of the byelaws of the Benfieldside School Board in not sending their children regulary to school:—*Patrick Carlin*, Blackhill, fined 5s; *Sarah McNally*, Blackhill, 2s 6d; *James Urwin*, Blackhill (two summonses), 2s 6d each; *John McKenna*, Blackhill, 5s; *Wm. Bell*, Shotley Bridge, 5s; and *James Thorpe*, Shotley Bridge, 5s including costs.

ALLEGED BREACH OF THE LICENSING ACTS.

Mr Matthew Hetherington, beerhouse-keeper, of Burnopfield, was summoned for that he being a beerhouse-keeper duly licensed to sell liquors to be consumed on his premises, did supply drink to persons other than *bona fide* travellers during prohibited hours on Sunday afternoon.—P.C. Longstaff deposed that on the 19th February about 3-30 in the afternoon he visited defendant's public house at Burnopfield and found three men inside, each with a glass of ale before them. Upon questioning them as to where they came from, two of the men replied that they resided at the Felling, and the third said he was from Scotswood. He could not vouch for the accuracy of the statement of the first two men as they produced gun licenses bearing the Scotswood mark; but with regard to the assertion of the third person that he lived at Scotswood he (witness) knew that was false, as the man resided at Dipton till within the last few weeks. He had not ascertained who the other two men were. Dipton was about two miles from defendant's house.—Defendant on being sworn, said when the men came to his door, he fully interrogated them as to whether they were *bona fide* travellers before admitting them, and they replied they came from the Felling and Scotswood as detailed by the police officer. He told the policeman of the fact when he first came in.—To the Bench: Had never seen these men before, and they were quite strangers to him.—Defendant's neice, who assists in the bar, corroborated this statement, and in answer to the Bench, said these three men were the only travellers they had on that particular day. They were all perfect strangers to her. They did not have anything else besides the three glasses of ale.—After a brief consultation the Chairman said the magistrates were of opinion that defendant had exercised due precaution in endeavouring to ascertain if the three men were *bona fide* travellers and the case would therefore be dismissed. They also recommended him to use precautionary measures in that respect in future, and see that the strangers are really what they represent themselves to be.

Charles Myers was summoned for having been found on the above-named licensed premises during prohibited hours on Sunday, 19th ult. The facts are given above, and when the police-officer told defendant he lived at Dipton, he said he would not find out where he himself or the other men lived, he should "bolt."—The Magistrates' Clerk: Has he "bolted" then?—Officer: Yes sir.—Defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 20s and costs; in default, one month's hard labour.

DRUNK AND ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

James Hagan, a puddler, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly and assaulting the police whilst in the execution of their duty.—P.C. Wood deposed that he was in Newmarket Street, Consett, on Saturday night, 25th ult., when he observed the defendant fighting with another man, named Francis Slane (who was convicted at last Court). He took defendant into custody, and whilst on the way to the Police Station he turned round and kicked witness several times. He was obliged to knock defendant down and put the "slips" upon him.—The Chairman: Did he assault you in order to get away or did he deliberately attack you?—Officer: He attacked me without trying to run off.—Defendant entirely repudiated the charge of assault.—The magistrates found him guilty of both offences, and he was fined 10s and costs.

"WE ARE A HAPPY FAMILY——."

Wm. Thorpe was summoned for having assaulted his mother, Jane Thorpe, at Shotley Bridge, on the 28th last month.—Complainant alleged that on the day referred to the defendant's wife (who lives in the next house) kicked their door in, and upon her (complainant's) daughter going to ascertain what was the matter, Mrs Thorpe, jun., caught hold of her daughter by the neck and dragged her into the street. Defendant afterwards came in and landed complainant a blow on the side of the head, knocking her down between the poss-tub and the kitchen wall. This occurred between three and four o'clock in the afternoon. Complainant gave defendant no provocation whatever. Complainant also stated that since the defendant had been compelled to contribute towards her maintenance, his wife had always a grudge towards her.—Jane Eliza Stephenson, a girl, alleged that the defendant first struck his two sisters and then knocked his mother down.—Janet Dixon corroborated.—The Chairman, in fining the defendant 10s and costs, observed that the reason the Bench had mitigated the penalty was on account of the provocation which defendant must naturally have experienced when he saw the two women attacking his wife.—The full amount including costs was £1 18s 6d.

Lucy Thorpe, daughter of complainant in the last case, charged *Isabella Thorpe*, wife of defendant in the previous case, with assaulting her on the 28th February, and a cross-summons for assault was preferred by Isabella Thorpe against *Lucy Thorpe*.—The case arose out of the circumstances detailed above. Isabella it is stated dragged Lucy out of the house by the hair of the head, whereupon Janet Dixon shouted to defendant "Come on, we'll have you up again at Consett yet," after which Lucy, her sister, and Janet Dixon all set upon Isabella. She was so badly hurt that she had to go and seek the doctor's aid.—The magistrates regarded the affair as a petty family squabble and dismissed both charges, each party to pay their own costs.

POOR LAW ORDER.

Thomas Jenkins, who lives at West Hartlepool, was summoned for neglecting to support his mother.—Mr J. Moon, the relieving officer, said that defendant's mother became chargeable to the Lanchester Guardians on the 7th June last, and was still maintained out of the Common Fund of the Union. One brother contributed 2s 6d a week towards her support, but this being quite inadequate, the Guardians now called upon defendant to pay another 2s 6d.—The order was made as required with costs.

"HE JUST HIT HER A BOX IN THE EYE."

Terence Brannigan, a rough-looking individual, pleaded guilty to assaulting Ann Brannigan, his wife, at Consett, on the 10th March.—Complainant appeared in the box with a very black eye, the result of a blow which she said he inflicted upon her by the poker, because she had not his tea "fettled" when he came home from work on Friday last. He afterwards battered her all over the face, which was badly bruised.—Defendant denied ever using the poker, but admitted that he "just hit her a box in the eye."—In reply to the Bench, Mr Supt. Oliver said that Mrs Brannigan had on several occasions complained of the brutal treatment of her husband towards her, but this was the first time she had summoned him.—Committed to goal for one month with hard labour.

AN ARMY DESERTER IN TROUBLE.

A young man, named *James Henry Kellaway*, who deserted on February 15th from the 106th Regiment, now stationed at Sunderland, was brought up in custody on a charge of stealing a lady's dress ring the property of Margaret Ann Freak, of Consett.—John Freek, boarding house keeper at No. 23, Victoria Street, Consett, said that on Thursday, February 23rd, prisoner came to his place and asked to be accommodated with a bed for the night. He gave his name as James Henry Silvester, and stated he was a captain in the Salvation Army. (Laughter). He remained at witness's house for two or three days and only paid 6d for his board and lodging. Early on Saturday morning, 25th ult., prisoner suddenly disappeared, and witness gave information to the police. The ring now produced belonged to his daughter.—Margaret Ann Freak adduced that about 10 o'clock on the Saturday morning in question she was working in the kitchen and prisoner with another man were there. She had occasion to take the ring off her finger, and prisoner asked to look at it. He picked it up and she had not seen it since. It was worth about 16s.—Mr William Lawson, jeweller and watchmaker, of No 9, High Street, Gateshead, stated that on Tuesday, February 28th, prisoner came to his shop and asked him to buy the ring produced, alleging that the Salvation Army objected to their captains wearing rings, and he wished to dispose of it to satisfy them. Prisoner asked 2s for the ring, but witness gave him 1s 6d for it. The ring, which he handed over to Sergt. Tranmer on the 7th March, might cost when new between 12s or 14s.—Sergeant Tranmer deposed that from information he received he proceeded to Gateshead on the preceding Tuesday, where he saw the prisoner in custody, and charged him with having stolen from the house of Mr John Freek, of Consett, a lady's gold dress ring, his property. Prisoner replied that he got it off Miss Freek just before he came away. He subsequently stated that he stole the ring and sold it to Mr Lawson, of Gateshead, for 1s 6d. Witness then visited Mr Lawson's shop where he received the ring now produced.—On being charged prisoner pleaded guilty and wished the case to be dealt with summarily, alleging that he would receive severe punishment when he returned back to his regiment.—Prisoner was committed to the House of Correction for one month with hard labour. At the completion of his term of imprisonment prisoner is to be handed over to the military authorities.

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UNDER THE TERROR.

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CHAPTER XXI.

MY LORD'S NEW LACQUEY.

CERTAINLY Touton appeared to have spoken only the truth when he had told Pomard he could do everything. His seemed to be one of those cork-like natures able to rise to the needs of every occasion; and he had not been three days under the roof of the Hotel de Ravignac, before he was as much at home with everybody and everything, as if he had been reared on the premises. What a load of anxiety his find relieved Pomard of! He was never tired of congratulating himself on the notion of being able to acquaint monsieur le marquis with his success. And then the brilliancy of that idea which dawned on the old steward of sending Touton to Soissons, to be as it were his own herald, and carry the intelligence of himself to his new master. What a treasure he would be to him! Ride? But certainly Touton could ride a dromedary if you wished; and he rode to Soissons on one of my lord's swiftest mares.

On arriving at the old city, Touton noticed, with some curiosity, that it wore a festive aspect, and he inquired whether it might be celebrating its patron saint's day?

"Something like that," was the ready answer. "We are making a holiday on account of the Marquis De Ravignac's recovery."

"That's all, is it?" said Touton, with a shrug. "I understood you were patriots hereabouts."

"And is not Colonel De Ravignac a patriot?"

"Oh, oh! Is he so?" laughed Touton. "A thousand pardons. I imagined him to be an aristocrat. It was on that understanding I have entered his service, at all events," muttered the new valet, as he cantered on.

"Poor Pomard!" smiled De Ravignac, as he folded his steward's letter, informing him of the great acquisition, of which the great acquisition was the bearer. "He will sleep of nights now. Well, I am glad to think some one is here at last to relieve you of the trouble of me. Touton is his name? Let him come up."

And, hat in hand, with light, noiseless tread, Touton entered, and took up his station at the foot of the couch on which De Ravignac was, half lying, half seated, chatting with Dr. Savary.

Nature, educated by professional experience, had made a physiognomical expert of Savary; and as the faces of the two men, master and servant, came into juxtaposition, the doctor was for the moment struck by the close resemblance he fancied he saw between them. Incontestably the conformation of the features of the high-born Norman gentleman and that son, of heaven knows who, were as like as if they had been cast in the same mould. The contours of the servant's face were, it is true, a thought sharper, and at the same time coarser and less delicately defined. Hardly so tall as De Ravignac by a couple of inches, and though lithe and well-built, his figure was wanting in the natural ease and grace which marked every movement of the marquis; still they were marvellously alike. The same determination and force of character spoke, moreover, in the brow and the chin, slightly more prominent in Touton than in De Ravignac. And—and then, as De Ravignac turned his face to make some passing remark to Savary, the doctor smiled vexedly to himself and mentally pooh-poohed his own crotchets. Likeness! Morbleu! Yes, as the lightning's flare is like the rays of the midsummer moon, as——

"I have the honour to give satisfaction to your lordship's steward," the man was saying in reply to some question put to him by De Ravignac, and again Savary's attention was startled by the similarity even in the tones of the voice. "Well, and what then?" reasoned the doctor; the merest tyro in physiology could demonstrate the cause of that effect. Yes, even the voice was like De Ravignac's, just so much as harp-chords struck by automaton fingers are like the same notes answering the pressure of a master's hand.

Under entirely similar conditions, the likeness might have been even more striking; but although not high coloured, the blood of full health tinged the cheeks of Touton; while long confinement and hours of pain had faded the warm clear olive of De Ravignac's face; and the unmaimed hand, stretched out towards some writing materials on a table beside him, was tremulous still. "Thanks," he said, as the new valet inaugurated his duties by assisting his master. And De Ravignac took the pen in his left hand; "I wish you to return to Paris to-morrow morning, and to carry this letter on at once to Versailles."

"To the Chateau, my lord?"

"To the Chateau." And a slight colour tinged De Ravignac's face. "But," he added, "as you see, it must be a work of time. Return in half an hour." And Touton retired.

"There," said De Ravignac, when, after infinite labour, his left hand had succeeded in producing some wild, spidery-looking ink marks on the sheet of paper before him, "I am afraid that this would not earn me even honourable mention in a writing class. Have the goodness to light me a taper, Dr. Savary. So. I can manage the seal." And he stamped his signet ring upon the melted wax the doctor dropped for him upon the folded letter. "But I must be beholden to you for its address, in case my scrawl may be illegible for Touton, though he looks as if he could read the inscriptions of the pyramids. An intelligent fellow, doctor. Eh?"

"Strikingly so, I should imagine, marquis," dryly answered Savary. "To whom do you wish this addressed?"

"Ah. To the Marquise De Ravignac. A thousand thanks." And De Ravignac, as he took up the letter, fingered it in a manner which conveyed an impression that if he had been alone his lips might have endorsed its contents. "It is to tell her, Dr. Savary," he went on, "that I am returning to Paris this day week."

"Too soon for you to travel, marquis."

"Another whole eight days first," pleaded De Ravignac. "Ah! but who was it," he added laughingly as Savary portentously shook his head, "who himself lent me an arm round that dismal barrack garden yesterday? And now I am too brittle to be packed among the soft cushions of a berline. Oh, I have arranged it all." And De Ravignac rang his bell. "Here is the letter," he said, as Touton entered. "Be careful of it. And," he continued, as the valet placed it with much devout ceremony in an inner pocket of his waistcoat, "ask to see madame la marquise, and deliver it to her with your own hands."

"Any answer, my lord?"

"That is for her to inform you. Afterwards you will return to the Rue de Richelieu, and tell Trigot to set out for this place with the berline——"

"But Touton should not be alone in attendance on you, Colonel de Ravignac," interposed the surgeon.

"Why not?" And if de Ravignac's words did not find an echo, as the doctor fancied they did, on Touton's lips, the challenge glittered unmistakably in his eyes.

"I tell you again, marquis," said the surgeon, a little doggedly, "that these are early days for you to undertake a long and fatiguing journey. And though if you had permitted me to travel with you——"

"Which I repeat I will not," smiled De Ravignac.

"It is a great responsibility for Touton," persisted Savary.

"Very well," said De Ravignac, addressing the valet, after a momentary silence, "then nothing is easier than for Jolyot—you know Jolyot?" (Touton knew Jolyot) "for Jolyot to ride on the box. He will like the journey. That is all," concluded De Ravignac. "Anything more, Pomard will tell you. Good night. Be careful of that letter."

And the valet withdrew.

(To be continued.)

MR. WILLIAM JENKINS.

The following brilliantly-written biographical sketch of our respected Iron Works Manager is taken from the "History and Biography of West Durham," Part II. of which has just been issued:—

William Jenkins, the able general manager of the Consett Iron Works, was born at Merthyr Tydvil, Glamorganshire, more than fifty years ago. His father, Mr Thomas Jenkins, a much-esteemed, God-fearing man, was a native of the old town of Llantrisant, in the same county—where the family had lived for many generations—and won celebrity by his contributions to Welsh literary societies, and by his general knowledge of ancient Welsh subjects. For many years he was head master of the Dowlais Schools, established by Sir John Guest, long before the general movement in favour of education in the manufacturing districts of the country. How efficient the Dowlais Schools were under his management is well known. They still rank with the very best, much to the credit of the capitalist who established them, and provided for their efficient continuance in the future. It is reasonable to assume that no inconsiderable part of the prosperity of the Dowlais Works is due to the good training under Mr Jenkins of a large number of the staff who were his pupils. In 1851, Mr William Jenkins married Rosina, youngest daughter of Mr George Kirkhouse, who for nearly forty years was chief mining engineer to the Dowlais Iron Company. The Kirkhouse family have been well-known in South Wales as a family of mining engineers during more than a century. The great grandfather of Mr Jenkins' wife, George Kirkhouse, who was married to Elizabeth Bedlington, left Gateshead about the middle of last century, and became located in the coal districts of the Swansea Valley; and the Kirkhouses and the Bedlingtons were some of the earliest mining engineers who sank deep yits, and introduced furnace ventilation in the South Wales coal fields. One branch of the family resided at Cyfarthfa Works, with the Crawshays, for about a hundred years; the survivor, Mr Bedlington Kirkhouse, having died in 1880, at the age of 75, in the house in which he was born, at Merthyr Tydvil. These two families, the Kirkhouses and Bedlingtons, were known as colliery engineers and viewers, in the neighbourhood of Gateshead, Killingworth Moor, Birtley, Chester-le-Street, Cramlington, &c., as is evidenced by local records so far back as 1716, and by letters dated in 1761, which relate to incidents in those districts, and current events of that period. John Kirkhouse, brother to the George Kirkhouse above mentioned, and Matthew, his son, for many years resided at Rainton. They were freemen of the city of Durham, and voted for General Lambton at the memorable election in 1761, when 215 occasional or "mushroom" freemen were created and admitted to vote for Major Gowland, the other candidate. It is thus very remarkable that Mrs Jenkins, being a descendant of those families, should come, after the lapse of so long a period, to reside at Consett Hall, in the locality of her old kinsfolk. Contrary to the tastes and inclinations of his father, Mr Jenkins had a strong desire for commercial life, and, at a very early age, he was employed by one of the partners of the Dowlais Iron Works, at the large collieries and blastfurnaces; and subsequently went through all the commercial departments of the iron manufacture at Dowlais, in which he advanced by the old, healthy means of steady industry and efficiency, and where he had long experience and intercourse with large bodies of men. Sir John Guest, who for several years had been the sole owner of the Works, died in 1852; and the trustees, Mr Clark and Lord Aberdare, appointed Mr Jenkins to the entire charge of the commercial business of the firm, which position he retained until his removal to the North. During his long service at Dowlais, the iron rail trade grew from small beginnings to an enormous industry, and came down again to small dimensions, giving way to steel rails, the first of which was rolled at Dowlais, in 1858, by Mr Jenkins' old friends, Mr Menelaus and Mr Edward Williams. In Mr Jenkins' early days there was no communication by rail between the Welsh iron works and collieries and the sea, and there was no docks worthy of the name on the Bristol Channel, nor was the steam coal trade of Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, and other ports at all developed. Now railways connect the Welsh iron and coal works on the hills with all the outlets of the Channel and with all the important ports and towns of England, and no locality is better served with railway accommodation; and the coal trade of Cardiff and the adjacent ports is scarcely second to the ancient coal-shipping port of the Tyne. In this enormous development, Sir J. J. Guest, Bart., was among the foremost, if not the leader. He was the prince of practical ironmakers of his time, with a remarkable power of governing men. His family were ironmasters in Staffordshire, and in company with Mr Lewis (the head of an ancient Glamorganshire family), became the lessees under Lord Bute of a very large mineral field containing coal and ironstone of the finest quality. The original lease dates from 1748, and expired in 1848, when a new lease, with much increase of acreage, was entered into. The widow of one of the Lewis' family became Lady Beaconsfield. Sir J. J. Guest was in politics a Liberal, and was created a baronet about the time of the great Reform Act. He sat in the House of Commons as the first member for the newly-created borough of Merthyr Tydvil, and continued its member until his death in 1852. He married, in 1833, Lady Charlotte Elizabeth Bertie, and their eldest son, Ivor Bertie, now Lord Wimborne, is sole proprietor of the Dowlais Works. From the Dowlais Mills John Vaughan came to the north, and became the manager of the rolling mills of Losh, Wilson, and Bell, at Walker. While there he and Mr Bolckow married two sisters. By his discovery of the Cleveland ironstone, and his skill in the making of malleable iron, he gave the great impetus to the trade in the north. There also came from Dowlais the family of Evans, now represented by Mr Wm. Evans, the manager of Bowling Works; Mr T. Evans, the Government Inspector of Mines; likewise the Richards family, still represented at Dowlais, and also at Middlesbrough by Mr E. W. Richards, the able manager of Bolckow, Vaughan, and Co.; likewise Mr Edward Williams, now proprietor of the Linthorpe Iron Works, and past-president of the Iron and Steel Institute. The Martin family is still represented at Dowlais, and Mr E. P. Martin, manager at Blaenavon. The early life of Mr Joseph Dickinson, chief Government Inspector of Mines, was passed at Dowlais as mining engineer. To Dowlais, also, belong the Truran family, well-known in the Welsh iron and coal trades. The present very able manager of Dowlais, Mr Menelaus, is a past-president of the Iron and Steel Institute. The whole of the above-named well-known individuals, and many others who might be named, grew out of the Dowlais Works, under the selection and guidance of Sir J. J. Guest. Mr Jenkins, not the least illustrious of the group, removed to Consett, to manage the iron works, in October, 1869, after he had spent uninterruptedly a period of thirty-four years at Dowlais Works. He left his old home with substantial proofs of the good-will of his employers, and of the kindness of the friends of a lifetime. As to the progress of Consett for the past twelve years, this is best told by the remarkable success of the works. Mr Jenkins is, by nature, humane and kind, and does the best for his workmen, consistently with the interests of his employers, the owners of the Consett Works, whose rights are of course paramount. When there happens to be a comparative or temporary slackness of orders, superfluous workmen are not dismissed from the place, as is generelly the case; but are allowed to remain, if they choose it, with as much employment as can be given them. Mr Jenkins has with him the suffrages of the good and wise. He wishes to aid the cause of the good; and when there is such sincerity for the foundation of a good name, the good wishes of the worthy and the discerning are an unsought but a necessary consequence. To give one instance, out of many others, showing how Mr Jenkins' kindness is generally felt and appreciated, we append the text of a beautifully-illuminated address, which was presented to him by a large body of working-men who had experienced his kindness:—

From the Consett and District United Friendly Societies to Wm. Jenkins, Esq., J.P., General Manager, Consett Iron Works.

DEAR SIR,—We, the members of the above Societies, consisting of Oddfellows (M.U. and B.U.), Foresters, Sons of Temperance, Free Gardeners, Mechanics, and Catholic United Brethren, beg to return you our sincere thanks for the many favours we have received at your hands, more especially in connection with our annual procession and gala. We feel assured that it is to a sincere desire on your part to forward the welfare of our members and their families that we owe the generous aid you have given us, and also the kindly manner in which you have personally come forward to assist us. It is a matter for congratulation with us that, while we are using our best endeavours to spread the principles of our Societies, and thereby improve the moral and physical condition of the people, we should have the countenance and support of a gentleman possessing the influence which your position amongst us naturally gives you. We, therefore beg of you to accept this address, as a slight expression of our respect and gratitude, and with it our best wishes for the future health, happiness, and prosperity of yourself, Mrs Jenkins, and family.—Signed, on behalf of the above Societies,

RALPH WALTON, Chairman.
W. S. DAVIES, Honorary Secretary.
CHARLES HAMMOND, Treasurer.

Consett, November, 1877.

Whilst his exertions have been untiringly directed to the development of this great representative of British capital at Consett, Mr Jenkins has not neglected the important duties of life. His daily toil being over, nearly every moment is vigorously devoted to a constant exercise of good offices for the benefit of those around him. He aids and countenances every good object, and takes the lead in everything that has a tendency to advance the interests of the neighbourhood in which he lives. Being an attractive, fluent speaker, his services are in great request, and no meeting of a public nature is considered complete without his presence. For ten years he has been Chairman of the Consett Local Board, and he finds time to make himself useful in a variety of other ways. The kind of learning which tends most to the development of the art of correct observation is doubtless that of natural science, which expands the mind, removes local prejudices, supplies new sources of pleasing and useful information, and conduces to the increase of philanthrophy and generosity of sentiment. From his constant intercouse with large bodies of the population, Mr Jenkins has been led to study their wants, and the thoroughness of his knowledge in this respect, his extensive acquaintance with sanitary matters, his strong common sense and comprehensive grasp of public questions, and, above all, the conscientious and independent manner in which he works out his convictions, eminently fit him as a representative of the people at the different governing bodies in the district. It is to Mr Jenkins' zeal for their comfort and welfare that the public owe the removal of the Petty Sessions and County Court from Shotley Bridge to Consett. Mr Jenkins, it only remains to be said, is a Justice of the Peace for the County of Durham, having been placed in the Commission in 1876. He is a Liberal in politics, and a staunch Churchman. While making this review of Mr Jenkins' life, and having before us the definition of genius as given by Dr. Johnson, as large general power directed to a particular point, we see what may be done by opposing to all obstacles an indomitable will and a resistless energy. We are also apt to be reminded of the motto adopted by Rowland Burdon on the iron bridge at Sunderland, viz., "*Nil desperandum, auspice Deo.*" We entertain the confident belief that Mr Jenkins' industry, clear head, and ready, suggestive intellect will lead to increased fortune and extended fame.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait.

FORESTERS' ANNIVERSARY AT CONSETT.

The thirteenth anniversary of the Court "Countess of Derwentwater" of the Ancient Order of Foresters, Consett, was celebrated on Saturday last. In previous years the members of this Court held a dinner in which the members only could participate, but it was resolved upon to give in this and in future years, the members' wives and families, and also the general public, a treat in the shape of a tea and concert. In the afternoon a public tea was provided in the Infant National Schools, when about 150 persons partook of the rich viands provided. The tables were gracefully presided over by Mrs C. Davison, and Misses Robson, Turnbull, Perry, and Baitey. After tea a grand concert was given in the Boys' Schoolroom. There was a very appreciative audience to hear the well-arranged programme that was gone through. The artistes engaged were principally from Mr John H. Amers's concert party, viz:—Madame Hall Atkin (*née* Miss Robertina Hall), of the Art Gallery concerts, Newcastle; Miss Sara Probert, of Birtley; Mr W. Maule Lyall, and Mr Geo. Duncan (comique), of the Art Gallery concerts; and Mr Chas. Davison, Consett. At the outset the Rev F. Steggall announced that a telegram had been received from Mr Lyall informing the committee that he had missed the train from Newcastle and would not arrive until about the finish of the first part. This seemed to dispirit the anxious expectations of the audience, as there was a trio and a duet in the first part which would have to be omitted in consequence. The programme was opened by a pianoforte solo—"Scotch Airs"—by Miss Probert, which she rendered in splendid style. The dullness that had overspread the audience at the commencement disappeared when Madame Hall Atkin appeared upon the platform, she being received by a loud outburst of applause. This lady, who performed in Consett last year, has become a general favourite for her exquisite singing. She gave the songs—"The Swiss girl," when her splendid voice resounded in every portion of the spacious building. She also executed the song—"Caller Herring" in grand style. For each of her songs the assemblage showed their appreciation by giving her meritorious *encores*. Mr C. Davison, the Consett favourite, also gained the hearty applause of the audience for the splendid manner in which he gave the songs—"One look of love," and "Afton Water." The songs—"Lost on the rock at sea," "The better land," and "Good bye" were rendered by Miss Sara Probert, who also opened the second part of the programme by a pianoforte solo—"The battle march of Delhi" when her wonderful manipulating powers were loudly applauded by the audience. Mr W. Maule Lyall received the enthusiastic plaudits of the company in executing the songs—"Rocked in the cradle of the deep," "The village blacksmith," and "The Wolf," his rendering of all being excellent. A duet "Love and War"—was given by Messrs Davison and Lyall, in which the former' high-toned tenor blended admirably with the rich bass of the latter, and elicited much *eclat* from the listeners, and gained a well-merited re-call which they acknowledged by singing the last part of the piece. The chief feature in the evening was the performance of the comic songs—"Aw wish aw was married," "Picture book Peggy," and "The Cullercoats fish lass," by Mr G. Duncan. This gentleman's powers of mimicry are of a high class character, his every movement being naturally comic. He fairly brought down the house with applause, keeping the audience in roars of laughter. He received *encores* for each of his pieces (which are of his own composition) to which he responded by giving several comic songs, all of which were sung in character. Mr C. Probert (Birtley), accompanied the vocalists on the pianoforte. After the National Anthem had been given the highly-pleased auditory dispersed.

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ASSAULT WITH A CROWBAR AT WEST STANLEY.—At the Lanchester Police Court on Thursday se'nnight, *Thomas Lamb* was charged with unlawfully wounding John Tees, the manager of the boot and shoe department of the Stanley Co-operative Stores, on Saturday night last. Mr Oliver, of Durham, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr T. Forster, of Newcastle, for the defence. It appears from what was stated that prosecutor and defendant lived in one building, and a dispute arose as to the right of way to the back premises, when prosecutor put on a padlock. Defendant attemped to break the padlock. This attempt was frustrated by complainant, when defendant, with a crowbar (with which he was breaking the padlock) struck him a blow on the head, inflicting a serious wound, rendering him unconscious. Dr. Mantle was sent for and prosecutor was speedily restored to consciousness, and a wound penetrating to the skull was observable, but he was never actually in danger.—After hearing the evidence for the prosecution and that of the defence, the magistrates reduced the charge to one of common assault, and defendant was fined £2 and costs.

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15, North Road, Durham, 21st Sept., 1881.

DEAR SIR,—Some years ago I had one of my legs severely injured. During last year I felt a weakness and constant aching pain, which partly confined me to the house and rendered walking—except for short distances—impossible. A few months ago I procured one of your Magnetic Stockings, and the good it has done me is beyond conception. I am now free from pain and aching, and can walk as well as ever without experiencing the slightest difficulty or hinderance. It has been, and is still, to me a blessing indeed.
Very truly yours,
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Wherlton, Whalbottle, Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
November 18th, 1881.

SIR,—My wife's belt, which you have re-magnetized and re-made so beautifully, has come to hand. It has been in constant use for ever a year, and I am glad to be able now to re-affirm every word of what I wrote to you on September 22, 1880. Since then I have procured several appliances for my friends, all of which have operated beneficially. Especially ought I to mention the case of the young girl, who was afflicted with fits frequently and severely. She has worn your spine band for about 11 months, and has not had one attack during that time.—Yours truly,
Mr. D. Lamont. JOHN EGGIE.

PAINS.—LOSS OF VOICE.—SORE BACK.
Cowpen Square, Blyth,
November 14th, 1881.

DEAR SIR,—I consider it both a pleasure and a duty to inform you that the Magnetic Appliance supplied by you to several of my friends have in each case given the greatest satisfaction. My father got a waist belt and anklets, and they have done him a power of good. He could not walk a quarter of a mile, but can now walk about without any inconvenience. Some time ago, my mother lost her voice completely, and by applying one of the anklets to her throat for a few weeks it was entirely restored. My brother got a belt for weakness in the back, caused by injuries received while following his daily employment, and it has done him a vast of good. They are all agreeable for you to use this as a testimonial if you think proper.—Yours respectfully,
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Burnopfield Colliery, Durham
November 12th, 2881.

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Mr. D. Lamont. JAMES HOLMES.

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DERWENT ANGLING ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Members of the Derwent Angling Association will be held in the Town Hall, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday, March 22nd, 1882, at Seven o'clock p.m.—By order. 249q

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Public Notices.

CASTLESIDE CHORAL SOCIETY.

FAWCETT'S ORATORIA, "PARADISE," will be given on EASTER MONDAY, April 10th, 1882, at CASTLESIDE.—Further particulars.

NOTICE.

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MR. J. W. MAHONY, of Birmingham, will deliver a LECTURE in the Central Hall, Benfieldside, on Sunday, March 19th, 1882. Subject—"Spiritualism: is it a Revelation, or a Delusion. Questions revelant to the Lecture invited." Chair to be taken by Mr. H. BROWN. Doors open at Six p.m.; to commence at Half-past Six. A Collection to defray expenses. 248q

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THE rate of expenditure continues to show a reduction, and the accounts are again in every respect most satisfactory.

In the Ordinary Branch the New Business completed during the year consists of 6,949 Policies, assuring the sum of £860,172, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £31,603 4s 8d. The Claims of the year amount to £89,677 17s 1d, under 474 Policies, representing 432 Deaths and 22 Endowment Assurances matured.

The rate of expenses of the branches is 10½ per cent. on the premium income, being less than that of last year.

Attention is drawn to the large New Premium Income in this Branch, particularly to the increase of the premium receipts, which are upwards of £21,000 more than in the previous year, being the largest increase which has been obtained in the history of the company.

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SUMMARY OF THE QUINQUENNIAL REPORT.

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The rate of expenditure, during the Quinquennium, has been reduced six per cent. in the ordinary branch, and seven per cent. in the industrial branch. There is every reason to believe that the reduction in the industrial branch will be continued.

In the ordinary branch the annual premium income has increased from £83,245 to £142,732, and the assurance fund from £473,862 to £744,583.

In the industrial branch the increase in the annual premium income has been from £980,575 to £2,051,024, and the assurance fund from £373,492 to £1,721,492.

The directors would draw attention to the report made by Mr A. H. BAILEY on the results of the valuation, and to his approval of the methods adopted by the Company's actuaries.

It is gratifying to know that these results have been secured after fully providing for every liability, and after adding a considerable amount to the contingency fund, and carrying forward a large balance in each branch.

EXTRACT FROM MR. A. H. BAILEY'S REPORT

I have carefully examined the several papers which you have placed in my hands containing the results of the valuation of the liabilities of your Company to the 31st December, 1881. During the progress of the work, which has occupied several months, and on which more than 600 persons have been engaged, I have had opportunities of inspecting the various processes that have been employed, and of satisfying myself of the care and pains that have been taken to ensure accuracy throughout.

Your business is derived mainly from the large classes of the community whose means will admit of their effecting Life Assurance for small or very moderate sums only, and whom the greater number of the existing Life Assurance Societies have been unable or unwilling to reach. In furtherance of this object the business of the Company is divided into two branches, for each of which separate accounts are kept and separate investments made.

(1). The Ordinary Branch, in which the premiums are payable in most cases annually, but sometimes half-yearly or quarterly. (2). The Industrial Branch, in which all the premiums without exception are payable weekly.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—For the policies on single lives for the whole term with profits, which constitute the bulk of the risks, the average amount assured by each policy is nearly £137, the average annual premium £4 8s 6d, or at the rate of £3 4s 9d per cent. on the sum assured.

From Mr Hughes' report it will be observed that the number of policies in force (exclusive of annuities) is 31,626, the premium income being £142,642. The business of this branch alone is therefore of considerable magnitude and importance.

The valuation of the liabilites has been made upon a basis the effect of which is to require a larger reserve than most Life Assurance Companies retain or think necessary.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—In this branch the average amount assured by each policy is £9 4s 10d, the average weekly premium almost exactly 2d, being at the rate of £4 12s 1d per cent. per annum on the sum assured. The number of policies in force is 4,822,519, so that the lives assured comprise about one-eighth of the entire population of Great Britain and Ireland. The annual premium income is £2,051,024.

Experience has shown that for business of this character two conditions are indispensable; the premiums must be payable weekly and agents must be employed to call regularly for their collection. These two conditions occasion heavy expense, and as a necessary consequence the rates of premium are and must be higher than the Ordinary Branch. But offering as you do both systems of assurance to the public, you find that the majority are willing to pay the higher rates for the convenience of the weekly receipt and collection of the premiums.

Careful consideration has been given to the principles upon which these liabilities should be valued, comprehending risks from infancy to extreme old age. By the requirements of the Act of Parliament returns have to be made to the Board of Trade of the sums assured and premiums payable at every age of life, and calculations have been made of the present value of these quantities for all the policies in force. But of the recently effected policies, a large proportion are on the lives of children with whom the risk of death diminishes, instead of increasing as they become older; again, a large number of these recently effected policies are allowed to lapse after they have been a short time only in force. To such policies, therefore, it seems to me that the usual methods of Valuation are not properly applicable.

It was therefore decided, as explained in Mr. Dewey's report, that for all Whole Life Policies exceeding £50, all Endowment and Joint Life Assurances, and all other policies which had been five years in force, and where the lives assured were above ten years of age, a reserve should be made on the same principles as in the Ordinary Branch, except that the Tables of Mortality employed should be the English Life Tables.

The other policies, of which although the number is large the liability under them is very small, have been regarded as short term risks.

It is in the highest degree satisfactory to find that after subjecting the liabilities to the stringent tests that have been described your resources have been found to be so ample to meet all your engagements; and the general results of this searching investigation cannot but be most gratifying to all who are interested in the prosperity of the Company.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF MR. W. HUGHES, ACTUARY OF THE ORDINARY BRANCH.

There were in force at the date of the Valuation 31,616 Life Assurance Policies, assuring with Bonus £4,242,449, and producing an Annual Premium income of £142,642. The Immediate Annuities are 186 in number, and involve a charge of £4,202 per annum.

The Table of Mortality employed for the valuation of the Life Assurance Policies is the Institute of Actuaries HM Table, and for the Immediate Annuities Mr Finlaison's Government Annuity Tables, being the same that were used at the last Valuation. The rate of interest assumed in the calculations for both kinds of contract is 3 per cent.

The whole of the loading, or difference between the premiums actually receivable and the pure premiums, has been reserved. This loading amounts to £31,377 per annum, and is available to meet future expenses and provide for future profits.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF MR. T. C. DEWEY, ACTUARY OF THE INDUSTRIAL SMITH.

The Policies in existence were 4,822,519 in number, assuring the sum of £44,558,814, and producing a weekly income from premiums of £39,442 16s, and an annual premuim income of £2,051,024.

The special tables for endowment assurance, issued after the last valuation, have been very successful, the amount of business now in existence producing an annual premium income of £32,700. The facilities offered in this branch for assurances on the lives of the middle classes, have resulted in a large accession of income, the premium income derived from assurance of £50 and upwards being now £115,489 per annum.

During the Quinquennium the mortality of this branch of the Company's business has been carefully recorded week by week. The results nearly corresponded with Dr. Farr's English Life Table (No. 3) and, as directed by you, I have taken that table as the basis of the valuation for every description of risk. As at previous investigations, I have assumed that the interest realised will, for the future, be £3 per cent. per annum.

Male and Female lives have been kept separate throughout the valuation, the number of each sex assured is in nearly similar proportion to that shown by the population of the country. Each year's business has been valued separately, and as the oldest policies have been 30 years in existence sixty separate valuations have consequently been necessary.

A pure Premium Valuation has been made for all policies, upon lives exceeding ten years of age, which have been in existence five years, and for all policies issued under the Endowment Assurance, the Middle Class and the Joint Life Tables, however short their duration.

For Infatile Assurances and all other polices under £50 in amount and of less than five years' duration, a method has been adopted which produces a liability on every policy and reserves a sum sufficient to meet the permanent expenses of the Branch; it follows, therefore, that all negatives values have been excluded.

LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES' ACT, 1870.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED (ORDINARY BRANCH), ON THE 31st DECEMBER, 1881.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
Life Assurance Fund	744,583	2	4
Sickness and Assurance Fund	490	6	6
Claims under Life Policies admitted	5,348	6	11
	£750,421	15	9

ASSETS.				£	s.	d.
Mortgages on Property within the United Kingdom				203,629	10	3
Loans on the Company's Policies				27,930	17	9
Loans on Municipal and other Rates				23,478	16	8
Investments:—						
In British Government Securities				95,132	2	3
Indian and Colonial ditto				70,339	7	3
Foreign ditto				13,267	15	3
Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stock				61,633	6	3
Ditto Shares (Preference and Ordinary)				20,651	1	5
House Property	£91,146	4	8			
Less amount written off	1,000	0	0			
				£90,146	4	8
Reversions				60,092	18	11
Agents' Balances				5,755	2	10
Outstanding Premiums				2,284	0	8
Ditto Interest and Rents				6,681	10	1
Amount due from Official Liquidator of International Insurance Society				5,183	1	4
Deposits at Three Months' Notice				50,009	0	0
Cash—						
On current account	£14,116	0	2			
In hand	100	0	0			
				14,216	0	2
				£750,421	15	9

BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED (INDUSTRIAL BRANCH), ON THE 31st DECEMBER, 1881.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	50,070	0	0
Life Assurance Fund	1,721,492	13	6
Contingency Fund	40,000	0	0
Claims under Life Policies admitted	18,017	11	6
	£1,829,580	5	0

ASSETS.				£	s.	d.
Mortgages on Property within the United Kingdom				79,339	13	6
Loans on Municipal and other rates				293,363	12	2
City of London Corporation Bonds				25,000	0	0
Investments:—						
In British Government Securities				233,581	0	0
Railway Debenture Stock				72,954	7	5
Freehold Ground Rents				516,585	8	2
House Property				215,160	19	7
Scotch Feu Duties				7,047	14	0
Freehold Estates				80,210	7	2
Reversions				42,118	14	9
Furniture and Fittings				23,500	0	0
Loans on Personal Security				8,942	7	8
Agents' Balances				87,280	9	8
Outstanding Interest and Rents				15,267	0	0
Deposits at Three Months' notice				4,500	0	0
Cash in hands of Superintendents				26,924	1	10
Cash—						
On Deposit	£70,000	0	0			
On Current Account	27,554	9	1			
In hand	250	0	0			
				97,804	9	1
				£1,829,580	5	0

EDGAR HORNE, Chairman.
HENRY HARBEN, }
THOS. REID, } Directors.

We have examined, month by month, the various Receipts and Payments of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited.

We have also examined the foregoing Accounts, find them to be correct, and hereby confirm the same.

We have seen and examined the various Securities.

THOS. C. DEWEY, }
WILLIAM HUGHES, } Managers.
W. J. LANCASTER, Secretary.

JAMES ALLANSON, }
ROBERT BARNES, } Auditors.

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr. J. Crawford.

Consett Auction Mart.

MR. J. CRAWFORD will hold his MONTHLY SALE of LIVE STOCK, &c., &c., on Monday, March 27th, 1882.

All Entries to be made to Mr. J. CRAWFORD, the Auctioneer, on or before Wednesday, 22nd.

Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

The Spen, near Lintz Green.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, instructed by Mr. W. RUTHERFORD, who is about to Emigrate, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION the whole of his Household FURNITURE, on Monday First, March 20th, 1882.

For further particulars see Posters.

By Mr H. Brown.

Westwood Colliery.—Saturday, March 25th, 1882.

MR. HENRY BROWN, instructed by Mr. ROBT. BEATTIE, Joiner, who is about to Emigrate to Africa, will SELL BY AUCTION, at Westwood Colliery, on Saturday, March 25th, 1882, his Valuable Household FURNITURE, Garden Tools, Seed Potatoes, Poultry, &c.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 252q

Mr. A. T. Crow.

Great Northern Horse Repository, Hay Market, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Sale—Saturday, March 18th, 1882.

MR. A. T. CROW begs to announce that he will SELL, as above, upwards of 20 Superior Young Draught HORSES, from the principal breeders in Cumberland and Dumfriesshire, all guaranteed good workers, and Sold on a three days trial; also, 20 Welsh PONIES, from 9 h.h. to 11 h.h.

J. M. PEEL, Proprietor.

Hay Market, March 15th, 1882. 734q

Mr. Thomas M. Dawson.

"The" Auction Rooms, 9, Market Street (few doors from Theatre Royal), Newcastle-on-Tyne.

THOMAS M. DAWSON (late Manager for Mr. W. Easten, Auctioneer, deceased), has pleasure in intimating that he will hold his Weekly SALE BY AUCTION, at above address, on Friday, 24th March, 1882, of New and Second-hand FURNITURE and other Miscellaneous EFFECTS, including Pictures, Draperies, Furnishing Ironmongery, Boots and Shoes, Gold and Silver Watches, Books, Groceries, &c., together with other Specialities, which will be duly advertised in order of arrival.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

N.B.—The Rooms are now open for the reception of Consignments of every description of Goods. The position of "The" Auction Room ensures a large attendance of buyers, and also a fair auction price, and, if preferred, the Auctioneer will purchase and take the risk upon himself. Cash advanced. Prompt settlements.

By Mr. J. Jenkins.

Trafalgar Street Sale Rooms, Consett.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday First, March 20th, 1882, a large quantity of Valuable New and Second-hand Household FURNITURE, removed to the above Rooms for convenience of Sale,

Mr. JOHN JENKINS, Auctioneer,

Comprising—Ash Press; excellent Painted Press, in good condition; large Oak Drawers; Painted Dressing Drawers; 2 excellent Mahogany Sofas, in Hair-seating; strong Desk Bed; Cheffioneer Bed; Upholstered Longsettle; Large Mahogany Sideboard, 8 feet long, no worse than new; Mahogany Centre Table; Couch, in Leather; 2 Mahogany Easy Chairs; 6 Mahogany Chairs, in Hair-seating; large Double Office Desk; Windsor and Cane Chairs; 6 Polished Kitchen Chairs; Smoking Chair; Sponge Bath; Children's Cot; splendid Brass and Iron French and Tester Bedsteads; Feather, Down, and Flock Beds; a large assortment of Remnants of Oil Cloth; 3 Sets of Venetian Blinds; Window Blinds and Mats; 2 large Mantlepiece Mirrors; Swing Glass; Kitchen and Toilet Tables; 2 Parlour Fenders; 2 Sets of Parlour Fire Irons, Cradle; Child's Chair; a quantity of Garden and Draining Tools; 2 large Clothes Horses; 2 Poss Tubs; about 40 Head of Poultry, including 2 prize Cockerels, together with a large quantity of other Goods too numerous to mention.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

By Mr. P. Osborne.

Bradley Arms Inn, Leadgate.

MR. P. OSBORNE is instructed to SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday, March 20th, 1882, at the above address, the property of Mr. JOHN PARKER and others, HORSES, COWS, STORE CATTLE, PIGS, POULTRY, AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, CONVEYANCES, HARNESS, Household FURNITURE, DAIRY UTENSILS, &c.

Particulars in Posters.

Sale to commence at Half-past One p.m.

Sale Office, Durham Road, Blackhill. 227q

Station Hotel, Ebchester.

MR. P. OSBORNE, having been honoured with instructions from Mr. WM. CHARLTON, who is declining Farming at Milkwell Burn, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above Address, on Thursday, March 23rd, 1882, at One p.m. prompt, the whole of his STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, CONTRACTOR'S PLANT, &c., which will be removed for Convenience of Sale.

STOCK:

5 Milch Cows, calved, and to calve; 6 Two-year-old Heifers; One-year-old Heifer; 3 One-year-old Bulls; 3 Two-year-old Steers; 2 One-year-old Steers; 2 Finger Calves; Two-year-old Colt, by Black Robin, very promising; 12 Pigs, 8 weeks old; Young Sow, in Pig.

IMPLEMENTS:

2 Coup Carts; Iron Plough; Pair of Harrows; Combined Reaping Machine; 2 American Hay Rakes.

SUNDRIES:

Set of Spring Cart Harness; Hames; Chains and Backbands; Neck and Night Collars; Shovels; Forks; &c.; Pig Troughs; Sheep Troughs; Cow Tubs; about 30 Head of Poultry; together with a part of the Household FURNITURE; 11 One-yard Waggons; 2ft. gauge, for Contractor's Work; Planks; Chains, &c.; a quantity of Old Iron; together with a Miscellaneous Lot of other Articles too numerous to mention.

Sale Office, Durham Road, Blackhill. 206q

By Mr. William Raw.

Sawmill Yard, Blackhill.

MR. W. RAW, having been instructed by Mrs. PHILLIPS, who with her family is about to Emigrate to America, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, the whole of her Household FURNITURE and other EFFECTS, on Saturday, March 25th, 1882, comprising—Mahogany Chest of Drawers; Mahogany Press; Oval Walnut Dining Table; large Kitchen Table; small Kitchen Table; Round Tea Table; 6 Polished Birch Chairs; 4 Kitchen Chairs; Rocking Chair; Nursing Chair; 2 Iron Bedsteads; 2 Wood Bedsteads; 4 good Mattresses; several Beds; Feather Bolsters and Pillows; 2 Longsettles; Cradle; Cornice Pole; 4 Fenders and Fireirons; Venetian Blinds; large Lamp; Set of China; Glass and Ware; good Eight-days' Clock; Brass Stair Rods; Scales and Weights; Quilting Frames; Saw and New Plane; 3 Poss Tubs; 3 Milk Cans; Pails; Tubs; Kettle and Pans; Brass Tea Kettle; Smoothing Irons; Bread Tins; Window Rollers; Clothes Basket; excellent Sewing Machine, by Rimmington.

Also, New Scythe; 5 Hay Rakes; 3 Steel Forks; 2 Spades; Gripes, &c.; Wringing Machine; about 120 feet of Battens, 6½in. by 2½in.; 7 Cow Chains, and several other Lots.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock precisely.

Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 242q

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Wm. Nicholson.

Newbiggin Farm, Lanchester.

MR. WILLIAM NICHOLSON, is instructed by Mr. RICHARD MURRAY, who is retiring from Farming, to SELL BY AUCTION, at the above Farm, on Wednesday, March 22nd, 1882, at One for Two o'clock, the whole of his Valuable Young DRAUGHT HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, &c., comprising 10 Strong Draught Horses, ages from 2 to 6 years old; Bay Carriage Horse, 16·3 h.h., 6 years old; Grey Carriage Horse, 16·2 h.h., 5 years old; 35 Head of Fat and Grazing Cattle; 12 Tup Hoggs; 12 Sets of Cart and Plough Harness; Set of Silver Mounted Double Harness; small Horse Thrashing Machine, and a Spring Rolley.

Newbiggin is One Mile from Lanchester Station, N.E.R. 210q

By Mr. J. Oley.

The Drift, Victoria Garesfield.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, instructed by Mr. JOHN NICHOLSON, who is about to Emigrate, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, his Valuable Household FURNITURE, at Victoria Garesfield, on Tuesday, April 4th, 1882, comprising—Mahogany High Chest of Drawers; Eight-days' Clock; 2 Iron Bedsteads; Four-poled Bedstead; Dresser and Shelf; Kitchen Table; 4 Kitchen Chairs; 3 Bed-room Chairs; Dressing Glasses; Pictures; Set of Brass Candlesticks; 2 Fenders; Set of Fire Irons; Tidy; Loose Bar; Tea Kettle; Girdle and Frying Pan; 3 Pans; 4 Flat Irons; 2 Handsaws; Hammers; Glass and Earthenware; Water Filter; 2 Water Pails, Clothes Line; Clothes Basket; Poss Tub; Rain Tubs; with other numerous Cottage Requisites.

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

Stanley Hill Top Farm.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, honoured with instructions from Mr. THOMAS TURNBULL, who is leaving the above Farm, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, upon the Premises, at Stanley Hill Top, on Monday, March 20th, 1882, the CORN STACKS, HAY, YOUNG HORSES, CATTLE, STEAM ENGINE, and part of FARM IMPLEMENTS, viz:—Draught Filly, by Honest Tom, unbroken, rising 4 years; Yearling Filly, by Honest Tom; Entire Colt, 2 years old; 3 Milk Cows, calved, and in calf; 8 Stirks from 6 to 18 months old; Fat Pig, about 24 stones; Steam Engine, 6 Horse-power, with Thrashing Machine, Chaff Cutter, Grinding Mill, and Dressing Machine, all attached; Weighing Machine, up to 3 cwt.; Long Cart; Coup Cart; Sack Barrow; Grindstone; 3 Sheep Troughs; Sheep Nets and Stakes; together with Hand and Stable Implements; Cart and Plough Gears; also, a Pair of Blacksmith's Bellows, Anvil, Vice, Tongs, &c.; Scuffler; Mould Board; Double Plough; Grubber; Set 3 Horse Swingletrees; Mangle; 2 Barrel Churns; Washing Machine; Wheel Plough, &c.

Also, 3 Stacks of Wheat; 6 Stacks of Barley; 2 Stacks of Oats, with the Straw; Stack of excellent Old Land Hay, containing about 8 Tons; Stack of New Land Hay, about the same weight.

Sale to commence at One o'clock p.m. prompt. 212q

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

By Mr. A. Brodie.

March 20th, 1882, and following days.

Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett.—Important Sale of a Superior Stock of Linen and Woollen Drapery without reserve.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed to OFFER for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett, the entire STOCK OF LINEN AND WOOLLEN DRAPERY, belonging the Estate, without Reserve, on March 20th, 1882, and following days.

☞ The Auctioneer would particularly direct attention to this Sale, and as the Goods are of first-class quality and in good condition he trusts his friends and the public will rally round him on this occasion and avail themselves of this opportunity offered of obtaining really good Drapery cheap.

Particulars in Bills and future Advertisements. 174q

Notice.

ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Valuer, Emigration and Insurance Agent, Town Hall, Consett, respectfully informs his Friends and the Public that he is sufficiently recovered from his late severe illness for the transaction of Business, and that his Office at present is at No. 17, Sherburn Terrace, where he may be consulted daily on all matters relating to the different branches thereof. The Office in the Town Hall is open as usual.

☞ Note the Address of his Offices.—17, Sherburn Terrace, and Town Hall, Consett. 177q

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

EARLY LAMBS IN WEARDALE.—Three ewes belonging Mr Chapman, Frosterley, dropped seven lambs last week.

We understand that Mr Wm. Stoker, who for some years has officiated as harmoniumist at Blackhill Primitive Chapel, has been appointed organist of Castleside Church, in place of Mr J. Stephenson.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE.—John Fenwick, of the Bute Arms, Dipton, Durham, farmer and inkeeper; Mr James John Gillespie, Cross House Chambers, Westgate Road, Newcastle, chartered accounted, has been appointed trustee.—*London Gazette.*

SPIRITUALISM: IS IT A REVELATION, OR A DELUSION?—From an announcement in another column our readers will perceive that this subject has to be discussed by Mr Mahony in the Central Hall, Blackhill, on Sunday night.

CASTLESIDE.—On Sunday afternoon, the Rev. D. Bryson, curate of Consett, conducted a special service for school children in St. John's Church; and in the evening preached an impressive sermon to an exceedingly large congregation. The collections throughout the day were in behalf of the recent improvements effected in the Church.

LOCAL HONOURS.—The Mayor of Shotley Bridge having forwarded to the Premier a copy of his well-known *weakly* periodical, *The Magnate* (in which he introduces an original style of typography), has received a reply from Mr Gladstone acknowledging receipt of the same, and complimenting the Mayor on his novel and marvellous literary production.

CONFIRMATION AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.—The Bishop of Durham held a confirmation on Wednesday in the parish church for the parishes of Chester-le-Street, Lamesley, Lumley, and Birtley. For Chester-le-Street parish there were 28 males and 57 females; Lamesley, 20 males and 25 females; Lumley, 10 males and 15 females; Birtley, 3 males and 12 females, making a total of 170 candidates.

ENTERTAINMENT AT CROOK.—On Monday evening an entertainment was given in the Temperance Hall, Crook, by the members of the juvenile templars, when an excellent programme of songs, duetts, recitations, readings, &c., was gone through in an highly agreeable manner. There was a fair audience present, who frequently testified their approval of the manner in which each and all acquitted themselves.

VICTORIA GARESFIELD.—On Saturday last, a public tea (subscribed by the owners and workmen of the collery at the above place) was held in the Schoolroom, when a goodly number of persons were present. The following ladies gracefully presided at the tables:—Mesdames Stonehouse, Joice, Gair and Scott, Misses Veale, Joice, Whitfield, Stoker, Scott, Rowell, and Rochester. After tea, a ball was held, when a very pleasant evening was spent. The proceeds, which were for the benefit of the sick men at the collery.

SACRED CONCERT AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

A sacred concert was given in the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel at Annfield Plain, on Monday evening, by the united Wesleyan Choirs of Tantobie and Tanfield Lea. There was a fair audience which constituted a highly respectable gathering, but the attendance would undoubtedly have been larger had not the concert clashed with other attractions provided in the immediate neighbourhood. The programme consisted chiefly of the pieces so successfully performed at the United Wesleyan Service of Song in Newcastle some months ago. The soloists were Mrs. Thwaites, of Newcastle, and Miss Brown of Tantobie; the duetts, quartettes, hymns, anthems, and choruses, being rendered by a choir of voices, under the skilful direction of Mr. M. Forster.

Mr. Wm. Jackson, of Tantobie, occupied the position of chairman and introduced the programme by a few terse pointed remarks, and further agreeably interspersed the proceedings by a variety of interesting and amusing anecdotes, the force of which was not lost upon the company. The choir sang the following anthems with much grace and precision:—"Sing unto the Lord" (Prout), "Come unto me" (Hatton). "Come let us return" (Jackson), and "Sing, O heavens" (Tours), in the last of which was an effective solo given by Miss Brown. The duet "List to the convent bells" (Blockley), was rendered by Miss Hall and Miss Richardson, in such an exceedingly pathetic manner as to receive a well-merited *encore*; and a second duett, entitled "O lovely peace" (from Handel's "Judas Maccabæus") was given by the Misses Brown with equal grandeur and effect and was applauded. Mrs Thwaites is the fortunate possessor of magnificent vocal powers and her brilliant execution of Mendellssohn's "Angel's ever bright and fair" was most enthustically re-called. She sang in acknowledgment of the compliment "Where is my boy to night?" with much simplicity and pathos. The same lady gracefully contributed another solo—"Children's voices" (Claribel), with a distant chorus by about a dozen members of the choir who were located for the time being in the vestry—somewhat too distant, we imagine, as some portions were but indistinctly heard by the general body of the assemblage. The piece was, however, re-demanded, when this defect was to a great extent remedied. The three choruses "Sing unto God" (from Judas, Maccabæus), "In God is our trust," (From Daniel), and the "Hallelujah Chorus" (from the Messiah), were rendered by the choir with much ability: as also the hymns "All thanks be to God" (Gaimtlett); and "My soul inspired with sacred love'" (Haworth); all the pieces meeting with a flattering reception. Miss Brown sang, very sweetly, "Fallen is Thy throne" (Martini), and was accorded such a measure of applause that it culminated in an *encore*, to which she gracefully responded. "Soft as fades the sunset splendour" (Emmerson), a quartette by Miss Simpson, Messrs. Bell, Baker, and Smailes, was accomplished in a most artistic manner; whilst Miss Hall, Messrs. Forster, Simmons, and Saunders achieved a great success in another quartette "Fear thou not" (Southard). The popular hymn "Forth in thy name, O Lord I go" (Holly), by the whole company exhausted a varied and well arranged programme. We may state that the choir fully sustained the reputation they have gained in this district. Mr. Wm. H. Atthey ably presided at the organ, which was augmented by cornet and violin accompanments.

Before the meeting dispersed Mr. Wm. Davison proposed, on behalf of the chapel trustees, a vote of thanks to the choir and performers for their valuable services. He was sure all present were satisfied with the enjoyable entertainment provided.

Mr. F. Welch, in a suitable speech seconded the proposition which was carried by acclamation.

A simular compliment paid to the Chairman brought the evening's programme to a close.

A coffee supper was afterwards provided in the chapel, to which a goodly number of friends sat down, and the proceedings did not finally terminate until a late hour.

The proceeds were in aid of the Trust Fund.

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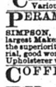
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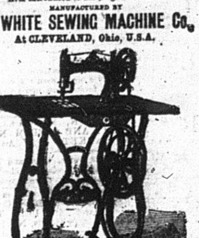
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Reports of Benfieldside Local Board and Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority will appear next week.

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17th, 1882.

ECHOES FROM BLACKHILL.

[BY INCEDO.]

Passing over the Blue (not Alsatian) Mountains last Saturday afternoon, by way of the ancient foot path leading from the Billy Goat, Blackfine, to Carrhouse, I was alarmed on reaching a point near the summit of the range (pardon me, reader, should the term 'range' sound discordant to thy delicate ear—I have an eye for the beautiful) to have forced upon me a literal illustration of the couplet—

"Death rides on every passing breeze,
He lurks in every flower."

The spot referred to is dangerous ground. One false step from the beaten tract and the hapless pedestrian would topple over a precipice some forty feet in height. How long the place has been in this condition I cannot tell. At any rate it is to be hoped, for the honour of the local authorities who are seemingly so anxious to contribute toward the public weal, that steps will be immediately taken to remedy this dreadful state of things. Besides the fact that a chasm exists in dangerous proximity to the footpath the ground is rent for yards around.

I have just had a glimpse at the second part of Mr Neasham's book—"The History and Biography of West Durham." So many enquiries have been addressed to me of late relative to the issue of the second part that I determined to pay the author a visit. I found him in harness, and I had some difficulty in recognising the smart reporter of other days. I have read somewhere of a literary character who was in the habit of shutting himself up in his studio for days at a stretch when he had work to accomplish. During one of those fits of labour the man's wife was gathered to her kindred, and being duly apprised of the sad fact the bookworm observed: "Well, she was a good woman," and proceeded with his work. Many unjust strictures have been passed upon authors of which the above is doubtless a fair specimen. Happily, Mr Neasham does not play the recluse. Mrs Neasham and he work shoulder to shoulder in getting his splendid history into book form; nor is he the first man who has benefited by the kindly hand of a devoted wife. I am sure that had some of those gentlemen who are gradually merging into bachelorhood seen the twain at work of an evening some honest men would ere now have been relieved of their daughters. The critics have extolled Mr Neasham's cardinal virtues in the busy city as well as in the provinces; but few, indeed, have made even a passing allusion to the valuable assistance rendered him by his wife. I have heard of a son of Erin, who, when taunted with the fact that when the great Nelson uttered that comprehensive but epigramic address, "England expects that every man this day will do his duty," that he did'nt think Paddy worth alluding to, exclaimed "Troth! an' Nelson knew that Irishmen could fight without coaxing." Doubtless the critics think that Mrs Neasham can work without encouragement. I intended to have said something about Part II. of Mr Neasham's book, but lo! my par on one topic is long enough already. Enough then that the part teems with first-class matter, much of which, but for the pluck displayed by the author, must have remained in oblivion. I am somewhat fastidous in my reading, perusing none but standard authors, yet do I turn with delight to this entertaining work. The part under notice contains a splendid portrait of W. Jenkins, Esq., on steel, besides a charmingly written biographical sketch of that gentleman (which we reprint in another column), together with a chaste wood-cut of Howen's Gill Bridge, and much amusing and instructive matter.

Perambulating in the vicinity of the British Schools, Consett, last Tuesday night, my ears were assailed by sounds the most charming imaginable. The windows were lighted up, and shadows flitted about as if anxious to gain admittance by the eaves. The truth flashed upon me in a moment. The bewitching sounds which I had just heard were produced by Mr Charles Stephenson's select choir of voices rehearsing Handel's "Judas Maccabæus," which is to be given, I understand, on Easter Wednesday. Crowds of people congregated about the windows, but not having a very long neck I screwed up courage and raising the latch stole softly to a seat behind the nymphs. Nor had I cause to regret the step. It was just as if one had been spirited away from this work-a-day world to elysian. The choruses were rendered so well that they seemed sublime in their construction and effect, while nothing could be finer than the rapturous sensations produced by the manner in which each varies from the other. The choruses are very warlike and spirited, and although not so long as those of the "Messiah," are quite as good in composition, and if anything perhaps more brilliant and sparkling. The following are pre-eminently I think the most striking—"Hear us, O Lord," "We never will bow down," "Hail! Judea, happy land," "See the conquering hero comes." An intellectual treat of the first order is certainly in store for the public. Besides those magnificant choruses, I see by your advertising columns, Mr Editor, that there are other two elements of great interest—viz., the soloists and the orchestral band. Musical critics are of opinion that the first-named will prove a most excellent and judicious selection. Miss Tomlinson, of Leeds, is famous especially in oratorio. She has a pure soprano voice, and is said to be as trustworthy in classical works as any that can be found. Miss Robertina Hall's voice is also a well-tried one. Then as to the orchestra. What a charming effect those sweet little violins produce; how their virgin-like voices rise and fall so delicaetly; while deep tones of approval emanate from the huge chests of their proud parents. Mr Stephenson certainly merits the congratulations, as well as the support, of the public for the enterprise which he has evinced in bringing another of the works of the great masters before the people of this district. The outlay must, on this occasion, be even greater than that incurred by the performance of the "Messiah." It is to be hoped, therefore, that Mr Stephenson's latest efforts to bring talent into the neighbourhood will meet with the support which his enterprise so well deserves.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

At the fortnightly meeting of this body yesterday (Thursday) forenoon, there were present Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P. (chairman), Canon Kearney, Rev J. P. De Pledge, Messrs W. Logan, T. Siddell, J. Wilkinson, J. Buckham, J. Collinson, R. Mitchinson, W. Shell, Jos. Eltringham, E. Leybourne, G. Wall, G. Hobson, and H. Hornsby.

THE PROPOSED REGISTRAR FOR CONSETT.

Three members of the United Friendly Societies waited upon the Board to urge their claims as to the sub-division of the registration district and the appointment of a deputy-registrar of births and deaths therein. Mr R. Walton, the chairman, headed the deputation, and narrated the facts of the case, the substance of which have already appeared in these columns.

Mr SIDDELL said that a deputation had lately attended the three Local Boards in the district and fully explained the subject before them, they in return promising to render every assistance in their power.

Mr LOGAN thought as the registrar attended Consett once a week, and could also be seen at home till a certain hour every morning, such an arrangement was in his opinion quite sufficient. He quite agreed with the deputation to a certain extent, but if they reduced Mr Thompson's income from £25 to £30 a year, he would look upon them (the Friendly Societies) to recoup him to that extent.

Mr SIDDELL observed that the Friendly Societies had made out a good case both as regards the convenience of the public generally as well as to the several societies.

Mr LOGAN: The question is—are the ratepayers prepared to give Mr Thompson £40 a year for nothing and another man at Consett £50 for doing work?

Mr SHELL: It is a very hard case for Consett, Blackhill, and neighbourhood, where there is a larger population than in any other part of the Union.

The CHAIRMAN said as regards the population, there were about 23,210 people on this side of Lanchester, and 16,419 on the other side. If they deducted the 4,000 residents in the township of Iveston, who he felt sure would as soon travel to Lanchester as Consett, that would make the districts about equal.

Mr SHELL maintained that two-thirds of the people lived in this district.

Mr LOGAN asked the deputation if they were perfectly sure that Mr Thompson only attends at Consett from one till two p.m.?

Mr Walton: I took it from the advertisement in *Consett Guardian* some time ago; moreover I know it is a fact such is the case. He is allowed an hour to travel from Blackhill to Consett.

Mr LOGAN: According to the list issued by the Registrar he has to attend Blackhill from nine till eleven, Consett, twelve till two, Leadgate three to five. He is at Consett every week; Blackhill and Leadgate once a month.

Mr Walton said that looking at the population, there was a strong feeling that it was only right that the Registrar should live amongst them. They quite understood that if they had a resident Registrar he would have to visit the outlying places of which Consett was the centre. One society in Leadgate alone paid £230 last year for sick allowance.

The Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE said his impression was that the whole system of registration was wrong.

After some conversation between Canon KEARNEY and Mr DE PLEDGE on the subject of registration of deaths,

Mr COLLINSON asked if there were any serious objections to removing the present Registrar from Lanchester to Consett?

The Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE thought that some small shopkeeper whose time was not fully occupied might do the work.

The Clerk replied that it was absolutely necessary that the work should be done by the Registrar himself, who is only allowed to have one set of books.

Mr COLLINSON believed that a strong case indeed had been made out for the division of the district, and the appointment of a deputy-registrar in it. He asserted that the various friendly societies in the Union saved the ratepayers £100 a year.

The CHAIRMAN inquired if it would meet the requirements of the district if the Registrar visited Consett three times a week instead of once?

Mr SIDDELL replied that the deputation had come expressly for the purpose of having a resident Registrar in Consett.

Canon KEARNEY: I think Blackhill is the more central place of the two, because of the railway station.

Mr Walton did not think any of their members would object to the registrar being located at Blackhill.

Canon KEARNEY: We shall have to produce some good arguments for presentation to the Registrar-General on the subject. We thought we had strong grounds when we petitioned on a former occasion, and I should like to know whether we can produce any additional arguments now?

Mr Walton did not know whether they had any additional arguments, only that trade had improved and the population rapidly was increasing. When the previous representation was made trade was dull, several of the collieries being laid off, whilst many others were working short time. He might say that if the Friendly Societies did not obtain what they now asked for, they would agitate until their claims were acceeded to.

Mr LOGAN wished to know what were the total number of deaths in the three Local Boards districts last year?

Mr Davies (Secretary to the United Friendly Society) said he could give the deaths in one or two of the societies, but not of the whole population.

Mr COLLINSON thought if Tanfield district with a population of 19,000 could boast of a resident Registrar, Consett district with a population of 23,000 ought to have a similar boon.

Mr SHELL moved that in the opinion of this Board it is deemed desirable that the registration district of the Lanchester Union be divided into two, and that a resident Registrar at Consett be appointed for the new district.

Mr ELTRINGHAM seconded the resolution, which was supported by Mr SIDDELL.

Before the motion was put, Mr LOGAN said if they passed that resolution it would not do a very great deal of good or a great amount of harm. But supposing they did accept the proposition were the people of Consett to be favoured more than Esh, Ushaw Moor, Cornsay, and those places? The registrar did not visit Ushaw Moor at all, and they were compelled to walk all the way to Lanchester. There was too much stress, he said, placed upon those large populations, and he thought they should consider the requirements of those smaller villages at the same time.

Mr SIDDELL: Yes, such as Lanchester.

Mr SHELL informed Mr Logan that the residents of Consett and Blackhill did not wish to cause any convenience to the inhabitants of the township of Esh and surrounding villages. They only asked for what was their right. If the people of Esh wanted a resident Registrar by all means let them agitate for one.

On being put to the meeting 4 Guardians voted for the resolution and 7 against it; the remaining 5 being neutral. The Guardians in favour of it were Messrs Siddell, Shell, Collinson, and Eltringham.

The Rev. J. P. DE PLEDGE was moving a resolution that the registrar attend at Consett three times weekly, when

Mr LOGAN interposed and said he intended to propose that as the Guardians could not see their way clear at the present time to carry out the wish of the deputation, therefore the Board should inquire into the existing arrangements of the Registrar in order to give the inhabitants of Consett and district better facilities for registration.

Mr BUCKHAM suggested that a committee of the Board should consider the question and recommend some suitable arrangement; and this Mr Logan agreed to embody in his motion.

The resolution was carried.

Mr SIDDELL remarked that he would strongly advise the Friendly Societies to keep away from the Lanchester Guardians in future, and pursue some other course, if they wished to obtain a resident Registrar.

The members of the deputation (who retired during the greater part of the discussion) were recalled into the room, when the Chairman informed them of the decision the Board had arrived at.

At the request of the Board the Clerk read the letter from the Registrar-General (dated 24th May, 1877) in which he stated that the new arrangements come to must provide ample convenience for the prompt registration of births and deaths in Consett and district; also that he was adverse to recommending to the Local Government Board to sub-divide the district, as every parish and town would then require a Registrar of their own.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that a similar reply would be received if the question were again placed before the Registrar-General.

Mr Walton asserted that the various friendly bodies would assuredly continue the agitation until such times as they obtained what they were aiming at.

Mr SIDDELL: Hear, hear.

The Deputation thanked the Board and withdrew.

[Messrs R. Walton (chairman) and W. S. Davies (hon. sec.) wish us to inform their constituents that the petitions which were being prepared in the matter will now remain in abeyance pending the investigation of the Guardians' committee.]

PRECEPT FOR NEXT HALF-YEAR.

The Clerk reported that the estimated amount due from the several parishes for the next half-year was £9,203; and the balance in hand in favour of the Union was £3,099; so that the amount required was £6,146. A sixpenny rate would raise the desired sum.

INMATES OF WORKHOUSE.

The following is the Workhouse Master's report of the number of inmates in the institution:—

Week ending March 8th	158
Corresponding week of last year	151
Week ending March 15th	150
Corresponding week last year	161
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	142
" " corresponding fortnight last year	172

THE SEPARATE CELLS.

The CHAIRMAN announced that he himself, together with the Clerk of Works and Workhouse Master, had visited Newcastle and South Shields Workhouses, and they were quite of opinion that the separate cell system was the only effective way of dealing with tramps.

The consideration of the question was deferred until next meeting.

TENDERS.

The following tenders for Workhouse supplies for the ensuing six months were accepted:—Groceries, Messrs Chapmen and Son, Durham. Mr Wm. Hall, Lanchester, coffins. Mr Ralph Toward, Lanchester, coals, screens, and leading limestone. Mr M. Blackett, Newcastle, beef, mutton, &c. The tenders for drapery goods will be discussed at next Board.

After considering the applications for relief the Board adjourned.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, in the Board room—Mr J. W. Hodgson, presiding. There were also present Messrs Curry, Collinson, Mitchinson, and Robson.

The Clerk (Mr W. W. Thompson) read the minutes of the previous meeting which, after being confirmed, were signed by the Chairman.

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT.

The school-attendance officer submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and members of the Dipton School Board.

GENTLEMEN,—By the monthly visitation ending March 10th, 1882, I find the following is the state of the children who attend your school:—

Fever	28
Rash and skin disease	27
Measles	21
Swelled throats and mumps	15
Sores and ulcers	13
Bronchitis	16
Catterrah	6
Diarrhœa	4
Delicate children	5

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
JOHN BULLERWELL.

Dipton, March 15th, 1882.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

The following are the statistics for the month:—

Number of children on roll	619
Number present at all	433·2
Number admitted during that period	25
Amonnt of school fees and arrears received	£17 13s 9d.

THE ASSISTANT-MISTRESS.

The Clerk stated that, in accordance with the Board's instructions, he had advertised for an assistant-mistress, at the salary of £30 per annum, but had not received any applications for the same.

The CHAIRMAN said he had just received a letter from one of the pupil teachers (Miss Moody) who stated that as she had just about completed her apprenticeship, she would offer her services to the Board as assistant-mistress.

The CHAIRMAN: We will have to wait about two months before Miss Moody has completed her apprenticeship.

After some further discussion on the matter it was proposed by Mr MITCHINSON that they refuse Miss Moody's offer, and instruct the Clerk to advertise in the local papers for an assistant-mistress, at the salary of £30 per annum.

Mr COLLINSON second the motion, which was agreed to.

NON-PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES.

The Clerk was instructed to sue the parents of children named Bates, Hands, Lumsden, Walker, Harrison, and Adamson in the County Court for the school fees they have neglected to pay.

The Board then adjourned.

The Queen, travelling as the Countess of Balmoral, left Windsor for Mentone on Tuesday morning.

CONCERT.—The first of a series of concerts to be given in aid of the Mechanics' Institute, Chester-le-street, was held last night (Thursday).

WHICKHAM SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.—The declaration of the poll, in connection with Whickham School Board election, was made yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, at Gateshead. The result was as follows:—Elected:—*James Gilchrist, Marley Hill, agent, 1,485; *Rev J. Jones, Dunston, vicar, 824; *Rev H. B. Carr, Whickham, rector, 817; Rev W. Fairweather, Swalwell, Presbyterian, 510; Robert Glass, agent, 471; Wm. Burnett, Dunston, cooper, 467; and *E. Lawson, Swalwell, fellmonger, 458. Those marked with an asterisk are members of the old Board.

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Local and District News.

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CENTRAL HALL, BLACKHILL.—At this place of amusement Mr Jos. Eltringham has engaged a capital combination company, who have been giving their performances nightly.

DERWENT ANGLING ASSOCIATION.—We beg to remind the members of the above Association that the annual meeting has been arranged, as advertised, to be held on Wednesday evening, to suit the convenience of members living at a distance.

A serious accident happened at Lumley Colliery, Fence Houses, on Tuesday, by which a large number of men were thought at first thought to be in imminent danger. Afterwards, however, they were safely got out out by another shaft.

VAGRANCY AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.—There has been a great and continued increase of vagrants at this Union of later years. In 1876 their number was 4,288, whilst in 1881 it had risen to 7,681, being an increase in five years of 79 per cent.

A SOCIAL SUPPER.—A coffee and ham supper was held at Lanchester on Wednesday night, March 8th, in connection with the Lanchester Wesleyan Choir, when about a score sat down and partook of the good things provided. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent. Mr Thos. Harrison, of Burnhope, played choice selections of music at intervals.

TOW LAW WESLEYAN DAY SCHOOLS.—Among the acting teachers and students at training colleges examined for certificates at the usual Government examinations, Miss S. A. E. Thompson, for three years acting teacher at the above schools, sat at Darlington Training College, last December, and has been successful in obtaining a good position in the second division.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT WOLSINGHAM.—During a severe gale, accompanied by rain, which passed over Wolsingham and district on Wednesday week, a boy named Turp, who was passing the residence of Mr G. R. Wooler about noon, was struck on the head by a large slate, which was blown from off the house by the wind. He was picked up in a semi-conscious state and carried home, where he was attended by Dr. Devey.

Our readers will see by the notice in our advertising columns that a grand entertainment of a character not very common in this district is to be given in the Central Hall, Blackhill, on Monday evening first, for the benefit of the Blackhill Mechanics' Institute, under the patronage of Mr Wm. Jenkins, the president. The "Ojibbeway Minstrels" have attained a first-rate reputation, and their amusing and interesting performances never fail to draw large and highly-appreciative audiences.

WEST STANLEY PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—An entertainment, entitled "Joseph and his brethren," was given in the above place, on Saturday by the members of the Pelton Primitive Methodist Society. There was a large audience who highly appreciated the programme set before them. At the close, on behalf of the Pelton brethren, Bro. Ellis moved, and Brother William Shepherd seconded, a vote of thanks to the trustees of the chapel for the loan of their building. The proceeds were divided between the trust funds of both places for the purpose of liquidating the debt on each of the aforesaid places of worship.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.—The annual general meeting of the proprietors of this company was held on Tuesday week, Mr Robt. Dickinson (chairman) presiding. The report for the past half-year showed the total receipts to be £3,256 12s. 10d., and the expenditure £1,919 16s. 11d., leaving a balance of £1,336 15s. 11d., out of which a dividend was recommended after the rate 5 per cent. on old capital, and 3½ per cent. on new capital. The report was adopted. The directors were authorised to raise additional capital to the amount of £8,000. The retiring directors Messrs G. Richardson and M. Coupland, and the retiring auditor, Mr. R. G. Barclay, were all reelected.

ENTERTAINMENT AT CONSETT.—A motley company gathered in the Assembly Rooms, Consett, on Wednesday evening, on the occasion of an entertainment given for the benefit of Mrs. Craig and family. The programme was of a varied character consisting of comic and sentimental songs, instrumental airs, clog dancing, stump orations, and amateur minstrelsy. The chief artistes were Mrs Mrs Fitzsimmons, Miss Norton, Messrs Savage, Allison, Stewart, Henderson, &c. The concertina solos by Mr Stewart were much admired, and the performances of the "Ohio" minstrels (three in number), combined with local "hits" continually introduced, fairly delighted the house. Master Caygill presided at the pianoforte; other instrumental music being supplied by Mr A. Parker's string band. The total amount realised was £13.

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WAGES IN THE IRON TRADE.—The meeting of the Standing Committee of the North of England manufactured iron trade Board of Arbitration and Conciliation was held at Stockton on Tuesday afternoon. Mr W. Whitwell, president of the Board, presided.—It was stated that Mr J. W. Pease, M.P., who has consented to arbitrate on the men's claim for an advance of 15 per cent. in their wages, will fix the arbitration to be held during the week ending April 1st, if the health of Mr Trow, the men's secretary, will permit that gentleman to be present to advocate the men's claim. It was arranged that the blacksmiths and fitters now on strike at the Malleable and Dowlais Ironworks, Stockton, should resume work, pending the consideration of their claim for 7½ per cent advance by a committee.

THE RECENT ATTACK ON THE QUEEN.—The Queen, writing to Sir Wm. Harcourt, says she wishes before she leaves England for a short while, for some comparative rest and quiet, to express from her heart how very deeply touched she is by the outburst of enthusiastic loyalty, affection, and devotion which the painful event of the 2nd instant has called forth from all classes and from all parts of her vast empire, as well as by the universal sympathy evinced by the sovovereigns and people of other nations. Her Majesty cannot sufficiently express how deeply gratified she is by these demonstrations, and desires to convey to all, from the highest to the humblest, her warmest and most heartful thanks. It has ever been her greatest object to do all she can for her subjects, and to uphold the honour and glory of her dear country, as well as to promote the prosperity and happiness of those over whom she has reigned so long, and these efforts will be continued unceasingly to the last hour of her life.

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Her Majesty the Queen, before her departure for Mentone, acknowledged in a gracefully-worded letter the extreme pleasure it has given her to receive a special large paper copy of Mr Tuer's "Bartollozzi and his Works." Both of these sumptuous volumes are enriched with duplicates in protective mounts of the principal illustrations on satin.

LEADGATE WESLEYAN METHODIST SOCIETY.—On Wednesday evening last, Mr B. Pawson, of York, delivered a lecture in the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel of the above place on "Ups and downs of a farmer's life, and its lessons." The building was crowded to excess, and the speaker listened to with rapt attention by an audience whose hearts he has won during his brief stay here. Seldom has it been the privelege of a man to gain the affections of a people in so short a time as he has, and his visit to Leadgate will be remembered by his hearers for many years to come. His sermons were faithful, earnest and pointed, and have produced an effect on the neighbourhood not easily forgotten. On Wednesday night when he rose to deliver his lecture he was overcome with emotion, and it was sometime before he regained his composure. "Job" was the farmer referred to in the subject of the lecture, during the delivery of which the audience were spell-bound by his somewhat unique manner and ready wit.

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ALLENDALE COTTAGES.—5th inst., the wife of Mr John Armstrong, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER.—At the Register Office, 11th inst., Mr H. Cook to Miss M. A. Furness, both of Dipton.—Same day, Mr W. Gowland, West Kyo, to Miss E. O'Brien, of Oxhill.

DEATHS.

DIPTON.—Bute Arms, 12th inst., Mr John Fenwick, aged 80.

WESTWOOD COLLIERY.—12th inst., Mr John Bell, formerly of Newlonds, aged 26.

WEST KYO.—7th inst., George William, son of Mr Wm Best, aged 6½ years.

ESH.—4th inst., Mr Thomas Scott Taylor, aged 70.

LANGLEY MOOR.—11th inst., Derothy, only daughter of Mr Edward Thomas, miner.

HEDLEY HILL TERRACE.—14th inst., aged 1½ years, Jane, daughter of Mr C. Hansom, banksman.

STANHOPE.—10th inst., aged 77, Mary Ann, wife of the late Mr John Teasdale, saddler.

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