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

CORRESPONDENTS are requested to enclose their names and addresses on a separate slip of paper.

GALLOPING HORSES ON FOOTPATHS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Last night a little before nine o'clock, while walking on the footpath between Number One and Leadgate, I became aware that a horse was trotting behind me, and when I looked round he was about three or four yards behind me. I stood just long enough whether to tumble into the morass on the left or to scramble on to the road on the right. I did the latter and the horse trotted on, remaining on the footpath as far as I could see in the dark. The unconcerned way in which the rider passed me seemed to show that he considered he had a perfect right to ride there. It can only be supposed that he had been over-stimulating himself, and the next time he does so, I can only hope for the safety of myself with others that he will leave to the other beast, that the solution of such a difficult problem as to which is the footpath and which the roadway. I regret I could not identify this silly performer.—Yours &c.,

OR FOOT.

Consett, Feb. 20th, 1890.

"INCEDO" AND THE "SECULARISTS."

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—The Secularists await "Incedo's" second onslaught with pleasure, hoping that this time the editor of the correspondence column that he will cost aside his anger, and consider the question in a light of fair play, and not give vent to such petty spleen as appeared under his signature last week. Evidently his passion must have been at fever heat, or he would never have used such expressions and made the insinuations which formed the chief feature of last week's article.

"Erect in their own conceit," "smart repartee," "exhibition of cunning," "the rebuke of," "cool effrontery." Such language one is accustomed to hear at our street corners, but to see it used under the signature of one who aspires to be a journalist beats my comprehension. A friend of the writer called it "low Billingsgate." To describe a letter as "humbum," and then in the next sentence ask permission to deal with the letter in detail, appears to show the hollowness of his own language and the wildness of his charges. Let "Incedo" remember that the force of an argument does not rest on an adjective, and that "anger," as Col. Ingersoll has said, "blows out the lamp of the mind." Surely for a fair field and no favour in doing battle with my antagonist,—

March 18th, 1890. SEC. OF OXHILL SECULAR SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—The first time I ever had the pleasure of addressing your patrons was in this column, and, in history repeats itself, as also does the thousand and one incidents in our "little lives." The hon. sec. of the Oxhill Secular Society declared that criticism was what that grand (sic) society of his fed on; and subjoined to his text, that "Secularism is capable of keeping him and his two or three friends in the flesh for some time to come. "Then have thy wish," said Roderick Dhu, and even as it is with the valorous hon. sec. of the Oxhill Secular Society. Christianity is feared, said this fine gentleman, and he has the cool effrontery to support such a dastardly statement by the subjoined charming piece of Oxhill logic—viz.—"If the opponents of freethought would only make themselves acquainted with the Secularists' position, and their *beautiful literature*, they would see much that is good and ennobling in it." Good—very good; but how will such a statement stand the test of investigation? True, the hon. sec. said it was doing smart enough to overturn his arguments (so-called), but this gentleman and he has the cool effrontery to support such a dastardly statement by the subjoined charming piece of Oxhill logic—viz.—"If the opponents of freethought would only make themselves acquainted with the Secularists' position, and their *beautiful literature*, they would see much that is good and ennobling in it." Good—very good; but how will such a statement stand the test of investigation? True, the hon. sec. said it was doing smart enough to overturn his arguments (so-called), but the sage advice given in the old cookery books—first catch your hare. *Beautiful literature*, beautiful indeed! Let me present the reader with a sample, just to see how he or she will relish it: "To me, at least, it seems a very moral proposition can never be that marriage is essentially a vow. The only natural disturbing element of thought which prevents this from being clearly seen and acknowledged is that which comes in with the birth of children. But *paradoxy sound de dictionnaire* and *marriage!*" I really must apologise to my readers for introducing the above debasing extract from the *National Reformer* of February 16th of the present year. It is an attack on marriage, and is on the face of it an unblushing advocacy of sexual universal prostitution. "Parentage should be distinguished from marriage"—beautiful literature! The article referred to is signed "D," a name well known to me, and one quite in keeping with the text of the communication. Here is another extract from the beautiful literature, and this time from one of those famous writers named by the hon. sec. as having smoothed the path of human life: "How can the corpse see or feel? Its eyes are eaten out, and its heart is black and mouldered, perhaps. What in course can two heaps of putrid clay and crumbling bones hold together?" (See Southey's essay on a future state, page 79). *Beautiful literature!* Very cheering counsel that to those noble men and women who sigh for the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still. But black Secularism has nothing better to offer, and yet that is what its advocates denominate—beautiful literature!

Another bold statement made by the hon. sec. (for Secularists are always bold) was to the effect "that free-thought has improvement on the old system, is the opinion of increasing numbers of people in this country." The hon. sec. may delude a few misguided men about Oxhill with such demoralising ideas; but I throw the lie in his teeth, and hurl it there. If that is true—and the hon. sec. graciously informs the public that the Secularists motto is: "We seek for truth"—Secularism is what Mr Gladstone, the second city in Britain, devil-born doubt to-day stands at a lower ebb than ever it did in the history of Secularism. The hon. sec. of the Oxhill Secular Society ought to know that the Glasgow contingent of the National Secular Union must in May next turn their backs upon the largest hall rented by them on the north side of the Tweed. Brave! dear old Scotland. For three years past the attendance at this miserable atheist rendezvous had been dwindling to what is very expressively termed "beautifully less," and the last straw has at length broken the faded camel's back! Really now, this doesn't look as if free-thoughtism an improvement on the old system. The hall referred to stands in the centre of a vast population numbering some seven-hundred-thousands souls, and while many thousands troop on Sunday evenings to the house of God, the attendance at the Secularists' Hall has been frequently under the score—except when some new attraction was offered in the form of a concert or ball. The collapse of the Secularist centre reflects the highest credit on the men of Scotland, who absolutely refused to support any longer those half-starved Secularist lecturers from London, who for the sake of an ill-gotten living make periodical visits to the land of Knox. It is significant to note that the ground to be ignobly vacated by the Secularists is to be immediately occupied by the Christian advocates, one of that faith which the former holders of the hall did their best to revile. Scotland to-day maintains—and Scotland stands, and has all along stood, in the vanguard of reform—1,000 men to preach the gospel while the so-called freethought section are made to pay the rent of a single odd building. Surely the hon. sec. blundered when he ventured to state that freethought was in the opinion of the people of this country an improvement on Christianity. Facts are against such a blunder; but the leader of the Glasgow contingent seems quite incapable of distinguishing between fact and fallacy. In the face of the above observations the tall talk about fighting for a good cause is a mere play of words. Secularists have nothing to fight for, nor anything for which they have their lives must be aimless and miserable.

This ideal of the benefits to the human family may be borne in mind when the hon. sec. assures, with pardonable innocence, that the novels of George Eliot smoothed the path of his life.

Of a truth, there is as the poet says, "many a shot at random sent, finds mark the archer little meant." That Secularism is hollow and soulless is apparent enough without the addition of such a testimonial from the hon. sec. Thomas Paine is another of the charming men who suspended for a brief space a lantern to guide the dreary path of the straying Secularist. I have read Paine with some interest; but when I came to that point when he brought me and my fellow-men to the level of so many dogs, I refused to journey any further within—hence we parted company once and forever. With Bolingbroke too, I have held converse; but as he also proved himself an unsafe guide, I cave him a wide berth—the world being big enough for us all. Of this boom friend of the Oxhill hon. sec., Dr Johnson says: "He charged a blunderbuss against morality and religion, and not having the resolution to fire it, he left half a crown (generous soul!) to a beggarly fellow to draw the trigger after his death!" I am also referred to the works of Jeremy Bentham, for pleasure present and prospective. I am confident that the hon. sec. has read a line of that author, but his name will no doubt be found on that famous scroll of worthies now deposited in the secular archives at Oxhill. An English man of letters, referring to Bentham, said: "His works have been translated into French—they ought to have been translated into English!" Voltaire is another favourite of the hon. sec. (they fish for queer associates there!) Voltaire, forsooth, is the grand of a clique of men who founded their religion in the top of a Wellington boot; but Hobbes is said to have thought that religion had no other foundation than the Law of the land. He was himself of so variable a temperament that he first wrote a book in favour of absolute monarchy, but turned it afterwards to gratify the republican party. Fancy now, the worthy gentlemen who set credit at Oxhill with having smoothed the path of life. And yet it is quite true after a fashion, for the men capable of first seeking to please the princes for the nonce, and turning their coats and pleasing the people after wards, are just the class of fellows capable of smoothing their course at the expense of other people. Time and space forbids me to discuss further the whole of the vague quotations raised by the hon. sec., to reply to which would fill a volume. It is not long since the public heard enough about the slavery and the widespread operation of the claims of the Prince of Secular as vanishing like the dew. It is false to assert that the Secularists led the van in the reforms by which the masses have been bound together in a closer bond of brotherhood than before. Tennyson strikes the true key to the change in the lines: "The thoughts of men are broadened by the circuit of the sun." Secularism condones the crime, treats, and narrow human thought, by limiting the scope of its benefit and improvement. In speaking of men who had smoothed the path of human life, I did not refer to the works of literary men, most of whom thought only of benefitting themselves. I alluded to the noble institutions in which our land abounds—institutions—the fruits of Christian teaching and effort—a striking contrast to the blank sheet presented by the Secularists. The observation contained in the hon. sec. that the change from Christianity to Secularism was a movement in which even "Incedo" would have to join, is not one that does credit to the discriminating faculty of the Oxhill champion. I have known smarter and more sensible Secularists than the best of the parcel at Oxhill turn from the error of their ways, and go back to the fold. There are 395 millions of professing Christians in the world; but according to the hon. sec. referred to, all these are fools, and two or three Secularists are the only people who are gifted with sense enough to detect the vile fraud! It is especially gratifying to the friends of the spring of the present year M. Ernest Renan, a man who is regarded by the French as their finest thinker, declared, in an address to the French Academy, that all the literature of the day was ephemeral, and that the only two books which the world now possess which would live some a thousand years hence, are the Bible and Homer. Compliments sometimes come, you see, from quarters from which we do not expected them.

Secularism is no new dogma, although a few obscure men in the Oxhill district seem just to have heard of its so-called beauty and goodness. "Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die," is a miserable motto for a human being to go through life with. How much grander, and more inspiring to noble effort, is the lot of men and women, who, amid the ever-varying changes of the life that now is, are firmly persuaded of Infinite goodness directing their footsteps. Men and women who are actuated by such heaven-born convictions, rest upon a foundation which in the hour of tribulation will remain firm and steadfast. Let not the least of my readers be led from the narrow, but well-trodden path, by the false and lying boast that Secularism has said in it that can be admired. It is far better, and nobler, to lead a hopeful, sinless, life, nothing imbibing; and when the shadows fall, then will the reaping of our lives be like the settlier sun, which sinks but to rise again with renewed brightness.—I am, &c.

"INCEDO."

ALLEGED GAME TRESPASS AND RIGHT-OF-WAY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Permit me, through the medium of your paper, to correct the numerous and misleading statements in your last week's issue respecting the above case. The facts are briefly as follows:—The premises are at Lintzford, not at Winlaton. Messrs John Annandale and Sons are the occupiers, Robt. Errington is farm steward, and Samuel Curry, Victoria Garesfield, near Winlaton, is the alleged trespasser. The dear as any sound Sunday, 2nd last, and Saturday. The greyhound was not in a leader. The real question is not a public road, and not the identical road Curry was charged said in the paper that was the subject of dispute five years ago. The facts of the case are briefly as follows: On Sunday morning, 2nd inst., I saw Samuel Curry coming up the wood with a dog, a greyhound and a rabbit dog, neither of them was in a leader. The rabbit dog was ranging the wood on the one side until it came opposite the dog, and then suddenly connected and Curry set it into the opposite side of where he was walking, and thus allowed his valuable rabbit dog (that Curry is so afraid of getting injured for the 50s stake on the following Saturday) to range the wood where he pleased. I then saw Curry and the dog followed up behind and met him at the high end, where I charged him with the trespass and allowing his dog to range, etc. Curry acknowledged his wrong for not having his dog in leaders, and hoped I would look over it, and not summon him for being on the road, as if it was not a public one, as Mr Parsons put it in his defence. In returning home I found foot-prints in the wood where Curry had taken a rabbit-hole, and his dogs had been right down through the wood close rabbits. I do not see how anyone can be dogmatical, should it even be as Mr Parsons, in his defence states, that Curry should have the greyhound in leaders, and the rabbit dog ranging the wood on the one side until it came opposite the greyhound, and

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, March 24th—Before Councillor JAMES ANNANDALE

DRUNKENNESS.

William Walker, lodging in Harvey Street, Consett, who stated that he came from America, was brought up by P.C. Bushby, for being inebriated and guilty of disorderly conduct at Consett, on Saturday night.—He was mulcted in a penalty of 5s and costs.

John Burns (62), labourer, Consett, who was found guilty upon the testimony of P.C. Humphrey of being inebriated in Newcastle-street, Consett, on Saturday night, was committed for seven days' hard labour, in default of paying a similar penalty.

MORE EXCITED THAN TIPSY.

Elizabeth Merriott, married, was placed in the dock charged by P.C. Thompson with being in a drunken state of intoxication at Shotley Bridge, on Saturday night.—The officer alleged that the woman was so disorderly that she was pitched out of her lodging-house—The Mayor's Chambers, in Messenger Lane—and she had sustained a nasty cut upon the head. He bandaged up the wound, and engaged a trap, and had the woman conveyed to the lock-up at Consett. Prisoner figured in the dock with a fearful-looking black-eye. She declared that she was more excited than drunk.—Inspector Bridgett, who deposed to the prisoner being very drunk when locked up.—Prisoner: I did not think I was so excited as that.—A fine of 2s 6d and costs (amounting to 11s) was imposed, or seven days in default.

THREATENED EVICTION OF MINERS.

Mr G. R. Saunders, on behalf of the owners of the Lintz Colliery, applied for and obtained the forms necessary for giving notice to quit to some of their tenants of the intention of the colliery company to apply for warrants as a future sitting of the Court.

STANHOPE PETTY SESSIONS.

FRIDAY, Mar. 21st.—Before C. J. BACKHOUSE, Esq. (chairman), Dr ARNISON, and V. A. RIPPON, Esq.

DRUNK IN CHARGE OF A HORSE.

Isaac Walker, fish hawker, was charged with being drunk at Stanhope, on the 15th inst., and also with being in Jack Horse Inn Stanhope, and leaving his horse and cart in the street with no one in charge, on the 18th inst.—Fined 10s in each case, with costs.

ASSAULT ON THE POLICE.

William Wilkinson, Frosterley, was charged with being drunk at Frosterley by P.C. Johnson, on the 14th inst.; also with assaulting him with a poker while in the performance of his duty at the same date; also with keeping a dog without a license.—The officer deposed to defendant getting out the license on the same day as he charged him with not having one. When charged he said he had mislaid it, and that it would turn up to-morrow, and when it did he would produce it. That same day he went to Bishop Auckland and got the licence, and in the evening produced it.—For being drunk he was fined 10s; for the second offence £1; and for the dog license 10s.

DRUNKENNESS.

Thomas Brunskill, Frosterley, was also charged by P.C. Johnson with being drunk at Frosterley, on the 18th inst. He pleaded not guilty, but had no witnesses to corroborate his statement, and was fined 7s 6d.

Whitfield Martindale, Hill End, Frosterley, was charged by P.C. Johnson with being drunk at Frosterley, on the 22nd ult.—A witness named Tyreman said he was drunk, but defendant was sober, but swore to the wrong date.—Fined 7s 6d.

James Wall, Rookhope, was fined 10s for being drunk at that place, on the 14th inst.

James Gardner, Rookhope, was also charged with being drunk at the same place, on the 15th inst., and was fined 12s 6d.

Christopher Sanderson, Edmondbyers, was charged by P.C. Jeffers with being drunk at that place, on the 22nd ult.—Fined 10s.

Thomas Porter, Frosterley, was charged by P.C. Johnson with being drunk at that place, on the 14th ult.—Defendant pleaded not guilty, and called a witness, Jane Cowland, who swore that he was sober on the night in question.—Case dismissed.

John Hilmore, was charged by P.C. Parker with being drunk at Frosterley, on the 15th inst.—Fined 12s 6d.

John Jackson, a tramp, was charged by P.C. Gibson with being drunk at Stanhope, on the 20th inst.—Committed for 14 days.

KEEPING A DOG WITHOUT A LICENSE.

Anthony Willyson, Hackley Hale, Frosterley, was charged by P.C. Johnson with keeping a dog without a license, on the 12th inst.—Fined 10s.

LARCENY AT TOW LAW.

Jacob Featherstone, Tow Law, was charged by Thomas Hildreth, coke-drawer, Tow Law, with stealing a pigeon belonging to him, on the 15th inst. —Jacob Davis, labourer, Tow Law, was called as a witness, and deposed that defendant snatched the pigeon out of his hands and went off with it.—Frederick Brown, miner, Sunnside, also deposed to defendant offering to sell the pigeon to him.—P.C. Collins gave evidence to finding the bird in a pigeon-cote at Tow Law, and charged him with stealing it, when he replied, "I have the house and cote."—Defendant pleaded guilty, and while being sentenced suddenly fell down in the prisoners' dock in a fit, causing a sensation in the court. Dr Dobbie attended to the present took active measures to bring him out. In a little while he recovered again, and was offered a seat, which he took.—The Bench then committed him to prison for two months.—Defendant asked if they could not fine him instead of sending him to prison.—The Chairman said they could not, as it was his second offence.

NON-MAINTENANCE OF PARENTS.

John Thomas Lowes, Birtley, was summoned by John C. Bainbridge, relieving officer to the Weardale Union, for the non-maintenance of his parents. He had allowed 3s per week, but the Guardians asked 1s 6d.—The Bench made an order for 1s 6d per week, to be paying in receipt of £1 2s 6d per week as wages, besides house and coals.

John Pickles, Steetburn, being in receipt of £1 18s 6d per week, with house and coals, was also summoned for a similar offence.—The Bench made an order for 1s 6d per week.

Joseph Birtley, Middlebrough, who was in receipt of 6s per day, was also summoned by the same officer for 18s arrears and costs. Defendant had sent the money that morning.

LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this committee took place at Lanchester on Thursday week—Mr Geo. G. Taylor-Smith being in the chair.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT: FEVER AT STONEY HEAP.

The Medical Officer submitted the following report:—

GENTLEMEN,—On February 21st, there were admitted into the Lendgate Fever Hospital, a mother and four children from Stoney Heap, all suffering from scarlet fever. The mother's case was very serious, and two of them proved fatal, one on March 3rd, and the other on March 9th. The remainder are now convalescent, including the mother.

May I point out the necessity of making some definite arrangement with Mrs Bell with regard to the disinfection of clothes and things from infected houses? She complains that she has had to use the hot-air oven on many occasions without any extra remuneration. If some fixed charge were decided on she would know how to act.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

GEO. RENTON, M.D.

Blackhill, March 19, 1890.

WHO PAYS FOR DISINFECTING CLOTHES?

Regarding the disinfecting of clothes, as mentioned by the Medical Officer, the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson) stated that it was previously agreed upon that the Consett Local Board should pay, in each case where clothes were sent to the hospital to be disinfected. If some extra sum was added as remuneration for the caretaker (Mrs Bell), he thought it would be more satisfactory, because it would take some time to carry out the operation, and it was not a very nice job.

Mr MURRAY proposed that the Local Boards should be charged 2s 6d, in addition to the 4s previously agreed upon, in every case where clothes were sent to be disinfected, and the extra half-crown should be given to the caretaker.

The motion was carried, and the meeting adjourned.

LOCAL TOWNSHIP MEETING.

CONSETT.

The rated inhabitants of the township of Conside and Knitsley held their yearly meeting in the Local Board Offices, Consett, on Wednesday afternoon, Mr C. P. Douglas presiding. Several influential gentlemen were present.—The following persons were nominated as overseers:—Messrs T. P. Douglas, Wm. Aynsley, T. R. Dolphin, and Jos. Murray (old overseers), E. Lockey, J. W. Davison, Jas. Daly, and Jas. Froslick.—With reference to the appointment of waywarden, Mr J. W. Davison accepted but thought the Dolphins had filled the office in the past?—Mr W. Aynsley said that he had been informed that Mr Dolphin had not attended a single meeting of the Highway Board at Lanchester during the last twelve months, or in fact for several years past. He would be the last person to lay a stone against Mr Dolphin, who was held in high esteem throughout the township; but if a person was chosen as waywarden, and did not attend the meetings, he could had a perfect right to see that he should fulfil his duties. During the past twelve months, many things might have cropped up affecting their interests, and it was only just and fair to the ratepayers who subscribed the money that their representative should look after their interests and see that a certain proportion of the money was expended in the township. (Applause).—Mr J. Calvert: Is it absolutely necessary that the waywarden should be a ratepayer outside the Local Board district?—Mr Wm. Elliott (assistant-overseer): It is not absolutely necessary, but preferable.—Mr Davison proposed the election of Mr Aynsley as waywarden, with power to appoint a collector of highway rates, at a salary of £10 per annum.—Mr E. Lockey seconded the motion, which was agreed to.—Mr Aynsley said that in disclosing his information, he had not the slightest intention of seeking the office.—The assistant-overseer, at the request of the district auditor, brought forward the subject of the remuneration to be paid to him for the collection of special sanitary rates. There might not be a special rate this next year, but there was the £100 last year for the sewerage works at Templetown, and he was paid £10 for the collection thereof. There might, however, be an ordinary rate of 2d or 3d in the pound.—Mr J. Murray thought it would be better to summon a meeting in the event of a special sanitary rate being levied. It was not equitable to settle the matter at that meeting, seeing that such a contingency was likely to arise. —Mr Elliott pointed out that such a course was quite legal; but would the special vestry meeting be merely confined to the ratepayers living outside the Local Board area, as they were the parties immediately concerned in the matter?—After a brief discussion, it was agreed to defer the matter for consideration at a special vestry to be convened in case of a special sanitary rate being required.

BLAYDON.

A meeting of the owners and ratepayers of the district of Blaydon was held on Thursday evening at the Board Room, Col. A. A. Cowen, chairman of the Board, presiding.—The Chairman proposed the following resolution:—"That it is expedient, and this meeting of owners and ratepayers hereby sanctioned and approved, that the Local Board should oppose a certain bill in Parliament intitled 'A Bill for enabling the Newcastle and Eastern Railway Company to make new railways and works and to acquire additional lands and for other purposes,' and that the expense in relation to opposing such bill be charged on the District Fund and General District Rate."—Mr Douglas seconded and Mr Paxon supported the resolution.—The motion was carried unanimously.

GREENSIDE.

The annual vestry meeting of the inhabitants of the parish of Ryton Woodside, was held on Saturday night, in the National Schoolroom, Greenside. Rev. H. Mason (vicar) occupied the chair. There was only a moderate attendance.—Mr. J. E. Forster, and Mr William Surtees were re-elected overseers.—The Chairman explained to the meeting the present financial position of the village school, which was not very satisfactory. He thought it was important that the school should be brought before the ratepayers, as it was a matter which was of the greatest importance to them. There was some discussion, pro and con, and ultimately, on the motion of Mr Forrest, seconded by Mr Bolton, it was agreed that a special meeting of the ratepayers be called to consider the matter.

STANHOPE.

The vestry meeting was held on Tuesday, at Stanhope, the Bishop of Richmond presiding. Overseers nominated:—Forster, M.T. Lee, Sidefoot, Park, Mr G. Walton; Stanhope, Mr John Grant hall. Rector's churchwarden, Mr J. W. Robinson; ratepayers, Mr M. Cheriton, in place of Mr Geo. Pattinson, resigned. Waywardens, Mr T. Walton and Mr Jos Maddison were proposed for Newlandside, and a poll was demanded by Mr W. Wilson, the proposer of Mr Maddison. The poll took place on Saturday first at the Town Hall, from 3 till 7 o'clock. Stanhope, Mr Vickers, Pease Myers. Messrs J. W. Robinson and Mr Geo. Pattinson were re-elected governors of Hartwell School. Messrs J. Crawhall, John Ward, and J. Featherstone, jun., were elected on the Burial Board. Messrs T. Philipson and Mr Vickers (Howl John) auditors. The churchwardens' accounts were passed, and showed an expenditure of £74 3s 3d, the receipts being less by £6 0s 6d, due to the churchwardens A special item, £29 0s 6d, was the expenditure in connection with the organ restoration, against which special receipts for the purpose amounted to £42 15s. The Burial Board accounts, which were passed, showed an income of over £22, with a balance of £3 15s 7d. There was a good attendance.

A smart passage of arms took place between one of the ratepayers and the chairman respecting the purchase of the wine for sacraments out of Stanhope.—Mr Mews, of the Black Horse Inn, claimed that as the ratepayers contributed rates to the church, the chairman should not go out of the place for the wine for sacramental purposes.—The Chairman said it was a specially prepared article, made by a certain firm, who supplied over 4,000 churches with it, and as far as he knew it contributed to the funds of the church, reminded him that as there were no church rates now, so in that respect he had no priority of claim.

KYO.

On Monday evening, the township meeting for the parish of Kyo, was held in the Schoolroom, the Crown and Thistle Inn, Catchgate. There was a fair company present. Mr George Ridley, West Stanley, presided. The assessment overseers were as follows:—Messrs Mitchinson, Catchgate; C. P. Cooke, Annfield Plain; R. Wheatley, Catchgate; T. Reay, Annfield Plain; Miles Hedley, Catchgate; J. Russel, Annfield Plain; J. Swallow, Bushblades; Hugh Walker and others. Mr Geo. Robson was appointed waywarden.—The question of a poor rate was differed, owing to the precepts not been to hand.—A special poor rate of 2jd in the £, was made for the Kyo and Burnopfield Poor. The balance-sheet was considered to be very satisfactory. There was a good balance left in hand. —Mr J. Moore (assistant-overseer), was appointed to collect the special rate. Votes of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

TANFIELD.

On Tuesday afternoon, the usual vestry meeting for this township was held in the vestry of Tanfield Church, Rev T. B. Archbald presiding. There was a good company present. The balance sheet was presented, which showed that the rate had brought in £2,360, leaving a balance of £45 in hand. The gentlemen nominated for overseers were:—Messrs G. Ridley, J. Watson, J. Errington and others. The waywardens elected were—Messrs W. J. Handcock for Burnopfield; Geo. Ridley for Tanfield; and N. Clark for Beamish.—A resolution was passed asking the Highway Board to take the matter up of making a footpath down Tomlee Lonnen, and also one leading from Burnopfield to Rowland's Gill Station. This concluded the business.

GREENCROFT.

The usual vestry meeting in connection with this township was held on Tuesday evening, at the house of Mr Matthew Wake, innkeeper, Maiden Law. There was a fair attendance. Messrs Thos. Smith, Lancelot Hunter, along with others, were nominated as overseers.—A special rate was made to meet the requisitions of the Collierley Burial Board.—Other business was transacted.

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY.

The yearly meeting of the ratepayers of the township of Healeyfield and Rowley was held in the Board Schools, Castleside, on Tuesday night. There was a goodly number present. Mr T. Muse was called to the chair. Mr W. J. Scott Rowley, (overseer), acted as clerk, and furnished the chairman with an agenda of the business.—First came the nomination of overseers, when the following were nominated for that office:—Messrs R. Leyburne, W. J. Scott, T. J. Allan, R. Robson, T Duckworth, and W. Pattinson; second, nomination of waywardens. Mr T. J. Muse, for Healeyfield, and Mr R. Robson, for Healeyfield, were appointed; third, that a requisition be sent to the Highway Board, Lanchester, asking them to form a footpath from Mr Muse's to Rowley Station; fourth, that the waywarden urge the need of sanitary improvements for the village, and separately resolved that the Highway Board be a letter be sent to the Consett Local Board, asking them to complete the footpath from Taylor's Road-end to Consett public. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs Muse and Robson for the able manner in which they had pushed forward the footpath scheme. Mr Muse has been active in his efforts to make the path a success, and success has crowned his efforts. The hose-pipe question was introduced by Mr W. Pattinson, but was left over for enquiries as to the cost of pipes and plugs. The question of lighting the village by gas-light was also introduced, but was left over for further consideration.

BENFIELDSIDE.

TURBULENT PROCEEDINGS.

On Tuesday night, the usual vestry meeting for the township of Benfieldside took place in the Board Schools, Benfieldside Edge Road. There was a large attendance, over 300 ratepayers being present. The chair was occupied by Mr W. Ray (one of the overseers), who read the notice convening the meeting.

AN OBJECTION TO THE NOTICE.

At the outset, Mr CARSS took objection to the notice, which failed to specify that the overseers would be nominated for the ensuing year. He contended that the ratepayers ought to exercise their own authority, and nominate fit and proper persons, so that the notice could be submitted to the magistrates for appointment.

The CHAIRMAN replied that they had just called the meeting in accordance with the precept issued by the justices and their clerk (Mr A. W. Grangeor) They need not name or nominate a list of overseers, as the appointment was with the justices in the magistrates. There was nobody who knew better than Mr Carss that for four or five years in succession there was not a vestry meeting called for that purpose in that township.

Mr CARSS stated, from less personal knowledge, that there had been a full and fully minded attending of township meeting once or twice during the 40 odd years. It had always been the custom for a list of gentlemen to be nominated as overseers by the vestry. The precepts were confined particularly to overseers. It was somewhat anamolous in these days, when the franchise had been widened by being advanced and extended, and their rights and privileges were becoming recognised, for to omit that important portion of the business from the notices. The overseers had now for some years gone and got themselves nominated in spite of the vestry. The ratepayers had never been consulted as to whether the overseers should continue in or not, or whether they should be replaced by fresh persons. They ought to act in accordance with public sympathy and feeling.

Mr J. ELTRINGHAM (assistant-overseer) pointed out that from 1870 to 1875 there was not a township meeting summoned for any purpose—at least there was no record in the minute-book.

Mr CARSS replied that it was not essential to enter the minutes in the book. Probably they had not been entered.

Mr ELTRINGHAM: Is it not considered it strange that they had no record of the nomination of overseers.

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Mr LAX did not think that the vestry had any control over the fees allowed by the Revising Barrister.

Mr CARSS: The Revising Barrister has this power: When Mr Eltringham presents his bill, it is for the Barrister to say how much he shall have for preparing and publishing the lists. Supposing the vestry allowed Mr Eltringham £30 for this work, and the Revising Barrister certified that he was entitled to £20, Mr Eltringham would simply pocket £10.

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The CHAIRMAN: It was a lot of publicans—the ragtag and bob-tail, such as you—that went against me. (Laughter, uproar, and cries of "order.")

The CHAIRMAN: We are not called to discuss that matter brought up here. Let us conduct this meeting harmoniously.

Mr COOKE: What sum does the assistant-overseer ask for?

The CHAIRMAN: Nothing is specified.

Coun. MURRAY: Gentlemen, he had had a good deal of experience with regard to the assistant-overseership, and he spoke in eulogistic terms of the manner in which Mr Eltringham had fulfilled the duties relating to his position. He proposed that his salary be advanced from £65 to £75 a year, sufficient to include travelling and all expenses appertaining to the office. These duties, however, did these days, when the Parliament of the United Kingdom was enacting and extended, and their rights and privileges were becoming recognised, for to omit that important portion of the business from the notices. The overseers had now for some years gone and got themselves nominated in spite of the vestry. The ratepayers had never been consulted as to whether the overseers should continue in or not, or whether they should be replaced by fresh persons. They ought to act in accordance with public sympathy and feeling.

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Mr CARSS: Keep out personal abuse.

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Mr CARSS: How do you know?

Mr COOKE: Nicely.

Mr CARSS: You had better go home and get to bed. (Derisive laughter and shouts of "order.")

Mr ELTRINGHAM (proceeding) stated that at the expiration of five years—in 1885—there was a motion proposed by Mr Harrison, and seconded by himself (Mr Eltringham), for the salary to remain as it was, with a concession making provision for the salary to be reduced. He always advocated an increase of salary during Mr Carss's term of office, considering he worked for every half-penny that he got. (Applause). The average salary from 1880 to 1886 was £68 7s 6d, although in 1883-4, £5 5s 10d was disapproved of for the making out of a valuation list. Mr Carss remained in office after 1883, but did not write another valuation list, not having received the necessary fees. He had compiled, and as a natural consequence all these perquisites were struck off. When Mr Carss resigned he (Mr Eltringham) was appointed, and was appointed at a salary of £65 a year, and had to defray his own expenses. These amounted on an average, in Mr Carss's time, to the following:—First year, £5 15s 8d; next three years, £6 11s 8d; next five years, £6 5s 3d; next six years, £9 19s 10½d; last year, £8 7s 6d. Some years the items he (Mr Eltringham) had got to pay out of his own pocket at the present time. He had not entered upon the subject of a poor rate, or the copy of the rate for Mr J. Booth, or the fees allowed for preparing the registration lists, simply because when that question was raised a few years ago, Mr Carss had distinctly told the vestry that they had nothing to do with these matters. (Applause).

Mr CARSS said an important concession had been made by Mr Eltringham, who wisely ignored the fact of the Franchise Bill coming into force, when a large number of additional names had to be entered in the rate-books. This work was all done and settled when Mr Eltringham entered office. Mr Eltringham had, in his opinion, a right to make up all the dirt and filth he possibly could to clod at him. (Cries of "order.")

The CHAIRMAN: Don't let us have a disturbance.

Mr CARSS: The question before the meeting is whether Mr Eltringham deserves £5 or £10 advance.

Mr DUFFY said that, with the consent of the meeting, he would withdraw from seconding the amendment. (Laughter and applause).

The CHAIRMAN said that since Mr Carss entered all his name was struck off the voters' list, and not been another Act of Parliament since passed taking them off. (Laughter). They were still on.

Mr DUFFY said Mr Carss had withdrawn from the amendment because he thought Mr Carss was going to propose an increase of £15 instead of £5. (Laughter).

The resolution was carried without dissent; and after Mr ELTRINGHAM had returned thanks, the proceedings terminated.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

The annual meeting of the ratepayers of Chester-le-Street township was held in the vestry of the Church on Thursday se'nnight. There was a large gathering of ratepayers, also a numerous attendance of the ladies.—The Chairman, Mr Jennings, called upon the Rev. Canon Tristram, who said he was very great degree, to have induced this far too diffident gentleman to do the good. He is young, probably one of the youngest who have ever succeeded to such a distinction, and his modesty and diffidence may well, under the circumstances, be pardoned, but in his own interests, he must not be allowed to hide his head under a bushel, because much honour was conferred on him, and it is pleasing to observe that this idea is in common with that interest felt by those round about him, who knew him well, and who has little need to feel timid on the score of his attainments; but rather that he should at every time make the most of them.

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A very good concert is promised at Annfield Plain on Wednesday next. The Annfield Plain and District Choral Society will give, I believe, their first concert in the Co-operative Hall of that town. The programme will be of a miscellaneous character, and will include some capital choruses, and part songs which will be rendered by the members of that society under the conductorship of Mr C. Stephenson—what a particularly active gentleman this is!—Miss Lizzie Sneath, who seems to have taken up the role of late, and Mr Catherine Bollar, have been specially engaged for solo-work, and by this respect, in conjunction with Mr Chas. Stephenson will doubtless delight the audience, which as far as I can learn is likely to be a really good one. I sincerely hope this may prove to be the case.

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I wonder when Mr Harry Liston will have exceeded his wonderful laughable entertainment? It will be at least twenty years since I first saw him, and had the pleasure of listening to his singing. At that time he sang a song which was in sober-to-day, notably, "The tin-pot band," which was one of his very-earliest successes. I dropped in at the Tyne Theatre on Saturday evening, to see him once more, and upon my word he seemed to work as hard as ever and still just the success as of old. There is nothing very fine, crude performances, and in this category I would be inclined to place his very latest item "The football player." There is nothing in it to do so well as the old things, but he still "draws houses" as large as of yore.

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The particular thing which Mr Arthur Roberts, that inimitable of burlesque actors is bringing into the country shortly is *Guy Fawkes, Esq.*, a quite new burlesque. I do not know what it is about Mr Roberts came up this way, his visit being looked forward to with some interest. He recently made himself rather unpopular with the London critics, who stated him right and left on account of his disregard for, and inattention to the words of his new comedy, and the manner in which he played in which he appeared, and in which he introduced what he is pleased to call "spoof"—in other words introduced "gagging" into the comedy, and made the piece suffered considerably. The censure meted out to him on this account was not altogether undeserved.

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Mr Osmond Tearle, the well-known Shakespearian actor is again in Newcastle—this time at the Theatre Royal. He is appearing in much the same pieces as on his last visit some three months ago—Shylock, Richard III, *Richard III, Merchant of Venice, King John*, and *Macbeth*. The only play that can be called a novelty is *King Lear*, which is amongst the most purely dyed of Shakespeare's pieces. If ever it was presented to a Newcastle audience before this week, it must have been many years ago. Accordingly, its production, at the time of writing, is causing no little amount of interest in theatrical circles in the city.

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That powerful sensational melo-drama *Hands across the sea*, is staged once more at the Tyne this week, and is attracting large audiences. It is not very long since I gave my readers some thing of the plot, and it is not therefore needful to do so again. The company is an all-round powerful one, and the various members do full justice to their respective parts. I learn with much regret that Miss Ethel Sidney has, of late, taken up the acting-management of the Tyne, a position he has held creditably for some twelve months or so. He will be very much missed indeed.

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CLASSES from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at HAROLD STREET, SUNDERLAND, on Saturday Mornings, and at the CAFE, SADLER STREET, DURHAM, from 2-30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Terms:—£1 PER QUARTER, paid in advance.

One Quarter intervenes between new and the Darlington Examination. 840b

FEMALE DOMESTIC SERVANTS from 17 to 35 years of age obtain FREE PASSAGES BY STEAMER TO QUEENSLAND, where they are greatly in demand and receive high wages. Only payments required—£1 for ship's kit, and for rail to depot in London.

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An experienced Surgeon and Matron accompany each steamer, and on arrival passengers are received into the Government depôt free of charge.

Forms of application, rates of passage, handbooks, and all other information may be obtained on application to the Local Agent—

A. BRODIE,
TOWN HALL,
CONSETT.

All persons who pay their own passages to the Colony, should apply for LAND ORDER WARRANTS before embarking. Forms and particulars to be obtained from the Shipping Firms booking the passengers, or from the Agent-General for Queensland. Warrants will not be issued to persons plying after they have left England. 917b

AN END TO POVERTY AND CRIME.

Grand accounts are coming in of HANDYSIDE'S NERVE RESTORER. One man has been drinking two bottles of whiskey per day, writes to say the desire for drink is gone, and his craving; another respectable tradesman says that with the assistance of the first bottle, he has never been in a public-house, which before he could not pass. Another was so much addicted to it that his wife and children were often white with hunger for want of bread. He was so far gone that, to use his own words, when the demons came upon him he would knock his best friend down who would attempt to stop him from getting it. There has never been a failure wherever it has been tried, so that there may now be an end to miserable homes, the destruction of families, and the ruin of tradesmen. It will not disgust people against drink, it will only take away the desire and invigorate the nerves to resist the temptation. All children of rapid growth and are nervous, timid, or spiritless, should take HANDYSIDE'S NERVE RESTORER, they will feel the cheering effects nearly immediately after it is taken. This is a grand thing for promoting sleep by invigorating the heart.

HANDYSIDE'S CONSUMPTION AND RHEUMATIC CURE.

The greatest medicine of the present day is Handyside's Blood Purifier and Consumption Cure for the cure of Consumption, Rheumatism, Sciatica, Bronchitis, Asthma, Spitting of Blood, General Debility, Indigestion, Weak Heart, Languidness, Costiveness, Cold Night Sweats, Fits, and Eruptions of the Skin. It is a most vigorous Blood Purifier, and as all diseases arise from the Blood, it cures nearly everything. About twelve months ago I deposited a thousand pounds and challenged Sequah, St. Jacob's Oil, Mother Seigel, and the abler Physicians in the world, but no one has yet come forward. One great professor said champions never challenged, but I say they must either accept a challenge, or take second place. I intend to double the amount and continue this challenge, and if ever I am beat, I will discontinue making any medicine at once as I am perfectly independent of doing so. Those who are not ill enough to take nauseous medicine will find Handyside's Pills a grand thing for Costiveness and Liver Complaints, and worth a guinea a box compared with mercurial pills, which temporarily relieves but ruins the constitution. All the worst and incurable cases I meet with such as Eruption of the Skin, Blotches on the Face, Runnings, fearful Indigestion, are nearly all from those who have been great takers of these deleterious pills. As this medicine was not entirely brought out for making money, G.H. will be glad to send the medicine free and carriage paid to any town missionary, or any philanthropic person, who will take the trouble to give it away to poor people who cannot afford to pay for it, in any town above 6,000 inhabitants, they will find a female pay is the pleasure of restoring health to parents and enable them to support their families. It will be given away in the Sign Market, Newcastle, at Great Commercial Depression, together with the fact that I am a large Ratepayer, will of themselves, I trust, be a guarantee that the interests of all classes will at all times be carefully considered by me, and that efficiency and economy will be the guiding principles upon which I desire to place myself in your hands as one of your representatives upon the Lanchester Board of Guardians.

I venture also to add that it was at the request of the Overseers of the Poor, of whom I am one, that a Third Guardian has been granted to our Township.

I remain,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your most faithful servant,
WILLIAM AYNSLEY.

Business Announcements.

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EVERY one is praising this wonderful Tea. It is pleasant and palatable to drink, It is also strong refreshing, and invigorating, in fact, it is really what good Tea should be, both nourishing and stimulating, and with a Check or Bonus worth Sixpence with every lb. of Tea, this is certainly the cheapest Tea in this country.

The increase in our Sales of this Tea alone during the past year exceeds

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No firm can touch us for Highest Quality and Best Value.

We Buy More, Blend More, Sell More, Than any other known firm in the Kingdom.

We have our own special trained Tea tasters and buyers on the market, and our own staff of special blenders constantly at work in London, it therefore stands to reason that for Teas of any kind, and especially for cheap Teas of first-class quality, smaller buyers cannot possibly compete with us, hence our strong position and large sales all over the country.

We are also cheap in other Goods, owing to our large purchasing powers, and strict cash buying we can undersell other traders in every line.

We have just purchased

60 TONS OF SWEETS,

All guaranteed genuine, and of best quality.

We will clear all at one price.

Only 5d per lb.

LOZENGES of Every Description and BEST MIXTURES.

BISCUITS.

GINGER SNAPS
SPLENDID MIXED
BUTTER, LUNCH
TEA, &c., &c.

All at 2½d PER LB.

SPLENDID VALUE IN SOAPS.

GOOD PALE SOAP, ONE PENNY per lb.

BEST PALE PROCURABLE, only 2½d per lb.

2lb JAM only 4½d.

2lb of "WHITE'S" or "GRAY'S MARMALADE Only 5½d.

½d charged for Jars, and allowed when returned.

COCOA, 1d, per packet, 2d, and 3½d per Quarter lb.

COFFEE from 1s. fresh Roasted and Ground. Half Checks with Coffee.

GOOD BLUE 3½d per lb.

BLACKING 2d and 2½d per dozen.

L. & N. 1d BLACK LEADS, 4½d per dozen

L. & N. BEST DRY SOAP 1½d per lb.

SPARKLING LOAF SUGAR only 5d per lb.

If you want a cheap parcel and really cheap Good TEA, which is now so difficult to get, go to the "TEA SHOP," where you may be certain of receiving all round good value and good quality.

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BRANCHES EVERYWHERE.

Public Notices.

LOOK OUT for LEAMGATE PARK CRICKET AND FOOTBALL CLUB SPORTS, on July 19th, when upwards of £50 will be GIVEN in PRIZES. £15 for a 120 YARDS' FOOT HANDICAP.—Jas. SMITH, Hon. Secretary. 964b

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH, BLACKHILL.

A GRAND BAZAAR, in aid of the Fund for clearing off the Debt on the above Church, will be held in the Board Schools, Benfieldside, on Wednesday and Thursday, June 18th and 19th, 1890.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE ROBERT CLARK, OF LINTZ GREEN.

A MEETING will be held at Tanfield, on Wednesday, April 2nd, 1890, at 4 p.m., when all Persons interested are invited to attend.

GEO. RIDLEY, Hon. Secretary.

CONSETT INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETY, LIMITED.

THE 107TH QUARTERLY MEETING will be held on Saturday Evening, March 29th, at 6-30 p.m. The EDUCATIONAL QUARTERLY MEETING will be held on Monday Evening, March 31st, at 7-30 p.m. 954b

GOOD FRIDAY.

A SOCIAL EVENING AND CONVERSAZIONE at the WESLEYAN SCHOOLS, Gibson Street, Consett, in aid of the New Chapel Bazaar Fund. Refreshments during the Evening. To commence at 6/30. Vocal and Instrumental Music, &c., at Intervals. Admission, 4 Shortbread Rolls, 1 to 2 years old.

40 Mule Hoggs, forward in condition.

9 Calves.

Bay Mare, good worker, 16 hands high, in foal to Pulman.

Handsome Bay Mare, 12 hands high.

Trap and Brass-mounted Harness, new, a complete turnout.

2 Tons of Champion Potatoes from Corbridge.

Entries to day of Sale. Sale at 10-30 a.m.

J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

MR. J. VICKERS' PRESENT SALE ENGAGEMENTS:—

May 3rd—FARMING STOCK and FLOCK OF LEICESTER SHEEP, Leazes, Wolsingham.

" 7th — FARMING STOCK and FLOCK of MOOR SHEEP, at Cowbyres, Blanchland.

" 19th—Annual FAT STOCK SALE, Tudhoe Moor Farm.

Others fixed.

Grove Villa, Tow Law. 955b

By Mr. John Crawford.

Mr John Crawford's Sale Rooms, Victoria Street, Consett.

Nothing can beat the Old 'uns but the Young 'uns.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed to SELL, on Monday, March 31st, 1890, at the above rooms, a beautiful Walnut Suite in Royal Bline, also one in Red Brocade, and one in the Latest Style, Splendid Tuned Iron-framed Check-action Piano, by Addison and Addison, Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Rabbit-down Beds, Mahogany Drawers, and a Well bred Greyhound, pedigree to be read over at the sale.

Sale to commence at the above place at One O'clock.

Anyone having Furniture to dispose of can have it put into the Fortnightly Sales. 974b

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is favoured with instructions from ARCHIBALD LOGSDEL and CO., TO SELL BY PRIVATE TREATY that well-built FREEHOLD PROPERTY, situate in Harvey Street, Medomsley Road, Nos 3 and 4, Consett. No. 3, Shop with two windows, Eight Rooms, Two stalled stable, Coach-house and Stone-house, and all out-door Conveniences. No. 4, Four Rooms, Large Yard, and every Convenience. For full particulars and offers apply to JOHN CRAWFORD, auctioneer, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 973b

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, AUCTIONEER, 25, Victoria Street, Consett, is prepared to execute all orders for the SALE of FARM STOCK, PROPERTY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c., in the best style, and on reasonable terms; immediate settlement. Mr. John Crawford is appointed by his Honour Judge Meynell to act as Bailiff for Levy Distress for Rent in England and Wales, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Mr. Crawford's Sale Rooms are open daily to receive Furniture for Fortnightly Sales. People that are leaving the District can have their Furniture turned into Cash at once by applying to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 905b

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY FIRST, MARCH 31st, 1890.

Present Entries:—
10 Fat Cattle.
50 Fat Sheep.
Veal Calf.
2 Lambs.
A number of Cows, Calves, and Stirks.
Bacon Pigs, Pork and Store Pigs.
Poultry, &c.
Seed Oats, Potatoes.
And other Miscellaneous Lots.
Sale to begin at One o'clock prompt.

J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer

Short Notice.—Tow Law (Saturday), March 29th.—Royal Auction Mart.

GREENHOUSE PLANTS, FLOWERS, GARDEN FRAMES, &c., removed from Selby Lodge for convenience of sale.

Sale at 3 p.m.

J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

J. S. MURRAY'S present Sale Appointments:—

Royal Auction Mart every Monday.

Saturday First, March 29th—Removed for convenience of Sale to the Mart from W. R. Taylor's, Esq., Selby Lodge, a large quantity of Greenhouse Flowers, Plants, and Garden Frames.

April 5th—Sale of Cows, Dairy Utensils, &c., at Ruffside.

Early in April—Sale of Farm Stock, Mrs Robinson, Edmondbyers.

Several others booked; date not fixed.

Ruffside, near Blanchland.

MR J. S. MURRAY is instructed by Mr J. Birch, to SELL by Auction on Commencing and leaving the district, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Saturday, April 5th, 1890, at Ruffside—

1 Cow, in Calf, rising 6 years old.
1 Cow, in Calf, rising 5 years old.
1 Bullock Stirk, 8 months old.
Hens and Cock.

Bare Churn, and other Dairy Utensils; 2 Stackyard Ladders; a quantity of Hay Rakes; Forks; Gripes; Hay Knife; Hay Bulls; Stamp of Well-wom Old Land Hay; Box Sheets; Picks; Hammers; Hacks; Grindstone; and part of the Household FURNITURE, Iron Bedstead; Chaff Beds; Kitchen Chairs, &c.

Parties in the immediate neighbourhood having surplus Stock may have their sales included.

Sale to commence at 1-30 p.m.

Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside.

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,
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AGRICULTURAL VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

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Advances made on Freehold or Copyhold Property. Money received on Loan at 4½ Per Cent. In crest, repayable at Three Months' notice.

ADAM BRODIE, F.S.A., F.A.I., Secretary.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr Joseph Oley.

Hamsterley Grass Parks.

MR JOSEPH OLEY has the honour to announce that the Annual LETTING of the above Parks, by PUBLIC AUCTION, will be held at the premises, on Monday, April 7th, 1890, in the following lots:—

	A	R	P
Lot 1—High Park	16	3	13
" 2—Front Park	35	0	0
" 3—High Hamsterley	30	0	0
" 4—Low Crabtree Fields	13	2	25
" 5—High Crabtree Field	13	1	8
" 6—Make Me Rich	11	3	1
" 7—Big Paddock	9	2	0
" 8—Little Paddock	6	0	0

Conditions at the time of sale.

Luncheon at the Hall at One o'clock p.m., the Letting to commence immediately after. Hamsterley Hall is one mile from Lintz Green Station, on the Consett Branch of the North Eastern Railway.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, MARCH 31ST, 896.

60 to 70 Dairy Cows and Heifers.
8 Fat Cattle.
60 Fat Sheep and Hoggs.
40 Store Cattle, various ages.
8 Gold Cows.
4 Shorthorned Bulls, 1 to 2 years old.
40 Mule Hoggs, forward in condition.
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Sales by Auction.

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

Monday, March 31st, 1890.—Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett.—Important Sale of Superior Household Elegant Furniture & Effects, including Mahogany Couch in hair-seating; 6 Mahogany Chairs to hair-seating; Mahogany Easy Chair in hair; Leather Arm Chair; French Walnut Bedstead; Mattresses; 3 Brass-mounted Bedsteads; 3 Feather Beds; Down Bed; Fine Bed; 56lbs Best Indian Tea; Maple-topped Washstand; 2 Dressing Tables; 2 Clocks; Brass Fire-irons, A quantity of Bottles of all kinds, together with all the Miscellaneous Effects. Also powerful Full-toned Harmonium with Nine Stops, Knee Swell, &c.; nearly new.

MESSRS. A. & R. J. BRODIE are instructed by Mr Gawain Perrin, of East Castle, and others, who are leaving the district, to remove and SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday, March 31st, the Superior Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

Sale to commence at Half-past One o'clock. 795b

Preliminary Advertisement.—Little Greencroft Farm, near Consett.—Estage of Rick Grass Land to Let.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed by R. W. E. BALLANT, Esq., to LET BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the latter part of April, on Little Greencroft Farm, near Consett, the EATAGE of 55 ACRES or thereabouts of Good GRASS LAND, on Rowald Farm, up to November 23rd, as follows:

	ACRES.
Big Stockerley Field	24
Hop Field	17
Hop Clover Field	10
Bank Field	8
Middle Field	15
Low Far Field	14
	88 Acres

Terms of payment:—¾ Per Cent. Discount for Cash, or Four Months' approved Bills.

Auctioneer's Offices:—Town Hall and Sherburn Terrace, Consett.

FOR SALE, the PARCEL of FREEHOLD BUILDING GROUND fronting the West end of Leadgate Park, adjoining Mr. Clegg's Property, with a Frontage of 42 feet, and Depth of 50 feet.—Apply, Adam Brodie, 17, Sherburn Terrace, Consett.

THE OLDEST AUCTIONEERING ESTABLISHMENT IN CONSETT.

ADAM BRODIE and ROBERT J. BRODIE, Members of the Auctioneers' Institute of the United Kingdom, Town Hall, Consett, are prepared to execute Commissions for SALE of FARMING STOCKS, HOUSES, and LAND, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and STOCKS-IN-TRADE, either by PUBLIC AUCTION, or Private Treaty, on Reasonable Terms. These commodious Sale-Rooms, in Victoria Street, are open daily for the reception of Goods of all kinds for Auction Sale. Auction Sales being held, as a rule, every Pay Monday. Distress for Rent, under the Agricultural Holdings (England) Act, 1883, and also under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888, duly carried out. NOTE THE ADDRESS:—General Office, under the Superintendence of R. J. BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett. Private Office, 17, Sherburn Terrace, Consett.

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

To Capitalists, Members of Building Societies, and Others.

MR. GEO. R. HOBSON has received instructions from the OWNER to offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mr R. Wheatley, Crown and Thistle Inn, Catchgate, on Monday, March 31st, 1890, at 7 p.m., all that Copyhold COTTAGE of Three Rooms, with Pantry and Scullery, together with necessary Conveniences, pleasantly situated in the village of West Pelton, near Annfield Plain, at present in the occupation of Mr Pigford.

The Property is quite new, well-built, and commodious, and being situated near the centre of different collieries will always let well. The present gross annual rental is £11 14s.

Sale Office, Catchgate, Lintz Green. 929b

TO-DAY, Bishop, Dipton, Monday, April 14th, 1890.

MR. G. R. HOBSON is instructed by Mr JOHN HOOKER, who is leaving the neighbourhood, to SELL, on the whole of the Excellent Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE & EFFECTS, by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place. Particulars in posters.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock.

Sale Office, Catchgate, Lintz Green. 988b

By Mr. William Nicholson

LANCHESTER AUCTION MART.

Wednesday, April 2nd, 1890.

Present entries—

A number of Calving Cows.

Fat and Grazing Cattle.

Sheep, Pigs, Poultry, and Produce.

Sale at 1-30.

Entries respectfully solicited.

WILLIAM NICHOLSON, Auctioneer.

JOSEPH OLEY,

THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND 10, WOOD STREET SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Business Announcements

E. BROOKS

THE

GENTLEMEN'S HATTER,

57, GREY STREET, NEWCASTLE.

'LATEST LONDON STYLES KEPT.'

LIEBIG'S EXTRACT OF BEEF AND MALT WINE

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A CONCENTRATED, NUTRITIVE DIGESTIVE FOOD,

DELICIOUS TO TASTE, AND ABSOLUTELY PURE.

IT is prepared with great care, and by an entirely new process, from Pure Port Wine, Liebig's Best Extract, and Kepler Malt Extract.

It is strengthening; it is fleshforming; it is good; you will like it; and whether you are an invalid, or one who requires an occasional tonic for "body and mind," you will find this Beef Wine to be the thing you want.

Persons recovering from an illness cannot have a quicker or more reliable restorative, because, being so concentrated, it is easy of assimilation, and at once gives fresh vigour and tone to the system.

Numerous testimonials have been received from eminent medical men, testifying to the valuable restorative and tonic properties of this Wine.

PRICE 3s 9d PER BOTTLE; 2s PER HALF-BOTTLE.

It is manufactured by W. GLENDENNING, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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N.B.—A Large Stock of New and Second-hand WATCHES, Gold & Silver GUARDS ALBERTS &c., on Sale at the Lowest Prices.

SEE THAT YOU GET TO THE RIGHT SHOP—No. 12.

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CO-OPERATIVE CONFERENCE AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

On Saturday afternoon, a conference of the Central Co-operative Board for the No. 4 District, which comprises the West Durham, and South Northumberland district, was held in the new offices of the Derwent Flour Mill Society, at Shotley Bridge. There was a good attendance, representatives being present from the following societies:—Consett, Shotley Bridge, Leadgate, Annfield Plain, Burnopfield, Tanfield, West Stanley, Blaydon, Swalwell, Shotley Bridge Derwent Flour Mill, along with the sub-district committee and officers. Mr T. Shotton, Blackhill, represented the Newcastle Wholesale Society. The chair was occupied by Mr J. Shotton, Blaydon.

HIGH AND LOW DIVIDENDS.

The CHAIRMAN intimated that the first item on the programme was a very important one. They had to hear reports from the different societies on the question of "High dividends." He hoped the delegates present would speak out what they had to say on this question, and see if they could not get it thoroughly thrashed out. (Applause).

Mr W. CROOKS (Blaydon) said that this question had been brought before the members at his place, and they were in favour of a uniform dividend.

Mr G. LOWER (Consett) intimated that at Consett there had not been a vote taken upon this matter, but he thought their members were in favour of a uniform dividend.

Mr T. W. W. RITSON (Stanley) stated that their society were in favour of a dividend not higher than 5s in the £. He might state also that they intended to go along with the other societies, in order to see implain a uniform dividend.

Mr R. TINDALE (Annfield Plain) observed that the subject was a new one to him, and he knew of nothing that this society had done in the matter.

Several other delegates expressed their willingness on the part of the society they represented, to go for a uniform dividend.

The CHAIRMAN said that he was sorry to see that the Annfield Plain Society had done nothing in the matter. It was for the meeting now to decide what steps should be taken.

Mr CROOKS also expressed his regret that Annfield Plain Society were going to be the stumbling-block in this matter. If they had not stood in the way, something would have been done. By doing this, they were stopping the progress of co-operation. Such a policy at this was bound to help the private traders. They could not expect to carry out the principles of co-operation. He thought the conference ought to depute some one to go and see if this society would not do something in the matter. If they would not, they would have to appeal to the public, and educate them on the subject.

Mr TINDALE explained that when he left home he had not the slightest impression that he was going to be attacked in that manner. He did not think that he was going to be "made a target to be shot at." (Laughter). His opinion was that if they made the money they were going to distribute it. The money called into their society, and at one of their meetings they made a motion to reduce the price of goods. They had done this, but yet it had made no difference. The members at Annfield Plain believed in a good dividend. What were they to do? If they had money came in they must distribute it. They did not think they were paying 1s more than for their goods than they were doing at West Stanley.

A Voice: Yes, you are.

Mr T. CARR (Consett) did not think he could say anything more than what he had said over and over again against the question of high dividends. As an old co-operator he did not believe in it. (Applause). At the present time the tradespeople never felt co-operation less than they did now. They felt it for more twenty years ago. Mr Tindale had told them that everything they touched turned into gold. Well, that might be true; but their brethren, they all knew that high dividends could not be justibly obtained without putting the price onto the goods. He could say that Consett never had paid 3s in the £ in all its life; but yet, at the same time it could pay 4s in the £ this next quarter, if it had a mind. He could see how perfectly well that if they did this they would be doing an injustice to its members, and could not be possibly attained in an honest way.

Mr T. COLLINSON (Catchgate) said the Annfield Plain Society did not make their dividend out of cheap goods. He wished it to be understood that they did not deal in trashy articles. Far from it. He thought their goods would compare with any other society, and they satisfied their members. They were all aware that they did not go for a great round dividend; but at the same time he hoped that the day would not be far distant when they would do this. (Applause.)

Mr LOWER pointed out with regard to high dividends they were easily made. He knew as a fact that there were certon societies who were paying 12 per cent. less for goods than they were charged at Consett. It was his firm conviction that if societies could be united together, it would be a great benefit to the people generally. (Applause.)

Mr T. SHOTTON thought they should go in for a uniform dividend, which would be more healthy to co-operation.

Mr TINDALE intimated that he had come to the conclusion that a dividend of 2s 6d in the pound was quite sufficient for any society to pay. (Applause.) He believed that, but the question now was how was he to get other people to have the same opinion? (Laughter.) What he believed, other people did not, and there the matter rested.

Mr RITSON was glad to hear the tone of Mr Tindale's speech. (Applause). It was now five years since he had met him at any of their meetings, and his mind with regard to high dividends had greatly come down since then. (Laughter.) When Annfield Plain Society were paying 2s 4d in the pound, they were satisfying their members more than they were doing at the present time.

Mr COLLINSON moved:—"That a sample of the goods be brought from each society with the delegate to the conference, and see if something could not be done."

Mr CARR thought it would be futile to attempt to do such a thing.

Mr CROOKS agreed that a committee would carry out the scheme far better, and they could get an expert to test the goods.

Mr Carr moved:—"That a committee of one from each society in the Mill Federation (Swalwell included) should be formed to test samples and prices of goods from each society, and report thereon."

Mr CROOKS seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr Collinson's proposal did not receive a seconder, and therefore was put to the wind.

Mr LOWER moved:—"That each society should choose its own delegate, and pay all expenses."

Mr RITSON seconded the motion, which was also adopted.

THE "DISTRICT RECORD."

Mr SCOTT (Blaydon) reported that the *Record* was going on fairly well, but all the societies were not assuming the pay which their news. He suggested that some of the leaders of the movement should take up some question and discuss it through its columns.

Several suggestions were recommended to further improve the paper. One was that there should be a "Note and query" column, in order to elicit the members to write the paper on any question.

Mr CROOKS thought that Consett and Annfield Plain societies should join them, in order to establish the paper. He had an impression that it would not much faster for Consett to go along with them, instead of having a paper of their own.

The CHAIRMAN intimated that he thought Mr Crooks had done a wrong thing in attacking Consett and Annfield Plain societies, as the delegates had left the room.

The matter then dropped.

Mr HENDERSON (Blaydon) moved that the best thanks of this meeting be given to Mr Scott for his labor the chairship in hand.

Mr RITSON seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr SCOTT acknowledged the compliment.

TENDS TO LABOUR IN DISTRIBUTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE SOCIETIES.

Mr CROOKS read a very interesting paper on "Tends to labour in distributive and productive societies," written by Mr Allan, of Glasgow, which occupied fully half an hour.

A discussion followed by several present on the merits of the paper.

THE NEXT CONFERENCE.

It was unanimously decided to hold the next conference at West Stanley.

THE VOTES OF THANKS.

The usual votes of thanks to the committee of the Stone Mill, and to the chairman, concluded the proceedings.

THE TEA.

During the afternoon, the delegates were entertained to a sumptuous repast, provided in the dining-room, by Mr Urwin of Shotley Bridge.

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LOCAL MINING ACCIDENTS.

On Friday morning, an accident of a somewhat serious nature occurred in the Consett Iron Company's Derwent Pit at Medomsley. It appears that while a man named John MacDonald, of Allendale Cottages, was following his employment a fall of stone took place, which caught MacDonald on the thigh, breaking his leg under the knee in two places. The unfortunate man was conveyed home on an ambulance stretcher, and attended to by Dr J. R. Dibby. He is progressing as well as can be expected.—On Wednesday afternoon, a coal-hewer called John Scott, resided at the Spring Gardens, received in one of the low seams at the South Medomsley Colliery, had a narrow escape of being killed. The seam is troubled with rolls, and a quantity of stone fell from the roof, severely injuring the unfortunate man, whose back is said to be broken. He was taken home and attended to by Dr Bain, Dipton, but little hopes are entertained of his recovery.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting was held on Thursday afternoon at the Union, Mr Taylor-Burton presiding. Present: Rev J. P. De Pledge, J.P., Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., Rev W. Cockin, W. Lawson, J. Williams, R. Murray, T. Siddell, J. Lax, J. Collinson, T. J. Muse, W. H. Hedley, J. A. Curry, R. Robson, G. Hudson, T. D. W. Hallows, T. Pringle, W. Rutherford, W. Gray, and the clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

THE DERWENT VALLEY TRAIN SERVICE.

Mr VAN HAANSBERGEN enquired how long it was since the last communication was sent to the North-Eastern Railway Company with regard to the abominable delay "of the 6.15 p.m. train at Consett Station."

The Clerk replied that the last letter was forwarded on the 3rd of January, and he had merely received a letter acknowledging the receipt thereof.

Mr VAN HAANSBERGEN replied that there had been ample time to receive a decisive reply. He had been at the trouble of getting further information, with regard to the train service on the Derwent Valley line. According to the time-bills, there was no reason whatever why the 6.25 p.m. train from Newcastle should not reach Consett Station within five minutes of its arrival. They should endeavour to persuade the North-Eastern Railway Company to alter the time of the train which arrived at Consett at 6.10 p.m., and did not leave for Durham until 6.33. He did not think there was any reason why for such a long stoppage—23 minutes, as shown on the timetables, but which was frequently extended 17 minutes longer. It had been urged as an objection that this particular train was obliged to wait at Blackhill Station until the train arrived from Stanhope, so as to enable any passengers who were desirous of going so to go to Durham; but he was prepared to state that on an average there were not more than one passenger per month who availed himself of the opportunity, so that such an objection would go for nothing. Another reason given for not starting the train earlier was that it had to wait for the mail bags. He had seen the letters from Consett, but he had been informed, and, in fact, he had seen for himself, that the mail bags were usually at the station as soon as the train arrived from Newcastle, or very shortly afterwards, so that objection did not hold good either. When this subject was last discussed, he believed that his friend Mr Siddell said Consett was a very desirable station to wait at, and if the train left earlier it might be too soon for the passengers travelling from Consett to Durham. There were evidently very few passengers from Consett to Durham, and he believed that these were as anxious to get away from Consett as was possible. (Laughter) He thought it was high time they should sharpen up the railway managers, and get some satisfaction. It was very probable that the last petition which the Guardians sent to the directors respecting the matter had just been placed in the archives of the Railway Company, and might be a convenient to lie at the eyes. If they could not get redress from the Railway Authorities, he intended making application to higher quarters.

The CHAIRMAN thought it would be wise to write to Mr Wilkinson and to the Guardians' petition be then laid before the directors and what answer they had to give.

Mr HODSON: And if this company don't give us what we ask, we'll club up and start a railway of our own. (Laughter.)

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It would be almost impossible to find words strong enough to describe Colonel Forth's mingled sensations of rage and dismay, when he heard from Mrs. Dixon's lodgings to his own house. He had been taken in, he considered, grossly taken in, and he had made a fool of himself; and now he was confronted with this woman for life! But he would get out of it—yes, if it cost him every penny he had in the world, he savagely reflected.

It was early in the morning when he left his bed to do it—he presently began asking himself, as he strode heavily up and down his narrow rooms. He did not go near Mrs. Dixon's the whole day afterwards, and he could not sleep at night for thinking of the dilemma in which he found himself. He could not forget, though he would have liked to do so, how often he had protested to Mrs. Dixon that it was for herself alone he wished to marry her. He had said this when he had proposed to her, and he had said it many times since. Mrs. Dixon remained, if her fortune were gone; and now was he to tell her now that he did not mean to fulfil his promise?

He got up the next morning with a headache, and in a furious temper, and kept flinging about his boots, cursing his servant, as he tried to dress himself with his shaking hand, and swearing so audibly that his one servant thought the Colonel had gone mad. But nothing must be done, and at last a brilliant idea, he considered, darted into his exasperated brain. He would pay Mrs. Dixon a visit, and, with a nonchalant air, though there was no truth in this, except that the day before he had paid his gas account!

But he must make some excuse, and he thought this a feasible one. Scarcely had he swallowed his breakfast, therefore, when he sat down to address an epistle to Mrs. Dixon, which he impressed on his servant that he found far from easy. Hitherto he had begun his letters "Dear Sarah," but now he felt such familiarity must be dropped. He was sorry he had deceived him, as she had done, must be "dear Sarah" no more. Poor Mrs. Dixon had not in truth deceived him, for she had never pretended to marry him. But he was the Colonel was determined to blame her, and being in truth ashamed of himself, took refuge in abusing her.

"Dear Mrs. Dixon," he accordingly wrote, "I regret very much to tell you that I have had a letter from my lawyer this morning, informing me of a transaction I have just completed, which, though it reduces my present small income, that I fear after what you told me yesterday of your affairs, that a marriage between me and you be impossible. I need not tell you I regret this, but there is no help for it, and I remain

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He despatched this by a private messenger, to Mrs. Dixon's lodgings, and then he lit a cigar, and paced to and fro in his room, and he began to think he would feel all the better for a brandy and soda; but before he thus indulged himself, he went out for a smoke in the little garden in front of his house—walked backwards and forwards among the blue bushes and evergreens, and finally sat down in the little rustic summer-house, where poor Ruth and Seaforth had dreamed their brief dream of love.

Suddenly his cigar nearly fell from his lips, while a muttered curse broke from them. *There*, in the act of opening the gate into the garden, was Mrs. Dixon herself. The Colonel started to his feet, and then sat down again, hoping the shrubs would hide him; and as Mrs. Dixon passed down the walk to the door, it struck him in a moment that he was safe in the bell he might escape round the back of the summer-house, and get into the house by the kitchen door.

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"Good-bye," he replied, without looking at her and he mentally determined it should be a long, good-bye indeed.

When he went back into the dining-room, he found Ruth sitting pensively by the fire. Old memories were crowding round her, and she always felt very sad when she entered her father's little house.

"Well, is she gone?" she asked, looking round.

"Yes," said the Colonel, pushing back the curled his brow, and then went to the sideboard and drew out the brandy bottle.

"What have you really going to be married in ten days?" asked Ruth.

"Not so sure of that," he answered, briefly.

"Not so sure, you had a quarrel?" said Ruth, smiling.

The Colonel made no reply; he thought of taking Ruth into his confidence, and telling her how sure that his daughters would not amuse themselves at his expense, so he remained silent.

"How is Mr Spurgeon this morning?" he asked, and so changed the conversation, and by-and-by Ruth went away, and he was left to his own unhappy reflections.

On one thing he was firmly determined—he would see Mrs. Dixon again. He would go to Sudley, and write to her from there, and stay there until it was all settled.

And he carried this out. He went with his old friend back to Sudley, armed with a stock of garments to last him a fortnight; and, after dinner, when the two men were alone, he told Keyon of his trouble.

"I've made a fool of myself, Keynon," he said, brusquely, after drinking three glasses of port in rapid succession.

"My dear fellow, most of us do that once in our lives," answered Keynon, with a twinkle in his kindly eyes, for he rather guessed what was coming.

"That woman I was going to marry, Mrs. Dixon, has taken me in about her circumstances, and I've got in," meanly and unfruitfully asserted Colonel Forth.

"What! She has got so much, I hear."

"She's got nothing, as far as I can make out—nothing about which there is any certainty, at least."

Colonel Keynon gave a quiet, low whistle.

"That's awkward," he said.

"It's confoundedly awkward, and I won't have it at any price!" roared Forth. "I won't marry her, Keynon. Will you help me out of it?"

"Easier said than done, I should say."

"That's the worst of it, I can't see anything to her. The way she sticks to one, and makes love to one, is positively indelicate!"

Keynon laughed aloud; in fact, the expression of Forth's face was irresistible.

"It's no laughing matter for me," he continued, irritably. "I wouldn't care a straw about the moonshine about the money, and told her it was no use talking of marrying when there was nothing to marry on; and what do you think she said? She said I ought to go home, my dear fellow, and said all sorts of foolish, idiotic things about love. Love, indeed!"

Again Keynon laughed.

"But what made you think she was rich?" he asked presently. "And how did you find out she has nothing?"

"Yes, badly treated; but I don't care what she has; *I know her!*"

"You are quite determined on this?"

"Quite determined! I'm sick of the whole affair."

"Well then, write her a straightforward letter, and tell her you want to back out of it; but of course you must offer her some compensation."

"Compensation!" repeated Forth, ruefully.

"Yes, certainly; you asked her to marry you, and if you have changed your mind, you must pay for it."

"How much do you think——" hesitated Forth, who did not quite see the force of his friend's argument.

"Well, say five hundred pounds."

"Five hundred pounds!" Where am I to get five hundred pounds, and what shall I do with my money in a manner?"

"Well, raise it somehow; you are my Financial father, so I owe you more than five hundred pounds."

Colonel Forth raised his shaggy light eyebrows in pure surprise at the speaker.

"I should write to her at once if I were you, and have it settled," continued Keynon; and Forth having agreed to this, he retired to the library to compose his letter to Mrs. Dixon.

"Dear Mrs. Dixon," he wrote after some consideration. "I have thought over our conversation this morning, and the position of our affairs, and I have come to the conclusion that a marriage between us is out of the question. Ever since, I have felt such a very small income is simply miserable, and I am sure you are too sensible not to see it in the same light when you reflect upon it. But I am very anxious not to cause you any annoyance or disappointment, and I trust we shall be able to arrange this amicably. I am staying with my son-in-law, Colonel Keynon, at present, and shall be glad to receive a letter from you here, and hope to be able to meet your views on the subject; though you must please not to forget that I am a very poor man. Still, with assistance, I may be able to do something.

"And I remain,

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Colonel Forth read and re-read this, and thought it was a masterpiece, and carried into the dining-room for his friend's approval.

Colonel Keynon glanced over it with a smile.

"Well, will that do?" asked Forth, with some pride in his own composition.

"Quite, and cool enough anyhow," said Keynon, still smiling.

"I must be cold and cool, my dear fellow! If I showed the slightest warmth she would be here in no time, throwing herself into my arms, and I really cannot stand it."

"Very well, all right, send it; we shall see what she says."

They saw the next day by the last post. A letter was placed in Colonel Forth's hands in Mrs. Dixon's too well-known writing, and, with a flushed face, he retired as soon as he had finished it to read it.

"Dear Colonel Forth (I almost wrote my dearest William) for it seems impossible to me, *quite impossible*, that your letter can be in earnest. I thought you had just received. Did I not ask you when you proposed to marry me, when you entreated me to accept you, if you were *sure* that you sought me and loved me for myself alone? You know I did; you cannot deny this. I am sure; and here am I, unchanged and faithful, and yet you cast me off! But the laws of my country will defend me, and as a poor, broken-hearted, forsaken woman, I shall claim their protection. I shall write no more, for my mind is too disturbed and to avail, but I repeat, I *cannot* understand it, nor shall I put up with it.

"SARAH DIXON."

"She means business," said Colonel Keynon, laughing, when the alarmed Forth was obliged to let him read this letter. "Well, my dear fellow, you will have to pay, and quite right too."

It is needless to relate all the correspondence which followed between the middle-aged pair. Colonel Forth offered, by Colonel Keynon's advice, five hundred pounds compensation for his breach of promise, but Mrs. Dixon refused it as inadequate. Finally, after much disputation, she agreed to take seven hundred pounds, which Colonel Keynon advanced.

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"Shall never give another woman a chance of being fond of me, that's all I can say," replied Forth with energy; and he never did.

(To be continued.)

REPENTANT STRIKERS.

The men out on strike at Woolwich Arsenal have petitioned Colonel Ross, the Ordnance Department, to be reinstated in their employment. Mr Frank-lin, manager of the Arsenal Gas Works, has been authorised to use his discretion in the matter, and he has informed the men on strike that if there are any vacancies after the Christmas holidays, he will consider the applications, but that he will not discharge any of the new hands to make room for the strikers. The new hands were till lately labourers earning 18s. or 18s. a week, but are now earning as gas-stokers 37s. 6d. a week, and are not likely to allow any vacancies to be created.

CONSETT BAPTIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.

The members of the Consett Baptist Church celebrated their anniversary on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. It is very unfortunate to have to say that during the three days the weather was very unpopitious, and greatly marred the success of the gathering. Once again they had secured the services of the popular preacher—Mr William Spurgeon—and it was the intention of the members to make a special effort, to raise a sum of money in order to carry on the working of their church free from debt, during the ensuing year. On Saturday evening, Rev W. Spurgeon lectured in the chapel on "Happy homes and how to make them," to a fair company. Rev T. Durant (pastor) presided. A collection was taken up, the cloze.—On Sunday, the rev gentleman preached three eloquent sermons in the Co-operative Hall, Consett. In the morning Mr Spurgeon said, "Do you "Progressive christianity, a fact;" in the afternoon, on "Singing christians;" and in the evening, "Moses, the Saviour of the desert." All the services were tolerably well attended. Collections were taken in aid of the chapel funds.

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The Lecturer said the most of them in their school days had read in their books of some

GREAT HEROES,

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LIVINGSTONE AND STANLEY

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EDUCATING HIMSELF.

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MEDICAL PROFESSION,

and with this aim in view, he attended medical and other classes at the university in Glasgow. He was a great student, and was a man who scarcely nor did the resolute young man seek or expect such. After this, David went in for

MINISTERIAL TRAINING,

and was accepted for the field of Calpa, and he was placed in a college near London, under the charge of Rev Mr Cecil, for training, by the London Missionary Society. The lecturer stated that David Livingstone became a fairly acceptable preacher of the gospel. In the year 1840, China was closed to all missionaries, but the Opium war, there was another wide field of labour open, and that was Africa, where some thousands of people were waiting to receive the truth. With the C.M. came, and David along with others, went to work in this station of life. He had not seen in Afric twelve months before he selected down at a little place in order to master the language. David had not been long in this neighbourhood before things became unsettled, and he was obliged to seek out another locality in order to

ESTABLISH HIS MISSION.

At this place the lions had been carrying off a terrible number of people. One night, one of the lions, and Livingstone was determined to help the people in the putting down of these beasts. While out in his hunt, he was attacked by one of the lions, and brought to the ground. The animal gave him a good shaking, besides crunching the bone into splinters. He saw a number of teeth wounds in his arm. In the year 1844, Livingstone married Mary, the daughter of good Robert Moffatt, and after living 18 years together,

MRS. LIVINGSTONE DIED

in the year 1862, and was interred under the shadow of a giant tree, where they both had been accustomed to sit and spend many an evening together. A short while after this David Livingstone was smitten down with a serious illness, and he was advised by the people to take a return journey, which he consented to do. After he had recruited his health, he went back on the scene of exploration, and for

TWO LONG WEARY YEARS

the Geographical Society had no tidings of his whereabouts, and they became very anxious as to his fate. Eventually, he was found in the heart of Africa, and he was killed; she'll eat all the same."

MR H. M. STANLEY,

a young gentleman, who had been despatched by the proprietor of the *New York Herald*, with instructions to find Livingstone, and bring back tidings of his safety or death at whatever cost, took ship and landed at Zanzibar. After considerable hard and hard work, along with a band of his men, were in camp, a message came to the effect that they were in

TWO OR THREE DAYS' MARCH

of a white man. On hearing these good tidings he set off, and after a short search, he found Dr Livingstone in a care-worn state. On meeting they both raised their hats and shook hands.

STANLEY AND LIVINGSTONE

spent days and weeks together, and Stanley found that Livingstone had explored Central Africa as it had never been known. On the 1st of May, 1873, Dr Livingstone died away from home and friends. When

THE GREAT MAN DIED,

a little black boy carried out the instructions given him by Livingstone, and that was that his body should be preserved in order to get it brought home. This boy got a box and had the body placed in it, and it was conveyed on the shoulders of men through the desert. For

TWO HUNDRED MILES

and landed the remains at Zanzibar. In 1874, the remains of Dr Livingstone were laid in their last resting place in Westminster Abbey. They were interdicted to Dr Livingstone for breaking up the slave traffic, and for the manner in which he unfurled the banner of the truth. Stanley was

A TRUE HERO,

and so mounted many difficulties while searching for Livingstone. He would give them some of the ground gone over by Livingstone, on the screen. (Applause).

The lecture was illustrated by fifty lime-light views, which were really interesting.

The proceedings closed by singing the doxology.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

A good thing happened at Mrs Robert Walton's sewing meeting, at the Wesleyan school room, Stanhope, the other evening. A young man had a good plate, of nice tempting-looking ham, put down before him; he was evidently on good terms with the waiter, inasmuch as he got an extra good plate. Sitting down to the table with well-known Stanhope lady, her plate was not so temp ing, it contained more fat, but much less ham altogether. The young fellow strong a determined attitude, closed his eyes, and, while he was saying grace, with his eyes shut, the lady changed plates. On opening his eyes he observed the change at once, and asked "What's got my ham?" The lady was, with the 2 st of a quarryman, busily engaged with the ham, and told him to make haste and eat, and for the future, to watch as well as pray.

Some Weardale sportsmen, the other day, with dog, ferret, and gun, had 18 shots at a rabbit, and with the last shot gave him the happy despatch, as they thought, and tossed him aside to look after bagging some more game. When they went to look for bunnie he was now out. He had come around and got off safely. He was more frightened than hurt, and, when all was quiet, hopped off after being shot at 18 times.

Some anonymous Welsingham friend of mine occasionally sends me a copy of the *Nonconformist Reformer*, and the issue "Friday" I have got in them throggh and through to find the institutions calculated to bless humanity, built or opened by those who are the Christian thinkers. Christianity has given them to the world by the hundred. What would be thought of the wretch who would take the same method to give a poor man, lame and blind, and throw it away? This is what the Christian thinkers seem to be doing. Throwing overboard the same means which have given for a storm. What substitute do they offer for the golden rule of Christ? Why, as you would that man should do unto you do ye even so to him. Only have a bag of negatives. I have no sympathy with the feelings of Charles Bradlaugh and Annie Besant.

It is not quite half-a-century since the first fish cart arrived in Stanhope. The fish hawker was followed all round the place by a man who eyed his fish very intently in through life. He was noted at the man's pertinacity in following him all over the place, and eyeing his fish so much. At last he called him to account, and said, "Look ye, fish! "No," said he, "Aw dunnet like fat meat; and that's ower fat; aw dunnet see a lick lean, iit!"

Weardalers are not all greenhorns, at least they are not so green as cabbage looking. Not long ago a real live Weardaler visited the big city of London, he was taken up with the wondrous sights and, like most country people when in town, had a wholesome fear of being the shop windows. He had viewed many, an', at last came across one large window all daubed with whitening inside. The sight excited the Weardaler's curiosity so much that he opened the door and looked in, seeing a clerk with a pen behind his ear, sitting at a desk, he addressed him in the Weardale vernacular, thus, "What dea ye deal in here." The trade cockney looked daggers at this uncouth rustic from the country, and said in a sarcastic tones "Blackheads"! "By Joe," said the Weardaler, "Ye've had a rattlin trade, sold out all but yan aw see!"

In Upper Weardale the other evening, a stereotyped batchelor and star gazer took his fair one out for an evening stroll, as he had done often before. He would for ever be talking of the stars and the queen of night. She wanted to turn the conversation into a more congenial channel. He had wooed her long, and never as yet came to the sticking point. She intimated to him that another young fellow was sweet on her, and that he would have to come nearer to the point if he meant her to be his.

This is what the star worker her companion the next day:—

"But no, he talked a dreary mess,
Of wheels and tractions and planets,
That caught my fancy, I confess,
Was mutual attraction.
I said "I thought it very queer,
And stupid altogether,
For stars to keep so very near,
And yet never to come together.
At that he smiled, and turned his head,
I thought he'd caught the notion;
He merely said a good night, and said,
Their safety lay in motion.

Strikes are all the go. We hear of little but strikes. It is a crude way of settling disputes. Because I differ with my neighbour, and am likely to get the worst of it, I threaten to knock out the windows in

Football.

ASSOCIATION.

MOORLEY V BOOKSHIELD.—Played at Moorley, and resulted in a victory for the home team by three goals to one.

KIBBLESWORTH JUNIORS V STEERSTAKE RISING STAR.—Played on the ground of the latter, and ended in a draw of two goals each.

WILLINGTON ATHLETIC V WEST WYLAM HARRIERS. Played at West Wylam, Willington winning a pleasant game by five goals to two.

WILLINGTON ATHLETIC RESERVES V WEST WYLAM HARRIERS 2ND.—Played at West Wylam, and after a good game resulted in a win for the Marriers by five goals to four.

TANFIELD LEA RESERVES V AYTON ROVERS.—Tanfield Lea journeyed to St. Anthony's to play the return match with the Rovers. The game ended in favour of Tanfield Lea by three goals to two.

LEADGATE RANGERS V LEADGATE PARK ALBION.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a victory for the Rangers by one goal to nil.

DIPTON WANDERERS JUNIORS V LIZZIE JUNIORS.—Played at Dipton. The play was all in favour of the home club, the final result being:—Wanderers, six goals; The Lizzie, nil.

DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVES V CATCHGATE ALBION RESERVES.—Played at Dipton. Albion won the toss, and played with the wind. With the exception of a few occasional spurts, however, they never looked very dangerous, and the Wanderers had the best of it in both ways, the contest ending:—Wanderers, five goals; Albion, nothing. The Wanderers were represented by the following:—Goal, T. Mann; backs, R. Erewis and G. W. Bailey; half-backs, J. Bell, W. Bowes, and W. Bell; forwards, J. Knotie and R. Crozier, right wing; H. McDine, centre; H. Maude and J. Evans, left wing.

DIPTON WANDERERS V CATCHGATE ALBION.—The Wanderers' ground was well occupied on Saturday last, there being no less than three encounters succeeding one other. The first was between the above clubs. Albion won the toss, and elected to play with the wind. For some time the play was fairly even, although it was apparent that the Wanderers were not playing the combination game which has done so much to win them their present high position. For this laxity they had to pay the penalty of seeing their opponents score the first goal. This happened ten minutes from the start, and proved to be the only point in the game, for the home club now working as one man, and even with the wind against them, kept up an incessant bombardment on their opponents' goal, registering two goals before the change of ends. The score at full time stood—

Wanderers .....Two goals
Albion .....One goal

The second half was a very uneven contest, what play there was centering round the Albion goal, and had the home team shot accurately, they must have piled up a great score. Shot after shot was sent wide of the posts, and continued to fall to their lot, but they only succeeded in scoring three goals. The Albion were plainly overmatched, and ought to be thankful that the score against them was no greater than it was, viz.—

Wanderers .....Five goals
Albion .....One goal

The following composed the Wanderers' eleven:—Goal, R. Frock; backs, J. Walker and T. Turpin; half-backs, A. Dodds, E. Buck, and J. Jordan; forwards, W. Turner and J. Gillard, right wing; W. Smith, centre; D. Crozier and T. Walker, left wing.

RUGBY.

BLAYDON STAR V CRUSADERS (HARTLEPOOL).—Played at Blaydon. The home team had the best of the game throughout, and won by three tries and three minors to two minors.

RYTON V STIFF'-ULM.—This match was played at Ryton before a fair number of spectators, who were rewarded by seeing some good play, not only on the part of the so-called "stiff-'uns," who were mostly members of the late Ryton club, but also by the promising team of younger players now representing the new club. The juniors had decidedly the best of the game in the first half, but later on, as the old hands warmed to their work, they cleverly secured a goal and a try to one try and a minor, thus winning amidst great excitement. The proceeds go towards the club funds.

JOTTINGS.

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

Leadgate Park have both their 1st and 2nd team games at home on Saturday. The 2nd team plays Rangley Park, and the first expect a visit from the Sunderland Albion Reserve. If the latter come, a good game will be the outcome, as the Park will play the best team they have placed in the field this season.

Medomsley have been singularly unfortunate in the draws for the several rounds of the Durham Junior Cup, as, although they have reached the fourth round of the competition, they have had a single tie played on their own ground. They have again to play away from home on Saturday, having been drawn against Seaham Colliery, a team whose ground is close to Sunderland. Medomsley have certainly experienced very hard luck, and therefore great credit is due to them for having fought their way into the fourth round. I sincerely hope that they will prove victorious on Saturday, and thus get into the semi-finals. Play up, Medomsley!

I am very pleased to observe that Mr J. McCourley, hon. secretary of the Leadgate Exiles A.F.C., has been appointed a member of the Durham Challenge Cup committee, in place of Mr Hartley, Sunderland. This is a great honour for Mr McCourley and the Exiles, and I doubt not but that the new representative will take care that the interests of our local clubs are not neglected.

PRESENTATION AT HAMSTEELS COLLIERY.

On Saturday evening, the members of Hamsteels Rugby Football Club and their friends assembled at Mr R. Wall's hostelry, Hamsteels, for the purpose of making a presentation to Sergt. Nicholson, who was recently removed to Leadgate, as an acknowledgment of their esteem for the interest he had taken in promoting games for their elevating and enjoyment, as well as hearty appreciation shown towards the club. The presentation consisted of a splendid silver tea-service, valued at £8, which was suitably engraved with a suitable inscription to the following effect:—"Presented by the members of Hamsteels Rugby Football Club and friends, as a token of their esteem." The presentation was made by Mr T. Lowden, manager of the colliery, (president of the club), who gave a neat summary of Sergt. Nicholson's previous conduct, which was most appropriately responded to by the Sergeant, who expressed his thankfulness for their kindness.—Afterwards, Mr Gibbons (captain of the club) said he thought they could not have shown their gratitude towards Mr Nicholson in a more appropriate way than by a present and an invitation to their annual supper, it breaking up for the season.—Having partaken of the good things provided, the company accorded a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess, who had so kindly provided a splendid repast, and also to the president for so kindly officiating on this occasion. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, the proceedings being continued to a late hour.

LEADGATE EXILES V. LEADGATE PARK: A CHALLENGE.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Seeing such different opinions exists as to the merits of the above teams, I have been authorised by my committee to say that the Exiles will meet the Park on any neutral ground, for a cup and medal, subject to the sanction of the Durham Challenge Cup committee. Failing this, the Exiles will play them on any neutral ground, for a cup and medal, in aid of the Priestman Memorial Fund, as previously inserted in these columns. Hoping to hear the above you will extremely oblige—Respectfully yours,

J. MCCOURLEY,
Hon. Secretary Leadgate Exiles.

March 24th, 1890.

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

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MRS. S. A. ALLEN'S WORLD'S HAIR RESTORER never fails to restore grey hair to its youthful colour. It acts directly upon the roots of the hair, invigorating them, cleanses the scalp, removing dandruff, rendering the hair soft, silky, and glossy, and leaving it to remain in any desired position. It has hosts of admirers, male and female, young and old. Sold by Chemists, Perfumers, &c. 876

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Trade Notes.

GREENSHOUT AT HAMSTEELS COLLIERY.—The miners of Hamsteels Colliery have given their Union Officials the per cent obtained by the county, and it is to be hoped all other Collieries in the county will do likewise.

NEW COLLIERY NEAR RYTON.

CUTTING THE FIRST SOD.

On Saturday afternoon, a large company assembled to witness the ceremony of cutting the first sod of a new pit near Crawcrook Mill, about a mile to the west of the village of Ryton. The new pit to be commenced is intended for winning the Crawcrook royalty leased to the Stella Coal Company. The owners of the royalty are Mr M. W. Ridley, Bart., the Marquis of Bute, Earl Strathmore, the Croft trustees, Mr Joseph Cowen, and the Stella Coal Company. The royalty intended to be worked by the colliery is

ABOUT 1,000 ACRES IN EXTENT.

The upper seam was worked about 200 years ago, but the present winning is to be lower seams—viz., the Townsley, Five Quarter, Stone Coal, and Brockwell, the deepest of which is computed to be about 65 fathoms. It is estimated there is

COAL WHICH WILL REACH FOR 50 YEARS

at a large output. The new winning, when completed, will greatly increase the output of the company's collieries. The company now have an extensive tract, commencing at Derwenthaugh on the east and extending as far as Wylam on the west. This is about six miles in length and nearly three miles in breadth, so that when the new colliery is completed the total output of the collieries will be upwards of

HALF-A-MILLION TONS PER ANNUM.

The company have secured over 50 new houses at Crawcrook for this winning, and there are to be built 100 more near the new pit, forming a new village, which is to be called Dixon Ville. There were present at the cutting of the first sod of Saturday afternoon Sir B. C. Browne, Newcastle; Mr and Mrs John B. Simpson, Rev Canon Greene, Ryton; Mr R. T. Batey, coal fitter; Mr Wm. Rochester, manager; Mr J. Archbold, engineer; Messrs Atkinson, Cheesman, Robinson, J. W. Jamieson, S. Rochester, J. Bell, J. Davis, R. Bell, A. Pattinson, G. John Percy, &c. Mr Walter and Mr John Percy, contractors, were also present, besides a large number of the company's workmen.

Sir B. C. BROWNE, in presenting Mrs J. Bell Simpson with a spade (shitably inscribed for the occasion), asked her to cut the first sod of the Dixon Pit, and remarked that coal had been worked continuously from the early

SINCE THE TIME OF RICHARD II.,

and he hoped that what they were inaugurating that day would be a means by which it might continue to be successfully worked for many years to comnt.

The sod was then cut by Mrs Simpson, who declared the pit was ready for sinking operations.

A vote of thanks to Mrs Simpson for cutting the sod was proposed by Canon CHESTER, who remarked that in all his experience he

HAD KNOWN OF NO COMPANY—

and he had now known a good many in his time—whose dealings with their workmen and with charitable objects were more generous than those of the Stella Coal Company!

Mr W. ROCHESTER seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried by cheers for Mrs Simpson. Cheers were also given for Mr Simpson and Sir B. C. Browne.

Mr SIMPSON replied on behalf of Mrs Simpson, and said he hoped that the good feeling which had always existed between the company and their workmen might continue.

Canon Chester, with the permission of Mrs Simpson, took her spade and also cut a sod.

After the ceremony, the officials adjourned to the Joiners' Arms, Ryton, where an excellent luncheon was provided.

The Stella Coal Company has just completed

ANOTHER SMART ONE NEAR RYTON

for the working of cannel coal, and next week will see it in operation.

THE CONSETT STEELWORKERS.

A FURTHER ADVANCE OF WAGES.

On Monday morning, as a conference held between Ald. W. Jenkins, J.P., general manager of the Consett Iron Company, and the workmen's representatives, it was agreed to renew the sliding scale for adjusting the wages of the Bessemer mill plate mill employed at Consett, for a period of two years, upon a basis of 2½ per cent. higher than the current scale, which expires on the 31st inst. The firm likewise agreed, in consideration of the loyalty shown by their operatives, during the existence of the previous scale arrangements, to concede another 2½ per cent. increase, thus making their wages 5 per cent. higher than heretofore, to take effect from last Monday morning.

A WEARDALE INDUSTRY ON TRIAL.

The inability of the Weardale Iron Company to satisfactorily blend ironstone, so as to make steel, has necessitated the building of a special furnace at Tudhoe, which is to be lit this week, with 40 tons of ironstone from the several mines of the Company in Weardale, upon the result of which the resumption of this almost ancient industry of Upper Weardale at present depends. Much interest is therefore taken in the proceedings by the Upper Weardalians, where distress and migration just now are both very prevalent, on account of the stoppage of the mines.

HEALTH RESTORED Remedy Free.—A late Sufferer from Nervousness, Weakness, &c. having tried in vain every known remedy, has discovered a simple self-cure which he will send free to his fellow-sufferers. — Address, W. Fox, 1, York Street, Southwark, London, S.E. 265a

"HOW TO BREAVE," price sixpence.—To be had of Robert Jackson, bookseller, 9 and 10 Newmarket Street, Consett.

DON'T SMOKE IN THE HOUSE.—"Rough on Rats" clears out rats, mice, beetles, roaches, bed-bugs, flies, ants, moths, chipmunks, gophers 15c. and in boxes at Chemists.

The most wholesome and nutritious of confectioners is far less consumed than it would be were it not for the greatly adulterated articles sold under the name of chocolate. Every cake of chocolate bearing the name of Cadbury is guaranteed to consist solely of pure Cocoa and nothing else, and may therefore be given to children with perfect safety. Chocolate makers by special appointment to the Queen

DEPRESSED CONSTITUTIONS.—A Wealthy American Lady whose only son for years was a slave to Intemperance, Nervous Depression and Exhausted Vitality, after seeking in vain for a cure, and trying all known remedies, at last found a simple means that cured and saved him from a drunkard's grave. Anyone suffering or desiring to help others in this worthy cause, by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Mr James Holland, 25, Hart Street, High Holborn, London, will receive this information, free of charge. Mention this paper.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the Pamphlet, Figuro, of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, kidney disease, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

HUMAN LIFE.—Fifty years' record of Facts, Principles, and Discoveries relating to the Origin and True Treatment of Disease, and the preservation of Human Life on Earth. By Dr Samuel Brisley, M.D., Ph.D.; author of "Vaticinal Longevity Reattainable," "Earth-Life," &c., &c. A series of most valuable articles in 52-paged books, containing Diet Rules—what to eat and what to avoid in various complaints, together with other useful and valuable information. Invaluable to every Sufferer. Bound from the published Means Gordon, Murray, and Co., 48, Threadneedle Street, London, W.C.

MAN'S NOBLEST WORK.—This is an age of great and works wonderful inventions. Steam, electric city, water, air, all are made to serve man, but to unquestionably the greatest inventions are those which preserve man's health and prolong his life, and among the greatest of these are Stanton's Cough Pills. There effects are truly wonderful and hundreds are happy to-day who once looked forward to an early grave. For Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma Loss of Voice, Hay Fevers Hoarseness, Croup, or any Affection whatever of the Throat, Chest, or Lungs, Stanton's Cough Pill, will positively cure. We can cheerfully recommend them to all, and can unhesitatingly say they are the only sure cure for Throat and Lung Affections. Sold by all Chemists in Boxes at 13½d, and 2s. 9d. Box sent post free on receipt of 15 or 36 stamps. Wm. Mather, Wholesale Druggists Manchester.

Cricket.

The Orbill C.C. have the following dates vacant for the coming season, and would like to arrange with any northern 1st team or good 2nd team. They are at home, April 12th, May 17th, June 28th, July 26th, August 23rd, September 6th and 20th; at home and away on Easter Monday, April 21st, May 19th, June 7th, August 16th and September 13th and 27th. Mr Matthew Greenwell, secretary, Orbill C.C.

RIDING MILL CRICKET.—The members of the Riding Mill Cricket Club held their annual meeting in the school-room, which was well attended. The secretary and treasurer (Mr Samuel Oliver) read the report for the past year, from which it appeared that the club is in a very flourishing condition, and that there is a balance in hand of £5 16s, after returning the ground which is 40 yards square, and constructing it in a more excellent manner at a very reasonable cost, by Mr Robson of Corbridge whose services was fortunately procured through Captain Scott. The field being delightfully situated in the beautiful park at Oaklands, a most successful season is anticipated. The following officers were re-elected:—President, Rev Canon Slater; vice-president, Mr Thomas Wilson; captain, F. Scott; vice-captain, C. Blunt; secretary, T. Greener, W. Tweddle, 4th, W. Tweddle, jun. J. W. Armstrong, T. Townsend, P. Townsend, C. Scott, and M. Scott. 2nd team: Captain, John Knott; vice-president, J. Trotter; treasurer and secretary, Samuel Oliver.

Sporting Item

QUOIT MATCH AT CONSETT.—A large number of spectators assembled on Saturday afternoon last at Mr E. Taylor's, Fir Tree Inn, Consett, to witness the match between Arthur Welsh and T. Grayson, both of Cornsay, for £5 a-side, the distance being ten yards, while Welsh received five start in a game of 15 points. The following was the quoit match by five pairs:

SHOOTING MATCH NEAR CONSETT.—On Saturday afternoon, a large number of spectators assembled in a field adjoining Mr W. Armstrong, Has and Feather Inn, near Consett, to witness a shooting match between Thomas Harry Fairless, Jacob and Mason, Steelworkers, both of Consett, for £20, the best of seven birds. The conditions being 12-yard shot, with use of both barrels. Harvey won quite easily, the scores being:—Harvey, 22 yards, 1 1 1 1 1 0; Mason, 17, 0 0 0 1 1 1. Betting ruffle at evening.

ANGLING AT BLANCHLAND.—Trout fishing in the river Derwent, at Blanchland, has commenced, but owing to ungenial weather it is not yet general. Mr Jos. Sanderson, merchant tailor, on one day caught a basket of 17 trout, though they were very small in size. There is, however, a very good prospect for a big tree season of fishing than usual.

PRUDHOE AND DISTRICT CYCLING CLUB.—There seems to be every prospect of a successful career for this newly formed cycling club. It is being liberally supported by the leading gentlemen of the district. Mr Thomas Bates has consented to act as president, and the following gentlemen as vice-presidents:—Mr Joseph Humble, Rev J. A. C. Maughan, Dr W. McCord, Mr J. A. Guthrie, Mr W. Bedlington, &c. There has been a great increase in the number of riders in Mr Guthrie during the last few weeks, and the committee confidently expect a large membership. A good number of runs have been arranged for the summer, the opening one being to Chollerford on Good Friday. A quantity of very neat badges have been ordered of Vaughton and Sons, Birmingham. The club has become affiliated to the N.C.U.

BEARS OF DERWENT FOXHOUNDS.—This popular pack met at Codburns, near the Stone, on Wednesday week, when, despite the inclemency of the weather, there was a good muster, amongst those present being Col. J. A. Cowen, the master; Thomas Bell, Whorlton; Joseph Humble, Eltringham; Thomas Charlton, Hayden; Charles Winter, Winlaton; M. Adamson, Burnopfield; J. Christopher, Blackhill, &c. The hounds first proceeded to Garlie's Wood, but after spending a lot of time, and not finding Reynard, they entered Hine's Wood, which was also drawn blank. Feet Hedley was next tried, and a find was made in Saddvil's Wood, the fox running off in the direction of The Hollings, across Hedley Mill Road, and thence by Broad Oak pastures, Ebchester, into the Burn Wood. He scampered right up to the top, towards the Ravenside Road, which Reynard afterwards traversed. Here the hounds were divided, it being supposed that a second fox had sprung up. The huntsman (Siddle Dixon) meanwhile panied the latter section of the hounds towards Hine's Wood, where they were obliged to double back and work towards west again, making off for Paddock Wood, past Airey Hill, and back again into Paddock Wood. In the meantime, the rear of the plantation the fox was lost, and it was agreed to cease operations for that day. The run was a capital one. When the fox was first found in the Paddock Wood, the scent was so good that the hounds fairly flew to the Burn Wood.

FOOTRACING AT DIPTON.—The Dipton Running Ground were reopened on Saturday afternoon, when a commencement was made with the £10 10s 120 yards footrace handicap, which was promoted by Mr Wm. Young, of the Red Lion Inn, Dipton. About 60 entries were received for the event. The weather being fine and open a very large number of spectators assembled, and for the first day running was exceedingly brisk. The track, not being used for nearly a twelvemonth, was rather soft, but this will be remedied. On the whole the sprinting was fairly good. Results:—Heat 1—J. Sparkes, Dipton, 18 yards, w.o. Heat 2—R. Dipton, Crook, 14½, 1 yr. Swinburne, Benfieldside, 15, 2; H. Applegarth, 13½, 3; W. Gray, Pelton Fell, 16, 4; Wm. easily. Heat 3—J. Eltringham, Dipton, 8, w.o. Heat 4—E. Emmerson, Tanfield, 13½, 1; J. Smiles, Tanfield, 19, 2; A. Todd, Dipton, 19, 3; won by a yard and a half. Heat 5—T. Hodgson, Consett, 13½, 1; M. Lannon, Crookgate, 14, 2; won by two yards. Heat 6—J. Dixon, Gateshead, 19½, 1; R. Anderson, Wingate, 14, 2; J. Wilson, East Pontop, 18, 3; won by a length and a half. Heat 7—T. Young, Dipton, 18, 1; R. Henderson, Winlaffin, 15, 2; won by two yards. Heat 8—T. Johnson, Tanfield, 17½, w.o. Heat 9—G. Mudd, Tanfield Lea, 19, 1; W. Evans, Dipton, 17½, 2; won by a yard and a half. Heat 10—T. Cockburn, Quickgate, 16½, 1; W. Gallagher, Dipton, 17, 2; W. Milburn, Tanfield Lea, 16½, 3; won on the post. Heat 11—G. Ling, High Spen, 16, 1; J. Hall, Dipton, 17½, 2; M. Robson, Tanfield, 18, 3; won by one yard. Heat 12—F. Blair, Crook, 15, 1; W. Wightman, Dipton, 17, 2; J. Hutchinson, Dipton, 16, 3; won by a yard. Heat 13—J. Wilson, Consett, 13, w.o. Heat 14—P. Malone, Marley Hill, 17, 1; J. Bell, Dipton, 17½, 2; J. Kennedy, Dipton, 17½, 3; F. Watson, Dipton, 17, 4; won by half a yard. Heat 15—J. Layton, Hobson Colliery, 17, 1; W. Bellerby, Dipton, 17, 2; J. Riddle, Fireside, 19, 3; won by two feet. The final was drawn for on the following Saturday night. Heat 1—Eltringham, Murray, Sparkes, and Hodgson. Heat 2—Dixon, Ling, Cockburn, and Emmerson. Heat 3—Hylton, Layton, Wilson, and Blair. Heat 4—Mudd, Johnson, and Malone.

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TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH.)
Leadgate Exiles v Wolsingham, at Tow Law (Wolsingham Charity Cup).
Leadgate Exiles Reserve v Dipton Wanderers Reserve, at Dipton.
Medomsley v Southwick, at Southwick (Durham Junior Cup-tie).
Leadgate Park v Sunderland Albion Reserve, at Leadgate.
Leadgate Park Reserve v Langley Park, at Leadgate.
Dipton Wanderers v Science and Art Swifts, at Dipton.
Tow Law v Shildon, at Shildon.
Felton Fell Harriers v SS. Mary and James, at Newcastle.
Mickley v Windal Swifts, at Mickley.
Edmondsley Strangers v Esh Albion, at Esh.
Edmondsley Strangers 2nd v Murton Wanderers, at Murton.
Felton Fell Harriers 2nd v Sunnieside, at Sunnieside.

DURHAM JUNIOR CUP.
FOURTH ROUND.

MEDOMSLEY V SOUTHWICK (SUNDERLAND).—These teams having been drawn together in the above competition, will bring off their tie to-morrow (Saturday), at Southwick. This is the third tie in succession that Medomsley have had to play away from home, while their opponents have been fortunate enough to have all their ties at home. Southwick are a very strong team, as in addition to other meritorious victories, they have twice shown to advantage against famous Sunderland Albion Reserve; but the visitors intend to fight hard to reach the semi-finals. Medomsley will be represented as follows:—Goal, T. Bramley; backs, W. Baron and M. Charlton; half-backs, J. Veitch, J. Hornsby, and A. Little; forwards, Robt. Cant and R. Campbell, right wing; A. M. Hedley, centre; Wm. Cant (capt.) and J. Rose, left wing. Umpire, Mr W. G. Thompson. *Referee*, Mr J. H. Douglas, Gateshead. Kick-off at 3 p.m.

WOLSINGHAM CHARITY CUP.

FINAL TIE.

LEADGATE EXILES V WOLSINGHAM.—These teams will meet in the final tie of the above-named cup to-morrow (Saturday), on the Tow Law ground. The Exiles will be strongly represented, and notwithstanding their recent indifferent luck, hope to make a bold fight for the handsome trophy. Their team will consist of the following:—Goal, H. Callaghan; backs, J. McEntire and J. Monaghan; half-backs, H. Hughes, G. Costello, and P. Quinn; forwards, G. Walton and C. Quinn, right wing; Wm. Costello (capt.), centre; J. McGeough and T. Campbell, left wing. Reserves, Peter Hughes and O. Slain. Umpire, Mr Thos. Kennedy. Kick-off at 3 p.m. prompt.

LEADGATE EXILES RESERVE V DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE.—These teams will play at Dipton to-morrow (Saturday), when the following will represent the visitors:—Goal, O. Connor; Backs, J. Slim and R. Rogers; half-backs, J. Quinn, J. Hagan, and P. Hughes; forwards, A. Connolly (capt.) and M. Day, right wing; J. O'Neale, centre; O. Hughes and J. McMahon, left wing. Reserves, J. Clare, W. Osman, and W. Halferty. Umpire, Mr John Tomer. Kick-off at 2.30.

DIPTON WANDERERS V SCIENCE AND ART SWIFTS (NEWCASTLE).—This match will be played on the Dipton ground to-morrow (Saturday), when no doubt a good game will be witnessed, as the visitors are left in the final tie of the Northumberland Minor Competition. The following will compose the Wanderers' team:—Goal, T. Mann; Backs, J. Walker and J. Bell; half-backs, A. Dodds, T. Burk, and J. Jordan; forwards, W. Turner and J. Gillard, right wing; W. Smith, centre; D. Crozier and T. Walker, left wing.

THE McCURLEY TESTIMONIAL FUND.

PRESENTATION AT LEADGATE.

The committee organised for the purpose of promoting a testimonial to Mr John McCurley, hon. secretary of the Leadgate Exiles A.F.C., in recognition of the signal services he has rendered to the cause of local football, brought their labours to a successful issue on Wednesday night, when about fifty members and friends assembled in the club-room at the headquarters—Mr J. Thirlwell's Bradley Arms. Conn. Geo. Nicholson, Leadgate, occupied the chair, while Mr Wm. Eales, Consett, was in the vice-chair. The subscribers were not confined to the members of the club, but many private residents of Leadgate, Consett, Medomsley, Newcastle, Sunderland, and elsewhere have contributed towards the fund. The testimonial comprised a magnificent gold albert, with a Maltese Cross as appendage, and a gold scarf pin. The pendant bears the following inscription:—"Presented to John McCurley, hon. sec. of Leadgate Exiles A.F.C. by the members and supporters, March, 1890."

THE CHAIRMAN, who was accorded a flattering reception, said he was glad to welcome such a large number on that important occasion, for they had gathered together to do honour to their esteemed friend and townsman, Mr J. McCurley. (Applause.) He had had the pleasure of knowing Mr McCurley for many years, and always found him a good citizen and an honourable gentleman of sterling character. (Applause.) The pursuit of the noble game of football required a great deal of perseverance, science, and physical force, and many a time, in the heat of the conflict, players were apt to lose their temper, and perhaps sometimes act with little discrimination. Thus they would see the advantages of having a gentleman like Mr McCurley, who loved fairplay, and would doubtless like to do the best he possibly could for his own club, and yet always advocated a "fair field and no favour." These were the men who had brought football teams into good repute. It might be hard for them to keep their equilibrium when they saw their opponents drive were defeating them, still it was best to set a good example, and exercise a little forebearance under such trying circumstances. Football was a game of chance—there was always a losing side as well as a winning side. (Hear). They were exceedingly proud of the Exiles Club, which was quite an honour to the town. (Applause). Many times they had read with pleasure their gallant struggles and noble victories. (Loud cheers). It was true they had sometimes suffered defeat; for as working lads, it was possible that they might meet with a superior force in a formidable team, composed of persons who were employed in much lighter occupations. Perhaps, the whole success of the Exiles club was owing due to their worthy secretary, nevertheless he had been entrusted with a very large share of the preliminary duties in arranging matches and carrying on the affairs of the club—a position which required a vast amount of tact and ability. (Applause). He had a pleasant duty to perform in presenting Mr McCurley with these handsome gifts, which he hoped would act as an incentive to him to work more zealously in future in the interests of the club. (Applause). It afforded him much pleasure to be able to announce that Mr McCurley had just been elected a member of the committee of the Durham County Association. This was the highest honour that could be conferred upon a football player or secretary. (Applause). He did not recollect of any single local individual who had previously attained such a distinction. (Cheers). This fact alone indicated that Mr McCurley's services were thoroughly appreciated not only in Leadgate, but throughout the whole county. (Cheers). In handing the articles to the recipient, the chairman trusted that Mr McCurley would not only look at them because of their intrinsic value, but regard them as tokens of regard and good fellowship. (Loud applause).

MR MCCURLEY, who seemed deeply impressed, stated that he was not a fluent speaker, but if he went down into his inmost depths of his heart, he felt that it would be utterly impossible for him to return thanks in an adequate manner for the honours so generously bestowed upon him. He considered it a great privilege to have such a worthy and estimable gentleman as Conn. Nicholson to preside on that occasion, and he trusted that when he was next elected on the County Council, he would be returned unopposed. (Applause). He fully expressed his indebtedness to their chairman in attending to make the presentations. He next tendered his warmest thanks to the secretaries (Messrs W. Knaggs and W. Eales), and the hon. treasurer (Mr Jos. Hogan) for so zealously working in furtherance of the testimonial fund. Mr Knaggs had from the first been a true friend to the club, and always strived to do the best he could for them. (Applause). He should not forget Mr Knaggs for his straightforward letter he sent to the *Daily Chronicle* in reference to the action of the County Committee in dealing with the protests of minor clubs. (Applause). His next duty was to thank Mr Eales for the efficient aid he had rendered the club in publishing their performances in the daily and weekly newspapers. (Applause.) He had always been a firm friend of football, and was ever willing to do the club a good turn. He also tendered his obligations to Mr Hogan, who had done his utmost to make the movement a success. (Applause.) He hoped at some future period to be remembered by that compliment. Referring to the club itself, Mr McCurley stated that the combination was exclusively composed of young fellows who worked arduously in the mines, and frequently they had to contest with counter-jumpers, clerks, &c. The contrast between the pitshoes and patent leathers was striking indeed. The Exiles could be congratulated upon their performance this season so far; although in two or three contests they had tasted the "bitters of defeat." They had played 22 matches, with the following result: 11 victories, 7 drawn, and 4 defeats. (Voice: "Well done.") They had secured 55 goals, against 18 gained by their opponents. (Cheers.) This he regarded as a marvellous performance. (More cheering.) They had only suffered three legitimate defeats. He was glad to see that in the past the club had fully appreciated his humble duties as secretary, which he had fulfilled since the formation of the organisation some half-dozen years ago. The success of the club was due to their force, determination, and pluck on the part of the members. (Applause.) In conclusion, he thanked the subscribers for their beautiful gifts, which were "gems of the first water," and if he lived to 100 years he should always prize them as pleasing mementoes of his connection with the Exiles' club. He would hand down the trophies with pleasure to his successors, and he would always keep in remembrance the "good old Exiles' club." (Prolonged applause.)

MR KNAGGS spoke a few words, expressing the gratification he felt at being in connection with the Exiles' club, which he considered the best team in the district. (Applause.)

The VICE-CHAIRMAN and Mr HOGAN also replied.

A smoking concert followed, some capital songs being rendered by different members of the club.

MR VICE-CHAIRMAN, in proposing the health of the Chairman, explained that Councillor Nicholson had rendered valuable assistance in the promotion of the testimonial, and he hoped from his experience of that evening would induce him to evince a much greater interest in the popular game of football in the district.

The toast was heartily pledged with musical honours.

THE CHAIRMAN, in replying, said that, although he had not often figured on the football field, he read the newspapers very exactly to see the tendered thanks to the Councillor, and suggested that at the first important meeting in connection with the chairman should be invited to kick off the ball. (Cheers.)

Other speeches were made, and the enjoyable proceedings terminated with cheers for "our next merry meeting."

THE NEW BISHOP OF DURHAM.

The Rev Brooke Foss Westcott, DD., Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Cambridge, was born near Birmingham in January, 1825, and was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, of which he was successively Scholar and Fellow, and where he took his B.A. degree in January, 1848, as 23rd Wrangler in Mathematical honours, being bracketed first (with Dr Scott, of Westminster) in the First Class of the Classical Tripos, and was second Chancellor's Medallist. His university career was more than ordinarily distinguished, as he obtained the Battle University Scholarship in 1846; carried off Sir William Brown's Medals for the Greek Ode in 1846 and again in the following year; and obtained the Batchelor's Prize for Latin Essay in 1847, and again in 1849. He obtained the Norrisian Prize in 1850, and was ordained deacon and priest in the following year by the Bishop of Manchester. He was elected a Fellow of his college in 1849, and proceeded M.A. in 1851, B. D. in 1865, and D.D. in 1870. He held an Assistant-Mastership in Harrow School from 1852 to 1869, when Dr Vaughan made him Montague Butler. In 1868 he was appointed Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Peterborough and was promoted to a canonry of Peterborough Cathedral in 1869, when he left Harrow. He was elected Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge, Nov. 1, 1870, on the retirement of Dr Jeremie. Dr Westcott was nominated honorary chaplain to the Queen in 1875, and a chaplain in ordinary in 1879. On Oct. 21, 1882, he was elected to a fellowship at King's College, Cambridge. Dr Westcott resigned his residentiary canonry at Peterborough in May, 1883, he was appointed one of the Archbishop of Canterbury's chaplains in the following month, and in October of the same year he was nominated to the canonry of Westminster, vacated by Canon Berry. Bishop Designate of Sydney, Australia.

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS.

IVESTON.

This meeting was held in the Infant Schools Church Square, Leadgate, on Wednesday night; but as very few persons entered an appearance, it was determined to nominate overseers, but to submit a list of names to the Justices for appointment.

LANCHESTER.

The ratepayers met in the Church vestry on Tuesday afternoon, under the presidency of Mr Wm. Logan. Messrs J. Wall and W. Leybourne were again nominated as overseers, and Mr Jos. Towns was re-appointed waywarden.

ESH.

The ratepayers assembled in the vestry on Tuesday evening, Mr W. H. Hedley presiding.—Messrs J. H. Morris, T. Simpson, and R. Moffitt, along with a few others, were selected as overseers; and Mr W. H. Hedley was again chosen as waywarden. There was no other business.

EBCHESTER.

The township meeting took place on Tuesday evening, the Vicar (Rev H. Liddle) being in the chair.—The overseers nominated were Messrs C. D. W. Balleny, W. Charlton, M. Coupland, Dodds, and R. Calvert. Mr Balleny was chosen as district waywarden.—Mr J. Middleton was elected assistant-overseer, in the place of Mr R. Moody, at a salary of £12 per annum.

ESH.

The annual township meeting was held on Wednesday evening, in the School-room, Esh, Mr Jos. Robinson in the chair, presided over by Rev Peter Lonsdale, of Ushaw College.—The gentlemen nominated as overseers were:—Messrs Thos. Jackson (library manager, Hesleden), G. Thompson, Wilton College; M. Stephenson, Esh; and W. R. Wiggett, Wallnook Mill.—Mr Lowden was chosen to act as waywarden, in the place of Rev P. C. Fortin.

HEDLEYHOPE.

The vestry meeting was held on Tuesday night, Mr Jos. Holroyd in the chair.—Messrs Holroyd and J. J. C. Allison were the overseers nominated, while Mr R. Crews was elected as waywarden.

AN OLD COLLIERY PAY-SHEET.

[BY MR J. F. ROBINSON, BURNOPFIELD]

There is always something interesting in being asked back a few years, or a few generations, to have authentic information 'as to how or for wonders used to fare, and to bring them before us again as it were in their own hand-writing. And more particularly this applies when the matter refers to persons and things in our own local knowledge. It is well-known in the

DISTRICT OF THE DERWENT,

or Pont Vales, that coal was worked there as a very early period, and it is not alone that we can come across any old documents relating to the working transactions of some of those old collieries where local names are now lost, and of whose existence the only traces remaining are should pit heaps and the remnants of some of those ancient pits filled up, and the plough goes over the sites where they were sunk. Pit work must have been very different in these days. The contrast between one of our first-class collieries, with their powerful winding engines and little large pitwheels, and the simple hand-cage bringing four or six tubs up at a time, and the old pits, with their windlasses, and jack-rolls, and their wicker corves slinging in the shafts, is very great indeed. Great also must be the contrast between

THE MINER OF THE PRESENT DAY,

who has all the help of modern science to assist him in his work, and the miner of the last century, who had to get his coals entirely by sheer hand work, and to get them to the shaft by what was termed sledding or dragging them along the floor of the mine or at best on boards laid down to make them somewhat smooth for the sledge. The miner of to-day has been fortunate enough to have presented to him the paysheet of what is called on it

THE WORKING OF THE NEW MACHINE PIT,

or Pontop Pike Colliery." It may be that some old residents in the district can recognise it by that name, if they have not heard it or mis, at a few extracts from it cannot fail to be interesting as showing the contrast between things then and now. The pay-sheet is contained on the half of what is known as a sheet of foolscap paper, and has been ruled from the plain paper by the writer. The pay-sheet is given at once between this and the carefully-prepared and printed sheets of collieries of the present day. The sheets at the present day. The time covered by the sheet is from November 21st to and with December 4th, 1786.

NEARLY 104 YEARS AGO.

We will see then, in a few particulars, what the old sheet tells us. The pit was just 104 years old. The bill comprises with the Wednesday, and shows that the pit worked every day until the Saturday, which was an idle day. It was idle again on the Tuesday. The first week there are 56 days' work for the horses, and the second week 84 days'. In the first week 86 scores and 3 corves were drawn, and on the second week 129 scores and 17 corves, making 36 scores and 14 corves. The bill for the week is made up as follows:—Hewing 42 scores at 1s 10d, £3 17s; hewing 105 scores at 2s, £10 10s; 41½ yards of headings at 8d, £1 7s 8d; 15 yards of narrow work at 2½, 2s 6d; 24 scores and 19 corves of small coal at 2s 6d per score, £3 1s 9d; turning 7 boards at 8d, 5s 3d; consideration for strong coal and troubles, 3s 3d; total for hewing £22 9s 3d.

THE HEWERS' NAMES

with the amount they earned, and how these earnings were made up, may not be without interest. There were thirty-six in all altogether. The second one on the list is William Hamshaw. Willie has put in a good day for the first one of the pay, for he has hewed a score. The next day he has only 11, and the day after 12. Saturday's and Sunday's rest seems to have done him good, for on the Monday he has got a score again. The pit is off on the Tuesday, but Willie has only got 16 on the Wednesday, Thursday 20, Friday 19, Saturday 14, Monday 19, and on the Tuesday 18, making him 68 corves, or 5 scores and 8. For these he is paid 2s per score, making 10s 9d; turning one bord, 9d; 4½ yards of headings at 8d, 3s; consideration, 9d; total for the fortnight, £1 1s. Harry Walker makes £1 0s 9½; Stephen Gladders, £1 0s 10d; Anty Teasle (an old name in the district) has 16s 7½d for his earnings. The Ridley at the list is Ralph Cooper, who has £1 4s 10½d. Some of the coals are

HEWED AT 1s 10½ PER SCORE,

while others received 2s, and for small coals 2s 6d. Some of the men had very little to take, one, Edward Baker, who had been at work every day that the pit worked, only had 11s 6d, but some days Baker has only hewed 3 corves. The whole of the hewing bill is £25 9s 3d, and is divided among nine men who have been at work, makes 17s 5d per man, on the average. There are 16 drivers on the sheet, but one of them, Samuel Hissett, has not been at work at all during the fortnight. Most of them have been there every day of the 14. For this they are paid 10d per day, making 8s 4d for

THE FORTNIGHT'S PAY.

Occasionally, hewers have been employed to drive, and were then paid 14d per day. The driving bill for the fortnight amounts to £6 2s. Then there are two trimmers, one of whom, Cuthbert Cummin's wages, who has been paid by piece-work. He has 207 scores at 5½d per score, this making £4 10s 6½d. Some overmen would get good money now if they had 5½d per score for the coals that are drawn at some places. Everything possible seems to have been let by contract. As we have "sledding" 207 scores at 1½d per score, and for this 12s 6d. This "sledding," is taken to mean keeping the ways in order along which the corves were drawn by the horses. Driving 150 yards of level at 1½d per yard, 18s 9d. Leading water to the south-east, 1s. Then we have "covering," or keeping the "corves" in order, 207 scores, at 5½d per score, £4 14s 10½d. This would probably include finding the cor-rods, as well as labour. This bill has been paid according to the work done, as he is paid for 20½ tens (that is, for 10 corves), at 1s per ten, and the wages for 20½ tens at 3d per ten. Wailing and sholing, which will be, I suppose, included in screening, 30 days at 10d, and 3 days at 8d, £1 5s 8d. An account is also before the writer of the wailing and sholing at some of the pits of the

PONTOP PIKE COLLIERY

for the following pay—viz., from Dec. 8 to and with Dec. 22, 1786. Among these are the following items: Matthew Anderson, 9 days at 10d per day; Thomas Oswell, 11 days at 6d per day, showing that girls were employed at the screens at this time, but had only 6d per day; Ann Robinson, 9 days at 6d per day. At the East Pit—Roger Oxley, 9 days at 10d per day; Sarah Irwin, 8 days at 6d per day; Mary Nicholson, 9 days at 6d per day; Ann Robinson, 3 days at 6d per day. Such were the wages paid in what some would still call the good old times.

ANOTHER OLD BILL

is to hand, entitled: No. 5, "An account of the ex penses of working Pontop Pike Colliery, from Feb. 25th to and with March 11th, 1806." On this sheet, which is 20 years later in date than the other, wages seem to have advanced. Hewing is now 2s 5d per score. Driving underground there are 39 days at 12d, 29 at 2s 1d, 1 at 22d, 35 at 3d, and 7 at 2s 6d. Wailing is advanced from 10d to 12d. Smith-work is now 22d per 10; corving is 8½d per score. Thos. Hackworth's (smith) bill, is 14d. Query—Was this Thomas Hackworth any relation of Timothy Hackworth? Owners of horses were allowed for putting 3s 4d per day; for sledging, at 3d per score. The symbol for score is always x x, or two x's standing for 10. This was at

THE IVET PIT.

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THE WORKING COSTS

at each pit were as follows:—Ivet Pit, 9s per score; Success, 12s 5d; and Law, 10s 6d. Those who know what weights a 24 peck cor was will be able to compare these scores into tons.

This pay-bill is very neatly made out, and is all accounted as one sheet of foolscap (as stated) and if the writer is not mistaken, the person who drew it up was learned to write at the Tanfield Grammar School, then kept by the Rev Joseph Sidgier, curate of Tanfield.

It may also be of interest to some persons in the district to mention a few curious facts furnished to the writer, on the

MINING HISTORY OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD,

by a gentleman who is able to give them from authentic sources.

A.D. 1723—A curious case is mentioned just now of a water-course out of Sir Francis Clavering's mines at Hockley, through Mr Dawson's collieries at Tanfield, for which £2,000 in charges—a large sum of money at that time.

About this time, a large proportion of the coals wrought came from the districts west of Blaydon and Whickham, and were put into craft at Derwentlaugh.

June 27th, 1726—The co-partnership deed of the celebrated Grand Allies, viz., Lord Ravensworth, Lord Wharncliffe, originally Col. Liddle, the Hon. Chas. Montague, and Lord Strathmore, bears the above date.

1727—Tanfield Arch was built by the Grand Allies at a cost of £12,000. Span, 107 feet; height, 60 feet.

August 26th, 1731—The counterpart lease from Dame Jane Clavering to Mr Pitt of a way-leave over Tanfield Moor, from the day of May-eve next, for the term of 500 years, paying 2s 6d per ten, reckoning 22 waggons to a ten, and 19 bolls to a waggon, bears the above date.

August 28th, 1749—A grant passed the great seal this year to William Chaytor, of Burnopfield, and Thomas Stokoe, of Bryan's Leap, for a newly-invented method of drawing coals out of deep pits.

[A copy of the specification of this patent is in the possession of the writer. It seems to have been an ingenious method, but it does not seem to have been adopted. The principle seems to have been much the same as now working a tub-plane.]

This William Stokoe was a great coal-owner in his day. He built Burnopfield House, and left a fortune of £30,000 to his daughter, Lady Isabella Stoney Bowes, afterwards the husband of the unfortunate Governor of Strathmore.

1763—At this date, Hare Law, Pontop Pike, Harperley, and Colliery Collieries were worked by Lady Windsor and Alderman John Shute. A yearly bond shows the signatures of 110 hewers and 53 drivers. The period of binding dates from 3rd December, 6d each was the hiring money. The seams worked were the second or hard coal and the Hutton.

1796—The following curious charge is found in a paybill of Pontop Pike Colliery of this date:—"The overseers of the year of Kyo, Burnopfield, to allow an assessment upon the pits sunk therein for the purpose of hiring a man for the Navy Rental, £110 at 3d, £5 2s 6d."

1798—At this time Pontop Pike coals were led to Derwentlaugh by waggons, carrying 2, 3, and 4 tons per waggon. It was customary for the tenants of the colliery to find horses, according to agreement, to lead coals.

LOCAL BOARD NOMINATIONS.

LEADGATE.

The last day for receiving nominations was Thursday, six candidates appeared for the four vacant seats. They are: Henry Carse, Shotley Bridge, gentleman; aJohn Davison, Leadgate, butcher and contractor; Matthew D. Greener, Leadgate, butcher; aW. H. Hedley, Medomsley, mining engineer; aThos. Lammonby, Leadgate, tailor; and aGeorge Nicholson, Leadgate, late merchant. (a) Retiring members. Mr L. Nicholson is the Returning Officer. The voting papers will be sent out at the beginning of next week, and collected on April 7th.

BENFIELDSIDE.

The four old members—Messrs F. Priestman, J.P., Shotley Bridge; Richard Murray, Benfieldside House; W. Wilson, Blackhill, and A. E. Turner, Blackhill—have again been nominated. A nomination paper in favour of Mr Hy. Carse, Benfieldside, was delivered on Saturday evening last, but the Relieving Officer (Mr J. Booth) declines to accept it. Mr Carse, however, contended that the paper was legally handed in on Saturday. The point is being contested.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—There were forward at this mart, on Monday, 14 fat cattle, 30 fat sheep, 1 calf, 2 stirks, 19 pigs, 9 cows, a quantity of poultry, harness, and miscellaneous lots. Prices:—Cattle to £21 10s; top, Mr George Towns, West Law. Sheep, to 57s 6d. Hoggs, to 74s. Cows, to £21. Calves, to 58s—top, Messrs Fewster, Newlands. Poultry, 2s 6d each; ducks, 3s 3d each. There was a large company present, and a good trade for all classes of stock. Beef, 8s to 8s 3d per stone; mutton, 10d to 10½d per lb; pork, 7s per stone. Small pigs, 22s to 24s.

TOW LAW.—There were forward, on Monday, 66 sows, 12 fat cattle, 3 store cattle, 14 calves, 46 fat sheep and hoggs, 2 Cotland cows, 1 Cotland ewe, 3 cows to calve up to £22 10s; fat cattle up to £19; store cattle up to £9 10s; calves up to £3; fat half-breed hoggs up to 60s—top, Mr Naisbett, Wind Farm, Witton; fat black-faced wethers up to 52s 6d—top, Mr Hepple, Newfield Farm, Chester-le-Street.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr James Turnbull held his usual fortnightly sale on Monday, and had forward 55 fat cattle, 2 fat young cattle, 6 in-calves and new-calved cows, 3 calves, 140 fat sheep and hoggs, 52 keeping hoggs, 3 bacon pigs, 10 pork pigs, 6 young pigs, seed potatoes, poultry, &c. Fat bullocks from £13 5s to £27 10s—top, Mr W. R. Liddell, Urpeth; fat heifers from £14 5s to £22 17s 6d—top, Mr Cuthbert, Helme House; fat cows to £21 5s—top, Birtley Iron Company; gazing cattle to £19 10s; fat hoggs from 47s to 67s—top, Mr T. Young, Burnopfield; ewes from 5s to 59s; keeping hoggs to 44s. Bacon pigs sold up to £4 17s 6d; pork pigs to 48s 6d; young pigs to 30s. There was a larger attendance of buyers than usual, and trade for beef was very brisk throughout. Mutton was fully up to market prices. Beef may be quoted up to 8s 3d per stone; mutton to 10d per lb.

CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

BEAMISH BRANCH.

It is decidedly encouraging to those of this district who have the temperance cause at heart, to find such an improvement in the attendance as marked the meeting held in the Stanley National Schools, on Monday evening last. Moreover, a stranger could not fail to be favourably impressed with the exceedingly good order maintained throughout the meeting, and the unbroken attention paid to the proceedings throughout. It is pleasing also to note that these programmes continue to be marked by that serious and earnest tone which is so necessary to the accomplishment of any solid and enduring work. The provision for the occasion was as given below:—After the usual devotional opening, and a few pertinent remarks from the chairman, Miss E. Ramshaw sang that sweet Scotch song, "Robin Adair"; this was followed by a pianoforte duet, which was rendered with much effect by Mr Witty and his promising pupil, Master J. Nortcoe. After a recitation, "The Infidel," by Mr Jas. Lax, a duet, melody, "Wake brothers, wake," which was sung with a good deal of enthusiasm by the choir, Miss Adamson appealed to the humorous propensities of the audience, in a reading entitled "Female tenderness." Miss Abbott—who amongst the songsters is becoming quite a favourite—gave the listeners such enjoyment in "Love's old sweet song," that to satisfy the appetite she had excited, she came forward to "The maid of the mill." A reading by the chairman, entitled "The blank bible," awakened some curiosity on account of its veiled meaning; but it proved to be a plea for Christ to crown the meeting by an address full of earnest exhortation, and delivered in his characteristic, kindly, sympathetic, and winning way. That beautiful glee, "Sweet and low," in which the harmony is so deliciously blended, was then given as a *finale*, and this encouraging meeting brought to a close in the usual manner. Six members were initiated at a service held before the meeting, and one new pledge was taken after it. Mr J. Chaytor, by his good taste in accompanying on the harmonium, added much to the evening's enjoyment.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[BY "CASTLESIDITE."]

Some little stir was caused on Saturday morning, and it is much to be regretted for certain that a couple of young people intended going into the "United State(s)." Like most villages, everyone has a curiosity to see the happy pair start out, and especially the young women, as they gathered together in groups, chatting and speculating on their chances, and wondering who would be the next. As the cab dashed up to the bride's home, the excitement became great amongst the young fry, and it was while the report from the popguns, "crackers," six chambered revolvers, Remington rifles, and small cannon, would have made a stranger believe that the battle of Tel-el-Kebir was being fought over again. The happy pair, on emerging from under the parental roof of the bride, were the recipients of showers of rice, old slippers, and many kind wishes.

On Saturday, the Graveyard Improvement Scheme committee met in the Board Schools for the purpose of ascertaining the net results of the entertainment held in the Drill Hall, after paying all expenses, a balance of £13 11s 6d remained. The following were appointed as a "Vigilance committee":—Messrs T. J. Muse, T. Duckworth, H. Thompson, and W. Pattinson.

It will be within the memory of most of the inhabitants that when we memorialised Professor Fawcett (then Postmaster-General), praying him to establish a money-order and savings-bank office in the village, our request was granted on condition that a guarantee of £6 (for six years) be forwarded to the Postal authorities in London, with the understanding that the same be refunded at the expiration of the six years, if the office paid. My friend Mr Jos. Robson, the officials in London that the trial period ended in March, and hoped that they would be in a position to refund the £6, which amount they had paid in a week ago. As the money was borrowed from the Graveyard Improvement Scheme funds, it has been handed over to the treasurer, Mr Jos. Robson. The money-order office is a great boon to the village.

The Floral, Horticultural, and Industrial Society's executive committee met on Saturday night, in the Board Schools, for the purpose of furthering the interests of the society.

The Industrial Committee (which is composed of ladies) met at the Vicarage on Friday last, and were kindly received and hospitably entertained by the Rev M. and Mrs Walker. The following officers were appointed:—Mrs T. J. Muse, president; Mrs W. Forster, secretary. The following ladies were added to the list:—Mesdames Elliott, Brown, Hedley, W. J. Coates, Tweddle, Carruthers, T. Duckworth, J. Proud, and W. Pattinson. Several prizes were promised.

A great deal of annoyance is being felt, and much damage done, by some of the youths in the village by the use of the "catapult"—a very dangerous amusement for lads to indulge in—dangerous both to life and property. I knew a young man who lost his eye by a shot from the catapult, and afterwards lost his life when crossing a railway, the train coming on the side of him which was damaged. I hope this warning will be sufficient for the boys.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[BY "ANNFIELDITE."]

GOOD TRADE.

The Morrison Colliery, near Annfield Plain, belonging the Messrs Hedley's Company, has, after years of inactivity, many years, been restarted, under the able management of Mr James Fairley, Craghead.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The annual township meetings in this locality have been held at Kyo, Collierley, Burnopfield, and Greencroft, and it was found that the district was in a fairly good condition. There are several improvements that need attending to, which I have no doubt will come under the eye of the new officers elected for the next term of office.

IMPROVEMENTS.

I see in your issue of last week a correspondent calling attention to the existing darkness at Annfield Plain, and the great fear of losing our good name in the midst of the smaller villages around this very thriving centre. Light! more light! being the cry. This is very greatly needed. Would it not be advisable to form a committee to draft some scheme and present it to the residents? It would be well perhaps if a fund could be formed and subscriptions solicited to this great and necessary improvement.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. have now made their arrangements for erecting rooms of their own at Annfield Plain. I had the pleasure of looking at the plan drawn by Mr W. Rutherford, manager of the South Derwent Colliery. When the building is erected, it will be very much more convenient and less costly than the present meeting place.

BAZAAR.

The Primitive Methodists at Greencroft Cottages have held a grand bazaar, which proved to be a great success. It was opened by Mr J. Storey, of Annfield Plain, who in a neat and well-framed speech, declared the bazaar open, and the ladies were soon found to be very busy in supplying the wants of those that had come to purchase the articles. A new feature was the erection of three electric bells, which was a novelty. It was a good idea of Mr J. G. Ward, the gentleman who erected them. Great credit is due to the ladies for their earnestness in the work, and the result of their efforts is about £40.

QUEBEC DISTRICT NOTES.

[BY A "CORNSAVITE."]

There is an intense desire existing for increased railway facilities in the district. What can be more convincing than for tripping to be left on their return journey at a station nine or ten miles away from home, especially during the winter months when the cold is intense, and when travelling is so dangerous? Something ought to be done for the convenience and comfort of the inhabitants. There would, on the other hand, be a source of pleasure to travel were a station erected between Hedley Hill and Cornsay. The population is now exceedingly large, and there is a certainty of increased traffic were the North-Eastern Company to adopt this suggestion. The additional expense for the delivery of goods is a serious item to those who reside in the valley. Already there is a mineral branch up to Cornsay, which, with a little extra cost, might be extended up to Tow Law, and when finished, would be both a benefit to the people as well as the latter town. No cutting is required, as the line could be put on a level with up the valley until it reached its terminus.

NOMINATIONS OF GUARDIANS.

LANCHESTER UNION.

The nominations of gentlemen to act as Guardians of the Poor in the Lanchester Union for the ensuing three years expired on Wednesday night, the following having been received by Mr W. H. Ritson, returning officer, Lanchester:—

Burnopfield (two to be elected).—Messrs J. Lax, ironmonger, Front Street, Shotley Bridge; aMd. Murray, wine and spirit merchant, Benfieldside House; Wm. M. Annandale, paper manufacturer, Lintzford; and George Pelle, gentleman, Greenwood Lodge, Shotley Bridge.

Conside and Knitsley (three required).—aThos. Siddell, forge-mill manager, Viewfield; aJohn Collinson, boot manufacturer, Middle Street, Consett; John Calvert, gentleman, Sherburn Terrace, Consett; Wm. Aynsley, grocer, Middle Street, Consett; and Thomas R. Dolphin, farmer, Dyke Nook.

Ebchester (One required).—aC. D. W. Balleny, timber merchant, St. Ebbs's.

Medomsley (Two required).—aRev W. Cockin, clerk in holy orders, Medomsley Vicarage; aW. H. Hedley, viewer, The Manor.

Healeyfield (One required).—aT. J. Muse, grocer, &c., Castleside House.

Iveston (Two required).—aCanon F. Kearney, Roman Catholic priest, The Broome; L. Nicholson, draper, Front Street, Leadgate; Thomas S. Longstaff, innkeeper, Front Street, Leadgate.

Owing to the operation of the triennial system, the foregoing are the only nominations effected by the election this year. As matters stand at present, contests seem likely to ensue in Conside and Healeyfield, Benfieldside and Iveston Districts. The voting papers will be distributed on the 9th April, collected on the 10th, and the result of the polling announced on the 12th April.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCHES.—On Sunday, missionary sermons in connection with this place of worship at Castleside, were preached, afternoon and evening, by Rev Aff. Bromley, of Blackhill. The services were largely good, and collections were taken in aid of the missionary funds.—On Monday evening, the annual missionary meeting was held. There was a good company present.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS

MEDOMSLEY—Burdon Row, 21st inst., the wife of Henry Bulman, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

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