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THE FRENCH PRINCES.

THE new French Cabinet probably hit upon the best compromise possible in proposing that the Royal and Imperial Princes should be placed upon the Retired Lists of the Army and Navy. We in England should not think such a hardship unbearable. It is true that both services in this country are ornamented with Royal Dukes; and so long as the latter devote their energies to either Service we do not begrudge the honour they enjoy. At the same time, it is generally acknowledged that for action in the field Royal personages are a hindrance rather than a help, and without a shadow of disloyalty it might be said that both services would be better without them. There is no royal road to genius. Some of the greatest mistakes in warfare were made through confiding the fortunes of war to kingly or princely hands. We need not refer to the ducal commanders of the House of Hanover. We need hardly allude to the now ascertained incapacity of NAPOLEON the THIRD, whose advice in the war with Austria nearly made shipwreck of the aims of France. Nor need we refer to the conduct of Prince JEROME in the Crimea, or to that of our justly popular Duke of CAMBRIDGE. In the one case there was an absence of courage; in the other a natural repugnance to the horrors of the battle-field. Proofs might be multiplied to almost any extent of the unfitness o Princes for the stern business of war, and therefore we say it need not be considered a dangerous misfortune that the members of the Royal families in France are to be debarred from active employment as officers. We are aware that our theory could scarcely find confirmation in the history of Prussia, in which country prince and soldier seem synonymous. We admit the exception; but, then, the position of that country has always been unique. As pointed out some time ago by Count MOLTKE, Prussia is surrounded by possible enemies as is no other nation in the world. The military spirit of the Prussian is a second nature: it pervades all classes, and neither monarchy nor nationality could have been sustained without this close intimacy with the art and business of war. France, however, has no need of princely help either in war or in the preparation for it. Her greatest generals have sprung from the ranks, her strength lies in self-reliance and in the military genius of her people. Her Princes will feel vexed at their effacement, and, in truth, they are not a little to be pitied. They have been painstaking officers, and, what is more, they have made themselves extremely popular alike with soldiers and civilians. The sacrifice they are called upon to make, however, is small compared with that which, in the panic created by Prince NAPOLEON's escapade, was likely to be demanded. They can still become popular citizens and inspire the people with even dynastic respect. The Republic is not to be blamed for taking care of itself. It has had warnings in the past; it should therefore be wise in time. Our Hanoverian Kings would not have a Stuart Prince in the Army. CHARLES the TENTH or LOUIS PHILLIPE would have given no military command to a BONAPARTE. When then should it be deemed unreasonable on the part of the present Government to take measures of precaution on a point so essential to its existence and safety? If it can only act with moderation—and there now seems every chance of its doing so—it will by its recent determination damage its opponents as much as it promotes its own welfare. Prince NAPOLEON has proved a friend in disguise. He has imposed an obstacle to dynastic progress, and assisted the cause he intended to destroy.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

If the time of Parliament is to be rigidly economized, the debate on the Address will have to be abolished. In spite of Procedure resolutions, the beginning of the session has been occupied with a good deal of what might be considered improductive talk. Yet such has been the absorbing interest taken by the public recently in Irish affairs that the prolongation of the Kilmainham debate was more than condoned. Mr Forster's speech on Thursday night was highly dramatic. The plain Yorkshireman by the very force of circumstances seemed transformed into a slashing orator. He never spoke nearly so well in the House before. Yet his political position is an ambiguous one. He opposed Mr Gorst's amendment and denounced the Opposition; but his speech went nearer to justify the terms of the amendment than any other which has been delivered, and at best he acted only as a candid friend towards the Government. In terms he supports the Government; but he evidently values his own self-justification more than the stability of the Liberal Ministry, and he threw down the gauntlet to the Irish irreconcileables "on his own account," apparently without reference to party considerations.

Sir Charles Dilke's Ballot Bill does more than convert a temporary into a permanent institution. It proposes important changes in the law, and throws a new and serious burden of responsibility upon the shoulders of the Returning Officer. It provides that informalities in the filling-up of ballot-papers shall not invalidate then so long as the intention of the voter is apparent. If experience did not prove it, it would be difficult to believe that any person could make a mistake in filling-up so simple a form as a ballot-paper. And certainly if a man is so densely stupid as not to be able to place a cross after the name of the candidate for whom he means to vote, there is some ground for the argument that he is an unfit person to exercise the electoral franchise.

Mr P. O'Donnell is preparing a new scourge for Parliament. He takes a personal interest in Indian affairs, which the position which his brother enjoys in the Indian Civil Service has led him to study. He is organising an Indian party amongst native gentlemen in this country, and with the assistance of some other Irish Members he hopes to be able to keep up a battery of inconvenient questions, and to raise irregular debates upon Indian matters, which will serve the general purposes of obstruction and illustrate the Home Rule theory that the British Parliament is incompetent to deal with the multitudinous interests confided to its supervision.

If the French Chamber could for a time discard sensations and apply itself to work as though legislation were something more serious than a screaming farce, it would be called upon to consider an important social measure which is now awaiting its attention. At length there is forming in France a public sentiment against the barbaric practice of dueling, and a Bill has been drafted imposing severe penalties upon both principals and seconds, and, what is more important, forbidding newspaper reports of hostile encounters. Modern dueling in Paris owes its continued existence to the *eclat* of journalistic publicity. To have "been out" would no longer afford glory if the event were unannounced in the papers.

Half a loaf is better than no bread, and if Kew Gardens must remain closed to the public in the mornings, it is better that they should be opened at noon than, as heretofore, one hour later. Mr Leonard Courtney's letter to Sir Joseph Hooker asserting somewhat ungraciously on behalf of the Treasuary to the new arrangement must have amazed that functionary considerably. Sir Joseph is notoriously unpopular at Kew, and is usually regarded as the last person likely to be unduly influenced by consideration for local opinion. Yet Mr Courtney thinks it necessary to remind the Custodian of Kew that the Gardens are meant for the benefit of the public generally, and not as a local park.

Clare Market, one of the most unsavoury regions of London, has only been waiting the completion of the Law Courts to have its fate pronounced. Its foul odours must, it is plain, be removed from under the august nostrils of Justice in her new abode. When the nobility lived in Lincoln's Inn Fields and Drury Lane it was a fashionable meat market. It has since degenerated into a mart for old furniture, cheap crockery, and vegetables. Its old and tumble-down buildings are the haunt of theives and beggars. No place in London is better qualified to come under the operation of the Artizans' Dwellings Act, and it is satisfactory to know that steps are in process of being taken for the removal of this ancient nuisance.

The romantic movement, as we may call it, is successful along the whole line. Girls of sixteen calling themselves Captains and Majors are now seen strutting about in a kind of feminine uniform something of a cross between a sailor and a sister of charity. I saw to such the other day with a *brassard* on their arm and "Salvation Army" inscribed on it in red and gold. Altogether these policemen in petticoats looked interesting and were much stared at, which they took with a kind of meek complacency. But the question arises, Where is all this Romanticism to the end? What with Blue Ribbons, Salvation Armies, and Knights of Labour, as the American International now styles itself, we are fairly taken off our feet by this sham imitation of the guilds and order of the Middle Ages.

Mr Gladstone's return from Cannes has set up some of those old Homeric similes which the author of Homeric studies generally suggests. "They will know the difference now I am back," is Archilles' word, as his shout is heard in the trenches. The motto was selected by John Henry Newman on his return from Italy when he began what was known as the Oxford movement, which ended in carrying him to Rome and all that Iliad of woes which makes up what we call modern Anglicanism. As for Mr Gladstone, we can only hope that his return will brace his party together; but it remains to be seen how long he can hold out against the wear and tear of long nights of debate.

There is something more than dissatisfaction felt among Liberal members of all shades at Sir Austen Layard being sent to Rome to replace Sir Augustus Paget as British Ambassador there. The Italian Embassy is one of the prizes of the profession, and there may be some good reason for applying the five years' rule of service to Sir A. Paget; but even if he is removed, there can be no good reason beyond the advantage of its entitling him to a pension for sending Sir A. Layard to Rome. It is not forgotten that this so-called Radical was picked out for promotion by Mr Disraeli when he wanted an agent to carry out his philo-Turkish policy. He was sent first to Madrid, and then moved on as quickly as it could with decency be done to Constantinople, where he was replaced by Lord Dufferin as soon as Mr Gladstone had the chance of getting rid of Layard. To send him now to Rome seems as a mistake, and something more.

Mr John Morley's return for Newcastle is a gain, not so much to the advanced Liberal party, since the retiring member, Mr Ashton Dilke, was also a Radical and something more. It is a gain to what we may call the cause of *Geist*. Thanks to Mr M. Arnold, the House of Commons has been made to feel what a Philistine means, and that the majority like Mr Morley's namesake, the member for Bristol, belong to that class of nondescripts, the successful man of business. Mr John Morley, unlike Mr Samuel Morley, is not a man of business at all, but a man of letters, and as such introduces the very element wanted in our House of Commons.

A writer who was evidently behind the scenes has sent to the *Pall Mall* an account of the divisions in the Liberal camp at Newcastle. They go far to explain why Mr Morley's majority, though decisive, was not as overwhelming as it ought to have been. It is as we expected, and the influence of Mr Jos. Cowen, the senior member, and of the important newspaper which he controls, was not as emphatic as it should have been in Mr Morley's favour. Indeed, the position of Mr Cowen as a free-lance of Radicalism is more than equivocal. His Radicalism so easily passes into Jingoism, and so is at the service of the Fourth Party, that it is impossible to reckon on him at a division-list. In love as in war all may be fair; but in both cases we should prefer the open enemy to the treacherous friend. The Liberal party want no more Roebuck.

Mr Firth, M.P., is no doubt a rising politician. He selected a good hobby and stuck to it. Mr Trevelyan did the same. The Government adopted Mr Trevelyan's hobby, and as a consequence gave the steady advocate of the County Franchise Bill a place in the Ministry. Mr Firth's pet scheme has been more fortunate still. The Government have not only taken it up, but given it precedence over the County Franchise Bill. The Municipal Bill is, indeed, the *piece de resistance* of promised legislaton for this session, and its author—for so Mr Firth may almost be called—ought not to go unrewarded, at least, so Mr Firth thinks. The junior member for Chelsea is a young man with a fair practice at the Bar. He has a rather bumptious manner and appearance, which does not tend to mitigate the natural prejudices against him in the City. Still, he is making his way up in the world. The "Savages" thought it worth while to invite him the other evening when the Prince of Wales was their guest—not, however, as it has been represented, at the Prince's own request. On the same day he attended the Committee of the Dean Wellesley Memorial Fund.

Parliamentary Summary.

FRIDAY.

In the House of Lords, the Earl of DONOUGHMORE appealed to Lord Waveney to withdraw a motion of which he had given notice to the effect that certain resolutions passed at a Tenant Right Conference recently held in Ulster should be incorporated in an Act supplementary to the Land Act of 1881, on the ground that the question could not be fully discussed, and that the motion would probably be misunderstood and give rise to seditious agitation. After some discussion the motion was withdrawn.

In the House of Commons, Sir S. NORTHCOTE, amid loud cheers, gave notice that on an early day he will move that a Select Committee should be appointed to inquire into all the negotiations and circumstances connected with the release of Mr Parnell, Mr Dillon, and Mr O'Kelly from Kilmainham prison in the spring of 1882, and to report thereon to the House. He should also move that the Committee be nominated by the Committee of Selection, and have the power to examine witnesses on oath. On Monday he would ask Lord Hartington for a day for the discussion of the motion. Lord HARTINGTON stated that the second reading of the Parliamentary Oaths Bill was not likely to be taken before the end of next week, Mr Gladstone was expected back before then. Mr PARNELL, amid Irish cheers, rose to resume the debate on the Address. The utmost he desired to do then was to make his position clear to the Irish people at home and abroad, after the most unjust aspersions cast on him by a man who ought to be ashamed of traducing him. He declined to reply to Mr Forster's questions, and charged that gentleman with disclosing the secrets of the men he associated with. He pointed out that when P. J. Sheridan's name was mentioned in the Kilmainham negotiations, Davitt, Egan, and Boyton, were also mentioned as likely to use their influence to put down outrage. Why did Mr Forster suppress their names? He was asked by Mr Forster to defend himself. He occupied a better position in the eyes of his countrymen than Mr Forster did in the eyes of his own countrymen. Mr TREVELYAN followed, and vindicated the policy of the Government in Ireland. His opinion was that the release of Mr Parnell had not been prejudical to the interests of Ireland. The success of the amendment would be to change the Government of Ireland. The only chance of restoring order in Ireland was to go on punishing crime till the people saw that crime was criminal, and the great thing needed in the government of the country was patience.

MONDAY.

In the House of Lords, on Monday, Lord STANLEY of ALDERLEY asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he had given any intimation to the French Government that this country did not wish for the construction of a submarine tunnel between France and England, with a view to prevent the possibility of disappointment or of claims arising in France for money expended in that country in attempts to construct a submarine tunnel, under the misapprehension caused by the fact of a Lord of the Treasury being chairman of one of the tunnel companies. In reply, Earl GRANVILLE stated that a joint committee would be appointed in the House of Commons to consider the two bills now before Parliament, and under these circumstances it was undesirable that any proposal should be made to the French Government. After some remarks from the Marquis of SALISBURY and the Earl of REDESDALE the subject dropped.

In the House of Commons Dr CAMERON gave notice that on Sir Stafford Northcote's motion for a Select Committee as to the Kilmainham Treaty he should move the previous question. Mr LABOUCHERE gave notice to move that a Select Committee would be a waste of public time and money and an imputation on the Prime Minister. Lord E. FITZMAURICE informed Mr Forster that negotiations were going on as to the Congo River, and that information would be laid before Parliament on the subject. Lord HARTINGTON informed Mr Stanhope that the proposed change in the law relating to the trial of Europeans in India was submitted to the Council and Secretary of State in England. Lord Hartington declined to give Sir Stafford Northcote a day for the discussion of his motion on the Kilmainham Treaty. He stated that the remarks he made the other night were not intended in the sense in which they were taken up by the Opposition. It was far from his intention to comment unfairly on the action of the Opposition. The subject had been discussed on Mr Gorst's motion, which was supported by the Opposition. Another motion for a Select Committee would, in the opinion of the Government revive and keep open a controversy extremely embarrassing to the Irish Government and prejudicial to the interests of order in Ireland. Besides, the state of public business made further discussion very inconvenient. Sir S. NORTHCOTE expressed surprise at the decision of the Government in making challenges without meaning them to be taken up. He would take time to consider the course he should take. Mr PARNELL resumed the debate on the Address and proposed his amendment condemning the administration of the Crimes Act. The ATTORNEY-GENERAL for Ireland followed.

TUESDAY.

In the House of Lords, the Marquis of Lansdowne, understanding that it would be inconvenient to the Government to discuss his motion on the Irish Land Act on Friday, postponed it until Monday.

In the House of Commons, a long discussion ensued on the composition of the Committee of Selection. On the motion of Sir JOHN MOWBRAY, the House agreed, after some discussion, to increase the membership of the Committee from five to seven, a proposition by Mr PARNELL that Mr Justin M'Carthy should be added to the Committee instead of Mr Mitchell Henry being rejected by 157 against 22. Subsequently Mr JOHN MORLEY was introduced by Mr Chamberlain and Mr Burt, and took his seat for Newcastle amid Ministerial cheers, and immediately afterwards Sir STAFFORD NORTHCOTE announced his intention to ask the Prime Minister on Monday for facilities in reference to his motion touching the Kilmainham negotiation. On the motion for postponing the orders of the day, Mr R. YORK complained of the remarks of Lord Hartington in reference to his action respecting the inquiry into the Kilmainham Treaty. He did not take earlier action because he did not recognise any special duty in bringing the subject forward. It was done in consequence of the refusal of Lord Hartington to accede to Sir S. Northcote's request, and reminded the House of the origin of the motion for the Committee of Inquiry into the matter. He contended that Lord Hartington renewed the challenge by the Prime Minister last year, and when it was accepted by the leader of the Opposition Lord Hartington declined to meet the motion. The Marquis of HARTINGTON deprecated taking up time in discussing the question now in view of the appeal to be made on Monday, and declined to follow Mr Yorke through the motion. After some further remarks the motion was postponed, and the orders of the day were agreed to. Mr A. CONNER then resumed the debate on the Address by moving an amendment to the effect that the distress in Ireland, the defects of the Land Act, the Municipal and Parliamentary Franchise, and other Irish questions demanded the urgent attention of the Government and that inattention to them must promote discontent, and intensify disaffection.

WEDNESDAY.

In the House of Commons, Baron DE FERRIERES gave notice that on the second reading of the Corrupt Practices Bill he would move a resolution declaring that the Bill would be inoperative unless provisions were made for the closing of public-houses and beershops on the day of polling. Lord HARTINGTON, in moving the suspension of the orders of the day until after the adjourned debate on the Address, made an appeal to members in the interests of public business to dispose of the remaining stages of the Address during the present sitting. The motion having been agreed to, the debate was resumed by Mr MOLLOY, who protested against the Government scheme of emigration to Canada as a cowardly method of getting rid of a difficulty which they had not the courage to face in a more direct manner. The O'DONOGHUE, who spoke from the Liberal benches below the gangway said that he had attentively listened to the debate, but so far he had not heard a single practical suggestion made for the relief of the distress which it was admitted on all hands extensively prevailed in the south and west of Ireland. Colonel NOLAN offered no objection to voluntary emigration; but he strongly protested against the present distress being used to stimulate emigration. His own opinion was that the difficulty might be met by a judicious scheme of public works. Mr P. J. CORRY condemned indiscriminate outdoor relief. Mr BLAKE urged the necessity for public works, and especially the development of the Irish fisheries, by means of loans and improved harbour accommodation. Mr O'SULLIVAN maintained that unless the Government relieved distress by a system of out-door grants the result would be that many persons would be found dying of starvation in their hovels so great was the aversion of the Irish people to the workhouse. Mr RICHARDSON was of opinion that a loan could not be devoted to a better purpose than the erection of fishery piers along the coast of Ireland. Mr M'COAN was not opposed to a well-devised scheme of emigration as a means of relieving the condition of Ireland. Mr BERESFORD advocated the development of the resources of the country by establishing industries or the making of railways and tramways. Mr CHILDERS said he was of opinion that it was the duty of the Government to do all in its power to place Ireland in such a position that capitalists would with confidence invest their money in works and schemes which would lead to the material improvement of the country. Mr CALLAN continued the discussion and was speaking at a quarter to six when, by the rules of the House, the debate stood adjourned.

PROPOSED RESTRICTION IN THE COAL TRADE.

MINERS' CONFERENCE AT MANCHESTER.

A National Conference of Miners was opened on Tuesday in the Old Town Hall, Manchester, "to consider the question of restriction in the output of coal." The Conference, which will probably last three days, is practically in continuation of the one held in Leeds in December last. In a circular which was issued by the secretary it was stated that "the Conference is one of paramount importance to the miners. Although not a Conference for the discussion of wages, yet the question of restriction is so closely allied with that of wages that, if put in force throughout the United Kingdom successfully, it is expected that in a very short time the rate of wages would be advanced and the miners' position improved physically and financially." Delegates representing in the aggregate 236,810 persons, were in attendance from the following districts:—West Cumberland, Cleveland, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, the Midland Counties Federation, North and South Stafford, Cannock-Chase, Forest of Dean, North Wales, Blotwick and Pensall, Ashton-under-Lyne and Oldham, Skelmersdale, Hindley, Tyldesley and Leigh, Wigan, Platt Bridge, Bagslate and Birtle, Ashton in Makerfield and Haydock, Worsley and Little Hutton. The conference was held with closed doors, and the following report of what took place was supplied to the press by the Business Committee:—Mr W. Crawford, secretary to the Durham Miners' Association, was appointed chairman, with Mr Thomas Ashton (Bradford, Manchester) as secretary, and Mr J. Wilson (Durham) as treasurer to the Conference. Mr T. Aspinwall (Lancashire Federation), Mr Crawford (Northumberland), and Mr Lyon were appointed the Business Committee. It was resolved that no report be given to any paper except such as passes through the hands of the Business Committee and met with the approval of the Conference. A telegram was read from Mr E. Rymer, miners agent, Forest of Dean, announcing that the miners in the Forest of Dean were out on strike against a ten per cent. reduction, and soliciting the advice of the Conference as to how such reduction should be met. The secretary was instructed to send the following reply:—"This Conference regrets to hear of the demand made by the Forest of Dean colliery owners, and their refusal to meet the workmen's representatives to discuss the question. The men have our entire sympathy, and the matter will have further consideration before the Conference closes." The Conference then adjourned.

The delegates to the National Conference of Miners reassembled on Wednesday morning, in the Old Town Hall, Manchester, Mr W. Crawford (Durham) again presiding. Two additional districts were represented, namely, St. Helens and South Wales, thus bringing the total number of workpeople on whose behalf delegates were present to 254,810, or 18,005 more than on the first day. The deliberations were again conducted in private, a short report being communicated to the press when business was suspended for the day. In the first place, the delegates gave in reports as to how far the men in the various districts were acting in accordance with the resolutions in reference to restricting the output of coal which were passed at the Leeds conference in December last. The position of the men in the Forest of Dean, whose wages have been reduced 10 per cent., was further considered. After a long discussion, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—"The delegates attending this conference learn with regret that the miners of the Forest of Dean are out on strike against a reduction of 10 per cent. in their wages, and desire to express entire sympathy with them under the circumstances. As far as this conference can judge, the demand is an unwarrantable one. We are of opinion that the action of the employers in refusing to meet the accredited representatives of the workmen's association, who desire to meet them with a view of an amicable arrangement, ought to be deprecated, as it tends to engender a spirit of strife and animosity which cannot fail to be disastrous to the trade of the district; and, further, the representatives at this conference pledge themselves to do their best on returning to their districts, if necessary, to secure both moral and pecuniary aid." The discussion upon the reports in reference to restricting the output of coal was deferred. The conference then adjourned.

The National Conference of miners resumed its sitting at Manchester yesterday (Thursday), Mr Crawford, of Durham, presiding. The question of restriction of output was again under discussion.

THROAT IRRITATION.—Soreness and dryness, tickling and irritation, inducing cough and affecting the voice. For these symptoms use Epps's Glycerine Jujubes. In contact with the glands at the moment they are excited by the act of sucking, the Glycerine in these agreeable confections, becomes actively healing. Sold only in boxes, 7½d. and 1s. 1½d., labelled "JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London." A letter received: "Gentlemen,—It may perhaps, interest you to know that, after an extended trial, I have found your Glycerine Jujubes of considerable benefit (with or without medical treatment) in almost all forms of throat disease. They soften and clear the voice. — Yours faithfully, GORDON HOLMES, L. R. C. P. E., Senior Physician to the Municipal Throat and Ear Infirmary." 1849

CONCERT AT BLACKHILL.

A grand vocal and instrumental entertainment was given in the Central Hall, Blackhill (which had been gratuitously granted for the occasion by the lessee, Mr Young), on Wednesday evening, the object of which was for the benefit of Mr W. Joel, who was unfortunately deprived of his eye-sight some two years ago. Chief amongst the promoters was Mr Charles Stephenson, of Blackhill, who, by the way, always takes a kindly interest in objects of this nature, and through whose zealous endeavours some of the most accomplished artistes in the neighbourhood were induced to give their services, amongst whom were the following:—Vocalists: Miss Shield, Leadgate; Miss Wheatley, Consett; Miss Harwood, Consett; and Messrs C. Stelling, Blackhill, and P. Surtees, Consett. Instrumentalists: Mr A. Parker, 1st violin, Consett; Mr T. Toole, piccolo, Consett; Mr R. Walton, pianist, Consett; and Mr J. Ruddick, cornet, Blackhill, these gentlemen comprising the band. Mr R. Stowart, Consett, was in attendance with his concertina, while Mr Wm. Stoker, Blackhill, accompanied the performers. The place was comfortably filled by a very respectable audience of sympathisers of the object. The chair was occupied by the Rev H. H. Ross-Lewin, curate of Benfieldside, who, after a few remarks, introduced the programme, which was opened by a selection from the band, each of the performers sustaining their parts with a great amount of enthusiasm, and calling forth loud applause from the company. The trio, "Up, quit thy bower," was splendidly executed by Messrs Stephenson, Stelling, and Surtees, who were applauded for their efforts. "The old brigade," a song which was thoroughly adapted to Mr Surtees' magnificent basso voice, was given with marked effect by that gentleman. This was followed by Miss Shield's favourite song, "Olivia," during the rendering of which this lady's highly-cultured soprano voice was brought out to its full compass, it being greatly admired by the audience, as was evinced by the applause given to her. Mr Ruddick next appeared and gave on the cornet, in his usual style, "Weber's last valse," by which it will be remembered he gained first prize for cornet solo at the Newcastle Town Moor Festival, his efforts being received with a great amount of *eclat*. Misses Wheatley and Harwood gave with pleasing grace the duet "Flower gatherers," for which they were highly applauded. Miss Harwood then contributed very sweetly and with much pathos the song "Golden days." The audience was kept in roars of laughter during the rendition of the trio "Tickling," by Messrs Stelling, Stephenson, and Surtees, which was so highly amusing and well rendered that it gained an enthusiastic re-call, when they returned and repeated the piece. Miss Wheatley next contributed the song "Somebody's coming," in which her beautiful voice and exceedingly good articulation gave general satisfaction to the enthusiastic company, it being given in splendid style. The duet, "Sol-fa," by Miss Shield and Mr Stephenson, was executed in a manner that was so effective as to fairly enrapture the audience, for which their brilliant efforts were loudly cheered. Mr Stewart's appearance on the platform was the signal for an ovation, which he acknowledged and executed on the concertina, "Come back to Erin," during which he displayed his powers as being thoroughly master of the instrument, it gaining him a meritorious *encore*. He again appeared and the audience became cognisant of the fact that there was a distant peal of bells ringing out their merry chime, which seemed to gradually come nearer and nearer until it was made known that the exquisite harmony effused from the concertina of Mr Stewart, whose deft fingers seemed to make the instrument fairly speak. For this he was re-demanded, and he gave "Auld lang syne," with equal effect, and by which Mr Stewart was proved to be almost a host in himself. The magnificent voice of Mr C. Stephenson was fully brought out in the song, "The White Squall," by which he received the hearty plaudits of the company, and he was followed by a selection on the flute by Mr Stelling. The audience was thrown into an ecstacy of delight on Miss Wheatley and Mr Surtees contributing the duet, "Colin and Patty," in which they both were exceedingly happy, they being well adapted for the song, and which caused a great amount of merriment. Mr Stelling followed with the song "Banks of Allan Water," in which his voice did him credit, it being taken with great acceptance by the auditory. The duet, "Love and War," received full justice by Messrs Stepheuson and Surtees, who contributed it with a great amount of energy and spirit. Mr W. Stoker displayed his abilities as a pianist of the first order during his accompaniment of the various performers, whose singing he greatly enhanced. After the customary votes of thanks had been accorded, the singing of the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening's concert to a close.

Football.

CONSETT v. RYTON.—Played on the Consett grounds on Saturday last. Consett won the toss, and commenced to play with the wind. Ryton kicked off, and, owing to a mishap to a Consett back, they were compelled to touch down. Jameson took the ball out, and Consett following up splendidly, succeeded in obtaining a touch in goal; and upon Lishman dropping the ball out, the Consett forwards got upon the ball and passed it to Routledge, who, by a splendid punt, sent it back again, and Saburn following up quickly, succeeded in touching it upon the goal line, which was disputed by one or two of the Ryton men, who left the field, thus bringing the match to an abrupt conclusion in favour of Consett.

BIRTLEY 2ND v. BURNOPFIELD 2ND.—This tie in the second round for the Northumberland and Durham Association second eleven medals was played at Birtley on Saturday. The ball being started by the Birtley captain, a give and take game was played on both sides, but up to finish of prescribed time neither side scored. According to rule, they then agreed to play two quarters, but were still unable to bring the match to an issue. Also ten minutes each way was played, and the game had to be given up as a draw, neither side having scored. Teams:—Burnopfield—Goal, G. Grey; backs, J. Harrison and T. Marshall; half-backs, J. Bewdy and G. Bell; forwards, W. Knox, W. Wales, R. Wharton, W. Allen, N. Strong, and J. Watson. Birtley—Goal, J. Stephenson; backs, J. Joyce and W. Murray; half-backs, B. Bolam, O. Webster, M. Weatherspoon; forwards, J. Coates, W. Joyce, C. Londsdale, E. Burnett, and W. Morallee.

TOW LAW v. HIGH GRANGE.—Played on the ground of the former on Saturday in two thirty-fives, and resulted in a draw, each team scoring three goals. The goals were kicked for Tow Law by Dixon, Proud, and Allison; and for High Grange by Emerson, Musgrave, and the other by a Tow Law man. Mr T. F. Pescod officiated as umpire for both teams. Tow Law—Goal, J. Proud; backs, J. Johnson and A. Carr; half-backs, Rev T. C. Hughes (captain), and B. Fletcher; right wing, T. E. Dixon and G. Robson; centres, W. A. Hillary and F. Emerson; left wing, T. J. Hillary and W. Allison.

SUNDERLAND v. DERWENT ROVERS (CUP TIE).—The above tie was played off on the ground of the Derwent Rovers on Saturday, and resulted, after one and a half hour's play, in favour of Sunderland by one goal to nil. The goal was taken by McDonald. Derwent Rovers—Southren, goal; J. Nevins and Ferguson, backs; Weedy and Bland, half-backs; J. Weedy, Fenwick, Neil, Burns, C. Nevins, and R. Hogarth, forwards; Mr Gibbons, of the Newcastle Modern Schools acted as referee.

DERWENT ANGLING ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the members of this Association took in the Town Hall, Shotley Bridge, on Saturday evening. Mr John Booth (president of the Association), filled the chair. There was a good attendance of representatives from the villages lying by the side of the Derwent.

The minutes of the previous yearly meeting were read and adopted.

FINANCIAL.

The treasurer (Mr N. Brown) submitted his last year's accounts, which were duly audited and found to be correct. The expenditure during the year was £8 7s 4d, thus leaving a balance of £63 5s 10d in hand, as compared with £59 6s 0d the previous year. (Hear, hear).

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr R. Charlton, seconded by Mr M. Coulson, that the treasurer's accounts as read, be received and passed.

THE HAMSTERLEY ESTATE.

Mr J. Oley having reported to the last annual meeting that the Misses Surtees, of Hamsterley Hall, had expressed themselves willing to allow the members of the Association to fish through the whole of their estate—Lintzford to Derwent Cote Ford, on payment of a nominal rental, the Chairman said he had written to the agent, as requested, to have the report confirmed, but he had not received any reply from that gentleman. He was afraid that Mr Oley had been too sanguine about the matter. The Chairman, however, promised to see the agent at an early date, and see if some such arrangement could not be effected, and it was agreed to leave the question with Mr Booth.

THE STATE OF THE DERWENT.

The Chairman said the water below Ebchester seemed to be very much improved from what it was when the Association was first organised. He had learnt with some surprise and very much pleasure, that one member had taken as many as 500 fish from within a radius of a mile from Ebchester. If this could be done by a member, who he believed was one of their most skilful anglers, he did not see much cause for complaint. There was likewise an improvement in the stretch of water below the Duke of Northumberland's estate. His Grace had given them a deputation from the water since the formation of the Association; and the owners of the Whittonstall estate had granted them a similar favour. If they succeeded in securing a deputation from the Misses Surtees, the Association would certainly be able to return a *quid pro quo* equal to what they got, in preserving the river from poachers; and if the views of the committe were carried out, by placing into the river an improved breed of fish, it would certainly make the water more favourable to those ladies, or any of their friends who might fish in the Hamsterley estate. Last year, they had experienced an exceptionally good season for a river like the Derwent. From what he had heard, some very large baskets of fish had been caught, both above and below Shotley Bridge; and from the reports that have reached the committee, it appeared the river had very much improved of late. Why has this improvement taken place? He thought it was owing to two causes which had been very much against them in past years, viz., the lead washings and the "hush" at the Paper Mills. The former had been considerably diminished of late years. Many anglers thought that lead washings would tend to injure the fish. That question had often been discussed at their meetings and might yet be regarded as a debateable point. His own opinion was that lead washings did not poison the fish. It was injurious, however, in filling up the sediment, because when the floods came down, it tore the moss off the stones and destroyed the food in the river. The other cause so much against them at the outset had been, he was glad to say, partially removed—he referred to the refuse running from the Paper Mills. The Messrs Annandale had always been friends to the Association and had done whatever they could to encourage anglers; and during the last three years they had accomplished a great deal towards remedying a state of things which was detrimental to those who ply this gentle craft. (Applause). They began under very good auspices this season—a respectable balance in hand, and a very much improved river. Moreover, it was the desire of the committee to still further improve the Derwent, and one of the means by which this was proposed to be effected, was by obtaining a fresh breed of trout, and also by the introduction of grayling into the river. (Hear, hear, and applause). He (the Chairman) expected that some gentlemen who were present that night would be enabled to give the members some information as to the prospects and advantages afforded in introducing the latter fish. If grayling could be admitted into the river with success, he, for one, should be very glad to promote that step. (Hear, hear). Of course the river could be improved in another way, and that was by getting some fresh trout into the river. It was suggested that they should try the *salmo fontinalis*, a fish which thrives immensely in American and Canadian waters. If this species of trout would only take kindly to the Derwent it would be very acceptable. It would take some little time to discuss these two questions, and if they failed to come to any determination that night, they might either adjourn the meeting for further consideration of the subject, or empower the committee to expend the necessary sum in order to try these experiments.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of the office-bearers for the ensuing year was next proceeded with. Mr J. Booth was re-appointed president; Mr Eli Burton, honorary secretary; Mr N. Brown, treasurer. The election of committee-men resulted as under:—Annandale Town, Esq., J.P., Dr Geo. Renton, Messrs. W. Palliaser, R. Charlton, R. S. Benson, J. Oley, G. Weedy, J. A. Jack, and H. Youll.

GRATUITIES TO WATCHERS.

It was agreed, on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Jack, that the usual gratuities to the watchers, amounting to £8 10s be paid, for services rendered during the past season.

It was moved by Mr Thompson, and seconded by Mr Coulson, that the name of Mr Kirkpatrick (Mr Annandale's gamekeeper) be added to the list.

This was agreed to.

Mr Palliaser moved and Mr Jacks seconded, that Mr Hall should be presented with a free fishing ticket in consideration of his services.

SUBSCRIPTION AND ENTRANCE FEE.

The Chairman said the next question was to fix the terms of subscription and amount to be paid as entrance fee for the next season. Last year, the subscription was 2s 6d, and the entrance fee 2s 6d. If it was decided to introduce a fresh breed of fish into the river, this would entail a good deal of expense; and in order that their funds might not be exhausted, it was desirable the members should re-coup the Association for the outlay so involved. It might perhaps be somewhat premature to increase the subscription during the ensuing season. At the present time they had 90 odd members enrolled on the books, but he had known as many as 60 members when the subscription was 10s. It would however be his wish to keep the terms of membership as low as possible having regard to the amount of money expended by the Association.

After some remarks, Mr Benson proposed that the terms of subscription remain the same as last year; the Association giving the Treasurer discretionary power to remit the amount of entrance fee in the case of casual visitors in this neighbourhood.

Mr Charlton seconded the proposition, which was carried *nem con.*

ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES.

The Treasurer called the attention of the meeting to a case where a certain individual was brought to his house by a member of the Association and demanded a ticket, representing that he had previously being a member of the Association. On looking through the books, he (Mr Brown) ascertained that this particular individual had never joined the Association; therefore he refused to supply him with a ticket unless he prepaid the entrance fee. This, the person referred to, refused to do, but subsequently, he suceeded in obtaining a ticket from one of the committee-men under false pretences.

The Chairman said their rule was that any person who wished to join the Association must be introduced by two members or one member of the committee. He thought that was an excellent rule, and if it was strictly enforced, it would obviate a great deal of unpleasantness.

Mr Charlton stated he sold a ticket to the individual referred to by Mr Brown on the understanding that he had formerly been a member of the association—a statement which was corroborated by the gentleman who accompanied him, and who was some time ago a member of the committee. He afterwards learnt, however, that a gross piece of deception had been practised upon him.

It was resolved, on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr Jack, that the two members who had acted in this dishonest manner should be expelled from membership during the forthcoming season.

The Chairman thought the Committee of Management should be instructed to exercise greater care in the issue of tickets, so as to prevent them getting into the hands of those persons who might eventually injure the association in some way or other.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE FISHING SEASON.

Mr Jack thought they were too late in starting to fish and he suggested that the season should open on the 1st March instead of the 16th March as at present.

Mr J. Gorman seconded the proposal.

The Chairman enquired if it was desirable to begin fishing before the 16th March? It was not the question, How soon could they commence operation? but how soon was it for the interests of the association that they should let loose the whole of the fishing rods in the district?

The Treasurer thought if they started on the 1st March they ought to give over much sooner in the autumn. He moved that the season commence on the 1st March andterminate on the 16th September.

Mr Benson seconded.

Mr Weedy considered the old system answered the best, and he proposed that the season should begin on the 16th March and end on the 1st October hitherto.

The Chairman first of all took the sense of the meeting as to whether the time for commencing the season should be re-considered or not, and the voting was decidedly in favour of this proposal.

The Chairman then proceeded to put Mr Brown's amendment, which was lost, only four hands being held up for it; and Mr Jack's original proposition was declared to be carried by an overwhelming majority.

INTRODUCTION OF GRAYLING AND TROUT INTO THE RIVER.

The question of introducing grayling fish as well as a new breed of trout into the river Derwent, was next brought before the meeting.

Mr Palliaser at some length advocated the admission of grayling and *salmo favio* trout into the river, and advanced numerous theories in favour of the proposal (the substance of which have already appeared in the columns of the *Guardian*), and concluded by reading a mass of correspondence from the highest authorities bearing on the subject. Mr Palliaser said his idea was to place the grayling fish above Shotley Bridge, just below the burn that runs with the river from Edmondbyers; and to put the trout below Shotley Bridge; and he suggested that two rearing ponds should be constructed.

A protracted conversation ensued on the subject, the meeting evidently being in favour of obtaining at once a large number of *salmo favio* trout, and placing them into the river; and defering the question of introducing the grayling fish until the end of the season.

It was ultimately resolved, on the motion of the Chairman, that the selection of the fish and other arrangements be left in the hands of the committee, who should be empowered to expend this season a sum not exceeding £15 for the purpose of introducing a fresh breed of trout for the purpose of improving the river.

A vote of thanks was then accorded to the Chairman, and the proceedings terminated.

ORGAN OPENING AT FROSTERLEY.

On Saturday, the new organ of St. Michael's church, Frosterley, was opened, when the Bishop of Durham preached the sermon. For some years divine service was held in a schoolroom, and it was not till 1866 that the consolidation chapelry of St. Michael's, Frosterley, was formed. The church, erected in 1869, is a very handsome structure of the early English or first pointed style of architecture. The first incumbent was the Rev J. H. Scott, who exchanged in 1874 with the Rev. W. S. Mead, who exchanged with the present incumbent, the Rev. F. C. Jagg, who took charge of the parish last June. The vicar has been most indefatigable in his exertions to promote parochial work, being energetically assisted by his churchwardens and congregation. Special exertions were made to obtain a new organ for the church, and an admirable instrument has been built by Mr G. J. Wainright, London.

At the opening service there were present the Bishop of Durham, the Rev. F. C. Jagg, the Rev. Canon Gray, rector of Wolsingham; Rev. J. A. Whitelock, curate of Wolsingham; and the Rev. J. Curry, Wolsingham Grammar School. The church was crowded, amongst others in attendance being Dr. Arnison, J.P., and Mrs Arnison, Mrs Rippon and the Misses Rippon, Rogerley Hall; Dr Robinson, Stanhope; Mrs Thompson, Stanhope; Mr T. Dodd, and Miss Dodd, Frosterley; Mr and Mrs Vickers, Miss Jagg, Mr G. R. Wooler, Mr A. Wooler, and other members of the family, Wolsingham; Mr J. W. Roddam, Stanhope; Mr. Liddle, Stanhope; Mr Robert Chapman, Mr J. Walton, Frosterley; Mr Matthew Ridley, and Mr J. Pickering, &c. Mr J. Hoggett, of Darlington, presided at the organ, and the surpliced choir performed their part of the service with efficiency, being assisted by the members of the Stanhope Choral Society. The lessons were read by the Rev. Canon Gray and the Rev. J. A. Whitelock, and the Bishop of Durham preached the sermon from the words—"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in man, and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."—(2. Cor. vi. 16). A tea was provided in the church school by Mrs John Pickering, the tables being presided over by Mrs John Pickering, Miss Phœbe Pickering, Miss Meggie Pickering, Mrs Dowson, Mrs Proud, Mrs Atkinson, &c., assisted by several gentlemen. A choice selection of pieces was afterwards given by the Stanhope Choral Society, under the superintendence of Mr Thos. Green.

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IMPORTANT ACTION IN THE IRON TRADE.

A SLIDING SCALE PROPOSED.

A movement has been originated by the National Ironworkers' Association, which has for its object the restriction of the output of manufactured iron, more especially in the North of England and Cleveland district. The primary object of the movement by the workmen is to keep up wages, which, varying with the prices of iron, are threatened with a serious fall. Unlike the restriction proposed in the coal trade, which is regarded generally as hostile to their interests by the employers, that which is being initiated in the iron trade will, from all that can be made out, have the sympathy and support of the bulk of the iron manufacturers, and it is only taken up by the workmen after the employers have endeavoured, but unsuccessfully, to apply the same principle in the plate trade of the North of England, which forms about three-fourths of the whole finished iron production. The employers' movement collapsed, because two large firms refused to cooperate. If the men should decide on working shorter time, owing to the solidarity and the compactness of their organisation, especially with the favouring feeling of a large proportion of the employers, there is no doubt that the principle will be strictly applied.

The following circular in connection with this matter was on Monday sent to the different branch lodges of ironworkers in the North of England.

To the officers and members of the various lodges of the Ironworkers' Association.—We beg leave to call your attention to the following notice received from the employers' secretary, Mr J. R. Winpenny:—

Middlesbrough, Feb. 22nd, 1883.

Mr Trow.—Dear sir,—On the other side I beg to hand you copy of resolution passed at a meeting of the employers held yesterday. Please to acknowledge receipt of same.—Yours faithfully,

J. R. Winpenny.

"Having agreed mutually with the operatives for the reconstruction and strengthening of the action of the Board of Arbitration, it is resolved that the employers give a month's notice for the revival of Mr Dale's sliding scale of 1880, for deciding the rate of wages from 31st March next, and for a period to be hereafter arranged."

The above was laid before the Executive Council of the association at a meeting convened at Manchester on the 24th inst., and after the question had been fully discussed, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

1. That this council, having fully considered the North of England employers' notice for the adoption of a sliding scale to regulate wages after March 31st next, are of opinion that sliding scales cannot be beneficial, or give justice to the workmen, no matter upon what basis they may be arranged, unless means are adopted—first, to prevent the glutting of the market by excessive over-production; and, secondly, to prevent the reckless competition and unnecessary and uncalled for reductions in prices of iron made by some firms or their agents.

2. That to prevent continuance of this reckless policy a meeting of the representatives from each lodge branch of the association in the North of England be convened for the purpose of considering this question, and adopting such united action as will prevent reckless underselling, which means reduction in the wages of workmen, bankruptcy to the employers, and injury to the whole trade of the district.

You are, therefore, requested to call a full meeting of the members of your lodge not later than Monday, March 5th, to discuss the question, and elect and instruct one of your compliance members to attend and express the views of your members at a delegate meeting, to be held at Darlington, on Saturday, March 10th, at 11 a.m.

W. Shaw, President.
W. Maund, Vice-President.
E. Trow, General Secretary.

Local Police Courts.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

Saturday, February 24th,—Before Annandale Town, Esq.

DRUNK AND WILFUL DAMAGE.

William Alderson, grocer, *Patrick Duffy* and *James Burns*, ironworkers, all of Consett, were accused by P.C. Watson of being drunk and disorderly in the streets of Consett on Friday evening last.—They were fined 5s each; otherwise seven days' imprisonment in default.

The prisoners were further charged by Sergeant Thornton with wilfully damaging during their incarceration three cell rugs belonging to the County Authorities, to the amount of 30s. When the police entered the cell on Saturday morning, they discovered that the rugs supplied to the prisoners on the preceding night had been literally torn to pieces.—The men were ordered to pay the amount of damage, or go to gaol for an additional seven days.

Monday, February 26th.—Before A. Town, Esq. (chairman), and James Annandale, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

John Mason was summoned by P.C. Sanderson for being drunk and riotous at Medomsley on the 12th inst. —The officer said that the defendant was going about the place shouting and swearing at the top of his voice, and for a considerable time he refused to go home.—Defendant was fined 5s and 6s 6d costs.

Peter Matthews was charged by P.C. Roper with being drunk and incapable at Leadgate, on February 14th, and was similarly fined.

James Garey, labourer, was likewise fined 5s and costs for staggering about the streets at Dipton in a beastly state of drunkenness at midnight on Saturday, 17th inst.

James Casey pleaded guilty to a charge, preferred by P.C. Davidson, of being intoxicated at Dipton, on the same evening, and was mulcted in a similar penalty.—The defendant desired some time to pay the fine.—The Chairman: Does anyone know you?—Defendant: Yes; the policeman who brought me here. He knows me too well. (Laughter).—The Officer: I think he will pay.—Time was therefore allowed.

Miles Agnew, of Lintz Celliery, was brought up by P.C. Longstaff for being guilty of drunkenness at Mountsett, at 12 p.m. on the 12th of the present month. —The defendant emphatically denied the charge, alleging that the officer had mistaken him for some other person.—Agnew was fined 10s, including costs.

David Brown failed to appear to answer a charge of drunkenness, instituted against him by P.C. Longstaff, committed at Burnopfield, on the 16th February.—Defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 10s and expenses; with the alternative of seven days' hard labour.

P.C. Armstrong charged *James Donnolly* with being drunk and using bad language at Blackhall Mill on the 10th inst., and was similarly dealt with.

William Parker was summoned by the last-named officer for being guilty of the same offence at Broomhill, on the 17th inst.—The defendant was fined 5s with the costs; but as several other penalties against him were still unpaid, he was sentenced to undergo fourteen days' imprisonment.

Peter Pickering was found guilty on the evidence of P.C. Hudson of being drunk and incapable in Middle Street, Consett, on the previous Saturday afternoon, and was let off on payment of the usual penalty of 11s 10d, fine and costs.

John Conroy pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly.—P.C. Watson adduced that about half-past seven o'clock last Saturday night, he found the defendant very drunk in Sherburn Terrace, Consett. He was behaving in a disorderly manner, and was a source of annoyance to the foot passengers.—Conroy was mulcted in a fine of 5s and 7s 10d costs; or go to goal for a week.

James Evans, "The Cobbler," made his sixth appearance in the dock this year.—P.C. Wood stated that on Saturday night, about nine o'clock, the defendant was inebriated and causing a great disturbance in Middle Street, Consett.—As Evans was unable to pay the usual fine inflicted, he was again committed for seven days, with hard labour.

John Waugh having been locked up by P.C. Hudson for being drunk and guilty of disorderley conduct in Middle Street, Consett, shortly after 10 o'clock on the preceding Saturday night, was fined in 5s and Court expenses.

Jeremiah Sampson was put forward by P.C. Watson on a charge of being drunk and disorderly in Middle Street, Consett.—The officer alleged that about half-past six o'clock on the previous (Sunday) night, this defendant was annoying the people proceeding on their way to Church and Chapel.—Fined 5s and 7s 2d costs; with the option of seven days at Durham.

Michael McGuire was charged by P.C. Foster with being drunk and incapable in Newmarket Street, Consett, about 10·15 p.m., on Saturday last.—The policeman requested the defendant to go home, but he absolutely refused, and laid himself down on the road. Witness obtained the assistance of another officer, and the defendant was conveyed to the police station.—The defendant denied that he was intoxicated, as he only drank a glasses of ale all day on Saturday. He was merely going to the lodging-house door when the constable came up.—P.C. Watson having corroborated the previous officer, the defendant was sent to gaol for seven days in default of paying a fine of 5s and costs.

Bernard Lochrane was also brought up by P.C. Foster for being drunk and indecently exposing himself in Harvey Street, Consett, about midnight on Sunday. —The prisoner, who admitted the offence, was committed for seven days.

Mary Hamilton, a middle-aged woman, was placed in the dock charged with being drunk and riotous at Leadgate between twelve and one o'clock last Sunday morning.—P.C. Roper alleged that the prisoner was going about the streets in a helpless state of intoxication, shouting and bawling at the top of her voice, and followed by a large crowd of young men. She was so drunk that witness had to get a barrow and wheel her to the Police Station.—The prisoner, who figured in the dock with a couple of black eyes, promised to leave the neighbourhood if the Bench would only let her off. She said she only came into Leadgate on Saturday night, and had taken two or three glasses of ale.—The Bench imposed a fine of 2s 6d and costs; in default, to be imprisoned for a week.

THE EDUCATION ACT.

William Bell and *Thomas Joyce*, of Shotley Bridge, were summoned by Mr Johnson, on behalf of the Benfieldside School Board for neglecting to cause their several children to attend school.—The defendants were mulcted in 5s each, including costs.

In the case of *Elizabeth Brittan*, of Blackhill (who was charged with the same offence) the defendant set up the plea of poverty, and the case was dismissed; the Bench, however, advising her to apply to the Guardians for relief.

PUBLIC HEALTH PROSECUTION.

Peter McCluskey was summoned at the instance of the Leadgate Local Board for keeping open a common lodging-house without being registered.—The Inspector of Nuisances (Mr T. Longstaff) explained that the defendant's mother originally kept the house, which was duly registered, the number of lodgers being limited to 18. After her death, he (the Inspector) was instructed in the beginning of January to serve a notice on the defendant requesting him to discontinue taking in lodgers. The notice expired on the 29th ult. When he (Mr Longstaff) visited the house subsequently (along with the police) he found thirty persons on the premises—21 in bed and nine more sitting in front of the fire. Since the summons was issued the defendant had closed the house and left the place; therefore he did not wish to press the case.—The defendant (who did not appear) was fined £1 which includes the costs.

DRUNK, ASSAULT, AND WILFUL DAMAGE.

Richard Lawson, a street hawker, was brought up in custody charged with being drunk and disorderly, assaulting P.C. Roper, and damaging his uniform to the amount of 10s.—The police officer deposed that shortly after eleven o'clock last Saturday night, he saw the prisoner wandering about the streets of Leadgate under the influence of liquer, and creating a loud disturbance. Witness took him into custody, whereupon the prisoner threw himself down on the roadside and refused to walk any further. The prisoner became very violent; he struck the policeman on the nose, and kicked him several times on the legs. A trap had to be engaged to bring the prisoner to the police station; and on the road he threw all the money he possessed away. —P.C. Turner adduced similar testimony.—The prisoner (who is a cripple) told a pitiful tale of how the police had roughly used him, finally winding up with tears. He had been "trailed" from one end of Leadgate to the other; the police had struck him several blows on the face, giving him a black eye, and finally tearing his top coat to pieces. During the scuffle, the prisoner alleged that he had lost his license, and four dozen books, and was thereby deprived of following his occupation.—Supt. Oliver testified that it would cost the County 10s to repair the trousers.—The Bench fined the prisoner 5s and costs, or seven days' hard labour, for being drunk; but dismissed the other two cases.

RENEWAL OF THEATRICAL LICENSE.

Mr Dickinson applied to the Bench on behalf of Mr Joseph Eltringham for a renewal of the theatrical license for the Central Hall, Benfieldside.—The application was granted.

LARCENY AT LEADGATE.

John O'Neil, labourer, Consett, was charged with stealing 10s 4d, the moneys of Francis Marron, an old pensioner, living at Leadgate.—From the statement of the prosecutor, who gave his evidence in a vacillating manner, thereby producing a good deal of merriment in court, it seems that on the 6th January the prisoner broke open a clothes box and abstracted the money from it which had been placed there by the prosecutor on the preceding night.—The charge was emphatically denied by the prisoner, but P.C. Roper said that the prosecutor called him in to examine the box immediately after the occurrence, and he then noticed that it had been broken into.—The Bench believed the prisoner guilty, and imposed a penalty of 20s and costs; or fourteen days' hard labour in default.—The fine was subsequently paid by the prosecutor's wife, who is at present cohabiting with the prisoner, and otherwise leading a depraved and corrupt life.—The prosecutor afterwards lodged a complaint against the prisoner and his wife for having stolen some bed clothes and other property out of his house.—The Bench advised the prisoner to restore the articles to the prosecutor, or the consequences might prove very serious for him.—The prisoner declared that he knew nothing about the affair; but the Chairman said it looked exceedingly suspicious that there was something between them especially when the prosecutor's wife had paid his fine.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

Thursday, March 1st.—Before the Rev J. P. De Pledge.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST AN ASSISTANT SCHOOLMASTER.

A young man, named *Samuel Hinds*, an assistant schoolmaster, son of a publican at Tow Law, was brought up in custody on a charge of committing a rape on Sophia Barker, a servant girl in the employment of Mr Wall, joiner, of Lanchester, on Sunday night last.—After some formal testimony had been adduced, the prisoner was remanded till Thursday next, bail being accepted for his appearance.

Great Strike of Miners.—The whole of the colliers employed by the associated masters in the Forest of Dean are out on strike. Nearly 1,000 tinplate workers in the district are also idle.

North-Eastern Railway Company Fined.—At the Brampton (Cumberland) Petty Sessions, on Wednesday, the North-Eastern Railway Company were fined £25 and costs for removing sheep without a license, in contravention of the regulations of the Cumberland Local Authorities. The consignor and consignee were fined £1 each.

The Salvation Army in Sunderland.—On Monday afternoon, the foundation stones of a new "barracks," for the use of the Monkwearmouth Corps of the Salvation Army, were laid by "General" Booth and Mr William Robinson. The services of the Army at Monkwearmouth have been held in the Workman's Hall, but this has latterly been found to be inadequate to accommodate the large congregations, and it was resolved to erect a building for Army meetings on a vacant space in Roker Avenue, opposite the Wheat Sheaf public-house. The building will hold upwards of 2,000 persons, and will cost about £2,300. "General" Booth, accompanied by Mrs Booth, arrived in Sunderland on Saturday evening, and conducted a number of services in connection with the Monkwearmouth and Sunderland Corps. At the stone-laying ceremony there was an immense crowd of people present, the shipyards and most of the other works being idle, and the excitement was kept up by a number of bands and processions. "General" Booth and Mr J. L. Thompson addressed the assembly. The proceedings were characterised by great enthusiasm, and the town presented a holiday aspect. On Monday evening some half-dozen meetings were held, and a tea meeting also took place. It is expected that a substantial sum will be realised by private contributions, Mr W. Robinson and Mr J. L. Thompson having given considerable donations.

Correspondence.

(☞ *We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, nor do we undertake to return their communications.—Ed. C.G.*)

SCHOOL BOARDS AND WORKING MEN CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—In your issue of the 16th of February, I noticed a financial statement of the Collierley School Board and therein it is stated that the fees for 1881 were £153 8s 10d, while for 1882 they reached the magnificent sum of £227 16s 10d. Now sir, I maintain that this is not only a highly satisfactory state of affairs, but it also shows that the working men candidates on the Board are not a hinderance to progress. They are, I believe, the "right men in the right place." About twelve months ago when the Board (through the instrumentality of the working men candidates) reduced the fees so that no family had to pay more than 10d a week, a good number of ratepayers protested against the reduction. I hope in future they will be more cautious in future in signing protests. The rate this year is 9d in the pound, but when the present Board came into office the rate was 13d in the pound. I wonder if those ratepayers will protest against the reduction of the rates? Low fees, like cheap railway fares, are great inducements to most people.—I am, yours faithfully,

A Working Man.

Dipton, February 27th, 1883.

BIBLICAL.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

"The One remains; the many charge and die
Heaven's light for ever shines, earth's shadows fly.
Life, like a dome of many coloured glass,
Stains the bright radience of Eternity
Until death tramples it to fragments."

Shelley (in Adonais).

My Dear Mr Editor,—In again recurring to Biblical chronology, it is well to unite brevity, with clearness of statement. To accomplish this, it occurs to me that the simplest way is to give a short list of the varying computations, with the names of their calculators. Thus (see D. Levi D'Historie Generale, "Premier Volume Histoire Ancienne,' page 4). From the creation of Adam to the birth of Christ—

	Years.
Alphonsine Tables	6984
The Greek Septuagint (Piccolo)	5634
Clement of Alexandria	5624
Julius Africanus	5500
Eusebuis of Cæsarea	5200
Champollion Figeac	5230
The Art of Verifying Dates	4963
The Latin Vulgate (Riccioli)	4184
Archbishop Usher	4004
Bishop Bossuet (French)	4004
Melancthon	3963
Scaliger	3950

As I said in my former note—upon this question of Biblical chronology, or (to circumscribe it) pre-Abrahamic computation, in all the historical churches, Roman, Greek and Anglican, opinion is free—open, and of course—varied. Should any of your many readers wish to pursue this topic, they may find some interesting matter in Dr Angus' "Bible Handbook,"—in the concluding chapters of Gliddon's great work on "Ancient Egypt,"—and if my memory serve me, in Harriet Martineau's work, "Eastern Life, present and past" (the three volume edition). To readers of French, I may also suggest, "D'Histoire Generale par D. Levi (Paris—Rue de Lille, 17) "Histoire Ancienne" par M. Le Bas, Champollion's (Figeac). Great work in "Egypte Ancienne," and Bishop Bossuet's "Dix-Histoire Universelle," all of which are easily obtained; all of which are of immense, and I may add, all of which are of the highest authority. By the way it may be an incentive to some of your Primitive Methodist readers, to study Champollion, to say, that while reading the Rev James Austin Bastow's excellent "Biblical Dictionary," well nigh a quarter of a century ago, it occurred to me, that the reverend gentleman had made a profound study of the illustrious Frenchman.—Au Revoir, yours truly,

Jon. C. Wylie.

Grammar School, 12th Feb., 1883.

OUR AGRICULTURE AND OUR FOOD SUPPLY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—That so large a part of the cultivable soil of these islands is under grazing can hardly be too strongly regretted. No mere iteration of the common-place falsehood—for it is nothing less—about over-population could conceal from the patriot and economist the patent fact of under-culture. With an industrious peasantry, and a capable soil, it must be obvious that some other solution for other difficulties has to be sought than the cruel and reckless one of emigration. The late J. J. Mechi deemed it as "wrong to buy foreign food while we can produce it at home with a profit." And there can be no question that we can produce at home all the food that our people require. Speaking of his own farm, Mr Mechi added—"I produce profitably so much more than the average yield that if all our lands were made equally productive with mine our population could not consume more than one-half the produce." Perhaps the most precise figures bearing on the inquiry as to the amount of food obtainable per acre, under different systems of curture, having been giving by Dr. Charles D. Hunter (see Lawson's "Ten Years of Gentleman Farming.") Adopting as his basis of comparison Dr. Frankland's determinations of the amount of muscular force obtainable from various foods, and for the weekly rations the late Dr Edward Smith's inquiries into the dietaries of the working classes, Dr Hunter calculates the relative food-supplying power of 100 acres, in the following table, showing the number of men maintained on 100 acres under different crops:

Kind of crop		Weight of produce per 100 acres.	No. of men supported for 52 wks.
Mutton	From 20 tons per acre of swedes	26,000lb.	41½
Milk	Three acres to cow	193,300lb.	53
Wheat	25 imperial bushels	150,000lb.	250
Potatoes	7 tons 3 cwt. per acre	715 tons.	683

These figures certainly show largely in favour of the potato when the crop is satisfactory. They show largely in favour of the cultivation of wheat, and therefore of the similar crop of oats, while it is equally clear that any land given to grazing must produce very small return in food produce. In fact this country suffers at present from (A), the under culture of the great portion of its soil; (B), the very small return of food produce per acre on its present culture; and (C) the employment of almost the fewest possible number of labourers upon its agriculture. No remedies for our agricultural depression can avail much while these primary facts are disregarded. Let me add, for the sake of those who will, in spite of all warnings, adopt potato culture, that the failing of this crop might be almost certainly avoided by the adoption of the method of culture which has been successfully demonstrated by Mr Kynaston, author of "Out-door Fruit for the Million." His method is to plant, or rather to place, the potato upon the ground, not in it, and afterwards to cover over with manure and earth. The encouragement of spade husbandry and of the utmost possible degree of garden culture to increase the home-supply of fruits and vegetables cannot be too strongly commended to all interested in promoting the food supply of this country, and I have to add that herein lies an ample field for the occupation of our unemployed labourers.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

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Business Announcements.

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MR. LAMONT has much pleasure in publishing the following TESTIMONIALS recently received. Further particulars will be found in Descriptive Pamphlet, Gratis on application, or sent Post Free.

BRONCHITIS.

Hodgson's Mills, Blyth, September 23rd, 1882.

DEAR SIR,—In October last, on the recommendation of a friend who had tried your appliances, I purchased a Magnetic Chest Protector for my wife. She had been a frequent sufferer from Bronchitis, and was then ill with a severe attack. In less than a week the Magnetism had greatly relieved her breathing, and every day afterwards there was a gradual improvement until she was fairly well. In addition to the good it did at that time, she has worn it since as a protection against another attack, and I am glad to say it has proved most effective.—Yours, &c.,

Mr D. Lamont. GEORGE TURNBULL.

The MAGNETIC LUNG INVIGORATOR is specially applicable to Bronchitis, Asthma, Weakness of the Lungs, Palpitation of the Heart, Consumptive tendency, and is most invaluable as a *preventive* of all Chest Affections, Coughs, Colds, &c.

BRONCHITIS.

Prudhoe-on-Tyne, September 19th, 1882.

SIR,—I am happy to say that I have received a great amount of good from the Lung Invigorator I got from you last year. I suffered from bronchitis and a severe cough This brought on spitting of blood, which continued for some time, and left me very weak. It was at that time I began to wear the Invigorator and feel its good effects. It relieved the sore cough and eased my breathing. My chest and back used to have a cold feeling, but now I am quite warm and comfortable, even if the day is cold and damp. I feel confident that it has benefited me in many ways, and I take every opportunity in recommending your appliances.—Yours truly,

Mr. D. Lamont. W. R. SIMPSON, Newsagent.

THE MAGNETIC WAIST BELT exercises a beneficial influence on the Liver and Digestive Organs, stimulating them to more vigorous action, and thus aiding in the formation of healthier blood, purifies and invigorates the entire system. It cures Lumbago, Rheumatic Pains in the back, Sciatica, Debility, &c,

LIVER COMPLAINT.

Whitehall Road, Gateshead, September 21st, 1882,

DEAR SIR,—Something like two years ago I suffered very much from my liver, and tried everything that was recommended to get relief, but all to no purpose. I might get momentary relief after a dose or two, but only for a time. I resolved to try one of your belts as a last resource, and am happy to say after about a fortnight's wear I found relief. I may state that my symptoms were general depression and severe pain in the stomach, which the belt effectually removed. You are quite at liberty to use this in any way calculated to benefit others suffering from the same complaint.—Yours, &c.,

Mr D. Lamont. THOMAS FOSTER.

THE MAGNETIC KNEE CAP has proved to be of immense service in removing and relieving Rheumatic and other affections of the Knee-joint, Weakness. Stiffness, Swelling, &c., &c.

PAIN IN THE KNEE.

Orchard Field, Blackhill, September 23rd, 1882.

DEAR SIR,—The Knee Cap I got from you nine months ago has done my knee a deal of good. It was injured many years ago. A small bone displaced caused me much pain, and nothing relieved me till I got the knee cap. It has removed the pain and greatly strengthened the knee.—Yours truly,

Mr. D. Lamont. ANDREW DARRIE.

THE MAGNETIC LEG APPLIANCE can be applied to the thigh or any part of the leg, and is recommended for Rheumatic pains, Weakness, Swelling, Varicose Veins, Bad Circulation, Coldness, Sprains, Cramp, &c.

Mr. WILLIAM CRAWFORD, Secretary of the Miners' National Union writes:—

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

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

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Business Announcements.

J. McINTOSH,

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HAS Commenced Business on his own account, at TAYLOR'S BUILDINGS, BENFIELDSIDE EDGE ROAD, BLACKHILL,

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A. TORKINGTON,
Managing Director.
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Contracts.

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD invite TENDERS for LEADING Materials required by the Board, and also Price Per Day for Team Work.

Specifications to be seen, and all information to be obtained, by applying to the Surveyor, who will receive Tenders, Sealed and Endorsed "Team Work," from the 3rd day of March till the 17th of March, 1883.

The Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.—By order of the Board,

445r JOHN DIXON, Surveyor.

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE CONSETT IRON COMPANY (Limited) invite TENDERS for the Erection of Two Sets consisting of 26 and 20 Four-roomed COTTAGES, at Consett, with their respective Streets.

Plans and Specifications can be seen, and all particulars obtained, on application at the Company's Offices, Consett Ironworks, on and after Wednesday, 21st instant.

Tenders, specifying a separate sum for each Set of Cottages with its adjoining Street, to be delivered to the Consett Iron Company, Limited, Blackhill, County of Durham, not later than Noon, on Saturday, the 3rd of March, 1883.

No Tender necessarily accepted.

Consett Ironworks, 15th February, 1883. 399r

TO CONTRACTORS.

TO LET, the several WORKS required in the Erection and Completion of a Detached VILLA, Out Offices, &c., at West Conside, for W. R. Taylor, Esq.,

Drawings, Specifications, and Conditions of Contract, may be seen, and Forms of Tender obtained at our Offices, Town Hall Buildings, Shotley Bridge.

Tenders, Sealed and Endorsed, are to be delivered to us on or before the 15th day of March, 1883.

No pledge is given that the lowest or any Tender will be accepted.

Plans, &c., can be seen on and after March 1st, 1883.

JOHN SMITH & SON, Architects,
February 22nd, 1883. 429r

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE GUARDIANS OF THE POOR of the Lanchester Union invite Tenders for supplying the Workhouse, at Lanchester, with FLOUR, GROCERIES, BUTCHER MEAT, PRESERVED MEAT, DRAPERIES, &c., for Twenty-seven Weeks from the 29th inst. And also for the Supply of COAL and GAS COKE, and CARTAGE of Limestone for 12 Months from the same date.

Forms of Tender specifying the quantities of the various articles required, may be had on application to the undersigned, to whom Tenders, with Samples, as far as practicable, should be sent not later than Wednesday, the 14th inst.

The Guardians do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any of the Tenders.—By order,

WM. HENRY RITSON,
Clerk to Guardians.
Lanchester, March 1st, 1883. 457r

Public Notices.

39 IS the Winning Number for the Brown MARE, and 10 for the PIG, Raffled at Consett. 447r

2 IS the Winning Number for the SEWING MACHINE, Raffled at 43, Puddlers' Row, Consett. 256r

I. THOMAS WILLIAM CARR, of Blue Houses, Shotley Bridge, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I will not be answerable for any Debt or Debts that my wife, MARY CARR, may contract after this Notice.

NOTICE.

THE Game upon Medomsley East House and Allendale Farms is strictly preserved.—Dogs found on these Farms will be destroyed, and all Persons found Trespassing will be prosecuted. 363p

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

NOTICE to those desirous of HAVING SHARES in the FIRST SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT 370th STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY, viz., that at the Meeting on the 20th of February 474 Members had been Enrolled, and the number is limited to 500, therefore the public can judge for themselves.

☞ Be in time to secure Shares in this prosperous Society. 442r

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

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

M. RICHLEY, Secretary.
Gas Office, Shotley Bridge. 148q

DURHAM COUNTY SUNDAY CLOSING ASSOCIATION.

A PUBLIC MEETING, in support of the SUNDAY CLOSING BILL FOR THE COUNTY OF DURHAM, will be held in the Templars' Hall, Medomsley, on Wednesday, March 7th, 1883.

Alderman CHARLTON, of Gateshead, will attend as a Deputation, and the Meeting will also be Addressed by Messrs. W. RICHARDSON, JAMES CLARK, and others. Chair to be taken at 7·15 p.m. by Rev. W. COCKIN.

☞ The Allendale Primitive Methodist Choir will Sing some Pieces of Music during the Evening.

A Collection will be made after the Meeting to defray expenses. 443r

Public Notices.

CONSETT & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY.

GRAND PERFORMANCE OF THE BRILLIANT CANTATA,

'HAROLD GLYNDE'

IN

SHOTLEY BRIDGE TOWN HALL, 430r
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28th, 1883.

JAMES SAYER,

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(Next door to Mr. T. DUNNE, Grocer),

RESPECTFULLY announces to the inhabitants of Consett and surrounding district that he will COMMENCE BUSINESS as above, on THURSDAY, NEXT, 8th inst., when he will OFFER FOR SALE PRIME BEEF, MUTTON, and PORK at the most reasonable prices. 444r

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

W. AMBLER begs to inform his friends and the public generally of Dipton and the neighbourhood that he has received his STOCK OF GENUINE VEGETABLE and FLOWER SEEDS, which he can, with every confidence, recommend. An assortment of Japan Lilies direct from the growers. Also, a variety of Cumber Plants, including splendid Tender True, Carter's Madle. Cardiff Castle, &c. 422r

COUNTY PALATINE OF DURHAM.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACT, 1878

The England and Wales Movement into District (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) Order of 1882 (No. 1443).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in exercise of the powers conferred by the above Act and Order, the following regulations have been made by the Executive Committee exercising the powers of the Local Authority of this County:—

1.—From the 1st March next until the 31st March next (both inclusive) it shall not be lawful to move any Cattle, Sheep, Goats, or other ruminating Animals, or Swine, into the District of the County of Durham (except Fat Cattle carried by Railway through the said District, without being untrucked, to and for immediate slaughter at the Foreign Animals' Wharf, defined by an Order of the Privy Council, dated 21st September, 1881, and situated on the South side of the North Basin at the West Hartlepool Docks) from the District of the Local Authority of the County of Northumberland, or the District of the Local Authority of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

2.—From the 1st March next until the 31st March next (both inclusive) it shall not be lawful to move any such Animals as aforesaid into the District of the County of Durham (except as aforesaid) from the District of any Local Authority named or specified in the Schedule hereunto, unless each such Animal be accompanied by a Certificate of the Local Authority of the District from which it is being moved, stating that such Animal has been within the last-mentioned District for a period of 28 days previously to the date of such Certificate.

3.—From the 1st March next until the 31st March next (both inclusive) it shall not be lawful to move any such Animals as aforesaid into the District of the County of Durham from the before-mentioned Foreign Animals' Wharf at West Hartlepool Docks.

4.—The movement of Animals contrary to the aforegoing regulations is prohibited.

SCHEDULE.

Local Authority of the Borough of Darlington.
" " " Durham.
" " " Gateshead.
" " " Hartlepool.
" " " Jarrow.
" " " South Shields.
" " " Stockton.
" " " Sunderland.

By Order,
RALPH SIMEY,
Clerk of the Peace of the County of Durham.

Exchequer Buildings, Durham,
21st February, 1883.

N.B.—The above Regulations do not restrict the movement of Animals by RAILWAY through the District of the Local Authority of the County of Durham. 440r

RARE EASTER GIFTS OF JEWELLERY FOR 2s.

A Magnificent Sterling Silver Brooch or Breast Pin to be given away without any charge to every purchaser of any three articles of our celebrated Nevadia Gold or Silver Jewellery, sent post free for 5s. 9d. Any single article sent for 2s. or 26 stamps.

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MESSRS W. and J. DAVIS, Wholesale Jewellers, 12, Alfred Road, Birmingham, offer to send to any Address in the United Kingdom any of the goods mentioned below for 2s. The beautiful articles of Jewellery are made after the most delicate and choicest specimens of 18-carat Gold and real Silver, now being sold at the best establishments in London and Paris. No lady or gentleman need fear too prying friends' curiosity, as any of the lots offered below are facsimiles of real 18-carat Gold and real Silver Jewellery costing many pounds. The solidity, richness, and artistic finish carry these goods as far from the tinsel and tinny articles now being so extensively advertised, as the east is from the west. Any of the articles mentioned below will be sent, carriage paid, on receipt of P.O.O. for 2s., or 26 stamps.

No. 1.—Lady's superb half-suite of rich Nevadia gold or silver Brooch and Earrings, very select and neat pattern, 2s.

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No. 7.—Gentleman's magnificent Nevadia gold or silver Locket, beautifully engraved, to hold two portraits, or seal, 2s.

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Signed, W. and J. DAVIS, 12, Alfred Road, Birm.

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REMARKABLE TESTIMONIAL.

Lougher, Anniscaul, Ireland, Dec. 21, 1882.

Gentlemen,—I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of the Nevadia Gold Albert. It would have cost me at least 12s. at home.—Yours truly, J. D. McCARTHY.

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A MISCELLANEOUS ENTERTAINMENT consisting of Glees, Trios, Duets, School Plays, &c., will be given by the Children of the British School, assisted by the Teachers and Friends, on Thursday Evening First, February 8th, 1883, in the British School, Consett, at 7·15 p.m. prompt. Tickets 1s., 6d., and 3d., may be had of any of the Teachers and Senior Scholars. Proceeds in aid of the Teachers' Orphanage.

"MESSIAH."

MR. CHARLES STEPHENSON begs to announce a grand Performance of the "MESSIAH," on EASTER TUESDAY, AT CONSETT.

☞ Plan of the Room can be seen, and Seats secured, at Mr. W. DAVISON'S, Jeweller, Front Street, Consett, from Monday First. 396r

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

CAUTION.

IN consequence of certain parties in this District having got into the careless habit of allowing CARTS, GIGS, BARRELS, &c., to stand over night on the Public Streets to the Danger and inconvenience of the public at large,

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE that in future all such CARTS, GIGS, BARRELS, &c., as are found after nightfall on any Public Street or Highway will be promptly Removed, and proceedings taken against the parties causing the obstruction.

WILLIAM RIPPON,
Surveyor and Inspector.
Local Board Offices, January 25th, 1883. 325r

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 5th, 6th, and 7th, 1883. — Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett.—Important Sale of Bed and Table Linen, Lace and Muslin Curtains, Antimacassars and D'Oyleys, and a few lots of best Glass, Ware, real Japanese and other Trays, magnificent Dessert Service, Chamber Ware, Air and Water-tight Cushions, &c., &c., belonging a gentleman at York, recently deceased, interspersed with a choice Stock of Best Linen and Woollen Drapery, Carpets, and Ready-made Clothing sent for absolute Sale.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed to SELL BY AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 5th, 6th, and 7th, the VALUABLE GOODS named above, full particulars of which will be given in Bills.

☞ Sale to commence at Seven o'clock each Evening.

TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

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

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ON MONDAY First, March 5th, 1883, Messrs. NICHOLSON and MURRAY will SELL BY AUCTION,

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10 PORK PIGS, and
A quantity of BLACK SEED OATS.

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By Mr. A. Phillipson.

Tantobie.—Monday, March 12th, 1883.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mrs. MARY SMAILES (who is declining Housekeeping) will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, her very Valuable Household FURNITURE, large WOOD SHED, and other EFFECTS. See Bills for particulars.

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MR. JOHN RIDDELL is instructed by Mr. JOHN HENRY, owing to his declining the Dairy Business, to SELL BY AUCTION (without reserve), on the Premises, on Monday, March 5th, 1883, at 11·30 a.m. prompt, 13 High-class DAIRY COWS, amongst which will be found Short-horned Cows of the highest class, Six of which are suitable for the Butchers' Market; Two do., 10 days calved; and the remainder are all flush of Milk; One Heifer Calf, 10 days old; also Pony, 14·0 h.h.; Set of Harness for Pony; strong Spring Cart; Milk Cart; Two Turnip Cutters; New Hay Cutter; 60-gallon Portable Boiler; Two Scalding Tubs and Barrels; Dairy Utensils; Set of Cart Harness; Wheelbarrow, &c., and about Three Tons of OLD LAND HAY.

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. 297r

Business Announcements.

A NOTE!

Were the enormous advantages resulting from purchasing "Patent" and other Medicines from Mr. ROBERTS, The Newcastle Chymist, properly understood, we have no hesitation in stating that Consett residents requiring such and similar articles would invariably call (when in Newcastle) and consult Mr. ROBERTS, at 1, NEW BRIDGE STREET, or 97, CLAYTON STREET, where Patent Medicines may be had at less than London Store Prices, and "New Remedies for almost all ailments."

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND, 1883.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

The Benfieldside Local Board acted wisely in placing no impediment in the way of the proposed telegraph and telephone communication in the Shotley Bridge district. There is a class of individuals who grasp at the skirts of everything likely to add a penny per annum to the sum total of their store, irrespective of the fact that the march of progress may for a time at least be considerably retarded. Communities are not unfrequently tinged with the same despicable spirit, nor can the British Government be said to be wholly guiltless. In Germany, where the telephone is unfettered by an exorbitant patent and heavy royalty, as in England, its use is being readily adopted. It is gratifying to learn that the latest inventions of the age are being utilised on the banks of the Derwent. Not many years have elapsed since the rumble of the stage coach mingled its quaint music with the ceaseless song of the crystal Derwent; but the thundering tread of the Iron Horse gave rise to a new order of things, and the stage coach and the welcome hostelry are being borne hence on the peaceful tide of oblivion. The man whose success in life depends upon intellectual attainments must embrace every opportunity calculated to keep him abreast of the times—and happy is he who can do so without burning the midnight oil—and so is it in a more momentous sense with our national industries. The firm who fails to take advantage of the latest improvements in its particular line will speedily find itself overmatched in the headlong race for existence. The ruling spirits in West Durham are fully alive to this fact, and in the Derwent Valley particularly. Witness Consett with its almost unquenchable fires, which like the passions of men burn day and night. History tells of some strange imitations. Time folds and unfolds her mystic scroll, and handicraftsmen and men more pretentious by far have found before to-day that, like Othello, their occupation was gone. There was an age of stone, and the ancient Briton marched to battle and to the chase with weapons of hewn, and in later ages, polished stone. Subsequently iron was introduced, but like Truth it lay like a gem concealed. Centuries rolled away, empires rose and fell, till in the noontide freedom of the 19th century iron superseded England's famous "wooden walls"; nor was this all, the metal was turned to a yet more noble use, and vessels symmetrical as an ocean shell danced on every sea and gave such an impetus to commerce as the world had never seen. But there is no standing still; there is a spirit of enquiry abroad and men, like the youth who carried the banner with the strange device, are pressing up the Alpine heights of modern progress; and signs are not wanting that iron ships will in turn fall into disuse, and give place to a scion of the parent stock—steel. The latter combines all the good qualities of the former with increased flexibility and lightness—very important factors in an ocean child. It will thus be seen that the honest ironworker would look somewhat disconcerted to find some fine morning that the buzzer had not sounded the diurnal clarion. Happily, no such contingency need be apprehended at Consett. The genius of Mr Jenkins has provided against such a catastrophe and even now a stupendous structure has already assumed shape and form close by the Consett Branch of the North-Eastern Railway. The Messrs Annandale are also carrying out very extensive improvements at the Grove Paper Mills, and the loads of splendid machinery which has passed through Blackhill during the past few months *en route* for the mills have given rise to much comment. "We are always doing something," said the late Mr James Annandale to me one Saturday evening while strolling in the neighbourhood of the Grove. The kind old gentleman showed me over the gardens and drawing my attention to certain alterations then being executed at the Old Mill, gave utterance to the words which I have just quoted—"Always doing something." Not a very high-sounding motto certainly, but a very sensible one withal; only let that something be the outcome of sound judgment and the firm no less than the individual who acts upon it will merge ahead, imperceptibly though it may be of contemporaries who scorn to follow a homely line.

So there is to be an election in the Benfieldside district. Very good. Methinks I hear—not the burnishing of armour—but the click of the printing press as cards exquisitely neat are being thrown off by the hundred. This is a very legitimate way of bringing oneself before the public, and does not involve very much outlay. One gentleman counsels economy so far as the Board is concerned, but private gentlemen can, of course, exercise their own judgment. Economy, like charity, should begin at home, and no would-be member should wear shoe leather by going the round of the district playing upon the feelings of the people by promises doomed to an untimely death. This system is resorted to at every election in Consett and district, but only by third-rate men. Last year I was waited upon by more than one candidate for local honours. All were exceedingly affable, but one made promises so wild that I could barely retain my gravity. The long talked-of Park was forthwith to become a reality; shady groves and sparkling cascades were to be but minor characteristics of this second Paradise, while the vexed question of the pure water supply was to be set at rest once and for ever by works upon a scale which would place the Roman Reservoir of old into the shades of eternal night. Blackhill was to be Blackhill no longer, the Consett Iron Company's cottages were to be razed to the ground, and their place at once supplied by edifices gorgeous as Aladdin's Palace. Poor mortal! he came upon the stage of life an age too late, and his virtues being of the negative order his sensitive soul never wholly recovered from the shock occasioned by the declaration of the poll. He sought a happier clime and bade farewell to Blackhill. Three of the retiring members are sure to be re-elected—the Chairman, Messrs Eltringham and Lax. All are men of known worth and the interests of the public cannot be placed in better hands.

Local and District News.

The Durham Beagles enjoyed a capitable day's sport at Pelton yesterday (Thursday).

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.—North Durham Foxhounds—Monday, March 5th, Knitsley; Wednesday, 7th, Pensher Hill; Friday, 9th, Tanners' Hall—11·0. Braes of Derwent Foxhounds—Saturday, March 3rd, Greenhead—10·30.

HAMSTEELS COLLIERY.—An entertainment was held on Saturday evening in the Primitive Methodist Chapel. The chair was occupied by Mr E. Parkison. Readings were given by Mr J. Hammel, Birtley, Bowmaker, Brown, and Miss Lazenby. The choir sang some choice selections of music. Mr Wm. Harrison and Miss R. Maddison sang some excellent songs. Mr R. Winn accompanied on the harmonium.

LANCHESTER RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.—A special meting of this Authority was held at Lanchester on Thursday (yesterday) morning, Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., in the chair.—The Clerk stated that Mr Stephen Hall, of Prudhoe, the contra for the sewerage works at Dipton, had been unable to obtain two bondsmen to sign the document.—It was decided, seeing that the work was more than half completed, to dispense with sureties, Mr Hall's bond being considered sufficient to meet the case. The inspector, however, was instructed to keep back a substantial percentage from the original cost until the contract was fulfilled.

ST. MARY'S, BLACKHILL.—The mission services, which have been so successfully conducted in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Blackhill, for the past few weeks by the Redemptorist Fathers, were concluded on Sunday last, all being largely attended. At the services for women in the afternoon and men only in the evening, the structure was densely packed. In the course of the day Father Barry gave a powerful address, particularly advocating the claims of the Temperance League of the Cross, and pointing out the many advantages derived by such an organisation. During their stay in this locality the Redemptionist Fathers have been unceasing in their labours, and their efforts have been abundantly successful.

ESH COLLIERY.—The Good Templars have for the last five months held a series of entertainments fortnightly. They have on the whole proved very successful. A fruit banquet was held on Saturday in the Primitive Methodist Chapel. A large number of people availed themselves of the opportunity to spend a night with the Templars. Bro. J. Bland presided. Songs, recitations, &c., were rendered by members and friends, and at intervals a quantity of fruit was distributed. The song, "These were my thoughts as I smoked my cigar," was given in grand style by Mr Wm. Peen. Miss Jane Cook sang very effectively, "Jesus my all" and "Little pattering footsteps." The song, "That's the way to win the day," was ably disposed of by Mr Jonathan Parker. Mr Wm. Thompson, the popular reciter from Willington, rendered the following recitations in a highly creditable manner:—"An invocation," "Shamus O'Brien," and "The old clock." A stirring temperance address was delivered by Mr George Cowings, who very briefly portrayed some of the miseries caused by strong drink, and urgently appealed to Christians who trifled with it to give it up. Bro. Cook moved, and Bro. Lear seconded, a vote of thanks to the friends for their assistance, and this terminated the proceedings.

SPLENDID RUN WITH THE NORTH DURHAM HOUNDS.—On Monday last the meet was at Witton Gilbert. A large field of sportsmen assembled—the master (Mr A. L. Maynard), Mrs Maynard, Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Taylor Smith, Miss Baker Baker, Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Mr Kearney, Mr Leadbitter Smith, Mr Lindsay Wood, Mr Clarks, Mr Forster, and many from the Tynedale and Morpeth Hunts. The order was given to draw Hill Top, where that prince of earth-croppers, Newton Steadman, was there with his usual grand show of foxes. Presently, four foxes were on foot, and it became most difficult for Freeman to get his hounds together. However, he managed to get with one fox, that took him round by Ushaw, and then came to Browney and jumped into the mill-dam and got on the mill-wheel. Freeman, perceiving it was a vixen, took his hounds on to another fox, which gave them a spin for about 20 minutes and ended in a kill—a large dog fox. Now the order was given to draw Quebec, and presently a fox jumped up in view of the hounds, and they raced away for Esh village for Haggwood, and now turned westward for Waterhouses and Town's plantations. The pace was very grand. Away now for Cornsay, then turned for Hedleyhope, through the cover when the hounds ran into their fox at Iveston after one hour's fine sport. This also proved to be another dog fox, and thus ended a grand day's sport.

IVESTON VILLAGE SCHOOL: A MUNIFICENT DONATION.—A miscellaneous concert was given in Iveston school-room on Wednesday night, by the scholars and a number of friends, in aid of the fund now being raised for the enlargement of the building. There was a large attendance, the room being entirely packed. Mr E. W. D. Balleny, of Little Greencroft, occupied the chair, and in opening the proceedings he explained the object of the concert and expressed the pleasure it afforded him at seeing such a large and respectable company present. Appended is the programme:—Part I. Song, "Beautiful Star" Choir; song "Mother, kiss me in my dreams," Miss Thirlaway; song, "Isle of beauty," Miss A. Johnson; song, "Flower girl," Miss Hall; song, "Rosalie, the prairie flower," choir; song, "The wishing cap," Miss J. Thompson; song, "Come, birdie, come," Miss M. Thirlaway; duet, "All's well," Masters Armstrong and Harper; song, "Soft music is stealing" Choir. Part II. Song "Merrily sings the lark," Choir; song, "Summer showers," Miss Whorton,—*encore*, "Within a mile o' Edinboro' Toon;" song, "Close the shutters," part of choir; song, "Won't you buy my pretty flowers?" Miss M. Stokoe; song, "Swinging 'neath the old apple-tree," Choir; song, "Kiss me mother," Miss M. Thirlaway; comic song, "The cork leg," Mr Eden,—*encore*, "The Village Pedagogue;" song, "Union Jack," Choir; song, "Father pray with me to-night?" Miss E. Thompson; song, "No, sir," Miss J. Thompson; song, "The days of long ago," Choir. The programme throughout was creditably rendered, the efforts of the choir (under the leadership of Mr Eden) being duly appreciated, and tendered to show that the master had taken no little pains in the training of the children. Most of the pieces sung were re-demanded.—At the close, the Chairman made the gratifying announcement that Mrs Love, of Mount Beulah, Durham, had transmitted through her agent the sum of £20 towards the building extension fund.—Mr J. Bland proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and Mr W. Ward moved a similar compliment to the singers, which were both accorded by acclamation.—We may state that the enlargement of the school is steadily progressing, the building now being ready for the roof.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.—A supplement to the *London Gazette*, issued on Saturday evening, contains an order in Council, declaring to be free from foot and mouth diseases certain areas about Kyo and Collierley, Durham.

A DOUBLE OFFENCE.—At the Durham County Police Court, on Wednesday, *Thomas Mills*, of Burnhope, was charged with refusing to quit the licensed premises of Anthony Cummings, at Edmondsley, on the 24th ult. He was further charged with assaulting P.C. Wressell on the same occasion.—He was fined 2s 6d for refusing to quit, and 2s for the assault on the officer, together with the expenses.

BENFIELDSIDE AUCTION MART.—Messrs Nicholson and Murray sold at their auction mart, on Monday last, 63 fat cattle, 135 fat sheep, 20 prime pork pigs. The fat cattle averaged from £12 5s to £28 10s; sheep, 27s to 96s; fat hoggs from 22s to 69s each, top, Mr Hand, Heugh Farm, Esh; pigs, from 34s to 80s each. A large quantity of traps and farm implements were also sold.

PROPERTY SALE AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.—Mr A. Phillipson offered for sale at Mr Lumley's, Railway Inn, on Wednesday afternoon, a dwelling-house, with stable and yard, lately occupied by the proprietor, the late Mr William Humphrey. There was a very large attendance. Conditions of sale being read by Mr Maddison, solicitor, Durham. The bidding was begun by Mr Lumley at £100. Competition of a spirited character followed, till the property was knocked off at £320 to Mr Ralph Thompson, of Annfield Plain.

CONCERT AT WEST PELTON.—A concert was held in the Catholic School-room at West Pelton, on Saturday evening last, for the benefit of the men and families on strike at Ushaw Moor. The room, a most capacious one, was well filled. Mr John Lee occupied the chair. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev F. Keenan, for the use of the school-room, also to the vocalists and instrumentalists for their services, brought a most enjoyable entertainment to a close. Mr J. Chaytor, as harmoniumist, and Mr Cox, violinist, rendered most excellent service.

LANGLEY PARK PRIMITIVE METHODIST SOCIETY.—A grand concert was given by the jubilee band of Brandon on Saturday evening in the school-room, kindly granted by the Rev Dr Lee, vicar of Esh. There was a very good audience, who were highly entertained by the various pieces given. The leader was Mr J. Thompson, and the harmoniumist Miss A. Whittle, of Durham. Mr J. Chalders, of Langley Park, occupied the chair. The proceeds amounted £3 3s 4d, and were to be devoted to the new chapel building fund. The usual votes of thanks brought a very interesting concert to a close.

HAMILTON TOWN, WATERHOUSES.—A concert was given in the reading-room on Monday evening. The following ladies and gentlemen took part in a choice programme of solos, choruses, &c.:—The Misses Bird, of Hedley Hill; Messrs G. Reed, T. T. Roberts, R. Lines, W. Hindley, G. Paterson, and J. Stephenson. Messrs T. Reed and R. Bird presided at the harmonium. The chair was occupied by Mr J. J. C. Allison, manager of Hedley Hill Colliery. The room was densely packed, the handsome sum of £3 having been collected at the door.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH, BLACKHILL.—On Monday evening last, the Rev G. Lord delivered a very interesting lecture to a very good audience, on "Peter Cartwright, the American Backwoods Preacher," in the above place of worship, during which he described Peter Cartwright as the Prince of all Backwoods Preachers of America, he being brimful of humour, whims, oddities, and eccentricities; a great tactician and schemer, and the most useful and successful Pioneer Preacher of the "Far West." He also set him up as a living example to christians, his life being, from a very early age, concentrated on his Lord's work. During the evening the choir greatly enlivened the proceedings by executing anthems, while songs and solos were given with good effect by some of the members of the choir. The proceedings throughout were a brilliant success.

CASTLESIDE BOARD SCHOOLS.—On Wednesday evening the scholars in connection with these schools gave an entertainment, which was similar to the one given the previous week. The room was crowded by a very enthusiastic audience, who testified their appreciation of the efforts of the young people, who acquitted themselves in a most praiseworthy manner. They were ably assisted by Miss Ridley, Benfieldside; Messrs Hyden, Dawson, and Brodie, Consett, who greatly enhanced the proceedings by their rendering of several songs, duets, and trios. In the duet, "The crookit bawbee," Miss Ridley and Mr Hyden were loudly applauded, while Messrs Dawson, Hyden, and Brodie, fairly brought down the house by their excellent rendering of the humorous trio "Tickling." The proceeds of the entertainment were in aid of the Schoolmaster's Orphanage Fund, and was, on the whole, a great success.

ALARMING TRAP ACCIDENT NEAR LEADGATE.—On Saturday evening, an accident, which might have resulted disastrously, occurred to Mr Young, the landlord of the Rose and Crown Inn, Blackhill, and Miss Young, his daughter. Early in the afternoon, Mr Young, who is just recovering from a serious illness, engaged a horse and trap from Mr Christopher, for the purpose of taking a drive out for the benefit of his health. The party proceeded all right as far as Redwell Hills, but on the return journey, the horse (a very spirited animal) became restless, and by some unaccountable means or other, took fright, and dashed off at a furious pace. Mr Young held on as best as he could, his daughter in the meantime being violently thrown out of the vehicle. Subsequently Mr Young's strength gave way, and he too was hurled forcibly to the ground. The horse sped on at lightning speed through Blackhill and Shotley Bridge, the conveyance (which was frequently overturned) knocking down lamposts and narrowly missing the corners of the buildings on the way. The animal, however, came to grief between Shotley Bridge and Westwood, the trap being smashed to pieces, and the horse fell down from exhaustion. Luckily, both Mr and Miss Young miraculously escaped with slight injuries, and are speedily recovering from the shock.

THE GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT AT EBCHESTER.—On Monday, the 19th ult., a most successful series of Blue Ribbon meetings, were inaugurated in the Wesleyan Chapel, Ebchester, conducted by Mr John Fawcett (Gospel Temperance Advocate). During the services the following gentlemen presided, viz:—J. Priestman, Esq., J.P., J. G. East, Esq., S. Leybourne Esq., Chas. Wilson, Esq., J. Lax, Esq., Rev H. Smith, and Mr J. Hogg, &c. The secretary of the committee, Mr T. Irving, had organised a very brilliant choir of ladies who nightly before crowded audiences sang with great taste the celebrated and popular gospel songs of R. T. Booth and Sankey. Solos were very ably rendered by the Misses Leybourne, Surtees, Ewart, &c., during the meetings, and received deserved appreciation. Every night the building has been crowded by an intelligent, earnest, and attentive audiences, to listen to the strong and touching appeals of Mr Fawcett, whose popularity in the district is unquestionable not only because of his powerful speaking but his very acceptable solos, when accompanying himself on the instrument.—On Sunday last, the meetings were strictly Gospel, and proved no less successful, rather the contrary, and this week's success has vindicated the wisdom of the conclusion of the series being devoted to that class of meeting. Several ladies have taken a very active interest in the work, of whom we might mention—the Misses Hunter (Derwent Villa), Miss Leybourne, and others, of which we cannot to highly speak and great credit is due to the indefatigable efforts of the committee, and the esteemed secretary, Mr Irving. Nearly 150 pledges have been registered, and several persons have professed conversion.

SOCIAL DINNER AT CATCHGATE.

The customary dinner, given by Mr George Hobson, seedsman, &c., of Catchgate, to his customers and friends, on the occasion of the yearly pay audit, took place in the Town Hall Buildings, at Catchgate, on Wednesday evening. A substantial repast was served up under the superintendence of Mr Wheatley, of Catchgate. There was a good muster round the festive board, amongst the gentlemen present being Messrs George Hobson, Catchgate; J. W. Pearson, Ravensworth Grange; George Bullerwell, Snook Hill, Winlaton; F. Jackson, Pit Hill; William Batey, West Stanley; James Cuthbertson, Crookgate; R. Bowman, Riding Barns; John Hunter, Medomsley Grange; A. Hunter, Medomsley; — Lawson, Low Bradley; Thomas Clark, Billingside; Robert Humphrey, The Loud; Joseph Irwin, Catchgate; Miles Handy, Catchgate; R. Henderson, Catchgate; L. Wylam, Shield Row; —Elson, East Law; W. Rutherford, Collierley; J. Spencer, Knitsley; Samuel Mann, [illegible]; J. Charlton, Pont House; George Hardy, Knitsley; Jno. Ri[illegible], Knitsley Mill; Joseph Hall, Harelaw; Thomas Forster, Townhead; John Elsdon, Sunniside, near Iveston; J. Johnson, Iveston; L. Hunter, Esp Green; George Bell, Maiden Law; John Urwin, Dipton; J. Brown, Redwell Hills; Emmerson Wilkinson, Dipton; J. W. Ayre, Waterloo Farm, Halnaby, near Croft; R. Smith, Tantield; J. H. Robinson, Stobb House; J. Turnbull, Collins Green; A. Shotton, The Smailes, near The Spen; R. Innes, The Lizards, Lanchester; John Wilson, Maiden Hall; W. Hornsby, Maiden Law; W. Swinburne, Waggon Hill; J. T. Mitchinson, Greencroft; T. Smith, Durham Hill; William Ridley, Newhall, Holmside; W. Jameson, White House, Lanchester; &c., &c. After ample justice had been done to the viands, the cloths were removed and Mr Hobson took his accustomed seat in the chair; the vice-chairs being filled by Mr Pearson and Mr Bullerwell.

The CHAIRMAN first of all gave "The health of the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," a toast which was drunk with much enthusiasm.

The CHAIRMAN, in submitting "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese, and Ministers of all denominations," said they had recently obtained a new vicar in their parish—the Rev John Gornall—a gentleman, who, he believed, had won the respect and esteem of all persons where he had hitherto been ministering, and was, moreover, as far as he could judge, a very able and energetic clergyman indeed.

Mr URWIN, in acknowledging the toast, observed that all classes were dependent to a certain extent upon one another, and amongst all the various professions he ranked that of a minister of the Gospel as being the most important.

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," which was suitably acknowledged by Mr JACKSON.

In submitting the toast, "Success to Agriculture," the CHAIRMAN said it was very gratifying for him to be able to meet his old friends and customers once more at his annual gathering. He felt quite delighted when he looked around the festive board, on the present occasion, and noticed so many old faces, as well as a number of new ones. Some of the gentlemen present, he might say, had dealt with him for upwards of thirty years. It was thirty-six years since he held his first annual gathering at Tantobie, and the dinner had been continued annually, with one single exception, from that time. He had done a great amount of business during that period, and he was glad to say that he had never received a single complaint from any of his numerous customers regarding the quality of his goods. This fact was highly gratifying to him. It was always his aim to do his duty towards all his customers, and the results, as shewn that day were extremely satisfactory to himself and all concerned. He sincerely trusted that he should have the pleasure of their company at these social re-unions for some time to come, as he could assure them that nothing would be wanting on his part to maintain their confidence and trust, and to uphold the kindly feelings already existing between them Referring to agricultural topics, the Chairman said it was well-known that the farmers had been in a somewhat depressed state for a considerable length of time, owing to a succession of unfavourable seasons. He was of opinion that this was attributable to two causes. The first was the weather, over which they had no control. If they only had better seasons they would not have much ground for complaint. The next thing was foreign competition. Whether anything could be done to improve the position of the farmers in that direction he was not prepared to show. He himself upheld the principles of free trade, but he did not like a one-sided free trade. Was it fair, he asked, that foreign produce should be imported into England without payment of any duty, when at the same time their goods before being admitted into a foreign port, should be taxed to the utmost? If the foreigner would not allow English goods to be introduced into their ports without being taxed, then he would not permit their goods to be imported into this country free of duty. He knew that some present would differ from him in that respect, but still that was his candid opinion on the subject. These were the only two things they could allow for the depression in agriculture. If they were only favoured with better seasons, he believed they could fight these foreigners, with all their boasted liberty and progress. (Hear, hear). In conclusion, the Chairman again expressed the pleasure it gave him at seeing his friends rallying around him year after year.

The toast was warmly pledged.

Mr PEARSON, Mr SMITH, and Mr BULLERWELL each responded to the toast, stating they had been favoured with very good crops last year, and asserting that the only way of lessening the prevalent distress in the farming industry was the reduction of the rents.

Mr INNES, in a humorous speech, proposed "The Health of the Chairman." He spoke at length of the many good qualities found in Mr Hobson's character, and concluded by expressing his delight at seeing such a large number of respectable-looking persons present.

The toast having been drunk with musical honours,

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, stated that he was much obliged to the preceding speakers for the flattering manner in which they had referred to him. Before sitting down, he gave "Success to the trade and commerce of the district," naming especially the coal and iron industries.

The toast was acknowledged by Mr HENDERSON, Mr URWIN, and Mr CUTHBERTSON, the first named gentleman taking a very hopeful view of the trading prospects of the neighbourhood.

Other toasts followed, and the festive gathering was much enhanced by a few songs, rendered by various members of the company.

The enjoyable proceedings were not brought to a close until the night was far spent. This proved in every respect one of the most successful gatherings ever held.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere at 1s. 1½d. per bottle.

Original Poetry.

GENERAL GARIBALDI, 1880.

Wilt thou not rest, O chief of men,
Securely in thy rocky home,
Where, though around the waters rage,
The wrath of nations may not come?
"No, tempter, no! I cannot rest
While slaving nations weep;
The thought of noble works undone
Forbids my soul to sleep."

But thou hast toiled—thy soul has wrought
For men full oft a noble deed;
Why, when thine own dear home is safe,
Bid other lands to shake, to bleed?
"It must not be—I cannot rest
On lone Caprera's strand,
For our blood-bought Italia
Is still a sleeping land."

But now no nations ask thine arm
To sweep away their burning wrongs;
World-wide is Freedom honoured
With heart-felt glory-glowing songs;
"It cannot be—I may not rest
While aspirations rise;
And while, perchance, I linger here,
Some slaving brother dies."

Does Erin need thy stirring name
To call her waiting sons to arms,
To stain with blood the bright green sod
And shake the earth with wild alarms?
"Though age is cold, I cannot rest;
For oft my soul has dreamed,
How best to raise the Old Green Flag
Of Erin unredeemed!"

Does France, false, fickle France engage
The last days of thy toilsome life?
And is thy cry for barricades,
For dungeon, axe, and civil strife?
"No, tempter, no! It may not be,
The freeman knows no rest,
His thought is how his fellow-man
May, like himself, be blest."

Then wilt thou on the hills of Spain
Resume o'er outlaws thy command,
And in the name of Liberty
Sow discord o'er a smiling land?
"It may not be—I dare not rest!
Spain's voice is lost on earth;
The mighty throes which must be hers,
Precede her second birth."

But sure thy form with age is bent;
Thy manhood's fire is cold;
And younger men may roll the clouds
From lands and empires old;
"No, no, not here! I cannot rest,
Though winter's wind moans wild—
And Liberty for e'er is young,
And Freedom still a child."

HAMILTON HENDERSON.

Stobb House, Dipton.

WINLATON JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB.—The annual meeting of the above club was held on Wednesday night, February 28th, when the following were elected officers for the season:—Captain, Joseph Gilhespy; vice-captain, Geo. Russell; treasurer, Stephen Renwick; secretary, Jos. J. Tweddle.

BLACKHILL WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—A series of of special revival services were commenced in the Wesleyan Chapel, at Blackhill, on Sunday last, by Mr R. Browell, evangelist, of North Shields, when large congregations drew together. The week night services have also been well attended.

THE WEARDALE MINERS.—On Friday evening a public meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, Bishop Auckland, to consider the condition of the Weardale leadminers. Mr Joshua Moseley, presided:—Mr Walter Beaumont, speaking on the question of workmen's wrongs, claimed that the subject affected not alone Weardale, but the United Kingdom, and wherever labour was found. The issue which brought him to that meeting was life or death.—Addresses were also delivered by Mr Thomas Emmerson and C. Allan.—The Chairman having expressed sympathy with the miners, the meeting was brought to a close.

HAMILTON METHODIST NEW CONNEXION CHAPEL.—The special services in connection with the opening of this place of worship were continued last Sunday. On Saturday, a first-class concert of sacred music was given by the Cornsay choir, under the leadership of Mr C. Davison. Mr Jas. Plant presided at the harmonium. On Sunday, the chapel was crowded to excess at all the three services. Miss A. Davison, of Framwellgate Moor, preached in the morning, Mr John Dodd, Evangelist, Cornsay Colliery, preached in the afternoon, and Miss H. Ramshaw, Framwellgate Moor, preached in the evening. Liberal collections were taken in aid of the building fund.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHOIR.—A concert of sacred music was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Allendale, on Saturday last, by the above choir. There was only a small audience present. An excellent programme of solos, hymns, and anthems was gone through in an able manner, under the leadership of Mr Robert Bewley. The soloists were Misses A. Dawson, E. Robinson, A. Stephenson, P. Fenwick, F. Wigham, E. A. Sanderson, A. Knight, and H. Atkinson. The bass solo by Master L. Fenwick; violinists, Mr James Vincent, and Mr I. Harrison; organist, Miss A. Dawson, assisted by Mr J. Harbottle, who also performed on the violincello. Mr William Richardson very ably occupied the chair in the absence of Mr Morris, who was unable to be present. The proceeds of the concert were in aid of the organ fund. A very pleasant evening's entertainment was brought to a close after the usual thanks had been passed, and the doxology sung by the audience.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT WATERHOUSES.—The festival of the patron saint of Ireland will this year be celebrated with more than usual *eclat* at Waterhouses, the church of "Our Lady Queen of Martyrs," of which the Rev Philip Fortin is the postor, being on that day to be re-opened. The church, which has recently been considerably enlarged to supply the wants of the increasing congregation, is erected on a site rendered sacred by the blood of martyrs. It is narrated that it was here that "one of the gravest priests of the north," John Bost, or Boast, was betrayed by Francis Ecclesfield, a pretended Catholic, on the 10th September, 1593. Father Bost was four times on the rack and twice on the other torture. After being fifteen times before the Councillors and torturers he was condemned, and suffered July 24th, 1594, a cruel butchery, being hanged, but cut down alive, and thrice exclaimed, whilst his heart was being taken out, "*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, forgive them.*"

A DANGEROUS CUSTOMER AT PELTON.—At the Chester-le-Street Petty Sessions, on Wednesday, a young man, named *Isaac Donnelly*, was charged by P.C. Crabb, with having been drunk and disorderly at Pelton Fell, on Saturday last. The defendant was further charged with having committed an assault upon Wm. Longridge and P.C. Crabb, at the same time.—P.C. Crabb stated that about four o'clock he saw the defendant, who was drunk, going about interfering with every person who came in his way. On arresting him the defendant struck and kicked him, and became so violent that he had to tie him to the back of a cart, and in this manner he was taken to the police-station at Chester-le-Street.—William Longridge stated that he saw the defendant throwing stones at some women, and on remonstrating with him, Donnelly struck him on the side of the face with a brick.—The defendant, who stated that he was a stranger, was fined 6s and costs for having assaulted the complainant Longridge, and 10s and costs for having assaulted the police.—*Richard Clark* was charged by P.C. Marshall with having been drunk and disorderly at Pelton, on February 10th. The officer stated that the defendant on the night in question was causing a disturbance, and offering to fight. As this was his first offence, the lenient fine of 2s 6d was imposed.

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STRANGELY WOOED: STRANGELY WON.

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CHAPTER XIV.

SAVED.

He stopped—he could not speak more; he wrapped the slender form closer and closer to him, and bowed his head on hers. That she should do this for him, whom perhaps she did not yet love; run such deadly risk—sacrifice her fair name—it was more than he could bear; but the girl said passionately—"If I had never seen you I must have tried to save you—and—and—" She had lifted her face, but hid it again, flushing crimson; and added hurriedly. "Let me tell you—they will be here in a few minutes. I knew there was mischief plotting, and this evening I was at Grady's, and found out there was to be some meeting there; so when I left I stole round to the barn,—where I thought they would meet—and hid behind some stacks of corn—no, hear me calmly, there was no real danger——"

"No danger!" said Lorraine, hoarsely, "you were playing with your life!—Go on, my heart—I will be calm!"

I waited there," the girl went on, "till near eleven—about two hours, I think, and then Grady, and Creagh, and Regan, and Kelly came in with a little boy, and two other men, who I think are Dennis Maguire and Shemus Corrigan. But it was too dark to see them. and they had no light. And Grady said that the boy was to ring, —the men hiding near—and when Margaret came, he was to say he must see you;—she would not have any fear of a boy, and would open to let him in; and then the others would rush up, and Margaret was to be gagged." ("Och, Holy Vargin!" here cried Margaret, flinging up her hands. Hyacinth went on not heeding her)—"And Grady would put on Margaret's list slippers, and go to the library, and you would suspect nothing, and then he could shoot you." She stopped a moment. Lorraine was white to the lips with the wild emotions that surged within him, and his dark eyes glowed like fire. No word did he speak, but laid a trembling hand on the girl's soft curls; and she half-smiled, and continued. "When they had gone out to come here, I stole out, and ran round by the field road; it is half a mile further. I could not go their way, you know; and when the thunder came I thought they might hurry on and get here first, or that you were out, or Margaret would not answer the bell"—She broke down now, and bowed her head on her lover's breast, shuddering, and sobbing convulsively; but striving to control her agitation; and ah, with what wondrous tenderness the man soothed her, putting an iron curb on his own emotion for her dear sake.

"Weep on, my darling," he whispered; "let the tears have way—they will ease your heart—brave heart that has borne and dared so much."

"Forgive me!" Hyacinth faltered, "it is foolish to give way when the dread is past, but,"—she looked up with anxious, pleading eyes,—"tell me truly, is all danger over—they cannot get into the castle?"

He looked down steadily into the beautiful face, and his heart beat wildly with the hope that earnest gaze gave him, but he said gently—"Twice their number could not break down that gate, Hyacinth, before I could lay them dead."

"They will bring others," said the girl, under her breath. "Ah!"

A sharp, sudden ring at the bell. Margaret cried out. Lorraine loosed Hyacinth from his clasp, and laid a firm hand on Margaret's shoulder.

"Mind," he said, "you don't stir outside these walls on any pretext whatever."

"Sure yer anner wouldn't misdoubt me," said the faithful woman.

"Doubt you, Margaret? no; do not think I so wronged you. Have no fear—there is no real danger. Every window and door is barred up, I know. Ha! another ring. *Bien, mes amis*—I am ready." He turned to Hyacinth. "Will you come with me?" he said, "to the oak room; it overlooks the gate." He smiled as he met the girl's eyes.

"What do you mean to do?" she said, as he took up a lamp from the table, and led her from the kitchen.

"Wait a little while," he answered, "and when they have rung several times, I will send Margaret out to say I am absent, and shall not be home till early morning. Then they will draw off and watch for me, and when they return it will be light enough to take aim; and meanwhile, they may get a good drenching — hark to the thunder;" as a loud peal seemed almost to break over the castle; "the rain will soon follow."

They ascended a broad flight of oaken stairs, crossed a wide ante-room and entered a large, old fashioned. rather dreary looking, but handsomely furnished room beyond, floored and panelled with oak. The wide window was closely veiled by shutters and heavy curtains.

Lorraine set down the lamp he carried, lighted a massive bronze lamp on the centre of the table, and then took Hyacinth's hand in his own.

"May I leave you for a few moments," he said, gently, "while I return to Margaret and see that this little comedy is carried out? Then I will come back, for I have something to say that must be said."

How changed was his manner from two days ago! how changed from the wild grief and rapture of only ten minutes ago, when he had forgotten everything but his love for Hyacinth,—her utter devotion,—her deadly peril. Now his gaze, instead of boldly seeking, almost shunned hers; he held her hand lightly; he spoke as one who asks a favour. The woman he had haughtily claimed, despite her refusal of his suit, had saved his life,—had placed her honour, her name, in his hands. All the pure gold in the man's nature rose to the surface; all the dross was swept away; he had wronged her, and she had heaped coals of fire on his head.

He turned and went out, and Hyacinth sank down on a low couch and covered her face, strangely happy, through all that made her anxious, for she was with Vincent Lorraine now. Whatever happened, she would be by his side; and her very presence at Curramore would hasten the arrival of relief, for her mother, when she ascertained that her daughter had not been at Grady's farm to-night, would arrive at only one conclusion—that Lorraine had by some means taken her to the castle; and there would be not a moment lost in sending for aid to rescue her from her supposed imprisonment. Ah, if she could only have spared her mother the anguish she must suffer! but that could not be. And her own name? Was it nothing to her that it might become a bye-word? Nay, no purehearted woman could think lightly of calumny that touches her fame; yet stronger, higher emotions kept that fear in abeyance; and, after all, no one would misjudge her whose opinion she valued.

Meanwhile Lorraine went down to Margaret and bade her go out to the gate, warning her not even to open the little grille, but to call out that the master was absent, and no one could be admitted, his orders on that point being very strict. Margaret—like most of her countrywomen—was very fearless; and, moreover was in no danger. She went out at once, laughing softly, for your Celt rarely fails to catch any touch of humour; and Lorraine, halting on the threshold of the postern, with his hand on his "six shooter," heard her cry shrilly, as she reached the gate—

"Who the divil are ye, ringing a place down an' an auld sowl out av her bed at this toime?"

"Och!" returned a childish voice in well simulated agitation—"I must see the masther; for the love o' the Vargin, let me in!"

"What's the matther? Misther Lorraine isn't at home, nor won't be till the early marning. What have ye got to tell him, ye little screechin' spalpeen?"

"What I'll tell to his ear alone, misthress; an' if he's out, faix, I'll wait for him; but och! the thundher's comin'; let me in. I couldn't harm ye if I would."

"Let ye in? It's more than I'd dare—the masther's so shtrict; else I'd be willin'. Ye must get shilter where ye can if ye won't give yer message to me." And back trotted old Margaret, and re-entered the kitchen, chuckling, and Lorraine closed and barred up the postern.

"They are booked till the morning, Margaret," he said, quietly. "Go and lie down now, and take some rest."

"Shure, yer anner, Miss Hyacinth will want somethin' to ate. Och! 'tis the noblest girl that iver drew breath. Forgive me that I say it, yer anner, but 'tis glad I am to see ye love her, an' shure she'll be no woman that doesn't love you."

The blood rushed to Lorraine's brow.

"Forgive you?" he said, in a low voice, "I see nothing to forgive, Margaret. But I will see to Miss Hyacinth. I will not hesitate to call you if I need you."

"Very well; thank yer anner—I'll jest lie down in the room yonder, an' then I'll be handy."

And Lorraine turned back to the room where he had left Hyacinth.

(*To be continued.*)

Local and General News.

The evangelistic services conducted by Mrs Thompson, of Ripon, in the Wolsingham Primitive Methodist Chapel, were brought to a close by a coffee supper held on Friday night last.

GATESHEAD WANDERERS *v.* ROYAL OAK (WINLATON).—Played on the ground of the former at Alexandra Road on Saturday, when the home team won by two tries (one disputed) and one touch down to one touch down.

STANHOPE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.—The election of members to constitute the new School Board took place on Wednesday at Stanhope. All parties are sanguine as to the result. Mr Monkhouse is expected to have polled well, and his party are very sanguine.

SERVICE OF SONG AT LEADGATE.—A service of song, entitled "The Pioneers of Primitive Methodism," was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Leadgate, on Wednesday evening by the Shotley Bridge Primitive Methodist Choir, the proceeds being for the benefit of Mr T. Soulsby. There was a good attendance, and the pieces were executed in splendid style. The chair was occupied by Mr George Hawdon; the conductor was Mr W. Urwin; harmoniumist, Mr L. Urwin; while Mr J. Brodie acted as reader. The affair was a complete success.

PURCHASE OF A RAILWAY BY THE NORTH-EASTERN.—The shareholders of Scotswood, Newburn, and Wylam Railway on Wednesday afternoon agreed to sell their undertaking to the North-Eastern Railway Company. Mr Adamson (chairman) stated that their financial position was unsatisfactory. The North-Eastern would give 4 per cent. Preference Stock for the Company's 5 per cent. Preference, and on ordinary stock would pay on a scale beginning with 1 per cent, and ending in 3½ per cent. in perpetuity after six years.

SPARROW SHOOTING AT BLACKHALL MILL.—The sparrow shooting sweepstake, promoted by Mr John Anderson, of Blackhall Mill, was commenced on Saturday, in the presence of a good company of spectators. The usual conditions, and first miss out. Results:—Hexham, 0; John Anderson, 1 1; T. Turnbull, 0; R. Wood, 1 1; Ward, 1 1; Parker, 1 1; Hexham, 1; J. Whittle, 0; Parker, 1; Ship, 0. The sweepstake will be resumed and concluded on Saturday.

DEATH OF THE MAYORESS OF NEWCASTLE.—We regret to record the death of the Mayoress of Newcastle, Mrs T. G. Gibson, which occurred about eight o'clock on Wednesday morning at her residence, Eslington Road, Newcastle. Mrs Gibson had been in ill-health ever since November last, when her husband was elected to the mayoralty. She was the daughter of Mr Ralph Atkinson, formerly of Gosforth, and sister to Mr John Atkinson, of the firm of Messrs Stanton and Atkinson, solicitors, Newcastle. Much sympathy is felt for the Mayor in his bereavement.

CONSETT WHITE STAR CRICKET CLUB.—The annual meeting of the above club was held on Saturday evening last. The election of officers for the incoming season resulted as under:—Thomas Adamson, captain; Thos. Cockburn, vice-captain; James R. Maxwell, secretary, and Robert Turley, treasurer. The managing committee is as follows:—Thomas Adamson, Thomas Cockburn, J. Maxwell, Robert Turley, John Harwood, John G. Willey, Jos. Wright, Enoch Walker, and James Turley. The secretary will be happy to receive challenges from any of the surrounding cricket clubs.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—During piercing winds and excessive variations of temperature, every one is more or less liable to internal conjestions and inflammations. Throat, chest, liver, bowels, kidneys, and skin all suffer in some degree, and may be relieved by rubbing in this ointment, aided by proper doses of the pills, for administering which full directions accompany each box; in truth, any one who thoroughly masters Holloway's "instructions" will, in remedying disease, exchange the labour of an hour for the profit of a lifetime. All bronchial, pulmonary, and throat disorders require that the ointment should be thoroughly well rubbed upon the skin twice a-day with great regularity, considerable briskness, and much persistence.

NATIONALITIES OF THE ARMY.—Of the numerous items of information furnished in the returns prepared by order of H.R.H. the Field Marshal Commander-in-Chief for the Secretary of State for War, few are more interesting than those bearing on the nationalities of the non-commissioned officers and men at various peridos from 1868 to 1882, showing as they do that while the proportion of Englishmen in the ranks during that period has exhibited an almost uninterrupted advance, as represented by the total of 125,434, which was reached last year, compared with 106,810 in 1868, the tendency has been just the reverse as regards Scotchmen and Irishmen, the latter especially. The largest proportion of Englishmen was in 1879, when it reached 703 out of each 1,000. The total of all nationalities then was 181,739, the highest record since 1868, when it stood at 182,790, but 593 per 1,000 of Englishmen at the latter date compares poorly with the 703 of four years back and the 701 of 1882. The highest proportion of Scotchmen was in 1870, when the 16,163 in the ranks brought it up to 97. Since then it has gradually decreased, and has gone down to 78, the actual number of enrolled Scotchmen in 1882 being 13,723, as against 14,415 in 1881, and 17,011 in 1868. On the latter date the number of Irishmen on the rolls reached the large total of 55,583, or a proportion of 308 per 1,000, but last year this had fallen to 36,945, or a decrease of nearly 19,000.

DURHAM COUNTY PENITENTIARY.—The thirty-first annual meeting of the governors of the Durham County Penitentiary was held on Monday, in the rooms of the institution, Kepier Terrace, Durham. Mr F. D. Johnson, Aykley Heads, occupied the chair. The annual reports of the chaplain and governors were read, and showed that the institution had gone on working in a quiet but efficient manner, and the financial statement showed that two-thirds of the annual expenditure, namely, £335 13s 11d, had been met by the earnings of the inmates, in washing, needlework, and other ways. The number of young girls admitted during the past year was 14, and this was considerably short of the accommodation provided at the institute. The board of governors having been appointed, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Northumberland (Archdeacon Hamilton) was elected in the place of Archdeacon Prest, and the Rev Canon Cockin in the place of the Rev Canon Chester, resigned. Formal votes of thanks to the various officers of the institution terminated the meeting.

BODY FOUND IN THE RIVER WEAR.—Early on Sunday morning the body of a young man named Patrick Callaghan, who has been missing from Framwellgate Moor for the last ten weeks, was discovered at Chester-le-Street, in the river Wear, where it had evidently been for a long time. Deceased was somewhat weak-minded, and about two months ago he strolled from the door of his parents' house at Framwellgate Moor, and, so far as can be ascertained, was never again seen alive. He appears to have made his way down to the riverside, somewhere between Brasside Bridge and Finchale Abbey, where he came to an untimely end probably by falling into the river.

A RADCLIFFE RELIC.—On Saturday, a large wayside cross was erected in the most romantic part of the glen leading from Haydon Bridge to Langley, as a memorial of the last private owners of the surrounding property. With the exception of one panel, which contains the Radcliffe arms, the cross is an exact reproduction in Irish marble of old Runic designs. It rises about eight feet from a pedestal of Prudham stone, on which is the inscription:—"In memory of James and Charles, Viscounts Langley, Earls of Derwentwater: beheaded on Tower Hill, 24th February, 1716, and 8th December, 1746, for loyalty to their lawful sovereign." The elder of these unfortunate brothers gave express directions the night before his execution that his body should rest at Dilston, with an inscription to the effect that he died "a sacrifice to his lawful sovereign," an order the latter part of which was then disregarded for fear of giving offence to the Government of the day. The work connected with the Langley cross has been satisfactorily carried out by Mr Robert Beall, of Newcastle.

DEATH OF MR S. ROWLANDSON, OF DURHAM.—We regret to announce the death of Mr Samuel Rowlandson, of the College, Durham, and chief land steward for a number of years to the Dean and Chapter of Durham. Mr Rowlandson, who was attended by Dr Barron, has been in failing health for some time, and he died on Thursday night, between seven and eight o'clock, at his residence in the College, Durham. The deceased gentleman was born in the neighbourhood of Romaldkirk, and at the time of his death was in his 79th year. For a great number of years he has been a most faithful steward to the Dean and Chapter of Durham, and had the full confidence of that august body in all questions affecting their estates. The interment of the remains of the late Mr Rowlandson, J.P., took place on Tuesday morning, in the burial ground, close to the angle of the North Transept of Durham Cathedral, shortly after morning service. The body was removed from the residence of the deceased in the College at eleven o'clock, and was met at the door of the Cathedral by the Rev Canon Robertson. There was a large gathering of friends of the deceased. The Rev Canon Evans read the funeral service in the Cathedral, whilst the Rev Canon Robertson officiated at the grave. Dr Armes played the "Dead March" in a most impressive manner as the *cortege* filed out of the sacred edifice.

NORTHUMBERLAND SLIDING SCALE.—A meeting of representatives of the Northumberland coalowners and miners was on Saturday held in the Wood Memorial Hall, Newcastle, to consider the proposed new sliding scale. The subject was shortly discussed, after which the proceedings were adjourned. A conference took place on Monday, at the Coal Trade Office, Neville Hall, Newcastle, between a committee of the Northumberland coalowners and a deputation from the Northumberland miners, with respect to the preparation of a sliding scale for the regulation of the wages of miners. After various proposals had been discussed, the conference adjourned till tomorrow (Saturday).

CONSETT GROUNDS.—Upwards of 300 persons paid admission to these grounds on Saturday to witness the results in a match and a couple of sweepstakes. Results:—Hardy's Pale Face ran the best of three courses for £10 against Bell's Blue Gown, when Pale Face won by two courses to none. J. Dodds was judge.—Greyhound sweep—Bell's Blue Gown beat Rachael Hagan; Wigham's Nearly Broken beat Pale Face. Final—Nearly Broken beat Blue Gown, and won.—Rabbit dog sweep—Curry's Ginger Beer, 17½, beat Robinson's Poor Tom, 18; Robinson's Wild Mint, 15½, beat Tiplady's Content, 16½; Ledger's Bitter Beer, 15½, beat Curry's Green Ginger, 17½; Oliver's Hymen, 16¾, beat Ledger's Bitter Beer, 15½; Armstrong's Lass of the West, 17, beat Cockburn's Goat, 16¾; Cockburn's Goat, 16¾, beat Tiplady's Content, 16½; Oliver's Hymen, 16¾, beat Robinson's Poor Tom, 18; Armstrong's Lass of the West, 17, beat Robinson's Wild Mint, 15½; Binn's Luck's All, 16½, beat Telford's Black Robin, 16; Binn's Luck's All, 16½, beat Wilkinson's Cripple, 14½. Second round—Green Ginger beat Wild Mint, Luck's All beat Hymen, Hymen beat Luck's All, Lass of the West beat Goat, Bitter Beer beat Lass of the West. Sweep divided. J. Dodds was judge, and N. Lamb pistol-firer.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY TRAFFIC RETURNS.—An increase of £7,097 is reported in the receipts of the North-Eastern Railway Company for the week ending the 24th inst. This makes the increase up to date £8,911.

DURHAM SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.—Tuesday was the last day for the withdrawal of nominations for the new School Board at Durham, the total number of candidates for the nine seats being fourteen. The withdrawals signified at four o'clock, when the Town Clerk's office was closed, was only a couple, namely, Mr Wm. Gray, tailor and draper (Nonconformist), and the Rev W. Perren (Roman Catholic). There will thus be still twelve candidates to go to the poll, which will take place on the 6th of March. The following are the candidates left in for the polling:—Mr C. Rowlandson, agent (Churchman); Mr Thomas Creighton Forster, ale and spirit merchant (Churchman); Rev Thomas Rogers (Churchman); *Mr George Salkeld, solicitor (Churchman); *Rev S. Barrodell Smith (Churchman); Rev Wm. Greenwell (Independent Churchman); *Mr John Slack, stationer and news-vendor (Independent Churchman); Mr John Coward (Primitive Methodist); Mr George Gradon, contractor and builder (Congregationalist); Mr Henry Robson, contractor and builder (Wesleyan Methodist); Rev Provost Consitt (Roman Catholic); *Rev Alex. L. Henderson (Presbyterian). The asterisk denotes the new candidate.

ILLEGAL REMOVAL OF A PIG.—*Andrew Hurst* was charged at the Gateshead County Police Court on Tuesday with having removed a pig from Gateshead into the county of Durham, without having first obtained a license, as required by the recent Order in Council.—Defendant said that he was unaware that he ought to have obtained a license.—Superintendent Harrison said that the Order had been advertised and posted on the walls.—A fine of 5s and costs was imposed.

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THE LATE MRS BOUCH.—The funeral of the late Mrs Bouch, of Backstone, Wolsingham, widow of the late Mr Wm. Bouch, C.E., took place at Frosterley. A numerous body of relatives and friends attended to pay their last respects to the deceased lady, amongst whom were Mrs Sproute, Mr and Miss Sproute, Mr W. Bouch, Mr and Miss Todd, Mr and Mrs Robson, Miss Tiffen, Mr Lucas, Mr and Mrs Asquith, Mr Henry Kitching, Mr and Mrs Geo. Graham, Dr and Mrs Smeddle, Dr Livingstone, and many others. The service was of an impressive character, being partly choral, the surpliced choir being in attendance. The corpse was met at the gate of the churchyard by the Vicar (the Rev F. C. Jagg), accompanied by part of the choir. After the sentences had been read, the portion of the choir left in the church began the hymn "A few more years shall roll." This, as the procession wound its way up to the church, was most solemn and effective. After the psalm had been chanted and the lesson read, the hymn "For ever with the Lord" was sung, the choir moving out during the singing of the last verse, at the close of which the organist (Mr Stretton) played the Dead March in "Saul." When the body had been lowered into the grave, and the rest of the service said, "My God, my Father, while I stray" was sung by the choir and those standing round, and the Vicar gave the benediction. It is seldom that the beautiful Burial Service of the Church is rendered with such telling effect as it was on this occasion.

CURIOUS HUNTING CASE AT DURHAM.—IMPORTANT DECISION.—At the Durham County Petty Sessions, on Wednesday, a charge of wilful damage was brought by Mr Edward Hutchinson, of Mountjoy Farm, which is situated on the outskirts of Durham, against Thomas Creighton Forster and Mr Thos. Moorhouse, publican, the former being the master of the Durham Beagles, and the latter a member of the hunt. Mr C. E. Barnes prosecuted, whilst Mr Patrick, jun., was for the defendants. It appeared that Mr Forster had applied for leave to hunt over Mr Hutchinson's farm, but received a refusal, arising, Mr Barnes explained, from no ill-will to the members of the hunt, but simply from a desire to protect his flock of 90 breeding ewes, which, in their present condition, were worth £5 per head. The defendants with the pack, however, crossed the farm in the course of the run, which commenced a short distance of, and the damage done was nominally stated at 1d each defendant. Mr Patrick demurred to the ewe being hauled into the case, which, he contended, was one of simple damage to grass.—The Chairman (Rev A. Shafto), as Mr Patrick was about to address the Court for the defendants, said no defence was necessary, the Bench having decided not to convict, but to advise Mr Hutchinson, if he thought he had sustained injury, to take his remedy in a civil court. If the Bench convicted, hunting men would have to abandon their sport, as they could not always be at the tails of their hounds throughout a run, in order to whip them off forbidden spots. At the same time it would perhaps be better, the Bench thought, when the lambing season had set in for hunting men not to hunt.—The case was dismissed.

PIGEON SHOOTING HANDICAP AT HAMSTEELS.—The great All-England Pigeon Shooting Handicap promoted by Mr James Brown who gave £10 to a 5s sweep, was commenced on Monday in a field adjoining Mr J. Cockerill's, Hamsteels Colliery Inn, Quebec. The weather was highly favourable, and there was excellent shooting. Score:—Freeman, 1 1 0; Little wonder, 1 1 0; Stag's Head, 1 1 1; Little Jack, 1 1 1; J. Cockerill, 1 1 1; J. R. Atkinson, 1 1 1; 2nd lot, 0. Sweep, 5s each: J. Atkinson, 1 1 1; Little Jack, 0; Freeman, 1 1 1; Cockerill, 1 1 0; Buckton, 1 1 0. J Atkinson and Freeman divided. The handicap was resumed on Tuesday. The weather was showery at the outset, but cleared out during the afternoon. There was some capital shooting, the birds being a first-rate lot. Appended is a return of the shooting:—Freeman, 22, 110; Little Wonder, 22, 110; Stag's Head, 22, 111; J. Atkinson, 19, 111; Little Jack, 20, 111; J. Cockerill, 22, 111; J. Cockerill, 0; J. Atkinson, 2nd lot, 0; Waterhouses, 22, 0; Quebec, 22, 10; Whinstone, 20, 110; T. Anderson, 20, 0; T. Shotter, 19, 10; Bernard Castle, 20, 110; Hotel, 19, 0; Edmondsley, 22, 10; Rowensgill, 19, 0; J. Cockerill, 22, 111; J. Cockerill, 22, 0; Recruit, 20, 0; Wilson, 22, 0; Rap, 19, 110; Wandering Nun, 22, 0; Gladstone 22, 110; Guy Fawkes, 19, 0; T. Wilson, 20, 110; Harry, 18, 110; Hackness, 22, 111; Scott, 22, 111; Lanchester, 19, 0; Guy Fawkes, 19, 10; Tow Law, 19, 0; Waterhouses, 22, 10; Buchanan, 19, 111; Snowflight, 19, 0; Why Not, 18, 0; McDonald, 22, 0; Scobell, 19, 0; McDonald, 22, 110; C. Lumley, 19, 111; T. Grey, 22, 111; Ireland, 22, 110; Recruit, 20, 110; Hill Top, 18, 0; G. French, 19, 0; Hill Top, 18, 0; Guy Fawkes, 19, 10; Guy Fawkes, 19, 10; Harry, 110; Snowflight, 111; Winstone, 10; Barnard Castle, 0; Sir Charles, 111: Little Sarah, 0; Wilson, 111; Wilson, 111; Bend Or, 19, 111; Wheat Sheaf, 19, 0; Rap, 111; Little Pop, 0; Merryman, 0; Three Tuns, 22, 0; Earl Derby, 0; Wilson Furneis, 111; Thornaby, 111; Snowflight, 0; Three Tuns, 111. Second round: Stag's Head, 10; Atkinson, 0; Little Jack, 110; J. Cockerill, 10; J. Cockerill, 11111; Hackness, 10; Scott, 10; Scott, 10; Buchanan, 10; Chumley, 11110; T. Grey, 11110; Snowflight, 11111; Sir Charles, 0; Wilson, 11111; Bend Or, 11111; Rap, 0; Wilson Furneis, 11111; Thornaby, 10; Three Tuns, 0 J. Cockerill, T. Wilson, J. Goundry, W. Furneis, and Wm. Potter divided. Five shilling sweep, with 10s added:—J. Cockerill, 11110; J. Cockerill, 10; W. Oliver, 0; Little Pop, 1110; W. Furness, 11110; Recruit, 1110; Wilson, 11111; Darlington, 0: Water Houses, 0; Furneis, 1110; Winston, 0. Wilson, Furneis, and T. Wilson divided.

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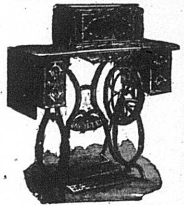

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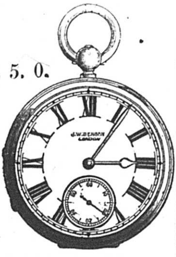

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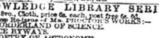

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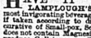

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, after which the Guardians were engaged for a considerable time in discussing the applications for relief.

INMATES OF THE WORKHOUSE.

Week ending Feb. 21st	147
Corresponding week of last year	152
Week ending Feb. 28th	147
Corresponding week last year	150
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	20
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BALANCE IN HAND.

The Treasurer (Mr Cummins) reported that the balance in hand on March 1st was £1491 11s 1d.

TENDERS.

The Clerk was instructed to write for tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions, coal, coke, &c., for the ensuing six months.

The remainder of the business was of a formal character.

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY BOARD.

A special general meeting of this body took place in the Workhouse Board Room at Lanchester yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, when the undermentioned waywardens were in attendance:—Messrs Geo. Alder (in the chair), Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., Geo. Hobson, Geo. Ridley, N. Clark, M. Coupland, W. Brown, Robert Robson, T. Longstaff, W. Cumming, Jno. Urwin, R. Clark, W. Logan, W. H. Hedley, F. Rowland, William Fawcett, Jno. Towns, the Revs J. P. De Pledge, Wm. Featherstonehaugh, and Chas. Gillow, the Clerk (Mr C. Maynard), and the Surveyor (Mr W. Dixon).

The minutes of the last general meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

After considering one or two unimportant matters, the Clerk read the

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Highway Board.

GENTLEMEN,—Since the fine weather set in the roads have improved a good deal, and your workmen are employed in raking and levelling, so as to get the stone properly bedded before the summer months. The owners of Lintz Colliery have commenced to fill the pitfalls on the Lobley Hill Main Road from Priestfield to Lintz Green. I have not yet been able to ascertain the full mileage of the roads in the Benfieldside Township outside the Local Board district.—I am, your obedient servant,

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THE CONDITION OF THE ROADS.

MR LOGAN said he had lately received numerous complaints as to the state of the roads in his district, and he wanted to know the reason why the roads were in such a bad condition? The outside public told him that the Surveyor could not keep the roads in repair, because the Highway Board would not allow him sufficent money to mend them properly.

The Surveyor: I never made that statement.

Mr LOGAN: I don't expect you did. What I want to know is why are the roads so bad?

The Surveyor: I do not think they are in a bad state.

Mr LOGAN: All I can say is that the road past my place has never been in such a wretched state since I knew it.

The Surveyor: That particular road has had more stone laid upon it than any of the rest.

Mr LOGAN: Well, all the stone has been put on it during the last six weeks. I always thought it was best to put the material on sometime in the autumn, and then we get the benefit of it, as the stone gets firmly bedded during the winter.

The Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE: But is not the wet season partly accountable for the state of the roads?

The Surveyor explained that the bad weather last back-end had much interfered with the work of laying on the material.

The Clerk pointed out that at the last meeting the Surveyor reported that the severe weather had left the roads in a very spongy state.

The Surveyor: Yes; and this month I have reported on the condition of the roads just as I find them. They are much better now that the fine weather has set in. Of course, they were in a very wet and dirty state at the latter part of the year.

Mr LOGAN: The fine weather is not due to our Surveyor. I maintain that there is not plenty of stone put upon the roads. They should not be neglected simply because of the wet weather.

The Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE: Is Mr Dixon restricted as to the amount of stone he should use?

The Surveyor replied not.

Mr DE PLEDGE: If you require more stone, than you are using in order to keep the roads in a proper state, you should give in your estimate accordingly. It is not economy for us to stint the roads as to the quantity of stone laid on.

The Surveyor observed that it was only a very small portion of road that Mr Logan was speaking about.

Mr LOGAN: I don't know what you may call it. The piece of road is 3½ miles in length, stretching from Lanchester village to the extreme end of our boundary. The whole of the metal has been put on the road within the last six weeks. Up to the beginning of the year not a single cart load of stone had been laid on.

The Surveyor: The stone was ready broken sometime before that.

Mr LOGAN: But was not put on the road. We are losing the character we had three or four years ago—that our highways were the best kept roads in the whole county of Durham.

Mr DE PLEDGE: I should not like to say very much about the state of our roads at present. I think, however, when the metal is put on, it is spread over too great a surface, instead of being so to speak, concentrated in a smaller space, so as to make the road solid and substantial.

The Rev W. FEATHERSTONEHAUGH said that he had heard one of the waywardens sitting on that Board assert that if a road was in such a state so that a cart load of hay might travel over it without "couping," that was all they required. (Laughter). He (the rev. speaker) did not hold that opinion, but perhaps that was the view taken by their Surveyor?

The Surveyor replied that he did not.

Mr FEATHERSTONEHAUGH said he had often complained to the Surveyor about the state of the roads in his neighbourhood, but they had now been attended to.

Mr LOGAN: Some of the largest ratepayers have been complaining to me about the state of the roads in our district. They are not nearly in the same condition they were three or four years ago.

Mr DE PLEDGE: I think, Mr Logan, you should put your suggestion into practical shape, and state what quantity of metal you require put on the roads. Unless Mr Dixon gets specific instructions to cut down the expenses, he should endeavour to keep the roads in good repair. To do this, however, we shall have to spend a lot of money.

The Surveyor: I cannot say that I have been restricted as to the amount of stone, only I like to keep within the estimate. Last year, the balance in hand was almost worked out, and therefore I have been very careful in keeping down the expenses. We had only £300 left in hand, over £200 of that amount being spent in cutting snow, and extra special work nearly absorbed the other £100; therefore, I have been endeavouring to keep within bounds as much as possible.

Mr LOGAN: Three or four years ago, there was a great deal more snow cutting than we had this season.

The Surveyor: Yes; but we had then a larger balance in had.

Mr LOGAN: I hold that £300 is a sufficient balance to work upon.

The Clerk explained that the Surveyor and himself drew up the estimates last year, and recommended the levying of a rate of 6d in the pound. The members of the Board, however, thought that 5d in the pound was quite sufficient, consequently the expenses were reduced accordingly.

The CHAIRMAN said that each waywarden was furnished with a copy of the estimate prepared by the Surveyor, and that was the time when they should raise a question like the present.

Mr LONGSTAFF: Do the waywardens see the estimates immediately after they have been prepared by the Surveyor?

The Clerk: Yes, and before they are passed by the Board.

Mr LOGAN said he wished Mr Dixon to understand that he was not finding fault at the way in which he was carrying out his work, but merely drawing attention to the present state of the roads. If the Surveyor had hitherto being estimating so as to cut down the expenses as much as possible, then he hoped in future he would estimate according to the amount of material he would require to keep the roads in proper repair. If he is restricted as to the amount of stone he should use, then it is the Board's fault; but on the other hand, if he reckons his estimate in such a way that he cannot keep the roads in proper order, then he (the Surveyor) is to blame. If they found that a fivepenny rate was not sufficent to meet the expenditure, then by all means let them raise it to sixpence or even more.

Mr URWIN said there was not a road in the district in a worse state than the highway at Dipton. This was, however, largely attributable to the sewerage works now in progress; but when the contract was completed, the road would need a great deal of metal, and he trusted the Surveyor would take that into account when making out his next estimate.

The Surveyor replied that it was his intention to allow for that. With regard to the Edmondbyer's Main Road, referred to by Mr Featherstonehaugh, he thought that gentleman would admit that a great deal of damage had been done by the traction engine.

Mr FEATHERSTONEHAUGH: Oh; yes.

The subject then dropped.

THE FOOTROAD TO ROWLAND'S GILL STATION.

The Clerk read the requisition from the ratepayers of Burnopfield, Tanfield, and surrounding villages (the substance of which has already appeared in these columns) drawing the attention of the Board to the wretched condition of the footroad leading from Burnopfield to Rowlands Gill Railway Station, and asking the Highway Board to take over the thoroughfare, repair it, and maintain it in proper order hereafter. A communication was likewise read from the Vicar of Tanfield, as chairman of the vestry meeting, enclosing a resolution to a similar effect which was then adopted.

The Surveyor reported that he had ascertained the cost of repairing the footroad, as requested, his estimate being £45 11s 4d.

The CHAIRMAN thought it his duty to urge upon the members present to give this question their careful consideration. If they eventually decided upon accepting and making this footpath, they would understand that this would be a departure from the usual course adopted by the Board.

The Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE: What road is this?

The CHAIRMAN: I believe it is an ancient footroad.

Mr HOBSON: I don't think it is.

Mr R. CLARK thought it was right to draw their attention to the fact that besides this footpath, there was an awarded road, which they could compel the Highway Board to open out, should they refuse to take over this footpath and repair it. A general opinion prevailed in the neighbourhood that this footpath should be repaired, and that it was the duty of the Highway Board to attend to this.

Mr HOBSON: I think it is a much cheaper way for us to mend this footpath than to re-open the awarded road.

The CHAIRMAN said that would be a departure from their ordinary rule.

Mr HOBSON: I would ask, in reply to the Chairman, do we make any footpaths at all?

The Clerk: Yes, those running by the side of our highways.

Mr HOBSON: I said at the last meeting that the prayer of the memorialists did not go far enough for my views. I should like to see this footpath constructed into a carriage road; and I for one should be glad to contribute my quota towards carrying this into effect.

The Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE said this footpath appeared to be largely used by the inhabitants, and it seemed to him a very reasonable request that the ratepayers should call upon the Highway Board to take it over and keep it in repair.

The CHAIRMAN observed that if they took the awarded road into account there might possibly be a difference of opinion on that point. He should certainly object to the Board taking this footroad over and maintaining it.

Mr R. CLARK proposed that the Highway Board should take over this road, put it into proper repair, and keep in order for ever after.

Mr COUPLAND seconded the motion.

The Rev W. FEATHERSTONEHAUGH said, if he rose to oppose the resolution, it might be held that he was opposing something that was very needful, because the people had certainly shown that this footroad was extensively used, and that something was required to be done towards mending it. But if the Highway Board acceded to their request, then they were entering upon a very large question indeed. He knew of a great number of footpaths, equally as convenient as this was, which needed to be repaired; and he thought if they were to take over and maintain this footpath they would be establishing a large precedent. He knew of several footpaths in this district that were sadly in need of repairs, and if the Board accepted this road, he should move that these other footpaths should be repaired by them also. This was a very serious question, and before the Board took this important step they should consider the question carefully. He thought it was the duty of the people themselves to keep the footpath in order On these grounds, therefore, he should vote against the resolution.

In reply to the Chairman, the rev gentleman said he did not intend to move an amendment, but merely stated his own ideas on the subject. It was their duty to keep down the rates as much as possible, and if they accepted this footpath it would increase their expenses to a large extent.

After some further remarks, the CHAIRMAN put the resolution, when nine waywardens voted for and six against it; one or two members remaining neutral.

PROPOSED CARRIAGE WAY TO LINTZ GREEN RAILWAY STATION.

Mr HOBSON thought it high time the Highway Board took some steps towards inducing the North Eastern Railway Company to provide and construct a carriage road to Lintz Green Station. This was the only station he knew of without a carriage way leading to it. He merely wished to know if it was competent for that Board to take any action in the matter or otherwise. As a public body, he thought, a requisition from that Board would have more influence with the Railway Company than a memorial from the inhabitants.

The CHAIRMAN thought it was the duty of the public themselves to move in the matter. They had evidently done nothing.

Mr HOBSON said he had been asked by several ratepayers to bring the subject before the Board, because they held that such a request coming from a public body would have more weight with the Railway Authorities, as representing the feeling of the people.

Mr RIDLEY explained that some years ago a subscription list was opened for purchasing a piece of land for the purpose of making a proper road to the station, but as the Railway Company refused to assist them, the matter consequently fell through. However, he believed the Railway Directors were more disposed to consider the convenience of the general public at the present day.

Mr TOWNS thought the Railway Company would tell the Highway Board at once that it was their duty to provide a carriage road to Lintz Green Station.

The Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE thought the residents should appoint a deputation to wait upon the Directors, and urge the question themselves.

Mr HOBSON said they might at the first opportunity. His object in bringing the matter before the Board was to get the opinion of the members on the point.

Mr URWIN suggested that the Railway Company should be asked to procure the land and construct a proper road, and subsequently hand it over to the Highway Board to maintain it.

Mr N. CLARK remarked that Lintz Green was not a goods station. If the Company made a road it would simply be for the convenience of those people who were in the habit of riding or driving to the station.

Mr HOBSON: There are a great many people who would like to see a goods station built there.

Mr R. CLARK: It would be a great boon to the inhabitants.

Mr LOGAN: Would it not be far better for the people in the district to petition thn Railway Company on the subject first, and if that failed, then they could call upon the Highway Board to assist them in their efforts.

Mr HOBSON again explained that he merely wished to get the feeling of the members on the subject. He would suggest that their Clerk should write to the Railway Directors asking them to provide a carriage road to Lintz Green Station.

The Clerk said he would be quite willing to do that, but he did not think the majority of the members on the Board could tell what they were asking for.

The CHAIRMAN said he knew nothing about the question.

Mr HOBSON: I should like to ask if there is any person here who can dispute what has already been said?

Mr TOWNS: I should think that the Highway Board has plenty of work in hand at the present moment, without interfering in a matter like this, where the inhabitants do not seem to be disposed to move in the matter.

Mr HEDLEY: There are a lot of people in that part of the district who pay rates to the Highway Board, and it was only right that their wants should be considered.

Mr LOGAN said he should press his recommendation.

Mr HOBSON begged to move that the Clerk write to the directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company asking them to extend the Lobley Hill Main Road to Lintz Green Station, and from the Newcastle Turnpike at Lintzford to Messrs Annandales' Paper Mills.

Mr LOGAN: It would have strengthened our hands if the ratepayers were to memoralise the directors first of all.

Mr RIDLEY seconded the motion.

The Rev W. FEATHERSTONEHAUGH did not wish to appear as an obstructionist, but he thought it was rather premature for the Board to ask their Clerk to communicate with the directors on this subject. He thought they might very well postpone further consideration of the question until they received some memorial from the inhabitants of the district, explaining what they desired, and what they had already done.

The Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE endorsed the sentiments of Mr Logan.

The resolution was carried, only three hands being held up against it.

THE YEARLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Mr HEDLEY observed that, on referring to last year's balance sheet, he merely saw a statement of the amounts received from the several townships, but nothing whatever to indicate in what way the money hnd been expended, as for instance, in material, labour, team work, &c. He thought they should have a detailed statement as to the amount spent under these heads in each of the townships.

The Clerk explained that as long as district rating was in operation, each township knew exactly in what position it was, and the balance sheet was made out accordingly. Since then, however, an abstract of the receipts and expenditure was all that was required to be submitted by Act of Parliament.

Mr HEDLEY said that was no reason why they should not have some information as to how the money was going.

The Clerk replied that each member could ascertain that every month from his and the Surveyor's books.

Mr HEDLEY pointed out that in all other public bodies they could get full and detailed accounts as to how and where the money was spent. That was a much more business-like way than the system adopted by that Board. Their statement merely shewed the amount of money received from the different apportionments of the several townships. It was only month after month that they heard the items of expenditure read over, and then that was not a full statement.

The Clerk: You can see that at the end of the year.

Mr HEDLEY: Well, that is no reason why that statement should not be published.

The Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE coincided with the views of Mr Hedley.

Eventually, Mr HEDLEY proposed that a detailed account of the receipts and expenditure from each township be embodied in the annual printed returns.

The Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE seconded, and the motion was carried *nem. con.*

THE LOUD HILL INCLINE.

Mr HOBSON moved that the North-Eastern Railway Company be again reminded of the resolution previously passed by the Board, requesting them to pull down the engine shed, take up the rails crossing the highway at the foot of the Loud Hill Incline, and remove all the other obstructions.

This was seconded and agreed to.

DAMAGING THE HIGHWAY AT WEST STANLEY.

The Surveyor said he had just been informed that some person had cut up the road at West Stanley, and left it in a very rough state. He had not received such an application from anyone, and he knew nothing about the affair. The road was all right when he visited the place on Tuesday last.

The Surveyor was authorised to inquire into the matter.

After examining the Surveyor's monthly accounts, the Board adjourned.

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THE EXTRADITION OF MR SHERIDAN.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

M. Frelinghuysen, Secretary of State, is reported to have declared, with reference to the demand for the extradition of Sheridan, that he would give the subject his earnest attention, but would make no move not required by law or treaty obligations.

BANK OF BENGAL.

CALCUTTA, Thursday.

The Bank of Bengal has increased its minimum rate of interest and discount from 5 to 6 per cent.

TURKEY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Thursday.

Edhem Pacha, recently Turkish Ambassador to Austria, has been appointed Minister of the Interior.

THE ALLEGED MURDER AT NORTH SHIELDS.

Yesterday (Thursday), at the North Shields Police Court, *Thomas Leithead*, a young man, was charged on remand with causing the death of Patrick Rourke, fireman, whilst both were locked up in the cell at North Shields Police Station on the 22nd February. The prisoner was handcuffed, and also held down by two officers, so violent was his conduct. Evidence was given as to the prisoner and the deceased being locked up together, and deceased being found dead from the wounds inflicted upon him. The prisoner was committed for trial at the Assizes.

THE BIGGAR BREACH OF PROMISE CASE

Among the cases which were down for trial in the Lord Chief Justices' Court, before Lord Coleridge, yesterday (Thursday), was that of Hyland *v.* Biggar, which is an action for breach of promise, brought against Mr Joseph Biggar. On his Lordship, however, taking his seat, Mr Edward Clark, Q.C., who appeared for the plaintiff, applied that the hearing of the case should be postponed until some future day, to be agreed upon, and mentioned to his Lordship that the case had been placed on the paper unexpectedly to both parties.—His Lordship granted the application.

THE "FREETHINKER" CASE.

At the Central Criminal Court, yesterday (Thursday), before Justice North, *George William Foote*, *William James Ramsey*, and *Henry Arthur Kemp*, respectively editor, printer, and publisher, of the *Freethinker*, were charged with publishing a blasphemous libel.—Sir Hardinge Giffard, in opening the case for the prosecution, said he thought the jury would have no difficulty in deciding that the publication was blasphemous, and the only question for them would be whether the defendants were the publishers of it. Evidence was then called.

LORD LONSDALE AND THE "WORLD."

In the Queen's Bench Division yesterday (Thursday), the rule was made absolute calling upon the *World* to show cause why a criminal information for libel should not be issued respecting a paragraph alleged to reflect upon Lord Lonsdale.

THE DUBLIN MURDER CONSPIRACY.

Mrs Bridget Walsh, wife of the man Walsh, who was convicted of having kept a Fenian arsenal at Clerkenwell, writes from Greville Street, Leather Lane, Holborn, London, to the Irish papers yesterday (Thursday), as follows:—"In justice to myself, my children, and my husband, I respectfully beg leave to request of you, in justice to us all, to allow me, through the medium of your journal, to contradict, in the most emphatic manner, the story going the rounds of the press that my husband has tendered information to the Government. When I mentioned it to him on the occasion of my visit he indignantly repudiated it, adding, 'I have no information to give, because I know nothing of anyone.'"

Market Reports.

NEWCASTLE MEAT AND POULTRY, Saturday.—

	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.
Prime large beef	0	9 to	1	0	Pigeons, pr couple	1	6 to	2	0
Prime mutton ...	0	11	1	6	Turkeys, per lb...	0	0	1	2
Small Pork.........	0	9	0	11	Turkeys, pults ...	0	0	0	0
Veal	0	8	0	11	Partridge, brace.	4	0	5	0
Lamb, per lb......	0	0	0	0	Pheasants	8	0	0	0
American beef ...	0	3	0	9	Geese, per lb	0	9	1	0
„ mutton	0	5	0	9	Goslings, each ...	0	0	0	0
„ lamb ...	0	0	0	0	Hares, each	4	6	5	6
„ veal ...	0	7	0	9½	Leverets	0	0	0	0
„ pork ...	9	8	0	9	Rabbits, couple..	2	6	3	6
Hens, each.........	1	0	1	9	Ptarmigan, cuple	3	0	0	0
Ducks, each	3	0	3	6	Egyptian quail...	3	0	0	0
Ducklings, per cp.	0	0	0	0					
Spring Chickens	0	0	0	0	English fresh butter, per lb...	1	5	1	7
Wild ducks, brace	6	6	0	0	Fresh eggs 5 for 1s				
Quails, per couple	0	0	0	0	Salmon, per lb....	3	0	4	0
Grouse, per cople	0	0	0	0	Do. trout ..	0	0	0	0

DURHAM PROVISION, Saturday.—Beef, 8d to 11d; mutton. 9d to 11d; veal, 10d to 11d; pork, 9d to 10½d; bacon, 5d to 7½d; ham, 7d to 7½d; cheese, 6d to 8d; lard, 8d per lb; chickens, 2s 6d to 3s 0d; ducks, 2s 9d to 3s 0d; turkeys, 6s 0d to 7s; hares, 4s to 4s 6d each; guinea fowl, 3s 0d to 3s 6d each; pigeons, 1s 4d to 1s 6d per couple; rabbits, 3s 0d to 3s 4d; butter, 1s 8d to 1s 10d; do. salt, 1s 2d to 1s 3d per lb; eggs, 8 to 9 for 1s; apples, 2s 0d to 3s 0d; onions, 1s to 1s 6d per peck; potatoes, 6d to 10d per stone; hens, 1s 6d to 2s.

HEXHAM PROVISION, Tuesday.—Butter, 1s 7d to 0s 0d per lb; eggs, 10 to 11 for 1s; turkeys, 11d to 1s per lb; chickens, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; ducks, 3s 0d to 4s 6d each; hares, 3s 6d to 5s 6d each; rabbits, 3s to 3s 6d per couple; potatoes, 9d per stone; onions, 10d to 1s 4d per stone; cooking apples, 2s 8d to 3s 0d per stone; dessert apples, 4d to 6d per lb; lemons, 3d each; cabbage, 1d each; melons, 1s 6d to 2s each; do. dessert, 2s to 3s each; grapes, 8d per lb: flour, extra superfines, 2s 2d; superfines, 2s 0d; fines, 1s 10d; maslin, 1s 8d; oatmeal, 2s 4d to 2s 6d per stone.

NEWCASTLE FRUIT AND POTATO, Saturday.—Scotch potatoes, 10d per stone; onions, 6d to 10d per stone; cooking apples, 1s 8d to 2s 4d per stone; dessert apples, 4d to 6d per lb; figs, 4d to 6d per lb; grapes, 6d to 8d per lb; oranges, 24 for 1s; cauliflowers, cabbages, roots, and other classes at late rates.

NEWCASTLE CORN, Saturday.—The election is the chief topic of conversation, and little business is doing. Wheat trade quiet, and where sales are made a slight concession has to be made to buyers. Malting and grinding barley 6d to 1s higher. Oats quiet, and unchanged in value. Maize, beans, and peas unaltered. Flour unalterd. Flour in limited demand at late quotations.

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THE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES AT CONSETT.

The seventh lecture in connection with the above scheme was delivered on Saturday night last, in the National Schools, Consett. There was a numerous attendance of students, who listened with marked attention to Dr Hodgson's remarks on "Colour," his experiments on detecting colour-blindness being highly appreciated. The syllabus is as follows:—1. If we decompose a ray of sunlight by means of a prism we shall get a band of colours known as the spectrum. The colours of a solar spectrum are commonly divided into red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. The etherial waves or vibrations diminish in length from the red to the violet end of the spectrum, but the number of vibrations in a second increases. 2. It is not supposed that we have separate nerve-fibres for the numerous different colours we find in the spectrum. There are various theories offered in explanation of our colour-sensations. One theory is that there are three classes of nerve-fibres, one class for red, another for green, another for violet, and that our different colour-sensations result from the combinations in different ways of these three primary colours. The sensation of white is produced by the combination of all three. Another theory is that there are three visual substances in the retina and six primary colour-sensations, in three pairs,—black and white, red and green, blue and yellow. Thus, black produces, in the corresponding visual substance, a change opposite to that produced by white. Similarly in the case of the other pairs. A third theory is that there are four primary colour-sensations, in two pairs,—red and green, yellow and blue, with two pairs of cones, adapted for being stimulated by the etherial waves corresponding to these colours. He compares our sense of colour with our sense of temperature, and regards the former as evolved from the latter. Question.—Give a short account of colour-vision.

Correspondence.

THE RECENT SHOOTING MATCH AT BURNOPFIELD.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Referring to Mr Hodgson and the shooting on the 16th February last, when Mr Fewster arrived upon the scene of action Mr Hodgson refused to proceed with the match, which he argued was not to the specified time. I fancied this was Mr Hodgson's motive to get out of the affair the best way he could. However Mr Fewster prevailed upon him it was of no avail, at the same time Mr Hodgson was labouring under some difficulty with his gun and had to go to Mr Fewster for relief, and not to be wondered at, where mice can enter, that such will occur at times. However, the result ended between the two gentlemen to shoot at three birds each to wind matters up in a friendly spirit. Mr Hodgson killing three moderate birds and won his opponent's 20s. This I presume was what Mr Hodgson should have taken his reference from when it was sent to press. I think in looking at matters fairly, Mr Hodgson goes on to say Mr Fewster has generally suffered defeat at his hands. I wonder what Mr Hodgson thought when Mr Fewster carried the trophy away from Greenhead in '77 in his presence, but if I mistake not Mr Hodgson went home sooner than usual that day, the weather being cold. The same year Mr Hodgson came to grief at Ryton just through being a little excited, but I make no hesitation in saying Mr Hodgson has mightily improved in his sight from that time, should he go on improving in this way my opinion is he would make a good general in a battle-field when requested.—Yours truly,

AN ONLOOKER.

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STANHOPE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.—The poll was thus declared yesterday (Thursday), by the returning officer. Those marked thus (*) are old members:—Elected—*Mr George Race, Westgate (U.), 1,468; *Dr Thomas Livingstone, Stanhope (U.), 1,374; *Mr John Featherstone, Burnhope (U.), 1,169; *Mr T. V. Walton, Witton-le-Wear (U.), 1,067; Mr Thomas Crawhall, Stanhope (C.), 965; Mr William Vickers, Howl John (U.), 855; Mr Octavius Monkhouse, Heather Clough (I.), 604. Not elected—Mr James Spark, Wearhead, 515; *Rev J. Schofield, [illegible]tgate, 401.

A TERRIBLE CO[illegible]OUND.—A citizen of Paris claims to have produced, in a new compound which he calls panclastite, a means of desstruction almost eclipsing dynamite. Panclastite consists of hypoazotic acid, which is one of the numerous compounds of oxygen and azote or nitrogen, mixed either with essence of petroleum or sulphuret of carbon. The degree of explosive force is said to depend upon which of the last-named ingredients is used. Before he is at liberty to make and sell his terrible compound the inventor requires the license of the Seine Hygienic Council. That body have, however, refused to grant this on the ground of indefiniteness in the patentee's specificaiions and inexplicitness in his statements as to the objects to which the invention is to be applied.

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BIRTHS.

WHICKHAM.—On the 22nd ult., the wife of John Fenwick, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER.—At the Register Office, on the 17th ult, Mr J. Poel, to Miss P. Douglas, both of Consett. At the same place on the 24th ult, Mr William Brown, of Wilks Hill, to Mrs C. Bartram, of Quebec.—Same day, Mr T. Turnbull to Miss H. Smith, both of Dipton.—Same day, Mr W. Robson to Miss S. C. Churcher, both of Allendale Cottages. —26th, Mr H. Pinder to Miss J. M. Gibson, both of Medomsley.

DEATHS.

CONSETT.—No. 1. Melbourn Street, 24th ult., aged 57 years. James Whitehead.

DEARNESS JUNCTION.—24th ult., Mr George Ledgerwood, aged 71 years.

TOW LAW.—27th ult., aged 1 year and 9 months, Anne, doughter of Mr Wm. Allison.

CAUSEY ROW.—22nd ult., aged 24, John, son of Mr Ralph Smailes.

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