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MR PATTERSON AND THE DEPUTIES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—In your issue of April 24th, I saw a letter by "Miner" anent the above question at Stanley on Easter Monday. Being an auditor on that occasion, I say that Mr Patterson did not use any tyrannical expressions. He (Mr Patterson) said we should let the deputies do their own work if they would not be members of the Durham Miners' Association. Now, sir, I ask where is the tyranny in remarks like these? And as to passing by Mr Patterson's jeering remarks, I am only sorry to say that they are too true. "Miner" says the Deputies' Association has been in existence 16 years, and the owners have never sought to suppress it. Now, sir, I think it is not to the owners' interests to do so, since, as Mr Patterson has truly said, its members will either "dance or hold the candle" in times of strike or lock-out. Where, I ask, did "Miner" and the Deputies' Association exist in the time of the South Medomsley lock-out; he must surely know? If the Deputies' Association was in existence then, why were its members at that colliery thrust upon public sympathy? Trusting that "Miner" and the deputies of the western division may act as men.—Yours, &c.,

COALMINER.

South Medomsley, April 28th, 1891.

Sporting Items.

FIVES AT BLACKHALL MILL.—A match at fives, for £5, was decided in the ball alley attached to the Ship Inn, Blackhall Mill, between James and Peter Donolly, of Blackhall Mill on the one part, and Hy. Ashburn and John Brown, of Croniwell, on the other part, 21 points being game. There was a fair attendance of spectators, and wagering ruled at even money. The two last-named eventually won by 10 chalks. Mr James Armstrong, of Croniwell, acted as referee.—A match has been made between Patrick and James McNastrie, Low Westwood, on the one side, and Jonathan Richardson and Patrick Doyle, Blackhall Mill, on the other, to play a match at fives, for £10 a-side, in the Ship Inn Ball Alley, Blackhall Mill, on Saturday, May 9th.

Trade Notes.

THE INDUSTRIAL CRISIS IN WEARDALE.

On Saturday night, a full meeting of the Mining and Public Committee and the deputation was held in the Town Hall, St. John's Chapel—the vicar (the Rev R. Shepherd) presiding—Sir Joseph Pease's letter, the summary of which has already appeared in the *Guardian*, was read, and gratitude expressed for the Baronet's voluntary donation towards the cost of the projected deputation from the dale to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, London, which had been further supplemented by £1 1s from the family of the late Mrs E. Watson, Irestone.—Mr Ralph Watson remarked that it might induce others to contribute to what seemed the only object to relieve Weardale from the decay which threatened it.—Mr Geo. Race, Westgate, also sent £1.

NATIONAL LABOUR UNION MEETING AT CONSETT.

On Saturday evening, a public meeting was held under the auspices of Consett Branch of the Tyneside and National Labour Union, in the Co-operative Hall, Consett. There was only a moderate audience. Mr J. Summerbell, of the Enginemen's and Cranemen's Society, Consett, presided. Mr Wm. Stanley, the general secretary, of Newcastle, and Mr J. W. Bell, corresponding secretary, of Newcastle, attended as deputation, and addressed those assembled on the objects of the Society.—Votes of thanks to the chairman and speakers ended the proceedings.

TOW LAW PARLIAMENTARY DEBATING SOCIETY.

The usual meeting of the above was held in the Institute on Monday night, the speaker taking the chair at 8·25. The opium question was again held over. The following question was then asked:—"If the Government are aware of the fact, that the Local Authority does not undertake the clearance of ashpits and the removal of nuisances, and considering the great danger to life through the spread of infectious diseases arising from these causes, will the Government issue instructions compelling the Local Authority to attend to these matters."—The discussion of the Burial Reform Act was then resumed at Clause 5, which was amended so as to read—"That each body be buried in a separate grave save and except in the following cases:—Where two young infants, or a mother and newly-born infant die at the same time, and that the practice of pit burial be illegal.—An additional clause was proposed by the member for Mid-Lothian "That the Local Authority may, if required of the public, have a crematorium erected in every cemetery." After a keen debate the clause was rejected. The following is a copy of the measure as agreed to:—Preamble.—Seeing that our present mode of burying the dead, is the immediate cause of many evils which endanger the health of the living, it is deemed necessary to bring in a measure with a view to so improve our system of sepulchre, that the evils arising therefrom may be averted. Be it therefore enacted by and with the consent of this Honourable House that the following bill become law on the 1st of June, 1891.

Clause I.—That this bill be called the Burial Reform Act.

Clause II.—That all sites for burying places be selected with due regard to the porosity of the soil and subject to the inspection of the Local Government Board officials, who shall decide as to its suitability, and in cases where a natural suitable site cannot be obtained, direct the use of such artificial means as shall render it suitable.

Clause III.—That the doctor who certifies the cause of death, be required to add to the certificate the period during which it will be safe to keep the body unburied, and that it be illegal to keep the body beyond the said period.

Clause IV.—That it be illegal to bury the dead in strong coffins, brick graves, and vaults.

Clause V.—That each body be buried in a separate grave, save and except in the following cases, where two young infants or a mother and newly-born infant die at the same time, and that the practice of pit burial be illegal.

Clause VI.—That the act extend to Great Britain and Ireland.

The above measure was productive of a very hearty and instructive debate, in which the members for Cork, Thornley, Dublin, Tow Law, Cardigan, Birmingham, Auckland, Mid-Lothian, and Tyneside took part. Owing to the lengthy debate on the Burial Act the other orders for the evening viz:—The abolition of grocers' licenses and the Local Option Bill, were not reached, and were therefore held over till the next sitting, on Monday first. Although there was only a small attendance a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent. The house adjourned at 10 p.m.

DR BARDSLEY'S ANTIBILIOUS PILLS.—For radicating all impurities of the blood from the system they have no equal. They have never failed to effect a cure, giving tone and strength to the system debilitated by disease.—Sold by all Chemists in Boxes at 1s 1½d and 2s 9d. Box sent post free on receipt of 15 or 35 stamps. Wm. Mather Wholesale Druggist, Manchester.

Cricket.

Secretaries of clubs will greatly oblige by sending their fixture cards to our office as early as possible.

HAYDON BRIDGE v GREENHEAD.—This match was played at Greenhead, and resulted in a victory for the visitors. Score:—Greenhead, 71; Haydon Bridge, 75.

The Secretary of the Red Rose Cricket Club, Shotley Bridge, still has several vacancies which want filling up. Secretaries of any junior clubs (ages 14 to 18) in the district would do well to apply at once to John Nixon, The Bothy, Shotley Bridge.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CLUB.—This club opened the season on Saturday, when a match was played between teams chosen by the vice-captain and the secretary. The ground was found to be in tolerably good condition. Score:—Secretary's team, 39; vice-captain's, 21.

LEADGATE CRICKET CLUB.—At the annual meeting of this club, the following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Mr T. Foreman; vice-presidents, Rev J. W. Mitchell, Rev E. H. Bousfield, Councillor G. Nicholson, Messrs E. Todd, L. Nicholson, M. Robson, T. Longstaff, T. Scott, J. Parker, W. Gustard, and T. Browell; captain, Mr F. Jackson; vice-captain, Mr J. Wilson; treasurer, Mr C. Burnhope; secretary, Mr J. B. Robson; corresponding secretary, Mr J. Snaith.

WEST STANLEY v MEDOMSLEY.

Played on the ground of the former. Medomsley won the toss, and elected to put their opponents in to bat, the brothers Cant sharing the bowling. Simpson brought off three and Geo. E. Milburn two brilliant catches, while R. Cant performed the "hat trick," and thus the home team were all dismissed for 26 runs. The visitors going in to bat, M. Charlton and Simpson played the bowling with confidence, and soon put on the necessary number of runs, Medomsley thus winning their first match by 26 runs. Score:—

STANLEY.		MEDOMSLEY.	
R Gibson c Simpson b W Cant	0	M Charlton c Lee b Jewitt	14
R Knox c Simpson b R Cant	6	R Campbell b Jewitt	2
T Jewitt c Simpson b W Cant	2	W Simpson b Smith	10
P Harkness b R Cant	4	M Milburn b I Harkness	4
R Holmes c G E Milburn b R Cant	3	R Cant c Harkness b Jewitt	9
G Lee c G E Milburn b R Cant	0	G E Milburn b Jewitt	0
J Curry b G E Milburn	2	W Cant b P Harkness	1
I Harkness b Simpson	2	W E Charlton lbw b Jewitt	3
J Benfold b Campbell	4	W Baron b P Harkness	0
W Dodd run out	0	W G Thompson c Holmes b P Harkness	0
M Smith not out	2	G Moon not out	7
Extras	1	Extras	2
Total	26	Total	52

WEST PELTON VIOLETS v SOUTH MOOR.

Played at West Pelton, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team. Score:—

VIOLETS.		SOUTH MOOR.	
J Hall c Kerr b Brass	6	G Stacey b Brayson	2
G Laverick c Elliott b Greathead	10	R Nichol b Hall	14
J Brayson b Brass	20	W Brass b Barrass	2
H Barrass b Brass	1	A Kerr b Barrass	19
H Theobald not out	26	M Baker c Armin b Barrass	0
T White c Nichol b Brass	3	T Welsh b Hall	8
J W Armin not out	11	Wm Greathead b Barrass	1
A Barrass } To bat.		J Elliott b Hall	6
J W Theobald } To bat.		W Nichol'n b Barrass	0
I Barrass } To bat.		M Lister b Barrass	1
J Pinkney } To bat.		W Brydon not out	0
Extras	21	Extras	8
Total	98	Total	61

GATESHEAD FELL v BLAYDON.

Played at Low Fell, and resulted in a win for Gateshead Fell by seven runs. Oliver and Lumley played well for the home team. Score:—

GATESHEAD FELL.		BLAYDON.	
R Pettifor b Milne	6	W Marshall run out	0
J Oliver b Wilson	21	W Wilson b Thwaites	0
J R Hedley c Tingate b Milne	0	C H Milne b Thwaites	7
J Cottrell b Wilson	0	W T Wilson b Pettifor	7
F Thompson b Wilson	0	E Latimer c Cottrell	3
W H Lumley b Milne	15	H Tingate run out	5
W. Baxter b Wilson	7	W Poole b Thwaites	3
S G B Wright b Wilson	0	C Atkinson c Baxter	0
W Burdon b Wilson	2	J Tingate c Cottrell	8
R G Thwaites b Wilson	1	W Tingate c Hedley	8
J. Burdon not out	10	W Scott not out	2
Extras	2	Extras	14
Total	64	Total	57

CATCHGATE 1st v EAST STANLEY NOBBLERS.

Played at East Stanley, and ended in a win for the visitors. Score:—

CATCHGATE.		EAST STANLEY.	
Wm Thompson b Fitches	12	J Summerbell b Blakey	3
J Burton c Fitches	2	J Blogg b Blakey	5
A Blakey c Piper	4	T Shield b Davison	1
S Ellis b Fitches	0	J Piper b Blakey	0
J Brown b Fitches	1	T Brown run out	3
J Leeman not out	16	C Fitches b Blakey	6
S Rickaby b Fitches	3	N Summerbell b Blakey	1
G Davison c Bolam	0	J Pattison c Thomps'n	3
C Gales run out	1	J Bolam b Blakey	0
W Alderson b Pattison	3	T Westgarth b Davis'n	3
M Thompson b Pattison	0	R Summerbell not out	2
Extras	16	Extras	14
Total	58	Total	41

CATCHGATE 2ND CRAGHEAD TONIC SOLFA.

Played at Craghead, and resulted in a victory for Catchgate. Score:—

CRAGHEAD.		CATCHGATE.	
J Craigs c Holmes	4	J Gales b Craigs	4
G Hunter b Coates	9	R Coates c Craigs	0
M Dodds b Coates	4	W Ellis b Craigs	13
J Craigs c Holmes	6	T Burton b Dodds	11
T Gibbon not out	9	C Morpeth c Grant	5
S Mills run out	1	J T Wilson b Craigs	2
W Scott b Coates	0	J Thompson b Dodds	3
M Maughan c Burton	0	C Holmes b Dodds	4
W Grant b Ellis	0	R Kelly b Craigs	0
G Jones b Ellis	0	J Wilson b Craigs	1
J Pomeroy c Coates	0	C Pickavance not out	3
Extras	3	Extras	10
Total	36	Total	56

CONSETT FELL v No. 2 PLATE-MILL (SCRATCH).

On Saturday, the Fell club opened the season with a match with the above team, and, after a very pleasant game, won by 22 runs. For the losing team, A. Wood showed grand form both with the bat and the ball, taking seven for 31 runs and scoring 25 out of the 46. T. Wood and P. Maund also played well for their team, and for the winning side T. Charlton and J. Lowes batted well, and R. Lowes was in good form with the ball, taking eight wickets for 22 runs. After the match, the teams had tea together in Cocoa Rooms, after which a pleasant evening was spent, songs being contributed by Messrs Wood, Maund, Longworth, and others. Score:—

CONSETT FELL.		SCRATCH.	
T Charlton b Wood	23	J Collins b Lowes	0
J Williams b Wood	0	Thompson b Charlton	0
J Lowes b Wood	17	Wm Oliver c and b Charlton	0
T Longworth c Thompson b Cockburn	1	T Wood b Lowes	7
T Bullock b Cockburn	3	J Jenkins b Lowes	2
R Lowes b Wood	9	J Wilkinson b Lowes	5
G Charlton b Wood	4	J Cockburn b Lowes	0
T Unsworth b Wood	10	A D Wood b Lowes	25
S Walker c Wilkinson b Wood	0	P Maund st Kempster b Lowes	5
A Kempster not out	1	T Sinclair b Lowes	2
C Harrison c Thompson b Cockburn	0	S Turnbull not out	0
Extras	0	Extras	0
Total	68	Total	46

BLAYDON JUNIORS v BLAYDON RED ROSE.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the Juniors by 35 runs and three wickets. A. Rutherford played in capital form for 36 runs. Score:—

JUNIORS.		RED ROSE.	
Heather b Tench	7	Armstrong b Hope	1
Hope b Chapman	5	Halliday st Bowles b Hope	0
A Rutherford not out	36	Hands c T Ward b Heather	10
J Bell b Waggott	1	Miller st Bowles b Heather	0
Bowles c Waggott b Chapman	4	Chapman b Heather	2
T Ward c Waggott b Tench	3	Fraser b Hope	1
Jacob Bell c Hands b Tench	4	Waggott b Heather	7
Lowery st Hands b Waggott	7	Tench b Heather	7
R Rutherford not out	2	Biggins not out	9
J Ward } To bat.		Biggars st Bowles b Hope	0
Crass } To bat.		Wears b Heather	0
Extras	6	Extras	3
Total	75	Total	40

Football.

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

ASSOCIATION.

MICKLEY JUNIORS v HIGH MICKLEY.—Played on the ground of the former, the Juniors winning by two goals to none.

WEST WYLAM HARRIERS v WYLAM.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a victory for the Harriers by four goals to nil.

BYER MOOR v CONSETT Y.M.C.A.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a very pleasant game the home team came off victorious by seven goals to none.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v LANGLEY PARK.—The above teams met at Langley Park before a good muster of spectators. A capital game resulted in a draw of one goal each.

LEADGATE PARK v BISHOP AUCKLAND CHURCH INSTITUTE.—The above well-known teams brought off their return fixture at Leadgate in fine weather, a large company being present. A splendid game ensued, the Park winning an exciting encounter by two goals to one.

CORNSAY WANDERERS v ESH EXCELSIORS.—Played on the ground of the former. The home team had all their own way, and won easily by six goals to none. The following team represented the winners:—Goal, J. Cook; backs, D. Brown (capt.) and J. G. Walker; half-backs, F. Teader, T. Williams, and A. Keeble; forwards, J. Hardy, F. Wilson, J. W. Sargent, N. Clark, and R. Walker.

LEADGATE ST. IVES v DIPTON JUNIORS.—The return match between these two teams was played at Leadgate, and after a very good game the home team won by five goals to nil. St. Ives were represented as follows:—Goal, J. Noble; backs, J. T. Willey and T. Shaw; half-backs, F. M. Foreman, A. Rowe, and F. Harrison; forwards, G. Milburn and J. Pigg, right wing; H. O. Foreman, centre; J. Lock and G. Foster, left wing.

LEADGATE WHITE STAR v LEADGATE SCIENCE AND ART.—Played on the ground of the former, on Tuesday night, and after a very even game resulted in a win for the White Star by two goals and one disputed to one goal. Westhorpe played well for the winners, as also did Todd for the losers. The following represented the Stars:—Goal, L. Westhorpe; backs, W. Shield and J. Turner; half-backs, G. Turner, J. Jones, and A. N. Other; forwards, C. Stockdale and A. Shield, right wing; J. Paull, centre; R. Dawson and W. Turnbull, left wing.

WHICKHAM v BLAYDON ALBION.—The above teams met on neutral ground at Swalwell, on Saturday, before 300 spectators, to play for eleven silver medals. Whickham won the toss, and elected to play uphill with the sun in their faces. Play in the first half was very even, and at half-time neither team had scored. On resuming, Whickham had the best of the play, and a well-contested game ended in a win for Whickham by one goal to nil. The following team represented Whickham:—Goal, G. Noble; backs, H. Cook and J. Newton; half-backs, T. Shield, W. Errington, and P. Haggitt; forwards, R. Heppell, J. Henery, T. Cheeseman, T. Archer, and J. Dixon.

NORTHUMBERLAND CHARITY SHIELD.

FIRST ROUND.

MICKLEY v WILLINGTON ATHLETIC.—These teams met in the above competition on Saturday, and after a good game the result was a draw of one goal each. The Challenge Cup committee ordered the two teams to re-play their tie on the West End ground on Tuesday night. As this would have necessitated the Mickley players losing a day's work, they decided to withdraw from the competition. Willington thus go into the second round.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[BY "OFF-SIDE."]

TOW LAW FINISH BADLY.

After experiencing a most successful season, the above club cut up badly in their last fixture on Saturday, when Bishop Auckland Reserve administered to them the biggest drubbing they have received during the present season. Auckland Reserve should have visited Tow Law in November last, but failed to keep their engagement. Tow Law, however, generously consented to play the return fixture, but were, unfortunately, unable to place their best eleven on the field, and consequently suffered defeat to the tune of six goals to nil. Tow Law explain their defeat in having to play a mixed forward rank, the shooting being miserable, whilst the home team was comprised of the pick of the neighbouring clubs, being assisted by members of Etherley, St. Helen's, and Spennymoor clubs; also Jimmy Brown and Goodfellow, of the first team.

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Tow Law contended that the first four goals scored by Brown were all off-side, an appeal in each instance being overruled by the referee (Mr J. Manley, St. Wilfrid's). They afterwards kicked the ball in any direction but towards the goal, being thoroughly disgusted at the treatment they received. Temperley should certainly not have played at all, as he was scarcely able to walk, let alone play. Consequently he has since been confined to his bed. On the whole, Tow Law have experienced a very successful season. They have taken part in 27 matches, of which 17 were won, 4 drawn, and 6 lost, scoring 81 goals to 40. This is a record of which Tow Law may well be proud, and I hope to see them eclipse it next season.

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WHAT NEXT?

I have clipped the following story from a contemporary:—

The toughness of footballers is appreciated in America. Here is a recent report of a railway accident:—Officer of railroad receives telegram and turns to other officer, pale as death: "A collision between two specials has taken place at Pumpkin Hook Crossing; both were private, consisting of engine and one car. Both engineers and firemen escaped by jumping. Cars smashed to kindling wood. Oh! the loss of life must have been horrible—here you read the balance; I cannot bear to continue."

Officer No. 2: "Why it says, 'Nobody hurt. The cars contained the members of two football teams."

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MR W. KNAGGS'S COMPETITION.

The re-played final tie between Consett Albion and Consett League of the Cross came off on Saturday, at Blackhill. There was a large attendance, which was very gratifying, considering that the receipts were for the benefit of the widow of the late Philip Cassidy. The League placed a very strong team in the field, which included H. Callaghan, the famous goalkeeper of the Leadgate Exiles. Ternent was unable to take his place in the Albion team, owing to an accident in the last match. In the first half the Albion showed some pretty passing, but their final shots were weak, and at half-time the League were leading by two goals to one. In the second half the Albion back division fell off considerably, and consequently the League had much the best of the game, victory finally resting with them by four goals to one.

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For the winners, Callaghan kept goal splendidly, and saved numerous shots. With a less capable custodian the Albion would doubtless have increased their score. Swan and McCarthy played fairly well at back, and Griffin was the best of the halves. The forwards played a good game, McKie and Rafferty being the most conspicuous. Carruthers could not be blamed for the goals scored against him, all of them being obtained from shots at very close quarters. Bell did well at back, but his partner was only moderate. Eustace played a splended game at half, especially in the first portion of the match, and Skelton was also in good form. The forwards played a clinking game, but were rather light. Atkinson is a splendid player, and Brown and Winter were likewise conspicuous.

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The subjoined letter speaks for itself:—

SIR,—Allow me a small space in your paper to say a few words concerning the medal competition which was played off on Saturday. I understood it was the League Junior B team which was to play the Albion, but I was surprised when I saw their first team on the field, including Callaghan, the Exiles' custodian, in goal. I think this proved quite conclusively that the Albion ought to have had the medals, as no player who had competed for the Durham Cup was allowed to play. The Albion were minus their sterling little half-back, Ternent, or else, notwithstanding the defence of Callaghan, they must have proved victorious.—Yours, &c.,

FAIRPLAY.

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TOW LAW FOOTBALL CLUB: CONCERT AND PRESENTATION.

A grand evening concert in connection with the above club was given in the Mechanics' Institute, Tow Law, on Monday evening last, before a crowded audience. Mr R. J. Shotton, champion comic vocalist, of South Shields, was announced to appear, but owing to having received injury through an accident, he was unable to fulfil his engagement. Ample substitutes, in the Lisscones, were, however, sent to take his place, and were accorded a hearty reception, their singing and dancing being a treat. Mr J. McKie, of Newcastle and Mr Tom Moore, of Eastgate, also assisted in the programme, whilst Mr John Hughes accompanied on the piano throughout.

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During the interval, an interesting feature in the programme was the presentation of a handsome travelling bag to each member of the first team (subscribed for by the supporters of the club), each bag bearing a plated inscription. The worthy secretary (Mr C. M. Rawes) was also the recipient of a valuable gold albert and seal. The presentation was to have been made by the president of the club (Mr Joseph Bond), but owing to indisposition he was unable to attend. In a letter read before the audience, however, Mr Bond stated that he had the cause of football at heart, and alluded to the successful season that the Tow Law team had just finished. In his absence, the chairman (Rev S. Davison, vice-president) made the presentation. Mr Rawes, on behalf of himself and the players, responded. After the concert, dancing was kept up until the early hours of the morning, upwards of 30 couples being present. Messrs McDonald and Hughes supplied the music.

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THE PROPOSED LEAGUE.

I am pleased to learn that Mr W. G. F. Thompson, the energetic hon. sec. of the Medomsley club, has sent out invitations to secretaries of clubs in the district, requesting them to attend a meeting at Mr J. Snaith's, Queen's Head Inn, Leadgate, on Friday, May 8th, for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of forming a league for North-West Durham, and also to discuss other matters concerning their welfare. I sincerely trust that there will be a large and representative attendance, and that a league will become *au fait accompli*.

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HEDLEY HARRIERS A.F.C.

The above club concluded a very successful season by holding a supper at the house of Mrs Forster Stanley Inn, Stanley. Between twenty and thirty members sat down to the sumptuous repast provided by the hostess. After the tables had been cleared, the following contributed to the harmony of the evening:—Song, "Rocked in the cradle of the deep," Mr G. Thompson (Pelton Fell); song, "Never been home since morning," Mr T. Farrow; song, "She is the girl I fondly adore," Mr T. Leighton; song, "Bonnie Mary of Argyle," Mr T. Rowell; song, "Love," Mr G. Renfrey; song, "Freedom to slave," Mr T. Cliff; song, "Milinary mission boy," Mr G. Thompson; song and dance, Mr T. Farrow; song, "She wore a wreath of roses," Mr T. Rowell; song, "Don't bury me deep," Mr T. Leighton; song, "Across the bridge," Mr G. Thompson; song, "Irish emigrant," Mr J. Emery; song, "That's when you feel all right," Mr G. Renfrey. The music was supplied by Messrs G. Potts (piano) and J. Potts (violin), and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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AU REVOIR.

And now it becomes my duty to bid my readers—not farewell, but *au revoir*. The past season has been an eventful one in many respects, and next season promises to witness a great development of the game in North-West Durham. That these "Jottings" have been sadly deficient I am only too well aware; but I can honestly say they have been written with the best intentions, and with a desire to act fairly to all clubs. My column has also always been open for the ventilation of genuine grievances. To those secretaries and others from whom I have received such kind and willing assistance I tender my most hearty thanks, and trust that during next season I may be similarly favoured.

Volunteer Intelligence.

5TH V.B.D.L.I.

Considerable interest was taken in the first shooting meeting of the season of the members of the headquarter companies (Gateshead), which took place on Saturday, at the Bues Hill rifle range, near Blaydon. Amongst the competitors were several well-known old volunteers and good rifle shoots, first honours being carried off Lance-Corp. Robinson, Corp. J. Cruddace, with a respectable score, being second. The conditions observed were 200, 500, and 600 yard distances, seven shots at each, Bisley 1890 targets and scoring, Volunteer positions, highest possible score 105 points. The best scores were:—

Lance-Corp. R. Robinson, 32, 33, 29—94; Corp. J. Cruddace, 25, 32, 30—87; Priv. McKay, 32, 30, 22—84; Corp. J. Robertson, 27, 29, 27—83; Lance-Corp. J. J. Tierney, 28, 26, 23—77; Sergt. T. Bowman, 26, 26, 22—74; Priv. Dick, 19, 26, 26—71; Sergt. Joseph Moffitt, 22, 23, 20—65.

Cycling Notes.

West Pelton Amateur Bicycle Club run to Gibside on Sunday first, meet at head-quarters at 7·30 a.m.

A "Wheelman," on behalf of the Consett Amateur Bicycle Club, wishes to state that the cyclists who misconducted themselves at Castleside, on Sunday, did not belong to the Consett Club.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT AMATEUR BICYCLE CLUB.—A special general meeting of the members of the above club was held at Messrs Rowe and Co's Cocoa Rooms, Middle Street, Consett, on Tuesday night Mr John Bates (captain) presided, and there was a fair attendance.—The secretary (Mr J. Ridley) tendered his resignation, owing to pressure of other duties, and the same was accepted.—Mr Wm. Brand was unanimously selected as secretary of the club.—On the motion of Mr Wm. Eales, seconded by Mr A. Lowrie, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the late secretary for his past services.—Mr Ridley, in replying, said he would continue in the future to do all he possibly could to further the interests of the club. (Applause).—Mr J. R. Wood was chosen as vice-captain, in the place of Mr Wm. Brand.—It was agreed that the club should attend the Cyclists Church Parade at Gibside, on Sunday first, to meet at the Consett Infirmary at nine a.m., and after the service proceed to Blaydon.—It was decided to order specially made marone-coloured caps for the use of members of the club.—It was further resolved to hold another smoking concert in the New Town Hall, Consett, sometime during the month of May.—The secretary was empowered to arrange for a Church Parade to Lanchester at an early date, the collection to be given to the fund for purchasing toys for the children at the Workhouse. The neighbouring clubs will be invited to attend.—The secretary was authorised to arrange a list of runs with the captain and have the same printed.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES AND DISTRICT C.C.—At the monthly meeting of this club held on Tuesday evening, at the head-quarters—Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley—the following runs were fixed:—

May 2nd—Stanley—3 p.m.
" 3rd—Gibside—9·30 a.m.
" 6th—Lanchester—6·30 p.m.
" 9th—Durham—9·30 a.m.
" 13th—Rowland's Gill—6·30 p.m.
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OPENING OF THE CONSETT TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Consett Exchange in connection with the National Telephone Company, Limited, was formally opened by Ald. Wm. Jenkins, J.P., general manager of the Consett Iron and Steel Works. There was a small but representative gathering of ladies and gentlemen in the New Town Hall, where the telephone wires had been laid in, and the company, prior to the inaugural proceedings, listened to several songs which were sung at Sunderland. The vocal efforts of the artistes were clearly and distinctly heard. Amongst those present were: Mr C. B. Clay, manager of the National Telephone Co. (Northern District); Drs G. Renton and A. D. M. Macintyre, Consett; Rev F. Steggall, vicar of Consett; Messrs N. Elsdon, T. C. Rawes and T. Swainston, Consett; T. Siddell, M. Richley and J. Dixon, Shotley Bridge; J. H. Hudson, Castle Dean; Jas. Palliser, Blackhill; Mr Hudson, local engineer, Consett, &c.

Ald. JENKINS stated that it afforded him great pleasure to be privileged to take part in the installation of that wonderful scientific discovery which was now in operation in England and other countries. It was a most remarkable illustration of the benefits and advantages of science to have the telephone in working order in that part of the world, and he hoped the undertaking would prove both useful and valuable to the inhabitants of that town, and also turn out to be a profitable speculative investment. Glancing back over the past fifty years, when he was a boy, he considered telephonic communication one of the most brilliant and marvellous scientific discoveries ever accomplished. (Applause). There had been nothing so wonderful conceived during his lifetime. Many years ago, his first knowledge of the telegraph system was obtained in London—at the Polytechnic, when Professor Pepper gave a lecture upon the early application of the telegraph system and the railway service in communicating with various parts of England. From that day there had been rapid strides affected in the mode of telegraphic communication not only in Consett, but almost every town and village in the world. Having had intercommunication by telegraph for some years, it seemed now that they were to possess the means of speaking to distant friends through the instrumentality of the telephone. They had just witnessed one of the remarkable results of the telephone—listening to songs given at Sunderland and hearing the music as clearly and distinctly as if the singer had been in their own drawing-room. (Applause). The telephone would doubtless prove a blessing and a boon, not only to commercial and business men, but to those who wished to have verbal connection with their friends or relatives at a distance. It might also be the means of improving their homes, and changing the habits and customs of the people in that Great Empire. He did not suppose that anyone would contemplate, when they were boys, such marvellous exhibitions of science as they had witnessed that afternoon. He therefore congratulated the Company, and the original inventor of that wonderful system. Very few knew what light or electricity really meant. It appeared that the wire workings of nature had been probed and studied to such an extent that remarkable changes had been wrought during the last 50 years, and if they made such extraordinary progress during the next half-century, they would bring about such advantages and facilities to the people generally as they little dreamt of. There had been marked improvements in the iron and steel manufactures, and their processes of mining, but these were not so much the produce of great intellects and refined mental powers as the application of electricity as a mode of communicating voices spoken at one point to all the other parts of the globe. The science they were dealing with had not been brought about by chance. He did not know who made the first discoveries of electricity, but since the days of Benjamin Franklin to the present time, some wonderful and gigantic studies had been made in that direction. The telephone was destined to completely revolutionise the habits and customs of the people of the land. They all knew the advantages and benefits conferred upon humanity by the post offices and telegraph systems, and the telephone would doubtless be improved and perfected, and its general application so cheapened, that the day would come when the wires would be laid into every street, if not laid into every house, whether the palace of a peer, the residence of the business man, or the cottage of the poor. (Applause). When the subject was first broached to him (Ald. Jenkins), he looked upon the telephone as a mere nuisance; but now that we know the advantages and the use of the instrument, he had changed his opinion. (Laughter). Having instanced the benefit of having the telephone connected with his private residence, he went on to say that he would have been glad to have seen 100 school boys between the age of 12 and 15 years present to have seen the standard of proficency attained by the telephonic system, and to have heard Mr Clay explain its delicate mechanism and scientific applications. Such an exhibition would have practically illustrated to these lads the value of a knowledge of science and kindred pursuits. They ought to thank those individuals who had devoted their whole lifetime in the study and furtherance of scientific questions, and he trusted that some persons would yet be found to continue these investigations and discoveries for the good of the cause of the human race. (Applause). It was utterly impossible for them to properly appreciate all that had been accomplished in the way of science at the present day. Consett, with its large population, stood a bleak hillside, nearly 1,000 feet above the level of the sea, and the atmosphere was not a very genial one. Still they were doing something to keep pace with the times, and he sincerely hoped that this latest undertaking would become quite popular among all classes of the community—rich and poor alike. The day was approaching when they would be enabled to listen to church and chapel services while lying on a sick bed, or appreciating a concert at home. He hoped every success would attend this new adventure, and that Mr Clay's efforts would meet with success, and that his employers would reap reasonable profit for their courage and enterprise. (Applause).

Mr CLAY explained that that celebration was nominally the opening of the exchange at Consett. He was sorry that those present that day could not practically get into their offices and see the actual working and opening of the exchange, but any lady or gentleman interested in the matter could call at the office, by arrangement, and in all probability Mr Hudson, the local engineer, would explain all that they desired to know regarding the *modus operandi* of the telephone system. The telephone was making such extraordinarily rapid strides that the company was quite unable to cope with the demands made upon it. In Consett, for instance, they had rather a patched-up switch-board put in until a permanent arrangement could be fixed. For that reason anyone caring to visit the office, and seeking information regarding the telephone and its operations, had better wait a few weeks. They procured all the material and appliances they possibly could in England, but they had to go to Antwerp and America for stuff as well. They had been a long while in getting the Consett exchange opened, one of their greatest difficulties being experienced in securing skilled workmen. He wished, however, to thank the Consett and Benfieldside Local Boards, Ald. Jenkins, and the Consett Iron Company for the assistance afforded to the company in bringing the exchange to a successful issue. (Applause.) When they first arranged to open the exchange at Consett, it was originally intended that various subscribers should pay 6d to communicate with Newcastle or any other town within a 25 miles radius of Consett, but they had found that they were in a position to reduce the charge to 3d. (Applause.) They were constantly being told that the post-office was going to "shut them up," but the Telephone Company was stronger now than ever. (Applause.) What the Telephone Company could do for their subscribers, and what the post-office could not, was that the former could provide trunk wires. Without trunk wires, an exchange might exist a short while, but would ultimately collapse. In Consett, a subscriber paying £5 a year to have the telephone affixed to his premises could speak to almost everybody outside the town similarly circumstanced. The National Telephone Company had over 300 exchanges at work in England. They at Consett had connection with all the large places in the North, and in a short time they would have direct communication with London, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, and all the principal cities and towns in Great Britain. (Applause.) Their district extended over the whole of Scotland and England (with the exception of a small portion in the south-west), and also to the North of Ireland. They were licensed by the post-office to carry on this telephone business, and in addition had to pay the post-office authorities ten per cent. of their gross receipts. The post-office also competed with them. He (Mr Clay) considered it unfair that the Government undertaking should compete with a private firm after having licensed the latter to carry on its business. He next quoted figures indicating the growth of the Telephone Company's business as compared with the transactions of the post-office, and observed that it was not generally known that the post-office only had an exchange at Newcastle. The Telephone Company had recently granted passes to its subscribers, so that any of the latter, while away from home, would be enabled to speak from the call office of any district to his business establishment or office at subscribers rates. During the first three months of this year, over 183,000 messages were transmitted over their wires. They could speak and hear distinctly a distance of 700 miles, and communication would shortly be opened with Paris, London, Glasgow, &c. In addition to Consett, they were also opening exchanges at Yarm, Hexham, Corbridge, Gosforth, and Low Fell. (Applause.) He concluded by contrasting the superiority of the telephonic with the postal telegraphic system.

In reply to Mr JENKINS, Mr CLAY stated that the utmost secrecy was preserved in the transmission of private messages, and no outsider could hear the purport of the communication unless some accident occurred to the wires.

The CHAIRMAN proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Clay for his able address.

Rev F. STEGGALL, in seconding, said he had been reading about the science of electricity, but he must confess that the telephonic business was a mystery to him. (Laughter.)

Dr G. RENTON (who was the first to introduce the telephone system into this district) spoke in support of the proposition, and dwelt upon the advantages of the telephone in the saving of time, labour, and money. He would have been delighted if the telephone had been brought into Consett 20 years ago. (Applause.)

Mr CLAY briefly acknowledged the compliment.

Those present then sat down to tea, provided by Messrs Rowe and Co., of the Cocoa Palace. Subsequently the engineers explained to those who cared to learn the intricate mechanicism of the telephone system.

In the evening, a much larger audience assembled in the hall, and listened to vocal and instrumental music which was being performed at Middlesbrough, Newcastle, and other places. All present seemed to be perfectly satisfied with the ingenious innovation.

THE SILKSWORTH EVICTIONS.

CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES AGAINST SUPT. OLIVER.

Supt. James Oliver, of the Durham County Police Force, stationed at Consett, has been served with an official notice by Messrs Dix and Warlow, solicitors, Newcastle, acting on behalf of nineteen men who were injured in the baton charge by the police during the recent Silksworth strike, of their intention to sue him for £9,500 damages, viz.—£500 in respect of each of the nineteen persons who is alleged to have had his skull fractured in the affray. Police Constable Dryden, now located at Lanchester, has in conjunction with Superintendant Oliver been served with a similar notice, claiming £500 damages in respect to injuring another person during the *melee*. The total sum claimed of Superintendent Oliver, therefore, amounts to £10,000. It is understood that the writ will follow a month after the statutory notice has been served, and the other requirements of the law in such cases complied with.

DURHAM COUNTY COURT.

MONDAY and TUESDAY—Before His Honour Judge MEYNELL.

A CONSETT EX-POLICEMAN IN TROUBLE.

SIMPSON v HUGHES.—This was an action brought by Joseph Simpson, of Sunderland Bridge, a roadsman, to recover the sum of £9 from John Hughes, ex-policeman, and now residing at Croxdale Colliery, for an assault committed on the plaintiff on the 31st of January, whereby he received injuries to his leg and foot and other injuries. Mr Brownless (Durham) appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr Mawson (Durham) defended.

Plaintiff stated that on the 31st of January last he had been to Durham, and had returned to Croxdale. He called at the Station Hotel there shortly after three o'clock, and had a glass of whiskey. There were some other persons present. In the room in which he was drinking were Mr Gibson, the landlord, Mrs Gibson, and a man named Wilson. He also saw defendant in the snug, a room behind the bar. Defendant shortly afterwards came out of an adjoining room, and plaintiff's wife also came in at the same time and requested him to go home with her. Defendant then told him to go home, and plaintiff said he would go home when he liked. Defendant was a policeman at Consett, but he had been at home for five or six weeks on sick-leave. Plaintiff said he would not go home for him, when defendant seized by the coat and dragged him to the door. He then gave him a great shove, the force of which threw him a distance of five or six yards. He fell upon a road recently covered with macadam, and was much hurt. Defendant afterwards dragged him across the road, and when he had done this he felt that his ankle had been put out of joint. His leg pained him very much, and he could not move. Defendant and a man called Lowe procured a barrow, and then wheeled him home. Upon arriving there, defendant said he was an ambulance man, and that he would bandage the injured limb. He did so. Sergeant Fryer called the following morning and re-bandaged his ankle. On the following day, which was a Sunday, the defendant called and asked plaintiff's wife how he was going on, and also asked her whether she had got a doctor. She said she had not, and when she did he would know about it. Plaintiff's wife said, "You'll lose your coat over this." Defendant replied that he did not care if he lost his place, as he was going to leave shortly. Witness was afterwards visited by a bonesetter, and he gave him a bottle, for which plaintiff paid him 6s.

His Honour: I don't know whether you can recover for a bonesetter.

Afterwards he obtained medical advice, and his ankle became strong again, but he had not been able to work for eight weeks on account of it. Witness received a letter from defendant in which he hoped plaintiff would soon recover. He was sorry he had been kept off work so long by the accident. He had heard, the letter continued, that he was going to take a summons out against him; he hoped he would not do that, as it would spoil his character. If they would only wait he would try and settle the matter to their satisfaction. Soon after the receipt of the letter defendant came to Croxdale to live with his father, and commenced to work at the pit there. Defendant, however, did not keep his promise of payment of the damages. Because of the accident he had lost his work as roadman for the County Council another man having been started in his place.

By Mr Mawson: He was not drunk when he was in the Station Hotel, at Croxdale, nor was he making a disturbance within the house.

Mrs Simpson, wife of plaintiff, said she went to the hotel to look for her husband. She found him there, and saw defendant ill-use him.

The landlord of the Station Hotel, Mr Gibson, said the plaintiff was not drunk or disorderly while he was in the house. He saw the struggle outside the door.

Defendant stated that he was until lately a policeman, stationed at Consett. He was off on sick leave on the 31st January, and was at the Railway Hotel at Croxdale. He was in the snug when the landlord came to him and asked him to help to take the plaintiff out. Witness went into the bar, and saw Simpson, who was very drunk. His wife was trying to get him out, but he refused to go. Witness asked him to allow him to take him home, but plaintiff was very abusive and would not go. He got plaintiff outside, and then Simpson grappled with him, and they both fell down. In consequence of Simpson complaining that his leg was hurt, he procured a wheelbarrow, and by the aid of another man plaintiff was taken home. It was untrue that he saw the plaintiff's wife on the following day.

Wm. Howe was also called for the defence. He said he would not like to swear that plaintiff was drunk, but he was rather noisy. He helped to take plaintiff home after the scuffle, and her him say he did not think Hughes would have done such a thing.

This was the whole of the evidence, and His Honour found for plaintiff for the amount claimed (£9), with costs.

A LANGLEY PARK TAILOR AND HIS CUSTOMER.

BURDON v ALLISON.—This was an action brought by Thomas Burdon, tailor, of Quebec Street, Langley Park, to recover the sum of £1 17s 6d from Robert Allison, a grocer, of Birtley Green, for goods sold and work done.—Plaintiff stated that the defendant ordered a suit of clothes from him, and his daughter got a lady's jacket. The daughter had paid a part of the account, but there was still £1 17s 6d owing.—Defendant denied getting the suit of clothes or the jacket. His daughter, who was married at the time, made him a present of the suit of clothes. He had never made any payments on the clothes.—Plaintiff said Allison's wife had paid him some money.—Defendant: I am sure she never ordered the things.—Plaintiff stated that the daughter of defendant was not married at the time she ordered the jacket.—The case was adjourned until the next court in order that defendant's daugter should be present.

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CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

FIRST COURT.

Before Coun. James Annandale (chairman) J. W. Walton-Wilson, W. B. Van Haansbergen, F. Priestman, and W. Green, Esqs.

THE CUSTODY OF AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD.

CURIOUS APPLICATIONS.

Mr T. W. Welford, solicitor, made application to the Bench by way of summons to revoke the order and appointment of Mr George Young, miner, the Causey, near Tanfield, dated the 18th March, 1891, to have the custody of a bastard child, and appoint George Tones, miner, Blackhall Mill (the potative father of the child), in the place of the guardian already appointed. Mr J. McCarten, solicitor, appeared for Young, and opposed the application.

Mr Welford, in opening the case, stated that on the 24th December, 1884, at Lanchester Petty Sessions, one Annie Dixon, obtained an order against the applicant, George Tones, to pay to her the sum of 3s per week for the maintenance and education of her bastard child until it should attain the age of 13 years. This Annie Dixon afterwards was married to George Young, but has lately died, leaving her bastard child in the custody of her husband, who on the 18th March last, made application to the Bench of Magistrates for an order and appointment of him to have the custody of the child, and this was accordingly granted. No previous notice however, was given or sent to the potative father that such an application was going to be made, or he would have opposed the request, in fact he would have applied himself immediately after the death of the mother, to be appointed, had he known then he could have done so, but Mrs Tones did not know until he (Mr Welford) advised him that he could have taken such a step. Therefore he (Mr Welford) now on behalf of the potative father, sought under 7 and 8 Vict., c 101, Sec. 5, for the order and appointment of George Young to be revoked, and that the potative father, George Tones (who is legally entitled to the custody of the child), be appointed in his stead. He contended that he was the proper person to be appointed and he is perfectly willing and able to take and support the child. He might state that it has been held in the Queen's Bench that if the potative father of a bastard child was willing and able to maintain the child, it should be given up to him, and in the Irish Courts, which carry out the same law as affects this question had held that the potative father of a bastard child was entitled to have the custody of the child after the death of its mother. He would call the potative father of the child to speak as to his willingness and ableness to take and support the child and other witnesses to speak as to Tones' character and means. Before doing this he could cite cases in support of his application. For instance in the High Court of Justice—Queen's Bench Division—there was a case tried, where the Guardians of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, at their school, maintained an illegitimate child, a boy under 12 years. One day the potative father got over a fence and obtained possession of the lad, and detained him. The father had previously declined to maintain the the child on the ground of the illegitimacy, and the boy had been deserted by him, and the mother had died in 1882. The boy had been at the school of the Guardians ever since until the present time. A writ of *habeas corpus* being granted, and the father having produced the child, the court held that the Guardians were entitled to recover the custody of the child but if they were satisfied that the father was *bona-fide* willing and able to maintain the child, they would act rightly in giving up the child to his care. He thought this case would satisfy the Bench's mind that the order should be revoked, and his client appointed guardian of the child.

John Wm. Anderson, deputy overman, Blackhall Mill, deposed that he had known the applicant for about 8 years, and he considered that he was a fit and proper person to have custody of the child. Tones bore a good character.

Cross-examined by Mr McCartan, witness stated that Tones had not always lived at Blackhall Mill.

The applicant (George Tones) attested that he was a miner, and lived at Blackhall Mill. His average wage would be about £3 a fortnight. He had been married some 18 months, and had no children. He was wishful to take charge of the child.

Cross-examined by Mr McCartan: Tones stated that he had been earning £3 per fortnight since the New Year. He left the country for "fancy," and not because a warrant had been issued against him. He was locked up and given bail to appear at the Court, but he did not put in appearance. He went out of the country for about one-and-a-half years.—He had spent sometime in Durham Gaol—two months he thought—on an earlier warrant. He could not mind any more warrants. He paid the money that was owing on the last warrant. Applicant did not refuse to pay the money to Young but he would like to have the child. He would swear that he had paid more than £7 towards the child's maintenance. He would not say that he had paid all the money that was owing. It was a brother of his that was charged with firing the pistol off in connection with the South Medomsley Strike. He did not know Mr Young's character; but he had heard it said that he did not like work. (Laughter).—By the Chairman: When he was taken before a magistrate at Shotley Bridge on a warrant, he followed the instructions of that gentleman and made arrangements with the girl, and gave her a shilling or two at the time and then went to America.

By Mr Welford: The reason that he went to gaol was because he was out of employment at the time, and could not meet his demands.

Cross-examined by the Chairman: Tones stated that he could not tell who the Magistrate was that tried him when he was taken to Shotley Bridge.

Mr McCartan contended that the case quoted by Mr Welford had nothing whatever to do with the present case. In 54 vict., c. 3, section 5, it plainly stated "That all money payable under any order as aforesaid shall be due and payable to the mother of the bastard child in respect of such time, and so long as she lives, and is of sound mind, and is not in any gaol or prison or under sentence of transportation, and after the death of the mother of such bastard child, or which such mother is of unsound mind, or confined in any gaol or prison, or under sentence of transportation, any two justices may, if they see fit, by order under their hands and seals, from time to time appoint some persons who, with his own consent, shall have the custody of such bastard child, so long as such bastard child is not chargeable to any parish or union, and any two such persons may revoke the appointment of such person, and may appoint another person in his stead, and every person so appointed to have the custody of a bastard child shall, so long as such child is not chargeable to any parish or union, be empowered to make application for the recovery of all payments becoming due under the order of the court of Petty Sessions as aforesaid, in the same manner as the mother of such bastard child might have done. He contended that if he interpretated the section rightly, the father has (1) no prior claim; (2), no claim whatever under the section. The section provided machinery to enforce payments after the future decease of the mother. To appoint the father, Mr McCartan maintained, would be to sink the remedy and liability in the order of appointment. The person selected was to have the payments the same way as the mother would have received them.

Mr Welford (interrupting) stated that the child was still going to be provided for.

The Chairman: Wait awhile till Mr McCartan is done.

Mr McCartan (continuing) said that if his interpretation of the section was correct, he thought he need not trouble them any further on this point, except to explain that the section provided for the payments to be continued after the death of the mother.

The Chairman: The question for us to consider is the appointment of the most suitable person as guardian of the child.

Mr McCartan (continuing): Yes. The case that Mr Welford had read was not based on the section. I am entrusted to say that the payments by Tones had not reached over £7.

Mr Welford (interposing): You can't prove it; because the mother had received the most part of the money. The mother was now dead.

Mr McCartan (continuing) said that four warrants had been taken out against Tones. On the first warrant he went to prison; second, he made an agreement; third, he absconded (supposed to have gone to America); and fourth, it was only a month ago he paid the money. Before he came back from America he got his father and mother to arrange with Mr Young, offering to pay £5. After this he sent his mother to pay £2 10s in respect of all arrears. Tones paid 10s and then wrote a letter to propose a new arrangement to paying 10s a month, saying———

Mr Welford objected to the letter being read, because Mr McCartan could not prove the statements that he had uttered.

Mr McCartan: I will prove all I have said yet.

Mr McCartan was about to read the letter again, when Mr Welford strongly protested.

Mr McCartan: The letter has been written by Tones.

Mr Welford: You can't prove that. Let me see the letter.

Mr Welford next handed the letter to Tones, who denied ever writing it.

The Chairman (to Tones): Did you authorise the letter to be written?—Tones: Never, sir.

Mr McCartan proceeded to cite a new Act passed during the last Session of Parliament to the effect that is the court was satisfied that the parent was unmindful of the parental duties, the Justices might order a legitimate child to be placed in the custody of other suitable parties.

Mr Welford: Mr McCartan has to satisfy the Court yet of his particular dates.

Mr McCartan intimated that he thought he would be able to do that.

Mr Van Haansbergen (to Mr McCartan): That quotation you have just made has nothing whatever to do with this case. It refers to a legitimate child.

Mr McCartan (continuing) said that made the case all the stronger. The child had already been reared through its most critical time, and had been kept by his client, and the child had formed an affection for him as its father since it was 1½ years old. It would be extremely hard to break these ties, and Tones had just come forward to avoid the payments and try to get possession of the child.

George Young deposed that he was married on the 10th May, 1886, and had maintained the child ever since. His late wife kept an account of the payments made by Tones in a pocket-book (produced) till the present year. The total amount paid by Tones was less than £7. Four warrants had been issued against Tones. With regard to the first one Tones went to goal; 2nd, he made an agreement.

Mr Welford (interrupting) said they had better have the dates, because it was material to the issue of the case.

Mr McCartan: You will be supplied presently with the dates with regard to three of the warrants.

Young (continuing) said it was supposed that Tones left the country for the third warrant, but he did not do so. Tones would be away about 1½ years. Before he came back his mother visited his (Young's) house, on the 1st January, and asked for an agreement. Witness told his wife to take 50s on the understanding that Tones paid regularly. After this he got a letter, enclosing a post-office order for 10s, on the 1st March. He did not know Tones's handwriting. When his wife died, Tones did not keep the payments up, but came down to his house, along with his wife, on Sunday, 15th March, to get possession of the child, and caused a disturbance. Tones offered the child his watch to induce the boy to go with him. On the following Monday Young came to the Court, and got the order made, and he was now sending the child to school regularly.

At this juncture, the boy in question was placed in front of the Magistrates' bench, and he wept most bitterly.

The Chairman asked the little fellow who the gentleman was in the witness-box, and he said that it was his "da," and he did not want to leave him. His "da" was kind to him.

Mr Walton-Wilson (to Mr McCartan): Let me see that letter.

Mr Welford: I object to that, because it would be really unfair to my client.

Young was next cross-questioned by Mr Welford, and stated that he had had his present housekeeper a fortnight. Tones and his wife came to his house and asked the child to go with them. His wife died on the 5th March last. Tones told him that he had a right to the child when the mother had died, and he was going to pay no more. Witness had always had a housekeeper. He had his wife's sister up to the time he procured a suitable person to take charge of the house. He was earning £2 10s a fortnight.

Sergt. Thornton, of Dipton, stated that the first warrant was taken out on the 14th June, 1886, and Tones went to prison for two months. The second warrant was issued on the 9th July, 1887, and the case was settled by consent. The third was executed by P.C. Robinson on the 8th September, 1889, and Tones absconded on that occasion, and then again last Court day. Witness had known Young for a considerable time, and he was a respectable man.

By Mr Welford: On the first occasion Tones was out of work, on strike. Tones was convicted for breaking windows during the South Medomsley dispute.

Mr Welford: We don't want to hear anything about that.

Sergt. Thornton: I thought I would tell you for fear you might not ask. (Laughter).

Mr Welford: That just shows where a police-officer's mind is when he is giving evidence.

In answer to Mr Welford, the sergeant stated that the second warrant was settled.

Re-examined by Mr McCartan: Witness stated that Tones made an agreement which he did not keep.

Cross examined by Mr Welford: He absconded with regard to the third warrant. He knew nothing against Young.

In answer to Mr Van Haansbergen, Young stated that the entries in the book were made by his wife, and he never interfered with the transaction.

After a short consultation, the Chairman stated that the Magistrates were unanimously of an opinion not to revoke the order already made.

Mr Welford intimated that he would in all probability take the case to a higher Court.

ASSAULTING A WOMAN AT CONSETT.

John McGuckian, a youth, was summoned for assaulting Mary Parker, an old woman, living in Edith Street, Consett, on the 11th inst., by knocking her down. Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) appeared for complainant, whose evidence was to the effect that on the day in question a pony and trap were standing in front of her door, and some boys were in the street playing football. Complainant went out to them, and told them to cease. Presently the ball got within the wheel of the trap, and she was in the act of securing the ball when defendant gave her shove, which knocked her over and hurt her very much.—Defendant said he would call evidence to prove that he did not shove complainant.—A little girl stated that when defendant was getting the ball the other boys shoved him against complainant, who fell on her arm. The other boys were afraid to go for the ball, and they asked defendant to get it.—Mrs McGuckian gave similar testimony.—Defendant was not convicted, but ordered to pay 7s 6d costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Daniel Tilley, George Thompson, Joseph Gladders, John Edward Johnson, and *Thomas Thompson*, boys, were summoned for doing damage to underwood to the extent of 1d each, at East Castle, on the 17th inst.—P.C. Crisp deposed to finding defendants in a plantation belonging to the Greencroft Hall estate on the day in question. The defendants were trespassing for the purpose of getting whip-stocks.—The agent appeared, and proved the damage, and said they were subject to a great amount of damage.—Defendants, who admitted their guilt, were fined 6d each, and ordered to pay the damage and costs—6s 1d each altogether.

EDUCATION ACT.

Henry Forsyth, miner, Dipton, was summoned by Mr David Mole, at the instigation of the Collierley School Board, for not sending his daughter to school.—The mother stated that the child had been suffering from scarlet fever, and could not attend school, but at the present time she had commenced to go to school.—Mr Mole stated that the time the child was off with the fever had not been taken into consideration.—Fined 5s, including costs.

Ann Robson, widow, Consett, was summoned by Mr Wm. Ward, on behalf of the Lanchester School Attendance Committee, for not sending her son regularly to school.—Mr Ward stated that he would apply to have the boy sent to an Industrial School. The mother was a widow, and the lad would not go to school. The school the boy was accustomed to attend had refused to admit him again.—A daughter said that her mother did not wish her son to be sent to an Industrial School. There was not one of the authorities belonging the different schools that would take her brother in.—The Chairman: The boy must have been misconducting himself.—Mr Ward: There is something in it.—The Chairman said the case would be dismissed, and Mr Ward would have to take some other steps.

Ann McCoy, of White-le-Head, again appeared to answer the charge of not sending her son to school.—Mr Ward asked that the boy be made to attend school till he was 14 years of age.—The mother stated that her son had not passed the required standards, and she was wishful that he might attend the Flint Hill National Schools.—An order was made for the boy to attend the above-named school.

George Harrison, miner, White-le-Head, was summoned for not sending his children regularly to school.—Mr Ward stated that defendant's children attended school very irregularly. — The father declared that he could not pay the school fees, but he had not applied for assistance recently.—Mr Ward pointed out that in accordance with defendant's last two paybills he was in receipt of good wages.—Defendant was fined 5s.

George Reynoldson, Blackhill, was proceeded against by Mr A. McKean, schoolwarden for the Benfieldside Board, for not sending his child to school on the 13th inst.—Defendant was mulcted in the full penalty.

Michael Ward, Blackhill, was summoned by Mr McKean for not sending his daughter to school, on April 10th.—A brother averred that the child could not attend school.—Fined 5s.

UNLAWFULLY WOUNDING AT LEADGATE.

Ellen Green, a married woman, living at Leadgate, appeared on bail to answer a charge of unlawfully wounding Elizabeth Stacey, wife of a miner, living at 143, Leadgate.—Complainant stated that on Thursday, 23rd April, about six p.m., she was in the back square, and saw defendant shake her mat under her washing of clothes that she had out drying. Complainant told her not to do that again, and defendant replied that she would. Complainant informed defendant that she deserved a smack in the face for doing such a low trick. Defendant said "wait now," and rushing into the house came out again with the poker (produced) and struck her in the face, causing a wound over the left eye. Mrs Green then threw the poker which struck the pantry window. Complainant's boy then went and brought her husband out, and defendant went into the house. After washing herself she went to Dr Renton's surgery, and the wound was stitched by Dr Allen.—Dr Allen spoke to complainant coming to the surgery, and he stitched up the wound (about an inch long) over the left eye. It was not a dangerous one, and complainant was going on all right. P.C. Lambert deposed that he apprehended defendant at 5.30 that night, and charged her with cutting and wounding Mrs Stacey. Defendant replied, "I went into the house and got the poker, and was coming out again, when complainant pulled the poker out of my hands and it struck her on the head."—Defendant averred that Mrs Stacey seized hold of the poker, and while endeavouring to take the weapon from her, it flew up and struck her upon the head. She positively denied hitting complainant with the poker, and asserted that Mrs Stacey was the aggresive party, as she was intending to fell her with the weapon. — Complainant's boy having testified that defendant struck his mother with a poker, the Bench reduced the charge to a common assault, the Chairman remarking that defendant might have killed the woman. She would be fined 20s, and 4s 6d costs.

COMPROMISED.

Sarah Hagan was summoned for assaulting Harriet Hardy, at Consett, 19th inst.—A cross-summons was also issued by Harriet Hardy against Sarah Hagan.—Complainant appeared and stated that the case had been compromised, and wished the same to be withdrawn.—The application was granted on payment of costs.

STEALING A CLOAK AT CONSETT.

Annie Ward, domestic servant, appeared on bail to answer a charge of stealing a cloak, the property of Catherine O'Hanlon, lodging-house keeper, Harvey Street, Consett, on the 4th inst.—Sarah O'Hanlon, wife of James O'Hanlon, swore that the accused was domestic servant in her employment. After defendant had left her she missed the cloak, and she accordingly gave information to the police. The cloak (produced) was worth 10s.—Catherine O'Hanlon, daughter, gave evidence of seeing Ward with the cloak on the night after she left her mother's employment. Witness never authorised Ward to take the cloak or even sent it to her.—Inspector Benzies spoke to apprehending prisoner, and charged her with stealing the cloak. Prisoner replied, "Catherine gave it to me. Accused then went to her residence, and handed the cloak over to him.—Ward stated that she was not guilty. She had 5s per week whilst in the service of Mrs O'Halon, and her daughter gave her the cloak. She had a fortnight's wage lying yet, and she had never asked for it. Mrs O'Hanlon had never had a girl yet but what she always charged them with stealing. The cloak was not worth 2s 6d.—In answer to the Chairman, Mrs O'Hanlon stated that she never knew until accused had left her service, and she did not know yet the reason why. If she had worked her notice, she would have received her money.—Defendant was fined 10s including costs.

ALLEGED INDECENCY AT CONSETT.

Mary Fittes, hailing from Stoney Heap, was charged with stealing 3s 6d, from the person of John McDonald labourer, of Ark Street, Consett, on Friday night, 24th inst.—Prosecutor, an elderly person, who formerly belonged the Salvation Army, attested that he met prisoner in Victoria Street about seven p.m. Prisoner and another woman were standing, and one of the women spoke to him. Prosecutor had some conversation with prisoner. He was under the influence of drink, but was not drunk. (Laughter). He made a bargain with prisoner, and gave her 1s for an immoral purpose. Prosecutor went into a back street, and he alleged that whilst attempting to commit the deed, prisoner abstracted the 3s 6d out of one of his trousers pockets. After prosecutor found out what Fittes had done, he told her to give him back the money or he would go and seek the police.—In answer to the accused, prosecutor stated that he took 1½d out of his pocket and gave it to prisoner for a glass of beer, and subsequently gave her the 1s.—In reply to the Chairman, McDonald stated that in his pocket he had 2s, 1s, and 6d, which prisoner took.—P.C. Haw said that from the story he got from prosecutor, he apprehended prisoner. On charging her she said that she was not guilty.—Fittes stated that prosecutor gave her a florin and a shilling piece in mistake for 1½d for the glass of beer. After she came out of the public-house he gave her 1s, and she ran away with the whole of the money. This was the truth.—McDonald stated that he was with her in the backyard.—Prisoner: He never had intercourse with me.—After a short consultation, the Chairman said the Magistrates could not believe prosecutor on his oath, and the case would be dismissed.

SECOND COURT.

Before J. W. Walton-Wilson and W. Green, Esqs.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following persons were proceeded against for drunkenness:—*Joseph Bates*, Consett, 18th April, 5s and costs; *Ann Acon*, Consett, 18th inst., 2s 6d; *Matthew Glancey*, Consett, 10th inst., 5s; *Joseph McClusky*, Blackhill, 13th inst., 5s; *Thomas Ogleby*, Blackhill, 21st inst., 5s; *John Mooney*, Leadgate, 11th inst., 5s; *James Donnolly*, Blackhall Mill, 12th inst., 5s; *Joseph* and *William McNastree*, Hamsterley Colliery, 12th inst., 5s each; *John Musgrove, John Hodgson, Jacob Ridley*, and *James Donnolly*, Blackhall Mill, 11th inst., 5s each; *Thomas Simpson* and *Peter Bryan*, Blackhall Mill, 12th April, 5s each; *Joseph Schollins* and *William Cregg*, Blackhall Mill, 12th inst., 5s each; *Patrick Gaffrey*, Tanfield Moor, 11th inst., 5s; *Sarah Jardine*, Tanfield Moor, 12th inst., dismissed; *Joseph Gibson* and *James Crossing*, Consett, Saturday last, 5s each; *Daniel Morgan, James* and *David Evans*, at Consett, Saturday and Sunday respectively, dismissed; *Henry Smith*, Leadgate, 25th inst., 5s; *Thomas Smith, James Mervin, James McNally, Patrick Shea, James Donnolly*, and *John Thomas Green*, Consett, Saturday, 5s each.

DRUNK IN CHARGE OF A HORSE AND CART.

Septimas Cooper was charged by P.C. Richardson, with being drunk in charge of a horse and cart in the vicinity of Tanfield Moor, on April 12th.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Joseph Schollins and *Patrick McNastrie*, miners, were accused by P.O. Lawson of fighting at Blackhall Mill, on the 12th inst.—Schollins was bound over for three months, and pay the costs, while the charge against McNastrie was dismissed.

STEALING EGGS.

Ellen Dawson, a well-known character, who was apprehended on Saturday on leaving Durham Gaol, was charged with stealing eggs of the value of 6d, the property of Francis Holmes, of New House Farm, Hamsteels, on the 19th March. Prisoner pleaded guilty.—Prosecutor deposed that he was the occupant of New House Farm. On the 19th March, he missed a quantity of eggs from his hen-house. At ten o'clock on the following morning, he saw prisoner coming out of a loose house where the fowls frequently lay. He charged her with stealing eggs, and took her into his house. Prosecutor opened her pocket and saw one broken egg in it. Prisoner then said, "It is the first time I have done wrong. I will give you my name, and I hope you will let me go this time." He took her to the police station at Quebec, and handed her over to Sergeant Bain, and value the eggs at 6d.—Annie Holmes, daughter, nine years of age, stated that she resided with her parents at New House Farm. About nine o'clock on the morning of the 19th March, she was leaving home to go to school, when she saw the prisoner coming from the direction of her father's hen-house. Prisoner went along the road, and when about 100 yards from the house she saw prisoner take four or five eggs from under her shawl and put them into her frock pocket. Witness informed her father at night of what she had seen.—Inspector Mitham stated that on Saturday last he received the prisoner into his custody at Durham on a warrant. He charged her with stealing six eggs, the property of Francis Holmes, of New House Farm, Hamsteels, valued at 6d, on the 19th and 20th March. Prisoner replied, "Yes, I took them; I never took anything before."—Prisoner, who wept bitterly, stated that she had nothing whatever to say with regard to the charge.—The magistrates committed prisoner to gaol for one month with hard labour.

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LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, April 23rd.—Before Councillor Jas. Annandale (presiding), W. B. Van Haansbergen, Esq., and Rev F. W. Glyn.

DRUNKENNESS.

Robert Welsh, William Shaw, Mark Bell, and *Cuthbert Robson*, Lanchester, 11th April, 5s each and costs; *William Barron*, Lanchester, 5s; *William Smith* and *Peter Stapleton*, Lanchester, 11th April, 10s each and costs, or seven days, for non-appearance; *John Wm. Harrison* and *Thomas Cox*, Burnhope, 12th inst., 5s and expenses; *Frank McDuggan* (since absconded), Annfield Plain, 7th inst., 10s and costs; *Thos. Smith*, Annfield Plain, same date, 5s and expenses; *Thomas Harrison* and *Thomas Johnson*, Satley, April 14th, 10s each and costs; *Jonathan Forster*, Esh, 10th inst (drunk and indecently behaving himself), 7s 6d and costs; *David Brown* (who was represented by his wife) and *Charles Fairless*, Stag's Head, near Waterhouses, 11th inst., 5s and costs; *James Stewart, Wm. Bains*, and *Oliver Jefferson*, Craghead, 11th April, 5s and costs; *Ralph Pringleton*, Craghead, 11th inst., 10s; *Hugh Hilland*, Craghead, 11th April, 5s; *John Smith*, Witton Gilbert, 29th April, 7s 6d and expenses.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Michael Gardner and *Robert Curry* pleaded guilty to fighting and creating a disturbance in the back-yard of a public-house at Craghead, on the 11th ult.—Bound over in the sum of £5 each to keep the peace, and pay the costs.

SINGULAR ASSAULT CASE AT CONSETT.

Patrick Clarke, labourer, was brought up on a charge of assaulting Bridget Clarke, his wife, at Consett, on the 20th inst.—The prosecutor, whose eyes were terribly blackened, and her face badly discoloured, besides having her left hand severely cut, attested that on the night in question her husband knocked her down and tried to choke her. He struck her repeatedly on the face, and also cut her hand with some instrument which she could not see. Complainant, however, did not wish to press the case against her husband, but merely wanted him bound over to keep the peace.—In answer to the Bench, Mrs Clarke stated that she had defendant arrested on a warrant. He previously assaulted her some years ago, and had been bound over to keep the peace. He had never been sent to prison for ill-treating her. She had been married to him for 20 years. She was not the worse for drink at the time.—Defendant, who pleaded guilty, said that his wife was tipsy, and when she came in late at night began to scold him. He had been asleep with the children, and the woman began to pull the clothes off the bed. He replaced the clothing, which was again dragged off the bed.—Peter Clarke, a son, gave evidence to the effect that when his father and three sons came home from work, between five and six o'clock, on Monday evening, there was no fire in the house and no tea ready for them. Witness went to a cook-shop for something to eat, and he returned about a quarter-past 10 o'clock. His mother came in about a quarter to 11 o'clock, and she was so drunk that she could hardly stand. Their mother repeatedly pulled the clothes off the bed where the father and children were sleeping, and also began to scold them. There was no breakfast for any of the family either on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. His father got out of bed, and shoved his wife away, and she fell down. Witness alleged that his mother was always drunk, spending all their joint earnings at the public-house, and also pawned their clothing. (Witness produced two pawn-tickets for young men's suits pledged). He had had nothing to eat on Monday and Tuesday except what he got at his sister's at Blackhill.—A younger brother attested that after his mother pulled the clothes off the bed, she went for a bucket of water to throw over her husband, when she fell in front of the fire and caught her head against the edge of the long-settle, thereby causing a black eye.—The Magistrates, after a brief consultation, said the whole case was a lamentable mystery, but they could not overlook the assault, notwithstanding the provocation defendant had received, and the trouble he had hitherto experienced. He would be fined 10s and costs (12s). If the aggravation had not been so great, the punishment would have been much more severe, and they advised the accused to keep his hands off his wife in the future.

GAME TRESPASS.

Thomas Westgarth, a mason, was fined 10s and costs for trespassing in pursuit of conies on land belonging to Lord Boyne, near Waterhouses, on April 1st.—It was alleged by Thomas Forster and R. Sanderson, gamewatchers, that defendant set a snare, but Westgarth positively denied that he was ever within 20 yards of the snare. He was taking a short cut to his work.

ALLEGED THEFT OF JEWELLERY AT BURNHOPE.

Margaret Adamson Stout, the wife of a miner living at Burnhope Colliery, was charged with stealing a quantity of jewellery, belonging to Solomon Levi, a Jewish traveller, residing at No 10, Gloucester Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 15th April. Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) defended.

Prosecutor, whose words were not property articulated and whose language was difficult to understand, said he was an assistant for Solomon Segal, of Newcastle, on Wednesday, 15th April, he went to the prisoner's house at Burnhope, and ask permission to leave his jewellery box there for a few minutes, while he went and delivered some handbills. Mrs Stout told him he could leave it with pleasure. Prosecutor did so, and returned about ten minutes later, and found the box opened, and the articles upset. In answer to his enquiry as to why she had undone the box, Mr Stout replied "My child opened it." Complainant examined the box, and found the following articles missing—A white albert with two compasses, five brooches, three gold alberts, white rings, three pairs of sugar tongs, five alberts, a canadian gold ring. &c., all being the property of his master, and were valued at £2 10s. He informed Mrs Stout that he would go for the police, and she answered "Very well. You can go. But I have not got the things." Just as he was about to start off, prisoner said, "Wait a minute. I'll have a look." She pulled the sheet off the bed, and discovered an albert, brooch, and two pair of sugar tongs. Prosecutor accepted the things, and thereafter went for the police.

Cross-examined by Mr Welford: Prosecutor stated that Mrs Stout was busy washing, and there was a little child playing in the kitchen. Defendant explained that the child had pulled his box off the chair and upset the contents. When he told her, however, that there were certain things missings, she said "I'll have a look and see what the child has done with them," and also expressed a hope that none of the spectacles were broken. The other articles alleged to have been pilfered had not yet been recovered. He did not sell all the articles at 1s and 2s each as advertised on the bill. He stayed overnight at Consett, and unlocked the box before going to Burnhope. There was a strap fastened around the box. His box was a "clever" one, and could not be opened by anybody. (Laughter). He never said to the police officer, "Never mind. There's only 10s worth of stuff gone, and I'll get the money from her."

By the Bench: He could replace the whole of the things stolen for less than 20s.

Agnes Burnip, the wife of John Burnip, a miner, living next door to the accused, spoke to seeing Mrs Stout go to the water closet, and immediately emerge therefrom. Witness entered the place and perceived an albert with a tassle, and a brooch partly concealed in the wood roof. She could not identify the things produced as the same. Subsequently, witness saw the prisoner pass too and from the water-closet three times, and when she (Mrs Burnip) again went there, the jewellery was gone. Two families used this water-closet.

By Mr Welford: Mrs Stout and herself were not on speaking terms. It was not her business to inform the police of her discovery.

P.C. Jameson deposed to going to the house and asking the prisoner what she had done with the jewellery. She replied, "I know nothing about it." The prosecutor exhibited the articles produced, and Mrs Stout retorted that "The child (which was one year and five months old) had opened the box and had taken the goods out. On April 21st, witness apprehended the accused, and in answer to the charge, she stated, "Two pairs of sugar tongs and a brooch and albert were all the child got. I know nothing about the other things." The remainder of the jewellery had not yet been recovered.

Replying to Mr Welford, the officer stated that the Stouts were very respectable people, and nothing was known against their character.

Prisoner pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by the Bench.

Mr Welford's defence was that when prosecutor got permission to leave his box at Stout's house, his client was busy washing. A child was playing in the kitchen, and upset the box, and began to play with the jewellery, some of which it placed on the bed, which was only about a foot-and-a half in height. Mrs Stout picked up the jewellery lying upon the floor, and replaced the articles in the box. When Levi informed her that there were other things missing, she looked on the bed, and observed the three articles placed there by the child. Both the prosecutor and the policeman had searched the premises, and had not been able to find any more goods. The story of Mrs Burnip he regarded as an invention, given out of spite. According to their own handbills, the prosecution stated that all the articles enumerated therein were sold at 1s and 2s each, and taking the value of each piece of jewellery alleged to have been stolen at 2s each, the sum would only amount to £1 6s 0d.

The Magistrates agreed to reduce the ratio of the goods to £1, and fined the defendant £2. The Bench also considered that prosecutor was wrong in leaving an open box in a stranger's house, and thereby placing temptation in the way, and likewise trying to make such a profit out of the transaction.

A CONSETT MISSIONARY IN EAST AFRICA.

Mochi,
East Africa,
Feb. 16th, 1891.

DEAR,—In African phraseology, I beg to say many "Salaams," and, after salaams to you, many salaams to all in the house; and after "Salaams," I lift up my hands to write you all the news I can. Major Von Wissmann arrived here on Saturday, Feb. 14th. The object of his expedition was to punish two tribes who had defied the Germans, viz.:—Kiboso on the mountain, one-and-a-half days' distance; and Arusha, on the plain, three days' off. The force consisted of about 800 soldiers, 30 European officers, 2 field-guns, and many porters. They started on Wednesday, the eleventh, and the next day we heard firing at intervals, and again on Friday morning early when the maxim gun was very clearly distinguishable. They returned on Saturday evening, having been (as of course I expected) completely successful in spite of a brave resistance on the part of the Wakiboso, who stubbornly defended each passage, and seem to have been overcome by the scientific fighting and weapons superior to their own. The victors brought with them more than eight hundred cattle, and upwards of two thousand goats and sheep, also some women and children who were taken from the houses to which the soldiers set fire. Some of the women were sent back yesterday with presents of cloth and a peaceful message, and all the others are to follow them. One feels really sorry for the Wakiboso, but cannot blame the Germans who tried to arrange matters peacefully, but Sina, king of Kiboso, would not listen to any proposals, and in spite of all the warnings continued to deal in slaves up to the last few weeks, and was as ready as ever to go pillaging weaker states. Perhaps, later on, I may have the report of the Arasha, which has yet to come off.

Since about the middle of January earthquake shocks have been here of almost daily occurrence. While I was at Taveta I felt one shock, but Dr Baxter counted six in Mochi in one day. Four days ago in the morning, a shock so violent and so prolonged made the boys in the school-room throw down their books and start up ready to run out. I cannot but think that stone or brick houses would have been seriously damaged, even if they had not been shaken to pieces, but these houses of wood *tied* together rather than nailed appear to suffer very slightly.

Wednesday, Feb. 25th—The earthquakes appear to have ceased entirely as we have not felt a shock for about a week. Since the Germans were selling some of their cattle I bought for about a pound each (12 rupees) six cows, and four goats and two sheep at five shillings each. In Mochi, one can rarely buy a cow, and the cost of one is always from fifty to a hundred rupees. The animals I bought were chiefly for my boy's wages at the rate of a cow for six month's work. Mochi being all but dried up this season, and fodder being extremely dear. I determined to get the cows taken down to evergreen Taveta. We started at one o'clock in the morning of Saturday. On Monday we returned, bringing a third Taveta boy. We hope to go again to Taveta next Monday to do a fortnight's teaching before the rains begin. I am having a house built at Taveta in native style, beehive shaped, but with the addition of windows. It measures fifteen feet across. Here is the estimate:

	£	s.	d.
Building the house, 2 goats	0	10	0
Material for thatching, 20 yds. cloth	0	5	0
Putting on the thatch, 1 goat	0	5	0
Total	1	0	0

This same work would cost more than four times as much in Mochi, and no one could undertake to do it without leave from Mandara, and a pretty high price they would have to pay for leave from him, and then the labour of bringing trees and grass so many miles would be very great.

February 26th—The Germans have not yet been to Arusha, and the Major told us that he has not time to go now, but must first go to the coast. It seems, however, that they did not bring up a sufficient supply of ammunition. Dr B bought ten cattle from the Germans; six of them have died, and one is ill. One of my six has died, and three are ill. Some of the natives say that sunstroke has killed them. They had lived in the houses, but had been a week out of doors before they were brought here; but I fancy that the cattle plague that has exterminated the cattle near the coast, and is now slaughtering buffaloes by hundreds, is the cause of this sickness and death. I trust you are all well, and all the bad colds gone. You will be glad to hear that I have no aches nor pains, and since I came to Africa I do not think that I have sneezed ten times, except now and then when I amused the natives by taking a pinch of their snuff.

March 18th—Taveta. I came here on the second of the month, but went to Mochi for three days out of the time, returning here alone. It is a laborious journey now between the two places, through the scarcity of water, and the necessity of carrying a good supply. Starting at day-break one is scarcely thirsty until half the walk is over, but thence onward, when the sun is terrific, the dryness and thirst are indescribable. Walking to Mochi, just lately, the skin was scorched off the calves of my legs, and I unfortunately broke my calabash, two-and-a-half hours from water. All my cows have died; but this loss I grieve to say is not the worst of the matter, for my cows carried the disease into Taveta, and nine of their cattle have died, including three of Yohana's (Neni) and his mother's. In Mochi itself it seems likely that the cattle will be exterminated, and milk and butter, which are always dear, will disappear from our table. It is easier to live here than at Mochi. I get on pretty well eating native food. In the morning I take cocoa, and tea in the evening. My solid food is for the most part bananas, fish, and roasted maize. The tea and cocoa are not extra good without milk, and sweetened with a mixture of honey and saccharine. All being well I hope by next mail to be sending to London for some necessary things, and I will tell you what I want from home, which you can get shipped at the same time. You ask what Yohana would like. Well, I have found out he would like very much to have a pair of canvas cricket shoes, with leather soles, toes, and heals, and a strap across instep to lace. One size less than for me would fit him. Can you send me four umbrellas like the one you sent me last year, also some tin cans like workmen carry their tea in, to hold a pint, and three pints, also some small brass padlocks, some tin mugs, some Spanish liquorice to make cough mixture of, some essence of peppermint to mix with it, a few sixpenny pocket books with the pencil at the side and elastic band, any other small note books, and some letters of the English alphabet (small as well as capitals), some metal whistles, and some penny tin whistles, a sponge or two, pepper boxes, tin frying-pan, tumblers, a tin saucepan, a tin lanthern, and a few glass chimneys for my lamp. For packing purposes oatmeal would be very acceptable, as well as sugar and grain of any kind. Love to all friends.—Yours, ALBERT R. STEGGALL.

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CONSERVATISM IN NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

The Constitutional Club van, "Abergavenny," has during the past fortnight been on tour in the North-West Durham Division, under the above auspices. The van visited Burnhope on Monday week, when a meeting was held during the evening in the schoolroom. Mr John Young, of the Conservative Central Association, London, delivered an address on "Our Colonial Empire," illustrating by a series of magic lantern views the chief points of interest in our colonies. The chair was taken by Councillor J. T. Forster. On Tuesday the van visited Craghead, and in the evening a lecture was given on "Ireland." On Wednesday the "Abergavenny" travelled to Stanley, where Mr Goring delivered an address on "Our Indian Empire," under the presidency of Mr T. Colquhoun. At Dipton, on Thursday, when Rev R. Tuson (vicar) occupied the chair, an address was given on "The Life and Times of Lord Beaconsfield," the week's meetings being brought to a close at Medomsley on Friday, when the subject chosen by Mr Young was "Our Colonial Empire," Mr Moffatt presiding. The whole of the lectures were illustrated by magic lantern views, the lantern being worked by Mr J. T. Luck. The meetings, which had been arranged by Mr J. G. Murray, the Conservative agent for the division, were of a most satisfactory nature, the enthusiasm at several places being very great.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr J. S. Murray had only a small supply of stock of not a very good class on Monday. A fair company of buyers were present, but the demand was not brisk except for sheep, which maintained their prices. Fat cattle to 13 7s 6d; sheep to 46s 6d; sows in pig to £5 10s; pork pigs to 46s; store pigs to 30s. Seed potatoes 17s per load. Spring cart, &c., harness, &c., made fair prices.

TOW LAW.—Mr J. Vickers had forward on Monday, 65 dairy cows and heifers, 27 fat cattle, 13 calves, 38 geld cows, 9 shorthorn bulls, 223 store cattle (steers and heifers), 60 fat sheep and hoggs, 160 mule and black-faced ewes and followers. Calved cows made up to £19 15s; cows to calve, to £20 10s; fat cattle, to £18 10s; calves, to 45s; geld cows, to £14 10s; shorthorn bull stirks, to £12; geld heifers, to £12 10; steers, to £13; fat hoggs, to 57s 6d—top, Viscount Boyne, Brancepeth Castle; black-faced ewes and followers, by Leicester tup, to 35s 6d. Large attendance of buyers from all parts of the county, Northumberland, and Yorkshire.

ROBBERY FROM A ANNFIELD PLAIN MAN.

On Monday, at Newcastle Police Court—Mr W. D. Cruddas and Ald. Holmes on the bench—*George Leybourne* (61), and *George Wylie* (69), were charged with having stolen 24s from Sidney Collicott, while in a railway train running from Scotswood to Newcastle, on Saturday afternoon.—Prosecutor, a young man living at Annfield Plain, stated that he was coming from Lintz Green to Newcastle, when prisoners and another man got into the train at Scotswood. They produced three cards and commenced playing and betting amongst themselves. Leybourne asked him to bet, but he refused. At Elswick Station, while getting his ticket out, he was "dubious" of Leybourne, who was sitting next him, and he was removing his money from one pocket to another, when Leybourne said, "Bet the half-sovereign, sir." Witness refused, and Leybourne then knocked the money out of his hand, and 24s fell upon Wylie's overcoat, and Wylie jumped out of the train and ran away, although the train at the time was moving at a fast rate. Witness, on the arrival of the train at Newcastle, followed Leybourne and gave him into custody.—Corroborative evidence was given to show what took place in the train, and showing also that Leybourne was stopped by a young man as he was running through the streets.—P.C. J. Carr stated that he took Leybourne into custody, and found upon him 10s and a pack of cards.—Both prisoners pleaded guilty.—Detective Gray said the men were both cardsharpers, and were companions. Neither had been there before, but he new them well, and he had never known either of them to work.—Each was sent to goal for three months' hard labour.

GRAND CONCERT AT MEDOMSLEY.

One of the most attractive concerts ever held in Medomsley was that given on Monday evening, in the Temperance Hall, Medomsley, in aid of the funds of the Ebchester Rowing Club. Mr R. Walton, of Blackhill, who was the moving spirit in the affair, had succeeded in getting such an array of talent together as is seldom heard in the above village. Our readers will fully understand this when we mention that among the *artistes* figuring on the programme were Miss Kate Bellas, the celebrated contralto, of Newcastle; Master Robt. Smith, the famous boy clarionettist, of Newcastle; and Miss Weaver, of Consett, a rising young soprano. Considering the excellence of the programme, we were much surprised that the building was not packed from end to end; but nevertheless, there was a pretty large and appreciative audience present. Owing to the regrettable absence of Mr C. Stelling, whose name appeared several times on the programme, the latter underwent considerable alteration. Mr T. D. Dryden opened the programme with a song that was loudly applauded. Miss Weaver followed with a perfect rendering of "The children's home," the audience testifying their appreciation by a hearty round of cheers. The clarionet solo by Master R. Smith, "Cujus Animam," can only be described as marvellous. This youthful genius is a perfect master of his instrument, and his efforts were greeted with an *encore* that was not to be denied. A capital part song, "In this hour," by Misses Weaver and Bellas, and Messrs Dryden, Scott, and Lowes, followed, their voices blending admirably. Miss Bellas sang "Toilers of the sea" in splendid style, evoking hearty plaudits. "The admiral's broom" received full justice at the hands of Mr T. D. Dryden. Mr C. F. Scott was loudly *encored* for his rendition of "Off to Philadelphia," and responded with "The roast beef of Old England." Miss Bellas sang "Daddy" in such a charming and winsome manner as to gain an enthusiastic re-call, and she complied by giving "My boy Tammy" equally as well. "Home, sweet home" was Master R. Smith's second selection, and this was, if possible, rather more beautifully played than his former effort. There was no resisting the unanimous *encore* that followed, and the youthful performer again appeared. A request having been made for another Scotch song from Miss Bellas, the latter lady graciously responded by giving that old favourite, "Coming thro' the rye," faultlessly. An *encore* followed as a matter of course, and once more Miss Bellas obliged, singing "No, sir" in a manner that left nothing to be desired. A promising tenor, in the person of Mr A. Wilson, of Consett, sang "Afton water" splendidly, and he is to be heartily congratulated on the success of what we understand was his first public appearance. We hope to hear him more often. Mr R. Lowes, who is an old favourite at Medomsley, was heard to great advantage in "Rock'd in the cradle of the deep," and was very cordially applauded. That now popular song, "The song that reached my heart," was rendered by Mr T. D. Dryden in such perfect fashion as to secure him the honour of a re-call. A similar honour was accorded to Miss Miss Weaver for "Carrier John," and it was thoroughly well deserved. Miss Weaver responded with "Twickenham Ferry," also beautifully sang. "The skipper's cheer" by Mr R. Lowes followed, and a better rendering of this capital song it would be difficult to hear. The last item on the programme was a glee, appropriately entitled "Good night," which was admirably rendered by Misses Weaver and Bellas, and Messrs Dryden, Scott, and Lowes. Mr George Stephenson, of Blackhill, performed the duties of accompanist in a most efficient manner. Everyone present was highly delighted with the entertainment, and wishes were expressed on every hand that the village of Medomsley might soon be favoured with another concert of a similar nature.

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Shares £100 each. ½ Shares are also issued. Entrance Fee 1s per share. Subscriptions before advance, 1s per share per week. Repayments after advance, 15s 4d per share per calendar month. Immediately shares are balloted, subscriptions cease, and the amount already paid is carried to the borrower's credit as part repayment. Legal expenses may be paid if the borrower desire it out of the subscriptions in hand, thus enabling Members to purchase property without having to find any money at the initial stage. The longer a Member is in getting a ballot, the more cash he will have to his credit, and thus it will take him a shorter time to pay off his mortgage. On payment of the amount due the deeds are returned at once, and the member retires from the Society with no further liability.

No Back Subscriptions to pay.

No Fines when ill or unemployed.

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Appropriations can be transferred for sixpence.

Prompt payment of withdrawals at any time after 12 months' membership.

Appropriations twice as quick as in our sixpence per share societies.

The Society is prepared to purchase Appropriations at a fixed premium at any time. A Member can thus retire with a handsome profit immediately the shares are balloted.

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A uniform rate of £1 per cent. per annum charged as interest on Appropriated Shares.

Advances, prior to being balloted, at 5 per cent. on yearly balances, or on same terms as private mortgage.

Every facility will be given for acquiring property at the least possible cost, and no effort will be spared to make the Paragon Building Society even more successful than our popular Starr-Bowketts.

Early application for shares should be made, as the membership is limited to 500 books.

Not more than five shares can be held in one book.

SECRETARY: MR GEORGE SHUM MIN.

SOLICITOR: MR J. F. WEATHERLEY, 32, Fawcett Street, Sunderland. 83c

Public Notices.

SHOTLEY HIRINGS will be held on Wednesday first, May 6th, 1891. 562e

TANFIELD LEA MISSION BAND OF HOPE will be held on May 30th. 540e

98 53, and 273, are the WINNING Numbers of Drawing by R. BEATTIE, Dipton. 548e

271 IS the WINNING NUMBER of Gun drawn for on the 23rd ult., by John Fewster, Stanley Back Head. 548e

NOTE.—The Annual BAND FESTIVAL of the Annfield Plain Y.M.C.A. will be held on Saturday, August 1st. 574e

LOOK OUT for the BE-MISH RED ROW FLORAL and HORTICULTURAL SHOW on Sept. 19th. 567e

NOTICE—MOUNTSETT LEEK SHOW. A Meeting of the above Show will be held at Mr. T. WATSON'S, on May 2nd, 1891. 528e

JOSHUA LAX, Furnishing, Ironmonger, Stanley Bridge, will CLOSE his Business Premises at 6 o'clock from the 1st May to the end of Aug., 1891.

BEAMISH COLLIERY VEGETABLE SOCIETY will hold their Annual Show, on Saturday, August 29th, 1891. HENRY WOOD, Secretary. 555e

CRAGHEAD COLLIERY READING-ROOM SPORTS, Ball, Tea, &c., will be held on Saturday, June 20th, 1891. £20 will be given in Prizes. 562e

BURNHOPE COLLIERY READING ROOM SPORTS, BALL, &c., will be held on Whit-day, June 8th. £50 in Prizes. Band wanted for Field and Ball.

406e GEO. LAWSON, Secretary.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLOWER SHOW.

(42ND ANNUAL)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 1891.

For Schedules apply to W. RAMSAY, Blackhill.

ALLENSFORD P.M.C. ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—On SUNDAY, May 3rd, 1891, two Sermons will be Preached in the above Chapel, in the Afternoon at Two, and Evening at Six o'clock, by MR W. MOLLENNING, White-le-Head. Collection at each Service in aid of Trust Fund. 561e

LANCHESTER FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE 41st Annual SHOW of Plants, Flowers, Fruits, and Vegetables will be held in a Field at Lanchester, on Wednesday, September 2nd, 1891. For Schedules, &c., apply to

578e THOMAS W. WILSON, Hon. Secretary.

OPEN SPORTS on June 13th, when £50 in Prizes will be competed for. £12 10s for 120 Yards Handicap (Open): Entrance Fees, 1s; Close June 6th; 80 Yards Handicap; Quarter Mile Handicap; Hurdle Race; £4 10s for Quoiting, Football, Cricketing, &c. Further particulars see Bills.

EDWARD STOKER, Secretary.

CONSETT UNITED TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

A PUBLIC MEETING & CONCERT will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, on MONDAY First, May 4th.

SPEAKERS:—

MR DAVID MCMILLAN, of Sunderland, the newly-appointed Agent for the N.E.T.L.; MR RAMSDEN, Consett, and others.

SOLOISTS,

Miss WEAVER, Miss RAMSDEN, and MR J. SIDDLE.

The Blackhill and Consett Mission Bands will assist. Chair to be taken at 7-30 by C. T. DOUGLAS Esq., President of the Association. Admission Free. Collection at the close. 599e

WILLIAM SURTEES, DECEASED.

ALL PERSONS having any claim or demand against the Estate of the above Deceased, late of Benfeldside Road, Blackhill, Builder, are required to send particulars thereof forthwith to

JOHN G. MURRAY,

42, Westgate Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Consett.

Solicitor to the Administratrix. 497e

BURNOPFIELD COLLIERY PRIMITIVE METHODIST NEW CHAPEL.

OPENING SERVICES.

ON MAY 16TH, the OPENING SERMON will be PREACHED at 2-30 p.m., by REV J. HALLAM, President of the Conference. Monster TEA at 5-30. PUBLIC MEETING at 6-30. Chairman, Mr THOMAS BRABBAN. Speakers: Revs J. Hallam, J. Elliott, M. P. Davison, and M. Johnson.—On SUNDAY, May 17th, SERMONS will be Preached, Morning and Evening, by JAMES BELL, Esq., Durham; Afternoon, by Rev M. JOHNSON.—Sunday, May 24th, by M. TITLER, Esq., of Hetton; Afternoon, Mr H. C. WOOD.—Sunday, May 31st, by the BOY PREACHER (Mr W. FOITER); Afternoon, Mr T. BRABBAN. Collections at all the Services in aid of Building Expenses. 556e

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

BARNUM AND BAILEY,

And the so-called Greatest Show on Earth, outdone, completely Eclipsed by the Newly-organised Invention of

LORD GEORGE SANGER,

THE

WORLD'S GREATEST SHOWMAN.

COMBINED LONDON ESTABLISHMENTS and the GREAT EXHIBITION IASIA.

This is the Largest Exhibition that ever moved upon the surface of the earth. More Horses, more Artistes, more Wild Beasts than in Six Exhibitions put together, and will be found upon its arrival in this town to fairly surpass the most sanguine expectations of those who have travelled Europe and America. There is nothing in any part of the Globe to compare with

LORD GEORGE SANGER'S NEW ENTER PRISE OF 1891.

WEST STANLEY, MONDAY, MAY 11th.

CONSETT, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY 12th and 13th.

TOW LAW, THURSDAY, 14th.

CROOK, FRIDAY, 15th.

The Exhibition is of such stupendous dimensions, and so numerous in its Novelties and Attractions, that the whole of the

ZOOLOGICAL COLLECTION

WILL BE THROWN

OPEN FREE.

The Twenty Newly-built Carriages, containing LIONS, TIGERS, QUAGGAS,

LEOPARDS, BEARS, WOLVES,

THE HORSE-FACED ANTELOPES,

And Hundreds of Beasts and Reptiles, and the Largest and Smallest Elephants, Sacred Camels, and other Rare Animals will be on view FREE to the Public, on the outside of the Monstre Circus, from 10 to 4 daily, and will form part of the

GRANDEST PROCESSION

THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN.

WAIT FOR THE FREE INTERLUDERIE.

Notwithstanding the enormous outlay and the daily expenditure, the prices of admission will be those charged by smaller and inferior exhibitions. Amongst the novelties will appear the Court of Persia, including His Majesty the Shah, in the elegant Costumes of the Persian Court. No one should miss seeing this marvellous moving world of talent and novelty, people and horses, and animals from all parts of the world.

The whole of the performances given by Lord George Sanger's Troupe are copyright, entered at Stationers' Hall, and cannot be given by any other Company. The huge tent, capable holding 12,00 people, is perfectly waterproof.

N.B.—Mr Sanger, from their past confidence confided in Lord George Sanger, say that any other Exhibition who says it is a mole-hill to a mountain compared with his Establishment. Nothing superior, more numerous, or better organised than

LORD GEORGE SANGER'S

FOUR AMALGAMATED COMPANIES

From London, the Continent, and the Provinces, has yet been seen. Therefore the Public will be prepared to witness a sight of unprecedented grandeur, Nothing like it in any part of the World!

See the Great Show and form your own opinion. The GRAND PROCESSION, rain or sunshine, at One o'clock.

☞ TWO PERFORMANCES DAILY.

2 P.M. AND 7-30.

PRICES OF ADMISSION: 3d, 2s, 1s, and 6d.

(Signed) LORD GEORGE SANGER,

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Public Notices.

BICYCLES from all the Leading Makers, £7 to £25. A Stock kept on hand, including the Ivel, Singer, New Rapid, Rival, Premier, Swift, Brooks, Scarborough, and others. Large discount to Cash Customers. Easy payments.
416e G. HUNTER, Medomsley.

THEATRE ROYAL, CONSETT.

Sole Lessee & Manager - - - R. J. Brodie.
Acting Manager - - - Mr R. Brown.

MONDAY, May 4th, and during the Week, return visit of Mr John Holland's Company of First-class Artistes in the famous Dramas: "BROUGHT TO JUSTICE," THE NEW MAGDALEN," and "THE STREETS OF LONDON."

May 11th.—Return visit of Mr Chas. Hermann's Celebrated Company in the ever-popular Drama, "Uncle Tom's Cabin." 600e

THE Members of the 1st Shotley Bridge and District Starr-Bowkett Building Society will hold an APPROPRIATION by Ballot, on May the 11th, at 7·30 p.m., at the Office. Members clear on the books, as per rule, on the 5th May, will participate. Tuesday, May 19th, being Whit-Tuesday, no subscriptions will be taken that night.
By Order,
D. ORMEROD, Chairman.
479e J. GIBBINSON, Secretary.

THE SUNDERLAND WORKING MEN'S BUILDING SOCIETY.
INVESTMENTS RECEIVED AT £4 PER CENT. INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY.

ORDINARY Subscribing Shares issued payable at 2s per Fortnight per Share, or otherwise as arranged.—Mortgages arranged on easy Terms. —For further particulars apply to JOSHUA LAX, Shotley Bridge. 526e

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
AS I am obliged to be from home from Friday until Monday night, I regret I am unable to call upon all the electors of the above School Board District, I ask their sympathy and support at the Poll on Monday, May 4th. In asking their suffrage, I promise in return (if elected) for such support, my careful attention and consideration in all things affecting their interests; and will endeavour to seek the highest good of their children—intellectually, socially, and morally—as I have done in the past. I will endeavour to keep under unnecessary expenditure, "school requisites," which is a serious item at the present time; and also carefully watch the interests of the ratepayers. I am still of the opinion that the Press ought to be admitted for two reasons; first, because the electors claim to know the transactions of the Board; second, because it is unfair to those members who have been added to the Board since the Press was refused admittance. Their interest in the Board and business capacity, are alike unknown. Again asking your support,
I am, Respectfully Yours,
W. PATTINSON.
Castleside, April 30th, 1891. 568e

CONSETT INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL MEETING of Members will be held on the 9th of May (Chair to be taken at 6·30 p.m.) to consider the following Resolution of the Committee on the Interest Question:—
Resolved "We recommend that on all Moneys invested in this Society as Withdrawable or Transferable Shares the following Rates of Interest be paid:—
From £1 to £100 5 per cent per Annum.
From £100 to £200 4 ,, ,,
And on all Sums invested by Members whose Purchases do not exceed £3 per Quarter, 3 per cent. per Annum. 565e

NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT.

MR. H. M. STANLEY,
Who found LIVINGSTONE and Rescued EMIN PASHA, will Deliver His Celebrated
LECTURE—
"TWENTY-THREE YEARS IN AFRICA,"
ON SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 16TH, 1891.

Tickets of Mr W. RAMSAY, St. Aidan's Street, Blackhill, where the Plan of the Hall may be seen. Ladies' Cloak Room provided.
Unreserved Seats may be had on application to Messrs Marshall Bros., Town Hall Building; Mr Kelly (Tyler's Boot Shop); Mr E. Lamb, Newsagent, Consett; Mr J. G. Robinson, Derwent Street, Blackhill; Mr J. Lax, Shotley Bridge, and J. Power, Newsagent, Leadgate.
Reserved Seats (Numbered) Centre, 5s; Sides, 3s; Unreserved, Area, 2s; Back, 1s.

SUCCESS UPON SUCCESS.

2ND BLACKHILL AND CONSETT "MODEL" BUILDING SOCIETY.
£14,900 WORTH OF SHARES ALREADY ISSUED.
Office—2, ST. AIDAN'S STREET, BLACKHILL (Open daily).
FIRST SUBSCRIPTION NIGHT, THURSDAY Next, May 7th, at the Society's Office, at 7·30 to 8·30 o'clock.
Shares. £100. Subscriptions only 6d. per Week per Share.
Monthly Repayments 10s. per £100 borrowed.
The popularity of the "Model" System is shewn by the fact the 1st Blackhill and Consett "Model" issued the whole of its books representing £64,000 in 9 Months.
For prospectuses and other information apply
798e W. RAMSAY, Secretary.

SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS.
WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.
MESSRS WILSON BROS., LESSEES.

MONDAY.
GRAND CRICKET MATCH. — Consett and District v. Sherburn.
HORSE LEAPING CONTEST.—For the Horse or Mare that Leaps the prepared Fences the best to the satisfaction of the Judges.
1st Prize, £9; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £1. Entrace Fee, 5s.
TUESDAY.
CRICKET MATCH. — Consett and District v. Novocastrians.
HURDLE RACE FOR HORSES exceeding 14 h.h. 1st Prize, £5; 2nd, £2. Entrance Fee, 2s 6d. (About 2 Miles over Hurdles.)
HURDLE RACE. — For Ponies not exceeding 14 h.h. 1st Prize, £4; 2nd, £2. Entrance Fee, 2s 6d. (About 1½ Miles over Hurdles.)
THE NEWCASTLE INDUSTRIAL BAND will be in Attendance both Days for the Performance of Music.
For Entry Forms apply,
599c W. RAMSAY, Blackhill.

PORT OF HULL SOCIETY'S SAILORS' ORPHAN HOME.

PATRON: REAR-ADMIRAL H R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, R.N., K.G., K.T.

ON Thursday, May 7th, 1891, the ORPHANS' BRASS BAND from Hull, consisting of 25 little Boys (conductor, Mr J. ARNETT), will visit Consett, arriving by the train due at 3·17, and give a Vocal and Instrumental CONCERT, with Hand-bell Selections, in the New Town Hall, Consett.
C. P. DOUGLAS, ESQ., will preside, supported by Messrs J. W. DAY, of Hull (Financial Secretary); and S. SQUIRES, Sailors' Missionary, of West Hartlepool.
Doors open at 7·30; Concert at 8. Tickets—Front Seats, 1s; Second Seats, 6d; may be had of the Printers, of Mr E. J. Lamb, Stationer, or at the Door.
N.B.—Offers of friends to entertain the boys for the night will be gratefully appreciated, and may be made to Mr E. J. Lamb. About 200 sailors' and fishermen's orphans are always provided for in this Home, which is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions. 499e

Sales by Auction.

By Mr John S. Murray.

PRESENT SALE FIXTURES.
Monday, May 4th, Royal Auction Mart.
Wednesday, May 6th, Mr Geo. Wade's Farm Stock and Implements, Consett Grove.
Thursday, May 7th, Mr Balleny's Cows and Farm Stock, Broomhill.
Saturday, May 8th, Mr R. Johnston's Farm Stock and Implements, Iveston. 567e

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, MAY 4TH, 1891.
6 Fat Cattle.
60 Fat Sheep.
Well-bred Short-horn Bull, 2 years old.
Do. do. about 11 months.
Calving Cows, Heifers, Calves.
Pork and Store Pigs.
Poultry, Harness, Dog Cart, &c.
Sale at One o'clock.
577e J. S. MURRAY.

Consett Grove Farm, Consett.
MR. JOHN S. MURRAY, favoured with a commision from Mr George Wade, who is declining Farming, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION on Wednesday, May 6th, 1891, the whole of his FARM STOCK, Dairy Utensils, Part Household FURNITURE, &c.
CATTLE and SHEEP.
4 Short-horn Steers, 1½ to 2 years old.
2 Prime outlying S.H. Heifers, 2 years old, been Hay fed, and all in tip top condition.
26 Half-bred Ewes, and 43 Lambs, all first crop.
2 Leicester Tups.
4 Half-bred Hoggs.
10 Scotch Ewes and Lambs, by a Leicester Tup.
1 Promising Bay Filly, rising 3 years old, 15-1 hands high, by "Evan," dam by "Cleverlegs," just breaking.
IMPLEMENTS, &c.
Covered Sheep Heck and Trough, on Wheels, 15 feet; 2 Sheep Troughs; 2 Coup Carts, 2 Pairs of Cart Shelvings; Spring Cart, with Seat; Dog Cart; Large Metal Roller, by Gregory, nearly new; 2 Horse Hay Rakes, one nearly new, by Nicholson, largest size; Grass Cutter, by Woods; Hay Sweep; 2 Sets of Cart Harness; Set of Spring Cart Harness; Plough Gears; Water Cart and Liquid Distributor; Water Cart, on Tram Wheels; 8 Rain Tubs; 3 Corn Bins; 12 Strong Cow Pails; Oilcake Crusher; Feeding Troughs; Dog Kennel; Scythe; Hay Forks and Rakes; Gripes; Iron Pinches; Lot of Cow Bands; Pair of Chain Harrows; 2 Large Stack Covers; Large Water Trough; Set of Swingletrees; 2 Pairs of Cart Ropes; a Lot of Rails, Posts, Hurdles, Gates, &c.; a Lot of old Timber, and a Stamp of Old-land Hay; about 60 Square Yards of Good Farm Yard Manure; ½ Ton of Soot; 70 Yards of Wire Netting; Posts; Garden Frame; Wheelbarrow, &c.
FURNITURE, &c.
Dining Table; Dressing Table; Washhand Stand; Washer; Wringing Machine; 2 Fenders; Clothes Horse; 2 Bedsteads; 2 Longsettles; Barrel Churn; Butter Scales; Cream Mugs; Milking Cans; Poss-stick; Spittoons; 1 Matlock Bath; 50-inch Bicycle, and various other lots.
Sale to commence at Two o'clock.
Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside.

Broomhill, Ebchester.—Thursday, May 7th, 1891.
MR. JOHN S. MURRAY, favoured with instructions from Mr. C. Balleny, who is leaving the above Farm, will SELL, on Thursday, May 7th, 1891, the following COWS, CALVES, STIRKS, &c., viz:—
1 Roan Cow, calved on 20th March last.
2 Red and White Cow, calved on 20th March last.
3 Roan Cow, bulled 1st December.
4 Red Cow, bulled 13th February.
5 Red and White Cow, bulled 21st January.
6 Roan Cow, calved 27th March.
7 Red and White Cow, calved 21st February.
Roan Cow, bulled April 1st.
9 Roan Cow, fat.
10 Red Steer, 18 months old.
11 Red Heifer, 18 months old.
12 Red Heifer, 5 months old.
13 Roan Heifer, 5 months old.
14 Red and White Bull, 5 months, suitable for a keeper.
15 Red and White Heifer Calf, 10 weeks old.
16 White Heirer Calf, 8 weeks old.
17 Roan Heifer Calf, 7 weeks old.
18 Red and White Bull, 7 weeks old.
The above have all been bred on the place and are from the Cows to be sold.
5 Three-parts bred Ewes and their Lambs.
Also at St. Ebba's, after the above, unless previously disposed of:—Wooden Byre, Greenhouse and Shelving, a lot of Gas Fittings, Blind Rollers and Pulleys, House Bells, Kitchen Fire Range, Kitchen Steps, a Quantity of Wood Cleading, &c.
Sale to commence with the Stock at the Farm at Two o'clock. 520e

Iveston.—Important Sale of Farm Stock, Horses, Farm Implements, &c.
MESSRS. J. S. MURRAY & W. NICHOLSON (who are jointly concerned in this Sale), favoured with a commission from ROBERT JOHNSON, who is declining Farming, will SELL BY AUCTION on Saturday, May 9th, 1891, the whole of his FARM STOCK, Horses, a very large yard of Implements, Dairy Utensils, and part House hold Furniture. Inventory:—
CATTLE.
5 Young Cows, in calf or recently calved.
5 Well-bred Two-year-old Steers and Heifers.
23 ,, One-year-old Steers and Heifers.
3 ,, Finger Calves.
2 Young Farrow Cows.
1 Well-bred S.H. Bull, Two years old.
1 Well-bred S.H. Bull, One year old.
10 Mule Hoggs and Lambs.
HORSES.
1 Powerful Draught Brown Horse, 16-2 h.h., Ten-years-old. Good in all Yokes.
1 Powerful Draught Black Mare, 16-2 h.h., Eight years old.
1 Powerful Bay Horse, 16 h.h., Eight years old.
1 Black Draught Colt, Two years old, by Derwent Lad.
1 Bay Half-bred Filly, Two years old.
1 Grey Harness Pony, Five years old, about 12 h.h.
IMPLEMENTS.
2 Long Carts, 4 Coup Carts, 1 Pair of Cart Shelvings, 1 Pair of Waggon Shelvings, Hay Bogie, Horse Hay Rake, Hay Tedder, Hay Sweep, 2 Pairs of Pulley Blocks, 1 Pair 4-Bull Harrows, nearly new, 2 Wheel Ploughs, 1 Double Mouldboard Plough, 1 Reaping Machine, 1 Grass Cutter, Chain Harrows, Drag Harrows, Large Oak Roller, Double Turnip Drill and Roller, Grub Harrow, Scuffler, Whitechapel, no worse than new, Chaffcutter, Weighing Machine and Weights, Large Weighing Machine, by Pooley, to weigh 2 tons, in perfect order, 3 Wheelbarrows, Large Hay Shed, 40 feet by 20 feet, in perfect order, Cattle Heck, Sheep Hay Heck, Iron Pig Troughs, a lot of Wood Troughs, Large Water Trough, Wood Shed, 18 by 20, 4 Stackyard Ladders, Grindstone, 2 Sheep Troughs, &c.
HARNESS.
3 Sets of Cart Harness, 3 Sets of Plough Gears, Set of Spring Cart Harness, Cart Ropes, Pad and Bridle.
SUNDRIES.
Joiner's Bench, Joiner's and Blacksmith's Tools, Vice and Bench, 2 Sand Screens, 3 Pair of Iron Fire-bars, Axes, Saws, Potatoe Scoop, Sack Barrows, a lot of Fire Bricks, Quarls and Soaps, Hammers, Mells, Hacks, Pinches, several Rolls of Asphalting, a lot of Tubs, Scythes, Cradles, Cart Covers, 2 Pairs of Cart Arms, 2 Ash Cart Blocks, a lot of Joiner's Wood, Corn Bins, a lot of Gate Bars and Crooks, Window Sashes, Plastering Laths, a lot of Barbed Fencing Wire, Lead Ladle, Tin of Patent Grease, a quantity of White Elephant, Champion and other Potatoes, Bee Sceps, a lot of Deals, Barrels, Old Wheels, a lot of 1-inch Iron Piping, a lot of Trestles, a lot of Posts and Rails, Battens, Planks, Cart Shafts, Axles, Hurdles, Gates, Hen Coop, Wooden Shed over the Weighing Machine, Sanitary Pipes, Step Ladder, Fire Lamp, Hand Barrow, Whin Hoe, Weed Clips, Draining Tools, Scaling Forks, Gripes, Shovels, Hay Forks and Rakes, Slash Knife, Barrow Wheels, large quantity of Chains, all sorts, Old Iron, Old Wood, &c.
DAIRY UTENSILS.
Barrel Churn, by Ord and Maddison, Butter Scales, Cream Mugs, Milk Bowls, Lead Bowl, Large Tin Bowl and Stand, Milk Cans, Dairy Tables, Shelves, &c.
FURNITURE.
Camp Bedstead and Mattress, Iron Bedstead and Mattress, 2 Longsettles, Sofa in Hair-Seating, Case of Stuffed Birds, Pictures, Clock, Dining Table, Folding Table, Large Watering Can, Preserving Pan, Tea Kettles, and Scores of other lots too numerous to particularise.
Sale to Commence with the Implements at 11 a.m. prompt.
Iveston is about an equal distance from Lanchester, Knitsley, and Consett Stations, on the N.E.R. Conveyances meet all Trains, at Consett Station and carry passengers to Leadgate, which is close at hand.
As the Lots are very numerous, an early attendance is respectively requested.
Stock can remain on the premises, free of charge, until Monday, May 11th.
Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside.

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,
AUCTIONEER,
AGRICULTURAL VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,
Appointed by His Honour JUDGE MEYNELL to levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.
ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.
MONDAY, MAY 4TH, 1891. — 50 to 60 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 18 Fat Cattle; 65 Fat Sheep and Hoggs; 5 Store Cattle, 9 Finger Calves.
Entries to day of Sale. Sale at 10-30 a.m.
Special Sale for Horses, Store Cattle, and Sheep, May 14th, 1891. Early entries invited.
587e J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

Cattle Mart Hotel, Tow Law.—Sale of Furniture, Horses, Traps, Harness, Hay, and the whole of the Utensils of Trade of an Innkeeper.
MR JOS. VICKERS, honoured with instructions from Mr GEORGE DIXON, who is leaving the above Hotel, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Thursday, May 7th, 1891, a large portion of his Household FURNITURE, and the following Out-door Effects, &c., comprising—
Brown Harness Horse, 16 h., 5 years old.
Bay Harness Mare, 15½ h.
Roan Cow, recently calven.
Red Polled Geld Cow, very fresh.
IMPLEMENTS.
Waggonette, in good order; Phæton; 2 Whitechapels; Grass Cutter, new last year, by Robertson, Berwick; New Chaff Cutter, by Ord and Maddison; 6 Hurdles; set of Double Silver-Mounted Harness; 2 sets of Single-mounted Brass Harness; set of Cart Harness; Lady's Side Saddle; Coup Cart and Shelvings; Wheelbarrow; Ladder; Grindstone; Cow Tubs; Meal Tubs; Corn Bin; Gripes, Shovels, Forks, and Stable Equipments.
Half-ton of Magnum Bonum Potatoes; 2 Pork Pigs; 20 head of Poultry; Stamp of Hay, about 7 tons.
FURNITURE, &c.
Comprises—Walnut Cottage Piano, by Dalmaine; Mahogany Leaf Table; Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating; Mahogany Centre Table; 30 Windsor Chairs; Dining-room Linoleum; Floor Oil Cloth; Passage and Stair Oil Cloths; 3 pairs of Green Damask Window Shades; 3 Iron Bedsteads and Mattresses; 2 Wood Bedsteads and Mattresses; Iron Chair Bed; Feather Bed; 2 Flock Beds; 2 Wash Stands and Dressing Tables; Painted Wardrobe; small Chest of Drawers; 2 Swing Mirrors; Towel Rails; Bedroom Chairs; small Bookcase; large Kitchen Press; 3 Kitchen Tables; 5 Kitchen Chairs; 9 Forms; Arm Chair; Timepiece; 12 Pictures; Druggetting; Carpet; Hearth Rugs; Mats; 4 Fenders; Fire Irons; Longsettle; Round Table; Passage Table; Umbrella Stand; Sewing Machine, by Wheeler and Wilson; sets of Toilet Ware; set of Dinner Ware; Meat Screen; Steam Pans; Kettles; Pails; Wash Tins; Flower Pots; Ornaments; Spittoons; Ale and Spirit Measures; 7 Spirit Jars; very large quantity of Spirit, Wine, and Ale Glasses; an innumerable lot of Crockery and Household Requisites of every description.
Sale to commence at One o'clock with Implements, Horses, Traps, and Harness.
Grove Villa, Tow Law. 570e

Hamsteels Old Hall Farm, 1½ miles from Lanchester Station.
MR. JOS. VICKERS, favoured with instructions from the Executors of the late Mr. GEORGE HODGSON (deceased), will SELL BY AUCTION (without Reserve), on Friday, May 8th, 1891, the whole of the Valuable FARMING STOCK, Implements, Household Furniture, &c., Viz.
HORSES.
Lot 1.—Grey Entire Horse, "Jester," 4 yrs. 16-2 h.h.
,, 2.—Black Mare, aged, 16-2 h.h.
,, 3.—Black Harness Horse, 8 yrs. old, 15-3 h.h.
,, 4.—Bay Colt, 2 yrs., by "Young Le-Bon the 1st," dam, lot 2.
,, 5.—Black Colt, 1 yr., by "Young Le-Bon the 2nd," dam, lot 2.
CATTLE.
2 Black Polled Galloway Cows, in milk.
1 Red Cow, due to calve at sale.
3 Dairy Cows, autumn calvers.
1 Red and White Heifer, autumn calves.
6 Strong Heifers, 2 and 2½ years old.
4 Heifers Stirks, 6 to 10 months old.
1 Steer Do.
IMPLEMENTS.
Long Cart; 3 Coup Carts; Spring Cart; Wheel Plough; D.M.B. Plough; Scuffler; Drag Harrow; Pair Four-bull Harrows; Chain Harrows; Metal Roller in two sections; Double Turnip Drill; Combined Reaper by "Samuelson"; Horse Hay Rake; Patent Weighing Machine; Cake Mill; Scales and Weights; Pair Steelyards; Wheelbarrow; Hopper; 2 Ladders; Turnip Slicer; Cart Ropes; large number of Sacks and Bags; 20 Cow Chains; Shovels, Spades, Rakes, Forks, Picks, Garden Tools, Hand Tools, &c.
2 sets of Gig Harness; Cart and Plough Harness for 3 Horses; Night Collars and Stable Requisites.
FURNITURE, &c.
Walnut Cheffioneer wth Marble Top; Mantel Mirror in Gilt Frame; 3 Hair-Seated Chairs: Couch in Leather; Cheffioneer Bedstead; 3 Iron Bedsteads; 3 Iron Bedsteads with Mattresses; 1 Iron and Brass Bedstead; Half-Chest Drawers; Washstand and Dressing Table; 6 Bedroom Chairs; Stuffed Fox in Case; 2 Hand Mirrors; Painted Press; 2 Kitchen Tables; Longsettle; 6 Kitchen Chairs; 2 Cornice Poles; Timepiece; 3 Lots of Floor Oil-Cloth; Mangle; Fenders; Fire Irons; Coal Box; and a host of other articles.
Barrel Churn, and the whole of the Dairy Utensils.
70 Head of Barn-Door Fowls.
☞ The Horses are powerful Good Workers; Cattle are very Fresh; and the Implements are all new within the last 3 years.
Sale to Commence at Twelve o'clock at Noon.
Grove Villa, Tow Law. 569e

Colepike Hall, near Lanchester.
MR. JOSEPH VICKERS, honoured with a commission from the Executors of the late George Garry Taylor Smith, Esq., J.P., will SELL BY AUCTION, in May (date not fixed), the HORSES, Carriages, Harness, Cattle, Implements, and about 100 Tons of Hay. Full particulars in future Advertisements and Posters.
Grove Villa, Tow Law. 524e

By Mr. J. Johnson.

Fairle, near Stocksfield.
MR J. JOHNSON is instructed by MRS BROWN to SELL BY AUCTION at Fairle, on Wednesday, May 6th, 1891, the whole of her FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, and part of her HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. Comprising—
1 Excellent Dairy Cow, close up.
1 Heifer, three years old, due to calve second calf August 28th.
1 Calf, six months old.
14 Hens, 1 Cock.
Barrel Churn, New Patent Butter Weights, Baskets, and the whole of the Dairy Utensils. Spring Cart, Harness, Riding Saddle, Bridles, Butcher's Crates, Knives, 2 Pairs of good Steelyards, Pair of Pulleys, Wheelbarrow, Pig Net, Corn Bin, Rakes, Forks, Spades, Ladder, Grindstone, &c., &c.
Also, Desk Bedstead (nearly new), Mantel Mirror, Kitchen Table, Meal Chest, Form, Stair Carpet and Rods, Quilting Frames, Dinner and other Ware, Lamps, Pans, &c.
Also a part of Joiner's Tools, Flooring Deals, and other Wood.
Sale to Commence at One p.m,
Parkside, Wark-on-Tyne. 547e

Sales by Auction.

By Mr Joseph Oley.

MR J. OLEY, honoured with instructions from Mr JOSEPH RIDLEY, who is removing to Scotland, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at No. 21, Low Westwood, on Saturday, May 9th, 1891, his Valuable Household EFFECTS.
For Particulars see Handbills.
Sale at One o'clock p.m. 560e

Friday, May 8th.—40, Westwood Colliery.
SALE of Superior Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE, BEDS and BEDDING, SEWING MACHINE, and MISCELLANEOUS EFFECTS.
For particulars see Bills.
Sale at 4·30 p.m.
595e J. OLEY, AUCTIONEER.

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

By Mr. James Turnbull.

Heavygate Farm, Chopwell, near Lintz Green.
MR. JAMES TURNBULL, having received instructions, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, May 6th, 1891, the undermentioned FARMING STOCK, &c., comprising—
HORSES—Bay Mare, 8 years old, 16 h.h., quiet in all yokes, and well bred, an all-round useful Mare; Black Mare, 8 years old, 16-2 h.h., by "Merry Monarch," good and quiet in all harness.
CATTLE—Cow, due to calve in September, had 3 calves; Cow, 8 weeks calved, an excellent milker; 3 S.H. Heifers and Steer, 15 months to 1½ years; S.H. Bull, 9 months old, sire, a pedigree bull; 3 Stirks; 2 Bacon Pigs, good quality.
40 Head of Poultry.
IMPLEMENTS—Coup Cart, and Shelvings; Dog Cart; Grass and Corn Cutter, by Brigham; Horse Hay Rake; Swing Plough; New Scuffler; Scrubber; Iron 4-Bull Harrow; Metal Roller; Turnip Slicer; Corn Bin; Grindstone; Cattle Troughs; Ladders, and Draining Tools; Cart, Plough, and Trace Harness, for 1 Draught; Spring Cart Harness.
Also, a small portion of the Household Furniture.
Sale at 1-30 p.m. 589e

Newlands Haugh Farm, near Ebchester. — The most Important Sale of the Season in the Derwent Valley.
MR. JAMES TURNBULL, F.A.I., having been honoured with instructions from Messrs A. and R. Fewster, who are declining the above farm, after a tenancy of nearly a century-and-a-half, will SELL BY AUCTION on Friday, May 8th, 1891, the whole of the Valuable FARMING STOCK, HORSES, IMPLEMENTS, &c., viz.:—
15 HORSES.
Lot 1.—Bay Mare, "Meg," 6 years, 16-2 h.h., by "Samson."
,, 2.—Brown Horse, "Cappie," 7 years old, 17 h.h., a grand powerful Horse, fit for the heaviest draughts.
,, 3.—Brown Horse, "Jack," 6 years, 16 h.h., by "Medium Pride."
,, 4.—Brown Mare, "Jolly," 5 years, 16 h.h. by "Medium Pride."
,, 5.—Brown Mare, "Jess," 7 years, 16-1 h.h., by "Brown George."
,, 6.—Grey Horse, "Captain," 4 years, 16-2 h.h., by "Beamish."
,, 7.—Brown Mare, "Darling," 12 years, 16-2 h.h., a Grand Brood Mare, in foal to Joicey's Horse.
,, 8.—Grey Mare, "Dealy," 8 years, 16-2 h.h.
,, 9.—3-parts bred Brown Horse, "Roger," 3 years, 16-2 h.h., by "Young Derwent Lad."
,, 10.—Grey Draught Mare, "Fan," aged, in foal to "Young Derwent Lad."
,, 11.—Brown Draught Colt, 2 years old, by "Sovereign."
,, 12.—Brown Draught Colt, 2 years old, by "Sovereign."
,, 13.—Brown Draught Filly Foal, dam, lot 7.
,, 14.—Grey Draught Filly Foal, dam, lot 8, by "Sovereign."
,, 15.—Brown Colt Foal, 3-parts bred, by "Even."
51 HEAD OF S.H. CATTLE.
5 Prime Fat S.H. Bullocks, up to about 55 stones.
5 Do. Heifers, from 40 to 50 stones.
1 Good Young Geld Cow.
10 SHORT-HORN COWS.
Lot 1—In-calving Cow, served September 19th.
,, 2—Roan Cow, 6 years old, calved March 7th.
,, 3—Red Cow, 6 years old, calved March 25th.
,, 4—Roan Heifer, calved March 20th.
,, 5—Red and White Cow, 4 years old, served September 27th.
,, 6—Roan Cow, 3 years old, calved March 22nd
,, 7—Roan Cow, 5 years old, calved Feb. 13th.
,, 8—Roan Cow, 7 years old, due to calve May 5th.
,, 9—Roan Cow, 3 years old, calved April 11th.
,, 10—A Pure S.H. Heifer, rising 3 years old, in calf to "White Duke," served Sept. 25th, a perfect model.
41 SHORT-HORN GRAZING CATTLE.
7 Steers and Heifers, 2 years old, a grand lot.
1 Pure S.H. Heifer, sister to lot 10, served April 7th.
14 S·H. Stirks, 9 months to 1½ years old.
8 S.H. Calves, to 3 months old, chiefly sired by the "White Duke."
1 S.H. Red Bull, 10 months old.
172 HEAD OF SHEEP.
80 Prime Fat Hoggs, including a few good Tup Hoggs.
20 B.L. Shearling Gimmers and Followers.
40 B.L. and H.B. Ewes and Followers, mostly young.
20 Cheviot Ewes and Followers.
12 B.L. Hoggs and Followers.
PIGS and POULTRY.
2 Sows, served April 28th, and January 30th.
6 Young Pigs, 10 weeks old.
100 Head of Poultry, 4 Geese and Goslings, also 1 Gander.
LARGE FIELD OF IMPLEMENTS.
3 Long and 4 Coup Carts, and Shelvings, 2 Combined Reapers, nearly new, by Robertson, Grass Cutter, by Wood, 2 Horse Hay Rakes, by Bamford, Cambridge and Metal Rollers, Wheel, Swing, Ribbing, and D.M.B. Ploughs, 2 Digger Ploughs, new last Season, Turnip Drill, Corn Drill, Broadcast Seed Drill, by Thompson, Carlisle, 2 Scrubbers, 2 Scufflers, Zig-zag, Chain, 4-Bull, and other Harrows, 2 Turnip Slicers, with double action, by Gardner, 4 Turnip Cutters, Oilcake Crusher, 2 Winnowing Machines, Weighing Machines and Weights, 3 Sheep Racks and Troughs, Dipping Tub and Rail, 2 Large Metal Pots, Cattle Tubs and Boxes, Ladder, Sack and Wheelbarrows, Riddles, and a large field of other useful Implements too numerous to specify.
Cart, Plough, and Trace Harness for 4 Draughts, complete, Set of Pony Harness, Breaking Tackle, &c., a large assortment of Granary, Barn, Stable, and Hand Tools, &c. Also, portable Bellows, Vice, and a quantity of Blacksmith's Tools, a quantity of Daily Utensils, &c.
Sale to commence with Implements at 11 for 11-30 a.m. to a minute, Luncheon to follow, resume at 1 p.m. with Young Cattle, and conclude with Horses.
N.B.—A punctual attendance is particularly requested.
Newlands Haugh Farm is 20 minutes' walk from Ebchester Station, on the Consett Branch N.E.R.
The Auctioneer has great pleasure in submitting the above excellent Stock to public competition and can safely assert that a finer lot will not be offered collectively anywhere this Season. The Horses are an admirable Stud, mostly in their prime, and possess all the desirable qualities, having weight, bone and substance, they are all working up to date of Sale, and in no way made up for the market. The whole of the Cattle are well-bred and include several special lots, to which Breeders' attention is respectfully drawn, and will certainly merit approval. The Fat Stock, whose qualities are widespread, will not detract from the Newlands reputation. The Sheep Stock although not so numerous, are mostly young and of excellence, to which graziers will no doubt be fully alive. The large field of Implements are in splendid condition, and the principal items about new. In terminating a Tenancy of such a prolonged nature, it is only natural to expect that the Agriculturalists of the district will attend in large numbers, and assist in displenishing the Stock of the "Fewsters, of Newlands." The Auctioneer cordially invites attendance at this important Sale.

Sales by Auction.

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

Short Notice.—Under Bill of Sale and Distress for Rent.—Monday, May 4th, 1891.—Front Street, Leadgate.—Sale of Superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture, Splendid Iron framed Pianoforte, Shop Fixtures, including Beautiful Tiled Window Slab, Set of Harness, and other Effects.
MESSRS. A. & R. J. BRODIE are instructed to SELL BY AUCTION, under Bill of Sale and Distress for Rent, on Monday, May 4th, 1891, the whole of the Superior Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE, SHOP FITTINGS, and other EFFECTS, on the Premises in Front Street, Leadgate, recently occupied by Mr John Mather, Fishmonger, and including—Handsome Six Feet Mahogany Sideboard, with Plate Glass Back; Mahogany Centre Table; Superior Couch; 12 Hair-seated Chairs; 2 Mahogany Easy Chairs, in Hair-seating; Dining Table; 2 Smoking Chairs; Rocking Chair; 6 Windsor Chairs; Superior Overmantel, with Bevelled Plates; Mirror; Walnut What-Not; Washstands and Dressing Tables; 6 Bed-room Chairs; Chest of Drawers; Excellent Umbrella Stand; Best Brussels Carpets; Stair Carpet and Rods; Floor Oilcloths; 3 Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Mattresses; 3 Feather Beds, Bolsters, and Pillows; 2 Cornice Poles and Curtains; 5 Patent Blinds; Superior China Toilet Set; Japanned Bed-room Set; Towel Rail; Swing Glass; Pier Glass; Kitchen Table; Card Table; Kitchen Chairs; Sewing Machine; Coal Vase; Splendid Drawing-room Fender and Fire Brasses; Kitchen and Parlour Fenders and Fire Irons; Tidy; Ash Pan; Paraffin Lamp; Large Screen; Clock; 19 Pictures; Mantel-piece and other Ornaments; Paper Rack; Shop Desk; Clothes Horse; 2 Pairs of Scales and Weights; together with the whole of the Kitchen and other Utensils, including Pots, Pans, Earthenware, and the whole of the Bedding and Bed-clothes, including 2 Real Eider Down Quilts, Blankets, Sheets, &c.
Also, Superior Iron-framed Pianoforte, in fine condition, recently cost Forty-five Guineas; Music Stool; Bagatelle Board; Set of Harness; Counter and Fixtures; Handsome Tiled Window Bottom for Fish Trade, and other Effects.
Sale to commence at Half-past One o'clock.
The Furniture is of very Superior quality, recently purchased, and will be Sold without Reserve.

Little Greencroft Farm, near Consett.—Eatage of Grass Land to Let.
ADAM BRODIE is instructed by E. W. E. BALLENY, Esq., TO LET BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, May 20th, 1891, at Three o'clock, in the Afternoon prompt, on Little Greencroft Farm, near Consett, the EATAGE of 100½ Acres, or thereabouts, of good GRASS LAND on the said Farm, up to November 23rd, as follows:—

	Acres.
Cottage Field	12
Middle Field	14½
Low Far Field	15
Horse Field	8
Hop Clover Field	10
Big Stockerley Field	24
Quarry Field	17
Total	100½

Terms of payment:—2½ per cent discount for cash, or four months approval bills.
Auctioneer's Offices, Town Hall, Consett. 589e

Monday, May 10th.—Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett. Sale of Superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture, including Handsome 5ft. Walnut Sideboard, with Bevelled Plates, Mahogany Couches, in Hair and Leather, Mahogany Easy and other Chairs, Brass-mounted Bedsteads, and Mattresses, 6 English Lever Watches, Fender and Fire Irons, Feather and Down Beds and Bedding, Pillows and Bolsters, Dinner and other Ware, Remainder of Tailor's Stock of Tweeds for Suits, with Kitchen and other Requisites.
MESSRS. A. and R. J. BRODIE are instructed to remove and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett, on Monday, May 10th, 1891, the Superior Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS. Also, Fine-Toned Trichord Pianoforte, Good Harmonium, 2 Domestic Sewing Machines, &c.
Sale at Half-past One o'clock exact time.

FOR SALE, Privately, Neat and Well-Built COTTAGE in Dixon Street, Blackhill, with every Convenience; also, Several good DWELLING-HOUSES at Consett.—Apply, BRODIE, Consett.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—A. & R. J. BRODIE Auctioneers and Valuers, Town Hall, Consett, undertake the SALE OF PROPERTY of every description either by PUBLIC AUCTION or otherwise, on reasonable terms. FORTNIGHTLY SALES held every Pay Monday, at the Victoria Sale-Rooms, in which Furniture or other Goods can be included, or if preferred, will be Purchased for Cash. Bailiffs under the Agricultural Holdings Act, and under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.
ACCIDENT ASSURANCE. — Assurance against Accidents of every kind in the following Offices, noted for prompt settlement of claims—Scottish Accident Assurance Company, Imperial Union Accident Assurance Company.

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

Lily Pit Cottage, near Dipton.—Monday, May 11th, 1891.
MR G. R. HOBSON, commissioned by Mr HENRY THOMPSON, who is removing, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION a Quantity of Surplus FURNITURE and Miscellaneous EFFECTS.
Particulars in Posters.
Sale to commence at Two o'clock.
Catchgate, Lintz Green. 546e

By Mr. John Crawford.

Short Notice.
MR JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in Roger Street, Blackhill, on Saturday First, May 2nd, a lot of Valuable Mahogany FURNITURE, &c
Sale to commence at One o'clock 592e

Pack Horse Inn, Crookgate, Burnopfield
MR JOHN CRAWFORD, favoured with instructions from Mr James Cuthbertson, who is declining Innkeeping, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday, May 11th, his Valuable FURNITURE, Bar Utensils, Whitechapel, Silver-Mounted Harness, &c Also, Litter of Pigs Full particulars in next issue and posters
Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, Consett 593e

Todd Hill Farm, near Consett.
MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, instructed by Mr. Makepeace, Todd Hill Farm, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Thursday first, May 7th, 1891, the whole of his FARM STOCK, Implements, together with the Stock, belonging to a neighbouring Farmer, comprising—
Bay Mare, 16 h.h.; good worker in all yokes.
3 Cows, Calved and to Calve.
Blue Cow, close to profit.
18 Heifers and Steers from one year to 2 years old.
10 Mule Ewes and their Lambs.
14 Black-faced Ewes and their Lambs.
Sow and 7 Young Pigs.
Whitechapel, no worse than new.
3 Coup Carts, Spring Cart, 2 Combined Reapers, Hay Sweep, Oilcake Crusher, Hay Chopper, Spring Cart and Heavy Harness Chains, Cow Chains, Churn, Butter Tub, Scales, Weights, Bowls, &c., 70 Hurdles and Posts, no worse than new, a Quantity of Seed Potatoes.
For particulars see Posters.
Sale to commence at One o'clock.
Sale Office, Victoria Street, Consett. 594e

IMPORTANT NOTICE.
MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, AUCTIONEER, 25, Victoria Street, Consett, is prepared to execute all orders for the SALE of FARM STOCK, PROPERTY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c., in the best style, and on reasonable terms; immediate settlement. Mr. John Crawford is appointed by his Honour Judge Meynell to act as Bailiff to levy Distress for Rent in England and Wales, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Mr. Crawford's Sale-Rooms are open daily to receive Furniture for Fortnightly Sales. People that are leaving the District can have their Furniture turned into Cash at once by applying to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 903a

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Auction Sales of every description undertaken on the most reasonable terms. Prompt settlement.
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Sale By Auction.

By Mr. William Nicholson

IN May, Farm Stock at Iveston—Mr Robert Johnson's.
In May, Farm Stock at Lanchester—Mr Holmes.
Satley Farm, 3 miles from Tow Law, and 4 miles from Lanchester Station.
MR. W. NICHOLSON, enjoying the esteemed confidence of Mr EDWARD GREEN, who is declining Farming, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, May 6th, 1891, the whole of the very Valuable FARMING STOCK, Implements, Quantity of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c. Inventory:—
HORSES.
LOT 1—Brown Harness Horse, 5 years old, 16 hands.
,, 2—Brown Draught Horse, 4 years old, 15½ hands high.
CATTLE.
6 Prime Fat Bullocks, up to 60 Stones.
2 Fat Cows.
9 Heifers, 2½ years old, near Calving and to Calve.
1 Grand White Polled Cow, 6 weeks Calved.
1 Roan Cow, time up.
1 Red Cow, back-end Calves.
6 2½ years old S.H. Bullocks.
3 do. do. Heifers.
1 Blue Grey Polled Steer, 2 years old.
1 Heifer, with Suckler.
3 S.H. Steers, 15 months old.
2 do. do. Heifers.
2 Heifer Stirks, 12 months old.
1 Steer Stirk, 12 months old.
4 S.H. Steers, 12 months old.
1 do. Heifer, 10 months old.
1 Yearling S.H. Bull.
57 Black-faced Ewes and Lambs.
3 Mule Ewes and Lambs.
5 Mule Hoggs.
3 Fat Sheep.
2 Sow Pigs.
1 Fat Pig.
4 Geese, Gander, and Goslings; a number of Hens.
1 Grand Cur Bitch.
With the Farm Implements and a large quantity of Household Furniture.
This is one of the largest and most important Sales of the season; the Calving Heifers are very promising, the Young Stock are good colour, full of hair, and forward in condition; the Fat Cattle are good Beef; the Ewes are all young, with a good crop of Lambs; the Bay Horse is a splendid harness horse, suitable for Brougham.
☞ One week's keep allowed free on Fat Cattle.
Sale at 12 o'clock Prompt.
Sale Office, Satley, 1891. 566e

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

Business Announcements

THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT
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☞ SHARES MAY BE TAKEN ANY DAY.
Advances made on Freehold or Copyhold Property
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ADAM BRODIE, F.S.A., F.A.I., Actuary and Public (Incorporated) Accountant, Secretary

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LANCHESTER.
SACRED ORATORIO.—On Wednesday night, the members of the Consett Wesleyan Choir gave a performance of Haite's sacred oratorio, "David and Goliath," in the Wesleyan Chapel, Lanchester, before a very good audience. Mr John Irwin, of Holinside Hall, was in the chair. Mr M. Fawell presided at the organ, and Mr W. Lowrie conducted the choir.

CASTLESIDE.
The "Abergavenny" van, with its Conservative lecturer, came to grief at Castleside, on Tuesday night.
Great excitement prevails at Castleside in view of the coming School Board election, which takes place on Monday first. All the seven candidates are going to the poll.

SATLEY.
On Monday, at Satley church, there was joined together in the bonds of holy matrimony Mr Wm. Appleton, Consett, to Miss Morgan, daughter of Mr George Morgan, of Hedley Hill. This is the sixth marriage that has taken place from the domicile of the last-named benedict. Many beautiful and useful presents were presented to bride.

HYMNS for Sunday School Anniversaries, &c., printed on the shortest notice, and at the cheapest rates by ROBERT JACKSON, Consett.

THE PRIMROSE LEAGUE.

DERWENT VALLEY HABITATION.

About a month since, it was resolved to form a branch of the Primrose League, to be called the "Derwent Valley" Habitation, with headquarters at Shotley Bridge. The following were chosen as office-bearers of the Habitation:—Ruling councillor, Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson, J.P.; dame president, Mrs Walton-Wilson; treasurer, Mr J. Lax; secretaries, Miss Murray and Miss Walton-Wilson; council (executive), Mrs Booth, Mrs Richardson, Mr J. Booth, Mr R. Dixon, Mr A. Annandale, Mr J. G. Murray, and Mr W. R. Town. The Habitation promises to become an undoubted success.

The first ordinary meeting of the Derwent Valley Habitation was held in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge, on Thursday se'nnight, under the presidency of Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson, of Shotley Hall, Ruling Councillor. There were also present Mrs Walton-Wilson, dame p esident; Mr J. Lax, treasurer; Misses Walton-Wilson and Murray, hon. secretaries; Mr and Mrs J. Booth, Mrs Richardson, Mr A. Annandale, Mr J. G. Murray, Mr R. Dixon, executive council; Col. Armytage, York; Mrs and Misses Dickinson, Priestfield; Miss Surtees and Mrs Tealy, Hamsterley; Miss Charlton, Hamsterley; Misses Ross-Lewin, Cole, Kennicott, Smith, Mr and Mrs J. Collinson, Mrs A. Annandale, Miss Frain, Mrs Lax, Mrs Hodge, Misses Weldon and Mr Barber, Shotley Bridge; Mr E. W. E. Balleny, Little Greencroft; Miss Featherstonhaugh, Edmondbyers; Rev F. W. Glyn, J.P., Lanchester; Rev H. and Mrs and the Misses Linthwaite, Ebchester; Mrs Cockin and Mrs Hedley, Medomsley; and about 200 others. The hall was gaily and tastefully decorated with mottoes, curtains, flowers, the primrose being very conspicuous among the last-mentioned.

The CHAIRMAN, who was well received, expressed a hope that they would learn more clearly their duties and obligations. He himself, as Ruling Councillor, would control that organisation to the best of his ability, and would continue to do so till he found himself unequal to the task, when they would transfer that honour to some one more capable and worthier. He referred his listeners to the wise and judicious remarks of their Grandmaster (Lord Salisbury), and dwelt upon the rapid growth of the League, remarking that it now existed in every hole and corner of Great Britain. It was evident, he said, that a dissolution would occur at no very distant date, and they relied upon the members of that Habitation to stir them up to action. (Applause.) Conservatives, it had been said with justice, were easy-going and apathetic, but they must work in real earnest for success, and do their very utmost to promote the principles of the League, and maintain the integrity of the Empire. (Loud cheers.)

Mr J. BOOTH explained that that gathering was for a three-fold purpose—to transact a small amount of business, to receive some instruction, and to be amused. The business portion was the adoption of the bye-laws which governed the Habitation. He therefore begged to propose that the model bye-laws issued by the head office should, with one or two slight alterations, be the rules for governing that Habitation.

Mr J. G. MURRAY, Conservative agent for North-Western Durham, seconded the motion, which was adopted *nem. con.*

Col. ARMYTAGE, one of the organisers of the Primrose League, who was accorded a hearty welcome, said he understood that that was practically the first full meeting in connection with that Habitation. He could only tell them that if the large number of members present that night were as much in earnest in the future as they had been since the Habitation was inaugurated, that Habitation would become second to none in that part of the country. (Cheers.) Their chairman had told them truly of the enormous proportions of the Primrose League, and that it was still growing, but he (the speaker) thought that the measure of their strength should not be so much their numbers as the work they had done, and what they intended to do in the immediate future. (Loud cheers.) That meeting exemplified the objects of the Primrose League—first they went in for business, and then for pleasure. They gave the standing lie to the assertion that they were putting the classes against the masses. The Primrose League was, in one respect, a political association, and in another respect—and that probably was the greatest reason of its huge success—it was essentially a social organisation. (Applause.) The Primrose League was started in 1885 for a set purpose, and not merely as a sort of junior Conservative Association. It was an association of men and women, of all ranks and grades, to uphold and protect those doctrines which had made this country great in the past—the principles of religion, the Empire, and the Constitution. (Loud cheers.) The reason the League was named after the popular little flower was this: That Lord Beaconsfield had done more towards cementing together the shattered fragments of the constitutional party, and done more towards educating the people in the great principles of the Empire than any other statesman. (Cheers.) They were living in somewhat peculiar times. Not so very long ago, both parties in the House of Commons were Tories and Whigs, who were practically united in the great principles which were the principles of the League. They were therefore preaching no new doctrine in asking the people to uphold the position of their glorious empire and the estates of the realm. (Cheers). It was those agitators who came amongst them, more especially at election times and periods of public excitement, and preached some pernicious doctrines which were entirely foreign to the British nation. They had ample reason to rejoice at the gigantic strides the Primrose League had made in appealing to the sympathies of those people who really cared for their country first and their party afterwards. By religion, they did not mean the Church of England, but all Christians of the empire. They would not have in their ranks a man who was a professed unbeliever or an atheist. (Applause). It would be a burning shame if they handed down their great and glorious empire, which had been built up through the noble conduct of their forefathers, less intact than when they found it before their times. (Cheers). With regard to the estates of the realm—the Queen, the House of Lords, and the House of Commons, the two former had been attacked most assiduously and unscrupulously by their opponents. They even wanted to reduce the non-representative Chamber of Peers to mere delegates elected by the people, and removable as well. It was by standing shoulder to shoulder, and pulling together, that they could uphold these principles, which were the principles of the League. (Cheers). Speaking of the general policy of the present Government, the gallant Colonel referred his hearers to the Marquis of Salisbury's speech two days before, when his Lordship warned the country of an insidious danger—the question of putting herrings across the track when the issues came to be fought out at the next general election. He reminded his hearers that the vote of the most illiterate elector was equal to the vote of Mr Gladstone, Mr Balfour, Lord Salisbury, or anybody else at the polling booth, and he counselled them to be extremely careful how they exercised that vast responsibility, and not vote for any faddist, but always support a candidate who for weal and woe would be the best and most suitable Parliamentary representative for a constituency for the next seven years or so. (Applause). Take care not to elect a person who would disgrace their name, and let him be a thorough Englishman to the backbone. (Cheers). He offered these remarks because they were in the midst of several bye-elections. He instanced the case of two candidates—one a Radical, who promised to support every "fad"—whether anti-vaccination, temperance, old women's rights (laughter), or anything else—while the Conservative spoke his opinions in an honest and fearless way. The result was that the "faddist" was elected by a large or small majority, and it was placarded in the local Radical papers as a "Great triumph for Mr Gladstone and Home Rule"—(laughter)—whereas Mr Gladstone and Home Rule had no more to do with the result of the contest than Julius Cæsar. (Much laughter). It was their duty to place the whole truth before the people, and to instil into their minds the principles and objects of the Primrose League. (Applause). It should be their aim to elect a good Government, and if they were unfortunate in selecting a bad Government, to strive their utmost to pitch it out as soon as possible. (Laughter and cheers). He believed that a greater number of Englishmen would support the present Goveenment than ever did before. (Cheers). Once there was a Liberal Government in power with a tremendous majority, and they boasted that the Tories would never get into office again. This Radical Government entered with the determination of undoing all the great benefits which Lord Beaconsfield had previously conferred upon the nation—(cheers)—and they succeeded with a vengeance. This Radical Government promised "Peace, retrenchment, and reform," but they were saddled with five expensive wars in as many years; for the first time (and he sincerely hoped last) the English soldiers had to run away from a lot of rascally Boers; a gallant soldier was sent to Khartoum, and (for the first time and he fervently hoped the last) he cried for help, and help came—but it was too late! They also had the Russians marching to the gates of India and Herat. Dared the Russians advance forward while Lord Salisbury's Government was in power? (Cries of "No" and cheers). They must preserve their colonies, and keep the gates open for commerce. No Foreign Minister had had such difficulties confronting him as Lord Salisbury had; but he had overcome all obstacles like a dignified English gentleman—like a true English statesman. (Cheers). England, Europe, aye even the civilised world, knew that when Lord Salisbury said "Yes" he meant "Yes," and when he said "No" he meant "No." (Applause). Whether they looked at his foreign, home, Irish, or financial policy, or in whatever direction they looked, they would find consistency and uniformity in the actions of the Unionist ministry. They had reduced the £100,000,000 expenditure of Mr Gladstone's Government to £86,000,000, taken something off the income tax, and the National Debt had been enormously reduced. (Cheers). Trade was prosperous, and their possessions were secure. It was true that Mr Gladstone's Government gave them a Reform Bill; although Mr Gladstone tried from time to time to jerrymander the constituencies, it was not until he called in the assistance of Lord Salisbury that the last Franchise Act was perfected and passed. (Cheers). Therefore, credit must be given to Lord Salisbury as well as Mr Gladstone. The Unionist Government had given the country a Local Government Bill, and had passed more measures for directly benefitting the working classes within the past five years than any previous Government that had been in power. (Cheers).

Mr BOOTH, in proposing a vote of thanks to Col. Armytage, declared that it was the best political speech he had ever heard in Shotley Bridge. (Cheers).

Mr ALEX. ANNANDALE seconded the proposition, which was carried by acclamation.

Col. ARMYTAGE, in replying, said he hoped the members would work hard, and by the time he next came amongst them their membership would have been doubled. (Loud cheers).

A musical entertainment was then given, in which the following ladies and gentlemen took part:—Misses Walton-Wilson, Dickinson, Linthwaite, Featherstonhaugh, and Fraen, and Messrs Chaytor, Hermitage, Glendinning, Surtees, Glyn, and Lax.

The meeting was a great success, and if it can be taken as an augury of the future, the League will prove of great assistance to the Unionist organisation of North-West Durham. We understand that the League, which was established on April 27th, has already a membership of 176.

BURNHOPE CHORAL SOCIETY.

On Monday evening, the above society rendered the sacred cantata by G. F. Root, entitled "Under the palms," in the Burnhope Colliery School-room, to a large and appreciative audience. Councillor J. T. Forster, president of the society, occupied the chair in his usual pleasant way, and congratulated the society as to its work in trying to bring out the musical abilities of the village.

The cantata was then proceeded with, which we may say is a very tuneful work, illustrating the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles after the captivity. The choruses are very bright, and the manner in which they were sung showed that great care had been taken in the preparation of them, and we were very pleased with the way the young people acquitted themselves, their singing being particularly sweet; but we are sorry that there were not more tenors and basses to balance the trebles and altos. The male portion that were there acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner. The soloists were—Misses B. Jameson, H. Heckels, A. Gibson, and Messrs G. Heslop, T. Teasdale, sen., G. Patterson, and A. Lees. These all did their parts exceedingly well. Miss Jameson, by her rendering of the soprano solos, greatly added to the success of the cantata, as also did Miss Heckels, her rendering of the alto solo, "By the dark Euphrates' stream," being particularly fine. Mr G. Heslop also did extremely well in the tenor solo, "Lies before a hostile way." Mrs H. L. Burgess accompanied in her well-known style, and supported the different pieces with judgment and precision.

Mr H. L. Burgess, the leader of the society, conducted. We cannot say too much in his praise for bringing to so successful an issue his undertaking, his sole aim being evidently to improve the young people of the place, and to turn their minds into pure channels by the sublime influence of music, and we hope the society may go on prosperously, and be a benefit to the village.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

A smoking concert was given on Wednesday night, under the auspices of the above-named club, in the large room of the Station Hotel (kept by Mr William Eltringham), Benfieldside. The chair was filled by Mr John Dixon (a vice-president), and subsequently Dr George Renton (president of the club) occupied that position. Amongst those present were:—Messrs T. Thompson, Gateshead; — McIvor, Wm. Wilson, and W. Forster, Shotley Bridge; R. Park, W. Ramsay (secretary), Dr Wynne, J. Marshall, J. Eltringham, C. Stephenson, W. D. Robson, John McTaggart, J. Fiddes, J. Siddell, T. T. Gray, T. Whinney, H. Stobart, S. Templeton, J. Stephenson, and W. Jenkins, jun., Blackhill; R. Heymer, Benfieldside; J. G. Murray, Benfieldside House; T. D. Dryden, J. Symington, W. Brand, J. R. Wood, A. Lowrie, A. Wood, S. Rayner, Wm. Eales, R. Rowe, W. Stockton, M. Hobday, Consett, &c.

The CHAIRMAN, in the interval, said that a short while ago he had exhausted all he had to say on the subject of county and local cricket, and had nothing further to add to what he had already uttered. The County Association had deemed it advisable to establish, in addition to the Challenge Cup, a league, and all the leading clubs in the two divisions of the county were now eliminated from the Challenge Cup and entered in the league matches. The Challenge Cup would therefore be competed for by the minor clubs of the county, and unfortunately the Consett club was classified under that head, but he hoped they would show the County Committee during the present season that they were entitled to be classed among the major clubs, and that in the year 1892 they would be placed in the league. (Applause.) With regard to the prospect of local cricket, he thought their secretary had arranged a capital list of fixtures, and he trusted to see such enthusiasm displayed by the various members of the respective teams that they would play their best, and at the end of the season they would have a good many successes and no defeats. (Applause.) Their new ground had not reached the position they would have liked, but he hoped they would have some regard for its very soft condition, and destroy it as little as possible, so that by another season the pitch would be considerably improved. Their finances were desperately crippled, consequently they would have to depend upon the efforts of the whole of the members of the club in bringing the ground into as perfect a state as it could possibly be made. This being the case, they would continue to have the pleasure of preventing the neighbouring clubs saying that they lost the game owing to the faulty nature of the ground. (Applause.) He concluded by asking those present to drink "Success to the Cricket Club," coupled with the name of Mr Ramsay.

The toast was heartily honoured.

During the progress of the proceedings, songs were given by Messrs C. Stephenson, R. Heymer, Wm. Brand, W. Jenkins, jun., J. G. Murray, J. Symington, J. McTaggart, S. Rayner, — McIvor, T. D. Dryden, M. Hobday, Mr G. Stephenson acting as accompanist. Mr S. Mace, jun., also obliged with some solos, which were skilfully executed on the violin; while the Chairman gave recitations.

WELDON'S DRESSMAKER for May, contains a coloured plate of Spring costumes and all the latest fashions for ladies and children, with practical instructions for cutting out and making at home. There are over fifty designs of the newest costumes, mantles, capes, skirts, millinery, stylish dust, driving and travelling wraps, bodices, lingerie, &c.

FROSTERLEY.

Mr Charles Tinkler, of Stanhope, has just preserved a fine specimen of the kingfisher shot by Mr L. Wearmouth, of Hill End, Frosterley, on the Wear between that place and Stanhope.

WESLEYAN CENTENARY.—A lecture was given in Frosterley Wesleyan Chapel, on "John Wesley," by Rev R. Garbett, of Tow Law, with lantern illustrations worked by Mr Brewer, Tow Law.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY.—This anniversary was celebrated by Mr R. T. Walton, of Willington, giving a splendid lecture on "The mirage of life," on Saturday night. Mr Wm. Ward, of High Bishopley, presided.—On Sunday, Mr Walton preached two eloquent sermons to good congregations, and in the afternoon, a service of song was rendered, entitled "William Clowes, the apostle of Primitive Methodism. The connective readings were given by Mr J. Maddison.

GREENCROFT.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—An interesting entertainment was given in the above chapel at Greencroft by the members of the catechumen class to a fairly good audience. The entertainment consisted of solos, duets, recitations, and several humorous dialogues. Mr J. G. Ward presided, and Mr M. Nicholson conducted.

WOLSINGHAM.

BALL.—A ball was held in the Town Hall, Wolsingham, under the auspices of the Wolsingham Harriers Association, whose headquarters is at the Black Bull Inn. The dance was the finish up of the season, and commenced at 7·30, continuing until one a.m., with an interval for supper, which was of a princely character, served up by the host of the Black Bull Inn, in excellent style. Some 16 couples tripped the light fantastic.

BURNOPFIELD.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—A sacred concert was given at Burnopfield by the following ladies and gentlemen: Miss Bell, soprano, Newcastle; Miss Henry, alto; Mr Sawyer, tenor; Mr Ormston, bass, Newcastle; Mrs Robinson *nee* Simms, accompanist. Mr G. Cowie, Byer Moor, occupied the chair. The proceeds are in aid of the proposed new Sabbath-school.

CONCERT.—On Wednesday se'nnight, a concert was given in the Wesleyan Chapel, Burnopfield, by the members of the Low Teams Wesleyan Choir, with the assistance of a few friends. There was a large attendance. The chair was occupied by Mr H. F. Bulman of Byer Moor, who gave an appropriate address during the evening. Miss Allen rendered with her usual good taste the songs "Tired" and "Happy be thy dreams," and was *encored* for the latter. Miss M. A. Hedley sang "The better land" and "The children's home" in an effective manner, and was recalled for the latter. The duet "Excelsior" was pleasingly rendered by Messrs Heywood and Ord. Mr Ord sang in a most pleasing way the songs "To-morrow will be Friday," and "Father O'Flynn," and on being recalled for the latter, rendered "Off to Philadelphia." Two recitations, entitled "The owl critic," and "The Fireman's Wedding," were given by Mr G. H. Swan with good effect, and in response to an *encore* he gave "Paddy the valiant." A trio was rendered by Mrs Allen, Miss Hedley, and Mr Ord, and the choir sang the part-song "Joyous Life" and "The Homeland" with much taste. A collection was taken at the close in aid of a new harmonium for the Low Teams Wesleyan Chapel. Mr Thos. Emmerson accompanied the singing.

CROOK.

ORGAN OPENING.—A new organ built by Messrs Harrison and Harrison, of Durham, has just been erected in Crook Parish Church. The instrument is of the latest design and consists of two manuals, Great and Swell organs with 16 stops, 2¼ octaves, radiating pedals, also 3 composition pedals. The opening services were held on Wednesday, April 15th, 1891, when a recital was given in the afternoon by Mr F. Tovey, of Darlington. In the evening, a special full choral service was held, the preacher being the Rev Canon Body, D.D., the organist being Mr John Hughes, Tow Law, who also gave a recital at the conclusion of the service. A pleasing feature in the programme was the beautiful singing of Master Stanley Hughes.

MEDOMSLEY.

ACCIDENT AT A COLLIERY.—On Monday morning, about 5 o'clock, a coal hewer named Robert Berwick, living at Allendale Cottages, had his foot badly crushed while following his employment at the Hunter Pit at Medomsley, belonging to the Consett Iron Company.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.—Commencing with Monday the postal arrangement in the Medomsley district have been revised and improved. The morning delivery in Medomsley has been accelerated by about one hour, and the delivery at other places in the district is also made earlier. There is a second daily delivery of letters, &c., in Medomsley, Allendale Cottages and Westwood, commencing about 3·30 p.m. There is a morning collection from the Post Office letter boxes in the neighbourhood for a new despatch from Medomsley Post Office at 12·15 p.m., fitted to fall into the general city delivery in Newcastle, commencing at 2·15 p.m., and to the afternoon deliveries at Tyneside and district towns. The letter boxes at Medomsley Post Office close for the last daily mail from that office at 5·45 p.m., instead of 3·40 p.m. In future the correct Postal address of all places in the Medomsley district will be Medomsley, R.S.O., County Durham.

WATERHOUSES.

DEATH OF MR JAMES BOWES.—We have to record the death, at Waterhouses, of a young man, named James Bowes. He was the youngest son of the late Mr Henry Bowes, who was manager of Messrs Pease and Partners', Waterhouses and Esh coke-ovens. Deceased was employed as a counterman in the drapery establishment of Waterhouses Branch of Crook Co-operative Society for a number of years. Little over a year ago, his lung was injured, and this brought on decline, from which he died. He was a prominent member of the Wesleyan body, and was greatly respected. The interment took place at Waterhouses Cemetery, when upwards of 800 people took part in the funeral *cortege*.

WEARDALE.

On Saturday night, a service of song was given in the Wearhead (Weardale) Wesleyan Chapel by the choir, Miss Bulmer being senior soloist, and conducting largely attended services on Sunday. Mr J. Thompson, Burtree Pasture, presided at the former service. Miss Wells and Mr J. Hetherington also sang solos. A good amount was realised by the two day's efforts in aid of the Trust Fund.

LANGLEY PARK.

PROPERTY SALE.—Mr R. C. Pearce offered for sale on Friday two copyhold dwelling-houses, with shops, in Quebec Street, Langley Park, in the occupation of Messrs Russell and Imeson, and belonging to the Onward Building Society. The bidding was commenced at £100, and the property was finally knocked down to Mr G. Ritchie, grocer, for £270. Mr G. Newby Watson, of Darlington, was the solicitor for the vendor.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

AN UPROAR IN FRONT STREET.—Before Mr H. W. Kerrich-Walker, at the Chester-le-Street Police Offices, on Monday, Michael and Elizabeth Canfield John Rogers, and Jonathan Fletcher were charged with assulting P.C. Ogleby at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday night, and further with assaulting P.C. McKay. Canfield was further charged with committing a breach of the peace.—The officers stated that defendants were fighting in the Front Street on Saturday night, with hundreds of people around them. When the officers tried to quell the disturbance, defendants, they stated, savagely attacked them, and before they could be taken into custody, both constables were severely handled. Defendants, it was alleged, seized some empty crates outside a shop door, and beat the officers with them, and also kicked them severely.—Defendants were remanded until the 6th May.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

NORTHERN UNION OF CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATIONS.—In connection with the visit of the "Abergavenny" van to Shotley Bridge, a meeting was held on Monday night, in the Temperance Hall, when Mr John Young delivered his popular lecture on the "Life of Lord Beaconsfield," which was illustrated by a number of lime-light views. There was a numerous attendance, and the lecturer was introduced by Mr John Booth. The singing of the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.

WELDON'S PRACTICAL CANVAS EMBROIDERY is a cheap and excellent magazine, being illustrated with fine wood engravings with practical working descriptions.

DARKWOOD.

A TALE OF LONEMOOR.

BY MRS. HARRIETT LEWIS,
Author of "The Sundered Hearts," "The Bailiff's Scheme," "The Double Life," &c.

CHAPTER III.

A STRANGE INTERVIEW.

All through the night the old housekeeper sat by the fire in that sick chamber with the baby on her knee while the mother slept.

And while the faithful old nurse was watching through the dark hours by the bedside of her young mistress a strange scene was being enacted in the old squire's room.

About an hour after the return of the wretched wanderer to her father's house another visitor made his appearance at the gate, and on sending up his name to the master of the house was at once admitted. He divested himself of his outer clothing, which was wet through, removed a muffler from his neck and a slouched hat, and revealed a pale face with sharp features, and keen piercing eyes. He followed the footman into the presence of Squire Markham without a word, and left that functionary in a state of wonderment and curiosity bordering on distraction, especially as his master, in a cold, stern voice, bade him make no mention to a living soul of his visitor's presence on pain of instant dismissal.

As soon as the door was closed the master of Lonemoor, who had been standing near the fireplace with an apparently calm demeanour, and a face as rigid as if carved in marble, sprang forward, and said, in low but impressive accents—

"Well! What news?"

"None," was the reply;" that is, none worth the telling. I have left no stone unturned to do your bidding, but have failed—failed completely."

"I thought so," returned the old man; "but I have been more successful. Would to heaven I had not! Come hither, man, and listen—closer, do you hear? The very walls must be deaf to what I have to tell you!"

His strange visitor came close to the squire, who clutched his arm, and leaning forward, whispered a few words in his ear. The other sprang back as if he had been stung by a snake, while the squire silently pointed in the direction of the room in which his daughter lay hovering between life and death. The stranger, when he had recovered the shock the squire's information seemed to have given him, spoke again, this time in a calmer and more hopeful tone than he had used before.

"Poor girl—poor child!" he said. "Here—alone, and ill almost unto death. Knowing this, do you wish me to go on?"

"Aye! If I wished it before, I desire it now with ten times more ardour. Go on even to the bitter end."

"Mr. Markham, have you no mercy, no pity—no human feeling left?"

The old man gave a low cry of agony.

"Mercy! What mercy have they shown me?" he said bitterly. "What pity have they had for my outraged honour? What human feelings gave them the slightest consideration for my life? Is my existence to be blighted, all my fondest hopes dashed to the ground and the few short years I have to live made a curse instead of a blessing to me for nothing? No, no! I am no longer a boy, to be turned from my purpose by the breath of every fresh breeze that blows. They should have thought of all this before. They will find me as inflexible as fate. And you—if you fail me in this—if you grow chicken-hearted—I must find other agents. You are too well paid, I should think, to be sentimental."

"But, Mr. Markham, she is your only child."

The squire's features became, if possible, more rigid and his eyes more cruel as he impatiently waved his hand.

"My daughter is dead to me for ever. Henceforth I am alone, and live but for one object. It is for you to help me or not; but beware how you play me false."

His companion bowed his head.

"You have known me too long, I should hope, to doubt me," he said, "and therefore will believe me when I tell you that I will do your bidding simply as a machine no matter what the result. But mark what I say: if you persist in your course you will live to repent it most bitterly, and to curse the hour you sent me out again on this fatal mission."

The squire laughed scornfully.

"I will risk all that," he returned, "and accept your warning for what it is worth. I am resolved to know all that has been attempted to be concealed from me, and to wreak my vengeance remorselessly on those who have so unscrupulously wronged me. I will not rest till I have avenged my honour, and restored my tarnished name to its old position. Then, perhaps, I can lift my head and face my fellow men."

"I have nothing to do, then, but await your further commands," was the reply, in a cold, businesslike tone.

The squire bent his shaggy brows, and fixed his glittering eyes on his companion, who met his scrutiny unflinchingly.

"How soon can you be ready for a long journey?" began Mr. Markham.

"At once."

The Squire made no answer; he went to a desk on a side table. He unlocked it, touched a secret spring, and revealed a drawer carefully hidden in the back of it. From this he took a small packet, without any superscription, and handed it to his visitor. The latter took it in silence, and placed it in the breast pocket of his coat. The squire refastened the desk, and went to an old-fashioned cabinet which stood in the corner of the room, and from this he took a small canvas bag, which he also handed to his companion.

"In that bag," he said, "you will find five hundred pounds. Spend it freely, but to good purpose, and when it is exhausted draw on me for a similar sum as before. I shall know whether it is applied properly. The packet will tell what to do and where to go. Now leave me. Send me word the moment you glean what I am in search of. I will deal with yonder difficulty—do you be as successful with the other."

For reply, the stranger simply bowed his head, and buttoning up his coat left the room, turning his head as he left it to see that the squire had sunk into an arm-chair, as if exhausted by the interview.

The strange visitor made his way to the hall, resumed his wrappings, wet as they were, shut the outer door after him as quietly as he could, and went forth once more into the night to battle with the storm.

When the morning broke, Mrs. Quillet, who knew nothing of what had transpired between the stranger and her master, brought the child and placed it in its mother's arms. Clare smiled faintly as she received it, but the smile was still vacant. The girl's memory still slept: her mind was still unhinged.

The old woman stole out into the hall. Her husband was lying on the rug before the door. He rose up as the door opened, and the faithful old pair, to whom the honour of that old house was almost dearer than their own, gazed into each other's eyes through tears.

"What will the master say now?" whispered the butler.

"Who knows. Perhaps, as the doctor says, they'll both die. It will be best so, John. If the child were a boy, he might make his way through the world in spite of its shame and sorrow. But it's a girl, born to a hard fate, John, and let us pray that heaven will take her now in its mercy."

"Who will tell the master?"

"I will," declared the housekeeper. "He must know. Be sure the servants think our young lady a mere vagrant woman. I must go back to her. The child is crying."

She returned to her charge in haste, and remained on duty till her husband knocked at the door, some three hours later, and informed her that the squire was in his sitting-room, and that his breakfast was ready.

"Set the tray on the hall table and I will carry it in," said Mrs. Quillet. "She is asleep now," and she glanced towards the bed. "I can be spared for a few minutes."

Soon after, the butler announced to his wife that the tray was waiting. Mrs. Quillet, with a last glance at her sleeping charge, descended the stairs and carried the tray into the sitting-room.

The old squire was there alone, before the bright hearth, looking a hundred-fold more haggard than on the previous day. He did not turn round at the housekeeper's entrance, and she put down her tray and lingered, not knowing how to commence her story, and trembling in anticipation of a burst of his fury.

"Here is your coffee, sir," she said at length, moving slowly away towards the door. "And the eggs and toast and bacon."

The squire slowly turned his head. He looked graver and ten years older than on the previous night. His eyes asked sternly the question his lips could not frame.

"She's in her old room, sir," said the housekeeper, obeying his mute command. "She is very ill—like to die. I have had a doctor to her."

Still the squire did not speak, nor did he avert his stern compelling gaze from the old woman's worn and troubled visage.

"She—there's a little baby, sir," faltered Mrs. Quillet. "It's a girl——"

The squire pointed with one long and bony forefinger towards the door, his countenance so terrible that the woman was appalled. She retreated silently, and swifty returned upstairs.

There her breakfast was served to her. She did not show herself again in the squire's presence throughout the day, nor for days afterwards, keeping herself shut up with her patient.

The doctor was not sent for again, though for days both mother and child lay at the very gates of death.

The old housekeeper was a good nurse, and had reared a family of children. She took this puny babe to her heart, thinking with every morning that at nightfall the tiny creature would be dead.

But the mother and the child, feeble as they were, maintained their hold on life. The mother lay silent as death, watching her nurse for hours together, and the old woman never knew whether her mind still wandered or if reason had seated herself again upon the throne she had so lately left vacant. The poor creature never carressed it, but Mrs. Quillet noticed that she stared at it often with a strange and steady gaze, which was unfathomable.

CHAPTER IV.

OUT IN THE WORLD.

A week—two weeks—thus passed. Clare sat up now, thin, and shrunken and wan, never speaking, never smiling. Mrs. Quillet often longed to question her, but something in the girl's look of utter desolation and despair held her silent.

November glided into December. A month had passed since Clare Markham had so singularly returned to her home, and still she had not passed the threshold of her chamber, still the old squire had not looked upon her face.

By this time the girl was able to sit up for most of the day, and her nurse began to think of her future. What was to become of her? Could the squire be induced to pardon and reinstate her in her home? Would he grant her a father's protection, or would he send her forth with her child to wander homeless and friendless?

These questions troubled the housekeeper night and day. She resolved to make a last appeal to her employer, and if possible revive his former love for his child.

One night—a night the very counterpart of that on which Clare Markham had returned to her home, a night wild with storm and pitchy in its darkness—the old squire passed along the hall off which his daughter's room opened.

Mrs. Quillet heard his step and resolved to make a bold effort for the reinstatement of her darling. Laying down the child, she hurried into the hall and intercepted her master, leaving the door open behind her, that he might see the slim, drooping figure curled up on the couch in such a helpless attitude.

"Master," said the old woman, speaking quickly lest she should lose her desolate courage, "will you come in and see Miss!"

The girl raised her head, listening

The squire halted.

"See whom did you say?" he asked in a harsh and strident voice.

"Miss Clare!" faltered the woman "your daughter, sir."

"My daughter is dead!" said the squire in a voice that rang clear and cold as metal. "She died a year ago. You mean the woman in there, perhaps," and he shot a glance into the chamber. "Yes, I will see her, and now."

He strode to the entrance as he spoke, and motioning Mrs. Quillet to wait, entered the room and shut the door after him.

A sight met his gaze as he entered that room which might have melted a heart of stone.

Old Mrs. Quillet had striven hard during the time poor Clare had been there to restore it to something of its old splendour, and had succeeded, at least, in making it cheerful and bright, and now in was looking at its best. The young mother was reclining on a couch, and the infant born amidst so much sorrow was nestling in a cradle by her side, tranquilly sleeping, unconscious happily of the storms of grief and passion which hovered around its hapless head.

Clare was intently watching it as it lay with a sad wistful expression, and so deeply wrapped in thought that she did not hear the opening of the door, or her father's footsteps as they approached the couch.

On his part he had made no sign, but stood for a few minutes contemplating the mother and child in silence; but there was no softening of the hard features, no unbending of the brow, or of the set compression of the lips.

Suddenly Clare looked up, and an expression of fear—nay, horror—sprang into her eyes as she recognised who it was that stood before her; but she uttered no sound.

Finding that she did not speak as he had expected, and hardly knowing whether or not she would understand him, though he guessed from her evident recognition of him that she had recovered her reason, the squire addressed her in harsh, grating tones.

"I am come," he said, "much against my better judgment, to listen to any explanation you may have to give me. Whether I shall believe you or not is another matter."

Clara did not answer; but the hot flush on her cheek told that she understood the taunt too well.

The squire waited a short time, but receiving no reply began again.

"Understand me. I shall take your remaining silent as a proof of your guilt"

Still no answer.

The squire had paced up and down the room, his steps growing shorter and quicker each time as he glanced from under his brows at the pale, mournful face so tenderly bowed over the sleeping child. At length he stopped and strode up close to her couch his face crimson with passion.

"Girl;" he said, in a gutteral voice, "I will know the truth, even at the peril of my soul. You have returned unbidden, unsought. You shall now confess, and aid, not thwart me in my just revenge."

Still silence fell.

Once Clare turned her eyes with a mute, appealing glance to her father's face, and he almost felt his resolution give way, for it told him far more powerfully than words, what a heartless, unmanly part he was acting. It told him that he should have faith in the honour of his daughter who had borne his name, and have believed in her innocence till he had at least some evidence of her guilt. It told him that he should not have utterly steeled his heart against her till he had the most convincing proof that he had nursed a viper in his bosom that had turned and stung him. It brought home to him all the folly, all the wickedness of his haste to disbelieve, but so far from softening him it only made him inexorable.

"So," he muttered between his set teeth, "you are determined to defy me to the last. Is it to be war, and not peace. So be it. I will give you five minutes to consider whether you will reveal *all* to me, or whether you will take the consequence of your obstinacy."

Still the same terrible silence.

He took out his watch as he finished speaking, noting the hour, and then replaced it, looking at poor Clare's white face as he did so. Tears were coursing down her cheeks, and she was rocking to and fro and sobbing as if her heart would break, but not a syllable either as a demand for forgiveness or in explanation escaped her lips.

Her father stood by the fire watching her eagerly, and as he found the minutes slipping by and still the silence unbroken, the gathering storm upon his rigid features grew terrible to witness.

He took out his watch from time to time, and at last, when the time was up, approached the couch slowly, and in a voice of concentrated fury, the more fearful on account of its apparent calm, once more addressed the miserable girl.

"You are more reckless than I gave you credit for," he said. "No doubt you think it clever and brave to remain silent; but you have yet to know what you have drawn upon yourself by your disobedience and obstinacy. Whether you stay here, or go forth, wherever on the face of earth you may be, whether rich or poor, in prosperity or adversity, in sickness or health, you will be accompanied by my curse, and that curse shall fall upon your children's children! You shall not know a moment's peace; and as you have brought sorrow and shame on my grey hairs, so shall you be steeped to the lips in sorrow and shame as well as guilt to your dying day, should you live to your hundredth year."

With this awful imprecation on his lips, and without waiting to see its effect upon his daughter, he hurried from the room. Clare listened half fainting to his fearful words, but dimly comprehending their meaning at first; but as she grasped their purport, she uttered a faint cry of agony, and sank back on her pillow in a swoon.

Mrs. Quillet returned to her charge as soon as the squire had quitted the room, and was horror-stricken to find that she had fainted. She was soon, however, able to restore her to consciousness, and with quick feminine tact saw that there had been no reconciliation.

"My lamb," said the housekeeper tenderly, "he will forgive you yet, whatever your faults. Speak to me, Miss Clare; tell me that you understand me. Your old nurse loves you, darling."

But the girl's look of despair did not lighten. She only sighed, and maintained that peculiar silence that so puzzled her attendant.

Mrs. Quillet soon afterwards went downstairs to her supper, the young lady having been served, and being well enough to be left to herself.

As she passed through the front hall, she opened the door and peered out into the night. The air was full of whirling drifts of snow. The sky was black as ink. A wide, wild waste of snow, trackless and terrible, stretched out upon the moors. The December wind was fierce, and keen, and chill.

"An awful night!" thought the housekeeper, shivering, and closing the door. "Heaven help the poor tonight! It was a night less wild than this when Miss Clare came. Heaven pity her."

She went down to the warm room; her supper was ready, her husband waiting. The pair lingered over the meal. Suddenly the crash of a door slamming startled them both.

"The housemaid," said Mrs. Quillet; "she grows more careless every day. As I was saying, these are dark days for this old house, John. I wonder if the master will ever be reconciled to Miss Clare? She never speaks to me, but I know she has her mind again. I know she heard and understood every word her father said to-night, whatever it was."

Aye, she had understood only too well.

When Mrs. Quillet returned to that upper chamber the girl had gone. The baby lay in the cot crying most piteously, but the young mother had vanished.

With wild terror, the housekeeper explored the adjoining rooms—the entire mansion. She remembered the door that had been slammed so heavily, and the truth came home to her soul in one piercing conviction.

Clare Markham had gone forth into the storm even as she had come—gone into the darkness, and whirling snows, and fierce December blasts—gone in her weakness and despair—gone with a father's bitterest curse upon her head—gone to what fate?

(To be continued.)

BENFIELDSIDE BURIAL BOARD FINANCES.

A meeting of the rated inhabitants of Consett, Blackhill, and Shotley Bridge, which are embraced in the ecclesiastical district of St. Cuthert's, Benfieldside was held in the Low Schoolroom. Blackhill, on Saturday night. There was a fair attendance, and the chair was occupied by Rev J. Foran (a member of the Burial Board).

The Clerk (Mr T. Whinney) submitted the statement of accounts of the Board for the year ending March 25th, 1891, showing that the total income was £575 12s, and the total expenditure £522 3s 9d, leaving a balance of £53 8s 3d to be carried forward. There was due to the Public Works Loan Commissioners as No 2 loan £750, and on No 1 loan £133 6s 8d. The total liabilities of the Board at present represented £829 18s 5d.

On the proposal of Mr G. ELTRINGHAM, seconded by Mr P. OSBORNE, the financial statement was adopted.

The Clerk afterwards presented a balance sheet indicating the probable income and expenditure of the Board during the coming year. The statement of the income was based upon the absolute figures in the past year's balance sheet—viz. £178 0s 8d, and the expenditure was set down as £239 0s 5d. If they had such a successful year as they had experienced this last 12 months, then they would have a balance in hand of £30 19s 9d, that being exclusive of the sum carried, which was more than half paid away by the current expenses, and therefore they could not rely upon this balance doing any good. The ground committee had also prepared a statement to the effect that a portion of the new cemetery would have to be drained and this would absorb from £50 to £60, accordingly they asked the vestry to sanction the expenditure of £90, so as to cover the cost of drainage, and other expenses which might arise unexpectedly.

The CHAIRMAN went on to state that already some parts of the new cemetery had been drained, and this had had a beneficial effect. The portion of land, however, between the Sexton's house and the entrance gates was in a very bad state and needed draining, it being absolutely requisite that the surface water should be taken away, and thereby prevent the graves becoming filled with water. The drain would have to be laid six feet deep, and the pipes were nine inches in diameter. The cost would be about £50, or considerably less than ½d in the pound on the rates. It was to be hoped that they would not have such a "successful year" as they had this last twelve months (laughter), a very great number of people having died during the winter.

Mr P. OSBORNE proposed the adoption of the estimate, and approved of the action of the Burial Board in expending a sum not exceeding £90 in draining the cemetery.

This was seconded by Mr GEO. ELTRINGHAM, who spoke of the water in the cemetery bubbling up in the springs and inundating the graves.

This was carried.

On the motion of Mr A. MCKEAN, seconded by Mr J. G. COOKE, a vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for presiding.

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VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

Benefit Concert.—The first of a series of concerts organised by a committee of young men for the benefit of the old and superannuated miners of the village of Victoria Garesfield Colliery was brought to a most successful issue on Saturday evening, the first to receive attention being Mr James Burton, an old and crippled miner. From the attendance it was soon seen how highly and well respected Mr Burton was in the district. The programme was a lengthy and attractive one. Mr George Stobbs opened the proceedings with a pianoforte solo, which was well received. Mr J. Hetherington next gave "The song that reached my heart," and Mr J. Duffy rendered "Tom Bowling" in grand style, and was much applauded. Mr Stobbs, in the concertina solo, was well received. Next came Professor Edmins with his family of comedians. This talented gentleman kept the audience in uncontrollable merriment during the whole of the period of his entertainment, and came in for a lion's share of applause. A cornet and clarionet duet was ably given by the brothers Hetherington. Master D. Bell rendered "The shamrock of Ireland" and "Be kind to my mother," for which they were heartily cheered. A hornpipe and a jig was given by Mr George Iley; also two songs by the brothers Teasdale, which were well executed. "My heart's at home in old Ireland," by Mr Duffy, and "That is love," by Mr Jas. Hetherington, were both well sung. A song and dance was efficiently given by Mr Stobbs. Another musical duet and a song by Mr James Hetherington, "Powder monkey Jim," was given in faultless style. Mr Stobbs accompanied on the piano. The chair was filled by Mr G. J. Franks. A vote of thanks to the performers and also the chairman brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The committee will be able to hand over to Mr Burton the sum of £4 4s.

TANFIELD LEA.

Opening of the Infant School.—This school at Tanfield Lea was commenced on Monday by Miss Newell, head teacher, who has held the office as head teacher at Tanfield National Infant Schools during the last eight years, with satisfaction to the managers and credit to herself. The Infant School has been opened by the Tanfield School Board, and Miss Newell has received the honour of being elected the first teacher to the Board. The school is looked upon as a special blessing to the village, because all other schools being at such a great distance, the agitators for the new school at all times maintained that if a school was established, there were a number of children who might be able to attend school, and it will be a pleasant surprise to all lovers of children to learn the fact that 36 children are enrolled on the books who have never attended any school. There was little trouble with the children in opening out the school, only one little fellow (four years old) went on strike, and refused the morning attendances. He declined to give any reason until the dinner hour. After being pressed, he agreed to go on condition that he had a penny at the "pay." It was agreed to, and the strike, which might have become serious, terminated.

SHOTLEY FIELD.

Entertainment.—A Band of Hope meeting was held in the Baptist Chapel, Shotley Field, on Saturday—Mr Dickinson in the chair, and Miss Oliver presiding at the organ (kindly lent by Mr Edwards). Mr Dickinson gave a short address on the drink question, pointing out the many evils arising from the accursed traffic. A lengthy programme was gone through by the following ladies and gentlemen who each sustained their part in a manner that evoked hearty applause from the audience. Dialogue by 10 boys, entitled, "When we are men"; duet and chorus "Raise the Temperance Banner," 10 boys; solo, M. Golightly; dialogue, "What shall we play," T. Oliver and J. Stockdale; recitation "Bad Times," J. Golightly; recitation "Dare to say no," G. Stockdale; duet, Messrs Ridley and Sanderson; recitation, "What drink did for poor Pat," J. Golightly; duet, "The child's pleading," E. M. Wilson and E. E. Davidson; song, G. Bramwell; song, H. Ridley; song, M. Hall; reading, "How Adam fell," Mr Ridley. The doxology brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close. Then followed a coffee supper kindly given by the following:—Mrs Edwards, Wilson, Disbury, Maddison, Oliver, Miss Dickinson, and Mr Eltringham.

SPEN COLLIERY.

Presentation.—Wednesday se'nnight was the occasion of an interesting gathering at the Spen, for the purpose of presenting to Mr T. Errington, engineer, with a testimonial originated by his workmen and other friends, on his leaving Garesfield Colliery in February last. The testimonial consisted of a gold medal and purse of gold, together with gold brooches for Mrs and Miss Errington. On presenting the articles, Mr Wm. Robson, in a feeling speech, referred to Mr Errington's many sterling qualities, which had endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and said he might feel assured that he expressed the sentiments of everyone present when he said they all felt that with his departure they had lost an old and valued friend.—Mr Errington, in responding, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see so many old friends around him again, and said he would never forget the kind manner in which they had spoken of him that night, and that he and his family would always treasure the articles which had just been handed to him, not for their value only but as mementoes of those with whom he had been associated for so many years.

TOW LAW.

The Influenza Epidemic.—A form of throat disease is very prevalent at Tow Law at present, and some of the cases have proved serious. A young man named Harry Best has died after a short illness.

The annual meeting of the Tow Law Flower, Poultry, and Industrial Society, was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday night. The society is in a flourishing condition. A committee, together with secretary and treasurer, were elected for the ensuing season.

Co-operative Society.—On Monday evening, the quarterly meeting of the Tow Law Co-operative Society, Limited, was held at the stores—the president (Mr T. Vickers) occupying the chair, who briefly introduced the business. The society still continues to prosper, and shows an increase of membership and sales since the half-yearly meeting in January. The alteration and enlarging of the premises was left in the hands of the committee. The places chosen for the annual excursion, were Newcastle and South Shields. As the officers are elected by nomination and voting papers, the following gentlemen were nominated:—President, Mr James Vickers; secretary, Mr George Hildreth; committee, Messrs G. Bell, G. Moses, Jos. Robinson, T. Wheatley, N. Wilson, and R. Dixon; local auditors, Messrs S. Nicholson and J. Robinson. As there were no more nominations for president and secretary, the two retiring officers were re-elected. The other nominations will in due course come before each member to be voted on. Messrs J. Hobson and J. G. Watson were appointed scrutineers. A very hearty conversation took place about the prices of goods, and the cutting down prices at other shops in the town. The conclusion come to was to buy at our own shop, and never mind other tradesmen, &c.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Entertainment.—On Saturday evening, an interesting exhibition of lime-light views on the subject, "What transformed the world?" was given in the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain, by Mr James Smith. The views were described by Mr W. T. Mackay, Catchgate, while the chair was taken by Mr Wm. Rutherford, Catchgate. There was only a moderate company present.

WEST PELTON.

The Alpine Choir paid a visit to West Pelton on Saturday and Sunday last. They occupied the Co-operative Hall, West Pelton, and were well patronised.

OXHILL.

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—On Saturday, a public supper was held in the above chapel, when a fair company was present. The proceeds, together with several donations by many friends, will enable the trustees to pay off all the debt on the premises, and leave a small balance in hand; and it is to be hoped the friends will not be long in seeing their way to erect a school-room on the ground at the west end of the chapel, which would be a great boon.

Weldon's Bazaar of Children's Fashions for May is entirely devoted to fashions for boys, girls and young ladies. The paper pattern of the Eveline Cape is presented. There are about fifty designs of the newest styles for little ones.

HANDYSIDE'S ROOMS 126, KING'S CROSS ROAD, Feb. 28th., 1891.

Mr. G. Handyside.

Dear Sir,—The following is a description of the work and cures under my supervision, in London. In a little over three months I have taken in hand over 700 patients to whom I give medicine free. Many are already cured, and the rest still under my treatment. The patients are suffering from Consumption, Bronchitis, Asthma, Rheumatism, Indigestion, Fits, Eruptions, Sleeplessness, Costiveness, Paralysis, and Cancer, and the results in each class of these complaints have been most marvelous. There are many who were laid up with consumption, when you sent me here three months ago, who are now perfectly well and able to attend to their daily occupation. A Miss Hobbs, 15, George Street, Canning Town, London, E. had been in consumption for three years. She had been under the best medical treatment, and the best hospitals, but they could do her no good, she was continually wasting away, suffering cold night sweats, bad cough and spit; in six weeks after taking the consumption cure, she is perfectly well and able to take a situation. Another case "and I enclose his testimonial." Mr John Martin, 52, Wharton Street, W. C., who had been suffering from Bronchitis and Asthma for many years, had tried everything he knew of, also hospitals and doctors, before he came to me he had to be propped up with pillows in bed, was getting weaker and weaker, and unable to work, he has had 3 lots of Handyside's Blood Purifier and is now able to work. The Rheumatic cures, have been numerous and wonderful, persons have come to the van bound in grip of Rheumatic pains in 20 minutes the pains have been driven away and they have run jumped and danced and the blood purifier has perfectly cured them. In paralysis there have been some wonderful effects. Altogether I have in hand about 40 of this class, and there have been some magical results, one is Miss Inman, 44, Parnell Road Old Ford, London, E. she is 15 years of age has been suffering nearly all her life, before she came to me Miss Inman had never been able to put up her own hair, I had her come to my room, and in this case I used the electric chair and at the same time applied the liniment, after the first visit she could do her hair and has been getting better ever since. I have another one Mr Archer, 75, Arcadia Street, Bow, London, E. This gentleman had been paralysed for 7 years, in both legs, for five years he had not been able to stand without assistance; in six weeks under our treatment he came to the van for his medicine, without any assistance. I have a number of children who were paralysed in the arm and hand, and were not able to open the hand, only when forced open by the other hand, but now they can open their hand at will which is a most wonderful result, and all these cases have been under the best hospitals and doctors. I have had the same success in fits. There was one child brought to me at the van, by its mother, Mrs Anderson, Cardigan Road Old Ford, London, E. This child had been suffering from fits, 2 years 9 months, and had 10 fits in a day, she had been under the best medical treatment, and they had failed to do her any good. I gave them the Blood Purifier, the first week they were reduced to 8 a day the second week to one and the last time I saw the mother she said the child had not had a fit for a fortnight, this marvellous result was effected in one month. I have many other of a similar nature all of which are getting better. But the most wonderful cure I have in hand is a case of cancer, a lady, Mrs McGuire, Orchard Avenue, Barking, London, E., has been suffering from this distressing disease for many years, she has been under 46 medical men, in the best London Hospitals, and has formed the special subject for the physician's lectures, and the only hope they have ever given her, has been the cutting of the cancer away, this they have tried to do but as often as they have cut it, it has grown deeper into the head, for 4 years the lady has been very bad, the eye has been taken completely out, they have cut her 6 times and tried to burn it out 22 times, but it has baffled all their efforts. When the lady came to me, she had not had a night's rest for 4 years, and the eye was worse than it had ever been, the poor woman was distracted with pain, her memory failed her and she scarcely knew how or what to do, she consulted medical men at London and not one would undertake her case, they could give her no relief in her distraction. Her children said "Mother," why don't you go to Mr Handyside he is doing a great deal of good, try him. She came, and after she had taken it 5 days, she got the first night's rest she had had for 4 years. when Mrs McGuire had taken the medicine 4 weeks her pains were entirely gone. The case itself baffles description, and it must be seen to be realized. The people of Barking district, London, are astounded at the work we are doing.

Yours truly,
J. BROOKS.

A testimony from the Rev Father Hickley, Barking, London, accompanies the above, and also from Mr W. R. Lonythies, Coffee Tavern, 5, Heath Street, London.

I must confess I could not believe it, and went myself to see it, and I have no hesitation in confirming the opinion of the lady herself, and all in the neighbourhood that it is a perfect cure. The upper bone of the eye is eaten away. I will in August give two thousand of my patients a trip from London to the Crystal Palace, and give prizes for dancing to those whom doctors have given up as incurable. The lady that is cured of cancer will likely be amongst them. Everyone should go and see the marvellous effect of this medicine. The doctors are satisfied that all diseases arises from animalcula, or insects in the blood. If this kills the insect of cancer it is exactly what Koch and all great medical progressists are endeavouring to find out. When this medicine possesses this power, it is no wonder that it cures cancer, consumption, indigestion, costiveness, night sweats, fits, languidness, a weak heart, eruptions of the skin, runnings of the body, change of life, sleeplessness, fevers, small-pox and measles.

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The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST, 1891.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

THEATRE GOING.

"—— Out, out, brief candle!
Life's but a walking shadow; a poor player;
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage."

So thought the bard of Avon; but the current of human thought has become broader and deeper since his day, with the result that while the stage is still a popular source of amusement its representations are much to shallow and unreal to bear any tangable resemblance to the solid relationships of life. I am in blisful ignorance of the tenor of the observations which last week brought into the arena three doughty champions, prepared to prove by sheer dint of argument that theatre-going is far from being a profitable source of mental enjoyment. It may be assumed that the loss in this respect is not a matter of personal regret to me. I have all along been—both from taste and principle—opposed to theatre-going. I have rarely, if ever, written on the subject, knowing that my readers in the Consett district take but a passing interest in theatrical nomenclature, the life which now is being worthy of weightier consideration. Twice only within the sweeping radius of a quarter-of-a-century have I seen the inside of a playhouse—once to witness Scott's "Lady of the lake," and latterly Shakespear's "Merchant of Venice." Both plays were interesting; but the farce which followed them were decidedly low. One of them was supposed to be illustrative of the toi's and risks incurred by the man who has to keep up appearances with empty pockets. This particular adventurer managed to keep soul and body together by putting on other people's clothes by misadventure at the hotels of a morning instead of his own, and when this gentlemanly method of raising the wind failed he tried his hand at inducing some body's wife to elope with him. When his plans were frustrated, he swore roundly, and the louder he swore the applause was the more pronounced. It will be understood that I drew my own conclusions touching the tastes of the good people who attend the theatre for the purpose of enjoying an intellectual treat by listening to the historic powers of the actors, and having their sympathies kindled by the personation of virtue in one or other of its manifold forms. It is well enough known that theatre-goers assert that they invariably get more good from witnessing a play in which virtue gets its own reward and vice goes to the wall than they do from the best sermon ever preached. So they say; but disinterested men very naturally draw their own conclusions on such matters. It is not often that one sees the multit... squeezing one another almost out of shape in their mad anxiety to get into a building within which they may get the prescribed measure of good to their waiting souls. But theatre goers do it and pay sixpence extra for the privilege of entering by a side door. It is, of course, a rather odd path by which to seek oblong thoughts and sentiments; but it is, I suppose, only another illustration of the trite saying: "There is no accounting for tastes."

TO THE POINT.

Mr Orr, Annfield Plain, deserves credit for the characteristic frankness of his utterances when speaking the other Saturday at the miners' demonstration at Medomsley on the subject of better house accommodation for the class in whose interests the assemblage had come together. Mr Orr has for years been a recognised leader among the men among whom his lot has been cast, and it consequently follows that what he says to his fellows is accepted as coming from one in authority. A resolution was passed in favour of better house accommodation for miners, and while falling in with what was done and said, Mr Orr reminded his hearers that a good many houses were just what people made them. While speaking in this blunt strain, Mr Orr did not infer that the existing sanitary arrangements were perfect—far from it—but he said as plain as could be expressed that the movement must first be inaugurated by men making the most of the existing arrangements, rendering their homes as attractive as possible to their wives and families. Talk of this order is what I should feel disposed to denominate, speaking to the point, and the sentiment which it embodies reminds me very forcibly of the comprehensive expression in Holy Writ: "The kingdom of heaven is within you." It must not be assumed, however, that the miners in North-West Durham are less interested in their homes than other classes of working men. Mr Orr did not mean that. The fact is, were the writer deputed to return a tabulated statement bearing on the question as to which class of toilers had the best furnished houses, he would without hesitation give the "cake" to the miners of Northumberland and Durham. I regard it as a matter worthy of special social reform; men might be so much more comfortable than they are did they make the most of their present opportunities and the privileges within their reach. In the North of England, at this moment, there are thousands of working men with houses containing four rooms or more, and not one family in every fifty have either fire or light in their best room from one Christmas to the other. The parlour is kept as a sort of forbidden ground, and the whole family is crowded night after night into the back room or kitchen. It may be that the Durham miners will break through this most undesirable custom, when time and change bring to their doors better house accommodation.

CRICKET.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, MAY 2ND).

Consett and District 1st v Benwell Hill 1st, at Benwell.
Consett and District 2nd v Benwell Hill 2nd, at Consett.
Medomsley 1st v Cornsay 1st, at Medomsley.
Medomsley 2nd v Blaydon, at Blaydon.
Shotley Bridge v Westwood, at Shotley Spa Grounds.
Consett Fell v West Pelton Violets, at West Pelton.
West Stanley 1st v Greenside, at West Stanley.
Oxhill v Usworth, at Oxhill.
Philadelphia v Chester-le-Street, at Chester-le-Street.

Consett Coming Champions would like to arrange matches with any junior teams; ages from 13 to 16. Address, W. Robson, Puddlers' Row, Consett.

STANNIFORDAM HEROES v CASTLESIDE WHITE STAR.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a victory for the home team by 50 runs. Score:—Heroes, 58; White Star, 8.

MEDOMSLEY v CORNSAY.—The following will represent Medomsley to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, on the ground of the former club:—W. E. Charlton (captain), M. Charlton, Geo. E. Milburn, M. Milburn, W. Cant, R. Cant, W. Baron, Dr Mann, Geo. Moon, R. Campbell, and A. N. Other.

MEDOMSLEY 2ND v BLAYDON.—At Blaydon. The following will represent the visiting team:—W. Hunter (captain), J. Hunter, Jas. Hunter, J. Ross, A. Hedley, R. Abbott, T. Bramley, J. E. Taylor, Jas. Veitch, W. G. Thompson, and J. Balfour.

CONSETT FELL v WEST PELTON VIOLETS.—To be played at West Pelton. The under-mentioned players will represent the Consett Fell:—T. Charlton (captain), A. D. Wood, J. Williams, J. Lowes, J. Wilkinson, T. Longworth, R. Lowes, W. Walker, A. Kempster, T. Bullock, and Geo. Charlton.

DEATH FROM BURNS AT LANCHESTER.

An inquest was held on Saturday by Mr John Graham, district coroner, at Lanchester Union Workhouse, relative to the death of John Sheridan, a single man, 44 years of age, belonging to Catchgate. The evidence showed that the deceased was employed as a coke-filler at the South Pontop ovens, Annfield Plain. On the 16th April, his clothing caught fire while he was lying down, and he was badly burnt about the body. Sheridan seized hold of the hose-pipe, and threw a quantity of water upon himself. He was conveyed to the Workhouse Infirmary, where he was attended by Dr John Wilson, but died on the 23rd ult.—After hearing the medical testimony, the jury returned a verdict to the effect that Sheridan died from shock and exhaustion through being accidentally burnt by his clothing catching fire at the coke ovens.

IMPORTANT PROPERTY SALE AT STANLEY.

On Wednesday evening, an important sale of freehold property was held at the Commercial Inn at Stanley, at which Mr Adam Brodie, F.A.I., Consett, officiated as auctioneer, being instructed by the executors of the late Mr James Scott, deceased. This being one of the most improving mining districts in North-West Durham, there was a large and most influential company of gentlemen present to the number of upwards of 200, and the bidding was brisk and the competition keen, the various lots being situate in the best positions for business purposes. The first lot offered was the extensive business premises, with dwelling-house attached, at present occupied by Mr Frater, draper, for which Mr R. Murray, of Benfieldside House, was the first bidder at £800, which offer was followed by others of £850, £900, and so on by Messrs Nicholson, Frater, and others, and was eventually run off to the bid of Mr Frater at £1,200. The second lot included two cottages in Fenwick's Terrace, fronting the main street in Stanley, and suitable for conversion into business premises, which was started at £250, and after quick bidding by Messrs Walker, Handy, and Stirling, was sold to Mr Thomas Parker, butcher, for £360, who also became the purchaser of the two cottages immediately adjoining at £330. Lot four, also two cottages in the same terrace, were sold to Mr Stirling, of Annfield Plain, for £325. The lot next to lot four was of a similar character, but being the corner block, and better suited for business purposes, excited more competition, and, after brisk bidding, was sold to Mr R. Murray for £405 The last lots offered included six cottages behind Fenwick's Terrace, and were run off to Mr Colquhoun, of West Stanley Colliery, at £525, and this concluded the sale. The whole of the lots wore disposed of at prices above the reserve figure. Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) acted as solicitor for the vendors.

CONSETT IRON & STEEL COMPANY'S MECHANICS' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday evening, the quarterly meeting and entertainment of this Association was held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett. There was a capital attendance, and the chair was occupied by Mr Edward Whittaker (vice-president) Consett.

The CHAIRMAN, in opening, made reference to the loss the Association had sustained through the death of Mr Thomas Williams, of Consett. He said that Mr Williams was the means of getting the Association established. During the quarter the committee had taken upon themselves to send the widow a letter of condolence, expressing their sympathy in the sad loss that she had sustained. Speaking of the trade in general, he said that he had seen in the newspapers that the Manchester Mechanics were now agitating for something—which they as mechanics had had for some time past—and that was for the 53 hours movement. (Applause). He thought they as workmen were to be congratulated for their combination, and he hoped they would go on.

The SECRETARY (Mr W. McIvor) moved:—

"That in the opinion of this meeting, the fund now being raised for the widow and family of the late Mr Thomas Williams, vice-president of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration, meets with our support and approval, on the ground of the services rendered by the late Mr Williams to this Association and labour in general."

He said that he would not occupy their attention long in moving the resolution. The fund now being raised for the widow and family of the late Mr T. Williams was in accordance with previous custom, and should meet with the hearty and generous support of all contributors to the Board. The masters generously subscribe to the widow of a vice-president, whereas the men are never called upon to subscribe to the widow of a president. He held then that it was the duty of the men to support a fund like the present, and show by prompt and generous action that they are not ungrateful for services rendered to their cause. He need hardly remind them that the late Mr Williams gave their interests and welfare more consideration than any previous representative on the Board. They were all aware that he was the chief originator of the Association. They were also aware that they had derived considerable benefit from the organisation. Mr Williams found them lacking cohesion and organisation, but he had left them strong and united, a compact body of over 250 members, with ample and ever increasing funds at their disposal. Now that this benefactor had gone from their midst, he trusted that they would not lightly depart from his wise counsel:—"That every question and grievance that may arise between employer and employed is capable of satisfactory ajustment by the application of reason and conciliation." This was the basis on which the Association was founded, and has hitherto worked, and he trusted that the necessity shall never arise, or circumstances transpire, that may render it necessary to alter their basis. Mr T. Williams services to labour extended over a lengthened period, and from the scope and often arduous nature of these labours must have involved almost all the leisure hours of his life. His labours to promote the cause of conciliation, so assiduously carried out, must meet with the approbation of all reasonable and intelligent workmen. Labours of so extensive a character, and crowned to a large extent with success, merit the unstinting gratitude of the toilers he has left behind. They had the opportunity of proving their gratitude by unanimously adopting the resolution, and generously carrying out the same. By so doing they would be showing their appreciation of a character and attainments, which included that of a blameless private life; a calm judicious temperament; a wise and cautious judgment; and a man of sound judgment and high moral principle. (Applause).

The resolution was seconded, and carried unanimously.

It was agreed that £5 should be contributed to the fund for the widow and orphan of the late Mr Thomas Williams.

It was resolved that Messrs P. Quigley, M. Hall, and J. Carlill should be representatives for the Association on the workmen's trip committee.

During the evening, a capital programme was rendered. Mr Stokoe (silver medalist), Consett, presided at the piano.

THE LATE MR ISAAC SMILES.—An influential meeting was held on Monday night at the Lambton Arms Inn, Chester-le-Street, to consider a proposal to raise a fund for the assistance of the late Mr Isaac Smiles' orphan son, who is now left solely dependent upon his grandfather. Mr Matthew Potts presided, and after briefly introducing the business, said that since the first suggestion that something might be done towards the object for which they had met, liberal promises of support had been recieved from many quarters. A letter from the "Daily Journal" was read, stating that the proprietors would subscribe £2 2s. Mr Rd. Finlay was appointed secretary, Mr Tom Burn treasurer, and the following gentlemen a committee to carry out the project:—Captain John Turnbull, Messrs Frederick Harle, John Jopling, James Turnbull, Matthew Potts, Robert James Coxon, Tom Burn, William Curry, William Clark, D. Francis, George Pickering, Joseph Tolson, Charles Robson, Bernard E. Smith, John Mitchell, and Joseph Witherspoon.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

The Saint Pit in Delves Lane, Consett, has been laid idle this week in consequence, it is stated, of the ponies suffering from influenza.

We understand that the Consett Co-operative Society has recently purchased the whole of the vacant land belonging Messrs Walton Bros., builders, of this town.

SALE OF SHARES.—Mr Adam Brodie held a sale of shares at the house of Mrs Brown, Railway Hotel, Consett, last (Thursday) night, when five £10 B shares in the Shotley Bridge and Consett Gas Company were sold to Mr John Young, Blackhill, at £14 5s, after which ten £10 preferance shares in Messrs Walker, Parker, and Company, Limited, were taken by Mr Wm. Whittaker at £10 12s 6d. There was a respectable company present.

P.M. CHAPEL.—On Sunday morning and evening, the services in the Consett Primitive Methodist Chapel were conducted by Mr T. Walker, of Carlisle, better known as "The boy preacher," while Rev J. Elliott, circuit minister, occupied the pulpit in the afternoon.—On Monday evening, Mr Walker lectured on "Henry Ward Beecher, the famous American divine." Mr Geo. Hawdon (circuit steward) presided over a fair gathering.

A LARGE FUNERAL.—Yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, the remains of Mrs Turnbull, the wife of Mr C. Turnbull, of Front Street, Consett, employed at the shears at Consett Works, were interred at Benfieldside Cemetery. She was the daughter of Captain Gregory, of the Salvation Army, lately stationed at Consett, and she herself belonged to the Consett Mission Band. The funeral was one of the largest witnessed in the town for some time past, and the *cortege* was preceded by the Consett Mission Brass Band. Rev T. J. Watson, P.M. minister, Consett, conducted the impressive ceremony.

DUHHAM COUNTY LIBERAL FEDERATION.—A meeting of the executive of the federation was held in the Miners' Hall, Durham, on Wednesday, presided over by Mr Adam Brodie, of Consett, when it was resolved to hold the annual meeting and conference of delegates from the various constituencies in the county at Sunderland in the third week in May. A great Liberal demonstration will be held the same evening, to be addressed by the leading Liberal leaders.

ORPHANS' ENTERTAINMENT.—Next Thursday, the Orphans' Mission Band, from Hull, consisting of 25 little boys (conductor, Mr J. Arnett), will visit Consett. There will be a vocal and instrumental concert, with handbell selections, in the New Town Hall, at eight o'clock. The chair will be taken by Mr C. P. Douglas, and he will be supported by Messrs J. W. Day, of Hull (financial secretary), and S. Squires, sailors' missionary, of West Hartlepool. This is a most deserving institution, being supported wholly by voluntary contributions, and we trust that the concert will be liberally patronised.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Mr Martin Adeson and Miss May Hetherington's "Nap" company are paying a return visit this week with a fair amount of success. Since the company's last appearance here the burlesque has been entirely re-written, and is very much improved, new songs and dances having been introduced. Miss Myra Rosalind, as "Oberon," is exceedingly good, the singing and dancing of this lady being most favourably received. Miss May Hetherington is a charming "Titania." Mr Charles Adeson, as "Puck," is as nimble as ever, whilst the Misses Marion Vyner, Nellie Warrener, Connie O'Connor, and Hetty James, as "Peach blossom," "Mustard seed," "Cherry blossom," and "Moth" respectively, are very attractive. Mr Martin Adeson, who is a host in himself, is highly amusing as "Timotheus Lunn," and Mr Walter Passmore, as "Sally," his wife, keeps the house in a roar of laughter. Their duet, "Listen to my tale of toe," is very droll, and was loudly *encored*. Mr J. J. Lloyd and Mr T. H. Solly are deserving of mention for their very laughable impersonation of "Lysander James," a soldier, and "Hermia," a housemaid. These two gentlemen also sing a duet, which is received with vociferous applause. The dancing of the "Figi Troupe" is also highly appreciated. The dresses and scenery are magnificent. Taken all round, it is a most capable company. Next week, we are promised a return visit from Mr Holland's celebrated company with "The New Magdalen" and "Brought to Justice." It is over five years since the last-named drama was performed here, and then it was received with quite an ovation. Let us hope that the same reception may be accorded it this time.

WESLEYAN BAND OF HOPE.—On Thursday se'nnight, the members of the Band of Hope gave an entertainment in the Co-operative Hall, Consett. There was a capital attendance. The chairman was Mr George Dixon Powell. The programme, which consisted of songs, recitations, readings, &c., was efficiently rendered by Miss Williams (Blackhill), Master J. Reece Davison (Consett), Messrs J. Walton, R. C. and T. Foster. Mr W. Grainger (Consett) offered a suitable address. The choir rendered several selections, under the leadership of Mr W. Lowrie. Miss Fawell presided at the piano. Seven pledges were taken at the close.

THE NEW COUNTY COURT JUDGES.—The Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr Thomas Colpitts Granger, of the North-Eastern Circuit, the county court judge for the district No. 59, including the county of Cornwalland part of Devon. The new judge is the youngest son of the late Mr Thomas Colpitts Granger, Q.C., M.P., who represented the city of Durham from 1841 till 1852. He was born in 1852, shortly after the death of his father, which occurred at York in the August of that year. He was called to the bar in 1874, and about the first case that he appeared in at the Durham Assizes was for the defence of the two signalmen, Hill and Scruton, who were charged with the manslaughter of Mrs Cable in the accident at the Red Hills. Mr Granger appeared in this case as junior to Mr Charles Russell, Q.C., who is now Sir Charles Russell. After that Mr Granger has figured in most of the prominent cases at the Durham Assizes, and he made a most able defence for Peter Bray when he was sentenced to death for the murder at Prior's Peth, near Durham. The last cases of importance which the new judge appeared in were the cases connected with the Corporation accounts. In 1886 he was appointed a revising barrister for the district of Bradford. In 1886 Mr T. C. Granger was married to Miss Lilian Payn, the daughter of Mr James Payn, the well-known novelist. His brother is Mr A. W. Granger clerk to the Justices sitting at the Consett and Lanchester Petty Sessions.

UNITED TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.—As will be seen from our advertising column the United Temperance Association intend holding a public-meeting and concert in the Co-operative Hall, next Monday. Mr David McMillen the newly-appointed agent for the North of England Temperance League has been secured as one of the speakers. A first-rate programme of music is arranged including some of the best local talent. As there is no charge for admission, there should be a crowded house. The chair is to be taken by the president of the Association, C. P. Douglas, Esq., at 7·30.

BLACKHILL.

WESLEYAN BAND OF HOPE.—On Monday night, an entertainment was given in the school-room, Blackhill, Mr J. Walton presiding. The Shotley Bridge String Band was in attendance and gave several selections. Pledges were taken at the close.

DEATH OF A CONVICT.—Intelligence has been received at Blackhill of the demise of Patrick Moore, of Bottle Bank, who, in February, 1888, was committed for trial by the Lanchester Magistrates, and was subsequently sentenced, at the Durham Assizes, to five years penal servitude, for wounding his wife with intent to do grievous bodily harm. His death has occurred in the convict prison.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—Special services was held in this place of worship at Blackhill, on Sunday by Rev J. Muir, of Liverpool (a native of Blackhill). There were good congregations. On Wednesday afternoon, Rev G. Talalun Newton preached, and in the evening the rev. gentleman delivered his interesting lecture "Job and his times." Mr T. Siddell, manager of the Tinmill Works, occupied the chair. The proceeds were for the trust fund.

COLLIERLEY.

BURIAL BOARD.—On Thursday afternoon week, the above Board held their ordinary monthly meeting in the Hare Law Board Schools. The members present were—Rev J. Gornall (presiding), Messrs W. Rutherford, J. Sasbury, P. Reay, and the clerk (Mr W. S. Telford). The business was to consider what steps should be taken with regard to the contractors for the new burial ground, who were not doing anything towards completing their contract. It was ultimately decided to send a deputation to meet the architect and contractors, as the delay is causing great feeling in the district.

CATCHGATE.

FREE CHURCH.—On Wednesday week, a public tea was held in this place of worship at Catchgate, in connection with the mission held by Mr G. Hooper. After tea, Mr Hooper preached to a large company. On Sunday, Miss Cowen, of Newcastle, preached in the same place to large congregations.

TOW LAW.

I.O.G.T.—On Wednesday night, the members of the "Beacon of Hope" lodge, Tow Law, had a treat in the shape of a fraternal visit from the "George Dodds" lodge, Tudhoe. The visitors, numbering 40 were accorded a hearty welcome. After a short address by the Chief Templar (Bro. G. H. Pattinson) the following programme was rendered:—Overture by the string band; song, "Merrily the days go by," choir; song, Bro. Thos Rivers; mouth-organ solo, Bro. Troup; recitation, "Curfew must not ring to-night," Sister Grey; song, "Rocked in the cradle of the deep," Bro. J. Bradley; vocal waltz, "Watching and dreaming," band; song, "Killalloo," Bro Simmons; humorous recitation, "Scrub," Bro. Coldwell; harmonium solo, Bro. Hodgson; recitation, "Only one fault," Bro. Robinson; duet, Sisters Dark and Lumsdale; recitation, Sister Robinson; quadrilles, band. The programme was given in a highly efficient manner. At the close of the meeting a substantial repast was provided, presided over by Mesdames Hull, Rawes, Potts, and Sherrington. Ample justice was done to the supper, and the visitors departed, after spending a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

ST. CUTHBERT'S PARISH MAGAZINE for May contains a chronicle of Church events for the past month, a further instalment of parish records, and a copy of "The Dawn of Day."

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

It has been decided to establish a branch of the "Popular" Building Society for Annfield Plain, West Stanley, and district. Mr J. Lowes, auctioneer, is acting as secretary, and Mr T. W. Welford, Consett and West Stanley, has been chosen as solicitor. The "Popular" is one of the simplest and easiest societies for acquiring house property, and in the rapidly-increasing mining centres in West Durham is sure to prove successful.

CRAGHEAD.

TEMPERANCE "KETTLEDRUM" SOCIETY.—Last Saturday night, the members of the above society at Craghead held their last fortnightly meeting for the winter season, which was decidedly the best. As usual a very large number of young people came together. The meeting was opened by singing the 1st hymn in Sankey's collection, in which the whole of the congregation joined in most heartily, and then prayer by Mr Pedelty. There was a long and varied programme, the first item being an address by Mr Pedelty, who for a considerable time held the attention on the drink question, while be in an manner set it forth under the three d's—deceitful, dear, and dangerous, and through the whole of the address he clearly proved that it was so by the many beautiful illustrations he drew from the things of every day life. Solos were sung by Miss F. Ridley and Master J. Fairley, which were rendered in a creditable manner. Recitations by Miss White and Mr G. Coombs were very well received. A humorous dialogue was given in excellent style by Misses Ridley, Bell, Pomeroy and Messrs M. Dodds, W. Scott, and W. Dodds. After this there was fruit served round. Several games were played at intervals. Near the close, Mr Greener made a few touching remarks on incidents that have occurred since the society was formed, one in particular being the sudden death of one of its members. He strongly urged the members to stand true to their pledge, and thus shed an influence around them for good. After singing "Take the name of Jesus with you" the meeting terminated.

PELTON FELL.

ENTERTAINMENT.—Notwithstanding popular counter-attractions, on Monday night, a very large number of parents and friends assembled in the Pelton Colliery Boys' School to witness the performance of an instructive concert and entertainment. The programme consisted of school songs and recitations, executed by children in groups and singly, also calisthenics in the form of wand-drill exercises by twelve girls, their style being greatly admired by the company present. The second part of the programme was a school cantata entitled, "The white Garland," by a number of girls gracefully attired, accompanied by a like number of boys suitably dressed, and as the juveniles performed their respective parts, well-merited applause was frequently given them. The entertainment was got up by a class of girls who met in an evening in the schools for tuition by Mrs Schofield in fancy needlework, and the children were trained for the cantata, wand-drill, and some of the songs and recitations by Miss Walmesley, late of Manchester, a young lady who is decidedly at home in her professional work. To make the concert the success to which in point of thorough appreciation it was deservedly accorded, the head-master and his assistants—Messrs Gilland, Raine, Lee and Brown—rendered valuable assistance. The proceeds, after the payment of incidental expenses, are to be handed over to aid in buying a piano for use in the Boys' School. Mr Hewitson, chairman of the school committee, presided, and in appropriate terms endorsed the feelings of every one present that much care, time, and patience had been spent in preparing such a pleasing and highly satisfactory concert, and cordially proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Miss Walmsley and all who had assisted in providing the public with such an excellent programme, which had been so admirably gone through.—A vote of thanks to Mr Hewitson brought the meeting to a close, very many present expressing a great desire to have the entertainment repeated as soon as opportunity may permit.

WEARDALE.

The Primitive Methodists of Westgate, Weardale, celebrated their school anniversary on Sunday last. Rev F. Watson was the preacher. In the afternoon, the children recited and sang. The congregations were large.

On Saturday night, a service of song was given by the Wearhead Wesleyan Choir, in their chapel. Miss Bulmer of Tanfield Lea, being senior soloist. Mr J. Thompson, Burtree Pasture, presided. Miss Wells, Wearhead, and Mr J. Hetherington also sang solos. Miss Bulmer preached on the Sunday to large congregations.

THE WEATHER.—The oldest people in Weardale do scarcely ever remember a colder spring time. Day after day the weather is bleak and intensely cold for the time of the year. Cold easterly and northerly winds prevailing with occasional showers of snow. There is scarcely a blade of fresh grass to be seen, and there is a prospect of a poor turn out for the stock. In the gardens a similar state of things occur. There is a prolonged absence of sunshine and leaden skies over the gooseberry bushes in the gardens, as yet only have their foilage developed.

STANHOPE.

Priscilla McCallum, the wife of Mr Daniel McCallum, merchant tailor, died very sudden at Stanhope, on Monday morning. She had been ailing for some time, but she was considered improving. The deceased lady was much respected in Stanhope.

STANHOPE LOCAL BOARD.—At a special meeting of the Stanhope Local Board on Monday—Mr J. W. Roddam presiding—the medical officer's report was considered, and several of his suggestions adopted. It was decided to ask the owners of several properties at the Butts to provide water-closets instead of privies, and to connect them with the Board's drain. It was also decided to write the owners of properties there to provide their tenants with ashpits, some of whom were without and had to deposit ashes at the river side. In respect to the removal of the gate posts at the Butts, the Board decided that it was no business of theirs.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE!—So at least said the divine William, adding "And all the men and women merely players." There is much of truth in it. See the tiny two-year old, scolded by its mother, rush into the nearest corner and hide its little head. See him slyly turn with frowning brow and pouting lips. He is an actor. Watch his elder brother, who has just come home from school, and has been for some reason or other impressed by the schoolmaster's severity during the afternoon. He arranges his "class," immediately after tea, takes in his little hand a cane or switch, wrinkles his little brow, and talks to his "scholars" in a tone of voice of extraordinary violence. See, again, the little girl with her doll. With what an anxious care she regards the health of her "baby." Notice with what a motherly love she strokes the golden hair of poor little dolly, "who is not very well to-day" she laments. Dolly has a bad cold to-day, and must go to bed early, so as all the sooner to "det better." Accordingly "Dolly" is wrapped up in all manner of shawls, an imaginary mustard-plaister has previously been placed on her chest, and she is put to bed with all possible haste. Those of my readers whose memories may not carry them so far back as to their most infantile and inoffensive period of existence, will have been satisfied by historical record.

So much only, to remind one that a love of mimicry is inherent in us from the very earliest stage of our existence—

"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players."

As I had surmised, the title of the recent discussion at the hands of the Consett Y.M.C.A. was incorrectly given. The point at issue, as set forth by the gentlemen whose letters appeared in last week's issue of the *Guardian*, was the immorality or otherwise of the Drama, *not* theatre-going. The subjects are quite distinct. The one deals with that which is "served up"; the other with the instrument or medium by which means the "dish" is served. They are attacked—or should be—in discussion, from different standpoints. To my thinking, the "theatre-going" side of the argument rests on the contamination and association theory as applying to the auditorium, and on nothing else. And, now, let us look for a moment at the letters of correspondents who have been good enough to respond to the invitation given in this column to favour readers with their views. From that of the hon. sec. of the society I cannot help but gather that he, personally, is not opposed to the stage, and it is my first duty to congratulate him, and to thank him for pointing out the very worthy objects of the society. A very different letter is that of "Member Y.M.C.A." who writes in a strain which at once indicates that he holds particularly strong views on the subject, if somewhat erroneous ones. After an extraordinary outburst in which adjectives of the superlative degree figure prominently, and to which imagination lends much of its force, he says, "Men under the influence of drink have been known to wander into the theatre, and after witnessing some of these mock suicides and murders, gone straight and done likewise." Thus you see, my readers, it was not the drink *this* time that was the cause of mischief. Oh dear no, it was entirely due to the influence of the play he had witnessed. This correspondent goes on in much the same way to the close of his letter. In the drama there is, in his idea, nothing to amuse, nothing to instruct. "All that you hear all means nothing, is all about nothing, and it is all told in the language of the sewer." And then he wonders—inspired momentarily by an airy facetiousness—if "Old Crow" has ever been to a theatre! Let me set his anxiety at rest by informing him that since the age of fifteen years—now a long, long time ago—I have been a regular theatre-goer, and that at the present time, old bird as I am, I rarely indeed miss the opportunity of seeing a really good play when occasion offers, and as rarely leave the theatre after the performance without feeling all the better for it. Of course there are times when the performance of the play, from an intellectual standpoint, is less attractive than at others, just as the book of one author is held to be more entertaining than that of another, according to the views or inclinations of the reader. But I never see a play without being recreated, and there are many plays that I could witness again and again, and feel the same pleasure and enjoyment in them as at first. There is no more genuine, no more popular form of indoor amusement to the average Englishman than the witnessing of stage plays. To argue to the contrary is just as absurd as anything could possibly be. "Member Y.M.C.A." is amongst those who hold the negative view. He and those he represents have a perfect right to their opinions, but they will not alter the fact, let them be as emphatic, and even dogmatic in the expression of their views as they may.

If, again, the drama is amusing and recreative, it is often just as instructive. While pretending to be no special school of instruction, if it combines—as in very many cases it does—the one with the other, so much the better. But more of this anon. Let us look at our correspondent's letter once more. All plays, he tells us, are written "in the language of the sewer." What is the language of the sewer? Well, never mind, let that pass. We will suppose his meaning understood. Here is indeed a revelation! The writings then of Shakespeare, Dryden, Johnson, Goldsmith, Sheridan, and their contemporaries were "in the language of the sewer." Those of Scott, Lytton, Tennyson; of Dickens, Sheridan Knowles, Buchanan, Jones, Grundy, and the rest—I make no apology for having grouped them indiscriminately—the writings of all these, and a great many more, are to be classed as in "the language of the sewer." The majority of the above were, or are, dramatists. Those of them who were not have had their works dramatised by others. The list could be very considerably added to. But there is, I hope, no need for it. It is perhaps a sufficiently comprehensive one to suit the requirements of "Member Y.M.C.A." and it is not unlikely he may be experiencing at the present moment uneasy feelings and regrets for having given expression to such immoderate and ill-considered views. I will conclude by giving a few extracts from two or three very high authorities.

Hazlitt, one of the ablest of critics, who wrote on the subject nearly eighty years ago, at a time when the stage did seem to need some little reformation, said: "The stage is one great source of public amusement, not to say instruction. A good play, well acted, passes away a whole evening delightfully at a certain period of life, agreeably at all times." Again: "The stage is a glass in which the wise may see themselves, but in which the vain and superficial see their own virtues, and laugh at the follies of others." Here he is on the moral influence of the stage: "The stage not only refines the manner, but it is the best teacher of morals, for it is the truest and most intelligible picture of life." After expressing his contempt for the "common declamations against the immoral tendency of the stage," he goes on to defend the actor against ungenerous and unjustifiable abuse. His opinions remain correct to this day. "Actors," he says, "have been accused as a profession of being extravagant and dissipated. While they are said to be so as a piece of common cant, they are likely to continue so." With a really true grip later on he says: "Players are only not so respectable as a profession as they might be, because their profession is not respected as it ought to be." Written as far back as 1817, the above opinions with equal truth apply to the position of affairs today.

The Rev Stewart Headlam, a clergyman of the Church of England, speaking one Sunday evening, some four weeks ago, in a music hall at Sunderland, on "The functions of theatres and music halls," after relating how he was brought up as a boy and young man to think that the theatre was no place for anyone who was in earnest about life or religion, described the pleasure he felt in the few minutes during which he was in a theatre, and saw a well-known actress in the balcony scene of "Romeo and Juliet." They had, he said, no need to speak of the stage as a special place of instruction, but if it combined that quality with enjoyment and pleasure, it was right and good in itself. It was pleasure, and enjoyment which relieved religion of its sourness and narrowness, and the religion of England was too often sour and narrow. He described the good points to be found in the modern melodrama, and pointed out how people were educated by such a piece. They would find the gallery of a theatre crowded by the people clergymen were always saying they wanted to see inside of their churches, but who, he was afraid, were not being drawn there. By the drama people were purified and their consciences caught. He mentioned how one play-writer in one of his works had made a clergyman the villain, and how the Lord Chamberlain had compelled him to change the clergyman into a schoolmaster, and it was not, he added, to the benefit of clergymen.

But my subject, I find, is carrying me away, and I must now come to a close, for I have considerably exceeded my allotted space. Let me, then, commend to my readers—and more especially to those of my friends connected with the Y.M.C.A.—the cultivation of the spirit of charity. Plays there may be here and there faulty, just as there are novels unfit to read. In both cases they are, happily, in a decided minority. In the one no less than in the other, we must not condemn *everything* because *some things* are bad. Let us remember the words of Shakespeare:—

"The web of our life is of a mingled yarn, good and ill together: our virtues would be proud if our faults whipped them not, and our vices would despair if they were not cherished by our virtues."

A LICENSED VICTUALLERS' DEFENCE ASSOCIATION FOR CONSETT.

A meeting of the licensed victuallers of Consett and district was held yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, at the house of Mr Whittaker, Wheat Sheaf Inn, Consett, for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming themselves into an association for the protection of its members in the Law Courts and in Parliament. There was a large attendance of gentlemen interested in the trade, and Mr Patrick Coyle, of the Mount Pleasant Hotel, Consett, occupied the chair.—Mr Jackson, the agent of the Trades' Defence Election Agency, addressed those present at length upon the benefits of organisation, and related instances where the association had proved of material advantage to its members in lifting them out of difficulties.—An interesting discussion followed, and eventually it was unanimously resolved to form a Licensed Victuallers' Association for Consett and the surrounding district, and a representative committee was appointed to further the objects of the society. It was arranged that another meeting should take place a fortnight hence to formulate rules and bye-laws for the guidance of the officials, who will be selected at that meeting. Mr Edward Wylam, of the Freemasons Arms' Hotel, Consett, was chosen as secretary *pro tem*.—The proceedings terminated with votes of thanks to the chairman and Mr Jackson for his instructive address.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS

CONSETT—Green Street, 24th ult., the wife of John Dee, of a daughter.
11, Melbourne Street, the wife of Thomas Seymour, of a son.
ALLENDALE COTTAGES—26th ult., the wife of John Thomas Mason, of a son.

MARRIAGES

COLLIERLEY—St. Thomas's Church, 27th ult., by the Rev A. Dunn, curate, Edward John Jones, of Allendale Cottages, youngest son of the late Robert Jones, to Margaret Jane Lizzie, eldest daughter of Christopher Green, under-manager South Pontop Colliery. 554e
STANHOPE—Primitive Methodist Chapel, 25th ult., John Pattinson, of Cow Garth Hill, Stanhope, to Hannah Jackson, Stanhope.
Primitive Methodist Chapel, 28th ult., William Simpson, Frosterley, to Isabella Paddinson, of Stanhope.
Parish Church, 29th ult., by the Bishop of Richmond, Joseph Withers, West Bromwich, to Meggie McCallum, daughter of Mr Daniel McCallum, merchant tailor, Stanhope.
NEW SHILDON—All Saints' Church, by Rev Horatio Spurrier, John George Baty, of Stanhope, to Clara Frances, eldest daughter of Mr Charles John Hogwood, of New Shildon.
REIGATE—St. Mark's, 21st ult., by the Rev A. Simmonds, vicar, Mr John Matson Vincent, of Hemsworth, Lane Ends, Yorkshire, late major of the 3rd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment, to Ethel, second daughter of the late Rev Charles Duberley, some time rector of Wolsingham.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—Forster Street, Delves Lane, 26th ult., aged 26, John William, eldest son of Joseph and Mary Ann Pescod.
BLACKHILL—Baxton Burn, aged 17 years and 5 months, Emily, youngest daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Watson.
LEADGATE—440, Church Square, aged 69, Francis Gardner.
STANLEY—25th ult., in his 72nd year, Anthony Tate.
HOBSON COLLIERY—23rd ult., aged 60, Jane, widow of the late William Maddison.
VICTORIA GARESFIELD—24th ult., aged 45, George W., husband of Elizabeth Brown.
ESH—Whitefield House, 24th ult., aged 52, Jonathan Reah.
BEAMISH—28th ult., aged 50, William Kay, foreman smith.
BLANCHLAND—28th ult., aged 44, Thomas Bell Elliott.
WEST RYTON—28th ult., aged 31, Willliam J. Boyd, gamekeeper.
STANHOPE—27th ult., aged 68, Priscilla, wife of D. McCallum, tailor, Stanhope.
GREENSIDE—24th ult., aged 51, Robert, husband of Mary Fewster.
MINSTERACRES—27th ult., aged 30, Henry Charles Ridley.
BIRTLEY—Shamrock Inn, 25th ult., aged 55, John Brown.
OUSTON—26th ult., aged 43, Margaret Ann, wife of Bartholomew Brown.
CHESTER-LE-STREET—18th ult., aged 54, Abraham Wade.
THIRSK—12th ult., George Bainbridge, youngest son of the late George Proudfoot, Stanhope.
HUDDERSFIELD—17th ult., aged 27, George Askew, late of Stanhope.
BRADDOCK, U.S.A.—14th ult., aged 48, James, the dearly beloved husband of Elizabeth Hill, late of Tow Law.

In loving memory of Mary Elizabeth, the beloved wife of Christopher Turnbull, of 46, Front Street, Consett, who departed this life April 27th, 1891, aged 24 years. 556e

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