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*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

—It might be an advantage to some of your s to know that I have arranged with the North- rn Railway Company to take a limited number (not ceed fifteen), with the special train that is to Newcastle on Sunday night first. Persons ous to avail themselves of this opportunity do so by letting me know not later than rday, as I am limited to a certain number, and I d not like to disappoint anyone. Should there be applications than is required, I shall get the num- increased.—I am, yours, &c.,

DANIEL HARRIS.

, Derwent Street, Benfieldside.

### NEW ZEALAND.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

MR. EDITOR, DEAR SIR,—I see, according to the e papers, that Judge Bathgate has been lectur- in Newcastle on the prosperity of New Zealand, I am afraid it will be the means of inducing a d many to believe that, if they were out, they ld not be long before they made their fortune, s all moonshine. I would strongly advise peo- to stay at home, and not to believe those agents t are going about the country advising people to e out here. Some time ago the Government ovided work for the unemployed at a place called ndon, but paid them only at rates that would dly pay a Scotch navvy's food—oatmeal, salt, treacle. On this railway line large gangs of inamen were receiving far better pay, and itish labourers would not be employed. How ld the Government be so blind as not to see that it s creating pauperism—reducing men to a state of ing hardly able to live, and men's manliness and pefulness crushed out of them. New arrivals re led to believe that they could make a "rise" the harvest. The harvest is now over, and from lmerston to the Clutha harvesters have not eraged three weeks work. Now, Mr. Editor, I aintain that there never existed the demand for bour in New Zealand that should justify Judge athgate or any other Government agents to entice e half of the working men that are now in New ealand to come to it. Why, no branch of business ave ever paid—in general. Two-thirds of the quatters have either been ruined or are hopelessly volved. Merchants, storekeepers, and farmers ave been, and are, no better. Almost every man hat brought money to the country lost it. Almost very freehold in the country is mortgaged, nd the whole colony is mortgaged for its railways nd public works, and the country is swarming with idle, hungry men, whose wives and little ones are almost starving. During the last few months I have heard several mobs of men seriously contem- plating open savage rebellion, arranging the details of the manner in which the arms and ammunition of the colony could be suddenly got hold of, wheat exportation stopped, a Republic proclaimed, the protection of the United States invoked, and the debt of the colony repudiated. When Englishmen are forced into rebellion it is a sad look-out.— I am, &c.,

RICHARD WILSON.

Dunedin, March 26th, 1880.

P.S.—I also forward you an extract taken from the *Dunedin Morning Herald*, so that your readers will see the exact state of the labour market:—

"The petition of the unemployed which we published on Tuesday, received 818 signatures. The petition was handed to Mr. W. D. Stewart, M.H.R., by a deputation yesterday. Mr. Stewart expressed surprise that no answer to the first memorial had been received, and stated that he was willing to forward in every way the object of the petitioners. He also intimated that he would write to his colleagues by to-day's mail. He accordingly sent this telegram to them at once.—'I have forwarded this morning a petition of unemployed, signed by over 800 workmen. Shall be glad if Government give petition their earliest attention.' And by the outgoing mail he forwarded this letter, addressed to the Hon. T. Dick and the Hon. R. Oliver:—'I have been asked by a deputation of four, who have called on behalf of the unemployed, to forward you the accompanying petition, twenty-six feet in length, and signed by over 800 workmen. The members of the deputation complain that the Government, although apparently satisfied of the widespread distress which exists, have taken no active measures to provide work for the unemployed on anything like reasonable terms. I beg that you will be good enough to bring under the consideration of the Government the terms of the petition, and I have been requested to entreat you to do what is possible to alleviate the prevailing distress without any unnecessary delay.'"

ASSAULT ON A BROTHER.—At the Gateshead County Police Court on Tuesday, Frederick John Dalton was charged with having committed an assault upon Henry Dalton, his brother, at Stella, on Sunday, the 2nd inst. Mr. Joel appeared for Mr. Henry Dalton, and Mr. Dix for the defendant.—Mr. Joel briefly stated the facts he intended to adduce in evidence, and then said that the magistrates, did they find the case proved, could commit the defendant to prison, impose a fine, or bind him over to keep the peace. That last-named course the complainant would prefer, as he merely sought to be protected from ill-usage.—Ultimately defendant was bound over to keep the peace, himself in £50 and two sureties of £25 each.

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## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

### BIRTHS.

MEDOMSLEY.—On the 25th inst, the wife of Mr. Joseph Turner, of twin daughters.

### MARRIAGES.

BLACKHILL.—At St. Mary's Catholic Church, on the 13th inst., by the Rev. Thos. Smith, Mr. John Compston, of Consett, to Miss C. McMahon, of Blackhill.

LANCHESTER.—At the Register Office, on the 1st inst., Mr. W. Siddell, to Miss J. Moody, both of Waskerley.

At the same place, on the 8th inst., Mr G. A. Day, to Miss M. J. Birkett, both of Leadgate.

At the same place, on the same day, Mr. J. Littlewood, to Miss H. Gray, both of East Hedley Hope.

At the same place, on the 12th inst., Mr. W. Ridley, of Dipton, to Miss M. A. Wiseman, of Annfield Plain.

### DEATHS.

CONSETT.—At King Street, on the 10th inst., aged 63 years, Peter Crawley.

At Front Street, on the 10th inst., Mrs. Alice Stelling, aged 56 years.

LEADGATE.—On the 12th inst., aged 15 years and 6 months, James Boustead. Interment at St. Ive's Church, on Sunday First, at Four o'clock. The friends will please accept this intimation.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—At Viewfield, on the 11th inst., aged 68 years, Andrew Annandale.

BLACKHILL.—At 6, Durham Road, aged 74 years, Barbara, wife of Mr. George Young.

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## OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

Whatever one's opinions of Mr. Labouchere's peculiar conduct of *Truth* may be, it is difficult not to rejoice over the result of the Lambri-Labouchere trial. The summing up of the Lord Chief Justice left the jury no alternative but to acquit Mr. Labouchere, and to send the wily Greek out on the world again with his reputation unwhitewashed, and of this they availed themselves without any hesitation. The inventive faculties of Lambri "Pasha" are of the most superior order, but—they lack consistency. And he manifestly found it impossible to make his ideas of arithmetic and those held by Mr. Charles Russell, Q.C., to agree. The picture presented by the defence of the chequered career of the supple "Pasha" was interesting, especially the Parisian part of it; but it would have been more complete if it had included his experiences of Nice and certain of the French race meetings. However, since Mr. Thackeray wrote those papers in which Mr. Dence figured such a page of "plucking" as that given to the world by the interposition of Mr. Labouchere has not amused and edified the British public. The "caste" of the trial lacked an actress whose presence would have been welcomed. Where was Lady Sebright? One would have been glad to have heard more about that little game of toy roulette. And of other similar matters which engaged the attention of Society on occasions that Lambri "Pasha" was a prominent figure therein.

The most remarkable thing about the Lambri case, which occupied the Court of Queen's Bench all last week, appears to us to have been that the prosecution should ever have been instituted. One could understand how a man of Lambri's stamp—such a man as he was proved to the satisfaction of the jury to have been—might have been induced to bring a speculative action at law, with the hope of making money out of the person who had publicly exposed him; but it is not so readily intelligible why he should have had the temerity to put the criminal law in motion, by the operation of which he could not expect to reap any direct pecuniary benefit. But the adventurous prosecutor was no doubt encouraged to the course he took by previously winning an easy techical victory in reference to the same matter. The subject of complaint was a paragraph in *Truth*, in which Lambri, who had been moving in London "society" as Lambri Pasha, was exposed as a fraudulent gambler and adventurer. Mr. Wyman, the printer of the journal in question, and Mr. Booker, the publisher, had been tried on account of this alleged libel, convicted, and fined; and now proceedings were taken against Mr. Labouchere, the writer of the paragraph. In the former trial the plea of justification was not admitted by the court, nor was it supported by such conclusive evidence as upon the present occasion. But when the prosecutor's career came to be really overhauled, it became apparent that among the most independent acts of a life of effrontery was his institution of this prosecution. His own account of himself was, that he was the son of a Greek peasant proprietor in Mitylene; that he went to Constantinople at the age of sixteen, and afterwards to Persia, where, while still a lad, he made a fortune of £15,000 or £16,000 Turkish (say £12,000 or £13,000 English) by dealing in raw silks. Asked where he obtained the capital to start in trade, he stated that he had been first employed as attendant to a doctor for six months, receiving £50 a month salary. Returning to Constantinople, Lambri, according to his own account, carried on lucrative commission business there, and afterwards in Roumania, soon adding £20,000 to his Persian fortune; and then he came westward to Paris, and subsequently to London, to enjoy himself as a wealthy Oriental gentleman. On the other side, evidence was given that Lambri, at the time he represented himself to have been in Persia, was frequently seen about the roulette-tables in Cairo (where he swore he had never been), and apparently acting as *garcon de la roulette*; that after his arrival in Paris he was in needy circumstances, obliged to run up long accounts for dinners at a restaurant kept by the witness who had seen him in Cairo, and to pawn articles of clothing to a pawnbroker who gave evidence. An English adventurer and confederate of Lambri deposed how he had brought the latter and a foreign companion over to London to get money by card-cheating, and how he had introduced the pair to two moneyed Belgian sisters and ladies of the *demi monde* from whom Lambri and his foreign ally won £40—the women themselves being called to corroborate this. All this and more was proved to the satisfaction of the jury; yet it was not to be denied that this Lambri had been known in frequent connection or communication with Midhat Pasha, once Grand Vizier of Turkey, during the latter's sojourn in London, and that the adventurer had been admitted to some aristocratic circles on the strength of such connection. This adventurous Greek, who spoke his own mother-tongue boorishly and wrote it most illiterately, and whose manners and address were vulgar, actually gained access not only to aristocratic English gambling-clubs, but to the drawing-rooms of ladies of title where play was carried on. Finding English "society" so gullible and credulous with regard to his social pretensions, he no doubt expected to find a court of Law as easily satisfied with his assumption of wealth and dignity; and he was not altogether disappointed in his expectation on his first appearance to vindicate his high and lofty character. But on this second occasion he has found that even an English jury cannot credit a story of £50 a month being paid to a lad in Persia for ushering in patients to a doctor, and £12,000 or £13,000 being made by trade in a few months out of the savings from this salary—especially when evidence is given of an entirely contradictory character, and there is none whatever produced to corroborate a bit of Oriental romance as extravagant as anything in the "Arabian Nights," without being so interesting.

On the eve of the Queen's Speech, the concoction of which has given frequent Cabinet Councils much anxiety, it were idle to say much on the subject of the political "situation." It is to be hoped that we have made an end of those unfortunate reasons which have been afforded the Conservatives for bestowing on the Gladstone Administration the appelation of "The Government of Apologies." Mr. Fawcett's blunder of statement, followed as it was by the Premier's blunder of attitude, have projected the Tories into a seventh heaven of delight, and no wonder. The charge which was made against the Indian Department by Mr. Fawcett was not serious, and, backed as it was by the high character of the accused, and a belief on the part of the public that he had taken care to satisfy himself as to the facts set forth in the indictment, the refutation by Mr. Stanhope assumed the character of a heavy party blow against the Gladstone Ministry. We shall hear more on this subject. As to Mr. Gladstone's apology—well, it was entirely unnecessary. We, who think we know him, ascribe it to this, its proper source—the religious conscientiousness of the man. To the Jingo mind the letter to Count Harolyi reads like a cowardly plea for mercy, neither more nor less. "Austria dear, do look over it, and I promise never to offend again." It is expected that Lord Beaconsfield will make points out of the Austrian letter. The debate on it in the Peers promises to be one of uncommon vivacity. That in the Commons will, of course, bring all the best men of the Opposition to the front, in order that they may be demolished by Mr. Gladstone, Lord Hartington, and Sir Charles Dilke.

When Cardinal Newman tells his followers, as he did the other day, not to look for the conversion of England through political changes, but to pray for it, all the same, as the result of spiritual forces at work in the world, we may measure by expressions such as these what silent changes are passing over the minds of men. This conviction that religions will soon be left to themselves to sink or swim by their own specific gravity without the help of political swimming bladders, ought to make Scotch Presbyterians ashamed of their antiquated intolerance. Just think of some Presbytery—not Strath logic but Strath-booby as we may call it—sending up a protest against Lord Ripon going to India, and Lord Kenmare taking the post of Lord Chamberlain.

Children with wistful eyes and unwashed faces are, I am rejoiced to say, not much longer to remain peering through the rails of Lincoln's Inn Field while the trustees who are the housholders' representatives, still stand out with the *ultra vires* plea. It is evidently only a question of time, and I cannot understand how Mr. Quillets and the quill-drivers of the Chancery Bar, who go home to their pleasant suburban homes with their flowers and their poneries, can continue to stand out on such a mere technical right of occupation as that which they insist on. The fact is, that these and other reforms hang fire because there is no municipality to force it to the front as in Birmingham or elsewhere. Bloomsbury pines because the City will not extend its bounds and take it in.

It is proposed to remove the pictures which are rejected every year at the Academy to the Albert Hall, in order that they may undergo a more thorough, end perhaps a more impartial examination. The idea is an excellent one, for, despite the judgment of the artists whose duty it is to determine what paintings are and what are not worthy of exhibition, there must be a considerable number of productions every year which deserve to be rescued from oblivion. There is no doubt that pictures are excluded sometimes from insfficient reasons; insufficient, that is to say, so far as artist and public are concerned. It is not a satisfactory reason, for instance, that space in the Academy is limited, nor is it altogether satisfactory that works of art are sent back because of the obscurity of the painter. Probably no body of men are less actuated by jealousy or exclusiveness than the Royal Academicians to whom is entrusted the selection of paintings for the annual exhibition. At the same time, men are but mortal, and the pictures which are "on the line" seem—sometimes at least—to have been placed there for other considerations than those of merit and high art. We have no desire to underrate the difficulty of selection. Not only have the committee to make comparisons according to ordinary standards of worthiness, but not unfrequently they are called upon to discriminate between eccentricity and genius—a task severely taxing the powers of the most efficient judges. When Pre-Raphaelism first came up a difficulty presented itself of the nature we refer to. Many of us can remember the outrage which appeared to have been committed on all known rules of art and taste. If the early productions of this school had been suddenly introduced to the individuals appointed to select for exhibition, does any one believe they would have been placed "on the line?" Nothing but the high standing of the artists who adopted this style saved their paintings from immediate condemnation. As it was, contention ran high on the point, battles were fierce and strong; prejudice nearly overwhelmed the startling idea; and it was by a very gradual process indeed that the new lights came into grace and favour. Who shall tell what talent has been lost in the "rejected?" Artists being a sensitive class of men, there must have been many a budding genus discouraged beyond the possibility of perseverance. It is to prevent this that an effort is being made to collect the paintings every year which are considered unworthy of Burlington House, and the Prince of Wales deserves the thanks of all who are interested in art for consenting to become the patron of the scheme. Out of the six thousand pictures painted for the Academy, only eight hundred find places on the wall. A second winnowing will result in the collection of a Gallery sure to possess a large degree of merit, and not unlikely to acquire considerable popularity. Success, of course, will depend upon artists themselves. We have said they are a sensitive class of men. It is to be hoped, however, they are not so thin-skinned as to object to a secondary ordeal. Some there are, no doubt, who would rather serve at Burlington House than reign at the Albert Hall; but remembering the peculiar difficulties of the Academy selection, artists need not be ashamed to contend in a more extensive, if less dignified, arena for fame and popular favour. If it only tends to check disappointment, the scheme is worthy of support, but it will do more than this: it will preserve from oblivion many a work of true art, and will encourage the struggling man of genius to persevere in whatever style his nature might prompt him to adopt.

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## DILSTON AND THE DEVIL'S WATER

On Monday, the first field meeting of the season of the Tyneside Naturalists' Field Club was held—Dilston and the Devil's Water being the place chosen for the day's wanderings. There was a very large party, as the day was a holiday, the weather most promising; and the locality being romantic and historical, there was an unusually good attendance of members and friends. The party met at the Central Station at 10·20, and left the train at Corbridge. A short walk brought them to Dilston Castle, which has such melancholy associations with the Derwentwater family, and to which so much attention was called a few years ago by the doings of "Amelia, Countess of Derwentwater," the claimant of the estates, who recently died at Cutler's Hall. The approach to the castle is most romantic. A winding road leads to the brow of the hill, where the baronial hall of the Devilstones, and the seat of the Radclyffs were situated. After the sequestration of the Derwentwater estate the hall fell into ruins, and a new mansion is the residence of the present owner, Mr. W. B. Beaumont. After inspecting the ruins of the castle, and the chapel, the party proceeded to the woods. The view is very romantic. The Devil's Water flows at the base of a steep precipice, a hundred feet below, where there is a dam, which must be very picturesque when there is much water in the stream. The long absence of rain of late had, however, diminished the stream to the proportion it usually has in midsummer. The order of march was to follow the rough and romantic bed of the stream to Swallowship, Linnels Bridge, and Hexham Levels, the reputed site of the Battle of Hexham (1464), and on by West Dipton Burn to Hexham. The descent to the bed of the stream was made by many a sinuous path, by which means the party go scattered, many of them only to meet again at the rendezvous at Hexham. Each had their special object. Some were intent on botanising, everything from the simple speedwell or birdseve, to the rarest fern having attractions to them; others were intent on searching the pools for the finny tribe or the denizens of the brook. Butterfly nets were conspicuous by their absence, for the time of the butterflies, owing to the late cold winds, was believed probably not to have come; but a few specimens were seen before the day was over, when the sun shone out with the warmth and more than the brightness of midsummer. Others were intent on studying the habits of birds, insects, and the reptile world. A golden promise in this way was given at the outset, a nest being found just after leaving the village in such an exposed position that the marvel was how the little yellow-beaked inmates, which the ladies, standing on tip-toe, could see, had been permitted to see and to be seen by the Tyneside Naturalists' Field Club. The promise was not realised. It was the first and last nest that gladdened our eyes, and perhaps we would not have seen it had it not been pointed out. The naturalists might be more fortunate. One gentleman startled the ladies and some gentlemen by saying that he was going to look for snakes, and it was just the day to find them, as they were sure to come out to bask in the golden sunlight. Whether he had any better record to give respecting snakes in Dilston woods than the historian who wrote the famous chapter on snakes—"There are no snakes in Iceland," we cannot say; but the only thing in reptile form that we were honoured with a sight of was a blind worm, that was said to have lost its tail, if anybody could tell where that appendage began or ended. A colony of ants put an enthusiastic naturalist into estacies from some peculiarity he discovered with the aid of his glass in one of them. Some fine large anemones and primroses had, of course, attractions for the ladies, and ferns—the oak fern being the chief fern found, of course was seized upon by those who knew little of botany, but who could appreciate beauty of form. But the eyes of the naturalists were drawn away from the individual to the general—from the rare to the plentiful—the beautiful scenery, the magnificent display of wood and water. All the beauties of Tennyson's "Brook" were seen to perfection, so long as it was a brook, and the splendid larch and fir trees gave the scenery an aspect which was likened to Scotch, Norway, and Alpine scenery. The precipitous banks of the stream were clad with these trees, save where here and there the bare rock was exposed through the banks having been washed away by the stream. From the bed of the stream the path lay up to the top of the bank, and there, at one point, a fine view of the brook stretching in a straight line, between the banks which were tree-clad, although almost perpendicular, to a height of 100 feet. That view alone would have repaid the lover of nature for the day's journey. A little beyond the party came to Swallowship, where the stream beats against a perpendicular bluff of sandstone as it sweeps round a point that reminds, with its tree adornments, of the Friars' Crag on Derwentwater Lake. Here the party halted and quenched their thirst in the Devil's Water, pure and simple, or adulterated it with the fire water that Shakespeare called a devil. Sandwiches and luncheon biscuits were produced, and the merits of the Virginia weed were discussed through well seasoned or beautiful coloured pipes briar root or meerschaum. Nothing had hitherto obstructed the march of the party, for a gate had in one place been lifted from its hinges, and a fir bridge had been extemporised at another by the engineer of the party with the aid of a couple of trees that were found ready felled to hand. More than one set of stepping stones had been made, and more than one of the party had landed in the stream in doing the steps. But at Swallowships were marks of a higher civilization and a lower form of culture. A fence of wire rope that separated proprietary lands had been newly tarred, as some discovered only when the hand or dress had touched it. To continue by the stream to Linnel's Bridge this fence must be passed. No one was inclined to face the tar, and so a detour was made, and the stream was crossed and re-crossed by stepping-stones, that tried the leaping powers of the ladies, and landed one gentleman knee-deep in the stream; but something as bad as the tarred fencing met the party—a hind, with peremptory orders that the party had not to pass that way, and so the stream had to be re-crossed, and on the Duke's land the party found rest for the soles of their feet. A scramble up the bracken-clad bank, a climb over a fence or two, and after a walk through a few fields brought the party to the highway that leads to Linnel's Bridge. The inscription on the bridge puzzled the most learned to read, and more than one apocryphal interpretation was given. Here another halt was made, and a jolly miller's house was found, filled with some of the fair sex, who had found an easier, but not such a romantic route, and were being refreshed with milk and what edibles they had with them. To the melody of the mill stream, and with cooling draughts of pure water, luncheon biscuits and pipes were again produced, and after a short halt, the pilgrimage to the Hexham Levels, and the reputed site of the Battle of Hexham was commenced, some of the party going by the stream and others by the road, which was easier. The Levels are about the only piece of level land in the district. It must have formed at one time the bed of the stream or a lake in it. A local historian says the Battle of Hexham Levels, which for some time decided the important contest of the rival Roses, was the next remarkable event connected with the history of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Henry VI., his Queen, Prince Edward, and their allies, the French nobles, with an army composed of French, Scotch, and Northumbrian soldiers, under the command of the Earl of Somerset, were encamped near the Linnels, on the south bank of the Devil Water. The Yorkists, under Lord Montague, having gained the battle of Hedgely Moor, hastened to attack the main body of the Lancastrians that waited here to give them battle. The contest took place on the 14th of May, when victory declared for the army of Edward. Henry fled, while the Queen and the young prince escaped into the adjoining forest, which was the retreat of a band of ruffians, who, untouched with pity for her sex or situation, seized the Queen, stripped her of her jewels, and would have proceeded to greater indignities, but fortunately a quarrel about the division of their spoil afforded the Queen an opportunity to escape. Night and the forest shielded her from pursuit; but a robber soon crossed her path, when Margaret, assuming an air of confidence and authority, announced her rank, and entrusted him with the defence of the Prince. The outlaw instantly accepted the trust reposed in him, conducted her to a wretched but secure asylum, which still retains the name of the "Queen's Cave." Shortly afterwards, the Queen escaped to Scotland, and thence to France. The Duke of Somerset was taken and beheaded at Hexham, where he was buried. Those who escaped from the battle endured the most accumulated evils; the Duke of Exeter became an exile in Burgundy, where he was seen bare-legged, begging his "bread for God's sake." After musing on the melancholy events of 400 years ago, the party turned by way of West Dipton Burn to Hexham; but a few wished to see the cave in which the Queen Margaret had found refuge. There were two ways of getting to a point whence the decision might be made between the claims of history or tradition in the shape of a visit to the famous cave, and the claims of the stomach in the shape of the dinner that was being prepared for those who had ordered it through the secretaries at the Royal Hotel, Hexham. One way lay by the stream and the other by the road. The stream route had the disadvantage of having to be twice crossed, said one of the natives. That was not deemed much by the lovers of nature, but nothing was said about the hedges and ditches, which were sometimes rather too close together to be pleasant for ladies, and might have tried a hunter with the water leap. The other road by the highway possessed the advantage of having no such obstacles, and what was deemed of more importance by some of the thirsty ramblers, a roadside inn, the first that had been encountered. The house was besieged, but there was no lemonade or soda-water—such things were never asked for there—but there was milk. A consultation was held whether the road had to be taken to the "Queen's Cave" or Hexham. A resident at the spot declared it was two miles to the "cave." Two Hexhamshire miles had been found to be four. It might be true measurement as the crow flies, but seeing that the roads either follow the sinuous courses of the streams, or go over the highest hills, the miles are long ones. The stream had only to be crossed nine times, and fences were not taken into account. As the locality of the cave was even dubious, one visitor having previously spent an hour or two in an unavailing attempt to find it, most of the party who had got this far, determined to turn their steps towards Hexham. A long and very steep bank faced them; but the view from the top, one of the highest points in the shire, was magnificent. From Blackhill, round by Blanchland, and on to the hills beyond Alston, lay the landscape like a panorama—not a cloud to be seen, and the atmosphere so dry and free from moisture that the most distant object in the far-off horizon line was as distinct in its outline as the tree near at hand. A turn on the heel after taking a last glimpse of the valley of the Devil's Water, upon whose banks lie Paradise, and a still more beautiful and extensive scene meets the eye. The panoramic view on the other side of the hill includes the largest part of the valley of the Tyne. Far away are the hills between which the North Tyne takis its rise, and the whole valley almost lies exposed to view dotted with villages and mansions; the valley of the South Tyne stretches away westward, while to the north-east the Cheviots loom against the deep blue sky. Nearer at hand is the valley of the Tyne after the juncture of the stream, and nestling in what appears to be a hollow from the height at which the observation is taken is Hexham with its grand Abbey Church, forming a prominent object, and the new hydropathic establishment just outside of the town, with its stone front standing out boldly from the background of green. There are not many places in England where such a varied, picturesque, and far-stretching view could be obtained, and on no day could it have been seen to greater advantage than when covered with the bright green of early spring, in the light of a bright sun in a cloudless sky, and without the slighest sign of mist or vapour from the Cheviots to the opposite hills of Cumberland. The descent to Hexham was easily accomplished, although rather trying to weary feet. Too soon for either dinner or train, a visit to the Abbey Church filled up the time, after which the day's ramble of the first field meeting of the Tyneside Naturalists' Field Club was practically brought to a close, and whether there was much of science in it or not, there was a great deal of nature, and the eye was gladdened, the health improved, and the taste for natural objects strengthened and encouraged by the pleasant day's ramble through the Yosemite Valley of the North of Engand, which while Mr Beaumont may well rejoice in possessing such a gem, would in Yankeeland have probably been retained by the State—instead of being sold as it was a few years ago—for the enjoyment of the people. The State paid nothing for the estate, and retention of this picturesque valley, out of the confiscated estates of the Derwentwater family for the use of the people, would not have been a national loss, but it would have been a local gain. The sale of such a place by the State should have been condemned as much as the enclosure of Epping Forest has been, and it should have been kept open for the public for the same purpose. After dining at the Royal Hotel, the party returned to Newcastle by the 8·13 train.

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## Markets.

NEWCASTLE CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—At this day's market there was a small supply of coasting wheat, but a good arrival from abroad. Most of the foreign wheat having been disposed of before arrival, there was really very little on offer to-day from the stands, but owing to the holidays, the business done was very limited, and where sales were made, last week's prices were maintained. Maize a quiet sale, and held for 1s advance. Scotch and foreign oats meet with a steady inquiry, and must be quoted 6d to 1s dearer. Beans and peas quiet and unchanged. Flour has since last Tuesday sold readily, and to-day an advance of 1s per sack was established.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE MARKET, Tuesday.—At this day's market the show of stock presented for sale exhibited an increase of 353 beasts, and 370 sheep as compared with that of last week. Respecting quality there was a decided change to notice, and it was unquestionably the best that has been shown for some years past. It reminded us of the supplies, as this day falls (the first market after Alnwick fair) thirty-four and five years ago, and from Northumberland to Aberdeen the whole was of a first-class order, including some polled Scots bullocks (black skins) that were never surpassed for finished excellence, while both sheep and lambs were middling. There were twenty-three of the dearest and worst hoggets (in their wool) in point of quality from the neighbourhood of Corbridge, Northumberland dressed in Newcastle last week, that we ever remember being in the hands of first-class butchers. They were bought by weight at a shilling per lb., which shows the marvellous changes in the process of the fleecy tribe within the last forty years, as, at the time of the free-trade measures passing in 1842, they would have been considered dear at 3d per lb. sinking offal. The supply of beef comprised 2,323 head. The increase in numbers and their unusual prime equality, together with upwards of a hundred head of American cattle having arrived at Tyne Dock yesterday, caused the beef trade to be in a sluggish state at a decline of fully 3d, and in some instances 6d, per stone from the rates of this day se'nnight. The South dealers transacted a fair amount of business, with a slow, dull finish. The number of sheep and lambs was 5,340. The mutton trade ruled slow, at a reduction of ½d per lb from Tuesday last. Sheep were never weighing worse within living memory. Lambs were in middling condition, and sold slowly at prices ranging from 34s to 42s per head. Pigs—563 were shown. The pork trade was less active than on Tuesday last, yet prices underwent little or no change. The day was pleasant for holding the market, but the weather is cold and chilly nights and mornings. Prices for this day, sinking offal, are as follows:—

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| Beasts, prime heifers, per stone ...... | 10s 0d to 10s 3d |
| Secondary sorts ...................... | 7s 6d .. 8s 0d |
| First-class oxen ...................... | 9s 9d .. 10s 0d |
| Middling ............................... | 7s 3d .. 7s 9d |
| Cows and inferior ..................... | 6s 3d .. 7s 3d |
| Pork, large ........................... | 5s 0d .. 6s 0d |
| Do., small ............................ | 7s 3d .. 8s 0d |
| Sheep (good vendable wedders) per lb .. | 10½d .. 10½d |
| Middling ............................... | 8d .. 10d |

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW, Tuesday.—Old land hay, £3 0s 0d to £5 5s; this year's growth, £0 0s to £0 0s 0d; new land hay, £3 10s to £6 6s; this year's growth, £0 0s to £0 0s per ton; wheat straw, 1s 5d to 1s 10d; barley straw, 1s 0d to 1s 5d; oat straw, 1s 4d to 1s 8d per thrave. Carts of hay at market, 94; carts of straw, 34.

HEXHAM CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—We had very small supplies of all kinds of grain at this morning's market. Wheat sold at 44s per qr; oats, 30s per qr. Little or nothing doing in barley.

HEXHAM PROVISION, Tuesday.—Butter, 1s 2d to 1s 3d per lb; eggs 14 to 18 for 1s; chickens, 2s 9d to 3s; ducks, 2s to 2s 6d each; rabbits, 1s 9d to 2s per couple; potatoes, 10d to 1s 2d; onions 2s 8d; carrots, 10d; apples 2s 6d per stone; lemons, 3d each; rhubarb, 1d per bunch; brocoli, 1d each; flour, extra superfines, 2s 6d; superfines, 2s 4d; fines 2s 2d; maslin, 2s, oatmeal, 2s 4d to 2s 6d per stone.

DURHAM CORN AND PROVISION, Saturday.—Oats, 6s 6d to 8s 6d; barley, 7s 6d to 10s 0d; beans, 11s 0d; peas, 9s 9d to 10s 6d; Indian corn, 6s 9d to 7s; wheat, 13s 6d to 14s 0d per boll. Beef, 8d to 10½d; mutton, 9d to 10½d; veal, 9d to 10d; pork, 8d to 9½d; bacon, 4d to 5½d; ham, 6d to 7d; cheese, 8d; lard 6d per lb. Chickens, 2s 0d to 3s 0d; ducks, 2s 6d to 3s 0d; hens, 1s 6d to 2s 0d each. Butter, 1s 6d to 1s 8d; salt do., 1s 0d to 1s 2d per lb. Eggs, 12 to 13 for 1s. Apples, 2s 0d to 2s 6d onions, 2s 0d to 3s 0d; potatoes, 1s 0d to 1s 3d per stone. New potatoes, 6d per lb.

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THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches." These famous "lozenges" are now sold by most respectable Chemists in this country at 1s. 1½d. per box. People troubled with a "hacking cough," a "slight cold," or bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Asthmatic affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are on the Government Stamp around each box.—Manufactured by JOHN I. BROWN and SONS, Boston, United States. Depot, 493, Oxford Street, London.

## CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

On Saturday evening last, a public meeting of the members of the Consett Industrial and Provident Society, Limited, was held in the National Schools. The attendance was not very large. The Consett Society was some years ago one of the most successful of the Co-operative Stores in the northern section, but of late years there has been a gradual falling off in the receipts, and this circumstance was commented on by Mr. S. Butler, of Long Eaton, and Mr. G. Evans, of Leicester, who attended as a deputation from the midland section of the Congress Board. Jonathan Priestman, Esq., J.P., occupied the chair, being introduced to the meeting by Mr. Lowes, the President of the Society.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that it was eleven years since he last atended a meeting of that sort at Consett. Eleven years formed a great part of a man's lifetime, and many important events and changes had taken place during that period, and while it was quite natural that they should look at the past with some regret it was equally natural they should look to the future with hope. However, they were not likely to do much good unless they endeavoured to learn by their experience. The last ten or eleven years had taught them some striking lessons in a very emphatic manner. At the early part of that period they had a time of great prosperity, in fact he never knew a time of prosperity that seemed to be so great or so widely diffused. In business, profits were large, wages rose, and in some cases the hours of labour were shortened. They knew how all that was changed: profits became small, wages were lowered, and to many men came bankruptcy and ruin. Times of prosperity were invariably succeeded by seasons of depression, but he thought the latter might to some extent be averted or lessened by all classes paying more attention to the study of political economy. He did not intend to give them a lecture on the subject, but there was one very simple rule which they all knew and understood: when an article became dear two effects were produced—the consumption of the article was reduced, whilst the production of the article itself was increased. Let them take coal for instance: when it was at 5s. a-ton people kept comfortable fires in their houses, but when the price rose to 20s. per ton people became more economical, and the consumption was curtailed. The producer, however, continued to send the same quantity into the market, and the natural result followed. Soon there was more coal than was wanted, profits came down, miners wages were reduced, and a general depression succeeded. All this might have been foreseen, yet how few prepared for it! Perhaps all classes were equally to blame: some increased their style of living, while others squandered their money in drinking and gambling. There was one way, however, in which many working men had been particularly foolish, and that was in neglecting their work when wages were high. He thought a man ought to be anxious to work as many days as possible. Some people blamed the late Conservative Government for the bad times. Though they had not been the direct cause of the distress, they had nevertheless unquestionably augumented it by the increased taxation which resulted from the operations of our troops in South Africa and Afghanistan. He was of opinion, however, that the worst was now over, and though they need not expect anything very brilliant, he thought they might hope for more comfort, peace, and prosperity in the next few years. It was, as their president had reminded them, fifteen years since he laid the foundation stone of the Consett Store He had been much struck with the growth of the Society, and if they made proper use of the lessons which the past had taught them he doubted not they would once more become strong, vigorous, and flourishing. (Applause.)

Mr. G. EVANS said many people, on becoming members of a Store, seemed to forget the obligations they owed to it and their fellow members. The members individually were the backbone of the concern, yet they actually went elsewhere to make their purchases. What would they think of a tradesman who, after stocking his own shop with goods, went and bought his groceries of a brother tradesman? On looking over the returns of the various societies for 1879 he found that Consett, with its 1,350 members, had only turned over £26,232 during the year, whilst the Wallsend Society, which had 1,268 members on its books, had turned over £49,671. Then, again, with regard to the profits, he found that whilst the Consett dividend was only 1s. 1d. in the pound, the Wallsend Society paid 2s. 10½d. He thought these figures showed an extraordinary lukewarmness amongst the co-operators of Consett, who had the finest grocery establisment that he had seen anywhere in England, and whose business might be extended to an almost unlimited degree. At Chester-le-Street, where there were 2,074 members, the Society turned over thrice as much money as Consett, and they paid a dividend of 2s. 5d. in the pound. Then there was Gateshead with its 3,449 members, which did business to the extent of £137,097, and declared a dividend of 2s. 6d. in the pound. Mr. Evans spoke of the importance of the members leaving their dividends in the Society to accumulate, and showed that a person who spent all his money could, by being a member of the Co-operative Store, realise a competency in thirty years.

Mr. BUTLER said he had often heard of the Consett Store, but when he read their balance sheet and looked at that meeting his heart almost sunk within him. He was sorry to see that so little interest was taken in the movement, and especially regretted that so few ladies were present. Without the women, he said, they could not expect to succeed. Mr. Butler went on to show that co-operation was commended by our leading statesmen, and said if it was worth the attention of such men as the Hon. W. E. Gladstone, surely it was worthy of the sympathy and support of working men. He thought the Consett Store wanted more fire and energy infused into it. The speaker proceeded to point out the benefits of co-operation, and said there was no risk attending it. Referring to the relationship between capital and labour, Mr. Butler said masters would continue to be masters, and working men would have to be working men till the latter could say to the former, "I will not go to work before breakfast," and "I shall not start work before Tuesday morning."

Mr. SHOTTON, of Leadgate, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Butler and Mr. Evans, who had been obliged to leave the meeting early to catch the last train to Newcastle.

Mr. CURRY, of Newcastle, seconded the resolution, which was carried by acclamation.

During the evening, Mr. Chas. Stephenson's glee party rendered several pieces in a very efficient manner, and before the proceedings closed Mr. Lowes, the President of the Society, proposed a vote of thanks to them, which was carried in a similar way.

Mr. CURRY proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and in doing so referred to Mr. Priestman's early connection with the Society.

The VICAR OF CONSETT (Rev. F. Steggall), in seconding the proposition, said he was sorry the gentlemen who attended as a deputation had left the meeting, as he should liked to have asked Mr. Butler how the Chairman's advice could be put into operation if working men refused to go to work at the beginning of the week. (Hear, hear.) He was at a loss to understand how a man could benefit himself by refusing to work. (Hear, hear.)

The proposition having been put to the meeting and carried unanimously, the National Anthem was sung, and the proceedings terminated.

## Local Polic

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# Local Police Courts.

## CONSETT POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, May 17th.—Before A. Town, Esq. (chairman), and J. Priestman, Esq.

Drunk.—Thomas Anderson, miner, Hamsterley Colliery; Bernard Harrity, labourer, Blackhall Mill; Peter McAloon, *alias* Smith, William Hope, and Patrick Brannigan, miners, of Leadgate, were severally charged by P.C. Best with having been drunk at Broomhill, on the 8th inst.—Harrity, not answering the summons, was fined 10s., and the others 5s. each and costs.——Mary Glancy, single woman, was charged by P.C. Rogerson with having been drunk and disorderly in Bottle Bank, Blackhill, on the same date. Fined half-a-crown and costs.——John Connor, of Blackhill, labourer, was summoned by P.C. Hood for a similar offence at the same place, on the 8th inst. Defendant did not appear.—Fined 10s. and costs.——Charles Hagan, ironworker, was also charged with drunkenness.—Sergt. Cruickshank said on Saturday night, the 9th inst., he found defendant at the rear of Derwent Street. His brother, who is a respectable young man, was endeavouring to get him home.—A fine of 5s. and costs was inflicted.——Patrick Hagan, ironworker, Consett, was also summoned for having been drunk in Front Street, Consett, on the 7th inst. Fined 5s. and costs.——John Marsden, fitter, Consett, charged by the same officer with a similar offence on the 9th inst., was fined 10s. and costs, defendant not appearing.—William Whifield, miner, and Thomas Almond, labourer, Allendale Cottages, were charged by P.C. Cumming with having been drunk and disorderly at Medomsley, on the 7th inst.—Fined 5s. each and costs.——Thomas Dunne, an old man, in custody, was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment in default of paying a fine of 5s. and costs for having been drunk at Consett on the 15th inst.—P.C. Simpson proved the case.——Owen Maughan, also in custody, was charged by P.C. Fryer with a similar offence on Saturday night.—Fined 5s. and costs.

## LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, May 20th.—Before M. Kearney, Esq. (chairman), Rev. J. P. De Pledge, and R. Dickinson, Esq.

An Inconstant Wife.—Before the ordinary business was taken, a middle-aged woman stepped into the box and applied for a protection order. Her name, she said, was Allison, and she was the wife of Benjamin Allison, who, it will be remembered, received five years' penal servitude for a murderous attack on Police-Constable Robinson at Hedley Hill, some three or four years ago. She stated that since her husband's conviction she had collected a quantity of furniture, and as she had received a letter stating that he would return on the 1st of next month, and as she had had a child to another man, and was afraid her husband would murder her, she wished to have a protection order.—The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. Watson) said before the order could be filled up the woman would have to state when and where she was married.—Mrs. Allison said she was married at Bishop Auckland about fourteen years ago, but she did not know the exact date. She now lived at Cornsay Colliery with her three children. She wished, if possible, to be rid of her husband altogether, as he had never been a kind husband to her.—The Clerk said Mrs. Allison could not get rid of her husband unless she poisoned him or cut his throat, which he should not advise her to do. (Laughter). — Mrs. Allison said she didn't wish to hurt him. (Renewed laughter).—The Clerk said if Mrs. Allison returned to the court that day fortnight with the necessary information, the magistrates would no doubt sign the order.—Mrs. Allison said her husband would return home a week come Tuesday, and she should like to have the order before then, as she was afraid of him. — The Chairman said petty sessions would be held at Consett next Monday, and Mrs. Allison could get the order signed there.—Mrs. Allison thanked the bench and left the court.

Drunk.—William Small, miner, Cement Houses, was summoned by P.C. Nicholson for having been drunk at Annfield Plain, on the 15th inst. Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.—John Devellin, miner, Stanley, and Robert Young, brakesman, South Moor, were severally charged by P.C. Reay with a similar offence. In each case a fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was inflicted.

Damaging Tubs at Hamsteels Colliery.—Four boys named John McGough, John Murphy, Thomas Murphy, and John Bingle, were charged with wilfully damaging tubs belonging to Messrs. Johnson and Reay, the owners of Hamsteels Colliery. Defendants pleaded guilty. P.C. Kendrew said about two o'clock on Sunday afternoon he found the lads running the tubs at Hamsteels Colliery. The lads about the place were in the habit of uncoupling the tubs and running them off the way, and thereby damaging them. — The Chairman, in ordering the boys to pay 5s. each, including costs, reprimanded then for their mischievous conduct, and said if they offended in a similar way again a heavy fine would be imposed.

A Drunken Organ Grinder.—Thomas Stacey, of Harelaw, was summoned for wilfully damaging a coat belonging to a lad named Thomas Worrell. Defendant did not appear. Complainant said he lived at the Moor Pit. At the week-end he was standing near Stacey, who was playing an organ, when someone pushed him against defendant, whereupon the latter seized hold him and tore the coat off his back.—The Clerk: Is Stacey an organ grinder?—P.C. Nicholson: He is a pitman, but goes about with an organ at the week-end.—Mrs. Worrell was in court, and said Stacey was a bad character. Her boy's coat was new two months ago, when it cost 15s.—The Clerk asked if the coat could be repaired.—P.C. Nicholson said it was torn all to pieces.—The Chairman said defendant was fined 1s. and the damage (7s. 6d.) and costs.—The Clerk: Is Stacey a householder?—P.C. Nicholson: Yes.—The Clerk: Has he anything to distrain upon?—Mr. De Pledge: There will be the organ. (Laughter).

A Fair "Cop."—Patrick Boe, of Hanging Stone, hawker, was charged by P.C. Nicholson with allowing a horse to stray on the highway near Hanging Stone, on the 13th inst.—The Chairman: Is he in the habit of allowing it to stray on the road?—P.C. Nicholson: He was summoned for the same offence two years ago. When I found the horse, the son came running up and said it was a "fair cop." (Laughter).—Defendant, who was represented by his wife, was fined 6d. and costs, 8s. in all.

Allowing a Goat to Stray.—William Murray, of Burnhope, was summoned for allowing a goat to stray on the highway. P.C. Hawley said on the 14th inst. he saw defendant's goat depasturing on the highway. It was "tethered" with a rope about 7ft long.—The Chairman: Could it get on the road so as to impede a carriage or other vehicle?—P.C. Hawley: No, there was plenty of room.—Defendant said the goat was tethered at the side of the road and could do no harm. This was the second time he had been summoned.—The Chairman said this circumstance ought to have shown defendant that he was doing wrong in letting the goat stray.—Defendant said a man named Wallace was permitted to let his goat stray on the highway everyday.—The Chairman said the policeman might not have seen it.—Defendant: He sees it everyday. He also lets his pigs stray, but nothing is said to him about it.—The Clerk: When did you see the goat and pigs there?—Defendant: Everyday. If you go up now you will see them. (Laughter).—The Clerk: If you can prove what you say the magistrates will doubtless fine him. You will make a good witness. (Renewed laughter).—The Chairman (to P.C. Hawley): Is it true that Wallace's goat is permitted to stray?—P.C. Hawley: I had Wallace summoned here a short time ago. I have seen his goat, but it is generally near his own door.—The Chairman said defendant was fined 6d. and the costs.

A Sagacious but Expensive Donkey.—Elizabeth Raper, widow, Langley Park, was summoned for allowing a donkey to stray on the highway, contrary to the Act. P.C. Foster said on Saturday morning last he saw the donkey lying on the middle of the road at Langley Park. The animal was constantly on the road.—The Chairman said he remembered Mrs. Raper being summoned for something of the sort once before.—Mrs. Raper said she put the donkey into the field every night, but it would not stay in. It could open the gate like a man.—Fined 6d. and costs.

Alleged Obstruction of the Highway at Langley Park.—John Holmes and James Todd, pit boys, Langley Park, were summoned by P.C. Foster for obstructing the highway at the above place. The constable said on Saturday night, about nine o'clock, he was in plain clothes, and saw defendants and several other young men standing in front of a shop. People who wished to enter the shop were obliged to make a detour to reach the door.—The Chairman: Had the shopkeeper made a complaint to you?—P.C. Foster: Yes, he is here to-day. I have many a time spoken to the lads about it.—The Clerk: How many lads were there?—P.C. Foster: Ten or a dozen.—Mr. De Pledge: What sort of a shop is this?—P.C. Foster: A grocery shop.—Defendants said they were looking into the shop when the policeman saw them.—The Clerk said it was not an offence if the lads were merely looking in at the shop window. Whom did the lads obstruct?—P.C. Foster: My daughter and others. It is a regular practice.—The Clerk: Did they take hold of your daughter?—P.C. Foster: They made an attempt.—Mr. De Pledge: Have you ever warned them?—P.C. Foster: Yes, for the last four years.—One of the defendants said he was just on the point of entering the shop when the constable saw them.—The constable was about to call the shopkeeper, when the Chairman said the case was dismissed. Defendants, however, must take care in future not to molest or obstruct the public.

Drunk and Disorderly.—Joseph Hughes, of Cornsay Colliery, and Joseph McKenna, Quebec, miners, were severally charged by Sergt. Edgar with having been drunk and disorderly at Cornsay Colliery.—Defendants pleaded guilty, and were fined 5s. each and costs.

Breach of the Peace.—David McEvoy was summoned by the same officer for a breach of the peace by fighting with another man, whose name he had been unable to make out.—Bound over to keep the peace for six months, and ordered to pay 8s. costs.

Assault at West Kyo.—James Keaton, of West Kyo, labourer, was summoned for an assault on Thomas Welsh, at the above place.—Complainant said on the 8th inst. the defendant entered his house, and began to use bad language, threatening to kill both complainant and his wife. Complainant asked defendant if there was anything there belonging to him, and on receiving an affirmative reply, he told Keaton he would have to go out. Defendant said he would go out when it pleased him, and afterwards pushed complainant, which was the assault complained of. — Defendant: I asked you if it was a proper thing for you to encourage my wife to go to your house, and you then took me by the neck and held me about five minutes.—The Chairman: Did you take hold of him by the neck?—Complainant: Yes, but he had knocked my wife down before that.—Defendant: I never touched her.—Complainant said a young man witnessed the assault, and promised to attend the court that day to give evidence, but defendant had frightened him to such an extent that he durst not come.—The magistrates believed an assault had been committed, and fined defendant 1s. and costs.

## SAVAGE ASSAULT ON A POLICE SERGEANT AT CONSETT.

On Monday, at Consett Police Court, Thomas Ford was charged with assaulting Sergt. Thornton whilst in the execution of his duty. The officer stated that on Monday evening, the 10th inst., a little before six o'clock, prisoner's wife went to the Police Station and complained that he had assaulted her and smashed nearly all the furniture in the house, and requesting witness to return to the house with her. Complainant told the woman to return to the house, and that he or another constable would follow. Shortly afterwards a message came to the Police Station that prisoner had threatened the life of a person. Complainant and P.C. Allison then went to prisoner's house in William Street. On reaching the corner of the street they saw Ford standing at his door. On seeing them he ran into the house and closed the door. Complainant opened the door, and cried out "Are you there, Ford?" but receiving no answer, and seeing the back door open, he advanced into the room. As he was crossing the floor he heard some one in the pantry. He pushed the door open, and said "Is that you, Ford?" and at the same instant prisoner aimed a blow at his head with a thick poker, nearly a yard long. Complainant "dodged" the weapon, however, which struck and smashed the stanchion of the pantry door. The violence of the blow forced the poker out of prisoner's hand, and complainant then seized him by the collar and threw him. They struggled together, prisoner both kicking and striking him savagely. With the assistance of Allison he was handcuffed, and Supt. Oliver afterwards going up, prisoner was eventually locked up. Defendant was very violent on the way, in fact prisoner was the most violent man he ever saw in his life.

The Chairman: It was upon the verbal complaint of the woman that she was in danger that you went to the house?

Supt. Oliver: He had a perfect right there, as there was a commitment against Ford, and the officer went to apprehend him on it.

The Chairman: You are sure he aimed this blow at you?

Sergt. Thornton: Yes, and a very violent blow it was. If it had hit me it would have come right across my face.

The Chairman: How was he for drink?

Sergt. Thornton: He had had drink, but he was not drunk.

Supt. Oliver said on the night in question his attention was drawn to a number of people standing near Ford's house in William Street. He proceeded to the place, and saw Sergt. Thornton and P.C. Allison and the prisoner struggling on the floor. Almost every article of furniture in the house was broken. Witness got hold of the prisoner and assisted to take him to the lock-up. Defendant was like a madman, snapping the handcuffs in two as soon as they were placed on his wrists. Witness saw him kick Sergeant Thornton, and afterwards saw an abrasion on his leg.

Defendant informed the magistrates that it was an old sore on the Sergeant's leg.

Supt. Oliver said the skin was broken, and he saw it bleeding.

Defendant said he wished to have fairplay. He had been locked up eight days, and wanted the case adjourned for witnesses.

Sergt. Thornton, in answer to the bench, said no person was present when the assault was committed except witness, Allison, and the prisoner. Mrs. Ford was not in the house.

Defendant: Where did you fall in with me on Monday afternoon?

Sergt. Thornton: I first saw you standing near your own door.

Defendant: Was I not in my own house?

Sergt. Thornton: You ran into the house when you saw me coming round the corner.

Defendant: Where was I when you entered the house?

Sergt. Thornton: In the pantry.

Defendant: What was I doing?

Sergt Thornton: I don't know. I found you with the door shut.

Defendant: Did you take me before Mr. Annandale at Shotley Bridge?

Sergt. Thornton: Yes.

Defendant: What paper did you get that day?

Sergt. Thornton: I don't understand you.

Defendant: Did you get a warrant for me?

Sergt. Thornton: No.

Defendant: What did you say to me?

Sergt. Thornton: Nothing.

Defendant: You said "I have you cheap now. I have only brought the poker forward to make a job of you." I will take this case somewhere else. I have not had a chance of getting witnesses.

The Chairman: Has he ever asked to be allowed to get witnesses?

Sergt. Thornton: No, sir. He could have had anything he required if he had asked for it.

Supt. Oliver said defendant could not possibly have witnesses, as nobody saw what took place inside excepting the policemen.

The Chairman: Is anything known of Ford?

Supt. Oliver: He had two months for an assault on the police in 1874, and he was fined 20s. and costs for an assault last March. The assault in 1874 was committed at McNally's corner. He struck Sergt. Parkinson on the head with a weapon, supposed to have been a poker.

The Chairman said defendant had been guilty of a very violent assault. Had he struck the officer with the poker it might have caused his death. Defendant was then sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

## THE DURHAM MINERS AND THE SLIDING SCALE.

A meeting of miners, convented by private arrangement in the different lodges or districts, was held on the Batts, by the Wear side, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday afternoon. Several brass bands were present. The collieries more particularly represented were Auckland Park, South Durham, Eldon, Shildon, Newfield, Hunwick, and Leasingthorne. Each band was preceded by a large and handsome banner, and by the time the meeting commenced—nearly four o'clock—the crowd present was computed to number upwards of 2,000 persons. Mr. C. Ritchie, a member of the Joint Committee, presided.

The Chairman said it gave him pleasure to see so large a company present that day, because they had met upon a question which ought to receive their serious consideration. They had been disappointed in not securing the attendance of Mr. Lloyd Jones and other speakers on these questions, but these gentlemen had other engagements in the county, where many similar meetings were to be held. That meeting had been convened to consider the sliding scale, the county average, and the Joint Committee so far as they were a benefit to the working man. (Hrar, hear, and "No it's not.") In the first place, he should like some gentlemen to show them some better mode of dealing with the question. The reason why he asked that question was this. If there were no sliding scale, and they wanted an advance, they would certainly have to take the accountants' figures. There was a deal of dissatisfaction after the last returns, and he himself felt disappointed, for he expected that, in this district at least, they would receive 10 per cent., looking at the price of coke and coal. After the accountants had gone over the books, however, it was found that firms were tied to contract prices, and were not really receiving the advanced prices given; and he would remind the miners that if they had to depend on orders received from day to day there would be no steady employment, which latter could only be maintained by contracts. He held they could never abolish the county average. The masters always knew their averages, and would always know their wages. Then there was the Joint Committee. If they had not got one, what would they do? Suppose they wanted an advance, and said they would have it. The master replied "I will not give it." Well, a strike followed; and they all knew what strikes had done—that working men had them all to pay for. He maintained that it would be a disgrace to abolish the Joint Committee. When the wages were above the county average it would have been a benefit to abolish it, but not at present, when they were below the county average. He was an advocate of bringing every colliery up to the county average. Out of eighteen or twenty cases, fifteen in these had been local advances, which showed at once the good of a joint committee.

Mr. Staley said he represented Auckland Park on the Joint Committee. In a rather strong address, of considerable length, he said the miners only wanted justice; they wanted the chairman of the Joint Committee replacing with a better man. He did not wish to abolish the Joint Committee, but they wanted to say they would not have the present chairman presiding at that committee.

Mr Neasham (Shildon Lodge) said his opinion of the sliding scale was that it was an unjust one. They were told by those who led and represented them—and those men he must go by—that the basis of the scale was not upon the selling price of coal in the market, but upon the contract prices. Now, the miners were aware that the contract prices they could not arrive at in any way. It was true they were told they had the books to go by; but they knew this, that they could not arrive at facts as they desired. He thought, therefore, that if the basis of the scale had been on the selling price, they might have had some light on this great subject. Under the circumstances in which they were placed they were entirely in the hands of the masters; they were entirely at the mercy of the employers; and he had to ask those present how far that mercy had been extended to them in the past. If they would answer that question he would soon tell them how far that mercy would extend in the future. They knew that in the past the masters had had no mercy upon them; that the masters would tread the men under foot if they could do so; and he wanted them to learn an important lesson from their past experience of the mercy the masters had had upon them. He urged combination as the only protection which the men had, and asked those who considered such combinations contained evils to join the union and endeavour to remove those evils. For two years yet the sliding scale had to continue—(cries of "Miserable existence" and "Workhouse")—and therefore he might safely say that scale would not continue for ever. (Applause and laughter.) The sliding scale was a difficult subject to deal with. He could not get information from their leaders, and if he went to the masters he was satisfied he could not get it from them. He believed that the county average was as unjust as the sliding scale. He believed that that average simply meant, for him and them restriction—and nothing more; and he knew of no man better able to judge of the amount of labour that should be performed than the man who had to perform the labour. If the masters restricted their wages, he would like the men to restrict their labour; and if they did that they would have equality. The speaker dwelt with considerable emphasis on the unjust operation of the county average on men of declining years. The system was an abominable, unjust one, and had brought thousands to a premature grave. For his own part, he had not much to say against the Joint Committee, which was all right if they could only get justice from it; but he could not see that they had had any justice; or, if they had, it had been very little.

The Chairman said he could not approve of all that had been said, but he did consider it a disgrace to turn an old miner adrift.

Mr Eli Green maintained that the county average simply meant a reduction of wages, and was one of the greatest evils ever endured by the men of Durham county. This speaker also enlarged on the alleged oppressive action of the county average on old men, and advocated restriction of labour among miners. This disregard of restriction had been followed by reduction, and hence their position to-day.

Mr Jamieson (Etherley) wanted to know where Judge Meynell got his authority for saying that a man who restricted himself ought to be punished. Judge Meynell was moving in a certain circle, and that circle moved against the miners.

Mr Richardson (Bearpark) advocated unionism, and was in general sympathy with the previous speakers.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

# Cricket.

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

Correspondents will please to write on one side of the paper only.

## BURNOPFIELD *V.* TANFIELD.

A match between the above clubs was played on Saturday last at Burnopfield. The weather was not very favourable, consequently there was not a great number of visitors to witness the game. The visitors took the bat first, but it was evident they were out of practice, not playing up to their usual form, and could not make any stand against the effective bowling of Messrs Cuthbertson and Stobbs, and were soon disposed of for twenty-two. The home team then handed the willow, Messrs Cuthbertson and Armstrong going in first, the latter of whom was soon disposed of, and no long stand was made until R. Davis took the bat, when Cuthbertson and he stood together for upwards of an hour, Davis being ultimately disposed of for twenty-two, while Cuthbertson, after some careful and splendid batting, such as has rarely been our pleasure to witness in this neighbourhood, finally had to bring out his bat for sixty-four not out, and when all had been disposed of the home team had put together 114, being ninty-two over their opponents.

| TANFIELD. | | BURNOPFIELD. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| R. Atkinson, b Stobbs | 0 | J. H. Cuthbertson, not out | 64 |
| A. Temple, b Cuthbertson | 2 | R. Armstrong, b Jewitt | 2 |
| C. Fawcett, b Stobbs | 1 | M. Stobbs, b Temple | 0 |
| W. T. Brown, b Cuthbertson | 0 | E. Lavender, c Temple, b Laidler | 5 |
| T. Snowdon, c Lamb, b Cuthbertson | 5 | G. Cooper, c Jewitt, b Laidler | 9 |
| T. Jewitt, b Cuthbertson | 0 | M. Gibson, b Laidler | 0 |
| J. Laidler, b Stobbs | 0 | W. Charlton, b Laidler | 0 |
| D. Temple, b Cuthbertson | 3 | R. Davis, b Temple | 22 |
| M. Coulson, b Stobbs | 2 | J. Curry, at | 0 |
| T. Laidler, not out | 2 | J. Burton, b Temple | 3 |
| J. Harkness, b Stobbs | 0 | G. Lamb, b Temple | 0 |
| Extras | 7 | Extras | 9 |
| Total | 22 | Total | 114 |

## HAMSTERLEY *V.* GOSFORTH PARK.

Played at Gosforth on Saturday, May 8th, and resulted in an easy victory for the visitors.

| GOSFORTH. | | HAMSTERLEY. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| W. Rowell, b Waters | 14 | R. Chaytor, c Slater, b Rowell | 3 |
| F. Slater, b Waters | 1 | J. Holden, b Rowell | 20 |
| W. Flick, b Henderson | 3 | R. Beattie, run out | 3 |
| H. Hodgshon, b Waters | 0 | A. Henderson, not out | 14 |
| J. Oliver, b Henderson | 5 | T. Billcliffe, c and b Rowell | 0 |
| G. Armstrong, b Waters | 0 | P. Quigley, not out | 16 |
| J. Hodgshon b Waters | 13 | J. Emmerson, to bat | |
| J. Greener, b Waters | 7 | M. Goodwin, „ | |
| D. Haliday, b Waters | 0 | J. Allen, „ | |
| T. State, b Henderson | 2 | J. Anderson, „ | |
| W. Hall, not out | 0 | A. Waters, „ | |
| Extras | 12 | Extras | 6 |
| Total | 57 | Total | 62 |

## FRIENDS *V.* NEWCASTLE FRIENDS.

Played on Hamsterley ground, May 17th, and resulted in a victory for the home team.

| FRIENDS. | | HAMSTERLEY. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J. Scott, run out | 1 | A. Waters, b Scott | 2 |
| W. Scott, b Waters | 1 | J. Allen, b Hutchinson | 0 |
| J. Hunter, b Waters | 0 | J. Cuthbertson, c Scott, b Hutchinson | 4 |
| A. Elliott, b Waters | 0 | M. Goodwin, b Hutchinson | 8 |
| W. Poulin, c Waters b Henderron | 2 | R. Chaytor, b Scott | 0 |
| J. Snaith, b Waters | 1 | A. Henderson, b Scott | 0 |
| J. H. F. Greebe, c Billcliffe, b Waters | 2 | J. Emmerson, b Scott | 2 |
| C. Phillipson, b Henderson | 2 | J. Holdon, b Hutchinson | 0 |
| G. Hutchinson, c and b Henderson | 0 | J. Fenwick, b Scott | 5 |
| R. Mills, run out | 1 | P. Quigley, c Hutchinson, b Scott | 4 |
| A. Dorkney, not out | 0 | T. Billcliffe, not out | 0 |
| Extras | 1 | Extras | 1 |
| Total | 11 | Total | 26 |

## CONSETT AND DISTRICT *V.* WHICKHAM.

A match between the above clubs was played at Whickham, on Saturday last, when the home team proved the victors. For Consett Mr. Weighell made excellent play for his thirty-seven not out, and Messrs. Warren and Berkley, of Whickham, for their respective scores of twenty-eight and sixteen. Scores:—

| CONSETT AND DISTRICT. | | WHICKHAM. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hyden, b T. Atkinson | 0 | Warren, b Weighell | 28 |
| Richards, b W. Burn | 2 | W. Burn, c Carr, b Brears | 6 |
| Brears, c W. Burn | 2 | Mowbray, b Brears | 3 |
| Weighell, not out | 37 | T. Burn, c Renton | 0 |
| Palliaser, c J. Burn | 7 | T. Atkinson, run out | 6 |
| Carr, b T. Atkinson | 0 | Berkley, b Weighell | 16 |
| Park, b T. Atkinson | 0 | Hunter, b Brears | 10 |
| Lamb, b W. Burn | 1 | Clark, c Palliaser, b Brears | 14 |
| Freek, b T. Atkinson | 2 | J. Burn, b Welford | 4 |
| Renton, b T. Atkinson | 0 | Scott, not out | 2 |
| Welford, b T. Atkinson | 2 | R. Atkinson, b Welford | 0 |
| Extras | 8 | Extras | 16 |
| Total | 61 | Total | 104 |

Singular Prosecution of a Publican.—On Wednesday, at the Greta Bridge Police Court, before Mr M. Headlam, Capt. Horne, and Mr R. J. Dent a publican named William Hind, residing at Newsham, was summoned for refusing to admit a police constable on to his licensed premises.—P.C. Savage stated that on the night of the 15th of April, at ten minutes to ten o'clock, he called at defendant's house, which he found was locked up. He knocked at the door, and defendant, putting his head out of an upstairs window, inquired who he was. The officer replied "The police." Defendant said he would not open the door for the best man in the world. The case was reported to Inspector Archer, and the present proceedings instituted.—Mr R. Holmes, who defended, elicited in cross-examination that Hind's son had, a short time ago, "bundled the officer out of a dancing saloon neck and crop," and that spite was the officer's motive in issuing the summons. Moreover, a publican could close his house when he liked. And there was no evidence that the constable suspected the licensing law was being contravened on Hind's premises.—The Chairman said a publican was bound to supply liquor as refreshment during the hours which the law prescribed his house should be open. There appeared to be a little animus in the present case, and the Bench would therefore dismiss the summons, Mr Hind having conducted his house for 28 years without any charge having previously been brought against him.

## LANCHESTER UNION.

The Guardians of the Lanchester Union have decided that, in future, all applicants for relief must, before appearing before them, apply to the Relieving-Officer for the district in which they reside, in order that their cases may be investigated. For the information of persons who intend to apply for relief, we append the following appointments of Relieving-Officers; those whose cases are pressing can see either of the officers at their residence.

### WESTERN DISTRICT.

Relieving-Officer.—Mr. John Moon, Cemetery Lane, Blackhill, who can be seen on his visit to the following places:—

Blackhill.—On Friday, May 14th, at his residence, Cemetery Road, at 4 p.m., and on each alternate Friday, at same time and place.

Consett.—On Friday, May 14th, at the Local Board-room, at 10 a.m., and each alternate Friday.

Castleside (for Healeyfield and Muggleswick).—On Saturday, May 15th, at Mr. Young's, at 2 p.m., and each alternate Saturday.

Ebchester.—On Saturday, May 15th, at Orchard House, Ebchester Hill, at 10 a.m., and each alternate Saturday.

Leadgate.—On Friday, May 14th, at No. 119, Front Street, at 11 a.m., and each alternate Friday.

Medomsley.—On Saturday, May 15th, at Alexander McWilliam's, at 9 a.m., and each alternate Saturday.

Shotley Bridge.—On Friday, May 14th, at the Town Hall, at 1 p.m., and each alternate Friday.

### EASTERN DISTRICT.

Relieving-Officer.—Mr. Ralph Walton, Lanchester.

Annfield Plain.—On Tuesday, May 18th, at P.C. Nicholson's, at 3 p.m., and each alternate Tuesday.

Burnhope.—On Monday, May 17th, at Mrs. Gladstone's, at 10 a.m., and each alternate Monday

Dipton.—On Tuesday, May 17th, at Mr Thornton's, at 1 p.m., and each alternate Tuesday.

Hill Top, near Esh.—On Wednesday, at Mr. Joseph Oyston's, at 11 a.m., and each alternate Wednesday.

Quebec.—On Wednesday, at Mr. William Leybourne's, at 9 a.m., and each alternate Wednesday.

Stanley.—On Tuesday, at Mrs. Watkin's, at 11 a.m., and each alternate Tuesday.

Tanfield.—On Tuesday, at Mrs. Smiles' at 12 noon, and each alternate Tuesday.

Co-operation at Annfield Plain. — The members of the Annfield Plain Co-operative Society held their tenth annual soiree on Saturday evening, when upwards of 600 persons partook of an excellent tea, in the long room of the Co-operative Buildings. In the evening, a public meeting was held to hear addresses from representatives from thi Central Board. Mr. Henry Carss, Shotley Bridge, presided, and the room was filled in every part.—The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, congratulated the members on the successful anniversary of that day.—Mr. Wm. Bell, secretary, read the report, showing that at the close of 1879 the position of the society was as follows:—Number of members, 604; capital, £5,142; cash receipts for goods sold, £18,198; average dividend, 2s. 2½d. per £1.—Mr. Robt. Kyle (Alva, Scotland), who was received with loud cheers, spoke of co-operation as the ally of temperance, education, and good government. He invited those outside of the movement to come in and cast their lot with them, and he hoped the day was not far distant when every man in Great Britain would be a co-operator, and every shop a co-operative store, for he was certain when that happy period arrived that contentment, peace, and happiness would reign through every town and village of their much-loved island. (Loud applause.)—Mr. H. C. Pingstone, Manchester, described the present position of the co-operative movement, remarking that they stood on the threshold of what they might yet acquire, and he trusted they would combine their energies for further achievements in the time to come.—Mr J. Nicholson, of Blaydon, in a pithy speech, which was loudly applauded, reviewed the progress of the co-operative movement from the time of Robert Owen to the present, maintaining that it had been the means of bringing peace and happiness to many a household that would otherwise not have possessed either.—The meeting concluded with hearty votes of thanks to the ladies for presiding at the tables, to the chairman, and to the delegates for their attendance.

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| Arm and Leg Appliances | 10s 6d, 15s each |
| Wristlets and Anklets | 3s 6d, 4s 6d, 5s 6d, 6s 6d each |
| Magnetic Soles | 4s 6d to 7s 6d per pair |
| Friction Gloves | 2s 6d each |
| Smoking and Neuralgic Caps | 15s, 21s each |

NOTE THE ADDRESS:—
WETTON AND CO., 44a, BLACKETT STREET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

CURE OF INDIGESTION AND NERVOUS DEBILITY.
(Upwards of 20 years standing.)

Bensham-road, Gateshead, March 4th, 1880

I have very great pleasure in informing you that the Magneticon Belt, which I purchased from you sixteen months ago, has proved a great benefit to me. Having suffered from Indigestion and Nervous Debility for upwards of twenty years I was induced to buy one of your Belts, and before many weeks had passed I experienced a wonderful improvement in my health. I can therefore confidently speak of the invigorating power of your Magneticon Appliance, and would strongly recommend them to all those who suffer from this most troublesome complaint.

WILLIAM SMITH.

CONGESTION OF THE LUNGS.

"12, Diana-street, Newcastle."
"November 27th, 1879."

"Some time ago I suffered from Congestion of the Lungs and Pains in the Back and Chest. After receiving medical aid I got a little better, and was fairly well for some time. About twelve months ago I was taken ill again. It was at that time that I got one of Wetton's Magneticon Lung Invigorators; and after having worn it for twelve months I can now say that it has done me more good than anything else I have ever tried. I am in better health than I have been for many years, and have taken no medicine since I began to wear the Invigorator.—Yours truly,

"JOHN BRISCOE."

INDIGESTION (FIVE YEARS STANDING).
South Pontop, via Lintz Green, February 28th, 1880.

Having suffered from indigestion for over five years, and after trying all kinds of medical treatment, and finding no benefit, I purchased one of your Magnetic Belts. After wearing it for about ten months I have found the greatest relief, and can strongly recommend your appliances.

WILLIAM GREENER.

NERVOUS DEBILITY.
24, Trafalgar-street, Newcastle, February 14th, 1880

Having suffered from Nervous Debility for a number of years, I purchased one of your Magnetic Belts, and after wearing it for twelve months, I am now quite well again. I can conscientiously recommend your appliance to all sufferers from the same complaint.

GEORGE WOOD.

PAINS IN THE HAND, WRIST, AND ARM.
Clayton Street, Gateshead, January 9th, 1880.

A few months ago, I purchased from you a Wristlet and Friction Glove, for severe pains in my right hand, and wrist, and arm, and am happy to say, after using them for a short time, I am quite better, and shall be glad to recommend the appliances to other sufferers.

WILLIAM BRUCE.

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Farm Implements in Stock from all the principal makers. Agents for the Northern Fire and Life Insurance Co., and the Norwich and London Accident Association. 941n

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BISHOP AUCKLAND EQUITABLE PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY.

Chairman of Directors: Mr. JOSEPH WILKINSON, West Mills, Bishop Auckland.
Solicitor: RICHARD BOWSER, Esq., Bishop Auckland.

THE DIRECTORS are prepared to RECEIVE LOANS of FIVE POUNDS and upwards, at 5 per cent. interest, payable Half-yearly.

ADVANCES made and Shares entered at any time,

THE ENTRANCE FEES are abolished.

THE REPAYMENT of an Advance on Mortgage of £100 is 15s. per Month, or £9 per Annum, which covers Interest and Redemption.

PROFITS divided equitably amongst Members.

WM. V. THOMPSON, Secretary.
Offices: 25, Market-place, Bishop Auckland. 608n

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that any Person or Persons entering into the occupation of any House, Shop, or other Building, to which Gas has been supplied to the previous occupant, upon such entry must first obtain the consent of the Secretary of the Company before consuming the Gas supplied by the said Company. In default therefore, upon proof of the use of tne Gas, without first obtaining such leave, such Person or Person will be Prosecuted as the Law directs. The Secretary can be seen daily at the Company's Office, Shotley Bridge, to whom all applications must be made.

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

## Public Notices.

LOOK OUT for the HAMSTERLEY GALA and SPORTS, on Saturday, May 22nd, 1880.
40o R. ROBSON, Sec.

LOOK OUT for the DIPTON READING-ROOM SPORTS, on Saturday, June 5th, 1880. 59o

STANLEY TEA, SPORTS, STEEPLE-CHASES, and FLAT-RACES, fixed for Saturday, June 19th, 1880. 85o

LOOK OUT for the ANNFIELD PLAIN SPORTS, when Good Prizes will be given for a BRASS BAND CONTEST, on Saturday, June 19th, 1880. 89o

FREE THOUGHT LECTURE on the BIBLE will be Delivered in the Assembly Room, Consett, on Wednesday, June 2nd, 1880, by

**MR. J. SYMES,**

of Birmingham, in reply to the Lecture delivered by Mr. R. HERRIES, Baptist Minister, on the "OLD BOOK."

Discussion invited—with a Special Invitation to Mr. HERRIES.

Doors open at 7 o'clock. Chair to be taken at 7·30 by Mr. D. HARRIS. 111o

£1 REWARD.

THE CONSETT LOCAL BOARD offer £1 Reward to any Person for such Information as will lead to the Conviction of the Person or Persons who recently Removed the Stones defining the Boundaries of the Common Quarries in the Local Board District,

By order of the Board,
JOHN ELLIOTT, Clerk.
Local Board Office, May 6th, 1880. 79o

HALLO! HALLO!! LOOK HERE!!!

The United Friendly Societies of Annfield Plain, will hold their

FIRST ANNUAL GALA,

On Saturday, July 31st, 1880,
When PRIZES will be given for various SPORTS.
16o W. MURRAY, Secretary.

## Public Notices.

TANFIELD LEA BRASS BAND SPORTS and TEA. PRIZES will be given for RUNNING, WRESTLING, QUOITING, and JUMPING at Tanfield on May 28th.
110o R. FAWCETT, Sec.

LOOK OUT! for the UNITED CONSETT COMPANY'S COLLIERIES intend holding their TEA, GALA, and SPORTS on Saturday, June 19th, 1880, when PRIZES will be given for RUNNING, WALKING, QUOITING, WRESTLING, ROUND-HAND BOWLING, &c. Full Particulars in Bills.
By order of the Committee,
108o W. TINKLER, Sec.

## Contracts.

THE CONSETT LOCAL BOARD invite TENDERS for laying about 120 lineal yards of KERB and CHANNEL, or portion of it. Also, about 200 Square-yards of CEMENT, or a portion of it, in Front Street, Consett.

Specifications may be seen at the Board-room, on and after Saturday, the 22nd inst.

Tenders marked "Tender" will be received up to June 1st.

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

By order of the Board,
JOHN ELLIOTT, Clerk.
Local Board Office, May 20th, 1880. 103o

## To Let.

TO LET, TWO COTTAGES.—Apply to Mr. HARE, Highfield, Whittonstall. 952n

TO LET, a HOUSE, containing Five Rooms, with Garden, situate in Victoria Street, Lanchester. Rent moderate—Apply to THOS. WARD, Lanchester.

TO LET, a Four-roomed HOUSE, at Castleside.—Apply to GEO. MIDDLETON, Medomsley Road, Consett. 23o

TENTS TO LET, 120 feet by 30 feet, and 60 feet by 30 feet, on reasonable terms.—Apply to EDWD. LOVAT, Medomsley, by Lintz Green. 9o

THE Annfield Plain Co-operative Society's Hall is now Open for Public Entertainments. Terms on application to the Manager, Mr. ADAM BROWN. 616n

FURNISHED APARTMENTS (Sitting-room and Bed-room) situate at Blackhill, TO LET. Very Suitable for One or Two Young Men.—Apply at the *Guardian* Office, Consett. 58o

TO BE LET, with Immediate Possession, a Large YARD and JOINERS' WORKSHOPS, with every Convenience, on a suitable Corner Site for Contractors, 58, Durham Road, Blackhill.—Apply to WM. RAW, Auctioneer and House Agent, Blackhill.

HOUSE AND SHOP AT BLACKHILL.

TO BE LET, and entered upon at May-Day, an excellent HOUSE and SHOP, situate in Derwent Street, Blackhill, next door to the Post Office, now in the occupation of Mr. GEO. REID, who has occupied the premises 9½ years.—Apply to WILLIAM RAW, Auctioneer and House Agent Blackhill. 29o

TO BE LET, and entered upon as at May-day, a MILL and FARM, as occupied by the late Mr. BURN, situated at Steel Close, near Lintz Green. Particulars may be known on application to Mr. CHARLTON, Medomsley, and proposals will be received by Mr. LISHMAN, Witton-le-Wear, until the 27th day of May. 86o

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY DISTRICT.

TO LET, the CARTING of the following Lots of LIMESTONE, and the BREAKING of various Lots.

LOBLEY HILL MAIN ROAD.

LOT 1.—From High Stoop to Satley. 60 tons.
" 2.—From High Stoop to Browney Bridge. 60 tons.
" 3.—From Lanchester Union Workhouse to Browney Bridge. 60 tons.
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" 5.—From Annfield Plain to Howdon Bank Top. 100 tons.
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" 9.—From Crook Bar Depots to Pont Burn. 200 tons.
Also, the Breaking of Lots 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

AUCKLAND MAIN ROAD.
Carting Limestone.

LOT 1.—From High Stoop to Drover House. 80 tons.
" 2.—From Salters' Gate to Drover House and Butsfield Bank. 200 tons.
" 3.—From Rowley Station to Butsfield Bank Foot. 100 tons.
" 4.—From Rowley Station to Castleside and Allansford Bridge. 80 tons.
Also, the Breaking of the whole of the above Lots.

DURHAM AND SHOTLEY MAIN ROAD.
Carting Limestone.

LOT 1.—From Lanchester Union Workhouse to Fen Hall and Iveston Bank Top. 60 tons.
" 2.—From Lanchester Union Workhouse to the Church and Parkhouse. 80 tons.

TOWNSHIP OF COLLIERLEY AND PONTOP.

LOT 1.—Carting Limestone from Harelaw to Flint Hill and Pont Cottage. 160 tons.
" 2.—Carting Limestone from Harelaw to Fondley Set and Delight Bank. 30 tons.
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TOWNSHIP OF KYO.

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WILLIAM DIXON
District Surveyor.
Surveyor's Office, Branch Villa,
May 8th, 1880.

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WELL-WON OLD LAND HAY FOR SALE, 75s. per Ton, delivered within a reasonable distance.—Apply to W. SCOTT, Consett. 109o

FOR SALE, a BAY MARE, 14 hands high, 4 years old; splendid action; good goer in harness; Foal at foot, by "Moorcock."—Apply 42, Sherburn Terrace, Consett. 56o

FOR SALE, cheap, Two and Four-Wheel TRAPS, Single and Double HARNESS, and a few Harness HORSES, COBS, and Ponies.—Apply to JOHN BRODIE, Jun., Shotley Bridge. 943n

FOR SALE, by Private Contract (either together or separately, TWO HOUSES and SHOPS, situate in Tinmill Place, Blackhill.—Apply to JOHN COLLINSON, Middle Street, Consett. 892n

FOR SALE, New and Second-hand CONVEYANCES of every description.—Apply to Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Consett, or to JOHN BRODIE Jun., Shotley Bridge. 811k

FOR SALE OR TO LET, and may be entered upon immediately, a HOUSE of Five Rooms, with every Convenience, pleasantly situate at the end of Ridley Street, Blackhill.—For particulars, apply to Mr. GEORGE HARRISON, Butcher, Consett. 976n

A House and Building Site for Sale.

FOR SALE by Private Contract, a THREE-ROOMED HOUSE situate on Medomsley Edge Road, within a quarter-of-a-mile from the Shotley Bridge Railway Station. The above is Leasehold 97 years unexpired. For a Magnificent View, Pure Air, and Clear Spring Water it is all that can be desired, and will be sold cheap.—For particulars apply to Mr. HENRY BROWN, Auctioneer, Broomhill, near Ebchester.

## Wanted.

WANTED, a Good GENERAL SERVANT, able to Milk. One not under 20 years of age preferred.—Apply at the *Guardian* Office, Consett. 105o

Tailoring.

WANTED, an APPRENTICE or an IMPROVER to the Tailoring Trade.—Apply to T. S. ATKINSON, Middle Street. 106o

LANCHESTER UNION.

THE Guardians of the Poor of the Lanchester Union require the Services of a FEMALE NURSE, for the Infirmary of the Lanchester Workhouse. Salary, £25 per annum, with Rations and Residence. Applications, in the handwriting of the Applicants, stating age, qualifications, and previous experience, with testimonials of recent date, to be sent to me on or before Wednesday, the 26th instant.—By order,

WM. HENRY RITSON,
Clerk to the Guardians.
Lanchester, May 13th, 1880. 90o

## Sales by Auction.

### By Mr. A. Phillipson.

Shield Row.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. WM. REED, Grocer and Draper, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at his premises, Shield Row, on Monday, May 24th, 1880, a very large surplus Stock of DRAPERIES, BOOTS and SHOES, and other GOODS removed for convenience of sale, comprising Draperies in great variety; 250 pairs of Boots and Shoes; 25lbs of good Tea; Iron Bedsteads; Down and Flock Beds; Iron Chairs with cushions; 2 Silver Lever Watches; Verge Watch; Silver Albert; 40 yards Brussels Carpet; a lot of Drugget Carpet; Rolley with Springs; 2 Sets of Harness; 2 Spring Carts; Coup Cart; Set of Spring Cart Harness; Chesnut Horse, 14 hands high, 9 years old, good in all Harness; a large assortment of Brushes, Jewellery, &c. Also. Whitechapel Cart, little worse than new; Spring Cart, in good order; Weighing Machines; Mangle; and Washing Machine.

Sale to commence at One o'clock, prompt. 91o

A. PHILLIPSON,
GENERAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, HOUSE-AGENT, &c., DIPTON.

CASH ADVANCES made, and FURNITURE, &c., Bought for Cash. Business done Promptly, and upon Reasonable Terms. 27o

### By Mr. J. Oley.

South Medomsley Colliery, Dipton.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY has the honour to announce that he has received instructions from Mr. B. SHIPLEY, who is removing from the neighbourhood, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place, on Wednesday, the 26th day of May, 1880, the under-mentioned Valuable Household FURNITURE, all of modern design and in excellent condition, comprising Three-quarter Chest of Mahogany Oval-fronted Drawers; extra large Carved Mahogany Spring Sofa, Hair-seated; Mahogany Easy Chair, Hair-seated; 6 Mahogany Balloon-backed Chairs, Hair-seated; Mahogany Side-board; Mahogany Centre Table; Oval do., do.; Small Mahogany Table; Mahogany Circular-toped Toilet Dressing Glass; Pedestal Washstand and Dressing Table, Painted Maple; beautiful Three-leaved Screen, quite new; large sized Half-tester Birch Bedstead, with Mattress; full set of Cretone Hangings for Bedstead; pair of Cretone Window Shades to match; Brass Cornice Pole and Rings; Splendid Kidderminster Carpet, 5 yards by 4 yards, and Hearth Rug; useful Bedroom Carpet, 4 yards by 4½ yards; Stair Carpet; Brass Stair Rods and Eyes; several pieces of Oil Cloth; square Library Table, 4ft. 6in., with turned legs; large Meat Screen, with Roast Jack, &c., complete; several Pictures; Ware Cooking Utensils, with sundry Articles too numerous to mention.

Sale to commence at One o'clock p.m. prompt. 92o

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

### By Mr. A. Brodie.

For Three Days only.

Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett. Important Sale of Linen and Woollen Drapery Stock, comprising—Dress Goods, Persian and other Cords, Winceys, Linens and Hollands, Blankets and Sheets, &c., all belonging the Estate.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed by the Trustee, to SELL BY AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale-rooms, at Consett, for Three Days only, on Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, MAY 22nd, 24th, and 25th, the above First-class DRAPERY, without Reserve.

Sale at Half-past Seven each Evening. 99o

Consett.

Important Sale of Substantial and Valuable Freehold Property in Newmarket Street, Derwent Street, and Gibson Street, Consett.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed to offer for SALE BY AUCTION at the house of Mr. GEORGE BROWN, Railway Hotel, Consett, in the month of June, unless previously disposed of by Private Treaty, the following Substantial and Valuable FREEHOLD PROPERTIES:—

LOT 1.—All that Excellent and Well-situate FREEHOLD HOUSE and SHOP situate and being No. 19, Newmarket Street, Consett, as occupied by Mr SIMON WILSON, general dealer.

LOT 2.—All that Commodious and Well-finished FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE situate in Derwent Street, Consett, as occupied by Dr. SAVAGE.

LOT 3. — The Extensive PREMISES and BUILDING GROUND situate in Gibson Street, Consett, at present used by Mr. SCHELLENBERG as a Slaughter House, Stables, and Coach-house, but convertible at a trifling expense into Dwelling Houses.

Particulars will be given in future advertisements, or on application to the Auctioneer at his Office, Town Hall, Consett. 101o

TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

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

## Sales by Auction.

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Trafalgar Street Sale-rooms, Consett.

MR. JOHN JENKINS will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday first, May 24th, 1880, a large quantity of Valuable Household FURNITURE, removed to the above Sale-rooms for convenience of Sale, comprising excellent Pianoforte, by H. Bingham and Co., nearly new; very handsome Mahogany Press; Tallboy Drawers; Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating; Mahogany ¾-Chest of Drawers; Drawers and Book-case; 2 Iron Tester Bedsteads; Brass Bedstead; 2 French Bedsteads; Poled and Camp Bedsteads; 3 Pairs Mattresses; Feather Bed; 2 Down Beds; 2 Flock Beds; 2 Round Tables; 2 Kitchen Tables; Eight-days' Timepiece; American Clock; 2 large Clothes Boxes; Parlour and Kitchen Fenders and Fire-irons; Cornice Poles and Stair Rods; Smoking and other Chairs; Mats; Rugs; Pans; Pails; Scuttles; assortment of Pictures; together with a large quantity of other useful Goods too numerous to mention. Also about 14 Yards of Oilcloth and a Melodian.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 104o

## Lost.

LOST, on Monday last, May 17th, a Liver and White SPANIEL DOG.—Anyone returning the same to JOHN PROUD, Smelter, Castleside, will be Rewarded; anyone detaining it after this date will be Prosecuted. 107o

LOST from Hamsterley Mill, on the 11th inst, a Black and White CUR DOG (smooth haired), answers to the name of "Laddie," Anyone returning him will be Rewarded, or detention will incur Prosecution.

# The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, MAY 21st, 1880.

## Local and District News.

On Whit-Monday, the Highgate Baptist and the Blackhill Free Methodist Sunday-schools formed a procession, and marched to the Gala Field, near Consett Hall, where various games and sports were indulged in.

SWINE FEVER.—This disease has broken out in several parts of the district, and Supt. Oliver, the Inspector appointed under the Swine Fever Order of 1879, has already destroyed a large number of animals affected with the disease.

ACCIDENT AT IVESTON COLLIERY.—At the early part of this week, a hewer named Patrick Rafferty received severe injuries to his head while working in the above mine. A little over a year ago Rafferty, who has a large family, had a leg fractured in the same pit.

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

CONSETT BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—The annual gala in connection with the above place was celebrated on Whit-Monday. The teachers and scholars formed into a procession and proceeded to a field near Knitsley (kindly granted for the occasion by Mr. G. Hardy), where an excellent tea was provided. The day being exceedingly fine a large number of friends were present. All kinds of games (including kiss-in-the-ring, jolly miller, tausey, &c.) were indulged in. At dusk the afternoon's enjoyment, which will long be remembered, terminated.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—On Saturday evening last, the district meeting of the Shotley Bridge Co-operative Society was held in the Temperance Hall, at that place. The chair was occupied by Mr. Wm. Robinson, chairman of the local store, and accompanying him on the platform were Mr. A. Greenwood, Rochdale, and Mr. W. Bates, Eccles. The proceedings were at intervals agreeably interspersed with music; Miss Fanny Oley sang several songs, while Mr. William Urwin also sang and played some pieces on the violin, his son, Mr. Abel Urwin, accompanying on the harmonium.—The interesting gathering concluded with the customary votes of thanks.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—More precious than Gold.—Diarrhœa, dysentry, and cholera are, through the summer's heat, carrying off the young, as the winter's cold destroys the aged. In the most acute cases, where internal medicines cannot be retained, the greatest relief will immediately result from rubbing Holloway's soothing Ointment over the abdomen. The friction should be frequent and brisk, to insure the penetration of a large portion of the Ungent. This Ointment calms the excited peristaltic action, and soothes the pain. Both vomiting and griping yield to it; where fruits or vegetables have originated the malady, it is proper to remove all indigested matter from the bowels by a moderate dose of Holloway's Pills before using the Ointment.

GALLANT ACT BY AN ENGINEDRIVER.—The driver of No. 1,152 locomotive engine on the North-Eastern Railway was running from Shildon to Consett on the up line on Saturday morning last, when hh saw two little children walking, hand clasped in hand, on the down line, in the direct track of the passenger train from Durham, which was then due. The moment he caught sight of them he heard the roar of the approaching train. In another minute the bairns would have been cut to pieces. He instantly leapt from the footboard of his engine, snatched the little things from the track of the coming train, and cleared the line just as the passenger train swept by. We regret that we do not know the name of this worthy fellow, who so gallantly saved the children's lives at the imminent risk of his own. Since the above was in type we have learnt that the engine-driver's name is Mr. Joseph Robinson, of Alma Noad, New Shildon.

THE FATAL ACCIDENT AT CROOKHALL.—On Friday evening last, Mr. Trueman Graham (deputy coroner) held an inquest at Mr. Longstaff's, Leadgate, on view of the body of Thomas Boustead, whose death was recorded in our last issue. Mr. Brown, railway-inspector under the Consett Iron Company, produced a tracing, showing the spot where the accident happened.—James Boustead, miner, Leadgate, father of the deceased, identified the body. He said his son was sixteen years of age. He was a "sander" on an engine, and died at Consett Infirmary on the 12th inst.—William Snowdon, locomotive fireman, residing at Crookhall, said on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., they were busy shunting a bogie of metal into a siding at Crookhall, when deceased got off the engine, and was standing ready to uncouple the bogies when his foot got fast in a crossing, and he fell, and one bogie went over his left leg.—By the jury: There was plenty of room at the side of the crossing.—John Burnhope, metal moulder, Leadgate, said on the day in question he was in the pattern shop at Crookhall when he heard a shout. He ran out, and saw deceased lying betwixt the rails. He afterwards heard deceased say one of the bogies had passed over his leg.—Richard Crout Richards, assistant to Dr. George Renton, deposed to attending the deceased. He was suffering from a compound fracture of both bones of the left leg. The injuries were of such a nature that he deemed it advisable to send the lad to the Infirmary, where the leg was amputated. Death ensued shortly afterwards.—The Coroner: How long afterwards?—Dr. Richards: I should think he lived about an hour afterwards.—The Coroner: What was the cause of death?—Dr. Richards: Shock to the nervous system occasioned by the injuries received.—A verdict of "Accidental Death" was then returned.

PROPERTY SALE AT CONSETT.—Recently, Mr. Adam Brodie offered for sale, at the house of Mr. George Brown, Railway Hotel, Consett, a block of freehold property situate in Victoria Street, Consett, and with frontage also to John Street and Pitt Street, and comprising in all eight houses, stated to produce a rental of £68. The property was set agoing at a bidding of £400, and was eventually reserved at £600, but was afterwards sold to Mr. James Dinning, of Consett, for £560.

GALA AT BLACKHILL.—On Whit-Monday the Salvation Army held a grand gala and tea in a field field at Blackfine, kindly granted for the occasion by Mr. Turner. The Consett and Dipton corps of the Army marched from the Salvation Hall, Consett, at two o'clock, headed by their band, and followed by a great number of people, to the field, where tea was supplied in a large tent. About 800 persons were admitted to the field, of whom nearly 350 partook of a substantial tea, after which a band meeting was held, addressed by several members and friends of the Army.

BLACKHILL PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—On Whit-Sunday, the anniversary of the above Sunday-school was held. Mr. J. Welford conducted the services in the morning and evening, the afternoon sermon being preached by the Rev. R. Herries. We were agreeably surprised with the singing of the scholars and choir, which, compared with last year, showed a decided improvement. The services were well attended, and collections liberal.—On Whit-Monday, the scholars marched in procession to a field at Blackfine (kindly granted by Mr. R. Telford), where an excellent tea was provided. The day being so exceptionally fine, a large number of visitors were present, and all expressed themselves much gratified, as the shades of evening fell, with the afternoon's enjoyment.

SALVATION ARMY, CONSETT.—The members of the 48th Consett Corps of this Army gave a concert of sacred music, interspersed with temperance and other readings, in their Hall on Saturday evening last, under the leadership of their two bandmasters, Brothers Lennox and Thompson, when the various pieces were rendered with capital effect, the whole of the programme meeting with the approbation of of an appreciative audience. Everything went off so well that it is unnecessary to particularise; but we cannot refrain from saying that "The Golden Harp in Glory," one of their special pieces, was given as a solo and chorus, in a style that would not have disgraced any choir, and we hope to have the pleasure of hearing more of those Hallelujah concerts.

THE WHITSUTIDE HOLIDAYS.—Beautiful weather favoured the pleasure-seekers during the festival of Whitsuntide. On Whit-Monday the Roman Catholics had a trip to the picturesque locality of Warkworth, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Wesleyans had a public tea on Monday, and on the following day the children connected with Consett Church and Schools spent a pleasant day at Staniforfdam. The spot chosen was a field and wood below Mr. Taylor's house, which were rich in primroses, bluebells, and all the glorious and luxuriant flowers of spring. The Vicar, Mr. Bryson (curate), and the masters and mistresses of the schools were present, and entered heartily into the sports and amusements of their little friends. Before marching to the field, the children were regaled with tea.

CONSETT WESLEYAN METHODISTS. — This denomination celebrated its Sunday-school anniversary on Whit-Sunday and Monday last. The Sunday services were eminently successful, the clapel being crowded at each meeting. Rev. J. H. Cadman delivered a sermon in the morning; in the afternoon the children recited portions of scripture and catechism, interspersed with the anniversary hymns, which were given in a manner that reflected great credit on their teachers. Mr. W. Thompson followed with an address to the children. In the evening, the same gentleman preached an impressive discourse, introducing two of Sankey's hymns, with good effect. Liberal collections were taken.—On the following day, the scholars and friends partook of tea in the New Schools, and afterwards marched in procession to Carribees grounds, where an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

PERAMBULATING THE BOUNDARIES AT TOW LAW. — A "perambulation" for ascertaining the boundaries of the parish of Tow Law was made on Whit-Monday, by the vicar and churchwardens, accompanied by the Rev. C. H. Barton, vicar of Waterhouses, and several young ladies, the members of the choir, and other parishioners. The perambulators numbered twenty-six. Halts were made and observations taken at different points of the route, especially at the three new boundary stones marked T.C.C., that is: "Tow Law Consolidated Chapelry." After divine service at eleven a.m., the party started from the "hotel" about 11·45 a.m., arriving at the same point at 6.30 p.m. Ample refreshments were provided at stone T.C.C. No. 1, and a most pleasant afternoon was spent, the boys of the choir carrying a football for their amusement in the open spaces. The late Dean Hook, in his Church Dictionary, says of the above interesting ceremony:—"Perambulations for ascertaining the boundaries of parishes are to be made by the minister, churchwardens, and parishioners, by going round the same once a year, in or about Ascension week. The parishioners may justify going over any man's land on their perambuations, according to usage; and, it is said, may abate all nuisances in their way." "There is a homily appointed to be used before this ceremony."

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. H. W. FARRAR.—The St. Mark's Young Men's Bible Class met for the last time this season, on Monday, the 10th inst. An excellent tea was provided by the conductor, the Rev. H. W. Farrar; the Vicar, the Rev J. M. Laycock, being absent from ill-health, the churchwardens, sidesmen, and Sunday school superintendent being present by invitation. This class has increased from five at Christmas, when the Rev. H. W. Farrar came as curate to St. Mark's, to forty-six at present on the roll. Several apologies were sent by those unavoidably absent, yet forty-three all told sat down and did justice to an excellent tea. After tea a most agreeabla evening was spent, during which the class presented Mr. Farrar with Barnes's notes on the New Testament, in six volumes. Mr. Farrar suitably acknowledged the present, and replied to the remarks made by Mr. Speke, as presentee, at the same time disclaiming having merited anything at their hand; it had utterly taken him by surprise, never having heard so much as a whisper that anything of the kind was to happen. However, he thanked them heartily, though he had only done his duty. He knew the present was a very important time in the life of each young man before him, that very much of their after life would depend upon the start they made thus—though only a very young man himself he had been painfully impressed by the career of some college companions and others whom he knew, likening them to a meteor brilliant at first, but finally going out in utter darkness; but others by a diligent study of God's Word, meeting together for daily prayer, abstaining from the use of, and also from feteing with those that drank wine, were not only able to persue their studies better but were turning out bright examples of what man can be when influenced by the Grace of God. He wished to give them a word of encouragement and of warning. Never be afraid to say no to anything that their conscience said was wrong. He knew, speaking as a young man to young men, this was a great trial, he was—and he spoke to them thus because he was—very solicitous for their temporal and eternal welfare. He would not forget and he hoped that none would forget to pray for him and each other through the summer vacation. After votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Farrar for making the evening so instructive and enjoyable, and also to the ladies who presided so ably at the tables, the company separated after prayer had been offered and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. H. W. Farrar.—*Barrow Herald.*

PIC-NIC TO BLANCHLAND.—On Whit-Tuesday a party from Consett and neighbourhood had a most enjoyable outing at Blanchland. After a very pleasant drive to the picturesque old village, luncheon (provided by the ladies of the company), was partaken of, and the visitors separating into two groups, one party walked to the fancifully-named Gibraltar rocks, and then to the falls of Niagara; while the other group wandered through the woods across the water and feasted their eyes on the lovely scenery. Hungry, but by no means weary, all united to do justice to an excellent tea. After tea all walked to the fine old Church, and admired its beauty. After a visit to the Wesleyan Chapel, the part drove home, enlivening the drive by singing. The whole arrangements were made by Mr. Joseph Whitehead, whose intention it is to organise similar pleasant drives to the various places of interest within reach of Consett, on alternate Wednesday afternoons. Knowing by experience that he is excellently fitted to add to the comfort and mirth of such "merry meetings," we can confidently recommend those who have not yet enjoyed his company, to avail themselves of the first chance.—*Correspondent.*

CASTLESIDE CHURCH.—On Whit-Sunday special services were held in the above Church to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the Sunday-school. Two excellent sermons were preached by the Vicar to good congregations. The scholars' hymns, anthems, and litany, selected for these services, rendered them especially attractive, and were sung most heartily and beautifully by the scholars, assisted by the teachers and choir. Whit-Monday is always a memorable day for those connected with the Sunday-school and choir, and this year it proved to be one of the most enjoyable. The party (numbering about fifty) left Castleside for Blanchland at 9·30 a.m. in two large brakes. The day being beautifully fine the drive was delightful in the extreme. Arriving at Blanchland about 12 o'clock they partook of luncheon at the hotel, and then retired to the glen, by kind permission, where games of every description (including cricket, football, scrambles of nuts, &c.) were indulged in for some hours. A sumptuous tea was provided at the hotel, to which each and all did ample justice. The next hour or two was spent in rambles, &c.; the elder members of the party visiting Hunstanworth and Blanchland Churches. Upon leaving this pretty village in the evening a most acceptable distribution of oranges all round took place, and the drive home was enlivened by singing, cheering, &c., bringing to a close a day of the greatest pleasure and happiness to all who participated in its enjoyments. Before parting for their several homes hearty cheers were loyally given for all connected with Church and school, especially the good Vicar and his wife, to whom they were chiefly indebted for this treat.

DEATH OF A WITTON GILBERT VETERAN.—Witton Gilbert has lost one of its old inhabitants in the death of Mr. John Foster, at the age of 97 years. His death took place on Monday, at his residence in the above village. As an old standard his presence will be long missed. Far and wide throughout the Lanchester valley Mr. Forster was known. His name was almost a household word in every farm and cottage, and his well-known form was familiar to every inhabitant in this picturesque district. Over a very long series of years Mr. Forster discharged the duties of woodman to the Dean and Chapter of Durham; these he performed with an amount of assiduity and zeal which secured the confidence of his employers. His knowledge of the district and the estates of the Chapter, over which he had supervision, was extensive. No person possessed a more accurate knowledge of the ancient boundary landmarks. He was familiar with every highway, byeway, and footpath for miles around. This, indeed, was shown when an attempt was made two years ago to close some well-known footpaths in the vicinity of Bearpark. Having traversed these for a long series of years, Mr. Forster's knowledge enabled the leaders of the movement to remove the barriers which were erected to prevent the public from using roads and footpaths over which their forefathers had travelled generation after generation. Mr. Forster was steady and industrious, and always at the post of duty, undertaking long and arduous journeys, in the discharge of it. Far and wide the deceased was highly respected, and in his death one more link has been removed which connected the present with years gone by.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE SPA.—The centre of attaaction to pleasure-seeker on Monday and Tuesday was Shotley Bridge Spa, which was visited on the first-named day by some three or four thousand people. The Blackhill Brass Band was present, and discoursed selections of music to the delight of the devotees of Terpsichore. Fire balloons were sent up during the day, and each evening the grounds were beautifully illuminated. There was a cricket match between the Consett and Benfieldside Clubs. The Consett captain having won the toss, sent his opponents to the wickets, but the bowling of Messrs. Welford and Brears was too good to admit of their making any large scores, the whole being disposed of for thirty-one runs. Of this number Mr. Beattie made fourteen by some capital hitting. The two first men who represented Consett made a good beginning, putting together nineteen runs before being parted. Mr. J. R. Richards, who played well all through, succeeded in reaching the splendid total of thirty-six, making several hits beyond the boundary, which called forth the hearty cheers of the on-lookers. When the last wicket had fallen, the Consett score stood at eighty-one. On play being resumed on Tuesday the Benfieldside team were again unable to make any stand against the bowling of their opponents, and only succeeded in getting thirty-three, thus leaving the Consett team victors by an innings and seventeen runs. In their second innings the Consett team, secure in victory, played badly, making twenty-eight. The prizes, kindly presented by Messrs. Wilson Brothers, the spirited lessees of the Grounds, were secured by Mr. J. R. Richards, who won the handsome bat for highest score on the winning side, and the ball by Mr. Beattie for highest score on losing side. The prize for bowling was divided between Messrs. Welford and Wilson, who secured eight wickets each over the two days. Appended are the scores:—

CONSETT.

| 1st Innings. | | 2nd Innings. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hyden, b Wilson | 7 | st Beattie | 2 |
| Richards, c Murray, b Stephenson | 36 | b Wilson | 4 |
| Palliser, c Beattie, b Stephenson | 7 | b Wilson | 0 |
| Brears, c Smith, b Stephenson | 6 | b Smith | 9 |
| Laidler, b Stephenson | 0 | b Wilson | 0 |
| Park, c Wilson, b Smith | 1 | not out | 0 |
| Templeton, b Wilson | 6 | c Smith, b Wilson | 2 |
| Temple, c Beattie, b Stephenson | 4 | b Smith | 1 |
| Sheridan, b Wilson | 1 | b Wilson | 3 |
| Welford, run out | 1 | b Wilson | 1 |
| T. Turnbull, not out | 2 | run out | 3 |
| Extras | 10 | Extras | 3 |
| Total | 81 | Total | 28 |

BENFIELDSIDE.

| 1st Innings. | | 2nd Innings. | |
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| Rutherford, st Park | 0 | b Brears | 4 |
| Murray, b Brears | 1 | b Welford | 2 |
| Muir, c Sheridan, b Welford | 0 | c Richards, b Templeton | 14 |
| Smith, b Brears | 2 | c Sheridan, b Welford | 0 |
| Beattie b Brears | 14 | c Gibson, b Brears | 8 |
| Barron, run out | 8 | b Brears | 0 |
| Ritson, b Welford | 0 | c Brears, b Welford | 0 |
| Irwin, b Welford | 0 | not out | 4 |
| Stephenson, b Welford | 0 | b Templeton | 0 |
| Marshall b Brears | 1 | b Templeton | 0 |
| Foggon, not out | 0 | b Welford | 0 |
| Extras | 5 | Extras | 1 |
| Total | 31 | Total | 33 |

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL, BLACKHILL.—The children attending this School had their annual pic-nic on Whit-Monday in a field on Bridge Hill Farm. Mustering in the School-room at one o'clock, the scholars, accompanied by their teachers and the Pastor of the congregation, marched in procession to the field. The weather was excellent, the heat of the sun being tempered by a refreshing breeze. Early in the afternoon the young people were regaled with tea and abundance of cake, after which they dispersed over the field to engage in the various sports and pastimes common to the season. Later in the afternoon upwards of a hundred adults sat down to tea, which was served in a spacious shed. The tables were presided over by the following ladies:—Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Burkitt, Miss Hetherington, Miss Dibley, Miss Polly Richardson, Miss Walton, Miss Pearson, and the Misses Lumsden. The good things with which the tables were laden were supplied by Mrs. Cheesmond, of Blackhill; while the edibles for the scholars' treat were prepared, as on former years, by Mrs. Richardson. After tea, the grown-up people strolled about the field, which, situate on a gentle eminence, commands a magnificent view of the Valley of the Derwent, now rapidly blooming into summer, or lounged upon the rich verdure and watched the more youthful portion of the assemblage as they indulged in the popular amusements of the day. Numerous articles were as usual offered by the teachers, by way of prizes, for running, &c., which drew into the arena a goodly number of competitors more zealous than skilful. This, however, was the means of adding an interest to the gathering which it could not otherwise have possessed. Much credit is due to Mr. William Annandale, who year after year places at the disposal of the Sunday-school a spot so admirably adapted for their annual pic-nic.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BLACKHILL.—On the evening of Saturday last, the Wesleyans of this place held their usual monthly meeting in connection with the Band of Hope. There was a large and appreciative audience, and the Rev. J. H. Cadman occupied the chair. The chairman, in his introductory remarks, observed that as his own name was on the programme he would not detain them at that time, but would call upon Mr. Coates and party to lead off with a glee, which was very tastefully rendered, so much so as to elicit from the Chairman the remark that they had made a good beginning. The piece to which they had just listened was very harmonious, and he hoped that their meetings, as well as the cause which they all had so much at heart, would be characterised by harmony. Mr. Frankland followed with a mirth-provoking recitation entitled the "Barber," which he gave with his known ability in that line. Mr. Frankland's attitudes are natural without being affected—dramatic without being outrageous. A song by Mr. Joseph Surtees was the next in order, which was well received, as was also a recitation, "The Widow and the Prince," by Mr. Ord. The next was a melody by Miss E. Richley, which was well taken with, though not so well as the second she gave, "Take this Message to my Mother." The last-mentioned was exceedingly well sung. The next piece on the programme was a recitation by Mr. Surtees, "One of the Lowest," which was rendered with much feeling; while a melody by Mr. Frankland brought the first part of the programme to a close. At this juncture the Chairman took occasion to remark that he felt himself in a somewhat novel position—having to call upon himself. Speaking of the entertainment, Mr. Cadman observed that it would be invidious, where all had done so well, to allude to any one in particular, still he could not refrain from referring to the recitation given by Mr. Joseph Surtees; not only to the sentiment which the piece embodied, but to the dramatic effect with which it had been executed. The story, though told in language very poetical, was unfortunately no isolated case, but it had its prosy side. It reminded him very much of a remarkable book called "The Devil's Chain." Mr. Cadman spoke remarkably well, and was frequently applauded during the delivery of his address. The other part of the programme was equally well carried out, but as we cannot notice each piece in detail, suffice to say that upon the whole the entertainment was equal to many so-called popular concerts. The glee-party were well represented. They have now, by practice and careful training, attained quite a professional bearing. Votes of thanks to those who had contributed towards the evening's enjoyment and to the Chairman were warmly accorded, after which the singing of the doxology and the pronouncing of the benediction concluded the meeting.

SUPPER AT BLACKHILL.—On Thursday se'night, about forty of the friends of Mr. Thos. Redshaw, Derwent Hotel, Blackhill, sat down to an excellent supper, on the occasion of his leaving the above Hotel for Croxdale. Ample justice was done to the good things provided, which reflected great credit on the worthy host and hostess. After supper, the chair was occupied by Mr. Richard Murray; while, facing him in the vice-chair was another familiar friend at such gatherings—Mr. Joseph Eltringham. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been proposed and received with enthusiasm, the Chairman gave the "Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," to which Messrs. G. Siddle and Henderson responded. The Chairmrn also proposed the toast of "Success to Mr. and Mrs. Redshaw," and, in appropriate and heart-felt words, Mr. Redshaw feelingly replied. "The Coal and Iron Trades" was advanced by Mr. Eltringham, and responded to in suitable terms by Messrs. McElhone, Jackson, and Almond. The Vice-chairman followed with the "General Trade of the District," being answered by Messrs. G. Eltringham, J. Freek, and Heslop. Mr. Murray proposed the "Building Trade;" responded to by Messrs. Joseph Eltringham, J. Heslop and Jas. Lovett. "The Licensed Victuallers' Association" was proposed by the Vice-chairman, Messrs. Robson, Christer, and Elsdon responding. Mr. Wm. Hay, in conclusion, rose to propose the "Health of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman," who replied in a suitable manner, the toast receiving musical honours. The musical part of the evening's entertainment was ably sustained by the songs of Messrs. N. Elsdon, G. Siddle, J. Freek, G. Henderson, Lumley, Christer, James Lovett, and Wm. Billiamy. Miss Jane Redshaw accompanied on the pianoforte in a style which proved that she had a thorough command over the instrument. After the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen," the company broke up, highly delighted with the evening's enjoyment. Mr. Wm. Billiamy ably officiated as M.C.—*Correspondent.*

DIPTON SPORTS.—The seventh annual gala and athletic sports, in connection with the Dipton Brass Band, took place in a field, on Pontop Pike (kindly granted by E. Wilkinson, Esq.) on Saturday evening sen., when the society distributed £10 in prizes. The following is a list of the sports and winners:—Steeplechase, 1st prize, £2 10s., Dr. Simpson's Coonghul; 2nd, £1, Mr. Simpson's Paddy; Mr. Davidson's Polly 3rd. Flat race—1st £1, Mr. Davidson's Polly; 2nd. 10s., Mr. Foster's Billy. Handicap foot race (120 yards)—1st, 15s., Mr. Nevans; 2nd, 5s., Mr. Kennedy. Cumberland wrestling—1st, 15s., Mr. Newton; 2nd, 5s., Mr. T. Temple. Quiot handicap (9 and 12 yards)—1st, 15s., Mr. Bowmen; 2nd, 5s., Mr. J. Temple. Mr. Holmes officiated as starter and Mr. Robinson as judge, both of whom gave every satisfaction. The whole proceedings were ably superinteded by Mr. Ponton. Various other games, including "Aunt-sally," "Kiss-in-the-ring," etc., were also indulged in. The Spen Excelsior Reed Band, under the leadership of Mr. C. Sumerside, was present, and played a choice selection of music during the evening, to which the lads and lasses tripped the light fantastic toe most exquisitely. Tea was provided in a large marquee at three o'clock, and was presided over by the following ladies, to whom great credit is due for the manner in which they prepared the spread:—Mrs. Ponton, Mrs. Seeltry, Mrs. Milburn, Misses Robinson, Miss Burdon, Miss Ledger, and Miss Willes. There was a grand ball at night.

## General News.

Mr. Tom Hinchcliffe, the well-known Yorkshire vocalist, died at his residence in Halifax, last week.

Eighty five-pound Bank of England notes have been dug up in a meadow at Blenheim Road, Dover.

The total receipts of the Austrian and Hungarian railways during March amounted to 15,135,887 florins.

The Municipality of Rome has just erected on the promenade of the Pincio a statue in honour of Father Secchi.

The Russian papers continue to comment in favourable terms upon Sir Charles Dilke's recent speech at Chelsea.

The death of Mrs. Shirley Brooks, widow of the late well-known novelist and editor of *Punch*, is announced.

A telegram received in Berlin states that the Sultan has presented to Germany an extensive estate situate at Therapia.

Serious riots have taken place in Roubaix in consequence of disputes between the workmen on strike and the masters.

It is announced that Mr. Gladstone has promised to address a meeting of the Liberal electors of Middlesex on June 2.

A telegram from Nagasaki states that Japan has refused the proposal of China to enter into an alliance with that country.

The Lord Chief Justice summed up in the Lambri-Labouchere case on Saturday, and the jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

The activity of Italian politicians, in view of the coming elections, is described as beyond all parallel in the electoral records of Italy.

An order has been issued from the House of Lords directing the printed papers in Mr. Mackonochie's appeal to be lodged by June 15th.

A new three-act comedy by Mr. James Albery, entitled "Jacks and Jills," has been read at the Vaudeville Theatre and accepted.

The French Fine Arts Department have decided on increasing the number of medals to be granted to the artists competing in the Salon this year.

"Society and the Stage," a new comedy adapted by Mr. F. C. Burnand from the French, is to be produced on the 24th inst. at the Olympic.

Mr. Sala is preparing for publication in a volume the series of letters entitled "America Revisited" which he contributed to the *Daily Telegraph*.

On Monday next the French season at the Gaiety Theatre commences with the appearance of Mdlle. Sarah Bernhardt in "Adrienne Lecouvreur."

The summer season at Drury Lane will be marked by the introduction of a new play from the pen of Mr. Paul Merritt, of the "New Babylon" order.

The City Guardians intend to shortly have a "call over" of the inmates of the Union, and some worthless characters may be started on their travels.

His Royal Highness Albert Victor of Wales will, it is believed, proceed to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, in September next, as a gentleman cadet.

Lord Skelmersdale's (now Earl of Lathom) retirement from the command of the Yeoman of the Guard is regretted, it is said, by all ranks of the corps.

The Paris Salon will be closed on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of June, and will reopen on the 5th, the date also fixed for the inauguration of the horticultural exhibition.

The Rev. Chas. Niven, Queen's College, Cork, has been appointed Professor of Natural Philosophy in Aberdeen University in succession to the late Professor Thomson.

Arrangements are being made on an extensive scale, both in Portugal and Brazil, for the celebration of the third centennial of the death of the great epic poet, Luiz de Camoens.

Madame Arabella Goddard has announced her intention of retiring from playing in public, but at the solicitation of her numerous friends she has consented to give lessons to pupils.

The valuable library of books on music, the drama, and general literature acquired by the late Mr. C. L. Gruneisen will shortly be sold by public auction by Messrs. Debenham, Storr, and Co.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will be prevented by the death of his sister, the Dowager Lady Sitwell, from being present at Truro next week at the laying of the foundation-stone of the new cathedral.

An opinion still prevails in many quarters that the amalgamation of the Inland Revenue and Customs departments holds a prominent place among the projected reforms of the present administration.

The new Russian Minister of Public Instruction, Privy Councillor Saburoff, has given notice that all religious instruction in the Russian elementary schools is in future to be given by lay teachers.

The committee of the Leeds Library have appointed Mr. Macalister, at present principal assistant in the Liverpool Library, to the post of chief librarian, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Sternberg.

Mr. John Walter Leigh, a London gentleman, who attempted to commit suicide at the Queen's Hotel, Manchester, by taking a large quantity of hydrate of chloral, has been committed for trial.

Mr. Edgar Vincent, of the Coldstream Guards, has been appointed private secretary to Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, M.P., the representative of Great Britain on the International Commission for Eastern Roumelia.

A large trophy of Zulu relics from the battleground on the Zambula Mountains has just been placed in the sergeants' mess of the Army Service Corps at Woolwich, having been presented by Conductor Brooks.

The Liverpool seamen have resolved to request a resumption of the rates of wages current some months since—viz., £3 per month for southward voyages, £4 to westward, and £3 10s. to the Baltic and the Mediterranean.

The French Consul at Phillippopolis has telegraphed that in consequence of the distress caused by the scarcity of corn in Eastern Roumelia, grain will be admitted into the principality free of duty for the present.

A Berlin correspondent states that he has reason to believe that the Russian proposal for resorting to strong measures with a view to solving the Albano-Montenegrin difficulty has not been favourably regarded by the Powers.

A return just made relating to the extraordinary development of the coke trade in South Yorkshire shows that a dozen colliery proprietors have nearly 1,000 ovens at work, turning out from 4,000 to 5,000 tons of coke per week.

The Lord Advocate (Mr. M'Laren), the Dean of Faculty, the Solicitor-General for Scotland (Mr. Balfour), and Mr. J. H. A. Macdonald, late Solicitor-General for Scotland, have been appointed Queen's Counsel of the Scotch Bar.

A tenant farmer, named Burke, at Loughrea, has just died from injuries received in jumping from a window sixty feet high to escape from the violence of some other farmers who were attacking him. One of the assailants will be prosecuted.

The Lisbon Academy has decided to ask the consent of the Government to transfer the bones of Vasco di Gama from Vidigueira Alemtijo, and also those of Camoens from the Convent of Santa Anna to the Church of the Jeronimites Belem.

Mr. Isaac Gregory, principal of the Merchants' College, Blackpool, has died suddenly.

The shipments of port for April amounted to 6,700 pipes, 2,507 pipes being for Great Britain.

The Committee of the Bank of Roumania propose to recommend a dividend of 16s. per share.

It is officially announced at St. Petersburg that the condition of the Empress has improved.

Surgeon-Major Sydney Alder has died at the age of fifty, from the effects of the Ashantee fever.

The Court of Common Council has resolved to present the freedom of the City to Sir Henry Bessemer.

An attempt has been made to kill the Spanish Consul-general at New York by an infernal machine.

Major R. H. Rankin has been dismissed from the service for being drunk while on duty at Cabul.

Mount Pilatus, near Lucerne, has been ascended for the first time this season by two English ladies.

The deputation of the Anglo-Jewish Association to Lord Granville has been postponed.

The Corporation of London has voted £105 to the fund for the relief of the distress by famine in Kurdistan, Armenia, and Persia.

The sittings of the Convocation of York have been adjourned till the month of July, when both houses will meet for the despatch of business.

Beet is suffering from the drought in France, Belgium, and Germany, and unless the weather speedily changes many fields will have to be resown.

A vacancy has occurred in the list of officers in receipt of naval pensions of £50 per annum by the recent death of retired Commander Ashley La Touche, R.N.

A small octopus, about thirty inches in length, has been cast ashore at Harwich. It has ten feelers, each about eighteen inches in length, and provided with suckers.

The proposed enlargement of the Ruskin Museum has been under the consideration of the executive of the Sheffield Trades Council, who have decided to support the scheme.

It is calculated that upwards of 3,000 tons of iron forming part of the wreckage of the Tay Bridge, have been recovered from the channel of the river and beached on its bank at Broughty ferry and Tayport.

Lord Derby, as umpire, and Messrs. Samuelson and Lowndes, arbitrators, have made an *ad interim* award in which they counsel the Liverpool dock labourers to continue at work pending consideration of their case.

Mr. Julian Hawthorne, the novelist (son of the distinguished author of the "The Scarlet Letter,") at present residing in England, has accepted a consulate in Japan, offered him by the Government of the United States.

John Batika, one of a troop of Zulus brought to this country to perform at the Westminster Aquarium, has been sentenced at the Thames Police Court, London, to fourteen days' hard labour for violently assaulting a gaoler and under-gaoler belonging to that court.

A petition is to be presented to the Privy Council praying that Merthyr may be granted an incorporation charter. A like application was refused about two years ago; but hopes are entertained that it will now be acquiesced in, the local industries having greatly revived since then.

Some fresh additions have been made to the print-room of the British Museum, in the shape of most important engravings by Nanteuil, Drevet, Morin, and other leading French engravers. M. Legros, Slade professor, has also presented to that institution all his recent etchings, many of which are unique.

The death is announced of the Rev. Francis Johnstone, of Edinburgh, one of the fathers of the Baptist denomination in Scotland, and a leading pastor in the North for nearly half a century. Mr. Johnstone was the author of "The Work of God and Man in Conversion," and several other controversial works.

The body of the Austrian millionaire Otto was exhumed a few days ago, the authorities being present. The corpse was already a skeleton, but the clothes were entirely preserved. Nothing whatever was found in the pockets or the coffin except a tramway ticket. The property of the deceased will therefore go to sixty relations in Baden.

The Goole steamer Annie, when leaving Antwerp, a few days ago, was run into by the Norwegian steamer Memento, bound from Moss to Antwerp, and was cut through down to the water's edge. The Memento pursued her course to Antwerp. The Annie was run on the sand to prevent her sinking, but was subsequently floated.

The Bishop of Kamschatka having visited Saghalien, the new Russian penal settlement, reports that the officials and overseers are not free from danger, a doctor, who pronounced as well a convict pretending to be too ill to work, having been murdered. The chaplain has not for two years been to where the convicts are at work in the coalmines, but from fear remains at Korsakoff.

At a meeting of the Court of the Aberdeen University the Rev. Charles Niven, Queen's College, Cork, was appointed Professor of Natural Philosophy, in succession to the late Professor Thomson. At the same meeting the resignation by Professor Bain of his chair of logic and English literature was intimated. The appointment to this latter office lies with the Crown.

Statistics show a great falling off in the success of the Dundee steamers employed this season at the Newfoundland seal fishing. The total catch of the five vessels engaged is 49,000 seals, as compared with 70,000 last year, and it is estimated that the yield of oil this year will be about 670 tuns—a decrease of 80 tuns on the yield of last year.

Messrs. George Clarke and Co., wholesale tea dealers, of Fenchurch Street, London, a firm established in 1868, have stopped payment, owing, it is understood, to large speculative operations on the Stock Exchange and in tea. Their liabilities are estimated at about £70,000, and the estate shows about 13s. 4d. in the pound, subject to realisation.

The work of repairing the sea walls of Foulness Island, which has been going on during the past three years, has now been completed. Serious breaches had been made in the walls by high tides and strong winds, and great anxiety was felt for the safety of the island and its inhabitants. It is now regarded as being perfectly secure. The population is between 700 and 800.

At Brighton, a butcher, named Knight, has been sentenced to a month's hard labour, without the option of a fine, for having in his possession a quarter of unwholesome beef. It was stated that a portion of this meat had been converted into 37lb. of sausages, some of which had been sold to a second butcher, who was now in prison for having disposed of some of them.

At Winchester Assizes, four men were convicted and sentenced to terms of imprisonment for having been implicated in the riots which took place during the recent North Wilts election. As the men were convicted for misdemeanour, and not for felony, the local magistrates have refused to compel the parish to make compensation for the damage done.

William Nolan, convicted by the Lincoln magistrates of fishing in the river Witham during the close season, pleaded as his justification a letter from Mr. Mundella, M.P., stating that he could fish for eels and flounders. Nolan was let off with a penalty of 15s., including costs; but the justices intimated that any future offences would be dealt with more severely.

### EXPECTED FAMINE IN CENTRAL ASIA

The *Globe* learns from St. Petersburg that General Krijanovsky, Governor-General of Orenburg, has reported to the Russian Government that the extraordinary cold during the past winter has produced such ravages among the flocks and herds of the Kirghiz, and has destroyed thereby the means of transport to such a degree, that he fears the distress at present prevailing will end in a very severe famine. In the district of Tourgai, out of 860,000 head of cattle, only 50,000 have escaped the winter. In the town of Tourgai corn has risen 400 per cent. and hay 500, while, for want of provender, horses are being sold for a few roubles by the starving Kirghiz. Further advices from Seoni Palatinsk state that in one district alone—the Pavlograd district—the losses from the unparalleled severity of the weather this winter have been 1,000 camels, 6,000 head of cattle, 26,500 horses, and 51,000 sheep. In another district a snowstorm destroyed at a stroke 200,000 sheep. Similar losses appear to have been sustained in every part of Turkestan, the winter having been the most severe within the memory of man.

### THE INDIAN DEFICIT.

The Calcutta correspondent of the *Times* says the blunders in the Budget continue to occupy public attention. The entire press and public of India have now pronounced a verdict on the Government explanation, and have shown a singular unanimity in the conclusion arrived at. The nearest approach to acquittal is by the *Pioneer*, which attributes the mistake to honest carelessness; but most of the other papers take a more serious view, and describe the explanation as worse than the original blunder. It is generally felt that the attempt to shift the whole blame on to the military Accountant-General is to say the least of it, tantamount to an admission that the Finance Minister is unfit for his position. Sir E. Johnson, a military member of the Council, has, it is true, come forward and accepted the whole responsibility. He gives various reasons to account for the war expenses having been under-estimated, such as the unexpected prolongation of the operations, the increase in price of grain, and the adoption of the system of buying transport instead of hiring it; but all these were contingencies which every one else foresaw. Sir E. Johnson must doubtless take his share of the responsibility with his colleagues, and while one cannot but admire the chivalrous manner in which he expresses his readiness to take it all on his own shoulders, the public would not allow it to blind them to the fact that Sir John Strachey has shown himself utterly unfit for the post of Finance Minister, and that he—and, in a somewhat less degree, Lord Lytton—must bear the chief share of the blame. Much bitterness has also been caused by the announcement that the payment had been sanctioned of a bonus of 50,000 rupees to Sir John Strachey as a compensation for giving up the Lieutenant-Governorship of the North-West Provinces to become Finance Minister. This payment, if it has really been made, and the report has gone the round of the press without contradiction, is certainly a most injudicious act on the part of the Government. It is to be hoped that these recent fiascoes will have the effect of convincing the Home Government of what has long been patent to the people here, viz., the absolute necessity of placing the Indian exchequer and its subordinate officers under trained and skilled financiers, instead of trusting, as now, to the uncertain system of selecting from the Civil Service and the Staff Corps.

### A "TICHBORNE" DEMONSTRATION.

A "Tichborne" demonstration was held on Monday, in Hyde Park, London. Shortly before two o'clock the contingents from various districts assembled in Russell Square, headed by bands and banners bearing the names of Westminster, Hampstead, Islington, Clerkenwell, Nottingham, &c. The procession advanced by Southampton Row, Queen Street, St. Martin's Lane, and Trafalgar Square—where it was joined by contingents from Hackney—towards Tower Hamlets, Chelsea, and Edgware Road. A considerable number of persons followed the demonstration, but the procession proper was not considerable, the only body at all numerous being that which followed the Tower Hamlets band. After a brief stay in Trafalgar Square, the united bodies marched, by Pall Mall and Piccadilly, into Hyde Park, and took up position near the Serpentine.—Captain Morrison moved a resolution protesting against the continued unjust incarceration of "Sir Roger Tichborne," and the still more "infamous persecution" and "hounding to death of his noble, fearless, and faithful counsel." The speaker said if the prisoner was the man the Government held him to be he was now entitled to his liberty; but he was not, and none knew that better than the three men who put him where he was. He knew what had been done by Benson for the detective department. What could not the owner of an estate worth half a million do? They all regretted the loss of Dr. Kenealy. Though the Reform clique and the gentlemen of the Caucus called him a Tory, he was not so; but he was not, like the members of the present Government guilty of factious opposition.—Captain Parker Snow seconded the resolution.—A son of the Claimant, apparently about twelve years of age, was made to stand on one of the cars that the crowd might have a good view of him, and he was received with hearty cheers—The resolution was passed.

### MURDER OF AN EDITOR.

The American papers give the following details of the murder of Mr. de Young, editor of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, who was shot dead in his office by Mr. Kalloch, son of the mayor of the city, on the 23rd ultimo:—"Just before eight o'clock this evening, Charles de Young entered the business office of the *Chronicle*, on the ground floor, corner of Harney and Bush streets, and stood talking with some gentlemen, leaning against the counter. Directly the door opened I. M. Kalloch entered, and, drawing a pistol, without, as far as can be learned, speaking a word, began firing at De Young. The latter ran through the gate of the counter to the desk inside, Kalloch firing at him as he ran. Reaching the desk, De Young turned to face his opponent with a pistol in his hand, when Kalloch, leaning over the counter, fired again, the ball striking De Young in the mouth. Kalloch then started for the door. De Young raised his pistol as if to fire, but apparently his strength failed him for the pistol was not discharged, and, sinking backward, he fell on the floor. The bystanders ran to his assistance, but the ball had evidently pierced the base of the brain, and in a few moments he expired. As Kalloch ran out of the door he was seized by a citizen, and at the same moment an officer came up and took him in charge, and conducted him to the city prison, where he was locked up. News of the murder flew through the city like the wind, and in a few moments the streets in the vicinity of the *Chronicle* office were crowded with people eager to learn the particulars of the affair. The policemen were at once stationed at the doors of the office to keep out the inquisitive crowd, and only a few personal friends and reporters were admitted in the rear office. Mr. H. de Young, brother of the deceased, reclined on the lounge, surrounded by friends, evidently overcome by the tragedy, but with dry eyes and his voice calm, though strained. He was not present at the time of the shooting, having left home after dinner a few minutes later than Charles. The deceased lay on his back on the floor, face and breast dabbled in blood, eyes closed, and the face bearing a calm expression, as is noticeable in cases of those dying from shot wounds. Only one wound was found on his body, although at least four shots were fired by Kalloch, two having pierced the glass door and partition of the office, and the third lodged in the window casing. Young Kalloch, on being arrested, was, as the arresting officer remarked, the coolest man he ever saw. He still carried the smoking pistol in his hand, which he surrendered to the officer on the way to the station-house. The cause of the act is understood to be a pamphlet which has recently been circulated about the city attacking Mayor Kalloch, the father of the prisoner.

### TERRIBLE BOILER EXPLOSION.

At about half-past ten on Saturday morning, a boiler exploded at the Birchill Hall Iron Company's works, near Walsall, Staffordshire, killing a large number of workmen and seriously injuring many more. Steam for the works was obtained from a set of three vertical egg-ended boilers, into which the flues of the puddling furnaces are mostly run. There were steam puddling furnaces going at the time, each with its charge of molten metal, and around the boiler which exploded, which was one of the outside ones, there were about 40 workmen, including Harrison, the engineer, who had charge of the boilers. Altogether there were about 150 people in the works—all more than usually busy, because the works were that day, to be laid off for the Whit-week holidays. With no more warning than the usual premonitory heaving and swaying, too late to permit of the escape of those who saw it, the whole boiler, 8ft. by 30ft., and weighing probably thirty tons, shot up from its bed a great height, parting as it went into two portions, and by the force of the explosion and the escaping steam scattering the molten metal and hurling the surrounding brickwork and the iron portions of the nearest furnaces throughout and over the works. There was an abundance of help from the neighbouring works, and Messrs. Brownhill, the chief owners of the works, who were in the office at the time, directed it with discretion. It was soon found that 12 workpeople were dead, some of them mutilated as if they had been blown from a cannon's mouth. About 28 others were more or less injured, eight of them so terribly that they died in a few hours. They had been removed to the Walsall Cottage Hospital, the institution with which the life of the late Sister Dora was so intimately bound up. Almost all the surgeons of the town insisted in attending to the injuries of the sufferers, which in most cases were a complication of burns, scalds, and contusions. The boiler was insured on the 5th inst. with the Manchester Boiler and Steam Power Insurance Company. It had been under that Company's inspection since November, 1877. There is little doubt that shortness of water was the cause of the explosion.—A correspondent, telegraphing to the Press Association, says:—Mr. Roden, of Wolverhampton, who was in the offices of the company at the time of the catastrophe, states that the spectacle when the smoke had cleared away was of the most ghastly description. Some of the bodies were literally blown to pieces, arms and legs having been torn away by the force of the explosion, while in other cases heads were crushed and features so mangled as to defy recognition. Many of the sufferers were terribly scalded, and their groans and cries were of the most piteous character. Others again were buried under the *debris*, and were appealing for help. Assistance was, however, speedily at hand, and every description of vehicle was pressed into the service to convey the wounded or dying to the Walsall Cottage Hospital, which was almost completely filled by the injured persons. The hospital staff, with Dr. M'Lachlan at their head, worked with notable assiduity; but in many cases the sufferers were beyond human aid—in fact, two died on the way and six succumbed soon after their arrival. Alarmed by the noise of the explosion, hundreds of people were soon attracted to the spot, among them being many of the hands engaged in the neighbouring works of a similar character. Every assistance was rendered by these to the wounded, and they were untiring in their search for those missing.

### NO MORE SEA-SICKNESS.

The *New York Post* says:—"A large company assembled by invitation on the Havana steamer City of Alexandria to inspect the operation of the new self-levelling berths with which that vessel has been fitted. These berths are of ordinary size. They are attached both above and below to universal joints, and are weighted underneath by crescent-shaped cylinders of iron. This arrangement is designed to keep the berths perpetually level, no matter what angle the vessel herself may take, and, consequently, to do away with sea-sickness entirely. To further maintain the berths in their orbit, and prevent sudden changes of position, they are provided with spiral springs. They appeared to work well, and the visitors expressed their satisfaction without stint. They are to be introduced into all the vessels of the line, and other lines have the matter under consideration."

### FUNERAL OF SIR JOHN GOSS, MUS. D.

The obsequies of the distinguished organist and composer, Sir John Goss, took place on Saturday. The body was conveyed in an open hearse from his residence to St. Paul's Cathedral, and the funeral cortege, although small, there being only six mourning coaches, attracted much respectful attention in its passage through the streets. On arriving at the south door of the Cathedral, a procession consisting of the Dean (Dr. Church), the Rev. Dr. Stubbs, canon in residence, the minor canons, and a full choir was formed. The opening sentences of the Burial Office (Croft) were beautifully sung as the coffin was borne across the transept to the space beneath the dome, and placed on tressels at the entrance of the choir. It was of polished oak, with brass fittings, and a large brass cross on the lid. The inscription was "Sir John Goss, born Dec. 27, 1800, died May 10, 1880." These, however, were hidden by a very handsome purple velvet pall, and there were numerous wreaths of choice flowers. The service then proceeded to Croft's solemn music, and the lesson was read by the very rev. the Dean. The anthem which followed was Sir John's own well-known composition, a dirge for the funeral of the Duke of Wellington, "If we believe that Jesus rose," &c., and was beautifully rendered. The procession was then re-formed, and as the corpse was carried down the nave the "Dead March" was played on the organ by Dr. Stainer. Amongst the mourners were the sons of the deceased (Mr. Walter Goss and Mr. Joseph Goss), Miss Goss, Mr. Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. Vargler, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. W. H. Cummings, and representatives of the Society of Organists and the Royal Academy of Music. There was also a large general congregation. The funeral then returned to Hanover Square, where it was joined by a considerable number of the members of the Royal Academy of Music, and proceeded to Kensal Green, where the remains of the deceased musician were consigned to their last resting-place.

The number of monasteries in Belgium is 1702.

Immense immigration into New York continues.

The Royal Marine Corps is more than 1,000 men below its strength.

The Belgian portrait painter, Lievin de Winne has died at Brussels.

Prince Bismarck has had a long interview with the King of Saxony.

The Grand Duke of Hesse has arrived at Windsor on a visit to her Majesty.

Another hostile movement on the part of some of the Afghan tribes is reported.

The Prince of Wales has taken Titness Park, Sunning Hill, for the Ascot race week.

The erection of a Workmen's Club and Public-Hall is about to be commenced at Rochester.

England may shortly propose a European Conference on Eastern question matters.

Another Socialist and Revolutionary paper, called *Le Vengeur*, is about to be started in Paris.

Several cases of enteric fever have occurred in Slough, and occasioned some alarm there.

Queen Margherita, accompanied by the young Prince of Naples, has left Rome for Naples.

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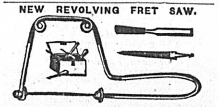

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PROSPECTUS ON APPLICATION.

## BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the above Board took place in the Board-room, Town Hall, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday afternoon. In the absence of the regular chairman, Mr. Chas. Wilson was called upon to preside. Mr. Wheatley, Mr. Lax, Mr. Turner, Dr. Geo. Renton, Mr. Hedley, and Mr. Eltringham were also present. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

### LODGING-HOUSES.

The Inspector (Mr. Dixon) reported that, as directed last meeting, he had made an inspection of the lodging-houses within the district. There were three, and the tenants all said they did not take in nightly lodgers.

The CHAIRMAN: What do they take in?

The Inspector: Weekly lodgers.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: They take in anybody that goes.

The Inspector: I think myself they do that. The houses, I think, ought to be registered, so that we would have control over them.

Dr. RENTON: What was the object of the letter sent to this Board by Mr. Cully, the Local Government Inspector?

The Inspector: He said itch prevailed among those who frequented the lodging-houses, and he wished the Board to try, by stopping the tramps suffering from it, to stamp out the disease.

Dr. RENTON: It is a disease that prevails all over the district without reference to lodging-houses at all. In Bottle Bank and similar places it is endemic. What control have we over people who frequent these lodging-houses? We could not enforce any treatment unless the persons affected went to the Workhouse.

Mr. WHEATLEY: They would be looked after if they went there.

Dr. RENTON: Certainly, but we have no power to prevent the lodging-house keepers taking in lodgers.

Mr. WHEATLEY: No, when they say they are not nightly lodgers.

The CHAIRMAN: I don't see how we can manage to take hold of people whether they like it or not.

Dr. RENTON: Moreover, itch is a disease that cannot be cured at once. It requires several days. No doubt, if a person went into the Workhouse suffering from itch, the authorities there could take steps to prevent him leaving till the disease was cured, but we as a Local Board have no authority to detain people, especially if they happened to be weekly lodgers.

Mr. WHEATLEY did not see how the Board could interfere in the matter.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM was of the same opinion.

Dr. RENTON said itch was a disease generated by filth, but some of the most respectable people in the district had had the misfortune to have it, simply through their children coming in contact with other children at school.

The CHAIRMAN said it was a very troublesome disease. At Sunderland, when the Workhouse children got it, a preparation of tar and grease was applied, which effected a speedy cure. (Laughter.)

Mr. Whinney (deputy-clerk) was of opinion that the Board could only interfere with the lodging-houses in a sanitary point of view, that was if they were not kept clean.

The Inspector said he had no particular fault to find with them.—The subject then dropped.

### THE DISPUTE WITH THE GAS COMPANY.

The Committee appointed to wait upon the Gas Company in reference to the gas account reported as follows:—

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee beg to report that in company with your Surveyor they waited upon the Directors of the Gas Company, at their Board meeting on the evening of the 5th inst., and after a lengthened interview a settlement of the matter in dispute was arrived at by the Gas Company consenting to a deduction of £10 from their account. Your Committee embraced the opportunity afforded by this meeting with the Directors of the Gas Company to draw their attention to the very bad state of most of the public lamps and to other matters of importance connected with the public lighting of the district, and your Committee hope and believe that the friendly interchange of ideas which took place then will prove of service in any future negociations between the Gas Company and your Board.

Mr. LAX: As one of the deputation, I may say that our Chairman and Mr. James Annandale put the matter in its broadest sense before the directors. The arguments on each side seemed to be about fairly balanced. When the agreement was entered into it seemed to cut two ways. We tried to prove that the Company were responsible for the breakage, but we hardly had the force to do it. However, the directors granted the concession mentioned in the report, and that was all we could possibly make of it. There was some talk of reform in the way of lighting, which I think will bear fruit at the commencement of next lighting season.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. TURNER, and carried.

### MR. WALTON'S PROPERTY IN CEMETERY ROAD.

The Sanitary Committee recommended that an examination of the main sewer in Back Street should be made by the Surveyor, and if found all right and at sufficient depth, notice should be served on Mr. Watson to relay his drain, and connect with the main sewer, to remove the nuisance complained of at the last meeting.

The Surveyor said he had examined the main sewer and found that Mr. Watson had a fall of one in thirty from his back door.

Dr. RENTON: Won't Mr. Watson's drain act?

The Surveyor: It has been laid two or three times, but very imperfectly.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: It is just as I said—Mr. Watson lost his level when he got half-way.

The Surveyor: I gave Mr. Watson notice to connect with the main drain at once, and he promised to attend to it.

### BOUNDARY STONES AND GUIDE POSTS.

A letter from Mr. Crozier, the county architect, was read, calling on the Board to erect boundary-stones and guide-posts at certain points within the Local Board district.

The Surveyor was instructed to attend to the matter.

### THE FORMATION OF STREETS.

The CHAIRMAN read the following letter:—

Station Hotel, Blackfine, Benfieldside, May 19, 1880.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to draw your attention to the great want of the proper formation of the street leading to my fields from Durham Road and abutting Dr. W. M. Renton's property on one side and Messrs. Wright and Stokoe's on the other. In winter it is often in a deplorable condition, and I have often experienced great difficulty in carting manure to my land. You are aware, gentlemen, that I have been put to considerable expense in forming streets under your direction, and I certainly think that in this instance I have a claim upon your attention.—Yours,

WM. TURNER.

The CHAIRMAN: What road does Mr. Turner refer to?

Dr. RENTON: It is a road leading past the back of my house to Mr. Turner's field.

Mr. WHEATLEY: I cannot see what we have to do with it.

The CHAIRMAN: If it is a private road, we cannot do anything.

Dr. RENTON: I am not anxious about having the road made. It is of no use to me at all.

The CHAIRMAN: I suppose Mr. Turner wants the Board to form the road?

Dr. RENTON: Yes. The road, I suppose, must be made before the Board can take it over. Have the Board power to call on the proprietors to make it?

The CHAIRMAN: If it is sufficiently built upon.

Dr. RENTON: There is only one house.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: The road is unnecessary at the present time. Mr. Turner had no right to wall the back street up. When the block plan was before us, we passed it on the understanding that the street was to be made, and it was the duty of the Board to see that the plan was carried out.

Dr. RENTON: Has the plan not been carried out?

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: No. Mr. Turner has walled the road up. This road he asks us to make will lead into no place but his field, because the back street is only used by Stokoe and Armstrong, and the best portion of the road they use is the portion that Mr. Turner is asking to have made. I should think that they will not care about having that portion made without the other.

Dr. RENTON: I know that Stokoe is not at all anxious for it.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: It is no use making that portion for Mr. Turner's convenience unless the other is also made.

The CHAIRMAN: What shall we do with Mr. Turner's letter?

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: I would simply say it had been received, and let it remain in abeyance till we hear from some of the other people. Do you (addressing Dr. Renton) want the road?

Dr. RENTON: Not at all. I only use it two or three times a week, and find the present road sufficient for my purpose.

At a later period of the meeting, the CHAIRMAN nothing had been settled about Mr. Turner's letter.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: I move that it be referred to the Highway Committee.

Mr. WHEATLEY: I second it.—Carried.

### THE CLERK'S SALARY.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM said he observed amongst the accounts a charge of £2 10s. for copying the poor-rate. Now, when the Clerk's salary was raised it was understood that the sum paid to Mr. Carss for copying the rate was to be included, in fact it was to put a stop to these extra charges that the salary was increased.

The CHAIRMAN: Can you tell us when the salary was increased?

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: I cannot, but I have no doubt the minute book will show.

The Deputy-Clerk: There has always been an objection raised to this particular charge, but it has always been paid both before and after Mr. Booth's salary was increased.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: What was the reason we increased the salary?

The Deputy-Clerk: On account of the increased work.

Mr. WHEATLEY moved, and Dr. RENTON seconded, that the account be paid.

The motion was carried. The whole of the members present voted in favour of it except Mr. Eltringham, who did not vote at all.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: At the time the salary was raised, Mr. Jenkins was a member of the Board, and he spoke very strongly in favour of the increase, which, he said, would put a stop to all these extras, and I quite agreed with him.

Mr. WHEATLEY: Is it possible to find the minute bearing on the question?

The CHAIRMAN: It would be well if some member would go into it before next meeting.

Mr. WHEATLEY: My recollection of the matter is that the salary was raised to cover all the extras.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: That is just what I am saying. We are now paying Mr. Booth a salary of £40 per annum, and £5 in the way of extras.

Dr. RENTON: You had better raise the question next Board meeting.

Mr. WHEATLEY: Cannot we put somebody in as to enquire into the matter and get to the foundation of it?

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: I do not say Mr. Booth has too much. If he is underpaid, and entitled to charge for copying the rate, let us increase his salary.

The CHAIRMAN: I could never understand why this is sent to the Board as a separate charge.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: The Board have nothing to do with paying Mr. Carss. It is the Clerk's work to go and copy the rate or get Mr. Carss to copy it. He chooses to get Mr. Carss to do it for him, and ought to pay for it.—The subject dropped without further comment.

### THE MAYOR OF SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND HIS RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES.

The CHAIRMAN said there was a letter from their worthy townsman, the Sweep, complaining of the conduct of the Consett billposter (Mr. Frosdick), who was alleged to have posted bills at the end of the Board's store-room, on top of those previously placed there by the Sweep.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM said Frosdick had been guilty of a piece of impertinence.

Mr. WHEATLEY: Is the wall let to anybody?

The Surveyor: No.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: The Sweep has as much right there as Frosdick. To settle all disputes, we had better let it.

Mr. TURNER: If Joe applies for the wall let him have it.

Mr. WHEATLEY: It had better be left in the Surveyor's hands.—Agreed to.

### URINALS FOR BLACKHILL.

The CHAIRMAN said his Worship's letter also contained an allusion to the necessity that existed for public urinals in the Blackhill district.

Mr. WHEATLEY said they were much wanted.

On the motion of Mr. WHEATLEY, seconded by Dr. RENTON, the matter was referred to the Sanitary Committee for consideration.

### WATERING THE STREETS.

Mr. TURNER said a water-cart was also much needed at Blackhill. The higher portion of the district, he said, had been neglected by the Board for a long time.

Mr. WHEATLEY: The water is a heavy item.

Mr. TURNER: Have we not as much right to have our interests looked after as the people living lower down?

Mr. WHEATLEY: Yes.

Mr. TURNER: Then why did you shelve the question last meeting?

Mr. WHEATLEY: It is a heavy item.

Mr. TURNER: It will come, you may depend upon it.

### THE SURVEYOR'S SALARY.

The following application for an increase of salary was read:—

Shotley Bridge, May 19th, 1880.

GENTLEMEN,—After one-and-a-half years' arduous services to your Board for a moderate remuneration, inadequate to the amount of work required of me, which still continues to increase in the form of new books to be kept, &c., I beg to ask you for an advance of salary, and in doing so remind you that at the commencement of my engagement it was a question on your part as to whether £100 was sufficient for the amount of labour, mental and physical, imposed on the Surveyor of an extensive township like that of Benfieldside, and that at that time a promise was held out to the effect that should your new officer suit you (as I have done my best to do, and hope I have succeeded) his salary could easily be advanced. Relying on the promise being realised I made my application and was successful. I humbly think that the state of your township and the books thereof warrant me in making this application for an advance of salary.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: I am not surprised at the application. I think that the work our Surveyor has to do at the present time is really too much for the salary he receives.

Dr. RENTON: What do we pay him?

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: £100 a-year. When the advertisement was inserted for a Surveyor I said the salary was too little for the work he was expected to do. We cannot expect a good man to give us the whole of his time for £100 a-year. The money we paid to the surveyor, inspector, and collector before the offices were amalgamated was more than Mr. Dixon is now receiving. Mr. Dixon prepares all our plans, which were charged for as extras during the time of the late surveyor. I consider the salary too little.

Dr. RENTON: And I believe Mr. Dixon has extra books to keep.

Mr. ELTTINGHAM: I am leaving out the book-keeping altogether. If he fills up all the books that he is provided with he will have to engage a clerk.

Mr. LAX said at the Felling the Local Board paid a man £150 a-year for considerably less work.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: I am very well acquainted with the Surveyor at the Felling. He is now carrying out some sewerage works, and he has a young man engaged, who, I believe gets £2 a week.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not remember any promise being held out to the Surveyor at the time he appointed, but I recollect that there was a considerable difference of opinion as regards the amount of salary he should have.

Dr. RENTON: I believe you yourself were one of those who said that the question of raising the salary would be considered if Mr. Dixon gave satisfaction.

The CHAIRMAN: I always like the plan of beginning moderately, and advancing.

Mr. TURNER: When a man does his work efficiently it is always well be encourage him.

Mr. LAX: The state of our finances is very satisfactory. When Mr. Dixon came into office, there was a sum of £121 due to the Treasurer. Out of the past or second half-year's rate there was a sum of £68 taken for law expenses, and how he has managed to get the balance on the right side I can hardly understand.

Dr. RENTON: He has saved the township about £100 during the year. I find that the Auditor, in his last annual report, refers to Mr. Dixon as an able officer, and that is a powerful testimonial in his favour.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: I think we ought to give Mr. Dixon an advance, and ask the Local Government Board to allow us half the Inspector's salary. We might as well have the money, because if we took it we should still have as much power over Mr. Dixon as we possess now.

Dr. RENTON (reading from the Auditors' annual report): I find here that Mr. Radford says—"No payment is obtained by you for the Medical Officer or Inspector of Nuisances' salary. It is a mistake to suppose that you are less under the control of the Local Government Board by not accepting the usual grant than continuing as you are."

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: I was not aware that the Auditor had said that. That just bears out what I have said.

Mr. WHEATLEY: When Mr. Dixon was appointed the question of salary was decided by vote, and I was one that opposed it being more than £100, but under the circumstances I think we could not do wrong in giving him a little advance now.

Dr. RENTON: Would it be well to give him an advance and get the extra money from the Local Government Board?

The CHAIRMAN: Perhaps that question had better be left over to another meeting. There are not many members here to-day.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: We can decide about the increase now.

Mr. WHEATLEY: What do you think about giving him?

Mr. ELTRINGHAM: It is for the Board to decide.

Mr. LAX: Say £130 a-year, and ask the Local Government Board to pay the extra £30.

Mr. WHEATLEY: We must not forget that we want money. If we raise his wages according to his abilities we will not do so far amiss. We are using the public money.

Mr. LAX: I am sure Mr. Dixon will not stay here for £100 a-year. If we advance the salary to a reasonable figure, the township will not suffer.

Mr. WHEATLEY: I am willing to agree to whatever the meeting thinks proper. Suppose we give him £102 a-year, what will we get from Government?

Mr. LAX: Mr. Dixon receives £30 a-year as inspector. If we make it £60, the Local Government Board will pay half of it.

Mr. ELTRINGHAM said they had better settle the question of accepting one half the salary from Government at that meeting.

After some further remarks, Dr. RENTON proposed and Mr. ELTRINGHAM seconded, that the salary he increased to £130, being £70 per annum for surveyor and £60 for inspector, and that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Local Government Board for one half of the inspector's salary.—Carried unanimously.

After Mr. Dixon (who had retired during the discussion) was addmitted to the room, the Chairman, addressing him, said the Board had considered his application, and he was glad to say that the members were pleased with the way in which he had hitherto discharged his duties. They had decided to raise his salary to £130 per annum, which he trusted would be an encouragement to him and let him feel that his services were appreciated.

The Surveyor thanked them for their kindness, any said it would always be his study to do the best he could for the township. The meeting then terminated.

## LANCHESTER UNION RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

On Thursday sen'night, the Rural Sanitary Authority for Lanchester district met in the Board Room, at the Workhouse, Lanchester, at which the following gentlemen were present:—Messrs. John Annandale (presiding), M. Kearney, G. Fletcher, R. Mitchinson, W. M. Annandale, J. Wilkinson, W. Logan, J. Bowey, H. Ritson, T. Siddell, G. Hobson, and Rev. J. P. De Pledge.

After the minutes were read and confirmed, the

### RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICERS

to the Sanitary Authority was moved by Mr. W. Logan, seconded by Mr. G. Fletcher, and carried.

### THE SURVEYOR AND INSPECTOR.

Mr. W. LOGAN said before appointing the Surveyor and Inspector, it would be as well for the members of the Committee to look over the subjoined tabulated form of expenditure which he had prepared, and after they had gone into the matter they would be, perhaps, better prepared to say whether it was right that so large a proportion of the ratepayers' money should be spent for salaries, and so little for work done:—

Summary of receipts and expenditure of the Lanchester Union Sanitary Authority, from the formation of the Authorily; and showing the amount received and expended up to the 25th March in each year:—

| YEAR. | INCOME. | EXPENDITURE. | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Medical Officers, &c. | Inspector and Surveyor | Clerk and Treasurer. | Stationery. | Sundries. | Drainage and Sanitary Work. | Total. |
| | £ s d | £ s d | £ s d | £ s d | £ s d | £ s d | £ s d | £ s d |
| 1874 | 686 15 7 | 112 10 0 | 178 17 0 | 52 12 11 | 22 13 1 | 8 6 0 | | 374 19 0 |
| 1875 | 908 7 0 | 150 0 0 | 196 3 11 | 41 8 6 | 16 15 5 | 15 13 10 | 408 4 0 | 828 5 8 |
| 1876 | 665 14 8 | 150 0 0 | 210 4 0 | 40 2 3 | 14 2 6 | 5 6 0 | 13 1 8 | 432 16 5 |
| 1877 | 346 6 7 | 146 9 10 | 248 9 10 | 40 2 10 | 3 7 0 | 13 14 0 | 16 1 0 | 468 14 6 |
| 1878 | 406 4 10 | 117 12 0 | 156 4 4 | 30 1 9 | 25 19 3 | 6 0 9 | 277 9 6 | 613 7 7 |
| 1879 | 690 13 4 | 152 18 7 | 208 2 3 | 17 10 0 | 8 15 5 | 10 19 0 | 286 3 7 | 681 8 10 |
| 1880 | 484 16 6 | 203 8 0 | 262 9 6 | 72 11 10 | 10 5 6 | 21 2 10 | 90 4 3 | 660 1 11 |
| | 4178 18 6 | 1032 18 5 | 1460 10 10 | 294 10 1 | 101 18 2 | 81 2 5 | 1091 4 0 | 4062 3 11 |

Included under the head of "Medical Officers, &c.," is a sum of £23 18s. 7d., paid for disinfectants and analyses of water.

The nett salaries of the officers are, per annum—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Three Medical Officers, each £50 .......... | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Inspector and Surveyor .................. | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Clerk ..................................... | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Treasurer................................. | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | £390 | 0 | 0 |

There was no doubt the Medical Officers and their Surveyor did not work at all well together. This must have been made very clear to the Committee by the dispute which had recently arisen between Dr. Wilson and Mr. Ground. There might be some difference of opinion as to which of them was to blame in this matter, but his opinion was that the fault lay with the Inspector of Nuisances. He therefore moved that the Surveyor and Inspector be not appointed.

Mr. G. FLETCHER seconded the motion, which, on being put by the Chairman, was carried.

### LANGLEY PARK DRAINAGE.

Mr. LOGAN said the drainage of Langley Park was still under consideration, and after some conversation it was deferred for a short period.

### HILL TOP DRAINAGE.

The Committee reported that they had inspected the drain which had become blocked up at Hill Top, Dipton, and had given notice to Mr. Gibson to have it opened out.

### WAGTAIL COTTAGES.

These cottages were reported dry, well ventilated, and the foundations good, by Mr. W. C. Blackett and Mr. J. Spoors, the Medical Officer and Surveyor to the Durham Union.

A small Committee, consisting of Messrs. Logan, Mitchinson, J. Wilkinson, and G. Hobson, was appointed to visit and report at next meeting.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The following reports, from the Medical Officers and the Surveyor and Inspector, were then read:—

GENTLEMEN,—The number of cases of zymotic diseases that have come under my notice during the course of the month amounts to fifteen, and these are made up as follows:—Four cases of Whooping Cough at Tantobie, three at Tanfield, and two at Tanfield Lea. One case of measles at Tantobie; one at Stanley. Two cases of scarlatina at White-le-Head; one at Lintz; one at Stanley. Whooping cough—The whole of the above cases are confined to one portion of the district, where it has prevailed more or less for many months. Measles—Both cases are importations. Scarlatina—I cannot say where the White-le-Head cases received the infection. That at Lintz occurred in an infected house. The one at Stanley I cannot account for: after making careful enquiries, I have failed to find its origin. With reference to the last-mentioned case of scarlatina, it is in the centre of a populous village, and as the houses generally are small, there cannot, of course, be complete isolation, so the only thing I can do is to insist on the use of disinfectants, and to prevent, as far as possible, intercommunication with neighbours. The mortality for the month is below the average; only twenty-two deaths were recorded during that period. The annual ratio is equivalent to 17·9 per 1000 on the estimated population. Only one death was due to zymotic diseases, viz., by measles.—I remain, gentlemen, yours obediently,

T. BENSON.

Stanley, May 12th, 1880.

GENTLEMEN,—I have carefully gone over the Medomsley district, and find it is, upon the whole, satisfactory. The village of Medomsley is much improved. Only one roadside drain containing stagnant water is to be observed at Allendale Cottages. Every ashpit is clean, and nothing offensive is to be seen. Fever, I am glad to say, has not been prevalent for some weeks now. Westwood is almost free from fever, and sanitary condition satisfactory. Croniwell is also in a satisfactory state, and free from fever. Templetown is much improved, the ashpits and privies are much better kept, and the walls are repaired which had fallen down, but unless these places are removed to a distance, they will have to be frequently looked to. The village of Castleside is free from any infectious disease, and all ashpits clean. Lee's ashpit is not used for offal from slaughter house now, the same being removed to a distance, and mixed with soil. The village of Ebchester is free from any infectious disease, and only one or two ashpits require attention. Jos. Robson still continues to inhabit his house, which is in much the same state as when visited by Inspector Ground and myself a month ago.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. T. BOLTON.

Ebchester Hill, May 13th, 1880.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—Since my last report there have been two cases of scarlet fever at Langley Park, one at Newhouse Cottages, one at Nicholson's Buildings, one at Hamsteels Colliery, and three at Quebec. There have been four cases of measles at Quebec. At present there is one case of chicken-pox in the Workhouse.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN WILSON.

Lanchester, May 13th, 1880.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to report that the district generally is in good order. There are a few places that require better attention. The Delight Bank and Hill Top, Dipton, are the worst I have. Where the tenants are weekly or fortnightly the owners should be compelled to keep them in order.

Lintz Colliery.—Mr. Darling was summoned on the 22nd of April, and ordered to erect a covered ashpit, which has since been done.

Friarside Lane.—The nuisances reported at your last meeting has been partly abated, and Mr. Richard Murray, the owner, has promised to attend to it.

Hanging Stone.—Mr. Purvis has erected a privy and ashpit.

Ebchester.—Joseph Robson called on me and begged for a few days, and said he would leave the room, but yesterday he was still occupying it.

Lark House Cottages, Cornsay.—Ralph Hull was served with a notice twelve months since to erect two privies and a covered ashpit. He erected one privy and an ashpit, which is uncovered, and will not do more.

Cornsay Colliery.—Joseph Grey has no drain to his house. I gave notice to the Building Society, who refuse to make one in consequence of being more than a hundred feet from the present drain at the back of the cottages lower down. I gave notice to Grey to drain into a cesspool, but nothing has been done.

Langley Park.—I reported in January last that Nicholas Moralee commenced to erect a privy and an ashpit, which he left in an unfinished state and not useable. Nothing more has been done.

Two premises of four dwellings each have again been flooded for the want of proper drains. One has a cesspool in a field, and the other runs into the road-side channel. In heavy rains they block up.

George A. Whirley has a house occupied by Thomas Bolam. The drain is blocked, and the gully very offensive. I sent him a notice to clean it, but nothing has been done. The whole of the back premises of several houses are in a very dilapidated condition.

Delves Lane.—Two houses erected by Mr. William Graham, who has put a gully and sink into each kitchen. I gave him notice to take them out, but he has not done so. (See sections 52, 53 bye-laws.)

Templetown.—Mr. Dolphin commenced to erect two houses, no plan being approved by your Board. A plan was sent about twelve months since without either a block plan or a notice. I informed Mr. Dolphin, also the builder, that it was not passed, and told them what was required, but no notice was taken of it.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

WM. GROUND.

## Correspondence.

### CONSETT BACHELORS.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

DEAR SIR,—I was sitting in my arm-chair, refreshing myself with a cup of tea, when the *Guardian* of the 14th inst. arrived at my door. I purchased it, and was a little surprised when I saw the Consett Bachelors' names in your Historical Notes, and the question asked—"Are any of the original bachelors still living?" Yes, they are all living, but none of them have obeyed the apostolic injunction, that is, taken to himself a wife, with the exception of Mr. T. Maddison. We may pass by the enumeration of marriage unnoted, but must inevitably one day swell the bill of mortality. Sooner or later, "flesh" must have what it "is heir to," but our deaths have not, up to the time that I write, thus been registered in Somerset House. I hope, Sir, we will all live to see another Bachelors' Pic-Nic at Consett. R. Hedley can be consulted at his shop, No. 20, Middle Street, Consett; J. C. Wylie, at the Grammar School, Blackhill; W. Curry, No. 2, Victoria Street, Consett.—I am, yours, &c.,

A BACHELOR.

Consett, May 17th, 1880.

### LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—Now that the Leadgate Local Board are done with Medomsley highways, it is to be hoped that the members will reconsider the question of the Surveyor's salary. The Surveyor will have considerably less work to do now, and therefore his salary ought to be proportionally decreased. As a ratepayer, I also consider it unfair that the Surveyor should be allowed to carry on the business of a publican as well. I am not a teetotaler, but think that, for a hundred pounds a year, a man ought to be required to devote the whole of his services to the ratepayers, who have to pay the money. There is another subject I wish to call attention to. At Consett, the Surveyor only gets some eighty or ninety pounds per annum. He gives the whole of his time to the Board, and also collects the rates. How comes it that the same is not done in Leadgate Local Board district? I have no ill-will against Mr. Longstaff, but, I repeat, and I believe I am speaking the feelings of the majority of the people at Leadgate, that it is unfair to the ratepayers to allow a publican to hold the post of surveyor at £100 per annum. Plenty good, respectable men in the place, if allowed to combine the office with their own business, would do the work for £30 per year, and consider themselves well paid.—Your obedient servant,

RATEPAYER.

Leadgate, May 18th, 1880.

[Our correspondent seems to be unaware of the fact that since a portion of the highways reverted to the Lanchester Highway Board, the Surveyor has lost about £40 of his salary, which therefore stands at £60 a-year.—ED. C. G.]

### THE POLICE AND THE PUBLIC.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—In the *Consett Guardian* of Friday last, I noticed a case, which was heard at the Consett Petty Sessions, in which a person was fined five shillings and costs for being drunk, and who was said to have struck a number of persons with a stick which he carried. Now, Mr. Editor, I can say, without fear of contradiction, that I saw the man in question, also the stick which he carried, but as for striking a number of persons with the stick, is speaking beyond the bounds of truth. I may say that I was nearer to the person than the policeman himself, and watched him, I daresay, as closely, and I never saw a single person receive a single blow from his stick. I think if the proper person or persons had been brought face to face with the magistrates it would have been more to the credit of the policeman who took the poor fellow into custody. The man, who, no doubt, had had a little drink, was walking along the street, when a number of young men in the rear commenced to tease him, consequently he became a little excited, spoke rather loudly, and brandished the stick which he carried. At this juncture the policeman appeared and took the man in charge; the result being—five shillings and costs. I have not the least doubt but that a nnmber of similar cases crop up. It would be well if the magistrates who sit at Consett gave the same reproof to some of the constables who appear before them as did a magistrate in Manchester or Liverpool a short time ago, namely—to take drunken people to their own homes, instead of "running them in."—Yours, &c.,

PIERRE DE CALDERBANK.

Blackhill, May 15th, 1880.

### PETROLEUM HAWKING.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—I beg to call your attention to the dangers attending the hawking explosive oils in our towns and villages. Why it should be allowed I know not, as the law relating to the hawking of petroleum is much less foggy than are the legal enactments relating to other matters. There were some proceedings recently taken under the 6th, 7th, and 9th sections of the Petroleum Act, 1871, which have settled the whole question. Unless the petroleum is carried in stoppered bottles not exceeding one pint each, and the whole bulk so carried does not exceed three gallons, petroleum hawking is an indictable offence. The following case, which has recently been decided, is conclusive:—"A man named Coleman, a licensed hawker, was summoned for carrying petroleum in a pony cart, in large tin vessels, with taps, at Creech, St. Michael's, Somersetshire, and selling the same by drawing it off in the vessels named. A local officer purchased a small quantity of Coleman, and afterwards summoned him. The magistrates gave a decision against defendant, but at his request granted a case for a superior court. The case was afterwards heard on appeal in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Conrt of Justice, before Lord Chief Justice Cockburn and Mr. Justice Lush. The conviction was confirmed. An enquiry addressed to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, asking whether in similar cases he would uphold the decision of their Lordships, received a reply in the affirmative." I commend the above quotation (from a southern newspaper) to those "whom it may concern."—Yours truly,

X. Y.

Consett, May 1880.

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## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

### BIRTHS.

CONSETT—At Middle Street, on the 18th inst., the wife of Mr. T. Swainston, of a daughter.

### MARRIAGES.

CONSETT—At the Wesleyan Chapel, on Monday, 17th inst., by the Rev. J. Shearman, Mr. A. Wales, to to Miss I. Brand, both of Consett.

LANCHESTER—At the Register Office, on the 13th inst., Mr. John Curry, of Blackhill, to Miss E. Barron, of Shotley Bridge.

At the same place, on the 15th inst., Mr. R. Brownlee, to Miss H. Smith, both of Stanifordam.

At the same place, on the same day, Mr. E. Westhorp, to Miss M. W. Greenwell, both of Consett.

BISHOP AUCKLAND—At St. Peter's Church, on the 16th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Croudace, Thos, eldest son of Mr. John Morgan, Tow Law, to Polly, eldest daughter of Mr. Edward Henderson, late of Tow Law.

### DEATHS.

WEST STANLEY—At the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Wm. Johnson, on the 16th inst., in her 78th year, Mary, wife of Thomas O. Johnson, late of Coxlodge.

BLACKHILL—At 26, Cort Street, on the 14th inst., aged 3 years, Thomas W. Hewitson, son of George and Hannah Hewitson.

At 6, Dixon Street, on the 16th inst., Fergus Murray, infant son of Thomas and Margaret Patterson.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—On the 18th inst, aged 51 years, Elizabeth, wife of Wm. Smith.

WEST PELTON—At Alma Place, on the 17th inst., aged 74½ years, Ann Summerson, relict of the late Thos. Summerson.

DIPTON—On the 17th inst., aged 71 years, Mr Edward Armstrong.

LANCHESTER—At Partridge Close Mill, on the 9th inst., aged 2 years and 10 months, Margaret, daughter of William Haughan.

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