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Lanchester, April 26th, 1883. 676c

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THOMAS WM. WELFORD, Jun., Clerk.

Local Board Office, May 4th, 1883. 739c

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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, MAY 4TH, 1883.

LOCAL OPTION.

LAST Friday evening the House of Commons committed itself a second time to the principle of Local Option with reference to the traffic in intoxicating liqours, and on this occasion recorded its opinion by the substantial majority of 228 to 141. This result followed, and was no doubt partly consequent upon, the acceptance by Ministers of the principle of Sir WILFRED LAWSON's resolution. This time, indeed, it is something beyond an abstract resolution that has received Ministerial adhesion and Parliamentary sanction. Already the Government and the House of Commons was committed to the general principle that the regulation or entire suppression of the liquor traffic in local districts should be under the control of the inhabitants of such districts; and the opinion which the House was further asked to express, and which it did express, was that legislation ought now to be carried in accordance with the previous resolution. But, even after this second resolution, intended as it were to clinch the former one, there seems to be considerable variety of opinion as to the meaning to be attached to local option. Sir WILFRED LAWSON and his Temperance friends understand by it the submission to a popular vote of the question whether public-houses should be permitted to exist in any district or not. Apparently they desire to have a kind of plebiscite on this simple question. But the Government have not the sanguine faith of the Temperance party that majorities would everywhere be found in favour of shutting up public-houses; and if the drink traffic is to go on in some places, though not in others, it will be necessary to have some local authority in each district to consider what licences shall be renewed, what licences forfeited, and what new ones shall be granted. Sir WILLIAM HARCOURT was pretty clear in his expression of the negative opinion that regulation of the licensing question could not be committed to local plebiscites, though he did not indicate how effect was to be given to the popular wish through any new licensing body. Mr GLADSTONE partly supplied that omission by pointing to County Boards as the future regulators of the drink traffic in counties; but still it seems uncertain whether he would give co-ordinate power to municipal bodies in towns, or whether these places would go with the counties in which they are situated. At any rate, we see here the possibility of a practical solution of the Local Option question. Instead of the existence of the liquor trade being taken as a matter of course, and licences being renewed or new ones granted by merely administrative and unrepresentative authorities on that understanding, let the regulation of licences be under the management of bodies elected by popular suffrage, and let the electors have the power, by returning a majority of representatives, to suppress or restrict, instead of merey regulating, the liquor traffic. Even if total suppression nowhere received the required popular support, we can conceive how great good might result from returning representatives pledged to restriction. Public-houses are undoubtedly made much worse than they need be by their multiplicity.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

Mr Gladstone's magnificent speech on the Affirmation Bill is believed to have influenced several votes, an effect which is seldom produced even by his rhetoric. If the matter were to be decided upon logic, it is difficult to conceive how any real answer could be found to the arguments of the Attorney-General and the Premier. But, of course, in this, as in most political disputes, sentiment has a larger share than logic. And whilst the Government measure abstractedly considered might pass with small objection, it is heavily handicapped by the incubus of Mr Bradlaugh's personality and the objection which is entertained to affording him a signal triumph.

The acceptance by the Government of Sir Wilfrid Lawson's resolution in favour of Local Option and their pledge to give effect to the resolution is another proof of the extraordinary advance of the temperate and Temperance party. Blue-Ribbonism has gone up in the social scale, and with the Duchess of Westminster and Lady Wolseley coming forward to wear the blue and sport the medal, we shall find a number of waverers come in who only waited till Society had set its brand mark on the movement. Indeed, I should say that the chief danger which the Temperance movement is exposed to at present is from too great success, not from too fierce opposition. Temperance reformers have to beware when all men speak well of them. It is the mark of the false prophet. The social reformer has always to keep ahead of public opinion, and whenever public opinion overtakes him and applauds his sayings he is in danger of falling asleep under the fumes of flattery.

The avidity with which ladies have availed themselves of University education is extraordinary. Girton and Newnham are crowded. Every successive examination at the London University shows an increase in the number of lady competitors and a higher average of success. There are said to be more than four hundred lady students at Edinburgh University. In all parts of the Island learned ladies will soon be overwhelmingly numerous. It is an essential part of the claims of the ladies that they should be treated on the same footing as the sterner sex. They reject the proposal to have a University to themselves. The scheme for giving St. Andrew's over exclusively to women finds no favour in their eyes. It is not so clear that the scheme is not a wise one upon the whole, and a time may come when that or some similar arrangement will become necessary.

In the creation of an Agricultural Department the Government have cleverly evaded a difficulty. Whether they have sold it is not certain. The President of the Council has already sufficiently miscellaneous duties to perform, and amongst them some belong to the class which would naturally appertain to the Department of Agriculture. The Chancellor of the Duchy is now yoked with him as joint-President of the new Department because he has little or nothing to do in his own. It is a characteristically English proceeding to maintain existing offices and titles and invest them with new functions. One wonders why the almost purely ornamental post of the Chancellorship was not relegated to the rank which it has often occupied of a non-Cabinet appointment, and why Mr Dodson was not frankly entitled Minister of Agriculture, relieving the Privy Council altogether of its oversight of the cattle trade and similar matters. The present arragements seems timidly tentative, and will be looked on as a mere make-shift. A bolder plan need not surely have involved greater expense.

The crush to the great Liberal Banquet at the Aquarium would have been intensified but for what to many minds was a stronger attraction than a poor dinner indifferently served, the intellectual feast provided by John Bright from the Liberation platform. However, both demonstrations will for some time to come supply abundant material for Press leaders and political table-talk. Such events quite eclipse in interest the little Lord's performances whom *Punch* lampooned last week as speculating on the probable amount of "bronze" or "brass" which in the far future is to be expended in placing him on a pedestal beside the Beaconsfield statue. The Conservative Press is quite as emphatic as the Liberal in its remarks on Lord Randolph Churchill's diatribe against Sir Stafford Northcote. He has not taken his licking as the *Globe* remarks, in good part. On the contrary, he throws himself into the columns of the *Fortnightly Review* with a complaint that Elijah's mantle has not fallen on the Elisha of the party. But comparisons, particularly biblical ones, are proverbially dangerous not to say odious. He leaves us with the impression that our Elijah whom we have lately lost, and whose effigy in peer's robes and with the collar of the Garter looks down on us from Parliament Square, left his garment of Imperialism to be thrown over the shoulders of an impostor, and we fear these "Jewish old clothes," as Carlyle would call them, are waiting for their true claimant. If there is anything more ridiculous than another, it is this setting-up of Lord Beaconsfield as a prophet. If we must have a biblical illustration, and one is as good as another, we should ask, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

Exeter Hall is in full swing this week, and the lions of the old Change would think their time come again, so loud is the roaring. Chief among the lions is the Archbishop of Canterbury. He spoke on Tuesday at the Church Missionary Society's meeting, when for the first time, I suppose to mark the occasion, he presided, in place of the Earl of Chichester, who is officially the President of the Society. It was more remarkable still to find the Archbishop on the platform of the Bible Society. Times are changed since the old High-Church-school men, like Bishop Marsh and even the late Dr Blomfield, of London, would have regarded their appearance on the Bible Society platform as a kind of recognition of Dissent. But we live in democratic days, and the modern High Church hold advanced views on the *vox populi* which would have sent a shudder through men of the old school.

A new order of merit, the Red Cross, for devotedness to the sick and wounded in action, has been announced, and so far as well. But we must take care that we do not make it too cheap. The Victoria Cross has been jealously reserved for personal acts of great gallantry, and it accordingly has not been debased as too many orders of merit, home and foreign, have been. The Legion of Honour, for instance, has been made so cheap in France that it is almost a distinction to escape decoration. To be without a ribbon of some colour is to be *bien distingué*. If we do not take care, we shall fall under the same reproach. The intention is excellent, but we shall wait to see how it is administered.

Mr Bradlaugh speaks doubtfully about the carrying of the Affirmation Bill, and alludes gloomily to the ruinous cost of a new election at Northampton, even if the Bill is passed. But the latter consideration is probably only mentioned in order to stir up the generosity of his Hall of Science disciples. The apostle of Atheism is well backed in money matters. There is now not much real doubt as to the result of the division on the Bill. The adjournment of the debate has afforded opportunity for a pretty accurate numbering of the forces. The Government reckon confidently on a majority. What the Lords may do is quite another thing. Mr Gladstone has given them one very good argument for rejecting the measure. He admits that the Bill is unpopular with the country, or, in other words, that the majority of the nation are opposed to it. The Lords may be of opinion that the wish of the majority of the nation should prevail against that of the majority of the House of Commons. This is, at any special rate, a specious argument, and it is the logical defect of the Premier's ovation that he has given the Upper House so good an excuse for putting itself in conflict with the lower. The balance of popular opinion may, however, very shortly be turned by the dissemination of Mr Gladstone's speech throughout the country in pamphlet form.

The death of the Dean of Windsor, little more than six months after his appointment to that pleasant and dignified sinecure, must strike those who knew him with something more than regret. Much regarded by the Queen, to whom he has been known as Vicar of Newport now for nearly thirty years, he steadily rose in the estimation of all who knew him. An Irishman, but with none of those peculiarities which made the Irish popular preacher of the last age a butt for Thackeray's satire, he was a Christian gentleman in the best sense of the term, and leaves a blank in many circles which will not soon be filled.

Parliamentary Summary.

THURSDAY.

In the House of Lords, the Irish Land Act Inquiry and the Medical Act Amendment Bill were the only questions dealt with. The Royal assent was given to seven measures.

In the House of Commons Sir S. NORTHCOTE presented a petition from two thousand people of Northampton against the Affirmation Bill. In reply to Mr O'Brien, Mr TREVELYAN stated that it was the Crown Solicitor who made up the jury panel at the Dublin Commission, but he declined to state how that official got confidential information. Catholic and Liberal jurors were not persistently excluded. At the trial of Brady there were four Catholics on the jury. In answer to Mr Bourke, Lord E. FITZMAURICE stated that Her Majesty's Government did not favour any particular candidate for the office of Governor of the Lebanon. One candidate, Bib Doda, had been proposed, but Her Majesty's Government doubted whether he was fitted by age or experience for the post. Replying to Mr Slagg, Lord E. FITZMAURICE stated that cession to England of Whydah and its dependencies, on the West Coast of Africa, including 600 miles of coast, had formed part of the recent negotiations between England and Portugal. Mr TREVELYAN informed Mr V. Stuart that 413 orders for the building or improvement of labourers' cottages had been made by the Land Commission in Ireland. The ATTORNEY-GENERAL, in reply to Mr Passmore Edwards, said the Lord Chancellor, in refusing to confirm the nominations of Mr Duncan of Cardiff, and Mr Ramsden, of Halifax, who were newspaper proprietors, to the magisterial bench had been guided by general considerations as to the amount of influence which these gentlemen might be able to exercise in their respective districts. Mr TREVELYAN informed Mr A. O'Connor that the Government were in communication with gentlemen in the north-west of Canada as to the selection of Irish emigrants. Of course, the sanction of Parliament would be needed before any such scheme could be entered on. Mr GLADSTONE, in answer to Mr Bourke, said the Government were not aware of any convention or treaty having been made between Germany, Austria, and Italy. Sir H. D. WOLFF resumed the debate on the Affirmation Bill. Mr GLADSTONE delivered a long and important speech in the course of the discussion which followed.

FRIDAY.

In the House of Lords, Earl Wemyss took the oath and his seat. The Medical Act Amendment Bill was read a third time and passed. Some other measures were advanced a stage.

In the House of Commons, in reply to Mr O'Brien, Mr TREVELYAN stated that every care would be taken to protect jurors in Dublin from being intimidated in the conscientious discharge of their duty. Mr CHILDERS, in answer to Lord R. Churchill, said with respect to the petition of the Inland Revenue officers, the Government would do nothing to come into collision with the well-known privileges of the House of Commons. The matter concerned not only the Inland Revenue officers, but every soldier, every sailor, and every member of the Civil Service, and everybody, in fact, who received Government pay. If the petition were a proper petition and addressed to the House of Commons the Government would not dream, nor had they ever dreamed, of interfering with it. With regard to improper petitions, that was a question which required more consideration, but as concerned proper petitions there was no question whatever. Lord R. CHURCHILL gave notice that on Monday he would present 250 petitions signed by the servants of the Inland Revenue Department against the circular of the Board. In reply to Mr Yorke, Mr GLADSTONE stated that the letter to Mr Duckham on the local taxation resolution, published in the newspapers, was written by him, but it did not follow from it that the question of dealing with local taxation was indefinitely postponed. On the contrary, the Government were fully aware of the importance of the subject, and they would endeavour, according to their means, to act upon the resolution of the House. Answering several questions as to the order of business, Mr GLADSTONE said he could not make any statement on the subject till the Affirmation Bill was read a second time, and Lord R. GROSVENOR stated that he had not issued notices stating that the division on that Bill would be taken on Thursday next. On the motion for going into Committee of Supply, Sir W. LAWSON brought forward his resolution in favour of Local Option. Mr CAINE seconded the resolution. Mr J. TALBOT moved as an amendment "That, whilst this House declines to approve any system which gives to the majority in any locality the power of prohibiting the sale of any articles of ordinary consumption, the House will give a favourable consideration to any measure introduced on the responsibility of Her Majesty's Government with the object of checking the evils of intemperance." Sir W. HARCOURT said that the views of the Government were the exact reverse of Mr Talbot's amendment. He should vote for Sir W. Lawson's resolution. The Government were in favour of placing the licensing power in the hands of persons interested in it, but reserved to themselves the right of determining how that local option was to be expressed.

MONDAY.

In the House of Lords, Lord ORANMORE and BROWNE moved an address to Her Majesty for the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire whether Irish landlords had sustained any loss owing to the working of the Irish Land Act of 1881, and, if so, the amount of such loss, and to report whether, according to legal precedent and justice, they were not entitled to compensation. Lord CARLINGFORD opposed the motion, and it was negatived without a division. Some Bills were advanced a stage.

In the House of Commons, Lord R. Churchill presented upwards of two hundred petitions from various parts of the country, signed by upwards of two thousand Inland Revenue officers, against the general order of the Inland Revenue Board issued last year. Mr J. K. CROSS, in reply to Mr Gibson, explained that the Indian Criminal Procedure Code of 1882 was merely a consolidating and amending act. It made hardly any substantial alteration in the law, and did not propose any alteration in the privileges of European subjects. Lord E. FITZMAURICE informed Mr Onslow that the Government had no further information regarding the encroachments of France in the province of Annan, Cochin China. In answer to Mr Kenny, Mr TREVELYAN stated that there had during the last three years been six murders in County Clare. As to the arrest and detention of untried prisoners, he reminded the House that during the last three years there were 54 murders and 3,500 serious outrages untried, and that the Government intended to do their best to get at the perpetrators. Mr GLADSTONE gave notice to move that the debate on the Affirmation Bill should have precedence of the notices of motion to-day. Lord R. CHURCHILL resumed the debate on the Affirmation Bill, and Mr LABOUCHERE followed.

TUESDAY.

In the House of Lords, a question was asked with reference to the International Fisheries Exhibition. The Isle of Man Harbours Bill and the Pluralities Act Amendment Bill were read a second time.

In the House of Commons, Mr A. J. BALFOUR gave notice to call attention to the imperfect representation of public interests on Private Bill Committees. Mr GLADSTONE informed Mr MacIver that it was the intention of the Government to alter the terms of Lord Alcester and Lord Wolseley's Annuity Bills, and to give them a lump sum. Mr GLADSTONE subsequently announced that he would propose that the House should adjourn from Friday the 11th till Monday the 21st inst., for the Whitsuntide holidays. Replying to Mr Heneage, Mr GLADSTONE did not think it would be in the power of the Government to introduce the Agricultural Holdings Bill this week, but he hoped to lay it on the table and put it in circulation before Whitsuntide. In reply to Mr W. H. Smith, Mr CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN regretted to say that the report of the bursting of a gun on board Her Majesty's ship Daring was true. A 64-pounder iron gun broke in two pieces, killing two men and wounding others. Mr GLADSTONE then moved that the order for resuming the debate on the Parliamentary Oaths Bill should have the precedence of the notices of motion and the other orders of the day. After discussion, the House divided as follows: For the motion, 157; against, 105. Mr BERESFORD HOPE then resumed the debate on the Affirmation Bill, which he maintained was simply a Bradlaugh Relief Bill.

WEDNESDAY.

In the House of Commons, Mr ARNOLD gave notice that on the motion of Sir Richard Cross respecting the Cuban refugees, he should move the previous question. Mr GLADSTONE moved that committees should not sit on Thursday, being Ascension Day, until two o'clock, notwithstanding the sitting of the House. Mr ARNOLD hoped the motion would not be assented to, as it would interfere with the business of the committees, and as members could if they desired, go to church early in the morning. The House divided, when there voted for the motion, 69; against it, 20. Mr MONK moved the second reading of the Limited Partnerships Bill. The object of the Bill was to extend the principle of limited liability adopted in 1865 to private partnership in a fuller and more complete manner than the present law allowed. Mr RYLANDS moved the rejection of the bill. Mr NORWOOD ridiculed Mr Ryland's opposition to the bill as arising from feeling that he had too much competition in his own business. After some further discussion, the second reading was negatived by 150 against 49 votes.

MASS MEETING OF MINERS.

A mass meeting was held at the Ball Alley, Etherley, on Saturday last. The speakers were Mr W. Crawford, Miners' Secretary, Durham; Mr Patterson, Durham; Mr D. Reed, Leadgate; Thomas Asbridge, Jamieson, and others. Mr Jamieson presided.

Mr CRAWFORD proposed:—

This meeting recognises the good results to working men from the operation of Trades Unions during past years, in the many beneficial changes in improved ventilation, more equitable laws, shortened hours, improved practices, and many other matters. We are, however, convinced that there exists great need for further improvements both in better customs and improved laws, which can only be obtained by a still stronger and more extensive organisation amongst ourselves. This need of organisation becomes increasingly more necessary in consequence of the large centralisation of capital in every department of commerce. This meeting also regards a National Federation as indispensable, in order that increasing advantages may be obtained. Additional changes in the law are required, and we regret to see the unprecedented and suicidal increased production of coals, resulting as it does in inadequate prices and shamefully low wages. For the purpose of trying to cope with the huge difficulty, this meeting would respectfully ask the mine owners of Great Britain to attend a Conference, in order that some arrangement and regulation may be attempted, so that prices may be increased and wages so augmented that workmen may be enabled to live with some degree of comfort, or at least less misery and want, than as now too often found amongst them.

The second resolution was moved by Mr THOMAS ASBRIDGE, and seconded by Mr D. REED:—

This meeting, recognising the present anomaly which keeps from voting for members of Parliament the entire county population living in houses under a certain rateable valuable, would call upon the Government to bring in a bill without the least delay to put an end to this glaringly unjust condition of things by assimilating the county to the borough franchise.

Considering the low rate of wages paid to miners generally, and the never ending cry of colliery owners that the profits are small, and therefore they are unable to pay more, and believing that all royalty rents are unnecessary and an unjust burden on the labour of the miners and capital of the employers, we are of the opinion that royalty rents should be abolished.

The whole of the propositions were carried unanimously, votes of thanks terminating the proceedings.

SHOCKING SUICIDE BY HANGING AT WEST STANLEY.

On Monday afternoon, Coroner John Graham, of Sunderland, held an inquest at the house of Mr George Clarkson, Commercial Hotel, West Stanley, on the body of George Potts Hope, who committed suicide on Friday last.

After the jury had viewed the body, the first witness called was Elizabeth Ann Hope, who identified the deceased as her father, who was a master-blacksmith, aged 49 years in September last. He left his home on Friday afternoon about a quarter to three o'clock and did not return. Her father was alone when he left the house. He had been off work for eleven months on account of ill-health, and on recovering he purposed taking a shop and setting up as a tobacconist in James Street, West Stanley.

George Gray, labourer, sworn, said he knew the deceased very well. On Saturday, the 28th April, he found his body in Stanley Wood, a plantation between Stanley and Craghead. It would be about half-past nine in the morning when witness saw it. The deceased was suspended by a piece of clothes line from a overhanging branch of a tree, which was about ten feet from the ground. His feet were resting on the earth, the knees being half-doubled. Had the legs been straightened out, they must necessarily have touched the ground. Witness cut the rope at once, but the body was quite stiff and cold. The clothes were undisturbed, and the hat was lying a few yards off. He had noticed deceased in a low state of mind for some time past but this he attributed to his health.

Sergeant Robert Tranmer, stationed at West Stanley, next stated that after having received information, he went and searched the deceased's pockets. Among other things produced he found a razor in the left-hand coat pocket, although the deceased was not in the habit of shaving.

The jury were unanimous in the opinion that the deceased had committed suicide while in a state of temporary insanity, and a verdict to that effect was accordingly returned.

GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MISSION AT WESTWOOD.

Last week a eleven days' series of Gospel Temperance meetings were brought to a successful issue characterised by the usual success attending all similar series conducted by Mr John Fawcett, of Newcastle. The meetings were inaugurated by Jonathan Priestman, Esq., J.P., who has so ably assisted both by his presence and purse the meetings held by Mr Fawcett at Medomsley, Ebchester, Westwood, &c. The platform erected in the United Methodist Free Church, where the series were held, was filled by a large choir of young ladies and gentlemen, who nightly rendered in a creditable manner, the sweet songs and solos selected from the celebrated song book of Murphy, Booth, and Sankey.

Mr PRIESTMAN on rising to address the audience was received with applause, and in the course of a very interesting and able address spoke of the paragraph he had read with interest and pleasure in the *Consett Guardian* entitled "Local Option in California," concluding his speech in favour of that system of legislation, asserting that if the present Government were satisfied that the country required local option or anything else for their moral well-being they would deal with it satisfactorily.

During the week the meetings were presided over by the following gentlemen:—Messrs Oley, Seed, and Clarke, and solos were rendered with much sweetness by Miss Kate Wilson and others. The first week's series were devoted entirely to temperance, and a very large number of pledges were taken. The following week's was devoted to evangelistic meetings with equal success.

Mr FAWCETT in his addresses and solo singing was well received and highly appreciated as proved by the large audience present on each occasion. The large building on Sunday evenings proved quiet inadequate for the crowded audience. Great credit is due to the committee and secretaries Messrs George Cooke and Irving Clarke, for their energetic way in organising the series and enhanced much the success of the first Blue Ribbon meetings held at Westwood. Mr Fawcett has promised to re-visit Westwood in the autumn.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey or white, or falling off, use "The Mexican Hair Renewer," for it *will positively restore in every case Grey or White hair* to its original colour, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots, where the glands are not decayed. Ask your Chemist for "THE MEXICAN HAIR RENEWER," sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere at 3s. 6d. per Bottle. Wholesale depot removed to 33, Farringdon Road, London.

DURHAM MINERS' WAGES.

The following is the accountants' certificate under the Durham sliding scale:—

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 30th April, 1883.

To the Durham Coal Owners' Association and the Durham Miners' Association, the Durham Colliery Enginemen's Association, the Durham Colliery Mechanics' Association, and the Durham Cokemen's Association.

Gentlemen,—In accordance with the terms of the memorandum of agreement entered into on the 29th April, 1882, between the Durham Coal Owners' Association, of the one part, and the Durham Miners' Association, the Durham Colliery Enginemen's Association, the Durham Colliery Mechanics' Association, and the Durham Cokemen's Association, of the other part, for the establishment of a sliding scale to regulate the wages of the classes of labour therein referred to, we have obtained and verified returns from the collieries in the Durham Coal Owners' Association, and we hereby certify that the net average selling price of coal for three months of January, February, and March, 1883, ascertained in the manner prescribed by the above-mentioned agreement, was 4s. 10.20d. per ton. The prevailing rate of wages will therefore remain unaltered.

We are, gentlemen, your obedient servants,
(Signed) MONKHOUSE, GODDARD, and Co.,
Chartered Accountants, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Middlesbrough, West Hartlepool, and London.
(Signed) EDWARD SPARKS,
Chartered Accountant, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

CONCERT AT EDMONDBYERS.

We have pleasure in recording a fairly successful attempt made by the friends here to provide a pleasant evening's entertainment for the delectation of the public, by giving an evening concert on Friday last in the Board School at this place. The concert was opened with a violin solo—"The harp that once through Tara's hall," and pianoforte accompaniment by Mr Nixon and Mr J. Bell, which was very well rendered. Next on the programme was a duet by Mrs Rowland and Mrs Willis, "The moon is beaming o'er the lake," seemed pretty good, but lacked confidence in its rendering. But the latter named lady's singing of "The two robins," and "The better land" was excellent and praiseworthy, as also was her singing in the comic duet, "Very suspicious," with Mr J. Bell, who acquitted himself admirably, and they received a hearty *encore*. Miss Muse quite sustained her reputation, we believe, in the songs, "We'd better bide a wee," "Coming thro' the rye," and in the duet, "The crookit bawbee," which received an *encore*. We turn to the gentlemen, and may say that Mr Urwin got on very happily in the song, "It makes a man look such a fool," for which he was *encored*. Mr Wilson did exceedingly well in the songs "Someday," and "Dream faces." Mr Nixon showed himself to be an excellent manipulator of the violin in the pieces he rendered. In the piano solos rendered by Mr Alfred Bell (Kiln Pit Hill), "Harp Eolienne," and "Home sweet home," there were marks of a refined taste in choice of pieces, which taste was fully borne out also in their performance which might have done credit, we fancy, to those modern classical composers themselves, and in response to an enthusiastic *encore* for the latter piece he gave a "Fantasia" from Leyback's Faust, which was most excellently rendered. He also accompanied the various singers on the piano in a manner which greatly enhanced the interest of the singing, and reflected credit on himself. In recitation, Mr R. Frankland thoroughly sustained his high reputation as an elocutionist. We cannot conceive of the "Northern Farmer" (by Mr A. Tennyson) falling to any one who could do greater justice than he does to its sarcastic humour and character, while his delineation and expression of the dramatic and comical in "The Frenchman and the flea powder," and "Paudeen O'Rafferty's say voyage," was inimitable, we should think, and the latter named piece received an enthusiastic *encore*, to which he responded with "A categorical courtship."

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the various performers, and a very enjoyable evening was closed by singing the National Anthem. There was a good and appreciative company present, notwithstanding the threatening state of the weather, and the proceeds which were very good, are to be devoted to the Wesleyan Chapel music fund.

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY BOARD.

A general meeting of this Board was held at Lanchester Union Workhouse on Thursday se'nnight, under the presidency of Mr George Alder. The waywardens present were the Rev C. Gillow, Messrs George Ridley, W. Brown, Thomas Longstaff, J. Towns, R. Robson, W. Fawcett, George Errington, &c., the Clerk (Mr C. Maynard), and the Surveyor (Mr W. Dixon).

BUSTY BANK, BURNOPFIELD.

The Clerk read a letter which he had received from the Whickham Local Board, informing the waywardens that this road will come under the management of the Highway Board, under the provisions of the Divided Parishes Act. The Clerk, however intimated that such was not the case. The road would continue to remain under the jurisdiction of the Local Board.

Mr RIDLEY thought their Clerk should write to the Whickham Local Board calling the attention of the members to the fact that the road is not transferred, and asking what they intended to do with respect to repairing it.

The CHAIRMAN explained that this was a piece of road belonging to the Whickham Local Board, which intervened between portions of road under the jurisdiction of the Highway Board, and which is at present in a very bad state of repair. He did not think they could legally interfere in the matter, and he thought the waywardens should thoroughly understand what they were doing before taking further steps in the matter.

Mr RIDLEY did not think that much harm could arise in again calling the attention of the Local Board to the matter.

The Clerk pointed out that they as Boards had power to take action against one another.

Eventually Mr BROWN seconded Mr RIDLEY's proposition, which was carried.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Subjoined is the Surveyor's (Mr Dixon's) monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Highway Board.

GENTLEMEN,—I have advertised and received tenders for the carting and breaking of road metal for the whole of district. I have put the tenders into schedule form for the Board's convenience, and I beg to submit the same for your consideration.

Mr George Ridley and myself met Mr George H. Gouch, manager of the Lintz Colliery, on the Lobley Hill Main Road at Priestfield on April 18th. Mr Gouch promised to send men to break the large stones and bricks, and also to put some "filling" into the fall contiguous to Priestfield. I wish the Board to give orders for the whole of the road metal as advertised to let, also 340 4-inch drain pipes for footpath at Burnopfield; and 16 yards of 6-inch pipes for cross drains at the same place.—I am, gentlemen, yours obediently,

WM. DIXON.

Surveyor's Offices, Lanchester,
April, 25th, 1883.

THE SUBSIDENCE AT PRIESTFIELD.

With respect to the damaged highway at Priestfield, the Surveyor was instructed, after some conversation, to report on the state of the road after it had been repaired.

TENDERS FOR CARTING AND BREAKING MATERIAL.

The waywardens were occupied for nearly two hours in considering and deciding the several tenders submitted for carting and breaking the whole of the road metal required throughout the district.

After the Surveyor's accounts had been examined, the meeting terminated.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Parliament Street Buildings, on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of Wm. Jenkins, Esq., J.P. The members in attendance were the Rev F. Steggall, Messrs T. Siddell, J. Collinson, J. H. Hudson, W. R. Taylor, W. Shell, J. W. Davison, W. Aynsley, T. Dunne, H. Carss, and the clerk (Mr T. W. Welford).

THE CATTLE RESTRICTIONS: IMPORTANT MEMORIAL FROM THE BUTCHERS.

The CHAIRMAN, at the outset, read the subjoined memorial:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Local Board of Health.

We, the undersigned butchers and pork butchers residing within the districts of Consett and Blackhill, in which there is a large population who have to be supplied with butcher meat, and not being placed on the same footing and position for obtaining such as butchers and tradesmen of several places within the County of Durham, such as Spennymoor and Hebburn, and other towns having had granted to them by the application and interference of the respective Local Boards, by applying to the Executive and Restriction Committee at Durham for the purpose of getting cattle from the various markets for their immediate slaughter, and which boon has been asked for and afforded them. And, as your Local Board, being the only one that can at present be applied to, in order to seek the advantages that our neighbours have got; we, therefore, humbly ask your Local Board to direct your Clerk to communicate immediately with Mr Ralph Simey, the clerk to the Executive Committee, at the Exchequer Buildings, in the City of Durham, asking him to grant that cattle may be allowed to be brought into the districts above-mentioned for immediate slaughter, as by so doing it will prove of great advantage and benefit to your memorialists, and would avoid the enormous expense and inconvenience of having to kill at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

[Here follow the signatures of 28 butchers and tradesmen carrying on business in Consett, Blackhill, Leadgate, and Shotley Bridge].

A deputation, consisting of Messrs J. Parker (Leadgate), H. Nicholson (Consett), W. Wheatley (Shotley Bridge), and E. Todd (Leadgate), also awaited upon the Board with respect to the matter.

A paragraph from the *Durham Chronicle* relating to what transpired at the last meeting of the Spennymoor Local Board concerning the regulations, was also read by the Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN said the whole gist of the affair appeared to be concentrated in the latter part of the statement. Supposing that Mr Simey were written to, and he requested the butchers a similar slaughter-house, were they prepared to do so?

Mr HUDSON understood that the butchers were prepared to erect a general slaughter-house close to the Consett Station.

Mr Parker said that such was the case. The only question they were afraid of was that the Executive Committee might object to the removal of cattle by rail from Newcastle to Consett.

Mr CARSS thought it a pity to put the butchers to the expense of building a temporary slaughter-house near the Station, unless the County Authorities requested them to do so.

Mr Parker explained that the butchers were permitted to send cattle to Stockton, Jarrow, and all borough towns, but they could not convey the beasts from Newcastle to Consett, because the latter place was not incorporated.

Mr Wheatley said that the Hebburn Local Board had, through their influence, managed to get the cattle conveyed into their district, and therefore they thought the members of the Consett Local Board ought to exert themselves in order to get the cattle brought into this town. If the beasts were to be killed in the place, they were quite willing to do so. Now that the hot weather was approaching they would be placed at a great disadvantage. They found that at the present time they were loosing far more than they ought to do. Moreover, the local butchers could not compete with the butchers in borough towns. If however, they were allowed to transmit the cattle by rail from Newcastle to Consett, and have them slaughtered in the town, then they would be placed on the same footing as the butchers in the boroughs. Should they have to apply to the other two Local Boards, he thought they ought to be permitted to bring their cattle by rail into the town, even if they had to kill the beasts at Consett Station.

The CHAIRMAN thought the best way would be for the Board to send a copy of the petition just as it stood, without any additional remarks. They need not say anything about the slaughter-house; it was time enough to think of the subject when it was broached by the Executive Committee.

Mr DAVISON inquired if the deputation had any idea as to how far this proposed slaughter-house would be situated from the Station?

Mr Wheatley said they had not as yet made any arrangement for a slaughter-house.

The CHAIRMAN: If you can get cattle removed into Consett alive that is all you desire?

Mr Wheatley: Yes; this is becoming a very serious matter for us.

The CHAIRMAN: It is quite as serious a matter for the inhabitants as well as yourselves. It will be a great blessing if this arrangement is granted, and you are enabled to reduce the high price of meat. I cordially agree with the object, and I don't think any member of this Board will demur from it. The Chairman eventually moved that the Clerk be authorised to prepare a copy of the petition of the butchers, on behalf of the Consett Local Board, and forward the same to the proper authorities at Durham.

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

THE VACANT GROUND IN JOHN STREET.

Mr Armstrong, of Newcastle, agent for the executors and trustees of the late Mr J. Dickinson, of Shotley Bridge, interviewed the Board with reference to a vacant piece of ground at the top of Pit Street and John Street, Consett, and which is not fenced in. Mr Armstrong explained that latterly, there has been a great number of shows and cheap exhibitions standing on this plot of land, which were considered a perfect nuisance. The executors, therefore, desired to fence this ground properly, without encroaching upon any one else's property.

The CHAIRMAN thought the best way to deal with the question would be to submit it to the Roads Committee, who should either meet Mr Armstrong or Mr Robinson Curry, and discuss the subject on the spot, and see what was best to be done.

Mr Armstrong was quite agreeable to this arrangement.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that there was a question concerning the width of the road in front of some houses built by Mr Jenkins. It was thought that, if this idea was carried out, there would not be sufficient frontage to form a 30 ft. street in front of the cottages he referred to.

Mr Armstrong said he was quite willing to continue the full width of the street, but the main difficulty was with respect to the top street.

Mr CARSS moved that the Roads Committee meet Mr Armstrong or his representative on the spot, for the purpose of discussing the matter, and see what arrangements can be effected, the Committee to report thereon at the next Board.

Mr SIDDELL, in seconding, suggesting that instead of the last clause, the Committee should have power to settle the matter at once. It was only a waste of time postponing these questions from month to month.

Mr CARSS said that he should certainly object to any Committee having such power. In that case he should withdraw from the resolution.

The amended motion was accordingly proposed by Mr SHELL, seconded by Mr SIDDELL, and carried, Mr Carss only dissenting.

THE SHERBURN TERRACE GRIEVANCE.

It will be remembered that at a special meeting of the Board, the respective claims submitted by Mr John Bell, grocer, and Mr Quinn, innkeeper, in consequence of the flooding of their business premises in Sherburn Terrace in March last through the excessive pressure in the Board's sewer, it was then resolved that the Board deny all liability in the matter.

A letter was now read from Mr Booth, solicitor, of Shotley Bridge, who stated that Mr Bell had consulted him touching this matter. Mr Bell had not asked to recouped for more than real damage and loss he had sustained by the accident; and Mr Bell would be glad to see the Board have some disinterested-person appointed as arbitrator to assess the amount of damage, providing that such person would hear what Mr Oley, who examined the premises and estimated the damage a few days after the occurrence, had to say.

After a lengthened and varied discussion, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr TAYLOR, seconded by Mr SIDDELL, to let the subject stand in *status quo.*

SEWER FOR CONSETT IRON COMPANY'S NEW HOUSES.

The Surveyor stated that he had let the tender to Mr Ridley, and he was now going on with the work of laying in the sewer.

The members expressed themselves satisfied with the transaction.

AN OLD QUESTION.

The matter as to putting the road leading to Mr Knox's property into proper, order by making a 36 feet street, again came before the Board.

The CHAIRMAN asked Mr Anysley if he would object to do his share of the work? He thought that gentlemen would be greatly consulting his own interests if he did so, as it would have to be done by him sometime, and then they might get the other property-owners to do their portions, and so end a question that had been so long and tediously talked about.

Mr AYNSLEY: I do not intend to build there at present; and until I do so I shall not do my portion of the work.

Mr CARSS: The place in question has become a great nuisance, and I think it is now time we should compel the owners to make a 36 feet street.

Mr AYNSLEY: I do not think you can do so—not me, at least.

Mr CARSS said he could prove they could, and would do so at next meeting.

Mr AYNSLEY explained that he had a plan of six houses he proposed building (which he laid before the Board), and if they would allow him to do this, he would not object to making his portion of the street.

The CHAIRMAN thought that they could not do better than let the plan be inspected by the Building Committee, and if they found it to comply with the bye-laws, then pass it. This would bring the whole affair right.

Mr SIDDELL: I quite agree with the suggestion, as it is high time the work was done.

Mr AYNSLEY: I will think over the matter, and give you my decision at next meeting.

The matter then dropped.

SEWER FOR CONSETT HALL ROAD.

The Surveyor laid plans and specifications required for the carrying out of this work before the Board, as per instructions received from them.

A lengthy discussion, ensued in the course of which Mr Douglas, the Company's Engineer, stated that the amount of the work to be done by the Board would cost £190. This was considered a large sum; but as it must be done sooner or later, it was resolved to do the work at once, and instructions were given to the Clerk to advertise for tenders for the same.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Appended is the Inspector's (Mr Rippon) monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month the highways in your district have had careful attention, and are now in good order.

The kerbs, channells, and flags in public streets are being repaired.

I have received from Mr J. B. Kell 116 tons of whinstone, which the breakers are preparing for use.

I have certified that the first nine houses built by the Consett Iron Company, on the north side of West Victoria Street, are in my opinion fit for human habitation.

PRIVIES AND ASHPITS.

I have closely inspected your district, and find the ashpits with a good deal of refuse in them, the inhabitants evidently having anticipated being freed from the obligation of emptying them.

I also find that there are a number of privies and ashpits which may be taken as the type of all that is bad among privies. The ashpit usually consists of a receptacle of large capacity with which the privies communicate, the walls generally being rubble, thus allowing free percolation of liquid into the surrounding soil: the ashpit is rarely roofed over, and is so situated, as to receive in addition to the rain falling upon its own proper surface, all the rain falling upon the roofs of the surrounding privies, varying in numbers from one to eight, each privy communicates with the ashpit by means of a square aperture, proper admixture of the excrement with ashes is therefore impossible, and in addition to this, in many cases a quantity of subsoil water finds its way into the ashpit, thus leading to rapid decomposition, with consequent bad and foul smells.

I have hitherto used my best endeavours to abate nuisances of this kind, but find that they speedly recur, especially after heavy rain-falls, I consider that the above-named evils may to a great extent be prevented by improved construction. In my opinion the following rules should be observed: —(1) Privies should always be detached from the houses; (2) no part of the ashpit should be below the ground; (3) the ashpit should be made watertight; (4) it should be covered, but with ample provision for ventilation, which should be at the top and not at the side; (5) it should not be connected with any drain; (6) the ashpit should be of small capicity; (7) the privy seat should be hinged so that the ashes may be thrown directly over the exrement.

WATER CLOSETS.

Very many of the water closets which are put into the better class of houses in this district are in my opinion defective, the soil pipes are rarely ventilated, and even when they are only a small pipe is used.

It cannot be too strongly insisted upon that one of the most important objects to be aimed at in house drainage is the prevention of all escapes of sewer gases into the house.

The best method of attaining the object in the case of water pipes from lavatories, sinks, &c., is to take it through an external wall and make it discharge in the open air over a trapped gully grating.

The same principle should also be carried out in the case of water closets, though the method is different; in this case the simplest plan is to continue the soil pipe in its full diameter up to the roof, leaving it open to the external air; another opening should be made at its lower end, and by means of a water trap placed at the sewer side of the lower opening a current of air will be created through the pipes.

MAIN SEWERS.

I think the time has now come when the proper ventilation of your sewers should have attention. I look upon this as important to prevent foul smells coming from the grates in the streets; also to prevent sewer gas finding its way into the houses. I think this will appear desirable unto you when you consider that you have in your district the following main sewers, namely, 1,900 lineal yards of 18-in., 1,100 lineal yards of 15-in., 3,900 lineal yards of 12-in., 2,850 lineal yards of 9-in., and 150 lineal yards of 6-in.

THE REMOVAL OF HOUSE REFUSE.

This duty at present devolves upon the occupiers, and is not undertaken by your Board in any part of the district, and much inconvenience frequently results, the contents of the ashpits consisting in a great part of cinders which the farmers object to remove, asserting that they do more harm than good to their land, consequently they are thrown to one side in the huge receptacle, and being of a porous nature quickly absorb a quantity of liquid filth which leads to the results before mentioned. In order, therefore, to bring about some improved scheme for the more efficient and prompt removal of house refuse, I beg to submit for your consideration the following different methods, and ask you to consider which is the most practicable to adopt—(1) Whether this Board should purchase horses, carts, &c., and remove the whole of the refuse in the district themselves; (2) whether tenders should be invited for performing both manual and team labour, providing carts, &c., the contractor to take the manure and find a suitable place to deposit it; (3) divide the district into (say) four parts, and negociate with farmers living in the neighbourhood, who may require manure of this sort, and arrange to give them an amount which you may consider reasonable, and hold them responsible for their respective districts, the rough ashes could go to the Old Quarry, near Number One. For your information I append the number of privies, water closets, and ashpits, in your district:—Privies 789; water closets 114; ashpits 536.

I have received and paid to treasurer the following amounts:—

	£	s.	d.
Consett Iron Company, Cheque for half cost of sewer in West Derwent Street	17	9	1
From Mr Dolphin, for sewerage manure	5	5	0
Market Tolls	1	0	9

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant.

WILLIAM RIPPON.

May 1st, 1883.

The CHAIRMAN said the report was an excellent one; but they could not go into it in detail that day. They might leave it over to the Building Committee, and let them report thereon.

As regards ashpits Mr CARSS expressed his opinion that they should be covered with wood.

The CHAIRMAN: It would be off in three weeks. The people would take it off for firewood.

Mr HUDSON: Cement roofs would be best, in my opinion; I have always found them far more superior to slates.

Mr CARSS: I rather doubt that; but, at any rate, I propose the report be left in the hands of the Building and Sanitary Committees, who would report thereon.

On Mr SIDDELL seconding this, it was agreed to without opposition.

APPLICATION FROM MR S. ROWE.

A letter was read from this gentleman asking the permission of the Board to erect two pantries on to his premises (a plan of which he laid before them), and he would be greatly obliged.

Mr DAVISON said there was ample room for Mr Rowe to erect the pantries.

Mr CARSS: Are the pantries he purposes to build shown on the plan?

Mr DAVISON: No.

Mr CARSS: Then I propose that he be requested to get them inserted on the plan, and lay it before the Building Committee, who would have power to pass them if found correct.

Mr HUDSON seconded this, and it was agreed to by all the members.

GENERAL DISTRICT RATE.

The CHAIRMAN read the estimate for the ensuing half-year, and intimated that a rate of 10d in the £ would have to be made out.

Mr CARSS moved, and Mr AYNSLEY seconded, that this be done, which was unanimously agreed to by all the members.

SLUSH CART.

On the motion of Mr CARSS, seconded by Mr TAYLOR, it was resolved to let the subject of purchasing a slush cart remain for a month.

INDICATOR FOR WATER CART.

A letter was read from the Consett Water Company's engineer stating that the Leadgate and Benfieldside Local Boards had an indicator on their respective water carts, which showed the amount of water consumed, and by which they could also tell if their workmen wasted any water or if they neglected to put sufficient on the streets. It was highly essential that the Consett Board should have one on their cart also.

The CHAIRMAN: What have we to do in this matter?

Rev F. STEGGALL: What will one of these indicators cost?

Mr CARSS: The one at Benfieldside cost £3.

Rev F. STEGGALL: That is a lot of money. Is it really necessary we should get such a thing.

Mr HUDSON thought it was.

Mr CARSS: It just amounts to this—if you don't get one put on the water cart, after they have given us a gentle hint, they will make us do so. I therefore move that the Clerk write for prices, to lay them at next meeting.

This was agreed to on being seconded by Mr HUDSON.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr W. M. Renton (the Medical Officer) submitted the following vital statistics for the past quarter:—

68 births, representing an annual ratio of 35·6 per 1,000, —37 males and 31 females. 33 deaths representing an annual ratio of 17·1 per 1,000, 19 males and 14 females.

	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	1
Whooping Cough	1
Totals, Miasmatic form of Disease	2
Pulmonary Consumption	4
Bronchitis, Pneumonia, and Pleurisy	5
Tubercular Disease other than Pulmonary Consumption	1
Disease of the Heart	3
Diseases of the Brain and Spinal Cord	1
Diseases of the abdominal viscera	2
Inquest Cases	3
Other Diseases not named	11
Total deaths from all causes	33

(Signed) W. M. RENTON.

The CHAIRMAN: Our death-rate is exceedingly high.

Mr DUNNE: I do not think it is so very high according to the population.

Mr CARSS: I think like our Chairman that it is great for the size of the district.

Mr DUNNE: If the population was known properly I would say the death-rate would come down from 17·1 to about 13 per 1,000. When the census was taken he knew of instances where there had been 17 persons living in one house and there had been but 9 put down for it. When it was taken all the night-shift men were at work, and I calculate that there would be about 1,000 persons left out of the census. The population has also been increasing greatly, and altogether I would say we have in our district about 9,000 people, while now it is reckoned at about 7,000.

The CHAIRMAN said that would bring the death-rate down considerably if it was so, and he had no doubt but what it was.

Mr CARSS thought it quite palpable that this should be so, as also did other members, and the matter dropped.

PASSENGER AND GOODS STATION FOR CONSETT.

Mr AYNSLEY had observed through the newspapers that the N.E.R. Company were about to carry out the scheme of laying a passenger railway from Consett to Annfield Plain and other places. He would therefore suggest that they send a deputation to the Directors of the Company requesting them to erect both a passenger and goods station at the old Carrhouse Station in Delves Lane. He might say that goods coming from Newcastle cost them 4s per ton to Benfieldside and for carting from there to Consett it was 3s 6d per ton, which he thought was a deal too much. A goods station would be a great boon to the tradesmen of Consett, seeing the great amount of money to be paid for carting it from Benfieldside.

The CHAIRMAN: It is a great deal, no doubt; but if there was a station erected in Consett, would the people travel from there.

Mr AYNSLEY: I have no doubt but that nine-tenths of the people would do so.

Mr CARSS: Could we not get a station more central than Carrhouse?

The CHAIRMAN: I think Carrhouse is about the centre for Leadgate and round-about. We could not desire a better place.

Rev F. STEGGALL: If there is a deputation I would suggest that they draw the attention of the Directors to the inconvenience of there being no ticket office on the south side of Consett Station. Even the insignificant station at Lanchester can boast of a ticket office on both sides of the platform, and I think we ought also to have one at Consett Station.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, I agree with you, Mr Steggall. Consett Station books more passengers than any similar station on the line, and there is not a worse one for inconvenience. If you have to wait for a train on the south platform, there is an apology of a shed (in which there is always a pool of water standing) for you to go into, with no fire, or any comfort whatever; while should a gentleman want a ticket he must cross the line for one, and by which people often lose the train. This, I think, is of as much importance as the other.

Mr DUNNE: That is quite true; it is about the worst station on the line. I really think that there ought to be a refreshment room in the place, with a license for wine, &c., as travellers had to go some way before they could get these, which was very inconvenient.

The CHAIRMAN: Oh no, not spirits; but they might have tea and coffee, &c.

Mr CARSS: Hear, hear.

Mr SIDDELL: I think we ought to try and get the present Consett Station altered first; it is far more urgent than the other.

Mr COLLINSON: But if we are not sharp the plans and all arrangements will be made out, and it will then be useless.

Mr SHELL: It would be very expensive sending a deputation to York to meet the Directors, and I think a letter on both subjects from the Chairman to them would be equally effective, if he would do so.

The CHAIRMAN expressed his willingness, saying it would give him pleasure to do so.

Mr SHELL: Then I move that the Chairman write to the Directors, asking for a passenger and goods station to be built at Consett, and also call their attention to the present one at Benfieldside and its inconveniences.

Mr AYNSLEY seconded the motion, which was carried.

THE SURVEYOR'S RESIDENCE.

Mr SHELL wished to draw the attention of the Board to the fact that their Surveyor and Inspector (Mr Rippon) was not living in their district. This was a great and unnecessary inconvenience. If a fire broke out in the district they would have to go to his residence at Blackhill to get the key for the fire-engine, he being the Captain of the fire-brigade. An instance of this occurred in the fire at Consett Hall, when the box with the reel in had to be broken open, just because the Captain did not live at Consett. He had received complaints from several persons as to having to go to Blackhill for anything they wanted. Seeing this, he proposed that they ask Mr Rippon to endeavour to get a house in Consett, or if he could not, for them to put that house into order for him to live in.

A long conversation here took place between Mr Rippon and the members, and it was finally settled to give Mr Rippon a period of three months in order to remove from Blackhill to Consett.

ALTERING A BLOCK PLAN.

Mr DAVISON presented a block plan of streets to be built behind Front Street, and desired the Board to allow him to make a slight alteration of the same.

The plan was inspected, and the CHAIRMAN proposed that the plan be altered as desired, subject to the approval of the Building Committee, together with Mr Collinson.

Mr HUDSON seconded this, and it was unanimously agreed to.

WOOD SHEDS, &C.

Mr DUNNE wished to draw the Board's attention to the fact that there were several wood pigsties, &c., erected in Gibson Street, beside the Wesleyan Schools. He did not think they ought to have been allowed to be built, as they were a great nuisance.

The CHAIRMAN: Who consented to let these places be built?

The Surveyor: Nobody; they have built them at their own peril.

The CHAIRMAN: Then it was your place to have stopped the work, when they were put up.

The Surveyor: They have been up some years.

The CHAIRMAN: That makes the thing worse. You should have immediately pulled them down when you first saw them.

Mr DUNNE: I was at the place to-day, and there is one in the course of erection. It is a curious thing that the street where they are situated cannot be made for the same.

Mr AYNSLEY said with regard to making the street, two of the owners had been complaining to him about they having made their portion of the same while the other owners had not done their share. He thought this was really hard, and something ought to be done as to getting the street properly made and taken over.

The CHAIRMAN (to the Surveyor): Do you know how many wooden sheds there are in the district, and who belongs them?

The Surveyor: No, sir; but I could get them by next meeting.

Mr COLLINSON said it did not look very well of them allowing people to build wood sheds, or anything of that kind, without ever knowing anything about it; while if a gentleman sends in a plan to build one, he is refused it.

Mr CARSS: Yes, it does look ludicrous. We ought to have plans for everything that is built.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr DUNNE, seconded by Mr SIDDELL, to serve notices on the owners of Store and Green Streets to properly make them, and shifting the wooden erections thereon. Also that the Surveyor get to know the owners of all wooden buildings, and lay a list before the next meeting.

ALTERATION OF COTTAGES.

Mr DAVISON presented a plan from Mr H. Cornforth of four cottages in Victoria Street, in which he wanted to make some alterations.

The matter was left over.

After some further business of a private nature had been transacted, the Board adjourned.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.—The North-Eastern Railway return of traffic shows an increase of £392 in passengers, &c., £173 in merchandise and cattle, and £510 in minerals; the only decrease being that of £293 in the dock dues. The increase on the half-year is £33,141, the total receipts being £1,931,777, against £1,898,636 in the corresponding half-year. The total receipts to date are £2,059,812.

Earl Granville and Mr Gladstone were the principal speakers on Wednesday evening on the occasion of the inaugural banquet of the National Liberal Club at the Westminster Aquarium. In proposing the toast, "Prosperity to the Club," coupled with the name of the President (the Prime Minister), Earl Granville, who was in the chair, said that whilst it had formerly been the habit of the Conservative party to ridicule Liberal organisations, Lord Salisbury had recently recommended to his own followers a close imitation of the example that had been set by means of the National Liberal Club. Mr Gladstone, in responding to the toast, remarked upon the threefold problem which the Liberal party had to consider when they came into office in 1880 consisting of foreign embarrassments and complications, arrears of domestic legislation, and financial deficiencies. He went on to defend the Irish and foreign policy of the Government and affirmed that the Liberal party was never more united than at present, and that never before had it greater or grander work to accomplish.

MEETING OF MECHANICS AND MINERS AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

FORMATION OF A BRANCH OF THE DURHAM FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting for the object of promoting the interest of the Labour and Political Organisations was held in the house of Mr Lumley, Annfield Plain, on Saturday last. The chair was occupied by Mr J. Orr, Chairman of the Durham Mechanics' Association.

In opening the meeting, the CHAIRMAN said the questions were of the greatest importance to the working classes. The whole of the business of the evening was the elevation of the class. The desire was to invite the people to see to their own welfare, and not to leave themselves in the hands of other people whose interest were entirely opposed to theirs. Unions gave mutual support. Much had been done and greater good would yet be achieved if working men were only true to themselves. Politics had been left to others to manage. This feeling was dying out, and by these meetings he believed they would ere long arouse the people to the sense of the true value of politics to them. He then introduced,

Mr JOHN TAYLOR, Dipton, to move the first resolution, as follows:—"Realizing the great good that Trades' Unions have been to the working classes in the past, in securing advances in wages, shortened hours of work, and better labour laws; and believing that there is great room for their operations in the future, we pledge ourselves to consolidate our Trade Organizations." Mr Taylor said he felt assured that nothing could be more convincing than the past history of the working classes of the use of Unions. Man's isolation had ever failed to achieve anything. It was against reason to expect any progress from such effort, as single handed, a workman must take whatever his master would give and to bear any amount of tyrrany his employers might think fit to impose upon him. Unions did not aim nor profess to set up a Utopia, but to make it possible for man to live to bring about a more equitable share of the profits of our commercial life. As it is, life to thousands was a drudge: not the least pleasure or even content—from Monday morning to Saturday night one continuous toil, keeping neck-to-neck race with machinery. Their life spent amid the smoke of the cokeoven and forge—the close and unhealthy atmosphere of a factory, the clanging of engines, or the darkness of the mine and their lives embittered by the knowledge of the fact (forced upon them by daily experience) that with all their toil and care they could not earn sufficient to maintain themselves and families in decency, and comfort. The life of the working classes presented the doleful aspect of generation after generation: son succeeding father like the endless roll of a human sea following each other in brief and sad strugglings for an existence. Had this state of things to continue? Their answer, he felt, would be No, emphatically No! Then let him assure them to make their answer effective, their action must be based upon the unity of the people. Built on this foundation (and no other could any man lay), then their structures of progress would be bright and permanent, and the benefit to them and theirs great beyond conception.

The motion was seconded by Mr L. TROTTER, Secretary to the Mechanics' Association, who, in the course of an able speech, said the motion in itself was sufficient enforcement of the principles and benefit of Trades Unions. During 50 years what great changes had been made in the position of the working classes. This was the proper test, compare the present with the past. There were many men in every village whose life's history bore unerring testimony to the change. The right of meeting had been conceded. A few years ago to be a workman was to be deprived of that right. Now the employer and employed stood equal in the sight of the law. Shortened hours of work. Does this fact not stand out in bold relief to the strength and glory of Trades Unions? What made the difference between boys, at the early age of five and six years being taken to the pit very early in the morning and kept until late at night; and the period of commencing work at twelve and fourteen, only however to remain in the pit for ten hours. What made this difference? Was it the charity of the masters? If so, why was it that that charity did not operate sooner? Surely there was an opportunity for it. If the employers were willing to be natural in their requirements from the human machines who toiled for them, why did they require an Act of Parliament to force them to it? None had felt the benefit of Unionism more than the Mechanic in this matter. He (the speaker) was not very old, but he had seen a marked change in the hours of the mechanic. He had seen, too, the association become weak and the employers take advantage of it; but by the force of Unionism the wrong had been righted. He hoped whatever laxity and coldness there might be would give place to an earnest identity of interest and warmth of spirit and that the trade organizations of Durham would by their consolidation become the means of good they were capable of being.

The second motion bearing on the political situation was moved by Mr T. JOHNSON, miner, Andrew's House Colliery, in the following terms:—"Believing that the Government will ere long bring in a Bill for the assimilation of the County to the Borough Franchise, yet recognising the great opposition the Tory party will offer to the measure when introduced, we pledge ourselves to aid all we can the passing of the Franchise Bill; and further this meeting is of opinion that to make the Franchise of proper use, the miners, mechanics', &c., should be prepared to support a Labour representative." He said he was in favour of these meetings being of a general character. The various classes of labour meeting in fellowship as it were. It was time that the working classes began seriously to examine the political structure of the country. In theory they were representative and the House of Commons is a reflex of the entire people; but in practice they had the largest portion of the people excluded from any share in politics. In this matter the mother country was far behind the colonies. If a man went to any of them he could, in five years, be entitled to all the rights and powers of a citizen, but in England, whose boast was that she stood ahead of all, a man might live and labour from boyhood to old age bearing his share of the burdens of the land, obeying its laws and yet never be allowed to share in the legislative life of the nation. The Franchise had in the part been brought to an equality. It was nearer than when the Reform movement was inaugurated. In 1832 the aristocracy held and controlled the politics of the nation. In 1867 it was given in part to the people and now the Government being pledged they were on the eve of a further extension of the suffrage. He hoped that when the working class householders were brought within the electoral pale, they would make a different use of the power aquired. One of the coming questions was, What use will the people make of the political power when they get it? In his mind there could only be one use, and that was to strengthen the Labour party. Mr Gladstone had expressed his desire for this. The working men who were there felt their weakness as they were, and realised that if the Labour questions were to receive a proper solution, it must be by the labourers themselves. Objections had been urged against this action. The men sent would be ignorant, and would care for nothing but class questions. The men who were there had given the lie to that objection.

Mr JOHN WILSON (Treasurer of the Durham Miners' Association) seconded the motion.

Mr P. BRAY, of Annfield Plain, moved the third resolution:—"That in the opinion of this meeting the formation of a branch of the Durham Franchise Association, composed of the inhabitants of Annfield Plain, would be of great service to that organisation, and the cause of reform; we therefore pledge ourselves to form such a branch and proceed at once to the election of the necessary officials." In support of the resolution he said there was great need for this being fulfilled. It would aid the carrying out of the previous motions, because as they met in a general meeting there would be an interchange of thought and ideas. Speaking of Durham, the political agitation had been confined to the miners, not because they did not desire the help of other branches of labour, but rather because the others had held aloof from them. He was very happy to learn that branches of the Mechanics and Cokemen were, however, becoming members of the Durham Franchise Association, and ere long he hoped the majority of the working men in and about the mines would give their adhesion to it. He felt assured that nothing would give greater facility to this than these local political clubs or organisations. He therefore had great pleasure in moving the resolution.

Mr PARLET seconded the motion, which, being carried unanimously, the meeting then proceeded to elect officers with the following result:—President, Mr P. Bray; treasurer, Thos. Aurthers; secretary, John Orr; committee, S. Wilson, J. Lumley, T. Martin, and S. Parlet.

The usual votes of thanks brought a very successful meeting to a close.

Business Announcements.

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Business Announcements.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

GEORGE PATTON, PLUMBER, GASFITTER, BRASS FOUNDER, &c., Has great pleasure in informing his Friends and the Public of Newcastle-on-Tyne and District that he has Removed from Neville Street, to larger and more commodious premises,

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Lately occupied by Messrs. Bone Bros., next door to King and Gillespie's Livery Stables, where having greater facilities than he has had before, he hopes to still further augment the increasing number of his Patrons.

Newcastle, July 5th, 1882. 711q

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THOMAS LAMMONBY, TAILOR AND WOOLLEN DRAPER, LEADGATE,

RESPECTFULLY announces that he HAS REMOVED from Front Street, to the NEW HOUSE AND SHOP, IVESTON ROAD, Leadgate.

In announcing his Removal to these Premises, he desires to thank his friends and the public generally for the patronage hitherto bestowed on him, and trusts by strict attention to Business, Moderate Prices, and Supplying a good Article, to merit a continuance of their favours. 561r

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Public Notices.

131 IS the Winning Number for the HORSE Drawn for at Blackhill. 732r

92 AND 56 are the Winning Numbers for the PICTURES drawn for at No. 5, Prospect Terrace, Blackhill. 710r

NOTICE.—A LEEK SHOW MEETING will be held at the house of Mr WILLIAM ROBSON, Kye, on Monday Night, May 7th, 1883, at Seven o'clock.

NOTICE.—GEORGE HARDY, Knitsley, will retire from the Practice of Doctoring Horses and Cattle after this Notice. 727r

STANLEY FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW will be held on Saturday, August 25th, 1883. 733r

LOOK OUT for the LEAZES DISTRICT BAND OF HOPE UNION DEMONSTRATION, on July 21st, 1883, at the Leazes, near Burnopfield. 571r

HAMSTERLEY GALA AND SPORTS will be held on May 19th, 1883, when PRIZES will be given for RUNNING, QUOITING, WRESTLING and a FREE KICK AT FOOTBALL. 666r

THE MEMBERS OF LEADGATE SAX-HORN BAND will hold an AMATEUR CONCERT, on Monday, May 7th, 1883. For particulars see Posters. 668r

STAGSHAWBANK FAIR.

A BRAKE will leave T. MOIR'S Livery Stables, Front Street, Consett, for Stagshawbank Fair, on Saturday, May 12th, at Six a.m. 745r

STAGSHAWBANK FAIR.

A BRAKE will leave R. CHRISTOPHER'S Livery Stables, Delves Lane, Consett, for Stagshawbank Fair, on Saturday, May 12th, at Six a.m. 728r

STAGSHAWBANK FAIR.

A BRAKE will leave Leadgate (passing through Consett), at Six o'clock on Whit-Saturday Morning, for Stagshawbank Fair.

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737r JOHN GIBBINSON, Shotley Bridge.

NEW LECTURE HALL, TRAFALGAR STREET, CONSETT.

WHIT-MONDAY and Tuesday, May 14th and 15th, 1883, Mr. S. CHAPPEL will give a Practical LESSON on the SEWING MACHINE. Doors open at 6 30; to commence at 7 o'clock. Reserved Seats, 1s.; Front Seats, 6d.; Back Seats, 3d.

JOHN MILBURN, Medomsley, Butcher, Deceased.

ALL persons indebted to the late JOHN MILBURN, Butcher, of Medomsley, are requested to PAY the amount to GEORGE EDWARD MILBURN, Butcher, of Medomsley who is authorised by the Executors to receive the same from this date.

ROBERT HEDLEY, JOHN E. SIMPSON, } Executors.

Consett, 4th May, 1883. 742r

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

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

M. RICHLEY, Secretary.

Gas Office, Shotley Bridge. 148q

CASTLESIDE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

ON WHIT-SUNDAY, May 13th, 1883, SERMONS will be Preached by the Rev. R. MORRISON HERDMAN, M.A., of North Shields. Services at 10·30 a.m. and 6·30 p.m. A Collection after each Service in aid of the Sunday School Funds.

On Saturday Afternoon, May 12th, the Sunday Scholars and their friends will take TEA together in a Field at Rowley. A Band will be in attendance. Tea at Four o'clock. Tickets for Tea, Ninepence each. 729r

Public Notices.

SPECIAL.—TO LADIES ONLY.—A Lady having discovered a SECRET invaluable to ladies generally, will be pleased to forward same gratis to any address on receipt of stamped directed envelope.—Address Mrs. C., Highland Villa, Totterdown, Bristol.

NOTICE.

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

SHOTLEY BRIDGE HIRING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 9TH, 1883.

☞ The Band will Play in the Enclosure at the Spa Grounds. 670r

ACCOUNTS OF HIGHWAY BOARD.

I, THE undersigned, the District Auditor and Auditor of Accounts relating to the relief of the Poor for the Durham Audit District, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that in pursuance of the Highways and Locomotives (Amendment) Act, 1878, I have appointed the AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended the 25th day of March last, of the Highway Board of the Lanchester Highway District, within the aforesaid Audit District, and of the Officers thereof, to commence on Wednesday, the 23rd day of May, 1883, at Four o'clock in the Afternoon, at the Board Room of the Guardians of the Poor of the Lanchester Union, when and where all Persons who by law are bound to account at such Audit are required to attend, and to submit all Books of Accounts, Bills, Accounts, Vouchers, and other documents containing or relating to the Accounts then to be Audited.

Dated this 28th day of April, 1883.

JAMES RADFORD.

7, Collingwood Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 72[illegible]r

DURHAM AUDIT DISTRICT.

LANCHESTER UNION, AND THE RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT IN THE SAID UNION.

AS AUDITOR of the above-named Audit District, I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I have appointed the AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS of the Lanchester Union, and of the Rural Sanitary District in the said Union, and of the several Parishes and Contributory Places contained in the said Union and District, or in the said Union solely, for the half-year ended 25th, 1883, to commence on Thursday, the Twenty-fourth day of May next, at Four o'clock in the Afternoon, at the Union Board Room, Lanchester, when and where all persons who by law are bound to account at such Audit are required to attend, and to submit all Books, Documents, Bills, and Vouchers containing or relating to the accounts or to moneys assessed for, and applicable to the Relief of the Poor, or to Sanitary Purposes.

Dated the Twenty-eighth day of April, 1883.

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A GRAND ORIENTAL

BAZAAR & FANCY FAIR

In aid of the Extension Fund, will be held in the TOWN HALL, SHOTLEY BRIDGE ON WHIT-MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY MAY 14th, 15th, and 16th, 1883.

The Bazaar will be opened on WHITSUN-MONDAY, at 1·30 p.m., by

J. SAUREY-COOKSON, ESQ., OF NEASHAM HALL.

The Hall will be Decorated in EASTERN STYLE by Messrs. CARNEGIE and GULLACHSON, of Newcastle.

There will be EXHIBITIONS of WAXWORKS during each day.

ROMBERG'S & HAYDN'S TOY SYMPHONIES Will be given by the Band, and an excellent Programme of VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC Will be performed during each Afternoon and Evening, for particulars of which see Programmes, to be obtained in the Hall.

☞ ADMISSION—

MONDAY, 1·30 to 10 p.m. - - - 1s.
TUESDAY, 1·0 to 10 p.m. - - - 1s.
WEDNESDAY, 1·0 to 10 p.m. - - - 6d.
SEASON'S TICKET (not Transferable), 3s. 741r

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

4, Ledger Terrace, Blackhill.—Sale of Mahogany and other Household Furniture, Best Feather and Down Beds, Shop Goods, Scales and Weights, and Miscellaneous Effects:

ADAM BRODIE is instructed by the Representatives of the late Mrs. REED, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, No. 4, Ledger Terrace, Blackhill, on Monday, May 7th, 1883, the whole of the Superior Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, as follows:—Good Mahogany Press; Splendid Eight-days' Clock, in Mahogany Case, by Marshall: Mahogany Card Table; Desk Bedstead; Bookcase; Four-poled Bedstead; 2 splendid Iron Bedsteads and Mattresses; handsome Mahogany Centre Table; 6 beautiful Mahogany Chairs, in Hair-seating; 6 excellent Polished Birch Chairs; Arm Chair; Washstand; Swing Glass Mirror; Best Feather and Down Beds; 25 yards of Best Carpet; neat Walnut Coffee Table; together with the whole of the Kitchen Utensils and Sundries, including Pots, Pans, Earthenware. Also, Part Shop Goods, and 2 pairs of Scales and Weights.

Sale to commence at One o'clock in the Afternoon prompt. 70[illegible]r

Sherburn Terrace, Consett.—Superior, Well-built, and pleasantly situate Freehold House for Sale.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mr. GEORGE NEASHAM, who is removing to the City of Durham, to offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mr. GEORGE BROWN, Railway Hotel, Consett, on Thursday, May 10th, 1883, at Half-past Seven o'clock in the Evening, and subject to conditions to be then and there produced and read, all that Superior, Well-built, and Convenient

FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE,

Situate in Sherburn Terrace, Consett, as at present occupied by the Owner, and containing Sitting-room, Kitchen, and 3 good Bed-rooms, with large Yard, and every Convenience.

The upper Timbers of the House are so arranged and prepared that a large Attic with proper Domer Window may be put in at a trifling cost.

Mr NEASHAM will shew the Premises, and further particulars may be had from him; or from the AUCTIONEER, at his Office, Town Hall, Consett.

Possession may be had at an early date. 696r

Thursday, May 10th.—Railway Hotel, Consett.—Important Sale of Gas Shares.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed to offer for SALE BY AUCTION at Mr. GEORGE BROWN'S, Railway Hotel, Consett, on Thursday, May 10th, at Half-past Seven o'clock, and immediately after the Sale of the above-named Property, 30 Fully-paid B Shares in the Shotley Bridge and District Gas Company. 701r

TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

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

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SALES BY AUCTION of HORSES, CARRIAGES and SADDLERY, EVERY TUESDAY, at Two o'clock.

Entries respectfully solicited.

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Sales by Auction.

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PRESENT ENTRIES:—

35 PRIME FAT BULLOCKS AND HEIFERS.

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70 FAT SHEEP AND LAMBS, including 40 very Prime Fat Hoggs from Berwickshire, out of their Wool.

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7 INCALVING COWS AND HEIFERS.

3 VERY NEAT INCALVING HALF-BRED HEIFERS, from Mr. Green, Satley.

1 BLUE-GREY GELD COW, very fresh.

SEVERAL GELD COWS and YOUNG STOCK

2 PORK PIGS.

☞ 1 Pony, 8 years old, 12 h.h., quiet in Saddle and Harness; 2 Frame Saws; 1 Coup Cart; 1 light Waggonette, in capital order.

☞ Sale will commence punctually at One.

NICHOLSON and MURRAY, Auctioneers.

By Mr. John Riddell.

Crown and Thistle Auction Sale Yard, Groat Market, Newcastle.—Highly Important Sale of Forty Handsome High Stepping Cobs and Ponies, possessing Bone, Quality, and Superior Action, to which the attention is invited of Colliery Owners and others in search of really superior animals where strength and activity is required.

MR. JOHN RIDDELL, favoured with instructions from the Importer, begs to announce that he will SELL BY AUCTION, without the slightest reserve, on Tuesday, May 8th, 1883, at Two o'clock prompt, 40 HANDSOME HIGH STEPPING COBS AND PONIES. These animals are remarkable for their docility of temper, surefootedness, and great endurance, and are all trained to both saddle and harness. They range in height from 12 to 14 hands, and in age from 4 to 7 years, and will be found the best lot of Cobs and Ponies introduced into the North of England this Season. On view Monday, day prior to Sale. 699r

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

Oxhill.—Saturday, May 5th, 1883.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. MILES HANDY, Sen., who is emigrating, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at above place and date, all his choice Household FURNITURE and General EFFECTS. See Bills.

Sale to begin at Half-past One o'clock. 671r

Waggon Way Row, Marley Hill, May 7th, 1883.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, commissioned by Mr. G. WAILES, will SELL all his Household FURNITURE, GREENHOUSE PLANTS, BOOKS, &c. See Bills.

Sale to begin at Half-past Two o'clock. 712r

Short Notice.—Wesley Terrace, Dipton, May 7th, 1883.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. WM. LIGHTBURN, who is declining business, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at his Premises, on the above date, a large portion of his Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE, SHOP FIXTURES, SHOW GLASSES, CADDIES, SADDLE AND BRIDLE, BRASS SCALES AND WEIGHTS, SEWING MACHINE AND COVER, LIBRARY OF BOOKS, and other numerous appointments. See Bills.

Sale to begin at One o'clock. 711r

Redworth Road, Shildon Colliery, Saturday, May 12th, 1883.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. GEORGE SHIPLEY, who is leaving England for America, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date, all his very superior Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE, HARMONIUM, 10 Stops; large LIBRARY OF BOOKS, and immense heterogeneous lots. See Bills.

Sale to begin at Eleven o'clock. 718r

Railway Cottages, White-le-Head, Whit-Monday, May 14th, 1883.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. THOMAS BRANHAM, who is Emigrating, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date, all his Valuable Household FURNITURE, BOOKS, and other appointments. See Bills.

Sale to begin at One o'clock 719r

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By Mr. J. Jenkins.

Trafalgar Street Sale-Rooms, Consett.

MR. JOHN JENKINS will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the above Sale-Rooms, on Monday First, May 7th, 1883, a large quantity of Valuable Household FURNITURE, comprising—Cottage Piano; excellent Mahogany Drawers and Bookcase; Mahogany Drawers; Painted Bed-room Drawers; Washstand and Dressing Table; Birch Press Bed, in good condition; large Side Table; Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating; Couch, in Hair-seating; 6 Mahogany Chairs; Easy Chair; Rocking Chair; Windsor and Cane Chairs; strong Longsettle; Sewing Machine; Mantlepiece Mirror; Mahogany Centre Table; Tea and other Tables; Eight-days' Clock; 2 Timepieces; Tester and French Iron Bedsteads; Fold and Camp Bedsteads; Feather, Down, and Flock Beds; assortment of Pictures; Ladies' Work Table; Parlour and Kitchen Fenders and Fireirons; Pans, Kettles, Scuttles, Pails, Tubs, together with a quantity of Crockery Ware.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 735r

By Mr. March.

Hamsterley South Field Farm, by Lintz Green Station.
Sale of Farming Stock.

MR. MARCH, favoured with the confidence of Mr. EMBLETON, who is declining Farming, will submit to PUBLIC COMPETITION, on Thursday, May 10th, 1883, the whole of his Valuable FARMING STOCK, on the above-named Farm. Synopsis:—

CATTLE—6 good Cross-bred Cows, all grand milkers; 1 S.H. Cow, five weeks calved; 5 S.H. Stirks; 7 S.H. Calves, all a very nice lot.

HORSES—An excellent good Draught Mare, 9 years old, with Foal at foot, by Pride of Aberdeen; Grey Horse, 7 years old, a well-known good worker.

SWINE AND POULTRY—Two very fine Bacon Pigs; 40 Barndoor Fowls; Muscovy and Rouen Ducks.

IMPLEMENTS—Two Coup Carts, with Frames; Iron Swing and Double Ploughs; Set of Harrows; Scuffler; Scrubber; Grub Harrow; Metal Roller; Double Turnip Sower; Brigham and Co.'s Grass Mower; Horse Hay Rake; 2 Ladders; Plough and Cart Harness for 3 Horses; Saddle and Bridle; Hand Tools; Racks and Troughs; Cow Chains, &c. The Implements were all lately new, and by the best makers.

Also, a quantity of SEED POTATOES.

Sale at One p.m.

Houghton-by-Wylam, May 3rd, 1883. 735r

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Joseph Oley.

Snows Green Road, Shotley Bridge.

MR. R. WESTGARTH, Builder, &c., having removed from Shotley Bridge, has instructed Mr. JOSEPH OLEY to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place, on Saturday, May 5th, 1883, all his BUILDING MATERIAL, including Scaffolding Planks, Trestles, Ladders, Ropes, Work Tools, Dressed Long Stones, Quoins, &c., Coping, Glazed Pipes, Fire Bricks, and a portion of FURNITURE. Particulars given in Handbills.

Sale to commence at One p.m. 664r

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

By Mr. William Raw.

58, Durham Road, Blackhill.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, having been instructed by Mr. WILLIAM YOUNG, who is leaving Blackhill, will SELL BY AUCTION, a part of his Valuable Household FURNITURE, SHOP FITTINGS, &c., on Monday, May 7th, 1883, comprising—Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating; Mahogany Sideboard; 6 Mahogany Chairs, in Hair-seating; Mahogany Hair-seated Easy Chair; Mahogany Rocking Chair; Mantle Mirror, in Gilt Frame; good Two-light Gas Chandelier, with Globes; Kitchen Table; Iron and Brass Bedstead; Iron French Bedstead; Iron Half-Tester Bedstead; 2 Cornice Poles and Rings; Wood Shed; 2 Sets of Counter Scales and Weights; 3 Tea Canisters; 6 Gallon Oil Tin, with Tap; 8 Milk Measures; Biscuits; Jars; Starch; Slates, and other Stock-in-Trade.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock. 675r

By Mr. P. Osborne.

Preliminary Announcement.

MR. P. OSBORNE, instructed by Mr. WILLIAM TURNER, Station Hotel Blackhill, who is declining business, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday, the 21st of May, 1883, the whole of his surplus FURNITURE and EFFECTS. Particulars next week. 743r

By Mr. John Crawford.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, instructed by Mrs. BATEY, widow of the late James Batey, Red House, Burnhill, near Waskerley, will SELL the whole of her Household FURNITURE, STOCK, &c., on Saturday First, May 5th, 1883, consisting of a handsome Milk Cow; Steer; Ewe and Lamb; 30 Hens and Cock; 2 Cur Dogs; Dairy Utensils; Butter Tub; Scales, Milk Cans, Grapes, Forks, Shovels, Saws, Axes, Tubs, Cow Chains, Hay Knife, and the whole of the Household Furniture. For particulars see Posters.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 747r

JOHN CRAWFORD,
AGRICULTURAL VALUER AND FURNITURE AUCTIONEER,
25, VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT.

Business done promptly and on reasonable terms.

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By Mr. J. Vickers.

Newlands Hall, near Wolsingham.

J. VICKERS, commissioned by JOHN HERBERT, Esq., who is leaving the above Farm, will SELL BY AUCTION, without Reserve, on Wednesday, May 9th, 1883, the whole of the Valuable FARM STOCK, &c., on the Premises, viz:—

CATTLE.

8 Short-horn Incalving Cows and Heifers.
1 Half-bred Heifer, time up.
1 Short-horn Geld Cows.
21 Steers and Heifers, from 1 to 2 years old.

SHEEP.

30 Young Half-bred Ewes and Lambs, by Leicester Tups.
70 Half-bred Ewe and Wether Hoggs, very fresh.
6 Do. Ewes, fat.
150 Black-faced Ewes and Lambs, by Leicester Tups.
130 Black-faced Ewes and Lambs, by Scotch Tups.
50 Black-faced Shearling Wethers.
80 Black-faced Ewe and Wether Hoggs.
4 Border Leicester Tups.
3 Scotch Tups.

HORSES.

Draught Mare, in Foal to "Earl Granville."
Bay Draught Horse, 5 years old, right in every respect.
Draught Colt, 2 years old.
Draught Filly, 2 years old.
Splendid Half-bred Mare, 4 years old, by "Marquis of Lorne."
Superior Black Cob, 4 years old. Also,
A Collection of Modern Implements.

Luncheon on the Premises—Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, returned to purchasers.

Sale to commence at 12·30 prompt. Terms Cash.

Newlands Hall is 2 miles from Wolsingham Station, on Wear Valley Branch of North-Eastern Railway.

☞ The Farm adjoins the Highway leading from Wolsingham to Stanhope.

For full particulars see Bills.

Tunstall House, Wolsingham. 678r

By Mr. William Nicholson.

Bunker's Hill Farm, one mile from Consett Station.

MR. WILLIAM NICHOLSON, instructed by Mr ANTHONY SHAW, who is declining Farming, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Tuesday, May 8th, 1883, the whole of the Valuable FARMING STOCK, FARM IMPLEMENTS, DAIRY UTENSILS, and a portion of the Household FURNITURE, consisting of—

HORSES.

Lot 1—Very clever Brown Mare, 6 years old, about 15-2 hands high.
" 2—Brown Mare, 3 years old, about 15-2 hands high.
" 3—Grey Mare, 10 years old, 16 hands high, in foal to Brown George.
" 4—Powerful Grey Horse, 6 years old, 16 h. high.
" 5—Brown Horse, aged.
" 6—Bay Colt, 2 years old, by Honest Tom.
" 7—Grey Yearling Filly, by Brown George.
" 8—Black Yearling Colt, by Ling Cropper.
" 9—Bay Yearling Colt, by Ling Cropper.

CATTLE AND SHEEP.

1 Incalving Cow.
1 Short-horn Cow, near calving.
2 Short-horn Cows, fresh in milk.
1 Half-bred Cow, due to calve in May.
2 2 year old Short-horn Steers.
1 2 years old Short-horn Heifers.
2 1 year old Short-horn Steers.
1 Steer Stirk.
1 Heifer Stirk.
1 Finger Calf.
1 Short-horn Bull, 1½ years old.
31 Leicester Ewes, with 6 Lambs.
2 Leicester Ewes, fat.
3 Leicester Gimmer Hoggs.
60 Young Hens.
6 Ducks.
1 Turkey Hen and Eggs.
6 Tame Rabbits.
1 House Dog.

IMPLEMENTS, DAIRY UTENSILS, AND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

3 Coup Carts, one new; Long Cart; Dog Cart and Harness; 3 Combined Reaping Machines, in good order; Roller; Double Turnip Drill; Scufflers; Clod Crushers; Four-horse Grubber; 3 Pairs of Three-bulled Harrows; 3 Iron Swing Ploughs; Pair of Seed Harrows; Horse Hay Rake; Pair of Four-horse Harrows; 2 Ladders; 2 Corn Bings; Sheep Troughs; Turnip Cutter; large Metal Pot; Water Barrel Rolley; Water Barrel; Pig Troughs; Strong Vice; Grindstone and Stand; Rakes, Forks, Spades, and Shovels; Scythes; Cradles and Sulds; Cow Bands; Cow Tubs; a quantity of Old Iron; Plough, Cart, and Trace Harness, for 8 Horses; Set of Breaking Bridles and Pad, nearly new; Swingletrees; Night Collars; Mangle, nearly new; with the whole of the Dairy Utensils, and a quantity of Scotch Regent Seed Potatoes. 691r

Sale to commence at One o'clock to a minute.

Business Announcements.

MOST MONEY LENT
On Silver Plate, Watches, Jewellery, Diamonds, and other Precious Stones, Plated Goods, Cutlery, Guns, &c., &c., at

J. & E. WILSON'S,
The Oldest Established and Largest Pawnbroking Business in the North of England. Established 1780.

12, PILGRIM STREET
(FOUR DOORS BELOW BLACKETT STREET).
PRIVATE ENTRANCE: FIRST SIX DOORS IN HIGH FRIAR LANE.
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. 297r

A NOTE!

Were the enormous advantages resulting from purchasing "Patent" and other Medicines from Mr. ROBERTS, The Newcastle Chymist, properly understood, we have no hesitation in stating that Consett residents requiring such and similar articles would invariably call (when in Newcastle) and consult Mr. ROBERTS, at 1, NEW BRIDGE STREET, or 97, CLAYTON STREET, where Patent Medicines may be had at less than London Store Prices. Our Consett friends will do well to make, a note' of this fact! 494r

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"OXHILL AND GREENCROFT" and "LOCAL BOARD."—These letters, which are in type, are unavoidably held over.

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, MAY 4TH, 1883.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

Annfield Plain has taken the lead in the exhibitions of the season, but whether the Society under whose auspices the venture was got up can be said to be in advance of the age is a very different thing. The genius of the controlling spirits seems to be creative rather than imitative. Still they might, for the sake of effect, have carried the thing a little further, and instead of showing off Miss Puss like a squirrel in a cage, have had a match at mice-catching; then would pussy have fulfilled her destiny. Much has been said and written of late about the proper sphere which this one and that was best qualified to fill, but I do not think that there need be two opinions about pussy's proper element. She is best employed grinding a song by the hearth, or turning her tail to the fire to give warning of approaching storms.

A "knotty point" in the Poor Law Act engaged the attention of the Lanchester Board of Guardians the last time they sat in council, and as considerable diversity of opinion seemed to exist among the members of the Board the matter was held over pending enquiries into the merits of the case. It appears that the action of the Guardians is hampered by certain rules and regulations of the Local Government Board touching the point at issue. The case is a very interesting one, and in the discussion bearing thereon it is pleasing to know that the majority of the members leaned to virtue's side; that is, they took a broad view of the question, and seemed wishful to encourage habits of frugality and independence. The case, it will be remembered, was that of an old man who applied to the Board for out-relief, but that body had, with characteristic vigilance, ascertained that the applicant was in receipt of 4s. per week from the Miners' Permanent Relief Fund, and that he obtained 2s. 6d. from the Chester-le-Street Union on behalf of his wife, besides certain perquisites common to colliery hands. Can the Guardians under the circumstances, grant the customary dole? or must they conform to the usages of the Local Government Board? Should they possess the will and the power, the chances are that the aged couple will reap the reward of their forethought and economy. One of the Guardians is said to have expressed an opinion to the effect that, were the Board to grant relief in this particular case, a bad precedent would thereby be established. But it must be remembered that should assistance be denied, the very act will go to form a still more dangerous precedent. Encouragement, and that too of a very tangible character, ought to be given to men who deny themselves so that when life's shadows lengthen the rugged pathway may to some extent be illumined without the aid of parish relief. Surely some distinction ought to be made between the provident and the improvident. The application will perhaps be met half-way, in which case the parish and the needy pair would alike profit. There is no doubt whatever that the Guardians will do the best thing possible under the circumstances. There are men among them whose hearts are in the right place, and the public may rest assured that they will make their influence felt.

Consett, in common with other places of importance, is very far from being exempt from the "scared" and kindred ills which in our day and generation have done so much to disturb the dreams of the populace; but the mental strain caused by the unwelcome presence of a mysterious box and a raving maniac was a shade too much for one week. It is satisfactory to know, however, that the inhabitants of the place were more afraid than hurt. The madman seems to have been the most formidable character. It would seem that the rules in force at the County Asylum at Sedgefield would be all the better of a slight revision. It is a most extraordinary thing that no special ward is set apart for patients who, like Ellenworth, may be, or supposed to be, suffering from fever or other infectious diseases. Had the same stringency been carried out at Lanchester Workhouse, what then? Where would the representatives of the Criminal and Poor Law have taken their prisoner to? The Workhouse is hardly the place for such customers, although they have been taken there more than once. This reminds me of an incident which transpired there sometime ago, and which, but for the timely assistance rendered by a servant girl, might have terminated in a terrible tragedy. The story was, I believe, hushed up at the time, owing, it is said, to the leading characters not having cut a very brilliant figure in the affair. A pitman of great bodily strength had unfortunately lost his reason, and was being removed to the County Asylum when the episode to which I refer took place. Lanchester Workhouse was at that time used as a sort of half-way house for travellers of this stamp, and there in a secluded apartment the maniac was placed under a strong guard, no fewer than three men being deputed for that duty. Strange to tell, however, the would-be guards had neglected to remove the poker, and watching an opportunity the madman seized the weapon and was in a twinkling master of the situation. The guards decamped, and the pitman, free from restrain, sallied along the corridor equipped with the poker. It chanced that there had that very afternoon been a meeting of the gentlemen who at that time controlled the business of the House, and into the room in which they were congregated the insane pitman stalked with uplifted poker! Geordie looked as if he meant business. It was a terrible moment. In a twinkling the chairs were deserted and from every cupboard lapels of gentlemen's dress coats might have been seen projecting; whilst one or two lighter of foot than their fellows took refuge like swallows in the eaves. Fortunately the Master of the House happened to be present, who, at the risk of his life, closed with the madman. Both were powerful men, and the tussle was a desperate one: both kept their feet, and the gentlemen who had vied with one another in getting out of harm's way judiciously remained in their retreat. How the encounter might have ended it is impossible to conjecture, had not the tumult attracted the attention of an Irish girl, who speedily made her appearance on the scene, and muttering something about "bad bastes," stooped adroitly and clasping her arms round the legs of the maniac brought him to earth. This is genuine, as the crack advertisers put it; and the gentleman who told me the story will, I trust, forgive me for the license I have taken. It is too good a thing to go down to oblivion.

Local and District News.

GREENCROFT BOARD SCHOOL will be re-opened on Monday first, May 6th.

The Rev W. B. Weighell, formerly curate of Leadgate, but now of St. Margaret's, Kings Lynn, was publicly presented in that town with the Royal Humane Society's medal, in recognition of his bravery in rescuing Mrs Bailey, whose life was endangered by the inundation caused by the high tide on the night of Sunday, March 11th.

LATTER DAY SAINTS AT CONSETT.—A detachment of Latter-day Saints or Mormonites, conducted a special service in a large marquee at Consett, last Sunday evening. There was a fair attendance, the assembly being addressed by two or three elders from America, in detail, the principles of the movement. The entire proceedings were of a most orderly and undemonstrative character.

BENFIELDSIDE STOCK AUCTION MART.—Messrs. Nicholson and Murray sold at their mart on Monday upwards of 40 cattle. Bullocks realised from £17 to £32; heifers from £15 10s to £32 10s; cows, from £12 to £18 10s; geld cows, £11 to £16 7s 6d; store heifers, £8 to £14 each. 50 sheep were also sold at the following prices: Black-faced wethers, £2 10s to £3 each; grey-faced shearlings, £3 to £4 1s each; lambs, £2 2s each; veal calf, £2 8s.

CHRISTIAN LAY CHURCH, CATCHGATE.—A public tea was held at the above place on Saturday last. A large company sat down and did ample justice to the good things provided. A tea a public meeting was held, presided over by Mr Ward, of Greencroft. Addresses were given by Messrs J. Taylor, of Dipton; and Wm. Whitfield, of Kip Hill Terrace. The choir sung some pieces in a very acceptable manner, under the leadership of Mr J. Woolcock. Great credit is due to this choir for the improvement they have made in a few months. The proceeds were in aid of the new harmonium. After the public meeting subsequently a coffee supper was held of which a large company partook of. On Sunday Mr Wm. Whitfield preached afternoon and night. Collections were taken at each service in aid of the church fund.

STANHOPE PETTY SESSIONS.—At these Sessions, on Friday, Charles Swatton, of the Butts, was fined 1s for neglecting to send his two children regularly to school.—Jonathan Humble, Cowshill, and Thomas Dawson, Ireshope Burn, both butchers, pleaded guilty to a charge of removing—Humble nine sheep, and Dawson eight—from Cumberland into Durham without an order.—Defendants had bought the sheep at a fair in Carlisle, taken them by rail to Alston, and thence driven them through Allendale into Weardale.—Superintendent Liddell told the Bench that, apart from the specific offence charged, defendants had no right to remove, even with a license, stock bought at a fair.—Both defendants pleaded ignorance of the regulations, but each was ordered to pay £1 fine and 9s costs.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Weary of life. Derangement of the liver is one of the most efficient causes of dangerous diseases and the most prolific of those melancholy forebodings which are worse than death itself. A few doses of those noted Pills act magically in dispelling low spirits and repelling the covert attacks made on the nerves by excessive heat, impure atmospheres, over-indulgence, or exhausting excitement. The most shattered constitution may derive benefit from Holloway's Pills, which will regulate disordered action, brace the nerves, increase the energy of the intellectual faculties, and revive the failing memory. By attentively studying the instructions for taking these Pills, and obediently putting them in practice, the most despondent will soon feel confident of a perfect recovery.

MAN'S NOBLEST WORK.—This is an age of great and works wonderful inventions. Steam, electricity, water, air, all are made to serve man, but unquestionably the greatest inventions are those which preserve man's health and prolong his life, and among the greatest of these are Stanton's Cough Pills. There effects are truly wonderful, and hundreds are happy to-day who once looked forward to an early grave. For Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma Loss of Voice, Hay Fever, Hoarseness, Croup, or any Affection whatever of the Throat, Chest, or Lungs, Stanton's Cough Pills will positively cure. We can cheerfully recommend them to all, and can unhesitatingly say they are the only sure cure for Throat and Lung Affections. Sold by all Chemists in Boxes at 13½d. and 2s. 9d Box sent post free on receipt of 15 or 35 stamps. Wm. Mather, Wholesale Druggists Manchester

THE NORTH DURHAM HUNT.—The adjourned meeting of the members of the North Durham Hunt was held on Saturday afternoon at the County Hotel, Durham, to receive the reports of the deputation appointed at the previous meeting to wait upon the master of the hounds (Mr A. L. Maynard) to request him to withdraw his resignation, and to continue to hunt the hounds for at least another year, so that the hunt would have the advantage of another season to select a successor to Mr Maynard.—The chair was occupied by Mr Lindsay Wood of Southill, who stated that in reply to the deputation who waited upon him, Mr Maynard had consented to continue the mastership for another year, and a letter from Mr Maynard to that effect was communicated to the meeting.—A resolution thanking Mr Maynard for the continuance of his valuable services for another year was unanimously passed, and it was further agreed that the members of the hunt would use their best endeavours to obtain the amount required by the master to hunt the county during next season.—A vote of thanks to Mr Wood for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

CONCERT AT TOW LAW.—A concert was given in the Mechanics' Hall, on Wednesday evening, by the Tow Law Choral Society, assisted by Miss E. Carey Walker, of Stockton, and Mr D. Whitehead, of Durham Cathedral. The performance throughout was most successful.

The Catchgate Board Schools still continue to be closed on account of the epidemic raging amongst the children. A number of adults, with their families, have been afflicted with measles. The weather is milder at present than it has been for some time past.

LECTURE AT SOUTH MOOR.—A lecture on "Man" was given in the Wesleyan Chapel, South Church, on Saturday evening, by Mr James Hamilton, of Charlaw Colliery. Mr Edward Lewis occupied the chair. The lecturer described man as being capable of filling all the offices to which he was by his Creator appointed, and possessed of a soul which, according to its action under the influences of its attributes, became a mind. At the close of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Hamilton.

SALE OF PROPERTY AT LANCHESTER.—On Thursday se'nnight, at the Queen's Head Inn, Lanchester, Mr W. Shadforth, of Durham, offered for sale five freehold cottages, with the land adjoining, situate at Holmside. The property produces an annual rental of £35 12s. Mr Elliott bid £100, £250; Mr Brotherhood, £200, £226. The reserve bid of £350 was put in. Mr Brotherhood, of Lanchester, subsequently bought the property by private contract.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT PELTON FELL COLLIERY.—On Saturday an accident, which resulted in the death of a young man, John Millan, occurred at Pelton Fell Colliery. The unfortunate lad, at the time of the accident, was engaged at the apparatus which hoists the small coals from the Hutton seam, and by some means had been drawn with the tub to the surface. His body came in contact with the cross-beam, and he sustained such injuries as resulted in death within an hour.—An inquest was held before Mr J. Graham, coroner, on Tuesday afternoon, at the Pelton Colliery Hotel, when a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

DURHAM COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.—On Wednesday, before the Rev W. Greenwell and Captain Roberts, *John Jackson*, strike hand at Ushaw Moor, was fined 5s and costs for being drunk at Ushaw Moor, on the 28th ult.—*Robert Curry*, also a strike hand, was fined 5s and costs for being drunk at Ushaw Moor, on the 23rd ult.—*John Cowen*, another strike hand, belonging to Ushaw Moor, was fined 5s and costs for being drunk at Auton Stile, on the 23rd ult.—*John Lowes* was fined 5s and costs for being drunk at Waterhouses, on the 21st ult.—*John Thornton* was fined 5s and costs for a similar offence, at the same time and place.

WEARDALE FARMERS' CLUB.—On Saturday evening, a meeting of the Weardale Farmers' Club was held in the New Savings Bank, Stanhope. The club has only been in existence for a short period, and the meeting on Saturday was additionally interesting from the fact of its being the first occasion upon which papers have been read by members of the club. Mr. Ridley, Frosterley, presided. The first paper was by Mr R. Chapman, Lea Side, Frosterley, on "Some of our laws as they affect agriculture, and proposed remedies." After that paper had been vigorously discussed, Mr J. H. Stevenson, of Billingshield, read an essay on "The breeding and management of sheep." Votes of thanks to the essayists and chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

FASHIONS FOR MAY.—Costumes entirely of one colour are again worn, though this does not mean that a mixture of material in one dress is unfashionable; on the contrary, fashion is now so indulgent, that no one style can be said to be more in favour than another. At the commencement of a season there is generally a run on one or two particular colours; at present, the rage is for crushed strawberry, and this shade is to be found in almost every kind of fabric, from the most expensive velvets and satins, to cottons and ginghams. In nun's cloths and soft woollen goods, the shade is somewhat toned down, and makes up into very pretty costumes for young ladies, also children. Straw hats of the same colour are worn with these dresses, trimmed with rosettes of narrow velvet or ribbon, and aigrettes of a lighter shade. The fashionable grey or mouse coloured costumes are also worn with hats or bonnets of the same colour, occasionally ornamented with a cluster of gold or silver thistles.—*Mrs Leach's Practical Family Dressmaker.*

ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS IN WEARDALE.—The Weardale Guardians on Friday had a sharp contest over the constitution of the Assessment Committee, finally elected as under:—Canon Gray, J.P., Dr. Arnison, J.P., Mr Hildyard, J.P., as *ex-officio* members; Dr Livingstone, and Messrs. W. Watson, M. Reed, F. T. Robinson, farmers (Stanhope parish), Bainbridge, Snowball, and W. Ridley (Wolsingham and Tow Law), and Hepple (Hunstanworth and Edmondbyers), as elected members.—Dr. Livingstone held that Dr. Arnison's salaried appointment as a medical officer of the Union disqualified him in this case, though the Clerk (Mr Lee) respectfully submitted a contrary opinion, which was decided by a resolution, as was the election of other members, Mr Crawhall objecting that the agricultural interest had an undue preponderance of votes on the committee.—The committee have held eight meetings; and comparing the amount as settled in the valuation lists in force at Lady Day, 1882, with the amount at Lady Day, 1883, the valuation lists in the latter year show a decrease of £306 in gross estimated rental, and £362 in the rateable value. The gross estimated rental of the Union at present is £98,900, as against £99,206 at the same period of last year. The rateable value now is £84,862, a year ago it figured at £82,224.—The report was adopted.—Dr. Livingstone was re-appointed chairman of the committee, for which Messrs. Crawhall, Walton, and H. Maddison (Ord & Maddison), the Lindens, Darlington, were unsuccessfully nominated.

"CHEAP JACK" AND HIS ALLEGED LOTTERY: IMPORTANT APPEAL.—In the High Court of Justice, on Saturday, before Mr Justice Field and Mr Justice Hawkins, the case of Taylor (appellant) and Smettom (respondent) was heard. This was a case stated for the opinion of their lordships by three justices of the borough of Darlington. The appellant, William Taylor, was an auctioneer at Grimsby, and in the habit of travelling about from town to town with two caravans (one of them now being stationed at Consett); he was, in fact, what is commonly termed a "Cheap Jack." On the 25th of July last he appeared at the Darlington Police Court, before the Mayor and two other magistrates, to answer a summons obtained at the instance of the respondent, James E. Smettom, a police sergeant, charging him under the Act of 42nd of George III. cap. 119, section 2, with having on the 8th of the same month unlawfully and publicly kept in a tent a lottery. On conviction he was fined £1 and costs, but on his application the bench consented to state the present case for the opinion of the High Court. It was proved that in July last the appellant erected a tent on a vacant piece of land within the borough, and every Saturday night sold pound packets of tea for half-a-crown each, it being stated that every packet contained a coupon entitling the purchaser to a prize. On producing the coupon at the tent on the following Monday the purchaser would obtain the prize.—It was contended on behalf of the appellant that his action was perfectly legal, inasmuch as the essence of a lottery was the element of chance, which was entirely absent here, as each person was bound to get some present. For the respondent it was contended that the magistrates had found as a fact that one of the inducements to buy the tea was the chance of winning something which might be valuable or valueless, and that was conclusive.—Their lordships intimated that they would take time to consider their judgment.

CASTLESIDE BURIAL GROUND.

PUBLIC MEETING OF INHABITANTS.

It would appear that some twelve months ago a strong feeling began to manifest itself in favour of having, if possible, the water pipes of the Consett Water Company, which run through the burial ground at Castleside, removed. Two or three incidents happening about this time tended to create this feeling, namely, the laying of new pipes along the turnpike road; and the bursting of the old ones, at one time a short distance above, and at another just below the burial ground. The latter facts suggesting the possibility of a bursting of the pipes in the graveyard itself, with the awful consequence of coffins laid bare, and in cases of farther decomposition, of the harrowing spectacle of bones, belonging to some dear one being washed away from its long resting place, to be picked up for replacement, in fragments; a contingency quite possible, from the nature of the soil, it being of a very sandy composition. That "some one has blundered" is quite evident, or the sanctioning of such a state of things as placing a graveyard over pipes conveying water for drinking purposes to a large population, would never have been permitted. We are, therefore, the more gratified to find the parishioners of the district moving in the matter. From the subjoined statement it will be noticed that an effort is to be made to carry forward the intended improvement, which is to remove and place outside the graveyard the water pipes, and lay out and beautify the graveyard itself—without placing the burden upon the ratepayers. The total cost is estimated at about £50, and it is suggested that the greater portion of this be raised by voluntary contributions, and to accomplish this the district has been divided into four parts, two canvassers being appointed over each to seek the goodwill in subscriptions of the parishioners. We sincerely hope that they may meet with a cheerful and hearty response; for it is a question, as the chairman very rightly stated, that it was not for the ratepayers alone, but one in which every resident should be more or less interested.

The following is a brief report of a meeting held last Saturday night, in the Board Schools, Castleside, to consider the question. At the time fixed for commencement of business, viz:—6·30 p.m.—it seemed very doubtful whether a sufficient number would put in an appearance to form a quorum; but after waiting a short time a very good muster was made, when Mr T. J. Muse was elected chairman of the meeting. Upon taking the chair

Mr Muse said it gave him unbounded pleasure in presiding over that meeting, as he did not anticipate any opposition to the object they had in view, namely, the improvement of their burial ground, and the removal therefrom of the water pipes now running through the same. The object was one for which they could not fail to be united, for it was the place in which many now present would some day, sooner or later, find a resting place, "as there is a time we know not when, a point we know not where;" and in which already many of them had departed relatives and friends lying, whose memories they cherished with the deepest reverence and love. The graveyard is the place where all their differences cease. There, friend and foe lie side by side. The learned and the illiterate are put on one social level. The religious and political bickerings are for ever hushed. He should have been pleased to have seen a much larger gathering than the present, for he looked upon the meeting as belonging to every householder and not to the ratepayers in particular, for he hoped, yea, he was confident, that they would be able to accomplish the object they had in view without having to fall back upon the rates. Still, he would not complain, as they had already a very good representative meeting of the parish, and no doubt, had the weather been more favourable a very large number would have been in attendance. The subject of their meeting had occupied his mind now for over a twelvemonth, and he had been very considerably assisted and encouraged by his much esteemed and respected friend, Mr Elliott Leybourne, who unfortunately could not be with them on account of sickness. The need for the removal of these pipes was apparent to all of them, for it would be a dreadful thing should a pipe burst in the graveyard, and unearth from their quiet resting-place the remains of their departed ones. They had about twelvemonths ago felt the pulse of the Consett Water Company, hoping that they (the Company) would take the responsibility of removing the pipes upon themselves. This, they found the Company were not inclined to do. They would remember that at their last meeting, which was held on Easter Tuesday evening, on the Company's estimate for removing the pipes being placed before them, namely £30, it was decided that they should offer to meet the Company halfway by paying £15, and that a deputation was appointed to wait upon the directors. Well, they had not done that exactly, yet they had carried out their wishes in the matter. When appointed, they were under the impression that the directors would meet at Consett, but finding they were to meet at Durham, they wrote a statement of the case and each person signed it. Their next step was to find some one to present it to the Directors, which they did in the person of Mr Calvert, who very willingly agreed to help them, and he was glad to state that the result was favourable, as the following letter will show.

[Copy.]
Consett Water Works Company,
Consett, 25th April, 1883.

Dear Sir,—The requisition signed by yourself and others was laid before the Consett Water Company's Directors by Mr Calvert this morning. I am instructed to say the Company is now prepared to remove the pipes from the Castleside Cemetery on your paying, as suggested by you, £15 towards the cost. In addition to this, however, the Directors require that you should obtain the written consent of the Commissioners, through whose land the pipes will have to be laid, and also that you will settle any questions of damage done either to the cemetery or adjoining land that may be caused by the removal of the pipes.—Yours faithfully,
Robert Askwith.

Mr Elliott Leybourne, Castleside.

Now he (the Chairman) should be very glad to hear any remarks on the scheme which they might be inclined to make.

A Parishioner: Is the Vicar, in whose charge the burial ground now is, agreeable to the scheme?

Mr E. Farrar (who was present to represent his father) said his father gave the scheme his entire sanction and support, and would be most happy to see the pipes removed and the ground put in order. It would be known to many of them that a pipe running to the Vicarage was taken from the main which ran through the cemetery. At whose cost would this be removed?

The Chairman: Certainly not at the Vicar's.

Parishioner: Was it intended to spend £50 in removing the pipes, and would any of that amount come from the rates?

The Chairman: The £50 was merely a proximate sum of the total expenses. Pay £15 for removal of pipes, and £35 for planning out and beautifying the cemetery. It would be necessary to make a path from the New Road, zigzag fashion into the north end, then there were the paths to cut and prepare, flower beds to arrange, and many grave-surfaces to put in order. He hoped all the money would be raised by subscription.

Mr H. Thompson then addressed the meeting, speaking in favour of the scheme.

Mr Wm. Pattinson also spoke strongly in its favour. He said, he felt quite confident in their being able to obtain sufficient money for their purpose. He was glad it did not rest with the ratepayers alone, for it gave every one an opportunity of helping in the matter.

A Parishioner: Would the graveyard when finished be, as now, under the control of the Vicar?

The Chairman: I should say yes decidedly, seeing the Vicar was most agreeable to work harmoniously with us in carrying out their object. Otherwise we shall be under the necessity of forming a Burial Board.

Mr Pattinson: Would the committee of management, when formed, have the power to make a hard and fast rule, that all grave surfaces should be on an uniform pattern, or would interested parties be allowed to decorate somewhat after their own fancy?

After some conversation a decided feeling was shown in favour of liberty to individual tastes and wishes.

The Chairman now thought the question had been thoroughly ventilated and wished the meeting to proceed to business, and he would suggest that all in favour of the scheme should hold up their hands; the response being a unanimous vote.

The following general committee was then appointed, namely:—Rev W. Farrar, Messrs. E. Leybourne, T. J. Muse, W. R. Taylor, R. Robson, M. Lee, R. Ward, G. Stevenson, W. Pattinson, J. Milner, J. Carruthers, — Drummond, T. Duckworth, M. Harker, W. J. Scott, G. Errington, J. Bowey, Jos. Proud, G. Graham, G. Jackson, J. Proud, T. Young, J. Pattinson, H. Thompson, J. Trelease, C. Elliott, A. Hall, and R. Davison, with power to add to the number.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Carruthers, it was decided to resolve the present meeting into a general committee, which at once proceeded to elect its officers, the following being chosen. Mr T. J. Muse, chairman; Mr E. Leybourne, vice-chairman; Mr T. Duckworth, hon. secretary; Mr W. Pattinson, assistant secretary; Mr R. Robson, treasurer.

Mr E. Farrar then moved, being seconded by Mr Pattinson, that the parish be divided into four districts for purposes of canvassing, and that the Church or Lane Ends be the centre, the main roads making off the districts.

This was agreed to, and eight gentlemen were chosen as canvassers to wait upon the parishioners.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Duckworth, it was decided to request Mr E. Leybourne to write the Commissioners, asking their sanction for the removal of the pipes.

It was next agreed, on the motion of the Chairman and Mr Robson, that the secretary write the Water Works Company immediately on receiving the sanction of the Commissioners, soliciting them to commence the removal of the pipes with as little delay as possible.

Mr Pattinson next moved, that the secretary supply the canvassers with collecting books, heading the same with a brief statement of the scheme and its objects, and the names of the officers.

This was seconded by Mr Carruthers and agreed to.

A conversation then took place on the desirability of holding a public meeting to further consider the question when it was ultimately resolved, on the motion of Mr Carruthers, seconded by Mr Milner, that the committee again meet at a future date, and that a public meeting be also held.

A vote of thanks to the chairman and secretary, terminated the business.

CONSETT WESLEYAN DAY SCHOOLS.

On Sunday last, special sermons in aid of the trust funds of these schools, were preached in the Wesleyan Chapel, morning and evening, by the Rev Vetranio Tyas, of Annfield Plain. There were large congregations at both services, and liberal collections were taken for the above object.

On Monday evening Mr Tyas delivered a highly interesting and instructive lecture in the same place of worship, when there was a very large audience present. After singing and prayer by the Rev Wm. Hare,

Mr Buckham (Lanchester), who was announced to preside, made a few prefatory remarks, in the course of which he expressed the pleasure it gave him to be amongst them that night, and referred in glowing terms of the excellent schools in connection with the Consett Wesleyan society. Having made some eulogistic remarks in regard to the lecture, he then called upon Mr Tyas to deliver his lecture on "A visit to an African village."

The rev. lecturer, who on rising, was received with acclamation, then proceeded to give an account of his recent travels in Africa. To aid him in his remarks, several pictures, dresses, grain products, and [illegible] were presented to the audience by the lecturer. In addressing himself to the subject, he said it would be necessary for the audience to grant him the use of imagination in order to assist him in [illegible] travels through various parts of the journey. Having, by the use of a large map, described the exact latitude in which they must start, he proceeded to speak of the character, both religiously and commercially of the Mandingo tribes through which portion of African territory they must pass. He then described the state of the climate, its customs, its agricultural properties, and by the aid of different species of coin, rice, ground (or monkey) nuts, graphically showed the media used in reaping the harvest, and as the journey of imagination progressed, the lecturer introduced the mode of water carrying in that part and exhibited an African calabash or water bottle, and having explained its origin and the purpose it was used for, brought before their minds an African chief or mayor. In order to illustrate this personage, the lecturer attired himself in native costume, and caused quite an ovation by his novel and somewhat strange appearance. After some little disarrangement of the article of dress, which was composed principally of a loose cloth garment of somewhat prodigious dimensions with ornamental work in the front part, a hat of the same material, charms for the neck and wrists and sandals, the rev. lecturer pourtrayed the functions of the "Mayor," both in his civic and general aspect, amid much laughter. He then spoke of the habits and actions of the people, who as a rule are Mahommedans, and he exhibited some specimens of work and labour accomplished by the male portion of the natives, into whose charge is committed the art of weaving and making of wearing apparel for the female portion of the natives. Mr Tyas also explained the method of agriculture and habits of living in a very humorous manner, and after a journey of about two hours' duration brought the visit to a close by impressing upon the minds of the audience the spiritual need this people had upon their sympathy and help, for in that vast domain the people were totally uncivilised and as far as the religion of Christ was concerned were in utter darkness, there being no missionary stationed there as yet. The only means of reaching them was by establishing a mission house there and training the young in the Way of Life, and thus bring about a more civilised state of things. The lecture was listened to with rapt attention by the audience, who repeatedly showed their appreciation by outbursts of applause.

Votes of thanks having been accorded to the chairman and the lecturer, on the motion of the Rev W. Hare, seconded by Mr J. W. Davison; the meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the doxology.

It should be stated that there is a debt of some £400 on the schools, and it was hoped that by the aid of these services and lecture, combined with the efforts of the ladies and friends of the congregation who at their Christmas tree realised the magnificent sum of £75, to pay off £100 this year towards reducing this debt.

Waterhouses Church.—On Sunday evening, the vicar (Rev C. H. Barton) announced that the church would be closed for several weeks during the renovation and enlargement of the building.

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND IRON TRADE.

ALLEGED BREACH OF THE RESTRICTION.

Three weeks ago, at the instance of the bulk of the ironworkers of the North of England, the Board of Arbitration issued a decree restricting for six months the output of manufactured iron by one shift out of eleven per week. One condition of this concession on the part of the employers was that all works in the North should partake of it or the regulation would become void. On Sunday night, however, the West Marsh and Britannia Works, Middlesbrough, were lit up for work, the workmen having on Saturday held a meeting and offered their employers to break the no Monday work rule if paid 2½ per cent. advance in wages. This offer was accepted, and on Sunday a number of the labourers, wheelers and barrowmen met and determined to start the fires. This determination is expected to lead to serious disputes in the trade. The firm, who defy the order, contend that they have a right to work when they please, not having been members of the Board making the order.

The Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for the North of England Iron Trade on Tuesday night issued a circular at Middlesbrough, showing that the average nett selling price of manufactured iron per ton during the three months ending the 31st of March last was £6 6d.

On Wednesday, a meeting of the puddlers employed at the Britannia and West Marsh Works, Middlesbrough, was held, and they determined to act in harmony with the workmen at other firms, and not do Sunday fettling or Monday work. They state that their meeting was not a representative one, and that the firm did not give them an advance of 2½ per cent., but that some "extras" which had been taken off were to be given back to them.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

Monday, April 30th—Before J. Priestman, Esq. (chairman), and Jas. Annandale, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

Patrick McGurk, who is employed at the new Steel Works, pleaded guilty to a charge preferred by P.C. Hudson, of being drunk and incapable in Victoria Street, Consett, about 9·30 on Saturday night last.—Prisoner was fined 5s and costs; or seven days' imprisonment.

William Grady was charged by P.C. Simpson with being drunk and staggering about the streets of Consett, on the previous Saturday night.—Defendant, who admitted the offence, was mulcted in a penalty of 5s and expenses; or be imprisoned for a week, with hard labour.

Michael Rafferty, a young man, was charged with being drunk and disorderly.—P.C. Wood testified that about 11 o'clock on Saturday night, he was in Church Street, Consett, when he heard the defendant making a great noise. Witness went up to him, and ordered him off home. The defendant then used some very abusive language, and soon after re-commenced to shout and sing, drawing a large crowd round about him.—The defendant emphatically denied that he was in the least intoxicated.—P.C. Watson having corroborated the previous officer's testimony, the defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 5s and 6s 10d costs.

ASSAULT ON THE POLICE.

Thomas Murphy, an ex-militiaman, was brought up in custody charged with having assaulted the police at Blackhill last Saturday night.—P.C. Garbutt deposed about 10 o'clock he was on duty in Derwent Street, when without giving the least warning, the prisoner (who was slightly under the influence of drink) struck him on the side of the neck, knocking him against the wall. Just as he (the officer) had gathered himself up again, the prisoner dealt him another blow in the side, and was in the act of striking him for the third time, when witness felled him down. He then asked prisoner for his name, when the latter said, "You can go to h—— for my name." Murphy got up and bolted away, but he was afterwards apprehended in Durham Road.—P.C. Best spoke to capturing the prisoner in Durham Road, and charging him with the assault. On the way to the police station, prisoner said "If I had another man with me, I should not let a b—— like you take me to the lock up."—Prisoner alleged that he was so drunk he did not know what he was doing.—The Bench fined him 20s and costs; or one month's hard labour.

NON-PAYMENT OF BASTARDY ARREARS.

Joseph Carey, an ironworker, of Consett, was again summoned for the non-payment of £7 5s 6d, arrears in bastardy due to Sarah Doral.—It seems that the prisoner was only arrested on Saturday last by P.C. Wood, on his release from Durham gaol, where he had been confined for a period of three months, for the non-payment of £20 odd, arrears owing to the same young woman.—The prisoner was committed to the House of Correction for another term of three months.

COWARDLY ATTACK ON A MARRIED WOMAN: LENIENT SENTENCE.

William Crawford was brought up on remand charged with committing a violent assault on Catherine McCutcheon, a married woman, at Consett, on Saturday night, 21st April.—According to the statement of the complainant, both herself, the prisoner and his wife, together with one or two more families, jointly occupy a dwelling house in John Street. About 10.30 on the night in question, complainant went out to get some potatoes, when she met the prisoner's wife accompanied by her (complainant's) little girl. She said to her daughter, "What sets you out at this time of night? You ought to be in the house." Prisoner's wife replied, "Leave her alone; she is along with me." Complainant took her "lassie" from Mrs Crawford, when the latter attacked her with her fists, and they had a regular "set to." Subsequently, she went home, and told the landlord what had happened. When the prisoner's wife entered the house, she exclaimed "You b—— if I could not give it you outside; I'll do so now." She then thrashed the complainant in a severe manner, and gave her two black eyes. The prisoner himself was in bed at the time, but he heard all that transpired. Subsequently, as the complainant was in the act of undressing preparatory to retiring to rest, the prisoner arose out of bed, knocked the complainant over, jumped upon her body, and then gave her a violent kick on the cheek, causing an awful-looking bruise. Had the man had his boots on, the blow would have killed her. When the complainant first appeared in Court, her eyes were almost swollen up, her whole face was black and blue, and resembled a jelly. The prisoner declared that the complainant was so drunk that she did not know anything about the affair.—Complainant, however, asserted that not a single person in the house was intoxicated.—Alice McCutcheon, aged 15 years, the complainant's daughter, stated that the prisoner's wife first struck her mother, and knocked her down inside the house. Mrs. Crawford gave her mother another "hammering," and when the prisoner appeared he jumped upon her and kicked her upon the face.—To the prisoner: The women began the fight downstairs. It was the landlord and not him that separated the combatants. The women did not get their hair entangled in the struggle. Prisoner shouted downstairs that if his wife did not "bash" the life out of her mother, he would do so himself. Afterwards, he got out of bed, jumped on the top of the complainant, and kicked her a violent blow on the side of the face.—Prisoner said his wife and McCutcheon were both drunk, and began to fight and call one another names. They fought both upstairs and down, and he merely got out of bed and separated them.—Prisoner desired to call his wife, Sarah Crawford, as a witness on his behalf, but the Bench intimated that they could not hear her statement.—Prisoner explained that he merely brought his wife there to "spite" the complainant.—The Bench believed that a violent assault had been committed, but notwithstanding the fact that the prisoner had been previously convicted a great many times, he was let off with the lenient sentence of fourteen days' hard labour.

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CHAPTER III.

FIFINE.

Adrien Lyon descended the stair, and passed out into the street. He closed the door, and paused, as if expecting the arrival of some one. The air was moist and cold, still the doctor remained standing, wrapt in thought. At length he seemed to have made up his mind, his brow cleared, and he began whistling in clear, sharp notes the sparkling air "Saper vorreste" from "Un Ballo in Maschera."

He might merely have been amusing himself, but he was clearly giving an arranged signal; for the door of the house slowly opened, and a girlish voice cried, "*Entrez.*" The doctor turned sharply, pushed the door open, and re-entering the passage of the house, passed into a sitting-room at the back. It was the private apartment of the landlady, Madame Griphon; but its sole occupant at the moment Adrien Lyon entered was a young girl of some seventeen years of age who stood demurely holding the door open to admit him. It was Fifine, Madame Griphon's daughter; and a very pretty picture she made as, forcing Adrien into an easy chair by the fire, she sat down on a footstool at his feet, and clasped his knees with her hands. Her figure, petite and slender, was shewn off to perfection, every curve being made visible, by the close-fitting, simply made dress of deep blue, while the plain white collar and cuffs, which gave an almost nunlike aspect to the costume, served by contrast to enhance the beauty of the delicate hands and the rounded, olive-tinted cheeks, in which the warm blood flowed fitfully. The eyes that were lifted to Adrien's face were soft and grey, that tint of the summer haze which becomes so eloquently pleading when moist with tears. There was just a suspicion of tears then in the eyes, which made Adrien's become more tender as he gazed into them.

"My Adrien," at last said the girl, "how fortunate that, of this night of all nights, the *chère maman* should have gone out to visit Madame Lorme, and thus we can meet here in place of in the cold street for the last time!"

"It is fortunate without doubt, Fifine," was the reply, in a somewhat cool tone.

"Ah! Adrien," went on Fifine, "what shall I do when you are gone; gone across the dark sea to that cold, foggy England! The light that shone on my life when first you told me you loved me, Adrien, will be darkened," she continued. "There will be weary days of waiting, but they must end, for you will come back, and then there will be the pleasure of looking for your letters; for of course you will write to me. Oh, I have arranged it all so nicely; you must address to me under cover to my sweetest of friends Madame Lalache, who, believe me, is a truly sympathetic soul; I can trust her; she is as good as gold, and no one shall ever know that you wrote to me."

The tears by this time were running down Fifine's cheeks. Poor child, she little knew into what deaf ears she had been pouring her words of girlish love.

Adrien Lyon looked down at the pretty pleader at his feet, and a spasm crossed his face, as he caressingly wound one of the girl's dark curls round his finger. At length he spoke in a calm, measured tone.

"Bah! Fifine," he said, "you have been reading too much of Madame Sand lately, little one; very bad reading indeed for a young lady."

"How can you be so cruel, Adrien!" replied the girl complainingly. "There is no love in your voice to-night."

"Come, petite, you must listen to me," was the response, still in the same calm, cold tone, which so startled Fifine that she clung still closer to her lover, and with difficulty suppressed her sobs. "To-night," went on Adrien, "I leave Paris for years, perhaps for ever. I turn my back upon this life, I go to secure wealth, and perhaps fame, in another country, which probably I shall make my home. Therefore, here to-night, in this room, ends, sweet one, a little episode in our lives. It did all very well while it lasted *pour passer le temps*."

"What mean you, Adrien?" cried the girl wildly, "an episode in our lives—an affair to pass away the time! oh, it cannot be that your love for me was false, that the words you spoke had no meaning, that this, this ring, you gave me on the night you promised to make me your wife, was a blind, a mere worthless trinket, not a token of love. No, Adrien, I will not believe it. Speak to me, Adrien, and say this is not true."

The answer came in the same cool tone that had aroused Fifine.

"Now that you have finished this heroic flight, child," he said, "perhaps you will listen to a little reason from me." The doctor grasped the girl tightly, and looked at her sternly and determinedly with his calm, glittering eyes, which seemed to hold her spell-bound. "Surely, Fifine," he said, "you were never so foolish as to suppose that I, Adrien Lyon, intended to make a *mésalliance* with my landlady's daughter. Bah! child, in a month or two you will forget me, and console thyself with young Louis the *épicier*, round the corner, and, *par Dieu*, I will promise to give something towards your *dôt*, but as to marrying you, it is simply absurd."

This cruel speech cut to the heart the poor child; for a child she looked despite her seventeen years. She tore herself from the doctor's grasp, and suddenly rising, faced him like a little fury.

"*Très bien! Très bien!* Dr. Lyon!" she exclaimed, in a voice choked with sobs, "so all is over, is it, between us, and your words were as nothing, merely intended to beguile the heart of a poor simple girl. Very well, Dr. Lyon; but beware, it is your turn now; perhaps one day it may be mine. Go! go! to England, and marry some fine lady for her dower, and forget Fifine; but take care; for Fifine will not forget. No! do not be afraid that I will ever breathe one word of all that has passed between us to any living soul. You have my oath to be secret, and I will keep it if I die. You"—she gasped, but the strain was too much for her, and she sank fainting to the ground.

"Poor little one!" said the doctor, as he rose and laid the prostrate form on the sofa, and a spasm as if of compunction passed over his face.

Adrien Lyon was yet young in the school of wickedness, and for the first moment, as he looked at his inanimate victim, his better feelings rose. But it was only for a moment, and the devil triumphed again. Calmly and deliberately he drew off the ring, plain gold, with a forget-me-not flower, worked in turquoise, from the child's unresisting hand. A yet more delicate task remained. He touched a band of thin elastic that encircled the girl's neck, and drew out a bag of blue silk, such as that in which the girls in France are wont to wear their scapulars. Taking a fine pair scissors from his pocket, he cut the elastic, and placing the bag in the breast pocket of his coat passed swiftly out of the room and into the street.

"That is got over," he muttered, as he hastily turned out of the Rue Dupuytren, "and now for the final sacrifice." So saying, he opened the little bag, and drew from it two letters, the only letters he had ever written to Fifine. He struck a match to light a cigar, and having completed that operation, set fire to the letters, which he held in his hand until the last scrap was consumed. His foot came against a stone on the pavement, and a sudden thought seemed to strike him; he stooped down and picked it up, he placed it in the bag, and in it he also placed the ring. By this time he had reached a bridge over the Seine. He looked around, no one was in sight. He leaned over the parapet; there was a scarcely audible splash, and the last scrap of evidence that there ever had been any love passage between Adrien Lyon and Fifine Griphon disappeared under the dark water of the river. With something like a sigh of relief, the doctor hailed a fiacre, and was driven rapidly in the direction of the station of the Northern Railway, whither early in the day his baggage had been conveyed. He was just in time to catch the mail train, and he was soon speeding on his way to England.

To return to Fifine. It was ten o'clock when she awoke from her stupor. Mechanically she felt for the cord round her neck, and at once discovered her loss. "Oh! Adrien! Adrien!" she cried, as she sobbed violently, "to think that thou art such a villain."

Her mother's knock at the door seemed, however, to rouse her, and hastily running to her apartment, she dispelled, as well as she could, the traces of emotion from her face, and steeling her nerves, prepared to enter on the long course of secret suffering that she felt had begun for her that night.

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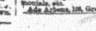
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AFFAIRS IN THE SOUDAN.

ATTACK UPON A PASSENGER STEAMER BY ARABS.

REPORTED DEATH OF THE MAHDI.

VIENNA, Thursday.

According to a private letter from Egypt, the boldness of the Arab insurgents on the Upper Nile increases daily. The steamer Bardeni, arriving at Khartoum on February 19th from Bohr-el-Ghazel, with 500 passengers on board, was attacked by the Arabs near Djebiein. The passengers, being in possession of some fifty rifles, shot down a number of their assailants.

The above-mention d letter also states it to have been recently rumoured in Khartoum that the Mahdi ha l been killed by his own people, because he wanted to keep the whole booty of Obeit for himself, while the other chiefs demanded a distribution of the prey among all their fellow-combatants. This intelligence however, requires confirmation.

THE DUBLIN INDICTMENTS.

THE IRISH LEADERS IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

The news of the indictment of Sheridan, Walsh, and Tynan has created considerable surprise, notwithstanding the belief entertained by many that the British Government had more evidence against Sheridan than had been disclosed. The Irish leaders are visibly depressed by the news.

GREAT FIRE IN LONDON.

DESTRUCTION OF THE FREEMASON'S HALL.

The Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, was this morning destroyed by fire. The flames were first discovered by a policeman, who gave an alarm, but before the engines could arrive in sufficient force the flames had taken a firm hold of the building, the roof of which fell in about half an hour. At one o'clock all danger of the fire spreading w's over, though only the walls of the hall remained. The Freemasons' Tavern adjoining was somewhat damaged by water and the operations of the fire brigade. The amount of damage, and to what extent it is covered by insurance cannot yet be ascertained. Overheating of the flues under the basement of the great hall or throne room is believed to have been the cause of the fire. Happily, the damage was confined to the hall, but a valuable statue of the Earl of Sussex and some splendid large-sized oil paintings of past Grandmasters of Freemasons were destroyed. The splendid organ was completely ruined. The premises were over a century old.

[CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAMS.]

THE CZAR'S CORONATION.

The Marquis Iseng S. E. N. G. Iseng, the Chinese Ambassador, with his Suite, left Charing Cross Station this morning for Paris *en route* to Moscow to attend the Czar's coronation.

A BOXING COMPETITION STOPPED.

The police have signified their intention of preventing the boxing competition announced to take place at The Gymnasium, King's Cross, to-night. The exhibition has consequently been abandoned.

THE DYNAMITE CONSPIRACIES.

The police at Leicester believe they have evidence shewing that Mitchell, who is now in custody, sold dynamite recklessly for unlawful purposes.

THE PHŒNIX PARK MURDERS.

DUBLIN, FRIDAY.

The trial of Lawrence Hanlon was resumed at Dublin to-day, before Mr Justice O'Brien. No witnesses were called for the defence. The Jury found Lawrence Hanlon guilty and he was sentenced to penal servitude for life.

The man Hawkins, who was arrested yesterday has been discharged.

THE DIVISION ON THE AFFIRMATION BILL.

Two Home Rulers Mr Mr O'Donoghue and Mr S. O Shaughnessy, voted with the Government in the minority last night on the Affirmation Bill. Nine Liberals voted against the Government :—Hon. C. Fitzwilliam, Hon. H. Fitzwilliam, Hon. W. J. Fitzwilliam, Mr Guest, Mr Jermingham, Mr Lyons, Mr Nicholson, Mr Torrens, and Mr Watkins. Forty-four Home Rulers v oted against the Government. Amongst the Irish members who did not attend or take part in the division were Sir P. O'Brien, Mr Isaac Nelson, Dr. Kinnear, Sir Thomas McKure, and Messrs. Nolan, Errington, Redmond, Denis O'Conor, P. J. Smyth, Healey, C. Russell, Lea, T. A. Cickson, R. P. Blennerhasset, the Attorney-General for Ireland, Mr Givan, and Mr Findlater. Among English Liberals absent through illness or engagements abroad were Mr H. Whalley, Mr Magnlac, and Mr W. Holms ; whilst on the Conservative side the absentees included Mr Watney. There was a comparatively small number of pairs. Mr Munts paired for the Government with Mr Birley against the Bill. Other absent members included Mr S. Morley, Alf. W. Lawrence, Ald. MoArthur, Sir George Campbell, and Mr C. R. M. Talbot. Mr Gabbett was present during the division, but abstained from voting. There were a few desertions and numerous abstentions. No Conservatives voted with the Government. Mr M. Guest voted against the Government. Mr Bradlaugh left the House immediately after the division, but is expected to present himself at the bar either to-day or on Monday, when it is probable that the Prime Minister will leave to the Opposition the responsibility of passing such resolutions as the circumstances may require.

The Press Association says the division in the House of Commons at an early hour this morning, upon the second reading of the Affirmation Bill, in which the Government were defeated by a majority of 3 (292 to 289), was the closest as well as the most exciting that has taken place on any great party question since that of March, 1873.

RESTRICTION OF PRODUCTS—DEMAND AND SUPPLY.

[From *The Shipping World* for May.]

At the present time, there is unusual agitation emanating from the miners and ironworkers of this country for diminished hours and days of labour, and for reduced quantities of the products yielded, respectively by these sections of working men. There is also from not a small percentage of employers of such labour a growl of discontent under the increased productive power of their competitors in the coal and iron industries. The excited conditions prevailing in these trades ten years ago attracted large amounts of capital from various sources. Thousands of additional operatives have subsequently profited by such expansion of business. The increased capacity for production has proved to be fully equal to the demand ; and now, as it is alleged, the supply inconveniently and seriously in excess of such demand. The consumption and export of coal have enormously increased, our iron and steel trades never produced larger quantities, and our foundries, our engineering, mechanical, and shipbuilding trades were never in more active operation.

The belief in the minds of many employers and amongst most of the operatives is that some universal limitation, or partial cessation of labour, should be ordered. Engines, machinery, and horses are to be kept idle, and the supply brought within a narrower area. Thus there would be secured a controlling power over output, whereby the market prices of products would be increased, and a stability created in the standard of wages by its being artificially but permanently advanced. These are the views propounded ; and already employers and employed in the malleable iron trade of the north of England have united in giving effect to the decisions of a doubtful majority in their associations, by reducing the output of their puddling from not all other malleable iron to the extent of over ten per cent. of the normal quantities produced. In the forges and mills ironworkers are only employed for five days a week, Sundays, by "shifts" of from ten to twelve hours each—the day-shift operative of one week becoming the night-shift man in the following week ; and in thus alternating weekly, and each week's work closing on the Saturday afternoon, facilities are provided for eleven shifts' work per man per fortnight. The present aim of the operative is to cease work entirely on Mondays in the forges and rolling mills, and thereby limit the output of existing mills, increase the market prices of the products, and trust to obtaining for ten shifts' work per fortnight by increased rates of wages the equivalent of eleven shifts. The cessation of work on Mondays and the consequent diminution of output has been brought about, and ten shifts per man per fortnight is now adopted as an experiment for six months, concurrently with an arrangement for fixed rates of wages for the same period. This affects about 15,000 ironworkers, and indirectly about 10,000 miners, blastfurnacemen, and others, in the north of England. And for a time, until the mills are re-started, the demand for pig iron and coal will be relatively reduced in the district.

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James Henderson, miner, was summoned for having committed an assault on his wife, Elizabeth Ann Henderson, a delicate-looking person, at West Stanley, on April 10th.—Mr W. H. Oliver

Astute capitalists are planting their investments on the coasts of the Bristol Channel, where raw material is abundant and cheap, and where the physical features are all that can be desired for a large and growing shipbuilding industry. Foreign competition in ships is also increasing ; and it is becoming formidable in the iron and steel trades. It therefore behoves employer and employed on the east coast to look to economy in every sense and direction. Abundance of capital is forthcoming at very low rates of interest, and labour is abundantly and increasingly employed with fair remuneration.

The restriction reminds us of taxes and restrictions on food supplies, and the struggle of the masses and their able leaders for cheap bread nearly forty years ago. Now, the men, with many of their leaders, seem desirous to return by another route from the old condition of things ; they propose to tax themselves by reducing their wages through the present unsound theories. As well might the steamship owner and sailors assume that there are too many ships afloat, and, by reducing their grievances as to low freight, shut off the steam and be dormant on the high seas for two days during a fortnight's voyage. As well might the farmer of 1,000 acres, after spending his capital and labour in tilling his land and sowing his corn, decide at the harvest time upon leaving ten per cent. of his cereals to rot on the soil. There is too many inexperienced advocates amongst our representatives in Parliament, and out of it, who would, under delusive persuasion, thrust us back in the healthy race of freedom for which we have been battling during the last half century in trade matters, and in the political and social condition of the population. Let us, therefore, be prudent in time, and guard against all unsound doctrines.

THE ALLEGED AFFRAY AT USHAW MOOR.

The adjourned hearing of the assault preferred by Christopher Iveson, a soldier in the 4th Dragoon Guards, who served in the Egyptian campaign, against *John Jackson, Hugh Doyle, John Lee,* and *James McCourt*, strike hands located at Ushaw Moor, was resumed at Lanchester, yesterday (Thursday) morning, before M. Kearney, Esq. (chairman), the Rev. J. P. De Pledge, Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., and Major Edward Leadbitter Smith. Mr Skidmore, barrister (instructed by Mr A. O. Smith, Durham), appeared for the Unionists ; and Mr George Maw, of Bishop Auckland, again represented the Non-Unionists.

After a few preliminary observations from Mr Skidmore, the first witness called was James McCourt, one of the defendants, who stated that on Friday, 13th April, he was in Waugh's public-house at Esh, where he saw Christopher Henderson, William Oyston, James Nichol, and Edward Quinn. Did not see Jackson in the public-house, but Quinn was there. He had a pint of beer at Waugh's and was not exactly sober. Some words passed between the soldier and Quinn, and he heard the former declare that he would wreck the tent for them. Quinn told Henderson that he had better not do it. He (witness) left Waugh's public-house at closing time, when Nichol took him by the arm, and said, "Come with me ; you will take no harm with us." He was the only one sensible. On getting to the tent he saw the two McCourts had the two pieces of the poker produced between them.

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James Henderson, miner, was summoned for having committed an assault on his wife, Elizabeth Ann Henderson, a delicate-looking person, at West Stanley, on April 10th.—Mr W. H. Oliver

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BIRTHS.

CONSETT.—At 11, Middle Street, on the 29th ult, the wife of Mr James Kelly, of a son.

DIPTON.—On the 1st inst., the wife of Mr Samuel Ledger, of a son.

STOKESLEY-TERRY.—At 13, Albion Street, on the 30th ult., the wife of Mr Horace Muncaster, M.R. (late of Consett), of a son.

WHICKHAM.—Whickham Park, 27th ult., the wife of Alfred C. Cuning, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BLACKHILL.—At St. Mary's, Roman Catholic Church, on the 30th ult., Patrick Regan to Miss Elizabeth Gorman, both of Consett.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—Free Methodist Church, Regent Street, by the Rev. Mr. Swallow, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Mann, Silas Joseph Jones, Stockton, to Alice Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. Isaac Unsworth, of Benfieldside.

DEATHS.

CONSETT.—East Parade, 27th ult., aged 2 years and 6 months, Robinson, son of J. T. and E. A. Curry.

BLACKHILL.—Brazilian Cottage, 28th ult., aged 56, John Thomson Fenadescliffe, formerly of Pittington.

DERWENT COTTAGES.—26th ult., aged 65, James Johnson.

DIPTON, HILL TOP.—1st inst., in his 44th year, John, husband of Jane Armstrong.

STANLEY.—28th ult., aged 48, Catherine, wife of George Sanderson.

WEST STANLEY.—Poe Cottage, 26th ult., aged 44, Jane, wife of George Pile.

TANFIELD LEA.—William Street, 1st inst., aged 60, Jane, wife of George Pile.

HELTON FELL.—29th ult., aged 19, accidentally killed, John Miller, son of of James Miller.

HARA LAW.—Near Castle Eden, near Ainsfield Flats, aged 79, Elizabeth, relict of George Kirtlingham, late of Benfieldside.

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