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FRIDAY, May 7th, 1886.

THE PREMIER'S MANIFESTO.

The extra-Parliamentary speechifying of the Easter recess has been fittingly brought to a close by the publication of a manifesto from Mr Gladstone to his constituents, and through them to the whole country. We say "fittingly," on the assumption that it is proper to employ the Parliamentary holidays in performing labours almost as arduous as those undertaken within the Legislature. The Premier has therefore only satisfied a general expectation in putting forth an extra-Parliamentary exposition of his views. He excuses himself from making a *viva voce* oration, because age grows upon him, and he is obliged to reserve his limited power of voice for any effort which may be required in the House of Commons. While regretting the cause of Mr Gladstone's oral silence, the public will perhaps not be sorry to have his views in the more compact and formal shape of a written composition, because in this shape there is presumably less to read, while there is no fear of the Premier having been misrepresented. In the first paragraph of his address following the introductory remarks, Mr Gladstone claims that the Home Rule Bill has met with wide and warm approval in the country, and thence infers that the public recognise the reasonableness of the principle of Home Rule for Ireland, and the sufficiency of the guarantees for Imperial unity provided in the measure. This may be the right hon. gentleman's own impression in the case; but wide and warm public approval is strangely evidenced by the facts that most of the abler statesmen of the Liberal party are in opposition to the Liberal Cabinet on this measure, and that the total expected defection in the division list is calculated to be from 111 to 125—thus at the lower estimate putting the Government in a considerable minority. But after a brief allusion to British public opinion, Mr Gladstone proceeds to dilate upon expressions of foreign, especially American approval—as if the constitutional legislature of a great independent country were to be regulated in accordance with foreign opinion, and as if the Irish vote in America were not strong enough to pass abstract resolutions in many of the State legislatures. The foreign opinion which comes to us is that of a few officious intermeddlers; the adverse opinion is naturally not expressed in a formal way. In the next paragraph the Premier proclaims the determination of the Cabinet in the course upon which it has entered—that is, with regard to the Home Rule Bill, for there is a significant admission of the general unacceptability of the Land Purchase Bill, and an apparent threat to drop it conveyed in the remark, that "while the sands are running in the hour-glass, the Irish landlords have yet given no indication of a desire to accept &c." Why the landlords should put themselves out of the way to accept a dubious boon which Parliament is not at all likely to sanction, we cannot see. The next paragraph is devoted to an historical lesson on former Liberal secessions and their ultimate futility—the agreement being that because certain measures which caused secessions were eventually passed, therefore the secessionists must have been in the wrong, as if there were not a possibility of the measures being in that predicament. Then follows a paragraph on the absence of an alternative policy, which only needs the comment, that if a majority of people consider a proposed change injudicious and rash, the obvious alternative is to keep things as they are. After intimating his readiness to entertain projects of Home Rule for Scotland and Wales, Mr Gladstone proceeds to denounce the opponents of his scheme as in a large measure consisting of the educated classes who are best qualified to form opinions on such subjects. In his two last paragraphs the right hon. gentleman states the question at issue to be simply the abstract principle of Home Rule and denounces all criticism on the details of his measure as a premature and obstructive raising of side issues.

Parliamentary Summary.

MONDAY.

The House of Commons re-assembled after the Easter recess. The Chancellor of the Exchequer said the falling off in the Excise revenue arose from the decreased consumption of alcoholic liquors, and to require clubs to take out licenses would have no effect in increasing the consumption and the revenue. Mr Morley said the 900 cases of boycotting in Ireland were distributed in the following proportion:—67 in Ulster, 93 in Connaught, 272 in Leinster, and 468 in Munster. The house went into Committee of Supply on the Civil Service Estimates system were not reliable. The vote was agreed to. Thirty two votes were passed. The Customs and Inland Revenue Bill was read a second time, the committee stage being fixed for next Monday, and the Medical Acts Amendment Bill were read a second time.

TUESDAY.

In the House of Commons Mr John Morley announced his intention of bringing in a bill to continue the Irish Aums Act. Mr Gladstone was unable to give any definite information as to the relations between Greece and the Powers, but said that none of the Powers considered that the reply of M. Delyannis to the ultimatum was satisfactory. After a discussion on the adulteration of tobacco, in which it was shown that purchasers of the "cheap" article buy 50 per cent. of water, where as consumers of higher-priced tobacco get only 18 per cent. of water—the commoner kinds being thus absolutely dearer than the better—Sir J. W. Pease brought forward his annual motion on the opium traffic. In the course of the debate the House was counted out.

WEDNESDAY.

In the House of Commons several measures were read a second time, and Sir J. W. Pease's Sunday Closing Bill was got into Committee. The House only sat from 12·30 to ten minutes to four o'clock.

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OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

London, Wednesday Evening.

Having been present at every State ceremonial connected with "Great" Exhibitions since 1862, it is with a sense of considerable satisfaction I can truthfully aver that, in my humble opinion, no Court pageant of our times has been more brilliantly effective than the imposing spectacle presented in the Albert Hall on Tuesday, when, whilst the chorus rolled forth, our fine National Anthem, the Queen, preceded by her State Heralds and surrounded by all suitable insignia of royalty, approached the Throne, which had been set up for this occasion, under a handsome canopy placed on a dais immediately in front of the orchestra, and very tastefully decorated with beautiful palms and flowers. The brilliant uniforms and gay toilettes glittered in the sunshine of as fair a May day as we have seen in London since the famous first exhibition day of 1851, to which with that "touch of Nature which makes a whole world kin," the Queen so gracefully alluded in words spoken with evident emotion but with clear, unfaltering accents distinctly audible. Throughout the vast hall thronged from floor to ceiling with a hushed multitude eager to catch the well-chosen words which fell from the lips of their Gracious Sovereign. The whole ceremonial was splendidly managed. It was in every way fitted to impress even the oriental imagination—more accustomed to State display of Hindoos and Parsee, whose diamond-crusted turbans added greatly to the picturesque affect of the surroundings. Tennyson's Ode, set to music by Arthur Sullivan, was worthy this great occasion. There was an indescribable thrill perceptibly produced by the masterly rendering of the sonorous lines:—

"One life, one flag, one fleet, one Throne!
Britons, hold your own!
And God guard all."

In days of respectable mediocrity it is a satisfaction to find there live poet and musician yet in the Old Land capable of such exalted sentiments and expression. If, however, the Poet Laureate well sustained the dignity of his office and for whom indeed very respectful sympathy was felt in many hearts saddened by the remembrance that he whose lofty thought gave grandeur and significance to the occasion, was at that moment of triumph himself bowed with grief mourning in his beautiful but death-desolated house at Farringford the fresh loss of a dearly-loved son, so much cannot be said for the Archbishop, whose prayer containing such jargon as "daughterlands" and "concernments" strengthens the conviction that prayer-writing must be reckoned among the lost arts. Certainly, I know of no prayer written within the last two centuries which has found a permanent place in the mind or ritual by the people. The ever glorious Hallelujah Chorus was splendidly rendered, and then, very happy thought, "Home, sweet home" was sung, Albani taking the solo in her best manner, her fine treble ringing clearly through the building, and when her last notes fell stimulating a spontaneous greeting cheer upon cheer for Colonial brothers and Indian friends, who will carry back with them in the remembrance of this spectacle the never-to-be-forgotten sense of the grandeur of the resources of our Empire of which they are proud to remember they form an integral part.

After the ceremony in the Albert Hall, the descent to the Horticultural Gardens and Exhibition Buildings was a descent indeed! The Garden is not spacious enough even for the purpose to which it has degenerated. And as for the Exhibition "annexes," it must have been patent to the long-suffering crowds that such scattered sheds are wholly inadequate and unworthy of any sort of comparison with Paxton's famous Palace of 1851 or its successor of "Brompton Boiler" repute. Our Colonial and Indian friends will carry away but a poor impression of our resources, based upon a superficial survey of the Exhibition Buildings. It is not too much to say the "Colonial contents" deserved a better house. For the present, however, in the incomplete condition of the Exhibition, I refrain further criticism. To Sir Philip Cumliffe-Owen the Queen expressed her warmest acknowledgments for his indefatigable servic s as Secretary to the Royal Commission. Never were thanks better deserved. Sir Philip's gentlemanly courtesy and consideration in arranging difficult and often conflicting interests supply an agreeable contrast to the conduct of one or two busy-bodies, who in their official or officious capacity fasten like vultures upon exhibition managering as affording favourable opportunity for giving themselves airs which neither their capacity or position justify. By the way, said one irate exhibitor, under smart provocation, 'Tis not every *vine*, you know, that makes a *Summer*!

There is a growing feeling that a General Election is not far distant. Even if Mr Gladstone can cut his Siamese Twins in two, an operation at best of difficult, if not doubtful, surgery, he will have to appeal to the country to carry the one which is to become law this session. If not, he has worse than wasted a session, and failed to justify his reason for taking office. Mr Gladstone, to do him bare justice, is not a minister to waste time, and if he fails to pass his measures must retire, and this time finally take his leave of public life.

Mr Childers sometimes overdoes the Uriah Heap business, and is a trifle too humble. Speaking at the Cardiff Liberal Club, during the recess, he described himself as "Mr Gladstone's humble colleague." I say ditto to Mr Burke, may be all very well after such an oration as that which Burke gave to the Bristol electors on the wrongs done to Ireland by the narrow protectionism of English traders a century ago. But then Burke had a case, and a good one, which is more than can be said for Mr Gladstone at present. In any case, the humility of his colleagues is far from a praiseworthy virtue, and it would be well for the country if he had a few more colleagues who were not so humble.

Lord Redesdale is one of those men who, without being great geniuses, are almost as rare and as difficult to replace. As a Chairman of Committees he has probably never been equalled. The oversight of Private Bill Legislation was not less his duty than his hobby. Presiding over fellow peers in committee was only a part, and a comparatively small part, of his labours. Long before the sitting of a committee on a bill, he had considered every line and every word of it. In the ordinary course of events, soon after the lodging of a Bill, a copy of it would be returned to its promoters containing "Lord Redesdale's remarks"—which, closely closely written, usually occupied every inch of margin—and the request that the Parliamentary agent and his clients would call on Lord Redesdale to discuss the details of the proposed measure.

Correspondence.

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THE BALL AT LINTZFORD.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—As I have been unjustly blamed for inserting the interesting paragraph which appeared in your valuable paper last week respecting the ball at Lintzford, I now take the opportunity of denying having anything to do with the composition. It is worthy of notice that if ever anything respecting Lintzford happens to air itself in the *Consett Guardian*, I have almost always to bear the blame. You may publish this note, and, as it may interest our friends (?) at Lintzford to know my name, I will satisfy their curiosity by signing my name.—I am, &c.,

J. Mathieson, Jun.

CONSERVATISM AT WEST STANLEY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—I make haste to correct a mistake in the report of my lecture of April 22nd, 1886. It was Mr W. H. Patterson, the financial secretary of the Durham Miners' Union, who said, at a meeting at Leadgate, October 17th, 1885, "That when he first became a miners' agent he had an idea that every master was a tyrant, and every coalowner a scoundrel; but it was needless to say that his views had been changed," and not Mr Wm. Crawford, the corresponding secretary of the Durham Miners' Union. By inserting this note you will much oblige,

28, South View, Pelton Fell, John Pyle.
May 3rd, 1886.

P.S.—Mr Crawford's monthly circular was referred to in connection with the opening of a Conservative Club at Newcastle-on-Tyne, wherein he said Lord Elcho was a puppet, and any Conservative working man was either a knave or a fool. I offered to meet Mr Crawford on that subject; so also did Mr Oliver Young expose the circular of Mr Crawford and his blunders.

TOW LAW LOCAL BOARD.

The first meeting of the Board since the election took place at the Public Offices, High Street, Tow Law, on Tuesday night, Present: Messrs Joseph Ridley, W. Ridley, Hy. White, L. P. Wherly, W. R. Teasdale, W. Campbell, W. Atkinson, R. Sproates, Dr Geo. Johnston, and the Clerk (Mr E. Milburn).

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr Joseph Ridley was re-elected Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year, an amendment proposed by Dr Johnston in favour of Mr Atkinson not finding a seconder.

The Chairman, while regretting that the selection had not fallen on some one more suitable, expressed a hope that the members would work harmoniously together during the next twelve months.

NEW MEMBERS.

Messrs Campbell, Teasdale, and Sproates, as new members, took the oath before taking their seats.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector submitted the following monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Tow Law Local Board.

Gentlemen,—I beg to report, for the month ending April 30th, that good progress has been made in attending to and abating the nuisances previously reported to your Board. The whole of Inkermann Cottages have been properly repaired, spouting having been put up where found defective. The open sewer or swamp near to the Old Vicarage would have received your Surveyor's attention, but has been prevented owing to the cutting of the "gripe" until dry weather. The ashpits and privies have been well attended to during the month. Several notices served have not yet had attention, but no doubt the nuisances will be remedied in due course.

I would also recommend the flushing of the sewer behind Bridge Street South, as the most part of the branch drains are in bad working order, and demand attention.—Remaining gentlemen, your obedient servant,

Wm. Garraway, Inspector.

Tow Law, May 4th, 1886.

The report was adopted, the Board recommending the Surveyor to take the water-cart and flush out the whole of the sewers, as the members were of opinion that most of the drains had become filled up during the severe weather.

The Inspector announced that the Surveyor had that day finished the improvement of the sewer near the old Vicarage.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT

The Surveyor (Mr Hillary) submitted the subjoined report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Tow Law Local Board.

Gentlemen,—The footpaths on you main road near to Thornley Pit House have been repaired, and when the stuff laid on has been properly bedded, it will be a great improvement. The gutter at Keeper's Row has been cleaned out according to order.

The flags throughout the district need attention, and in some places are really unsafe. Indeed, I have been informed that two slight accidents have occurred to pedestrians through stepping down into holes caused by the broken flags. The edge of the footpath on the right-hand side of the Castle Bank is in a bad state for want of channel and kerbing to keep the ballast up.

May I have the Board's permission to get tenders for the supply of limestone, to lay before you at the next meeting?

I have a sketch plan to present for a little porch to be put at the Wesleyan Schools, which the managers are compelled to erect by the Committee of the Council on Education.

I have finished the collection of the gas accounts, and deposited with the treasurer £78; making a total of £169, which, together with £9 18s 11d received since the closing of the account from the N.E.R. Co., makes a total of £175, and leaves over £25 in arrears. The arrears are large, but they will be recovered next quarter, when the bills are not so heavy. Some, however, are in danger of being lost unless pressure is used.

Monthly Wages Bill:

		£	s	d
Main Roads:	Manual labour	6	6	7
	Team ,,	1	18	6
Other Roads:	Manual labour	0	15	9
Gas Works:	Foreman's wages	5	16	0
Cemetery:	Sexton's quarterly salary	5	0	0
	Manual labour	5	15	2
Streets:	Lamplighting	0	17	0
Office cleaning		0	6	0
	Making a total of	27	10	6
	Leaving due to Surveyor	6	12	0

The Collector was authorised to take legal proceedings against all gas consumers who are two quarters or more in arrears, after furnishing them with due notice.

TENDERS FOR CARTING, &c.

Out of half-a-dozen tenders, the contract for the Board's team work was let to Anthony Weatherell, whose terms were lowest.

ROAD MATERIAL.

The Surveyor was empowered to make applications for tenders for supplying the Board with limestone for the ensuing year.

THE DILAPIDATED FOOTPATHS.

The Surveyor remarked that a man who was a little tipsy had sustained a severe fall on the footpath.

Dr Johnston: It serves him right. (Laughter.)

The Surveyor: The flags were to blame.

Some discussion ensued as to the best method of repairing the flags in broken places, Mr W. Ridley suggesting that they should take the flags up for a distance of 100 yards in High Street, and lay down cement, and use all the surplus flags in repairing other defective places.

The Surveyor said the worst part of the flagging was on the Castle Bank; but the members did not approve of cementing a steep hill, which might prove dangerous to foot passengers in slippery weather.

Mr Wherly considered it a good idea to repair a portion of Campbell Street with cement. The footpaths in High Street were so much broken up with grates, traps, &c. It would be more costly to do High Street.

The Chairman and Mr Campbell suggested that a committee should be appointed to traverse the whole of the main thoroughfares and bye-streets, and ascertain which is the most suitable place to try the experiment of cementing.

This was agreed to.

RE-LAYING THE GAS MAINS.

The question of renovating a portion of the gas mains was next brought up for discussion, the Clerk announcing that the Gas Works, during the last year, realised a profit of £100, which had been banked, and applied for the relief of the local rates.

Mr Atkinson did not think it proper that the gas consumers were compelled to pay the burdens of the ratepayers until the charge for gas was reduced to 4s per 1,000 feet.

Mr Wherly also thought the rate for gas should be reduced to the minimum price, and thus give an inducement to customers to consume a greater quantity.

Mr W. Ridley: Before we involve ourselves in further expenditure, let us see if there has been a profit or not.

Mr Teasdale: You heard what our Clerk said.

Mr Ridley: I heard well enough.

The Clerk: It is true that last year there was a profit of £100. I think there will not be any profit this year, because we have had some heavy gas expenses to meet.

Mr Ridley: If we have a little overplus one year, it does not signify that the gas works are paying, because there may be a heavy loss in another year. As a matter of fact, we started the works with too little money, and we had to struggle for seven or eight years to get our debts paid off.

Mr Atkinson: The gas consumers are now paying off these "extras."

The Clerk: A general district rate had to be increased 50 per cent. to pay heavy liabilities standing against the gas works.

Dr Johnston would like to see the Weardale Iron Company using the gas at their fitting shops.

Mr Campbell: They would do so, if there was sufficient pressure.

Dr Johnston thought the defect was surmounted when they laid a main along Grove Road.

The Chairman did not think this would alter the pressure a great deal. There was more pressure wanted from the works, and this could only be accomplished by putting in larger pipes.

Eventually, Mr Wherly proposed, and Mr Teasdale seconded, that new gas pipes be laid from the Gas Works, along Wesley Street, to the High Street, also in the branch connections where required.

The Chairman estimated the total cost to be between £60 and £70.

The proposition was carried.

SPECIAL CEMETERY RATE.

It was ordered, on the motion of Mr Wherly, seconded by Mr Atkinson, that a special rate of 6d in the pound be levied, for cemetery purposes; another rate of 6d in the pound to be levied three months hence.

The Clerk stated that a rate of 6d would realise £190 on their present rateable value.

Mr W. Ridley advocated the making of a heavier rate so as to enable the Board to clear itself from debt, instead of holding back accounts month after month; but the rest of the members were of opinion that three 6d rates would be collected with greater facility than two 9d rates.

Mr Ridley recommended that a little more pressure should be put upon the collector, believing that there were several outstanding accounts which could be gathered in if the collector would only persevere more.

Mr White said if the Board only summoned one or two of the defaulters it would soon waken them up.

THE FINANCES.

On the proposal of Mr White, seconded by Dr Johnston, the monthly accounts, representing a total of £50, were ordered to be paid, leaving a balance of about £70 in hand.

PLAN.

The plan for a cloak room for the Wesleyan Schools were submitted, but the Surveyor understood that the erection had already been built, the trustees not being aware that it was necessary to present a plan to the Board.

Mr White considered this proceeding very irregular; but he moved that the plan be adopted.

Mr Sproates seconded, and the proposition was agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Resulted as under:—

Gas and Finance Committee.—The Chairman, Messrs Campbell, Atkinson, and White.

Highway, Nuisance, and Cemetery Committee.—The Chairman, Messrs W. Ridley, Teasdale, Wherly, and Sproates.

THE BOARD'S MANUAL LABOUR.

Mr Teasdale remarked that their expenditure for manual labour was gradually increasing, and he urged it was necessary that the Board considered the expediency of getting this work performed by contract.

Mr W. Ridley said it would be a difficult matter to draw up specifications for the work.

At length, Mr Teasdale gave notice to move at the next meeting that the manual labour be let by contract; the Clerk meanwhile being directed to prepare a statement of the annual cost of manual labour during the past five years.

There was no further business.

NORTH-WEST DIVISION OF DURHAM.

THE LIBERAL MEETING AT CONSETT.

We have been requested to publish the subjoined correspondence:—

North-West Durham Liberal Association.
Office: Town Hall, Consett,
April, 27th, 1886.

To the Right Hon.
William Ewart Gladstone, M.P.

Honoured Sir,—At a meeting of the above association, held in the New Town Hall, Consett, yesterday afternoon, when—notwithstanding the counter-attractions attendant upon the holidays—there were about 1,000 persons present, and which was presided over by Wm. Jenkins, Esq., J.P., supported by L. A. Atherley-Jones, Esq., M.P. (the member for the Division), and the most prominent Liberals in the district, the annexed resolutions were unanimously carried, which I have the pleasure of conveying to you, and remain,

Honoured sir,
Yours very respectfully,
Adam Brodie.

Hawarden Castle, Flintshire.

1st Resolution:

Proposed by Mr Thomas Williams, seconded by Mr J. W. Rounthwaite, supported by J. Priestman, Esq., J.P., and L. A. Atherley-Jones, Esq., M.P.:—

"That this meeting desires to express its confidence in Mr Gladstone, and in the measures proposed by him for the better government of Ireland, and trusts he will receive the support of the Liberal party in Parliament and throughout the country."

2nd Resolution:

Proposed by Mr H. Carss, and seconded by Mr Thomas Featherstone:—

"That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to Mr Gladstone."

10, Downing Street,
Whitehall.
May 1st, 1886.

Sir,—I am directed by Mr Gladstone to inform you that he has received with much pleasure the resolution which you have done him the honour to forward to him on behalf of the North-West Durham Liberal Association.

I am, sir,
Your obedient servant,
G. W. Spencer-Lylleton.

A. Brodie, Esq.

THE LIBERAL DEMONSTRATION AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

The subjoined reply has been received by the secretary of the Liberal Association, in reference to the resolution passed at the Liberal demonstration at Annfield Plain, on April 24th, approving of Mr Gladstone's measures for the better government of Ireland:—

May 4th, 1886.

Sir,—I am desired by Mr Gladstone to thank you for the communication, with which you have favoured him on behalf of the Liberal meeting held at Annfield Plain.

I am, sir,
Your obedient servant,
G. W. Spencer-Lylleton.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING AT CASTLESIDE.

On Saturday night, a public meeting of the Conservatives comprised within the Castleside Polling District, was held in the Board Schools, under the presidency of Mr W. J. Scott, of The Sycamores, Rowley. There were also on the platform Mr G. W. Livingstone, of Newcastle (Chairman of the Elswick Working Men's Conservative Club), Rev H. H. Ross-Lewin (curate of Benfieldsde), Messrs J. S. Murray, J. W. Leybourne, T. Milner, and S. D. Cooper (agent of the North-West Durham Conservative Association). Owing probably to a counter-attraction in the village, there was only a meagre audience.

The Chairman remarked that he was in favour of Home Rule to a certain extent, but he certainly did not approve of the idea of giving-up Ireland altogether. The enemies of Ireland in days gone by were not the landlords, but the tenants who took the farms from the owners and sub-let them to the peasants at double the rents they were paying to the landlords. He also protested against the proposal of England compensating the landlords to the tune of either 50 or 120 millions, and hoped that figure would be reduced to nothing when ever the Bill came before Parliament.

Mr Livingstone, the principal speaker, was well received. In introducing the subject of Ireland, he said he could not count himself a stranger at any meeting of Englishmen or Irishman gathered together for the purpose of upholding the Constitution (applause), and, furthermore, he was not a professional lecturer, but simply a working man, employed 77 hours every week in the Newcastle Gas Yard. Speaking as Irishman, he observed that unfortunately his native country had been made the football of both political parties since they came into power. He characterised the three measures previously passed by Mr Gladstone for the amelioration of Ireland as miserable failures. Mr Gladstone had been blundering in regard to Ireland for the past 18 years, and he did not place much faith in the remedy the Prime Minister now prescribed. Mr Gladstone was not a man of principle, policy, or patriotism, but was ready to do anything from picking pockets to manslaughter. (Laughter.) Mr Gladstone went to Midlothian for the sole purpose of uniting the great Liberal party, but he (Mr Livingstone) would be so bold as to say that if Mr Gladstone lived to the age of Methuselah, he would never be able to cement the Liberal party. Mr Gladstone asked the electors to give him a sufficient majority to crush both Lord Salisbury and Mr Parnell, and said he would knock Ireland and the Tories into cocked hats. (Laughter.) The country, however, did not grant him a majority; and now Mr Gladstone, in order to regain office, was negotiating with men, whom he described in 1880-1 as "being ready to march through rapine and murder for the disintegration of the British Empire"—and all because Mr Parnell had a band of 85 followers behind him. The speaker ventured to assert that these 85 members did not represent the wealth and intelligence of Ireland, but rather the "rebels," as they were described by Mr Bright. The wealth and intelligence was on the side of the loyalists. He might state there were half-a-million of Roman Catholics who were opposed to Mr Parnell's policy, and these ought to be represented in Parliament by 10 members. Mr Gladstone had described Mr Parnell and his band as "steeped to the lips in treason;" but he had considerably changed his views since the last general election. (Laughter.) Mr Gladstone was a demogage out of office, and he was a dictator when in power. He tried to dictate to Mr Chamberlain; but did not succeed. (Hear.) He maintained that the Home Rule Scheme was the production of Mr Gladstone's own brain, and not the Bill of the Cabinet. (Hear.) The Liberals charged Lords Churchill and Salisbury with being in league with Mr Parnell at the last general election; but now Messrs Harcourt and Morley were glad enough to "stew in the Irish juice." The first thing Mr Gladstone would have to do, in the event of a Parliament being established in Dublin, would be to whitewash the Prime Minister, Mr Parnell, who along with his 85 adherents stood on the plank of separation. He believed, however, the patriotism of true loyalists would be able to capsize Mr Parnell and his party. Mr Gladstone had sent a balloon up into the air, and since he took his stand with Mr Parnell, he did not know whether he had joined the Invincibles or not. (Laughter.) He is at the present time finding out the true and only remedy for Irish grievances—the "true Holloway's pills: none genuine unless every box is marked Home Rule and Mr Parnell on one side; and Mr Gladstone on the other." (Renewed laughter.) They were told that Mr Gladstone was all right, but he (Mr Livingstone) held in his hand a list of 40 Acts now on the Statute book which Mr Gladstone at one time affirmed that he would oppose, but subsequently passed into law. He contended that there was danger; as Mr Gladstone was a great deceiver, and nothing pleased him better than to deceive his country and his followers. If Mr Gladstone had been in the Garden of Eden, Satan would have found his occupation gone. (Laughter.) Mr Parnell dubbed Mr Gladstone as the greatest coercionist of modern times; he is a friend of every country but an enemy to his own. The speaker looked upon Mr Gladstone as being more dangerous, in the House of Commons, to the Throne and constitution of this country, than Guy Fawkes was under the House with his barrells of gunpowder. (Applause). After describing the present condition of Ireland, Mr Livingstone mentioned that Mr Parnell had misappropriated the moneys received by the Land League for the support of needy peasants, and had spent £10,000 in returning Nationalist members to Parliament; and when he stated that they had no funds to spare, there was £57,000 lying in the bank. These were the men who were to rule the revenue, and have a Parliament in their own hands. The speaker next averred that Grattan's Parliament was not the blessing to Ireland that some politicians would lead them to imagine, and pointed out that Healey, Sexton, and others would be little better than some of the members of Grattan's Parliament, several of whom never saw the electors, and he instanced the case of one member who told the officials at Westminister that he actually did not know the name of the constituency that elected him! Mr Livingstone went on to prove that the greatest coercionists in Ireland were the Land Leaguers, who exercised the greatest tyranny and oppression over the poor peasantry. The whole difficulty, he submitted, was not a social question, but a purely religious question from beginning to end. Home Rule was fostered by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy with a view to extingishing Protestanism in that country, and giving the priests supreme power over the masses. He furthermore proved, from quotations from the speeches of Irish members, that the Land League all but incited the peasants to shoot their landlords rather than pay their rents; and went on to affirm that the priests in Ireland were cognisant of many of the agrarian crimes in Ireland, and were accessories to the fact immediately before or after the deed. One priest had described England as a "land of Pagans." The speaker denied that the last election in Ireland was conducted by ballot, as no sooner did the peasants—most of whom could neither read nor write—enter the polling booths than they were confronted by the parish priest and an officer of the Land League. He also quoted from the Roman Catholic *Tablet* and other newspapers to show that their real object was to drive the loyalist and Protestant population out of the country, and ultimately to work out the destruction of the British Empire. In conclusion, he besought all true Englishmen, loyal Irishmen, Scotchmen, and Welshmen to rise up and not allow the fatherland to be handed over to the tender mercies of Mr Parnell and his adherents. (Applause.)

The Chairman considered the best thing would be to detach the south of Ireland from England and let the Irish people do what they liked with it; but to let the northern portion remain part and parcel of England. (Cheers.)

Mr J. S. Murray proposed—"That this meeting is of opinion that the Land Bill introduced by Mr Gladstone is detrimental to the best interests of the Empire; and protests most emphatically against any Act which tends to the dismemberment of the Empire, and expresses its confidence in Lord Salisbury and his party; also that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the chairman to Lord Salisbury and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach." (Cheers.) The speaker regarded the Liberal party as idolators of Mr Gladstone, and not as worshippers of the Almighty. Mr Gladstone could deceive his statellites into swallowing and believing almost anything, and he was firmly convinced that if Mr Gladstone were to pass an Act of Parliament to hang his own grandmother for going to Church, his worshippers would hold up their hands and grandly declare that it was the greatest and best Act that Mr Gladstone ever did. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr T. Milner briefly seconded.

The Chairman was about to put the resolution, when Mr Oliver (a Radical from Waskerly) essayed to speak; but the Chairman said it was too late for him to submit an amendment.

Mr Oliver said he only wished the reporter to note that this was not a meeting of the residents of Castleside.

The Chairman said it was a public meeting, and if the people did not attend, they could not compel them to come.

The resolution was carried, five hands being held up against it, out of an audience composed of about 30 individuals.

The Rev H. H. Ross-Lewin moved a vote of thanks to Mr Livingstone, and stated that the speaker had shown no animosity towards the Roman Catholics in his excellent address. The rev. gentleman having spent some time in that country, said he knew from experience that it would be far better for Ireland to remain a portion of the British Empire. (Cheers.)

Mr Carruthers seconded the proposal, which was adopted.

Mr Livingstone, in acknowledging the compliment, cited the authority of Daniel O'Connell that for a period of 1,000 years, while England was swarming with Roman Catholics Ireland was absolutely a Protestant country. In the time of Henry II., the only Englishman who ever occupied the position of Pope of Rome sold Ireland to England for the purpose of implanting the Romish religion there; and probably that was the reason why, when Cardinal Manning offered himself as a candidate for the Papal See, he only received two votes. If the Pope were infalliable, how could it be wrong when the Head of the Church proposed the annexation of Ireland to England? (Cheers.)

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The first fortnightly meeting of the newly-elected Board of Guardians, was held on Thursday week, at the Workhouse, Chester-le-Street.

On the motion of Mr John Crawford, seconded by Mr Swallow, Mr Thos. Robson was re-elected chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr Robson, in returning thanks for his re-appointment, said he would always endeavour to discharge the duties of the office in a satisfactory manner.

The report of the Workhouse Master stated that the number of inmates at present in the Workhouse was 103, being the same number as that of the corresponding period of last year. The number of vagrants was 127, as compared with 174 over the same period of last year. On Good Friday, the Countess of Scarborough visited the Workhouse, bringing flowers, tea, and tobacco for the inmates.

Mr Ridley moved that a vote of thanks from the members of the Board be tendered to the Countess of Scarborough for her kindness in sending the tea, tobacco, &c., for distribution.—The motion was carried unanimously.

The Medical Officer's monthly report stated that a house-to-house inspection of the houses known as the Brick Garth, Birtley, had been made. The houses were found to be in a very damp and dilapidated condition, many of the roofs being far from watertight. Several houses in Atkinson's Buildings were also very damp, while the whole of the buildings were in a dilapidated state. He had given the sanitary inspector notices that the above property in its present condition was unfit for habitation in consequence of the damp, dilapidated, and unwholesome condition in which it was in. The number of deaths from all causes for the past month was 25, births 63, giving a death rate of 15·95, and a birth-rate of 40·2. The report also stated that the district was free from zymotic disease.

The reports were adopted, and the Board proceeded to appoint a water-rate collector for Birtley, for which six applications had been received. On a vote being taken, the appointment fell to Mr Hy. Walton.

COL. A. B. WILBRAHAM ON THE HOME RULE SCHEME.

Colonel A. B. Wilbraham, J.P., of Snows Green, was one of the principal speakers at a large meeting held at Durham last week, to oppose the Home Rule proposals. The gallant Colonel, on rising to propose the second resolution, said he must congratulate the meeting on having recorded their vote almost unanimously in favour of that for which they had been called together. He himself regretted that the bill which had been brought in by Mr Gladstone had not been rejected on the first reading. (Hear, hear.) He should have liked to have seen the bill thrown out at once, not on its merits, but as an assurance that they were to have legislative union. However, he supposed their party leaders understood best what they were doing, and the probability was that the Whigs, who were exceedingly anxious to join the Conservatives, did not wish to throw their weight against the bill until they had heard the merits of it. To his mind that bill was not brought in for the purpose of benefiting Ireland; it was brought in simply and solely for the purpose of keeping Mr Gladstone in power. He said that for this reason. Just before the General Election Mr Parnell appealed to Mr Gladstone as to what was his policy with regard to Ireland. Mr Gladstone then most emphatically said that he was against the repeal of the Union. Mr Gladstone at the same time appealed to the electors throughout the country, asking them to return him by such an immense majority so as to make him entirely independent of Mr Parnell's vote. But the elections told a different tale, and then Mr Gladstone found out that unless he by some means or other got the Nationalists' vote, it would be impossible to turn the Conservatives out of power. The elections finished on the 10th December, and Mr Gladstone was not long in hatching his egg, for on the 17th December there came out in the *Standard* a sketch of Mr Gladstone's Home Rule Scheme. Mr Gladstone at once telegraphed to deny that these were the lines of his scheme, but he (the speaker) thought that if they took the *Standard* and the *Pall Mall Gazette* of that date and compared them with Mr Gladstone's recent measure, they would find they were pretty nearly identical. When Parliament met Mr Gladstone got up and supported Mr Jesse Collings' "three acres and a cow measure." (Laughter.) The consequence of that was that the Conservative Government was turned out. Then occurred what to him was a most extraordinary thing. He thought that the foreigners must consider the English people very mad, because they had 670 people in the House of Commons, and it was an undoubted fact that 86 of them dictated to the other 584. Not only that, but they found that now the three acres and a cow were entirely put to one side, and Mr Gladstone appealed to the country to give him time to frame that which was now within his mind. He said, "I am going to give you an Irish policy; allow me till the first of April." He changed that date afterwards to the 8th of April. The result was the bill they had now before them. To his mind the sole reason why it had been brought forward was because it had secured Mr Parnell's vote. Let them look for a moment at the financial view of the matter. Even if the Irishmen were willing to pay that which, he thought, if the bill was passed, they really had a right to say was a foreign tribute—even if they were willing to pay that money, the question was whether they were able to do so. What was demanded of them; Mr Gladstone asked 3½ millions, which was their share of the charge for the management of Ireland. Mr Gladstone also asked for another million for the constabulary, making 4½ millions; and there was besides 50 millions, which would bear interest at the rate of four per cent., which would make two millions more. That would make altogether 6½ millions. As former speakers had pointed out, it would be a gross injustice in giving compensation to the Irish landlords to stop at 50 millions, because Mr Gladstone himself had in 1883 said that it would cost between three and four hundred millions to buy out the Irish landlords; later on he said it would cost 150 millions, and now he had come down to 50 millions, and at the same time he pointed to further expenditure later. That would bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. That was to say, for every fifty millions expended by England there would be two millions interest to be paid by Ireland, so that from the beginning the Irish would have to pay six-and-a-half millions into the English exchequer. He thought the whole of their revenue was something like ten millions, and that being the case he considered that if Ireland was willing to pay it they would be unable to do so; because, if there was separation, both English and foreign capitalists would be afraid to embark their capital under the Government which would then exist, and therefore the country, which was poor now, would become poorer still. On the other hand, he would not be surprised if the Irish turned round and said "This is a foreign tribute, and we repudiate it altogether." In that case England would be saddling herself with an expenditure of 150 millions, and would have to pay charges which ought to have been paid by Ireland. Besides that they must consider that Ulster was against this bill, and Ulster was the province which rendered the largest amount of taxation into the exchequer. He thought that Ulster paid two-thirds of the Irish taxation. If they repudiated the payment of that tribute, then there would have to be coercion in some form or other, and God forbid that they should ever have to resort to that. The Radicals said, "Let us give them the chance of paying it, and then if they do not do so, we will put them down with soldiers." He himself believed they ought to extend the same justice to Ireland that they did to England and Scotland. He should like to see Ireland profit by every institution, and be exactly on all fours with ourselves, but, at the same time, it would not be fair to give to Ireland any advantage not possessed by the other two countries. One of the chief objections against Mr Gladstone's bill was that there was no finality about it. Mr Gladstone had said that as soon as this bill was passed the Irish question would be settled, but he had said the same thing in respect to his other Irish measures, and therefore they had no confidence in him. However much they might admire the talents of such a man, it was useless to follow him, as he would eventually lead them into difficulties.

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THE FATTED CALF AT TOW LAW.

The following lines are not inserted as poetry, but as a record of the procession of the "Salvation calf" through the streets of Tow Law a few days ago.

We read in the Gospel, according to Luke,
About a young man who a journey once took.
He was very uneasy, and tired of home;
Made up his mind that he would roam,
So getting his portion from his father one day,
To a foreign country he made his way.
He spent all, then we are given to understand
There arose a famine in that land.
Now, having made bad use of his time,
He had to go out and feed some swine;
And while the swine enjoyed their meat,
He was almost persuaded with them to eat.
However, he came to himself one day,
And back to his father made his way.
"The servants have enough and to spare;
I perish with hunger," he was heard to declare.
His father received him safe and sound,
Was glad his lost son had been found;
They brought the robe, the shoes, and ring,
The music and dancing did begin.
Bring forth the calf, the father did say,
And let us have a feast to-day.
At the father's love, the son was perplexed,
But his elder brother got quite vexed;
And tho' his father did him entreat,
We read, he refused to take his seat—
But, sir, in this story we do not find
That they to the calf were so unkind
As to exhibit it along the street,
Before it was slain for them to eat.
Tow Law folks have seen many a sight,
But nothing like that Wednesday night.
They have sometimes seen a circus clown,
Playing his antics through the town,
They have seen a man with scouring stones,
And another one seeking rags and bones;
But the oldest man in the place can say
He saw the queerest that Wednesday;
Scores of children were in the street,
Poor things, to them it was a treat,
The Salvation Army had a horse and cart,
Which, in their procession, took a part
Three men inside; and as one did drive,
There stood among them a calf *alive*,
Red ribbon round its neck and head,
Poor innocent thing—it had no dread
As it met the gaze of the people's eyes
That soon it would be into pies.
Now, sir, I believe in doing good,
To make this his duty every man should,
The Salvation Army, since it did begin,
Has lifted many a one from sin;
But scenes like these give us such a shock,
We wonder who it is they mock,
Whether the Prodigal, Calf, or Saviour,
With their very strange behaviour,
I do not wonder at some being vexed,
And saying to each other "I wonder what next?"
Go on, brave soldiers, do the best you can
To help to save poor sinful man,
For this farce you are not all to blame,
Many of you, no doubt, think shame
That ever the calf went through the place
To make the Army's name a disgrace;
Also, to cause some people to say
Things that I dare not mention to-day.

NOTA BENE.

THE EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT.

EVIDENCE OF MR ATHERLEY-JONES, M.P.

On Tuesday, the Select Committee of the House of Commons on the bills introduced by Mr Burt and Mr Arthur O'Connor for the amendment of the Employers' Liability Act (1880) held their first meeting after the Easter recess. Mr Arthur O'Connor presided, in the absence of Sir Thomas Brassey.

Mr ATHERLEY-JONES, M.P., was one of the witnesses. In examination by Mr Bradlaugh, he said that in the course of his experience as a barrister he had considerable experience of the working of the Act 1880. He thought the balance of advantage was, though not very strongly, in favour of doing away with the power of contracting out of the Act. He quite recognised that, assuming that the effect of such an amendment of the Act would be to destroy the efficacy of those insurances which existed for the purpose of private compensation, the result would necessarily be that in all cases where the master and employer had not been guilty of negligence, where the employers were guilty of negligence and the employed guilty of contributory negligence, and where the accident arose from unavoidable circumstances, the man injured would receive no compensation or relief. With regard to the contention that the compulsory enforcement of the Employers' Liability Act would tend to greater safety, he pointed out that there were in existence insurance companies which practically relieved the employer of responsibility. He considered that the limit of time during which notice could be given was too short; he was in favour of the abolition of notice of accident altogether. He also thought that the amount of compensation was unduly limited, and that justice would best be met by leaving the amount of compensation to the discretion of the court.

By Mr ARTHUR O'CONNOR: The power to transfer a case to a superior court should be dependent on the importance of the questions raised, and not on the amount of the plaintiff's claim.

The witness after being examined by the other members of the committee withdrew.

A CONSETT POLICEMAN "JILTED" BY A LANDLADY.

At Barnard Castle Police Court, last week, *Thomas Lee, John Metcalfe, Thomas Smith, William Raine*, and *John Antill* were charged with being drunk in the Talbot Hotel, Middleton, kept by Hannah Porter Kimber, on the 20th inst.; and Kimber was charged with permitting drunkenness on the same occasion.—Sergt. Catterick said about 100 persons were in the house—men, women, and children. They were singing, shouting, cursing, swearing, and drinking; in fact the officer never saw a more disgraceful scene in his life. No person seemed to be in charge.—The Bench: Where was the landlady?—Mr Barningham (defending): She was away getting married. (Laughter.)—Cross-questioned, the Sergeant said the wedding had long been talked of.—Mr Barningham: And any amount of old slippers and rice knocking about on this particular day?—Sergeant: Well, I don't know; I saw a great quantity of rice.—P.C. Neasam corroborated.—Mr Barningham: Weddings and elections at Middleton cause a great amount of cheering?—Officer: I don't know.—J. Hollis (Wesleyan) said he saw a vehicle drawn from the station, amid great cheering. At the public-house there was the greatest uproar, and he expressed to the sergeant his disgust at what was taking place.—Mr J. Hunt, another witness, thought the worst part of the business was the number of juveniles who were getting drunk.—Mr Barningham, for the defence, did not deny a lot of drinking. For twenty-three years Mrs Kimber had kept a public-house without complaint. The fact was Mrs Porter had been P.C. Vicker's affianced, but she turned him for Kimber—(laughter)—and hence the man in blue felt bitter emnity and dislike against the house. (No, no.) There was nothing beyond the regular rejoicing, the villagers being so pleased at geeting Kimber, who was well liked, as a landlord—instead of Vickers.—Mrs Kimber, in evidence, said she left Middleton for Hartlepool, where she was married on the 20th, and returned by the last train, taking a brake to the Inn. A crowd at the station cheered witness and her husband on the way. At 9·30 she cleared the house, save half-a-dozen who desired a "quiet glass." A person named Galloway, said to be a "total abstainer"—(laughter)—was left in charge of the house that day.—Smith, called to testify, said it was not true he was always drunk. (Laughter.)—Mr Barningham: I was surprised the sergeant had the audacity to say so. (Laughter.)—Supt. Thompson: What did you drink?—Witness: Can you always say what you had to drink? (Laughter.)—Raine, Lee, and Metcalfe gave a general denial of the evidence.—The Bench felt sorry such scenes had occurred at a wedding, and disbelieved the insinuations about police spite. The Rector and others had complained of the house. Mrs Kimber had been in the trade long enough to know better than leave her house in the hands of a mob. She would be fined £5 and costs, the other defendants 10s and costs each.—Similar charges against *Mrs Kimber, Lee*, and *Metcalfe* for the 21st inst., were withdrawn.—[P.C. Vickers is now stationed at Consett, Neasam having taken his place at Middleton-in-Teasdale.]

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, May 3rd. — Before JON. PRIESTMAN, Esq. (chairman), JAMES ANNANDALE, Esq., Lieut.-Col. A. B. WILBRAHAM, and J. W. WALTON-WILSON, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

Henry Chambers, of Victoria Garesfield, pleaded guilty to a charge, preferred against him by Sergeant Thornton, of having been found helplessly intoxicated at Dipton, at 11 o'clock on Thursday night, April 22nd.—Fined 5s and costs.

Peter Hall, who was accused by the same officer of being drunk and shouting and swearing in the streets of Dipton, at 11·30 on the following evening (23rd ult.), was also fined 5s and costs; in default, to be imprisoned for seven days' hard labour.

John Doyle, James Kelly, and *Joseph Scollins* were summoned by P.C. Hudson for having been drunk, fighting, and causing a disturbance at Blackhall Mill, on the 17th ult.—Doyle and Kelly were let off on payment of a fine of 5s and costs; Scollins did not respond, and was fined 10s and expenses.

Bertram Kelly, having been ejected from a public-house at Blackhall Mill for uproarious conduct on the same night, was charged by P.C. Newton with being guilty of drunkenness and disorderly conduct in that village, and was also mulcted in 5s and costs.

John March, who lives at a lodging-house, failed to surrender on his recognisances to answer a charge of being drunk and incapable in Front Street, Consett, on April 22nd.—P.C. Benn stated the facts, and the Bench imposed a fine of 10s and costs.

Patrick Cunningham, of Blackhill, was also accused of being drunk and disorderly.—Defendant admitted having "a few glasses of drink."—P.C. Lawson deposed that on the 24th ult., he found the defendant very drunk in Durham Road. He indulged in most abusive language, and when requested to go away, he wanted to fight the officer. As Lawson and another policeman were escorting Cunningham to the Police Station at Consett, defendant violently struggled to escape, and declined to allow the cuffs to be put on his wrists. It was with the greatest difficulty that he was conveyed to the lock-up.—Cunningham admitted that he was drunk, but protested that he was not guilty of the other offences.—The Chairman, in inflicting the customary penalty of 5s and expenses, pointed out that defendant was charged with drunkenness only.

Peter Crane, a rough-looking customer, who hails from Stanley, was brought up in custody and charged by P.C.'s Lawson and Murphy with being drunk, fighting, and creating an uproar at Dipton, on Saturday night.—Defendant denied that he was intoxicated, but confessed that he was fighting.—He was fined 5s and costs.

PAYING BY THE MILESTONES.

Marian Ross, a woman, who stated that she came out of Scotland, was also placed in the dock on a charge of drunkenness, P.C. Benn having found her exceedingly inebriated in Delves Lane, Consett, about one o'clock on the previous (Sunday) morning.—The Magistrates inflicted a fine of 2s 6d and costs, and the woman said she would pay the money with the greatest pleasure within a week. (Laughter.)—Time was allowed her.

HIS FIRST AND LAST "SPREE."

Thomas Laughran, a big, burly individual, pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness, preferred against him by P.C. Newton, who discovered the defendant kicking up a tremendous row in the streets of Consett on the night of the 19th ult., and he was locked up.—Defendant said: "It is the first time, your Worships, and it will be the last time that I'll get drunk. (Laughter.) I am a stranger here, and some people gave me drink. I am out of work."—He was ordered to pay a fine of 11s 2d, including costs; or a week's imprisonment in case of default.

THE EDUCATION ACT.

The parties named below were summoned by Mr W. Ward, on behalf of the Lanchester Union School Attendance Committee, for not making their children go regularly to school:—*George Carroll*, order made to attend St. Joseph's Roman Catholic School, Tow Law; *Bartholomew Johnson*, miner, Leadgate, fined 5s including costs; *Rebecca Potts*, order to attend Leadgate (St. Ives) National School; *Jos. Dimmick*, Edith Street, Consett, fined 5s; and *Marion Struthers*, order to attend Wesleyan Schools.—The last-named defendant is the grandmother, who has custody of two children left by their mother. She declared that she could not get the children to school in time before the registers were called over, although the uncle had made them arise from bed at six o'clock in the morning to be punctual at school.

AN ASSAULT COMPROMISED.

Sarah Quigley was summoned by Mary Ann Howells for assaulting her at Dipton, on April 14th.—Neither party responded, and the summons was dismissed.

SAVAGE ATTACK ON A HAWKER AND HIS WIFE.

Stewart Drummond was summoned for having assaulted John Ellensworth, a hawker, of Stoney Heap, on the 25th ult.; and *Hugh Stewart* was summoned for assaulting his wife, Mary Ellensworth, on the same occasion.—P.C. Stubbs stated that the defendants had absconded since the summonses were served.—Mrs Ellensworth only appeared, and explained that her husband was exceedingly ill in bed, and was so weak that he had to be moved about like a child. The men had almost killed him. She could not say when he would be able to attend court.—The magistrates issued warrants for the apprehension of the defendants.

A FATHER ASSAULTED BY HIS SON: SHOCKING DEPRAVITY AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

William Grant, a young man, living in Wood Street, Shotley Bridge, was brought up on a warrant charged with violently assaulting his father, Michael Grant, on the 24th ult. At the outset, defendant pleaded guilty.—Complainant, on entering the witness-box, stated that he wished to withdraw the charge. His son had promised to leave the district, and also pay the costs incurred. He was willing to comply with these conditions.—The Bench: Why did you get out a warrant against him?—Complainant: Because I was afraid of my son at the time.—Defendant, in answer to the magistrates, said he had left his father's house, and was lodging a few doors away in the same street. He intended to quit the district, after earning sufficient money to take him away. He had nothing to pay the costs, 3s 10d.—Mrs Grant (excitedly): He has no call to leave the place. It was his father's fault.—The magistrates, after a long consultation, refused to allow such a serious charge to be withdrawn.—Complainant, however, declined to tender any evidence against his son, until he was informed by the Chairman that if he would not do so he was liable to be imprisoned for seven days for contempt of court. With some difficulty it was elicited from complainant that his son beat him shamefully all over the body on the night in question.—(The mother: He never hit him. His father was drunk). —Defendant was unruly indeed, and he (complainant) could not manage him.—In reply to the Bench, the old man declared that he was sober on the evening named, as he was working till seven o'clock.—Defendant now repudiated the charge, although he confessed that he came home intoxicated, and after having a few words with his brother his father put him outside.—Mrs Grant, who figured in court with a pair of black eyes, was called as a witness. She said "the boy" came home the worse for drink, and made a "bit of noise." He had been at a "jerry" having a game at dominoes. Defendant got to high words with his brother, and the father at length took him by the shoulders and put him out of the house. Her husband, who was also drunk, refused to allow defendant to come in again until he promised to go quietly upstairs to bed. On being readmitted the son attacked his father, and the pair were soon "in holes," but they were immediately separated. She denied that any blows were struck.—The Bench committed defendant to prison for one month's hard labour, believing that he assaulted his father in a serious manner.

BITTEN BY A DOG: COWARDLY ASSAULT AT WHITE-LE-HEAD.

Thomas Nicholson, miner, was charged with assaulting William Hodgson, a deputy-overman, at White-le-Head, on the 17th ult.—It appears that whilst in the house of Mr Atkinson, the Waggon Inn, on the night in question, the defendant, without provocation, struck both complainant and his brothe-in-law. Defendant being generally quarrelsome was ejected from the house by P.C. Bain. Half-an-hour later, as complainant was proceeding to his house, defendant set a rabbit dog upon him, and the animal bit three pieces out of his leg. Nicholson also kicked and struck at him several times when the dog was attacking him in a ferocious manner. Complainant remonstrated with Nicholson, telling him that he had done a cowardly trick to kick him and set the dog upon him. Defendant retorted, "You great b——, I'll come back and kick your head off."—In answer to the defendant, Hodgson stated that he (Nicholson) was in the house when complainant entered. Could not say if his brother-in-law said anything to defendant prior to the assault. He (Nicholson) aimed a blow at his brother-in-law, which missed its mark, and hit another man in the chest.—P.C. Bain deposed to turning the defendant out of the public-house for being noisy and quarrelsome. He was the worse for drink, but complainant appeared to be quite sober. Witness saw Nicholson pass through the archway in the direction of his home. Defendant possessed a dog of the breed described by Hodgson.—Defendant declared that he was the "ganner hyem" in the country-side. (Laughter.) He always went straight off home when requested by the police. He went on to explain that Hodgson's brother-in-law came and "cracked" him out to fight. He told him that he was too little, and the brother-in-law said he would fetch another man that could "settle" him. Defendant understood that the complainant was the man who was to fight him. He went directly home when ordered by the police, and never recollected seeing the man again. In fact, the man was unknown to him, and he had not seen the complainant since.—The Court fined the defendant £1, and 8s as costs.—Complainant asked to be remunerated for four days he had been laid up through illness; and insisted that the dog should be destroyed.—The Bench did not entertain the last application; but Nicholson promised to compensate the complainant for his loss.—The parties emerged from the Court together, apparently good friends.

CHARGE AGAINST A MINE'S MANAGER.

Mr Samuel Leybourne, of Shotley Bridge, was summoned at the instance of Mr W. N. Atkinson, sub-inspector of mines for the counties of Durham and Northumberland, upon a charge that he, "being the manager of the Harehope Gill Lead Mines, near Edmondbyers, after a change had occurred in the name of the owners of the mines, unlawfully did not give notice to the inspector of the district within two months after such change." Mr W. Brignall (Durham) prosecuted on behalf of the Treasury, and explained that the proceedings were instituted under the 12th and 34th sections of the Mines Regulation Act, whereby the defendant had rendered himself liable to a penalty not exceeding £20.—The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr Granger): You will have to prove that defendant is manager of the Harehope Gill Mines.—Mr Brignall: There is no necessity to do that.—Mr W. Bell said he was Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Metalliferous Mines in the district, and had called upon Mr Leybourne within the past few months. Defendant was managing director of the Burnhope Lead Mining Company, and it was entirely separate from the Harehope Gill Mine. The latter Company had gone into liquidation, and the plant, machinery, &c., had been transferred to the Burnhope Mine. He could not say whether the Burnhope Company had started to work the Harehope Gill Mine.—Defendant explained that he had had a long correspondence between Mr Bell and himself, and there seemed to be some misunderstanding on the point. He contended that they were not the successors to the Harehope Gill Mining Company, which was still in liquidation, a liquidator having been appointed some months ago. The Burnhope Mining Company bought all the plant, machinery, &c., which could be lawfully removed from the Harehope Gill Mine; but there were certain brick erections which the Ecclesiastical Commissioners refused to allow of being interfered with.—Mr Brignall said they could not accept those statements without authority. This evidence went for nothing.—Defendant proceeded to state that the Harehope Gill Company had abandoned the mine and surrendered the lease. He was manager of the Burnhope Mine, but had nothing to do with the Harehope Gill Mine. Mr Leybourne read a letter addressed by himself to Mr Bell, laying the facts before him, and stating that as soon as the Burnhope Company commenced to work the Harehope Gill Mine he would be apprised of the fact. The Burnhope Company had re-taken the royalty from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners; but as they paid no interest to the Harehope Gill Company, they were in no sense their successors.—Mr Granger: You have practically bought the Harehope Gill Mine.—Mr Bell pointed out that having re-leased the royalties from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners the Burnhope Company ought to have acquainted him of the fact; and they ought also to give him another notice whenever they commenced to work the Harehope Gill Mine.—Mr Leybourne informed the Bench that one of the sub-sections of the Act referred to, enacted that its provisions did not apply to any metalliferous mines wherein less than 12 persons were employed underground. He had the authority of the manager of the Harehope Gill Mine for the assertion that at no time had there been a dozen men working in that mine.—The Chairman: If that is a fact, I do not see that we have anything to do with the case. This clause takes it out of our power.—Mr Brignall quite agreed that the objection would hold good if the Burnhope Company had previously been working this mine; but they said they had not done so. What the Inspector complained of was that he had not received notice of the change of the ownership of the Harehope Gill Mine. Mr Leybourne, in answer to Mr Brignall, stated that he was managing director of the Burnhope Mine, and also a shareholder in the Harehope Gill Mine.—Mr Bell said he had not the official returns by him; but he suggested that if the case was adjourned, he would procure the returns from the Home Secretary, and he believed he would be in a position to prove that there had been more than 12 men working in the Harehope Gill Mine.—After further argument, the case was postponed for a fortnight to allow Mr Bell an opportunity of communicating with the Home Office.

THE SOUTH MEDOMSLEY COLLIERIES

We are informed that the collieries at South Medomsley are working six days per week. The lower portion of the workings, which were flooded with water, have been pumped dry, but there are several vacancies to be filled before the pit is in full operation.

DOMESTIC AMENITIES.

Esther Birch, wife of a Unionist at South Medomsley, was summoned for threatening Mary Smith, wife of a non-Unionist, of the same place.—Complainant said that on the 17th March she went to the tap for some water, when she saw the defendant, who said that if she were a man she would "not let them dirty-looking b——s (meaning the "blacklegs") go along the road alive." Complainant replied, "You have tears in your eyes. You won't work yourself, and you'll not allow anybody else to work." Defendant retorted by calling her foul names, such as the "Virgin Mary" and a "Catholic b——," and said that no one ever came to speak to her except the priest. On the Monday the defendant was served with a summons.—The Chairman: You must confine yourself to what actually transpired on the 17th.—Complainant said that Mrs Birch declared that when Charley came, he would "blow her up," and if complainant had her bound over to keep the peace, she would get somebody else to do so.—Defendant (excitedly): Now, you are telling a barefaced lie. You used most disgusting and abominable language to me. I shall have right and justice. (Laughter.)—Mrs White, in adducing corroborative testimony, alleged that defendant held a stone in her hand when she threatened Mrs Smith. (Defendant: "You are a barefaced liar.") Mrs Birch was a terror to the whole neighbourhood, and nobody could go up and down the road without being molested by her.—Defendant explained that a number of men—she did not know whether they were "white legs" or "blacklegs"—were proceeding along the road, and as they stared at her in passing she merely enquired, "What are you looking at?" At this the complainant called her disgusting and offensive names. The complainant wanted her to "have it out," and invited her to come into the middle of the road for that purpose. (Laughter.)—Margaret Beethan partially substantiated the story of the defendant.—The magistrates, after a brief consultation, came to the conclusion that the defendant did use the threat, but believed that she had no intention of doing grievous bodily harm to the complainant. At the same time, the Chairman advised Mrs Birch not to use threatening language in future.—Defendant: I'll not, unless she starts on me first. (Laughter.)—Each party was called upon to defray her own costs.

William Ellis, a little boy, pleaded guilty to assaulting Mary Smith (complainant in the foregoing case) by pelting her with stones on the 14th ult., two of the missiles having struck her upon the body.—Defendant, having been reprimanded, was fined 10s, including costs.

William Dodds and *George Taylor*, strike hands at South Medomsley, were found guilty, upon the testimony of P.C. Lindsay, of having been helplessly intoxicated on the side of the road near High Stables, at 8·30 on the night of the 25th ult.—Each offender was mulcted in a penalty of 5s and costs.

ARMED "BLACKLEGS."

At a late hour on Tuesday night, Sergeant Norman apprehended at Redwell Hills, near Leadgate, two non-unionists, named George Kay and John Dent, working at South Medomsley, on a charge of being drunk and guilty of disorderly conduct. The men had fully loaded revolvers in their possession, which they were pointing at some strike hands. On Wednesday the prisoners were liberated on bail from the Consett lock-up, there weapons being taken care of.

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The MORNING ADVERTISER, of Feb. 22nd, 1886, has the following: —" Messrs. COX & CO., 41, Southampton Buildings, Holborn, London, have lately been instrumental in obtaining many large sums from the Chancery Paymasters. The prompt and cheap system adopted by Cox & Co. will greatly assist persons to obtain what legally belongs to them from the vast accumulated hoards in Chancery. It is surprising that the Court of Chancery does not receive many more applications than are already made, and there is no doubt that when the ease with which inquiries can be made, and rights established, through Messrs. Cox & Co.'s agency, is known, the number of those who secure what only awaits application from the rightful owners will be greatly increased."

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PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONNEXION.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY.

The full boards of the North of England District Meetings began on Saturday. The Sunderland and Newcastle District Meeting was held in the Nelson Street Chapel, Newcastle. The following officers were appointed:—Rev J. Hallam, president; Mr J. Coward, vice-president; Rev W. Bowe, secretary; Rev J. G. Binney, sheet secretary; and Rev R. G. Graham, float secretary. The readers are, Revs J. Young and A. Latimer; and letter writers, Revs E. Cairns, B. Moody, G. Armstrong, and Messrs Taylor and Pickering; Rev H. Pratt and Mr P. Reay, Sunday School Union affairs secretaries; Mr T. P. Tiplady, registrar of letters; and Mr R. Foster, Newcastle, treasurer of the conference money.—The following are the district statistics:—Ministers, 42, one increase; local preachers, 841, 18 increase; class leaders, 737, an increase of 16; connexional chapels, 201, increase, 5; other preaching places, 61, decrease 8; hearers, 41,310, increase 4,298; value of church property, £184,829 8s 10½d. The number of members is 12,977, being an increase of 169 for the year. In the Sabbath schools there are 5,315 teachers, an increase of 65; 31,338 scholars, an increase of 567. There are 7,544 members of the Band of Hope, an increase of 1,615. The total income of the schools is £2,591 15s 10d; the expenditure, £2,064 17s 2d, leaving a balance in hand of £526 17s 11d. The complete list of stationing was confirmed as follows: —Sunderland and Newcastle District:

Sunderland 1st Circuit, J. Hallam, J. A. Cheeseman.
Sunderland 2nd, D. Sheen, G. E. Lloyd.
North Shields, J. Butcher, G. Armstrong.
South Shields, W. Johnson, J. Reavely, H. Pratt (2).
Newcastle 1st, W. Bowe, J. Bainbridge.
Newcastle 2nd, A. Latimer, J. W. Allison.
Hexham, H. Jones, M. Cuthbert.
Berwick, B. Moody.
Durham, R. Hind, M. P. Davison.
Shotley Bridge, T. Elliott, J. Alderson.
Allendale, D. McKinley.
Gateshead, J. Young, J. G. Binney.
Hetton, B. Wild, J. Richardson.
Thornley, E. Cairns, W. Raistrick.
Blyth, R. G. Graham, J. A. Grainger, M. Johnson.
Stanley, J. Waite.
Lowick, T. Sellers.
Chester-le-Street, J. Taylor.
North Sunderland, W. Robson.
Seaton Delaval, J. Elliott, J. Tweddle.
Eyemouth, T. K. Upright.
White-le-Head, J. Gall.
Mickley, J. Moffat.

Among the ministers who are leaving this district are the following:—Revs M. Reavely, W. A. French, W. Baitey, J. Forster, H. Yool. The following are coming into the district:—Revs J. A. Cheeseman, J. Butcher, J. Reavely, M. P. Davison, W. Raistrick, T. Sellors, and M. Cuthbert.

The reports of the Circuits were gone into carefully, and the decreases thoroughly scrutinised. The only decrease of importance is that of Thornley Circuit of 178 members, which is said to be caused by removals and bad trade. It was agreed to prepare petitions for presentations to the House of Commons in favour of the Durham Sunday Closing Bill, and the bill prohibiting the sale of drink to children under 13 years of age. Both bills were cordially endorsed. It was agreed that the Mickley portion of Shotley Bridge Circuit should be made into a branch circuit.—Rev J. G. Binney was nominated as Sunday School Union secretary for next connexional year.—Rev W. Haddon, Newcastle 1st circuit, the only probationer in the district, has received 64 marks out of a possible 100, in the March examination.—Mr R. Foster stated that the subscriptions from the circuits (at the rate of 3rd per member, as required by rule) for the Conference Fund amounted to £162 4s 3d, being £2 2s 3d more than was sent last year.—Rev W. Bowe announced that, as there would be no meeting of the District Committee in June, they had arranged to meet in the last week of the present month, when circuits having any matters to bring before the Conference, which meets at Derby in June, will have to send them on to the committee for examination and approval.—Rev H. Pratt (2), South Shields, and John Forster, of Thornley, were received as full members into the Itinerant Preachers' Friendly Society, after a membership on trial of six years. The District Committee had considered a large amount of ordinary business during the last year, and had also to record the deaths of the late Ald. George Charlton, J.P., of Gateshead; the late Mr John Brown, of Ancroft, near Berwick; Rev William Graham, North Shields, who had travelled 27 years, and had occupied some of the highest offices in the gift of the District Assembly and Conference, having been chosen as secretary to the latter at the meetings at Tunstall in 1884, and for many years secretary of the Sunderland District Sunday School Union; and also of Rev Thos. Brodie, Blackhill, who had travelled 20 years, and who was superintendent of the Newcastle 1st Circuit for the years 1881-4. New chapels are in course of erection at Quarrington Hill, Crook Circuit; Earsdon, in the North Shields Circuit; and Scremerston, in Berwick Circuit. A minister's house is being built at Hexham, and a Sabbath School at Chester-le-Street. The following places applied for the district meeting of next year:—Williamson Terrace, Sunderland 1st circuit; Tatham Street, Sunderland 2nd; Berwick, Consett, Shotley Bridge Circuit. The voting resulted in the selection of Berwick-on-Tweed. The following gentlemen—four ministers and eight laymen—were appointed delegates to the Conference to be held at Derby in June next:—Revs W. Johnson, South Shields; W. Bowe, Newcastle; R. G. Graham, Blyth; and J. Hallam, Sunderland; Messrs J. Milner and R. Pickering, Sunderland; J. Coward, Durham; J. Barnard, Howdon; J. P. Tiplady, Lowick; M. Dodd, Lemington; W. Glass, Thornley; and J. Robinson, South Shields.—Rev W. Bowe moved that the action of the District Committee in relieving the Newcastle 1st Circuit of its third preacher, be confirmed, and that it be sustained in the Conference.—The Sunderland 1st and 2nd Circuits and the Newcastle 1st Circuit have sent a request that they shall appear in the lists of towns willing to take the conference.—Revs W. Johnson, D. McKinley, and J. Waite are to be members of the General Committee. The District Sunday School Union Committee was appointed, the next year's meetings to be held in the Blyth, South Shields, and Gateshead circuits. The District Committee which consists of all the superintendent and superannuated preachers in the district, together with a few laymen, was re-elected, and Rev W. Bowe, was appointed secretary to the Publishing and Furnishing Committee, Mr R. Foster, of Newcastle, being treasurer to the latter. Rev W. Johnson was re-elected District Building Committee Secretary. Rev J. G. Binney was elected secretary of the School Committee, and with Mr J. G. Snow, Newcastle, will represent the committee on the General School Union. Rev J. Hallam was elected an examiner of theological college students, Rev A. Latimer for the Probationer's Examining Committee, and Rev W. Bowe for the Candidate's Committee. Letters of sympathy will be sent to Rev W. Bowe, on the death of his son; to Rev R. Hind, and to the relatives of the late Mr Thomas Wanless, Cramlington. The Rev W. Johnson moved that the Rev J. Hallam be nominated for the vice-principalship of the Primitive Methodist College, Manchester; and Rev W. Bowe, Newcastle, as vice for the governorship of the York College.—A meeting of the Itinerant Preachers' Friendly Society was held, Rev Thos. Southron in the chair. The Revs J. Hallam and W. Johnson were appointed to represent this meeting in the yearly assembly of the friendly society, and cases of arrears were taken up.

EASTER VESTRY MEETINGS.

CONSETT.—The annual vestry of the parishoners of Christ Church took place on Thursday week—the vicar (Rev F. Steggall) presiding. Mr William Aynsley was again chosen as vicar's warden, and Mr Joseph Murray was re-elected people's warden. The only change made in the selection of sidesmen was that Messrs Thomas Milner and John Harkness were substituted for Messrs G. T. Hyden and J. Dawson. The accounts presented showed a deficiency of £15 in the working expenses of the church, and there was a debt of about £190 still remaining on the peal of six bells placed in the tower last autumn.—The vicar commented very strongly upon the diminishing offertory, pointing out that many people were in the habit of attending church, Sunday after Sunday, and begrudged the single copper they placed on the plates, whilst they could even afford to spend two and three shillings for attending some place of amusement.—A committee was appointed, consisting of the vicar, churchwardens, and others, to canvass the parish for subscriptions to meet the deficiency in the expenditure. It was decided to pay six of the leading bellringers £1 each per annum, to date from Easter, 1886, the relief bellringers not being remunerated.—It was mentioned that Mr W. Jenkins, J.P., generously contributed the £5 paid as the salary of the choirmaster (Mr Hyden).

ST. IVES, LEADGATE.—The annual vestry meeting for this parish was held in the vestry room of St. Ives Church, on Thursday afternoon in last week, the Vicar (Rev J. W. Mitchell) in the chair. In the absence, through illness, of Mr R. W. Shaw, vicar's churchwarden, the accounts for the year were presented by Mr E. Todd. They were examined and found correct. After meeting the expenses of the year, there remained a balance of £9 10s 6½d in hand, in addition to £9 0s 1½d from the coffee supper held last Christmas. This latter sum will be added to the £50 in hand for beautifying the church. Deep regret was felt by all present for the absence of Mr Shaw, through his serious illness, and in the hope that he may be speedily restored to health again, he was re-elected churchwarden for the coming year—Mr Edward Todd being again chosen as people's warden, and Messrs T. Foreman, G. Nicholson, J. J. Hedley, and J. Stewart sidesmen. Messrs Stewart, Wharton, and Hewett were again appointed to make arrangements for and superintend the heating of the church next winter. A vote of thanks to the vicar, as chairman, proposed by Mr G. Nicholson, was unanimously carried.

EASTGATE-IN-WEARDALE VESTRY MEETING.—At the first vestry meeting for the newly-formed parish of Eastgate, Mr Edward Golsall was elected vicar's warden and Mr John Thompson people's warden. The chair was occupied by the Rev John Eddowes, M.A., the recently appointed vicar, late of St. Jude's, Bradford.

PELTON.—The annual vestry meeting of this parish was held on Tuesday week, the vicar (Rev J. Wilkins) in the chair. The churchwardens' accounts were passed, and the churchwardens re-elected—Mr J. T. Hyslop vicar's warden, Mr J. Cameron people's warden. Before appointing the sidesmen the vicar explained that instead of two sidesmen he intended to have eight, so that with the churchwardens and himself they would form a committee of management for the affairs of the church. The following church officers were appointed:—Vicar's sidesmen, Messrs J. Bolam, R. Johnson, J. S. Strong, and J. W. Anderson; people's sidesmen, Messrs J. Collingwood, J. Rowell, W. Melville, and J. Turnbull.

CROOK.—At the annual meeting, Rev J. King, M.A., presided. Notwithstanding the present severe depression, the churchwardens' financial statement showed that independently of what had been raised towards the liquidation of the debt on the new chancel, the income for the year amounted to £83 7s 3d. Of this sum £35 had been devoted to Home Missions, and the remainder, with the exception of a very small balance, had been dispersed on current Church expenses. The people's churchwardens, Messrs Hardy and Serginson were re-elected, whilst Mr W. L. Powell was appointed rector's warden.

FASHIONS FOR MAY.

The colours of the woollen materials in use this spring are so pretty and numerous that something can be found to suit all complexions. The fabrics horizontally striped find much favour, and form an effective bordering to underskirts or kilts. The effect of these borders is particularly good in washing materials, such as lawn and zephyr, and as the season for these washing costumes is close upon us, it will be advisable to have them in readiness. Some of the prettiest of these are pale blue with borderings of a darker shade, or dark blue with crimson. A pretty shade of coffee was bordered with pale brown. A dainty-looking lawn of pale pink had a pretty bordering of deep red, and was further trimmed with coffee-lace—altogether a pretty toilette for garden parties or picnics.

Plain and laced striped zephyrs are made up together; smart washing dresses for young girls are made of striped drillettes; these are also useful as tennis skirts; the bodice and overskirt will be of the plain colour. These stripes are in all colours, therefore all tastes may be gratified; the favourite shades are navy, pale blue, buff, and scarlet. Very pretty printed cottons are made up into charming morning dresses for young girls, morning gowns for married ladies, and useful overalls for children; simple styles are adopted for these washing costumes.

There is quite a fancy for the yoked bodice, which is chiefly pointed in the basque, the fulness below being very becoming to slight figures; bodices are made with scarcely any basque, but edged with a frilling of the material.

French all-wool beiges make up capital dresses for every-day wear for ladies and children, and require only braid of the same shade.

Plaid and checked materials are only slightly in favour; yet the small checks are pretty for young children, the larger patterns being reserved for panels on skirts, revers, &c. A new woollen material for summer costumes is a coarse canvas in all the popular shades, darned with coarse wool in various colours, in stripes over the material. A plain canvas is employed for the bodice and drapery. Another kind of fancy canvas is prettily striped with chenille or plush; this is very rich and effective, but somewhat expensive. A pretty material for more useful costumes is of bouclé veiling, a pleasant change from the plain veiling of last season.

Cashmeres are always in favour, and never by any means old fashioned. This season the trimmings for dresses of this material are striped velvet, plush or silk. In almost every case stripes prevail, and if not used as panels or revers to the overdress, the kilt is trimmed with a striped border.

Tussores and washing silks will be in great demand for cool summer toilettes. Already some very pretty costumes have been prepared with trimmings of embroidered tussore; or figured and plain tussores are made up together, and greatly improved with the addition of velvet facings, in different shades of brown, tabac, grenat, and cardinal. Pretty dressy-looking sunshades of the same silk are tastefully trimmed with lace.

There is nothing decidedly new in the way of mantle materials. For the very hot weather some pretty French models are composed of a coarse kind of canvas, embroidered with jet, the lining of coloured silk, and edged with full flounces of lace. Small visites for present wear of ottoman silk, broché, or satin merv., abundantly trimmed with lace and jet. There is very little change in the shapes, which continue to be short at the back, the front ends unusually long, especially in those designed for quite young ladies. The back is merely a pelerine, the ends either heavily trimmed or gathered in, and kept down with heavy jet tassels. Beads of all sizes and bead fringes are used on all the mantles.

In the millinery departments the models are not in every case pretty. Hats are very graceful and stylish looking, but have evidently only been designed for quite young girls. The crowns of the new hats are, if possible, higher than ever, but are rendered less conspicuous by the flounces of lace and network of straw srimming which cover the crown. The trimmings are arranged principally at the back, and consist of small feathers, aigrettes, purl-edge ribbon. Fawn and tabac are the new shades for millinery straws; both fine and coarse are made up into hats and bonnets in this shade.

Some of the bonnets are worn without strings, and in this way are very much the same as hats. A pretty hat for girls is a close shape with turban brim and crown tapering to a decided point. Sailors are slightly higher in the crown, and are made in all kinds of fancy straws. Pretty spring and summer bonnets of fine white straw are tastefully trimmed with seasonable flowers in dark colours; brown and red, and brown and gold prevail. Small jet bonnets are fashionable, worn in the "Olivia" or "Princess" shapes, the brims edged with large beads.—*Mrs. Leach's Family Dressmaker.*

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Trade Notes.

The dispute which arose at the Framwellgate Colliery, Durham, last week with reference to the allowance of house coal to each man, was satisfactorily arranged on Saturday, and the men recommenced work on Monday.

DURHAM COAL TRADE WAGES.—Messrs Monkhouse, Goddard, and Co., accountants, Newcastle, have obtained and verified returns from the collieries in the Durham Coalowners' Association, and certify that the net average selling price of coal for January, February, and March last was 4s 5·49d per ton. The prevailing rate of wages will therefore be reduced by 1¼ per cent. calculated upon the standard wages of November, 1879.

FARM STOCK SALES.

KYO, RYTON-ON-TYNE.—On Wednesday the stock upon the farm of Kyo, belonging to Messrs Todd, was brought under the hammer of Mr Robert Mack. Fat bullocks realised from £8 7s 6d to £14 12s 6d; grazing cattle, from £5 15s to £9 10s; and cows, from £8 to £14. Horses: bay mare, "Beauty," £27, Mr Gibson, Crawcrook; brown mare, "Bet," £36, Mr Gibson; bay colt, two-year-old, sold for £20 10s to Mr Jno. Davison, Coalburns; others from £11 10s to £25 10s. Young pigs, six weeks old, sold dear at £1 to £1 6s; poultry from 2s to 2s 8d each. The sale was most satisfactory, prices being higher than was generally expected. The day was excessively cold and bleak.

WHITTONSTALL.—On Thursday se'nnight, Messrs R. Donkin and Son conducted a large sale of farming stock at Whittonstall, the property of the trustees of the late Mr Joseph Laycock. The sale opened with the implements, which were of a varied and high class order, and numbered upwards of 200 lots. The biddings were very animated, and the prices realised showed a good result, many of the lots making the price of new. The sheep stock were next submitted to competition, and realised satisfactory prices, H.B. ewes and double lambs making up to 60s; ewes and single lambs, to 47s; H.B. hoggs, to 46s 6d. The fat cattle comprised upwards of 40 head. The trade being very animated, the best quality reached 9s a stone. Cows up to £15. The horses, which were all of a good stamp, and adapted to the farm, also realised good prices, ranging from £10 to £30. A very large company was present during the sale.

THE HEALEYFIELD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

On Tuesday, the annual meeting of the above Company was held in the offices, Westgate Road, Newcastle. Lieut.-Col. Monks presided, and there was a good attendance. The directors' report was as follows:—

Your directors, in handing the report and balance-sheet of the Company for the year, have the satisfaction of reporting that the whole of the large and responsible work connected with the erection of the Cornish engine and boilers, as also the sinking of the shaft, have been concluded. The cost of the same has exceeded the original estimates upon which they entered upon the work, but your directors are advised that it is of so substantial and complete a character as to leave nothing to be desired. The shareholders have been already advised that in cross-cutting from the shaft the vein has been cut, and although in a condition of confusion, similar to that found in the upper measures, is daily giving evidence of increasing richness. When at first cut it proved worth 10 cwts. per fathom; it is now worth 15 cwts. in the north end. The lead obtained from the Grindstone Sill for the year, and at the very low rates current, has contributed £2,225 14s 6d towards the development and carrying on of the Company. It need scarcely be mentioned that at the higher rates now ruling a considerably larger amount would have been earned. To furnish capital in reserve for actual necessities, and for any future requirements, and to carry out the intention with which, according to the prospectus, the Company was established, your directors have offered the remaining 2,000 as yet unallotted shares, completing £30,000 in shares of £1 each. Your directors desire to record their sense of appreciation of the manner in which the vendors have voluntarily come forward to assist them in this operation by conceding 2,000 fully paid shares to be alloted free, *pro rata*, to those shareholders who may apply for shares in the final issue referred to, and trust that the result will prove advantageous to all who apply for allotments.

The report of the agent (Mr John Trelease) has the following statement:—

We have still 17 miners employed in the Grindstone Sill and the Smithy Level. Two partnerships are working on tribute, and three partnerships on tutwork. Our stopes in the upper part of the mine have yielded last year 325 tons of lead, and though our stopes are getting much thinner, yet contribute considerably towards the cost expended. To conclude, as with other mines, so with Healeyfield, the price of lead has been sadly against us, which fact, coupled with the large expenditure incurred in erecting the Cornish engine, sinking the Whitwell shaft, and renovating the pumping arrangements, placing in new steam capstan, and driving the bottom of cross-cut, have prevented the mine from doing as well as it would otherwise have done; but we have successfully accomplished our aim and reached the vein in the lower lead measures, and proved it to be ore bearing in depth. We have an immense track of maiden ground to prove in a well-known metalliferous vein, and should it prove according to the opinions of the many mining experts who have frequently examined this property, pleasing results will yet be obtained. All the machinery is working very efficiently.

Lieut.-Colonel Monks and Mr Edward Reid were re-appointed on the board of directors.—A shareholder proposed that the remuneration of the directors for the coming year be 150 guineas, and that they portion it out amongst themselves as they think fit.—The motion was seconded, on which Mr Slack suggested that, in view of the financial condition of the company, the directors might forego their fees.—A shareholer spoke in support of Mr Slack's suggestion. He said that in the Weardale Mining Company the directors were not paid by fees each year, but they were to have remuneration when certain profits were reached.—The Chairman thought that, if the directors were appealed to, they would be found to be like other human beings, who having worked, liked to be paid for such work.—Mr James Blenkiron, a director, said attention had been drawn to the system followed by the Weardale Mining Company, but he would like to remark that the directors of the Healeyfield Mining Company paid more attention to mining work than the Weardale Company's directors did. In the Weardale Company provision was made for the future, on behalf of the directors, but no such provision existed in the Healeyfield Company.—Mr W. Whyte, a director, said he thought, though it was not a consideration when he joined the board of directors, that his work had not been fairly paid for.—The Chairman said that the shareholders who originally proposed the amount of remuneration for the directors were not present at that meeting. They were very large holders of shares.—Mr Slack wished it to be understood that he had not spoken of the reduction of the fees from any captious spirit. He knew that the directors were necessaay, but he did not think they did much good. He moved that the directors' fees be £50, to be divided according to their discretion. He would like the subject to be considered each year, and when the company was in a good condition they could pay more.—The amendment was seconded, and on its being put to the meeting it was lost, only three voting in its favour. —The Chairman returned thanks on behalf of the directors.—This concluded the business of the meeting.

HEXHAM PETTY SESSIONS.—On Tuesday, six vagrants were charged with begging in different places, and on different dates, and were each sent to prison for seven days with hard labour.—*John Robson*, farmer, of Middlehope, was summoned for threatening Geo. Maddison, a farmer at the same place, on the 28th April. Mr L. C. Lockhart defended. Complainant said that the defendant threatened to slay him, and he was afraid he would do him some serious bodily harm.—In defence the threat was denied, and it was alleged that the complainant's dog had been hounding defendant's sheep.—The case was dismissed.—*John Lumby*, a quarryman, was charged with assaulting P.C. Jordon while in the execution of his duty at Corbridge, on Saturday evening, the 1st inst.—Evidence having been given by the constable as to the assault upon him by Lumby, the chairman said the case was a very serious one, and seemed to have been a brutal one. Defendant was fined £5 and the costs, or in default one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

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MAY, 1886.

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The answers and names of successful competitors will be published on Saturday, June 19th, in the *Newcastle Weekly Leader, Consett Guardian, Hexham Courant.*

CONDITIONS.

The answers published to be deemed correct and beyond appeal. For obvious reasons no correspondence with reference to the same can be entertained.

Answers, with the competitor's full name and address, to be forwarded prepaid, not later than June 5th, addressed to

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1. What is the difference between a battered crown and a lucky sixpence?
2. Who always sits with his hat on before the Queen?
3. Why is the battle of Waterloo like the letter G?
4. What are the two most difficult surgical operations that can be performed?
5. Put 34 into four rows' so that whichever way they are read their sum will make 34?
6. My *second* was hurt by my *first*, my *whole* is a Jack Tar's favourite companion?
7. What is the difference between a swallow and a cat?
8. What is the difference beween a hostelry, on a country road, and the door of a house?
9. My *first* a curling tail displays,
   My *second* is a tail always,
   My *whole* is a tale of ancient days.
10. What is the difference between a lady and a postage stamp?
11. There's something that was three weeks old
    When Adam was no more;
    Yet, strange to say 'twas only four
    When Adam was fourscore.
12. My *first* is a heavenly body,
    My *second* is a fish,
    My whole is a bird.
13. What is the difference between a policeman and a thief?
14. My *first* is a denizen of the farm-yard,
    My *second* is a fish,
    My *whole* is an insect.
15. What newspapers would a young lady name when she was kissed by her lover?
16. When is a tobacconist like a navvy?
17. Put down one hundred and fifty; divide it by nothing; add "ten" to it, and so it will be done.
18. My *second* climbed a tree to get my *whole*, but fell into my *first* and was drowned.

TRANSPOSE—

19. U O U S T by archis.
20. O O I A D N M R T S e t n.
21. 4, 5, 7, 1, fuel,
    3, 7, 1, 2, companion,
    9, 7, 3, 4, a soldier's home,
    6 7, 1, an animal,
    4, 5, 7, 6, fruit,
    My *whole*, a word of ten letters, denotes a virtuous habit.
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23.—My *first* is the constant attendant
    Of want and of woe in all climes;
    Change its form, and on it is dependent
    For existence, each sheet of the "Times."
    My *second's* an article better
    Understood than defined; it is said
    To be always contained in a letter,
    Unless it becomes a fair maid.
    My *third*, when the good urn is hissing,
    A welcome to all, loud and free,
    From the table should never be missing,
    When you sip your Blue Banner Tea.
    If my *second* and *third* you will sever
    From the *first*, and arrange them anew
    Their syllables, ladies have ever
    Their fingers in what comes to view.
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LOOK OUT for the PRIMITIVE METHODIST DEMONSTRATION, at Burnopfield, on July 3rd, 1886. 24w

LOOK OUT for the WEST STANLEY P. M. BAND OF HOPE FIELD-DAY, June 12th, 1886. Particulars see Bills. 35w

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ON MONDAY, May 10th, in conjunction with the Weekly Fat Stock Sale, will be held A SPECIAL for GRAZING CATTLE, EWES, and LAMBS, and KEEPING HOGGS, &c.

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ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

By Mr. John Crawford.

Fox Inn, Dipton, near Lintz Green.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, instructed by Mrs. Darling (Widow of the late W. Darling), who is leaving the Fox Inn, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday first, May 10th, 1886, the whole of her Valuable Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, comprising—Mahogany Drawers; Book Case; Mahogany Drawers; Birch Press; Mahogany Centre Table; Large Dining Table; 3 Kitchen Tables; Round Tables; Iron Beds; Stuffed Birds; 3 Guns, 1 Breach Loader; 1 Double-Barrelled Muzzle Loader, 1 Single Barrelled do.; 2 Large Cucumber Shades; together with the Measures, Pots, Decanters, and other Articles too numerous to mention. Particulars see Posters.

Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt.

Sale Office, 25 Victoria Street, and 2, Church Street, Consett. 107w

Leadgate.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD instructed by James Slane, who is declining housekeeping, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, his valuable Household FURNITURE, &c., on Friday first, May 14th, 1886, at Four o'clock prompt.

Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, and 2, Church Street, Consett. 110w

No. 16, Puddlers' Row, Consett.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr. Morgan to SELL the whole of his valuable Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, on Saturday, May 15th, 1886. Further particulars see posters and next issue.

Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, and 2, Church Street, Consett. 109w

51, Edith Street, Consett.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, instructed by Mr. Thomas McIlroy, who is emigrating, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, May 17th, 1886, the whole of his Valuable Walnut FURNITURE and EFFECTS. Particulars, see posters and next issue.

Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, and 2, Church Street, Consett. 108w

John Crawford,

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Important Notice.

PEOPLE that are leaving the District can have their FURNITURE TURNED into CASH, at once, by applying to John Crawford, Auctioneer, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 881u

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

Monday, May 10th, 1886.—Puddlers' Arms Inn, Consett.—Sale of Superior Household Furniture, Fine-toned Cottage Pianoforte, Feather and Down Beds, and the whole of the Bar Utensils, Pots and Glasses, and Miscellaneous Effects.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mrs. Mary Daglish, who is declining business and leaving the neighbourhood, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Puddlers' Arms Inn, Consett, on Monday, May 10th, 1886, the Superior Household FURNITURE, BAR UTENSILS, and Miscellaneous EFFECTS, as follows—

Furniture, &c.—Handsome Mahogany Cheffioneer Bedstead; 2 Mahogany Centre Tables; Mahogany Folding Table; Couch, in Leather; 12 Mahogany Hair-seated Chairs; 12 Birch Chairs; 4 Arm Chairs; Smoking Chair; Ladies' Work Table; Tea Table; Noble Dresser and Delf Rack; Large Wardrobe; Walnut What-not; 2 Brass-mounted Bedsteads; Feather and Down Beds; Brussels and other Carpets; Linoleum and Oilcloths; Fenders and Fire Irons; Large Copper Kettle, with Brass Tap; Fireside Crane; Pictures; Corn Bin; Rakes and Forks; Gripe and Drag, and other Stable Utensils; Kitchen Utensils, including Pots, Pans, and Earthenware; Good Wringing Machine and Domestic Sewing Machine, nearly new, by Jones; Mahogany Washstand, with Marble Slab; Splendid Stuffed Fox; Folding Tea Table; and a quantity of Old Lead, Brass, and Iron; Plate Warmer; Pair Gig Lamps; Cart Ropes, and Sundries.

Bar Utensils and Sundries.—Spirit Kegs; Glass Spirit Jar; Ale and Spirit Measures; Decanters; Pots and Cans; a large quantity of Glasses of all kinds; Gallon and Half-gallon Basket Bottles; Five Gallon Jars; 5 Beer and 3 Spirit Taps; Standard Casks and Butts; 2 Gantries; 6 Spitoons; 2 Pairs Rams' Horns; Pot and Gill Spirit Flasks; and Sundry other Effects.

Also, Fine Full-toned Cottage Pianoforte, by Moore, equal to new; Superior Regulator Timepiece; American Spring Bagatelle Board; Set of Silver-Mounted Harness; good Coup Cart, &c.

Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt.

No Reserve. 71w

Monday, May 17th, 1886.—4, Rose Mount, Consett.—Sale of Excellent Mahogany Furniture, including Mahogany Chest of Drawers; Mahogany Tudor Bedstead and Hangings; Mahogany Night Commode; Mahogany Dining Table; Mahogany Couch; Mahogany Card Table; 6 Mahogany Hair-seated Chairs; Carpets and Oilcloths; Washstand and Dressing Table; 2 Feather Beds; 2 Down Beds; Wringing Machine; Vienna Regulator; Excellent Timepiece; Case of Stuffed Birds; Fenders and Fire Irons, and Miscellaneous Effects.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mrs. Turnbull, who is about to Emigrate, to SELL BY AUCTION, on the Premises, No. 4, Rose Mount, Consett, on Monday, May 17th, 1886, the whole of the Superior Mahogany and other FURNITURE. Particulars in Posters. 70w

Sale to commence at One o'clock. No Reserve.

Wednesday, May 26th, 1886.—Little Greencroft Farm, near Consett.—Eatage of Rich Grass Land to Let.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Edmund Bailey, Esq., TO LET, BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Little Greencroft Farm, near Consett, on Wednesday, May 26th, 1886, at Two p.m., the EATAGE OF 86 ACRES, or thereabouts, of GOOD GRASS LAND, on the said Farm, up to November 23rd, as follows:—

Big Stockerley Field	24	Acres.
Quarry Field	17	„
Hop Clover Field	10	„
Horse Field	9	„
Low Far Field	14	„
Cottage Field	12	„
	86	Acres.

Terms of Payment—2½ per cent Discount for Cash, or Four Months' Approved Bills.

Auctioneer's Office, Town Hall, Consett. 952v

Templetown, Consett.—Monday, May 31st, 1886.—Sale of Superior Household Furniture, including 2 Mahogany Chests of Drawers; Ash Press; 2 Couches; Easy and other Chairs; Bedsteads and Bedding; Pictures; Harmonium, by Alexandre; Wringing Machine; Perambulator; and a great variety of Miscellaneous Effects.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mr. Jas. Arnott, who is about to emigrate, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the premises at Templetown, Consett, on Monday, May 31st, 1886, the whole of the Superior Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE. Particulars in bills.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 114w

Preliminary Advertisement.—East Parade, Consett.—Sale of Superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture and Miscellaneous Effects, including Mahogany Chest of Drawers; Painted Drawers; Mahogany Couch; Mahogany Easy and other Chairs; 2 Rocking Chairs, in Hair; Large Gilt Mirror; Cheffioneer Bedstead; Desk Bedstead; Walnut Whatnot; Brass-Mounted Half-Tester Bedstead; French Bedstead; Square Dining Table; Washstand and Dressing Table; Noble Gilt Cornice and Hangings; Tapestry and other Carpets and Hearthrugs; Oil Cloths; Superior Stair Carpet; Fenders and Fireirons; and Kitchen requisites and sundries.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mrs. Atkinson, who is removing, to SELL BY AUCTION, on the premises, East Parade, Consett, the Superior Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, particulars of which, with date of sale, will be given in posters and future advertisements.

Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt. 115w

Valuable Freehold Property for Sale at Consett.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed to SELL the following Valuable PROPERTIES, well and pleasantly situate in Consett and neighbourhood, by Private Treaty:—

Convenient DWELLING - HOUSE, in East Parade, now occupied by Mr. J. T. Curry.

Pleasantly situate DWELLING-HOUSE of Five Rooms, No. 5, Rose Mount, occupied by Mr. John Brown.

Substantial DWELLING - HOUSE of Seven Rooms, No. 6, Rose Mount, occupied by Mr. Parnaby and another.

Four-Roomed HOUSE and GARDEN, 73 Blackfine, with Garden behind, occupied by Mr. Kelsey.

COTTAGE with Three Rooms, in Delves Lane, occupied by Mr. N. Foster.

☞ Particulars may be had from A. Brodie, Estate Agent, Town Hall, Consett. 72w

ADAM BRODIE & ROBERT JOHN BRODIE, Auctioneers, Valuers, and Estate Agents, Consett, undertake the Sale by Public Auction or otherwise, of Houses and Land, Farming Stocks, Household Furniture, Merchandise, or other Effects, on reasonable terms. Valuations for Probate Dissolution of Partnership, and Settlement of Claims under Fire Insurances, or in disputes. Fire, Life, and Accident Assurances arranged without delay. Shares of every description Bought and Sold on Commission. The Victoria Sale-Rooms are always open for the reception of Goods for absolute Sale.

Postal address—Adam Brodie & Robert John Brodie, Town Hall, Consett.

By Messrs Bain & Co.

To Furniture Removal Contractors, Hack Masters, Farmers, Householders, and others. — On Wednesday, May 19th, 1886, at Mr W. Palmer's Railway Tavern Inn, Sherburn Terrace, Consett.

BAIN & CO. are instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION on the above date, at One o'clock, p.m., Large and Strong ROLLEY, COUP CART, 2 WHITECHAPELS, Siamese PHÆTON, by Atkinson and Phillipson, with Pole and Shafts for Single or Double Harness; French Bagatelle; Sewing Machine; Harness and Sundry Lots. Full particulars in bills.

N.B.—Parties having Surplus Furniture or Stock of any kind, can have them entered for this sale up to morning of 19th of May.

Sale Offices, Shakespeare Street, Consett. 106w

Bain & Co.,

AUCTIONEERS, VALUERS, WAREHOUSEMEN, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS,

OPPOSITE THE POST OFFICE, CONSETT.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

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LIVE STOCK SALES WEEKLY.

THERE WILL BE SOLD, at the above Mart every Monday, a Choice Collection of DAIRY COWS, FAT AND STORE CATTLE, AND SHEEP. Sale at 12·30.

Trucks at Station.

J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

Grove Villa, Tow Law. 945u

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

Maddison's Farm, Dipton. — Wednesday, May 12th, 1886.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. JOHN CHARLTON and Mrs. HALL, who are emigrating, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date, the whole of their Valuable Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS. See Bills.

Sale to begin at Half-past One o'clock. 40w

98, Front Street, Leadgate.—Saturday, May 15th, 1886.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. WM. WEAR, who is emigrating, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date, all his very Superior Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS. See Bills.

Sale to begin at Half-past One o'clock. 78w

East Sta ley Pit.—Monday, May 17th, 1886.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mrs. CHAPMAN, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mr. GEORGE APPLEBY, at the above place and date, all her very Excellent Mahogany Household FURNITURE and other EFFECTS. See Bills.

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

N.B.—This Furniture is quite new, and capital quality. 79w

White-le-Head.—Monday, May 24th, 1886.

Important Sale of Grand Mahogany and other Household Furniture and Effects.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. GEO. NICHOLSON, who is emigrating, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at his residence, the whole of his Splendid Household FURNITURE and Domestic APPOINTMENTS. See Bills.

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

N.B.—This Furniture is of first-class quality and make, and will speak for itself. 80w

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By Messrs. W. Easton & Co.

Sale of valuable Freehold and Copyhold Property and Tithe Charge, forming part of the Estate of the late Robert Dickinson, Esq., Colliery Owner; also all that Freehold Residence, called Tankerville House, Jesmond, Newcastle, at the Royal Turk's Head Hotel, Grey Street, Newcastle, on Thursday, May 27th, 1886, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon prompt.

W. EASTEN and CO. are honoured with instructions to SELL BY AUCTION, at the above time and place, the following valuable PROPERTIES, comprising—

LOT 1. All that Stone-built MANSION, called Shotley House, situate at Shotley Bridge, Co. Durham, containing large Entrance Hall, with noble, broad staircase, Dining Room, 2 Drawing Rooms, Library, 9 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Night and Day Nurseries, large Storeroom, Ladies' Maids' Room and Workroom, Housemaid's Closet, Butler's Pantry, Wine Cellars, Servants' Bedrooms, Linen Room, large Kitchens and Sculleries, Servants' Hall, Washhouse and Laundry, w.c.'s and extensive Conveniences, Coachhouse, Stabling, and loose box at rear, together with magnificent detached BLOCK OF BUILDINGS, comprising Coachman's Residence, Carriage House, Stabling for 12 horses, large Granary and Dressing Room, the whole surmounted by a massive Clock Tower, forming in all a chaste, costly, and elegant sample of modern architecture. The Grounds comprise excellent Greenhouse, Two Vineries, Hothouse, Detached Greenhouse, Potting House, and Hot and Cool Frames, Hay Shed; Gardens, well stocked with Wall Fruit, &c.; Pleasure Grounds, Tennis Court, and Croquet Ground, together with several acres of superior Meadow Land, the whole occupying Eight Acres or thereabouts. This choice Property is in excellent condition, and is so arranged that it can either be occupied as a whole or divided into lots for building or other purposes. Immediate possession can be arranged for purchaser. Lot 1 is of copyhold tenure.

Lot 2. All that charmingly situate MANSION called Ebchester Hall, Ebchester, within ten minutes' walk of Ebchester Railway Station, containing Large Entrance Hall, Dining and Drawing Rooms, Breakfast Room, Billiard Room, Ten Bedrooms, Glass Room, Housekeeper's Room, Servants' Hall, large Kitchens and Sculleries, Wash-house and Laundry, Nine Cellars, and an abundance of suitable conveniences. The Outbuildings comprise Coach-house, Three-stalled Stable, Loose Box, Harness Room, Cow Byre, and Joiner's Shop. The Grounds comprise well-stocked Kitchen and Flower Gardens, Lawn, and Pleasure Grounds, together with extensive Park and Woodland adjoining, with large Hay Shed thereon, having a total measurement of 48 Acres or thereabouts. The whole in the occupation of John Carr, Esq. The tenure of Lot 2 is freehold for lives.

Lot 3. All that COPYHOLD FARM, called Burnhill Farm, near Consett, within ten minutes' walk of Burnhill Railway Station, North-Eastern Railway, comprising about 67 acres of Pasture and about 10 acres of Meadow Land, together with Farm House of three rooms, Stable, Cow Byres, Loose House for Cattle &c. Immediate possession of the whole.

Lot 4. All those 11 Acres or thereabouts of Rich FREEHOLD MEADOW LAND, together with large, substantially-built Hayhouse and Cattle Shed thereon, situate at Staniforđam, near Consett, on the main road to Castleside, and near the Consett Ironworks. Immediate possession can be given.

Lot 5. All those 6 exceptionally substantial, well-built FREEHOLD COTTAGES, each containing 3 Rooms and Conveniences, together with apportioned Garden to each at rear; situate at Staniforđam, near Consett, and close to lot 4. Tenants, Messrs. Harper, Hewison, McArdle, Nutbrook, Spencer, and Brownlee. If not sold in one lot they will be offered separately.

Lot 6. All that FREEHOLD RESIDENCE called Bradley Lodge, situate at Collierley, Co. Durham, containing Dining, Drawing, and Breakfast Rooms, four Bedrooms and Dressing Room, Kitchen, and all conveniences; at rear, five-stalled Stable and Coach-house, with Hay Loft above. Immediate possession. Also, FREEHOLD COTTAGE immediately adjoining, called The Lodge, containing three Rooms and conveniences, occupied by Mr James Johnson, together with adjoining COTTAGE, called East Stobb House, containing five Rooms and conveniences, occupied by Mr James Macdougal.

Lot 7. All those Twenty FREEHOLD COTTAGES, situate at Dipton, Co. Durham, in two Blocks of ten each, with Land between and all Erections thereon; the whole yielding a gross annual rental of about £143. Tenants, Messrs Lister, Sanderson, Bunlee, Poole, and others.

Lot 8. All that Piece or Parcel of FREEHOLD BUILDING LAND, near to Lot 7, and measuring in all 5,108 Yards or thereabouts.

Lot 9. All that FREEHOLD GRASS, DAIRY, and SHEEP FARM, called Rawcroft Farm, situate about two miles from Reeth, in Swaledale, Yorkshire, together with Moor Right on Reeth Moor. The Farm comprises 58 Acres or thereabouts of excellent Pasture and Meadow Land, with Three Barns thereon, one of them newly built; the Farm House contains 8 Rooms, together with Byers, Stabling, and all needful outbuildings, occupied by Mr Thompson.

Lot 10. All that TITHE CHARGE on Land in the Township of Reeth, Yorkshire, amounting to £20 per annum or thereabouts.

Lot 11. All that Substantially-built FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE, situate at Frenchgate, Richmond, Yorkshire, containing 16 Rooms and 3 Attics, with large Garden and excellent Outoffices at rear, well adapted for large school, lodging-house, or any purpose requiring good situation, combined with large accommodation. Immediate possession.

Lot 12. All that large Freehold Suburban FAMILY RESIDENCE called Tankerville House, Tankerville Terrace, West Jesmond, Newcastle, containing on ground floor large Entrance Hall, Dining Room, Drawing Room, Breakfast Room, Library, Housemaids' Closet, Kitchen, Scullery, and Wine Cellar; on upper floor, 4 Bedrooms, Dressing Room, Nursery, Bath-room, Lavatory, W.C., &c.; above, 4 excellent Attic Bedrooms. The rooms are large and lofty, the situation open and healthy, the Residence occupies a considerable area of ground, and is specially fitted and adapted for the requirements of a large household.

Tenants have kindly promised every facilty for view to intending purchasers.

Plans and conditions of sale are in progress, and will be announced when ready.

Reference, as to the whole, to Messrs Mather, Cockcroft and Co., Solicitors, Bank Chambers, Mosley Street, Newcastle; Mr Henry Thompson, Architect and Surveyor, St. Nicholas' Buildings, Amen Corner, Newcastle, or the Auctioneers; as to Lots 6, 7, 8, to Mr Phillipson, Auctioneer, Dipton, and Mr John Cooper, Builder, Dipton; as to Lots 9, 10 and 11, to Mr J. M. Bradley, Auctioneer, Frenchgate, Richmond, Yorkshire.

Sale Offices, 14, Market Street, Newcastle. 75w

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. William Raw.

"Lord Crewe" Arms Inn, Blanchland.

MR. WM. RAW, honoured with instructions from MISS FORSTER, who is leaving the above Inn, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION the whole of her FARMING STOCK, and a quantity of her Household FURNITURE, &c., on Wednesday, May 12th, 1886, comprising—2 Mahogany Dining Tables; Large Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating; 2 Chests of Drawers; Chest and Drawers; 10 Mahogany Chairs, in Hair-seating; 15 Mahogany Bed-room and Cane-bottomed Chairs; 2 Mahogany Easy Chairs; 5 Arm Chairs; 18 Kitchen Chairs; 30 Forms; 16 Kitchen, Tea, and Work Tables; 3 Camp Bedsteads, Mattresses and Hangings; 3 Iron Bedsteads, Mattresses and Hangings; Iron Chair Bed; Mahogany Desk Bed; Feather Beds and Mattresses; 5 Washstands and Dressing Tables; several Mahogany Swing Looking Glasses; Child's Crib; Bedsteps; 3 Sponge and Hip Baths; several Sets of Chamber Ware; Towel Rails; Whatnot; Fenders and Fire-irons; Large quantity of Dinner Ware; over 20 Dozen Plates and Dishes; Soup Tureen; Willow Pattern; several Dozens of Knives and Forks; Mahogany Tray; Sets of Trays; Coffee and Teapots; Breakfast and Tea Ware; 8 Dish Covers of Britannia Metal; Longsettles; 2 Large Dressers and Shelves; 3 Fish Pans; Kettle Stand; Kettles; Pans; Jugs; and Pewter Pots; 8 Spirit Casks; Great quantity of Glass, Funnels, &c.; Flat Clothes Mangle; Wringing and Mangling Machine; Dairy Utensils; Knife Machine; Stair Carpets and Rods; together with numerous lots of Household Utensils, belonging to an old-established and respectable Inn.

CATTLE.

Roan Cow, 5 years old, newly calved; Roan Cow, 4 years old, newly calved; Roan Cow, 7 years old, to calve 12th June; Roan Heifer, 2 years old, newly calved; Roan Heifer, 18 months old; Roan Heifer, 10 months old; and 4 Calves; Corn Bin; Wheelbarrow, &c., &c.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock, as the lots will be very numerous.

Cattle will be sold at Three o'clock.

Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 44w

Front Street, Shotley Bridge.

MR. WILLIAM RAW acting under the instructions of the Mortgagees, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mr. J. S. Moffatt, Commercial Hotel, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday, May 19th, 1886, all that Copyhold DWELLING-HOUSE, substantially built, with polished dressed front, containing 8 Rooms, and all necessary conveniences, situate in Front Street, Shotley Bridge, adjoining the Temperance Hall; together with a good Building Site between the said Dwelling-House and the Temperance Hall, containing 147 square yards; and on the East side, Valuable BUILDING GROUND, being a corner site of Front Street and Green Street, containing 465 square yards, and on the whole, 759 square yards. The House is pleasantly situated in the delightful town of Shotley Bridge, which is so far-famed for the beautiful and delightful scenery, healthy and bracing air, which has made it famous for gentlemen's residences. The house being near the renowned Shotley Spa, so celebrated for invigorating, that it has become a favourable resort for those in search of health. For any one of enterprise, this is a rare chance for a profitable Lodging-house or a healthy private residence.

For further particulars, apply to the Auctioneer, or to Messrs. Laws, Glynn, and Ryott, solicitors, Collingwood Street. Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Sale to commence at Seven o'clock,

Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 92w

Business Announcements.

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TO ADVERTISERS.

ALL Orders for Advertisements for insertion in the *Consett Guardian* must be WRITTEN, and sent in not later then NINE o'clock on Friday mornings to ensure publication.

WE use great care to secure the correct printing of advertisements; but we cannot be responsible for inaccuracies nor from any consequences arising therefrom.

PARTIES making inquiries by letter respecting advertisements must enclose an addressed stamped envelope.

IT is contrary to Post-office Regulations for letters to be addressed to initials or fictitious names at any Post-office. Advertisers are desired to bear this in mind.

APPLICANTS for situations and others who reply to advertisements are recommended to forward copies of their testimonials, and not the original documents.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

AMUSING BALL AT LINTZFORD.—We are sorry to state that by an oversight a paragraph bearing this title was inserted in last week's *Guardian*. We have no sympathy with the feeling exhibited by the writer, who apparently values people by a very different rule than now obtains in "the *best* society." Men and women are now valued, not because "they are dressed in a little brief authority," or affect to be above mediocrity, but from the consciousness of their fellows that they are honest and straightforward citizens who are doing their best to make the world somewhat better by their example and precept. Any man or woman can thus act; and it matters not whether they are dressmakers, farmers, drapers, pitment, paper-makers, or even schoolmistresses, schoolmasters, or ex-pupil teachers, whom the writer, most singularly, seems to have very little respect for.

Several letters on this subject have reached us, but we decline to continue the controversy.

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, MAY 7TH, 1886.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

They do things stylish at Consett, and should any one of my readers entertain the least shadow of misgiving on the point, I have only to refer to the fashionable method of closing session number two of the Consett Local Parliament. A song, followed by an oration, and then some fifteen minutes' gentle exercise to keep the pulse of the company in motion—that was how they whiled the witching hours away. Nothing seems to have been wanting that was in any way calculated to minister to the enjoyment of the assembly, the 'scopes especially being in great demand, so anxious are people now-a days to regard things through magnifying glasses. There was the kaliedoscope, the stereoscope, and the still better known microscope. Then there was the colossal figure of that unknown worthy, the "petrified giant," which is doomed to pass into the nothingness from which it sprang. None of the Parliamentary hands are reported to have made a speech to substantiate the genuineness of this pretended relic of the lost races; and not one only, but many missing links are wanting. The silence of the local oracles is a bad omen, and their position in this "gigantic" subject reminds one of a famous line from the pen of George Canning:—

"Story! God bless you! I have none to tell, sir."

The exhibition of the telephone at the entertainment referred to above, reminds me that I have often thought of penning a note on this topic, and as often forgotten to put the idea into practice. I understand that the Messrs Annandale have telephonic communication between Lintzford and the Shotley Grove Paper Mills; but apart from that, the practical use of the telephone is not much known in this district. In all great industrial centres its use is now, however, an absolute necessity. In the diurnal routine of my duties I have frequent occasions to resort to the telephone, and from the first, I have been impressed with the idea that the sounds emanating from the instrument resembled the noise made by those ill-matched, pugnacious little figures seen usually in the wake of penny shows and merry-go-rounds, and known by the names of Punch and Judy. The natural accents are preceptable to a certain extent, but there is a dreamy, far away tone about the voice, as if the speaker was doing his best to play the ventriloquist. It is not very plausable, but it is nevertheless true, that a good deal of love-making is done by telephone. Rather a cool way, one would think, of billing and cooing; but it was said of old that love laughed at locksmiths, and upon reflection it does not seem so wonderful after all, that so subtle a passion should mould the usages of the age to its own resistless will. I know how it is gone about; but I am not going to tell tales and thereby interrupt their joys. Enough, that the thing is done daily, and trysts made, and fine things said, whilst the speakers are miles apart. Of course, it must not be forgotten that so glorious privileges have corresponding risks, just as our good opportunities of to-day are linked to proportionate responsibilities. So is it with the love-makers by telephone. I have known the wrong man do the talking, and "draw" the fair one until unable to contain himself longer, he gave vent to a roar of laughter, and thus betrayed the presence of the deceiver. Both banks on the lower reaches of the Tyne are studded with industries, and in almost every office there are two or more female clerks; then again, as every firm is connected with the city by telephone, the respective firms are in a position to chat when they are in the spirit, the message in every case going round by the city, the Post-office officials turning the switches, so to phrase it, and putting the enquirer and the party sought for in direct communication. Few of the Tyneside firms are very tight laced, so far as the ruling of their officials is concerned, and thus it is that the trembling wire is sometimes made the bearer of the "tender tale."

I understand that the Rev George Lord, of the Free Methodist Church, Blackhill, is about to leave the district in accordance, I presume, with the stereotyped usages of the denomination with which he is connected. I am not sure, but I should think it is something like five years since Mr Lord was appointed to his present charge in this neighbourhood; and during that time I am sure that no man ever laboured more assiduously to strengthen and keep together the people among whom his lot was for the time being cast. The Free Methodist body at Blackhill have long been in difficulties, arising chiefly from the fact that, since ever I knew them, they have been numerically weak and poor to a degree; and what is still more sad, they have been torn asunder by dissentions from within; and this is exactly the position in which Mr Lord found them. During the first year or two of Mr Lord's ministry here, I had frequent opportunities of hearing him speak on various subjects, and impressed by his utterances, I was naturally led to form a very high opinion of him; and I know that this feeling is shared in common by many outside the denomination with which he is associated. I have not heard to which district Mr Lord is likely to be appointed, but I trust, for his sake, it will be one that, however poor in circumstances the people may chance to be, they will be rich in love one to another; and abounding in those graces which are better than riches.

Writing about Mr Lord reminds me of an incident that had long since escaped my memory. Just when that gentleman came to this district, I happened to be present at a social entertainment, and drinking tea "cheek by jowl" with the newly-appointed minister, he, knowing that I was no stranger to the neighbourhood, leaned over the table and whisper d to me: "Who is this Incedo?" I was an innocent in those days, but I manage things better now.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting was held at Parliament Street Offices, on Wednesday night, under the chairmanship of Mr Wm. Jenkins, J.P. The members present were Messrs Thos. Siddell, Wm. Aynsley, Wm. Shell, W. R. Taylor, J. W. Davison, Geo. Ainsworth, J. Collinson, T. Dunne, J. Palliser, and the clerk (Mr T. W. Welford).

THE GOODS STATION.

It was proposed by Mr COLLINSON, and seconded by Mr AYNSLEY, that the Clerk be instructed to write to the manager of the North-Eastern Railway Company, calling his attention to the memorial from that Board, relative to the goods station at Consett, and request him to reply thereto.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

With regard to Mount Pleasant Street, where the proprietors were served with notices in Dec. last to make the said thoroughfare, Mr SHELL stated that the trustees of the Baptist Chapel had abandoned the idea of erecting a place of worship there, and were desirous of selling the site.

Mr AYNSLEY said the street was already set out, and he had built on one side.

Mr DAVISON suggested that the parties should be requested to complete the street according to notices.

The CHAIRMAN enquired if, under the circumstances, it would be prudent to insist upon the Baptist Chapel trustees making their portion of the street, seeing that they might dispose of the land to someone else, who might perhaps build a house and shop thereon. He enquired if the Board should make the street and charge them with one-half of the cost? Neither Mr Aynsley, who had built on one side of the street, nor Mr Frosdick, who had erected some houses further along, had complained of the inconvenience caused by only one-half of the street being completed, therefore he did not think it necessary for the Board to interpose.

Neither Mr DUNNE nor Mr AYNSLEY pressed for the street to be finished just now, and it was agreed to leave the matter in *status quo*.

Mr SIDDELL afterwards proposed, and it was seconded by Mr AYNSLEY, that the proprietors in Ark Street be served with notices to complete that thoroughfare on either side.

In reference to the application from Mr George Middleton, of Medomsley Road—read at the previous meeting—requesting that the back street in the rear of his house should be widened so as to admit of a horse and cart travelling up and down and turning round therein, the Surveyor stated that Mr Middleton had allowed him to look at his deeds, which set forth that his property contained one-half of a block street, intended to be 20 feet wide, bounded on the west by the other half of intended back street on land belonging to Mr Armstrong.

It was ascertained that the present owner of the field was Mr Aynsley, who said he bought the ground, but had not yet sold any building sites. The wall was there when he purchased the field, but as soon as any of the ground was disposed of, it would be pulled down, and the street made the proper width. The block plan had been drawn so as to indicate a 20 feet back street.

Mr SIDDELL averred that Mr Aynsley knew what he was doing when he bought the land. His lease showed that he should give 10 feet for widening the street.

Mr AYNSLEY denied that such was the case, and said he was not prepared to incur the expense of taking down the wall and making one-half of the street.

Mr DUNNE asked why, when the Board did not insist upon the other street being made the full width, they should compel Mr Aynsley to complete this back street?

The CHAIRMAN: Simply because we have a complaint from Mr Middleton; Mr Frosdick does not complain.

Mr SHELL suggested that Mr Aynsley should take down the wall, allow the 10 feet, and put up a rail fence, and never mind about making the street at present.

Mr AYNSLEY demurred to this.

The CHAIRMAN said the Board could compel Mr Aynsley to make the road, but they did not desire to do that.

Mr AYNSLEY observed that one of the strongest reasons for having this street widened was in order to allow a horse and cart to be turned round. He was willing to contrive a place where carts could be turned about.

The CHAIRMAN said they would have to make some reply to Middleton's complaint.

Mr SIDDELL considered that Mr Aynsley was trying to edge out of his responsibility by subterfuge. (Laughter.)

After further discussion, it was agreed to adjourn the matter for another month, to allow of Mr Aynsley consulting with Mr Middleton and endeavour to come to terms.

THE BRAY'S LAMP AT BLACKHILL.

Mr DUNNE understood that the Benfieldside Local Board had offered to bear one-third of the cost, if the Consett Board paid two thirds, of the erection of a Bray's lamp in front of the Rose and Crown Hotel, Blackhill. This idea was in consequence of the Bray's lamp doing away with two lamps in their district, and only one in Benfieldside. As the Bray's lamp would be of equal benefit to both districts, he thought the Boards should divide the cost between them. He moved that the Clerk make a statement to this effect to the Benfieldside Board, the site of the proposed lamp to be determined by the two Surveyors.

Mr AINSWORTH seconded, and the motion was carried.

THE NEW PUBLIC PARK.

The CHAIRMAN said the park scheme was left entirely in the hands of the two Boards to take action, all the necessary formalities having been attended to, and the several leases duly stamped.

The Clerk read a report of the last meeting of the Park Committee of the Joint Boards, which was to the effect that the Committee recommends the respective Boards to instruct their Surveyors to procure notice boards and have them affixed, warning trespassers. Also, that no person should enter the park otherwise than by some of the appointed modes of entrance or digress. No person shall destroy the walls, fences, &c., either belonging to the park or the adjacent properties. The fences of the park to be repaired by rails and posts, and that entrances be made by turnstiles. That the Boards ask the Consett Iron Company's permission to remove the old wall between the two townships and portions of the hedge between the cricket field and the two fields above it.

On the proposal of Mr AINSWORTH, seconded by Mr SIDDELL, the foregoing report was adopted.

Mr DUNNE said he had been asked, on behalf of the cricket club, to bring under the notice of the Board the advisability of erecting railings so as to prevent children from going behind the wooden shed to commit nuisances.

Mr PALLISER suggested that suitable seats should be provided in the park.

These subjects were relegated to the Park Committee, the CHAIRMAN remarking that doubtless these recommendations would be carried out.

Touching the application previously made by the Consett Cricket Club for their team to retain the use of the plot of ground, Mr AYNSLEY observed that as far as the Parks Committee were concerned, they had decided to allow the club to play on the ground for this season to finish their matches.

NEW RATE.

A general district rate of 10d in the pound was, on the motion of Mr PALLISER, and seconded by Mr SIDDELL, ordered to be levied for the next half-year.

RESIGNATION OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER.

The Clerk read a letter from Dr W. M. Renton, of Chester-le-Street, tendering his resignation as Medical Officer to that Board. He thanked the members for their forbearance for his shortcomings and their general courtesy towards him.

There was no time specified as to when Dr Renton intended to give up his position, and Mr AYNSLEY contended that the Board ought to have a month's notice.

The CHAIRMAN said that Dr Geo. Renton would act as medical officer *pro tem.*

It was ultimately agreed to accept the resignation, to date from the 31st May; and it was furthermore decided to advertise in the *Guardian* for a successor, at a salary of £15 per annum.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORTS: ALARMING SPREAD OF FEVER.

Dr Geo. Renton, as deputy medical officer, submitted his annual report, which indicated that the health of the district was most satisfactory. The rate of mortality had been exceedingly low; and he complimented the Board and its officials upon the general sanitary arrangements which had been admirably carried out. The Inspector (Mr Rippon) had been unremitting in his duty.

The Doctor based his returns on the population of Consett being 9,000, but Mr DAVISON denied that the Local Board area embodied that number.

The Surveyor stated that there were 1,420 houses in Consett, and the CHAIRMAN believed the doctor's estimate was not far from the mark.

In a supplementary monthly report, Dr Renton called attention to the alarming spread of scarlet fever throughout the district, and urged the Board to take steps for closing the whole of the schools.

The CHAIRMAN did not consider it absolutely necessary to close the schools to prevent the spread of the epidemic.

Mr COLLINSON said it would not isolate the patients, as the children would then congregate in the streets.

Mr SIDDELL thought the remedy suggested was worse than the evil.

Mr DUNNE pointed out that the cause of development of the fever was in allowing children from infected houses to go to school. He thought that, in every case where the disease existed amongst a certain household, no child should be re-admitted to school from that particular family until the doctor certified that the inmates were perfectly free from the epidemic.

It was at length resolved that a Committee, consisting of Messrs Ainsworth, Aynsley, Davison, and Dunne be appointed, to confer with the medical men and school teachers, with the view of devising some method for preventing the spread of the disease.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month, your workmen have been engaged collecting loose stones, water-tabling, and dressing-up for the summer. I have received from Messrs Ord and Maddison 50 tons of limestone chippings, which have been laid on to the following footpaths, viz.:—Pasture Drift Road, Tinmill Road, and Brickflat Lane. The sewerage manure has been taken out of two of your settling ponds. The paving around the ponds having been much broken up with carting manure; I have had the said paving re-set.

I have inspected your district, and find most of the ashpits with only a small quantity of refuse in them. I have served 16 notices for the abatement of nuisances, which have been attended to.

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

	£	s.	d.
Market tolls	2	5	0
Removing house refuse	0	11	0

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

WM. RIPPON.

Consett, Parliament Street, May 5th, 1886.

MISCELLANEOUS.

An application from James Daly for to have the sewer laid up to the houses just completed in Aynsley's Terrace was relegated to the Sanitary Committee.

Mrs Wilson, Middle Street, was granted permission to make slight alterations to her property in Shakespeare Street, provided the work is carried out to the satisfaction of the Surveyor.

It having been reported that Mr W. Brand had commenced to put up a wooden shed, in Front Street, without the sanction of the Board, it was determined not to interfere with the progress of the erection so long as it was only utilised as a cart-shed.

The Board decided to accede to the application of Mr John Gibson, Foundry Row, Blackhill, to repair the kerb and channel, Mr Gibson having promised to defray the expense of cementing the footpath.

PLANS.

The under-mentioned plans were referred to the Building Committee, with power to pass the same, if in conformity with the bye-laws:—Block plan for Mr W. Ridley, for $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres of ground in Mr Taylor's field, situate on the south side of Front Street; plan for alterations to properties belonging to Mr Thos. Swainston, Middle Street, and Mr Thompson, Medomsley Road.

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts to the amount of £45 1s 8d were, on the proposal of Mr PALLISER, ordered to be paid.

The Board arose shortly before 10 p.m.

DEATH OF MR J. M. GREENWELL, OF BROOMSHIELDS.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of John Maddison Greenwell, Esq., of Broomshields, near Satley, which took place yesterday (Thursday) morning, at the early age of 33 years. The deceased was the second son of the late Mr Thos. Greenwell, barrister-at-law, and a Justice of the Peace for the county of Durham. For a short time he was a member of the University of Cambridge, and subsequently served as a lieutenant in the North Durham Militia. After his retirement he led the life of a country gentleman, ardently devoted to the sports of the field. Of a modest and retiring, though genial temperament, he was universally respected in the neighbourhood where he resided, and his early death will be deplored by a large circle of friends. Mr Greenwell has been ailing for a considerable period. He proceeded some time ago to Florida, where he hoped to recruit his health. He returned home quite recently, apparently not much improved in his bodily condition, and gradually became worse and worse until he expired, as before stated, of phthisis. He was a Churchman and a Conservative, but did not take active part in political matters.

CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5th. — Before HIS HONOUR E. J. MEYNELL, Esq., Judge.

DISPUTE BETWEEN BUILDERS: AN UNSTAMPED AGREEMENT.

MILBURN AND ANOTHER v. KNOX.—Milburn and Gibson, Durham Road, Blackhill, builder, brought an action against William Knox, Mount Pleasant joiner, &c., to recover £17 8s 2d. Mr J. McCartan (Consett) appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr C. E. Barnes (Durham) for the defendant.—Mr McCartan explained that last year, plaintiffs entered into an agreement with defendant to erect three dwelling-houses for him at Templetown, the contract amounting to £164 13s 6d. The sum now claimed was for "extras" performed; and also included the sum of £4 13s 8d balance owing on the previous account. He produced the contract, which was so worded as to make it into an agreement, but as it was not stamped, His Honour held it was not admissable as evidence, unless the plaintiffs consented to pay £10 to the Registrar to render the contract legal.—After arguing the point, Mr McCartan agreed to take the action on the merits of the award given by the person called in to arbitrate respecting the "extras" in dispute.—Thomas Gibson, a member of the firm, was then called, and stated that in January last he gave defendant a bill of prices for the erection of the houses at Templetown. Knox took exception to the extra work in the bill, saying that there were not that many "extras," according to the plan of the buildings. He also declared he would not pay the money, but was willing to submit the matter to arbitration. Witness, on behalf of plaintiffs, consented to do the same. Several names were suggested, including Mr John Smith, architect, Shotley Bridge, but eventually Mr John Richley, Blackhill, was agreed upon. In addition to work outside the contract, there was a balance of £4 13s 8d owing on an old account, for work done to the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Consett, by order of Knox.—Mr Barnes did not dispute the £4 13s 8d, but submitted that when all items came to be reckoned up, they had paid the same.—Mr McCartan: We give you credit for all the money you paid.—Witness proceeded to say that there was, in addition, the sum of 5s 9d claimed for knocking out a doorway in another house, and £1 1s 9d for water used in the erection of the houses, Mr Knox doing the plastering himself, and agreeing to pay one-half of the cost of the water bill. In answer to Mr Barnes, witness attested that the dispute arose touching the measurements of the "extras." Defendant did not tell him, before the award, that he objected to Mr Richley; he did not object to Mr Richley's measurements, but objected to his prices. His partner and Knox were present when Richley took the measurements, and heard what defendant had to say.—John Richley (a clerk of the works) said that he conferred with plaintiffs, defendant, and his son, on the 21st January, and subsequently they went down to the cottages. Knox told him that he was willing to pay anything reasonable in the shape of "extras." Witness explained his mode of measurement, and said it was useless for him to do the work unless both parties promised to abide by his decision. Gibson informed witness that both Mr Smith, Mr Davison, and himself had been mentioned as arbitrators, and said that Knox had agreed to accept his decision. After describing his mode of taking the measurements, witness said he gave his award.—His Honour: What was the amount you awarded?—Mr McCartan produced the award, which only gave the measurements of the various sections of work, and did not stipulate any price. They arrived, he said, at the amount by the terms of the contract.—His Honour: I cannot go into the question of the contract.—Mr McCartan: I think you can.—His Honour: I say I cannot.—Mr McCartan said the extra work was based on the contract prices.—His Honour said the plaintiffs must first prove what the contract was, and show what the prices were, and then he should be able to regulate the prices for the "extras." If the award had given the prices, it might probably have been all right.—Mr McCartan contended that the prices ought to be based upon the marketable value of such work.—His Honour: It is for you to prove your contract first. I cannot tell the prices regulated in the contract.—Mr Barnes pointed out that they admitted the £4 13s 8d, and also the 5s 9d; but with respect to the sum of £1 19s 10d, he produced a bill showing that his client was credited with that and other amounts.—Ultimately His Honour adjourned the action until next Court, to allow plaintiffs time to consider whether they should pay down the £10 required to make the contract valid.—Mr Barnes' applied for costs, which were granted.

Railway Time Table.

CONSETT BRANCH.

STATIONS.	WEEK DAYS. A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
NEWCASTLE Dep.	6·10	9·40	11·0	12·20	2·30	5·30	7·30
Scotswood ,,	6·17	9·47	11·7	12·27	2·37	5·37	7·37
Swalwell ,,	6·24	9·54	11·14	12·34	2·43	5·42	7·44
Rowlands Gill ,,	6·34	10·4	11·24	12·44	2·53	5·51	7·54
Lintz Green ,,	6·40	10·10	11·30	12·50	2·59	5·57	8·0
Ebchester ,,	6·53	10·20	11·40	1·0	3·12	6·6	8·13
Shotley Bridge ,,	6·59	10·24	11·44	1·4	3·18	6·10	8·19
CONSETT ...Arr.	7·5	10·30	11·50	1·10	3·23	6·15	8·25
CONSETT Dep.	7·10	10·32	...	1·12	3·25	6·33	...
Knitsley ,,	7·21	10·43	...	1·23	3·36	6·44	...
Lanchester ,,	7·30	10·53	...	1·32	3·45	6·53	...
Witton Gilbert ,,	7·38	11·1	...	1·40	3·53	7·1	...
Aldin Grange ,,	7·45	11·9	...	1·47	4·0	7·9	...
DURHAM ...Arr.	7·50	11·15	...	1·52	4·5	7·15	...
	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
DURHAM Dep.	7·25		11·45	2·35		5·25	8·10
Aldin Grange ,,	7·32		11·52	2·41		5·32	8·17
Witton Gilbert ,,	7·40		12·0	2·48		5·40	8·25
Lanchester ,,	7·50		12·10	2·54		5·50	8·35
Knitsley ,,	8·2		12·20	3·8		6·0	8·45
CONSETT ...Arr.	8·12		12·30	3·18		6·10	8·55
CONSETT ...Dep.	8·15	9·10	12·33	3·25		6·15	9·2
Shotley Bridge ,,	8·20	9·15	12·38	3·30		6·19	9·7
Ebchester ,,	8·24	9·19	12·42	3·34		6·23	9·12
Lintz Green ,,	8·34	9·29	12·50	3·44		6·32	9·22
Rowlands Gill ,,	8·39	9·34	12·55	3·50		6·36	9·28
Swalwell ,,	8·47	9·42	1·3	3·57		6·41	9·36
Scotswood ,,	8·54	9·49	1·9	4·4		6·48	9·43
NEWCASTLE Ar	9·5	10·0	1·20	4·15		7·0	9·53

SUNDAYS.

	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.
NEWCASTLE	7·30	7·20	CONSETT ...dep.	8·35	8·20
Scotswood	7·37	7·27	Shotley Bridge	8·40	8·25
Swalwell	7·44	7·34	Ebchester	8·44	8·29
Rowlands Gill	7·54	7·44	Lintz Green	8·54	8·39
Lintz Green	8·0	7·50	Rowlands Gill	8·59	8·44
Ebchester	8·13	8·0	Swalwell	9·8	8·53
Shotley Bridge	8·19	8·4	Scotswood	9·14	8·59
CONSETT ...arr.	8·25	8·10	NEWCASTLE ar.	9·25	9·10

MARKET TRAINS ON SATURDAYS.

First second, and third class return tickets will be issued on Saturdays by the following trains:—

	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.
NEWCASTLE	7·10	4·15	DURHAM ...dep.	7·55
Scotswood	7·17	4·22	Aldin Grange	8·1
Swalwell	7·24	4·30	Witton Gilbert	8·9
Rowlands Gill	7·34	4·40	Lanchester	8·20
Lintz Green	7·40	4·46	Knitsley	8·32
Ebchester	7·53	4·59	CONSETT and BLACKHILL a	8·45
Shotley Bridge	7·59	5·5	CONSETT and BLACKHILL d	8·50
CONSETT and BLACKHILL a	8·5	5·12	Shotley Bridge	8·55
CONSETT and BLACKHILL d	9·20	...	Ebchester	8·59
Knitsley	9·32	...	Lintz Green	9·9
Lanchester	9·41	...	Rowlands Gill	9·15
Witton Gilbert	9·50	...	Swalwell	9·22
Aldin Grange	9·59	...	Scotswood	9·29
DURHAM ...arr	10·5	...	NEWCASTLE dp	9·40

SALTBURN, STOCKTON, & DARLINGTON BRANCH

STATIONS.	WEEK DAYS. A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
NEWCASLE dep.	...	6·10	...	...	12·20	...	5·30
CONSETT	...	8·20	...	...	2·0	...	6·20
Rowley	...	8·30	...	...	2·10	...	6·29
Burnhill	...	8·40	...	...	2·20	...	6·38
Tow Law	7·20	8·53	...	12·50	2·33	...	6·51
CROOK ...arr.	7·32	9·5	...	1·2	2·45	...	7·3
,, ...dep.	7·35	9·7	11·23	1·5	2·52	5·30	7·8
Bishop Auckland	8·0	9·31	11·43	1·29	3·12	6·3	7·32
Darlington	8·30	10·0	12·10	2·0	3·45	6·48	8·5
Stockton	8·56	10·31	12·40	2·29	4·13	7·18	8·32
Middlesbro'	9·5	10·41	12·50	2·35	4·22	7·21	8·52
SALTBURN	10·10	11·15	1·25	3·12	4·37	8·5	9·24

STATIONS.	WEEK DAYS. A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SALTBURN dp.	5·50	8·5	9·52	...	1·40	3·45	5·40
Middlesbro'	6·27	8·40	10·25	12·50	2·13	4·18	6·15
Stockton	6·37	8·48	10·32	12·57	2·21	4·26	6·22
Darlington	7·20	9·20	10·55	1·30	3·0	5·5	7·20
Bishop Aukland	7·49	9·46	11·21	1·56	3·26	5·33	7·48
CROOK ...arr.	8·10	10·6	11·42	2·16	3·47	5·55	8·10
,, ...dep.	8·13	...	11·49	2·20	...	6·0	...
Tow Law	8·25	...	12·1	2·32	...	6·15	...
Burnhill	8·40	...	...	2·45	...	6·30	...
Rowley	8·50	...	...	2·55	...	6·40	...
CONSETT ...arr.	9·0	...	...	3·5	...	6·50	...
NEWCASTLE	10·0	...	...	4·15	...	9·53	...

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MARK MAIN, MINER.

A TALE OF DIXON'S ROW,

By WILLIAM M'QUEEN,

Author of "PETER SANNOX," "GIPSY NELL," &c.

CHAPTER I.—MARK MAIN.

I do not recollect ever having seen anyone who was improved by having a black eye; and yet I have seen faces without blackened eyes on which any change, it might have been thought, would have been an improvement. But Mark Main's was not such an one. It was a young face; and there are few except hereditary criminals who are able to smash out every grace which nature bestows by the time they are one and twenty. But youth was not the only beauty which Mark's face could boast. The features were regular; and, if not delicately so, they were strongly regular, which suits masculine features better. The atmosphere of the pit, in which he had worked almost since he could remember, had done its best to spoil his complexion, and you may be sure it had not improved it; but while the coal dust had got so impregnated with the pores of the skin that it was impossible ever to perfectly clean his face there was enough of bloom still left to entitle it to be called a well-coloured face after all. The moral atmosphere of the pit, and of the colliers' rows had injured the complexion of his character to a much greater extent than the air and dust of the mine had injured the complexion of his face; and the injury done to his character had communicated itself to the expression of his countenance. It was pitiable to see the sullen look, which, like mist over a fair scene, spoiled so much natural beauty; and the bruise which he had received in a recent fistic encounter, and which threatened soon to close up entirely his left eye, while out of keeping with the face naturally, was felt to be in perfect harmony with the expression which the features wore. That expression was so aggravating that it seemed to invite a blow; and, indeed, Mark was seldom without a black eye, either maturing or in a state of convalescence. So when he flung himself into the back room of Kennedy's publichouse, Hutchesontown, one Saturday night with his left eye, as we have already intimated, closing, none of the acquaintances whom he found there expressed the least surprise at the condition of his face.

"Wha wur ye fechtin' (fighting) wi', Mark?" asked a stunted specimen of humanity, whose devotion to the gill stoup had inspired him to put a question to Main that he would not have dared to ask had he possessed his sober senses.

"No wi' you," replied Mark, contemptuously, shying a half orange, which he had been sucking with such dexterity at his questioner that it struck him on the mouth, and spattered all over his face. And then amid the uproarious laughter which followed upon the rude action, he coolly reached over, and taking the newly-filled tumbler from before his interrogator, lifted it to his lips and drank off every drop of its contents.

"Pugh!" he exclaimed, spitting as he set down the glass: "The cratur mixes watter wi' his whusky."

The stunted collier whose drink had been appropriated was too prudent to resent either the violence offered to himself or to his drink, preferring to treat the whole matter as a capital joke, and to join in the boisterous laughter with which Mark's treatment of him was greeted.

"Hae, Mark," said one of the party filling a glass from a gill stoup that stood on the table, "there's a taste o' something better, that 'll mak' the hair on yer heid rise."

The young man gulped down the profferred liquor, and set down the glass again with the remark that it was midlin."

"Feth, gin ye ca' that but midlin," said an older member of the company, "you're ill to please. But ye've got kind o'early intil a row the day; wha's been stroking your hair the wrang way, Mark?"

"A chap ca'ed me a liar," returned Mark sententiously.

"Did he, fac?" exclaimed one. "Was it aboot the watch?"

"Ay," was the response.

"I thocht sae," muttered the one who had suggested the idea.

"What watch?" inquired another.

"My watch," snarled Mark.

"Oh," was the only response of the inquirer who was a timid man.

"An' what aboot your watch, Mark?" said the elderly man, whom the young cub seemed graciously pleased to admit to more familiarity than the rest.

"I was getting a taste in Delap's, up the street," returned Mark, "and a chap was bouncing about his new watch that he said cost £7 10s. I tell't him what I could dae wi' mine and he ca'ed me a liar, so of course we had twa roonds."

"Ay, man, but he's got a heavy haun," said the elderly man; "that'll be a guy bad ane."

"He'll no see onything for two days onyway," responded Mark, with evident satisfaction. "I put in my richt and left, ding dong," and the young brute thumped his closed right fist into the palm of his left hand to illustrate his meaning, "and maybe ye ken what that means?"

"Fine, mun, fine laddie," said a man with an inch of forehead, a flat nose, and a slit across the lower portion of his face that did duty for a mouth. "My, but you're the boy, Mark!"

"But what about your watch?" asked the elderly man.

"There't's," returned Mark, producing a large, old, double-cased verge, and laying it rather violently on the table before him.

"So I see," said the other, "but what's aboot it that it got you intil a quarrel?"

"I tell't the chap that, auld as it was, I could let it lie half-an-oor in a bowl o' reeking toddy, and tak it oot gaun an' no a pin the worse," returned Mark, justly proud of being the possessor of such a redoubtable timekeeper, "and the idiot ca'ed me a liar."

"I've nae doot he'd raither, by this time, his tongue had been blistered," said one of the men; meaning to convey a well-merited compliment to the champion of the watch.

"Deed aye," said the elderly man, taking up the article referred to and examining the cases carefully, "it's been weel jinted ance in it's day; but it canna be expected to be as tight noo as when it was new."

"Dye think no!" exclaimed Main, the chronic gloom on his face deepening at the mild disparagement of his watch which the remark conveyed. "You're a blin' fule."

"Weel, I'm no sae young's I ance was, ony mair than your watch, Mark, and maybe I canna see sae weel, returned the other, slowly watching the expression that came over Main's face, much as a jail surgeon might watch the pulse of a garrotter under the lash, "but I'll staun a pint made into toddy to try it; if you'll gie me back the price o't gin if the drink gets in aboot the works and stops your watch; that's fair."

"Surely, surely; quite fair," burst from all sides, and even had he been reluctant to put it to the test, Main could scarcely have drawn back.

But Mark had no thoughts of caving in. "Come on wi' your today," he bawled, "mony's the time, baith when it was my grandfaither's and my faither's, has the auld rick-ma-tick swam in a punch-bowl without disgracing them, and I'll back it to do the same yet."

The brilliant idea was received with a perfect frenzy of delight by the whole company; and whisky, hot water, and a basin were soon on the table. The elderly man brewed with all the care of a connossieur; tasting; adding water; tasting; adding whisky; till at length the decoction was pronounced excellent, and then with a solemnity becoming the importance of the occasion the watch was "committed to the deep." Deep it was enough, no doubt, to cover the ancient turnip, but not deep enough to do so and supply, besides, a glass to each of the company; and even a collier's patience was not equal to the strain of waiting half an hour in the back room of a whisky shop without touching liquor. So to while away the time, another supply of the raw material was ordered, which, in passing through the mouths of the drinkers, took the opportunity of loosing their tongues from the knot of discretion. From bull pups to the restriction of output; from cockfighting to courting, ranged the subjects of conversation, and at length from women in general their talk centred upon one woman in particular.

"They micht ha'e kent better than gie a woman the job," was a remark that everyone heard in a lull of the general conversation.

"What's that?" cried one.

"Oh! Tam's saying they micht hae kent a woman would never do for a colliers' skule," was the explanation.

"Then Tam's wrang," said the elderly man who was waiting the result of his wager with Mark Main.

"Far wrang," put in another.

"How am I wrang?" said Tam, who had expected credit for the sagacity of his observation.

"If ye went to the skule yoursel' ye would sune ken," returned the elderly man a little contemptuously. "She wad thrash ye into order."

"Ecod, I'd like to see her," said Tam.

"D'ye ken my Bob!" said the man who had said that Tam was far wrong.

"Oh, ay, everybody kens Bob to their cost; he's a wee deevil," returned Tam.

"He's a' that onyway," said the father of the imp referred to. "Weel, Bob didn't play at marbles for two days." And he communicated this information with a funny smile, which awakened, as it was intended to do, Tam's curiosity.

"That's no' his habit," said the latter, and then, making a guess at the cause of this abnormal state of things—a guess suggested so far by the other's manner, he added—"has she ta'en the marbles frae him!"

"Na, but she gied him sic a licking that he canna stoop easily," replied the proud father, with a grin of satisfaction. "And even if he could, his hands were too sore for knuckle doon."

"Your Bob!" cried another man, in evident astonishment.

"Ay, oor Bob," was the reply.

"He'll no ha'e been back at the skule since," ventured Tam, but not with any great assurance in the tones of his voice.

"That's the best o't," chuckled the elder man. "He wadna gang for his mither nor me, but the lass cam' for him, and ye wad hae laughed to see him play grab at his spell-book and his bonnet the moment he saw her.

"Very like a whale," said a man who had been actively getting up his ill-nature by means of the liquid fuel he was imbibing copiously, "I'm not so green as to take that in."

"It's true!" snarled Mark Main, who had been as interested in the story of the prowess of the schoolmistress as if it had been the achievement of a prize terrier.

"Hoo dae you ken!" asked the ill-natured man, somewhat taken aback at finding Mark his opponent, instead of the elderly man.

"Oh! she's had a bout wi' Mark himsel', and thrown him already," put in another with a laugh. This was a man who grew jocular as he grew drunk.

Now the ill-natured man thought he would rather have Mark on his side than against him; and not being at all afraid of the jocular man, he thought himself quite safe to indulge his humour and propitiate Mark at the same time. So he shouted——

"You're a liar; the bisom'll get the warst o't when she comes across Mark."

He had woefully miscalculated the effect of his speech. Instead of propitiating Mark, the words infuriated him, and seizing a quart tankard, he hurled it at the speaker with a force that would have proved fatal had it struck the head of the person for whom it was intended. But it missed him and hit on the shoulder a stout collier who hitherto had taken no share in the talk. He sprang to his feet with a yell of of pain, and without a moment's consideration flung the missle back in Mark's direction.

In another minute the room was the scene of the wildest confusion. (The contagion of violence being the swiftest of all infections to take effect). Men were fighting against men with whom they had been on the most friendly terms but a minute before; some were struck to the floor by the hands of comrades who bore them no grudge; they leaped on the seats, they jumped on the table yelling like savages and cursing like Christians. Anything that could be handily seized was made to serve as a weapon of offence, and, just as two or three shopmen came rushing in to put a stop to the row, someone made a clutch at the chain of Main's watch, which was rolling off the table (the toddy bowl having been capsized), and, with a swing in the air, brought it full force against its owner's head. The blow was so vigorous that the cases flew open and the works scatered to every corner of the room, while Mark fell in a lump on the floor, the blood spurting from a great cut behind the ear.

(To be continued.)

LADIES' COLUMN.

The first important private view of the great picture galleries was held last Saturday. The Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours decided to open their doors at least a fortnight before the Royal Academy, with the judicious motive of securing a larger share of public attention. To the general public the Institute offers several special attractions. The galleries are very commodious, well lighted, and comfortably arranged. The division of the collection into three rooms, which are *en suite*, allows the untechnical mind to master the details by degrees, and keep the favourite works distinctly in mind; also, the arrangement tends to sociability, as it divides visitors into sections, and it is always possible to recover a lost friend, or overtake the other members of a large party which has been scattered in the crowd.

Public taste has lately shewed a marked pre'erence for the water-colour school, or schools, rather, for of late years artists have displayed striking originality in developing the art, and placing water-colour drawing on a new footing. Only recently has the term "painting in water colours" been accepted, and very justly, too, as descriptive of this branch of art, once only set down as merely "drawing."

Good manners suggests that the first mention should be made of works by the president of the Institute, Sir James Linton, who is represented by four pictures. A crowd of visitors, critically inclined, surrounded the most pretentious of the president's works, "Romeo and Juliet." Upon the bier Juliet is laid out, a beautiful woman, dead, and Romeo, just having learned the extent of his loss, flings himself in grief against the couch. "O, true apothecary, thy drugs are quick." The picture has been selected as one of those for illustration in the catalogue, where the sketch looks better than the picture itself. Juliet being apparently a woman near middle life, and Romeo, a youth very much stage-struck indeed, flung into a theatrical pose. This work has raised again a question which has lately been allowed to slumber—What is, or what is not, the legitimate field for water-colour artists? The landscapes are, a large number of them, charming, realising all one's fondest dreams of sylvan subjects. The marine artists are also well represented. Mr. Edwin Hayes, R.W.I., R.I., who occupies the first rank among these, has five pictures, which more than support the reputation of the Institute for first-class work. One of the finest of Mr. Hayes' pictures, West Pier, Gorleston, has been selected for illustrating the catalogue, so is not likely to be overlooked by visitors. In contradiction to those who lay down hard and fast lines as to what is, or what is not, legitimate in water colour, a genre subject by Da Rios, a Spanish artist, "La Tombola," upsets all theories. A group of Spanish peasants, seated round a table in front of a country inn, are intent upon a game, played with pieces on a board, in which each person seems to have a stake. The grouping, the colouring, the individual and characteristic expression of the faces, all go to make up a picture of far more than average merit, so much so that the exhibitors whose pictures hang close by must feel a little sorry for themselves on account of the contrast.

The institute is generous to lady exhibitors, and, considering the relative merit of their works, assigns a generous amount of space upon the walls to women. Next week the holidays will afford opportunity for many busy people to take a little pleasure, and the galleries of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours will probably prove itself to be one of the greatest attractions offered to Londoners.

A new make of black silk, very soft and of a deep jet black, known as "tricat," is one of the novelties this year. It has a look of stockingette, or jersey cloth from which appearance comes its name. For the bodice part of a dress tricat would be rather slight—would scarcely bear a great strain—for it has no elasticity except in look, so it is used for draping, trimming, &c., mixed with more solid materials. At present tricat is only made in black, and possibly would not look so attractive if in colours. The really fashionable silks of this season are richly corded and the plain kind known as faille. Though looking very substantial and draping in rich folds, there is no stiffening in these silks, and they are professedly pure silk, without any meretricious mixture. Satin has become so cheap, being so adulterated, not only with a cotton back, but cotton surface, that it is no longer considered a stylish dress material.

Football.

PELTON FELL HARRIERS v. BACKWORTH HOTSPUR (A.).—Played at Backworth on Saturday, where, after a pleasant game, the latter won by four goals to none.

TANTOBIE 2ND v. GATESHEAD 2ND (A.).—The above teams played on Saturday, in periods of 30 minutes each way, and after a well-contested game the home team was victorious by three goals to one. For Tantobie, Elliott E. Batey played in good style; and Wardle played well for the visitors. Mr. Joseph Allan ably discharged the duties of umpire.

TANTOBIE v. GATESHEAD (A.).—In pleasant weather, Gateshead journeyed on Saturday to the quiet little village to play the closing match of the season. The game was played in two half-hours, and resulted in a victory for the home team, after a very pleasant game, by one goal and one disputed to nil. For the home team E. Watson played in good style.—After the game the teams adjourned to the Commercial Hotel and partook of a knife and fork tea, which was splendidly served out; and spent the rest of the evening in harmonious proceedings.

Cricket.

FIXTURES.

May 8.—Consett v. Marley Hill, at Consett.
,, 8.—South Moor v. Tanfield, at South Moor.
,, 15.—South Moor v. Ouston, at Ouston.
,, 15.—Marley Hill v. Bewick Main, at Marley Hill.
,, 22.—Winlaton Amateurs v. St. Aidan's, at Winlaton.
,, 29.—Whickham v. South Shields, at Whickham.
,, 29.—South Moor v. Ouston, at South Moor.

HAYDON BRIDGE v. BLAYDON.—The opening match was played on Saturday afternoon, on the Haydon ground. The home team won by 60 runs. Score:—Haydon Bridge, 74; Blaydon, 14.

HORSLEY JUNIORS v. GREENSIDE JUNIORS.—Played at Greenside on Saturday, and after a very close game, resulted in favour of the home team by 3 runs. Score:—Greenside, 63; Horsley 60.

FORMATION OF A CRICKET CLUB AT TOW LAW.—In connection with the Tow Law Conservative Reading-room a cricket club has been established, and it is hoped that in the coming season Tow Law may once more have a good all-round club to represent them.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT—MARRIED v. SINGLE.

In fine weather the above club opened the season on Saturday by a match between the married and single members, and there being a numerous attendance, a very amusing and enjoyable game was played, which resulted in an easy victory for the bachelors. Score:—

MARRIED.	
W. Turnbull c and b Raw	15
H. Foggon b Richards	0
S. Templeton c and b Askew	3
J. Richards b Askew	0
J. Mason b Richards	7
W. Fiddes b Richards	0
J. Collinson ht wkt	0
W. Ramsay b Richrds	0
— Edwards b Raw	2
G. T. Hyden b Raw	0
M. Hobday not out	5
C. Routledge c Askew b Richards	4
J. Malpass b Richards	4
J. S. Murray b Rchds	2
J. Moon c Richards b Raw	1
Extras	6
Total	49

SINGLE.	
I. Richards b Foggon	48
T. Jackson c Malpass b Templeton	2
T. Kirkup b Richards	4
T. Jones b Richards	4
M. Gibson b Mason	21
F. Heymer b Mason	0
H. Mason run out	6
W. Gibson c Mason b Foggon	4
P. Flynn b Foggon	1
J. G. Murray b Templeton	14
J. Askew c Mason b Foggon	0
N. Raw b Richards	33
E. Kirkhouse not out	12
R. Heymer b Edwards	5
Dr Short absent	
P. Gibson absent	
Extras	4
Total	152

WEST STANLEY v. TANFIELD.

On Saturday, for their first match this season, West Stanley visited their old opponents Tanfield, and after some good play on both sides, resulted in a decided win for the visitors by 31 runs and 5 wickets. For West Stanley, Knox did excellent service by his vigorous hitting, taking out his bat for a well-earned 57, amongst which were 10 three's and 5 two's. J. Dixon made a valuable stand with Knox, and put on 20. He was also successful in bowling, obtaining five wickets. For Tanfield, Laidler made the most valuable contribution of 18, and was ably assisted by Messrs J. and E. Bowes. Score:—

TANFIELD.	
T. Brown b J. T. Dixon	1
T. Jewitt b Harkness	9
Rev C. H. Newman b Harkness	3
T. Curry b J. T. Dixon	4
J. Bowes c Knox b J. Dixon	13
J. Laidler c J. T. Dixn b J. Dixon	18
E. Bowes b J. Dixon	12
— Swinburne b J. Dixon	0
— Robson run out	1
E. Reay not out	1
M. Patterson b J. Dixon	0
Extras	7
Total	69

WEST STANLEY.	
P. Harkness c Robson b Laidler	6
J. Hunter b Laidler	2
R. Knox not out	57
J. Benfold b E. Bowes	3
T. Brown b E. Bowes	2
J. Dixon b Curry	20
J. T. Dixon, I. Harkness, E. J. Wardle, J. Curry, A. Temple	to bat.
Extras	10
Total	100

Sporting Items.

CHESTER-LE-STREET REGATTA.—Everything goes well for the forthcoming regatta at Chester-le-Street, and it is not unlikely, should subscriptions continue to come to hand as they have already done, that we shall see a very interesting programme of sport issued by the committe, and that an open boat handicap for all comers will be included. Should fine weather favour this undertaking, no doubt many strangers will throng the banks of the Wear at Chester-le-Street, which, at the present season of the year, is a most enjoyable resort for pleasure seekers. The wooded scenery, with that fine old baronial residence, Lumley Castle, adds much to the situation of that part of the river on which the regatta will take place.

BILLIARD HANDICAP AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.—This tournament was held at the house of Mr William Taylor, Queen's Head, Annfield Plain, on May 5th, and following nights, when a handsome gold ring was given as the first prize. The following is a list of the players names and scores:—First round—1st heat, Wm Watson, 20 start, beat Jos. Herron, 25 start, by 4 points. 2nd heat—Robt. Watson, scratch, beat James Strawbridge, owes 20, by 25 pts. 3rd heat—Jno. Storey, owes 35, beat J. Dodd, scratch, by 31 pts. 4th heat—Jos. Henderson, a bye. 5th heat—Geo. Forster, 30, beat W. Coalpitts, 15, by 6 pts. 6th heat—R. Robson, 20, beat C. Morgan, 20, by 11 pts. 7th heat—J. Bainbridge, 30, beat Jas Mason, 20, by 4 pts. 8th heat—Jos. Stobbart, 60, beat M. Wilson, 20, by 11 pts. 9th heat—W. Porter, 15, beat T. Holmes, 20, by 28 pts. 10th heat—M. Coates, 25, beat J. Robinson, 20, by 28 pts. 2nd round:—1st—W. Watson beat R. Watson, by 5 pts. 2nd—J. Storey beat J. Henderson, by 24 pts. 3rd—G. Forster beat R. Robson, by 32 pts. 4th—James Bainbridge beat J. Stobbart, by 11 pts. 5th—M. Coates beat W. Porter, by 9 pts. 3rd round: 1st—J. Storey beat W. Watson, by 30 pts. 2nd—M. Coates a bye. 3rd—G. Forster beat J. Bainbridge, by 23 pts. 4th round: 1st—J. Storey beat M. Coates, by 10 pts. 2nd—G. Forster a bye. 5th round and final: 1st—G. Forster beat J. Storey by 63 pts, and won. There was some good attendances as the handicap began to draw to a close. Handicapper and marksman, S. Smith.

GALA AT OXHILL.

On Saturday afternoon, the members of the Oxhill Lodge of the Durham Miners' Association held their first annual gala and tea in a field adjoining the colliery (kindly lent for the occasion by the manager, Mr P. Kay). The weather was splendid, and but for the cold wind which prevailed was all that could be desired, therefore under such favourable circumstances it was no wonder that a good number attended to witness a programme which might be termed suitable for "old men and maidens, young men and children," in consequence of the variety of events. The Beamish Brass Band was in attendance, and discoursed some good music. Of the notable features in the music might be mentioned the cornet playing of the leader, Mr J. Rodham, and the euphonium playing of Mr J. Rodham, jun. In a large marquee, tea of an excellent description was provided by Mr Rowe, Leadgate, and a large number regaled themselves with the good things on the well-filled tables. Results of the various events:

FOOTBALL.—First prize, a ball; second, 5s. The first heat was between South Moor and Catchgate teams, the play being more of a rough than scientific description, and at times very amusing. One of the South Moor players taking a special delight in lying down in a smart way in order that his opponents might fall over him. Dixon for Catchgate appeared to play the best game in working the ball. South Moor proved too strong for their opponents, and won by something like four goals to nil. Dipton and South Moor eventually divided the prizes between them.

SKIPPING CONTEST FOR GIRLS UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE.—First, 4s; second, 2s; third, 1s. Elizabeth McKie, Elizabeth Charlton, and Annie Lowes, each 10 years.

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110 YARDS FOOT HANDICAP.—Wm. Turner, Stanley, 1st, £1; Gibson Teasdale, Dipton, 2nd, 10s; Henry Ashburn, Stanley, 3rd, 5s. 23 entries.

QUOIT HANDICAP.—First, £1; second, 7s 6d; third, 2s 6d. The four following were left, in and divided, time not permitting further play:—W. Embleton, Oxhill; J. Embleton, Annfield Plain; J. Robson and W. Smith, Dipton. 32 entries.

OLD MEN'S RACE (over 60 years).—First prize, 7s 6d; second, 2s 6d. These prizes were offered, but there were no entries.

AUNT SALLY was placed under the control of two well-known gentlemen, Messrs R. Middleton and R. Stewart, but their care was not much exercised, as the old lady had not many visitors.

KISS-IN-THE-RING was advertised; but up to the time our representative left (twilight) there were no entries or starters.

The following are the local Lodge Committee, who, with a large sub-committee, have carried out the arrangements in an able manner:—Mr James Reed, president; Mr Geo. Siddle, treasurer; Mr Rd. Holmes, secretary; and Messrs W. Armstrong, W. Stephenson, F. and T. Clennell, T. Gibbon, W. Williamson, and John and James Riley.

In the evening there was a ball in the marquee, at which a good number attended, the music being supplied by Mr J. Rodham's Quadrille Band. The proceeds of the gala are for the benefit of the local lodge, and the success which has attended their first annual *fete* will doubtless urge them on to greater things in the future.

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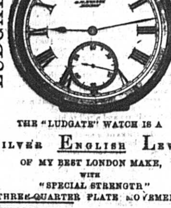
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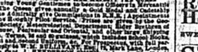
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Local and District News.

CONSETT.

Local Petitions.—Petitions against the opening of national museums and art collections on Sunday, and in favour of opening such on week-day evenings, were presented by Mr L. A. Atherly-Jones, from Wesleyans of the Consett district; by Mr J. Joicey, from Wesleyans at Birtley, Brown's Buildings, Free Methodist Church at Ouston, and others. A petition in favour of the Women's Suffrage Bill was presented by Mr Atherley-Jones, from Jonathan Priestman and others and inhabitants of the North-Western Division of the county of Durham.

The Durham Sunday Closing Bill.—At the fortnightly meeting of the "John Wesley" Division of the Sons of Temperance, held on Saturday night in the Gibson Street (Wesleyan) School-room, Consett—Bro. Robt. F. Smith, W.A., presiding—it was resolved that the following resolutions, which were unanimously carried, should be sent to Mr Atherley-Jones, M.P. for North-West Durham:—"We, the members of the 'John Wesley' Division of the Sons of Temperance, Consett, are strongly in favour of the Durham Sunday Closing Bill, which is in the hands of Mr Theo. Fry, M.P." "We, the members of the same Division, are also strongly in favour of Mr Conybeare's Bill for stopping the supply of drink to children of tender years."—The members of this temperance benefit lodge expect Mr Jones to support both of these measures.

The "Petrified Giant" again!—Deeply implanted in the human breast is the love of curiosity. It was natural that, as a means of ministering to the gratification of this desire, something should be made of the so-called petrified giant which was recently drawn from the depths of the Saint Pit, at Consett; and one is not surprised to learn that the colossal figure was exhibited as one of the attractions at a social gathering held the other evening at that place. Any attempt to dispel a pleasing and interesting illusion generally evokes little thanks; but it may fairly be assumed that the custodians of this remarkable "find" have no wish to display it under false colours. It may be well, therefore, to remind them and others of the fact, vouched for by medical authority, that petrification of the body of a warm-blooded animal never has been known, and, it is quiet safe to say, has never taken place. The condition of the body, which leads to such a misconception, is not that of petrifaction, but of saponification. Nitrogenous tissues give off ammonia; and this, attacking the fats of the body, produces adipocere, which is only a hard form of soap. Let the "Consett Giant" by all means continue to attract its throngs of wonder-struck spectators, but let there not be ascribed to it a virtue which it possesses not.—*Evening Chronicle.*

BLACKHILL.

Benfieldside Stock Auction Mart Sale.—On Monday, Messrs Nicholson and Murray had a much larger show of stock at their mart; which met with a fair demand, consisting of 21 fat cattle, £8 15s to £17 10s; 94 fat sheep, clips, 51s 6d to 57s; with the coat, 46s to 48s 6d; 5 veal calves, 17s to £2 1s; calving cows, £8 10s to £14 10s; 7 geld cows, £7 5s to £11 2s 6d; 14 grazing bullocks and heifers, £3 7s 6d to £9 15s; 2 ponies, £14 10s and £2; also a large quantity of poultry, hams, &c. The company was unusually large.

Presbyterian Chapel Anniversary.—The anniversary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of England, Blackhill, was celebrated on Sunday—Rev W. D. Moffatt, of Rose Street Church, Edinburgh, preaching eloquent sermons, morning and evening, to large congregations.—On the following night (Monday), Rev Mr Moffatt delivered a lecture on "The preparation for Christ." There was a tolerably fair audience, presided over by Mr Jon. Priestman, J.P., Shotley Bridge, who was supported by the Rev A. Baillie and others.

Wesleyan Chapel.—Anniversary services were held last Sunday in Blackhill Wesleyan Chapel, when the Rev John Wesley Keyworth (Thorniey) occupied the pulpit both morning and night, and preached impressive discourses.—On Monday evening, Mr Keyworth delivered his interesting and instructive lecture, entitled "Thomas à Becket, Romish martyr and saint," in which he graphically described the principal events in the career of this Saint, who is so prominently identified with the early history of England and the Church. Mr John Buckham (Lanchester) was the chairman. The attendance was only moderate. The proceeds will be devoted to the chapel fund.

LEADGATE.

Murderous Attack on a Police Officer.—About midnight on Saturday, a brutal attack was made upon P. C. Stubbs by three men, in Bottle Bank, Leadgate. The men knocked him down, one of them felling him with a whiskey bottle, while the other two struck and kicked at the officer until he was almost insensible. Stubbs received two black eyes, which are bloodshot and swollen up, his face is covered with ugly scars, and his body is disfigured with bruises.

Concert.—The Derwent Cottages Wesleyan choir gave a concert on Monday evening, in the Miners' Hall, Leadgate, for the benefit of Mr Jos. Henderson's widow and family. There was a goodly number present, and all seemed to heartly enjoy the singing. The females were all little girls from ten to twelve years old, with the exception of three or four, and their voices were very sweet, and great credit is due to their leader (Mr Jones) for the able manner in which the little ones did their duty. Master T. Charlton gave two or three capital solos on the concertina. A solo, "My Father's Bible," was well rendered by Miss M. Wilkinson. A solo, "Life is a river," was nicely sung by W. H. Lewis. Another solo, "Down by the river side," was given in good style by Mr Jones. Harmoniumist, Mr J. Harbottle; conductor, Mr Jones. In the absence of Mr Morris (who was announced to preside), Mr Geo. Walton presided over the gathering.

PRUDHOE.

Greenside Band of Hope Entertainment.—A successful service of song entitled "Little Minnie; or the Sunshine of a Sister's Love," was given by the members of the Prudhoe U.M. Free Church Choir, on Saturday night, before a large audience The connective readings were given by the Rev F. Raine, Prudhoe, and Mr Leathard conducted the choir. Mr Leathard, jun., presided at the harmonium. A coffee supper afterwords took place, presided over by the Misses Armitage, Kate Ord, and Todd, all of Greenside. On Sunday the services were conducted by the Rev F. Raine, and pieces were given by Masters Charlton and Armitage, and Miss L. Ord.

Home Rule Meeting.—On Tuesday night, a very largely-attended meeting was held in the United Methodist Free Church Schoolroom, Prudhoe, in support of Mr Gladstone's Irish proposals. Mr Owen C. Wallis, Bradley Hall, was voted to the chair. He, however, in a short speech, expressed his sorrow at not being able to take the chair, as the meeting was called to support Mr Gladstone's present proposals, and he could not agree with Mr Gladstone's Land Bill.—Mr S. Pattinson, of Mickley, was then voted to the chair. He said he himself was not quite in accord with the present bills, but rather go on as they had been doing, he was prepared to accept the present bills, though he would like to see some little alteration in them.—Mr Spence, West Wylam, then moved:—"That this meeting, believing it is both just and expedient to allow the Irish to legislate upon all domestic matters, congratulates Mr Gladstone upon his earnest endeavour to secure a permanent union between Great Britain and Ireland by giving legislative effect to the principle."—Mr Hardy, Prudhoe, seconded the resolution, which was supported by Mr J. Annand and Mr J. Havelock (Newcastle), and carried.

BLAYDON.

Liberal Association.—At a preliminary meeting, held in the Temperance Hall, Blaydon, on Tuesday night—Mr W. Paxton, presiding—it was resolved that in the opinion of this meeting Mr Gladstone's Home Rule Bill affords a satisfactory basis of settlement of the question, and desires to thank Mr Gladsone and the Government over which he presides, for their services in connection therewith. It was arranged to hold a large open air meeting on Monday week, to support the Government in their laudable and earnest endeavour to settle the Irish question on just and generous principles.

RIDING MILL.

Sudden Death at Styford.—On Saturday, an inquest was held by Mr W. Brewis Elsdon, deputy coroner, on the body of Donald Robertson, aged 32, valet to Colonel Blackett, Styford Hall. The deceased, almost immediately after retiring to bed, complained of sickness, and began to vomit. His wife got out of bed, but deceased appeared a little better at midnight. He took ill again, and a lodger was called in, but deceased apparently recovered, and went to sleep. About five o'clock in the morning, however, Mrs Robertson found that her husband was dead.—A verdict of death from natural causes accelerated by heart disease was returned.

WOLSINGHAM.

A largely-attended meeting was held in the Town Hall, Wolsingham, on Friday night, when resolutions were passed in favour of the Durham Sunday Closing Bill. The Rector (Rev Chancellor Espin, D.D.) presided.

New Magistrate.—At the adjourned Quarter Sessions at Durham, on Wednesday, Chancellor Espin, of Wolsingham, attended and qualified as a magistrate for the county. Chancellor Espin afterwards sat on the bench at the Durham County Petty Sessions.

Sons of Tempearnce District Meeting.—The quarterly session of the Bishop Auckland Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance was held in the Town Hall, Wolsingham.—Brother Jas. Little presiding.—Brothers J. Brown, Bishop Auckland; T. Binns, Waterhouses; H. Pearson, Spennymoor; J. Clough, Toronto; and T. Robinson, Coxhoe, were appointed trustees for the Division; and Bros. Binns, Pearson, Clough, and Harrison were elected representatives to the National Division, to be held in Sunderland during Whit-week.—In the evening a public meeting was held, and explanatory addresses delivered by Bros. Harrison, Clough, and Binns, and a number of questions answered as to the character of the friendly society.

Petty Session.—On Tuesday last (before the Rev G. P. Wilkinson and C. J. Backhouse, Esq.), Thomas Lythe, chipper, drunk at Wolsingham 17th April, fined 7s 6d including costs.——Michael Welsh, labourer, drunk at Wolsingham, 11th April, fined 7s 6d including costs.——John Fowler, of Tow Law, French polisher, drunk at Wolsingham, 30th March, fined 7s 6d including costs.——John Thompson, moulder, drunk at Wolsingham, 17th April, fined 7s 6d including costs.——John Sprowell, clock and watchmaker, drunk at Tow Law, 14th April, fined 10s including costs.——Joseph Bowman, Wolsingham, forgeman, drunk at Tow Law, 17th April, fined 7s 6d including costs.——Anthony Wheatley, miner, drunk at Tow Law, 19th April, fined 7s 6d including costs.——John Geo. Robson, miner, drunk at Tow Law, 25th April, fined 8s 6d including costs.——John Woodhall, miner, drunk at Tow Law, 17th April, fined 7s 6d including costs.——James Parkin, miner, drunk at Tow Law, 17th April, fined 7s 6d including costs.——Bridget McGradie, Hedleyhope, married, drunk at Tow Law, 20th April, fined 7s 6d including costs.——Thomas Robson, Tow Law, platelayer, was charged by P.C. Telford with allowing two cows to stray on the highway on the 25th April.—Dismissed.

WEARDALE.

The directors of the Weardale Leadmining Company have paid the shareholders an interim dividend of 4 per cent.

On Saturday, the Black Bull Inn, St. John's Chapel, was offered for sale by auction. Mr Jos. Wearmouth offered £330, the reserve being £400. He afterwards bought the property privately.

Church Services at Frosterley.—On Good Friday, the services for the day commenced at eight o'clock a.m. with the Ante-Communion. At 10 o'clock Morning Paayer and the Litany were said. At 12 o'clock commenced the "Three Hours," conducted by the vicar, Rev F. C. Jagg, who delivered a series of discourses on the "Seven Last Words from the Cross." After each discourse time was given for silent prayer, after which a hymn. The service was concluded with the singing of "The story of the Cross."—On Easter Day there were two celebrations of the Holy Communion, which were well attended. In the evening the service was wholly choral. Rev F. H. Eales, Wolsingham, Grammer School, officiated. The anthem, "Christ is risen," Thomas Smith, was well rendered. The vicar presided at the organ.

Wearhead Liberal Literary Association.—A meeting of the Wearhead Liberal Literary Association was held in the Board School, on Wednesday week, under the presidency of Mr Joseph Featherstone. An interesting address on Sunday closing was given by Mr John Thompson, of Wearhead. Mr Thompson expressed his satisfaction that the Durham Sunday Closing Bill had passed through the various stages of the House of Commons, and hoped that when introduced into the Upper House by the Bishop of Durham, it would be equally successful there. He was in favour of shorter hours, local option, and a radical reform in the Licensing Laws generally. An instructive discussion ensued, and brought a very agreeable meeting to a close.—Under the auspices of the Association, a public debate on the Land Laws (introduced by Mr H. Featherstone) took place in the Board School at Wearhead on Saturday, Mr J. Featherstone presiding.

Weardale Agricultural Society.—Annual Meeting.—On Saturday evening, the annual meeting was held in the Town Hall, St. John's Chapel—Mr Teasdale, Riggside, presiding.—The balance-sheet for last year, which showed a surplus of £48 18s was passed, together with a resolution to hold the show in August.—Mr Watson, Longdale House, was unanimously re-elected secretary, as was the Chairman (Mr Teasdale) as treasurer. Dr. Arnison, J.P., was re-elected president, the Secetary announcing that the Doctor had signified his intention to give a special prize for the best dales pony, and another for the best fresh butter. Mr J. Sparke, Wearhead was again re-elected vice-president.—The prize-list was considerably revised.—Mr G. Muschamp moved that the district classes be erased, and the whole show made open.—Mr G. Stephenson, Glen Whelt, endorsed the remarks of Mr Muschamp; but Mr T. Lonsdale, Mr W. Lee, and Mr Herdman thought it was a big step to take at once.—Mr T. Pentland, Ireshope Burn, recognised the justice of Mr Muschamp's protest, and moved, "That the district in future include the whole parish of Stanhope, which would obviate the difficulty and place all on equality."—Mr Pentland's motion was unanimously adopted.—The open class for shorthorned bulls was abolished, on the motion of Mr T. Lonsdale and Mr Lee, Bridge End. The class for bullocks under two years old was again instituted.

SWALWELL.

Savage Assault.—At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Tuesday, *Ellen Watson, James Watson*, and *Jane Kirsop* were charged with assaulting Jane Horsley on the 24th April at Swalwell. Mr Parsons prosecuted, and Mr Warlow defended. It was alleged that, as the prosecutrix was going up the stairs of the tenement house in which she lived, she was attacked by the defendants, who struck her on the head and face, causing her to lose blood considerably. Prosecutrix, having a child in her arms, was unable to defend herself. Persons attracted by her shouts came to rescue her. Coal-rakes and pokers were used in the attack. There was a counter charge, in which Jane Horsley was charged with doing wilful damage and assaulting Mrs Kirsop. A number of witnesses bore out the statements of the prosecutrix, and, from the evidence, it appeared that the attack had been a violent one.—*Ellen Watson, James Watson, and Jane Kirsop* were each fined 5s and costs, amounting to 17s each, and the counter charge against Jane Horsley was dismissed.

CASTLESIDE.

From American papers we notice that Mr John H. Farrar, eldest son of the Rev W. Farrar, M.A., the respected vicar of Castleside, has been elected Mayor of Evans, Colorado. Mr Farrar has been a Justice of the Peace for some time.

Primitive Methodist Band of Hope.—An entertainment in connection with the above was held in the Primitive Methodist New Chapel, Castleside, on Saturday night, under the presidency of Mr T. J. Muse, Castleside House. There was a large attendance, and the programme rendered was of a very lively and enjoyable character. Melodies, readings, and recitations were given by Misses Muse and Smith, and Mr Joshua Lax, Shotley Bridge; Mr Surtees and party. Consett; and Messrs Golightly and Potts, Castleside.

TOW LAW.

Tow Law Auction Mart.—At the ordinary weekly sale for store cattle, cows, fat sheep, &c., held on Monday, Mr Vickers had forward and sold 19 cows, £9 to £15; 14 store cattle, £4 to £10 17s 6d; 7 fat cattle, to £16 10s; 33 fat sheep, 24s 6d to 34s 6d; also a number of keeping sheep, mule with heggs, 20s; ditto. gimmers, 22; B.F. ewes and lambs, 32s 6d; hay, £4 17s 6d. Also, a quantity of hams, back bands, shoulder chains, &c. Trade steady at about recent prices; a good company present.

May-Day.—On Saturday, being the festival of St. Philip and St. James, the choir and Sunday-school teachers connected with Tow Law Church were entertained to tea at the Vicarage, through the kindness of the Rev M. H. Simpson. After a substantial tea, an hour was spent in various sports and pastimes, and then the company adjourned to the Mechanics' Hall, and had the privilege of hearing Miss Francis Simpson give one of her brilliant pianoforte recitals. This was given in capital style, and showed that the high reputation Miss Simpson has acquired as a pianist is fully deserved. Mr A. S. Douglas, Stanley Villa, sung four songs in his usual finished style, and the evening was spent very enjoyably, the only drawback being the bitterly cold atmosphere of the room.

Concert.—On Monday night, in the Mechanics' Hall, a grand treat was given to the inhabitants of Tow Law in the shape of the concert given by the Tow Law Choral Society, under the conductorship of Mr John Hughes. There was a full house, and the following programme was given by the members of the society, assisted by Miss Rosa Makepeace, Crook; Miss E. A. Emerson, Tow Law; Mr E. Milburn, Crook; and Mr L. Winstone, Durham, who also acted as pianist:—March, "Israelites Eli," band; anthem, "Praise the Lord," choir; song, "Peace," Miss Emerson; chorus, "O, Father, Whose almighty power," choir; solo, "Nazareth," Mr Milburn; chorus, "Gloria in Excelsis," choir. Part II.—Overture, "Caliph de Bagdad," band; part song, "Dawn of day," choir; song, "The ship on fire," Mr Winstone; song, "The better land," Miss Makepeace; part song, "Summer and winter," choir; song, "The black cross knight," Mr Milburn; glee, "Old Towler," choir; song, "The children's home," Miss Makepeace; song, "The long and the short," Mr Winstone; part song, "Good night, beloved," choir; "God save the Queen." The band was composed of the following:—1st violins, Mr Dobson, Mr R. Allison, Mr T. McDonald; 2nd violin, Mr J. Nightingale; violincello, Mr B. Harker; contra bass, Mr Elliott; cornet, Mr J. Mackintosh; piccolo, Mr G. Hildreth; harmonium, Mr J. Raine; piano, Mr Winstone. Their rendering of the overture was a capital treat, and received a well-merited *encore*. The songs and choruses were given in grand style, but the treat of the evening was the singing of Mr Winstone, who fairly brought down the house by the way in which he gave his various songs, and received *encore* after *encore*, to which he gave a liberal response. Altogether, the concert gave the highest satisfaction to the audience, and reflects the greatest credit on all concerned. The society is greatly indebted to Mr Hughes, whose ability as a conductor left nothing to be desired.

WEST STANLEY.

United Methodist Free Church.—On Saturday evening, the Burnhope Wesleyan Choir visited the above place of worship at Stanley, and rendered with good taste a nice little work entitled "Song memories of Bible readings." Mr R. Whitehead, West Stanley, was chairman, and the Rev J. Symonds took part.

Presentation to Mr John James Dawson.—Lest (Thursday) night, there was a large gathering of officials and workmen of West Shield Row Colliery and friends of Mr John James Dawson at the Primitive Methodist School-room and chapel, on the occasion of a presentation to the above gentleman, who is about to leave for Australia. The presentation consisted of a beautiful illuminated address and a purse of gold, and the proceedings were of a most interesting character. [Our report is held over until next week.]

Treat.—On Saturday night, the members of the West Pelton Band of Hope gave a very amusing and instructive entertainment in the West Stanley Primitive Methodist School room, Mr John Batey presiding. The following is the programme:—Solos by Misses Ann Elwood, Ellen Golden, Ann Golden, Mary E. Charlton, and Miss Mary Pattinson; duett by Misses S. and J. Cummings; recitations by Misses E. Golden, M. A. Simpson, Sarah Haddon, M. A. Haddon, and Miss E. Forster; dialogues, "Teetotaler's Life," by four characters, "Prodigal's Life," by three characters, "Fast Asleep," by seven characters; solo, "Never believe all you hear," by Mr J. Lee. These little juvenile performers reflect great credit on the committee of management.

Catholic Concert.—On Monday evening, a most enjoyable concert was given in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic School, West Stanley, and was promoted by Rev Father Keenan. The weather being quite a contrast to that which prevailed on the last occasion when Father Keenan had a concert, the large room was crowded, and the concert was quite a success on this occasion. Miss and Master E. J. Sloane, Blackhill, played two pianoforte duetts, entitled "Canary birds" and "Duet in D," in a pleasing manner, and Miss Sloane proved herself an able accompanist in a variety of pieces. The Misses Cairns and Lamph sang the duet, "What a little farm we keep," for which they were loudly applauded; and Miss Cairns sang two songs, "Old Ireland's hearts and hands" and "The reign of the roses," so well that the audience would only be satisfied with two *encores*, and she gave the two popular songs "Caller Herrin'" and "Killarney" in a splendid manner. Miss Callaghan, Durham, sang with good taste, "Rogan Reilly," "The meeting of the waters," and for an *encore*, "Where are you going, my pretty maid?" Miss Lamph sang both humorous and classical songs, and showed that she could do both, in "Dolly Mop," "Life dreams." "I want to meet a good young man," and "Erin Mavourneen, the island of green," for which she was grealty applauded. Master M. Hall, Craghead, played two violin solos—the "Cuckoo solo" and a melody with variations. Without doubt he displayed great ability and careful training, and seeing that he is only about thirteen years old, there is a promising future before him with the violin, and he is a credit to himself and Mr James Hunter, his tutor. Mr T. Brown, Craghead, was loudly applauded for his rendering of "Sailing," "I won't have old Ireland run down," and "The skipper's flag." Mr T. O'Hagan, Sunderland, is an old favourite, and was, as usual, much applauded for his four songs, "Think what you like," "I'm lost," "Michael Duffy off to give his vote," and "Raffling of the watch." At the request of several friends, Sergeant Hugh Murphy, Consett (who has since been removed to Weardale), sang "The song of songs," and met with a hearty reception. Last on the programme, but not least, was the famous Rowley Harrison, of Newcastle, of whom great things were expected, and the expectations were realised to the full, in his impersonations of "The South Shields engineer," "The railway porter," "Hallelujah Lass," and the "Cook-shop proprietor," in which he displayed some good ventriloquial powers.

BLACKHALL MILL.

Wesleyan Sunday-School Anniversary.—The teachers of the above school celebrated their anniversary on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday afternoon, an excellent tea was provided in the school-room. After the scholars had been served, a goodly number of people partook of the same. The tables were gracefully presided over by Misses Mary Hunter, Barbara Hunter, Polly Brown, and Lizzie Jane Cawthorn, assisted by Mrs W. Sanders, Mrs J. Ward, and Mrs R. Pringle. In the evening, a public meeting was held, addressed by the following gentlemen: Mr W. Charlton and Mr S. Cawthorn, of Blackhall Mill. A respectable audience was presided over by Mr J. Humble, of Annfield Plain. Votes of thanks to the chairman, speakers, the choir, and the ladies, brought the meeting to a close.—On Sunday, Mr Humble conducted two services, afternoon and night. It being a fine day, the chapel was well filled at both services. Altogether, a very enjoyable day was spent, the scholars and singers accomplishing their parts exceedingly well. Collections were taken at the close of each service in aid of the Sunday-school funds.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Yesterday (Thursday), the members of the Benfieldside Local Board went around the boundary of their district.

Alleged Stabbing by a Boy.—On Wednesday, shortly after noon, a serious stabbing affray between schoolfellows occurred at Shotley Bridge. It appears that a couple of boys named John Nixon and Charles Smiles were playing, along with other lads, about the ground attached to the school in Cutlers' Hall Road, when it is supposed that they quarrelled, and Nixon is alleged to have deliberately stabbed Smiles in the breast in the region of the heart with a large knife having a dagger blade, inflicting a dangerous wound, which bled freely. The injured youth is receiving attention at the hands of Dr Geo. Renton, of Blackhill. Nixon, who is 12 years of age, and lives in Wood Street, Shotley Bridge, was immediately afterwards arrested by Sergeant Cruickshank, and lodged in custody at Consett. On Wednesday evening, the prisoner was brought up before Mr Jas. Annandale, J. P., at Shotley Bridge, and remanded after formal evidence had been given.

Concert.—A grand concert, in connection with St. Cuthbert's Sunday-school, was given on Tuesday evening, in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge. The weather being fine, a large and fashionable company gathered together, and all seemed at the close to have thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings. The following artistes were engaged for the occasion:—Miss Shield (soprano), Miss Ridley (contralto), Miss Lishman (soprano), Mr W. Wilson (tenor), Mr T. Muse (tenor), Mr P. E. Surtees (bass), Mr Chas. Stephenson (tenor), and several members of the Church Choir. Owing to Mr Muse not being able to attend, the song, "Rock'd in the cradle of the deep," was sung by Mr P. Surtees in his usual admirable style. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on Mr C. Stephenson, who appeared to be excellent trim, for the manner in which he rendered the new song, "I cannot but linger." The words of this song were composed by Mr J. Lax, Shotley Bridge, and set to music by Mr J. Nicholson (who was for some years organist at Benfieldside Church), and dedicated to Dr Wm. M. Renton; Mr Nicholson being himself present to accompany Mr Stephenson on the piano. This he did with much taste and effect, receiving hearty applause. A song, "The gates of the west," was given in capital style by Miss Shield, who received a rapturous *encore*, to which she acknowledged by rendering with much taste, "I hear thee speak of a better land.' The whole of the various pieces were rendered in a very able manner, and were listened to with rapt attention. We are very glad to state that the event proved to be a success, whether regarded as a musical or financial venture. The following was the programme:—Part I.—Glee, "Foresters sound the cheerful horn," choir; duet, "The larboard watch," Messrs C. Stephenson and P. Surtees; song, "The children's home," Miss Shield; song, "The distant shore," Mr W. Wilson; glee, "Softly falls the shades of evening," choir; song, "Sailing," Mr P. Surtees; song, Miss Lishman; song, "Rock'd in the cradle of the deep," Mr P. Surtees. Part II.—New, song, "I cannot but linger," Mr C. Stephenson; song, "The oak and the ash," Miss Ridley; glee, "Ave Maria," choir; song, "The gates of the west," Miss Shield; song, "The old brigade," Mr P. Surtees; glee, "The shepherd's farewell," choir; National Anthem by full choir. Pianist, Mr G. H. Erskine. It had been arranged for Miss Rennicott to assist Mr Erskine in the various accompaniments, but that lady being unable to attend, Mr Nicholson kindly consented to undertake the duty. The proceedings terminated shortly after ten o'clock.

CROOK.

Proposed New Railway between Crook and Waterhouses.—The memorial from the promoters of the scheme in favour of a new railway connection between Crook and Waterhouses, together with a plan and other statistics, was presented to the directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company at their meeting last week by Sir J. W. Pease Bart., M.P., and, after considering the matter, the secretary has informed the promoters that the directors are prepared to receive a deputation on the subject at their next meeting at York on the 3rd of June.

A Prolific Canine Breeder.—Mr Thomas Robson, farmer, Helmington Row, near Crook, has the fortune of owning a sow, which is the mother of 111 pigs. She is five years old, and is now rearing eleven young ones. In bringing up this large tribe there has not been one failure, and all the pigs have been healthy and strong. The least litter the sow has reared is nine, and the largest seventeen. The pig continues healthy and strong, and there is every appearance of her continuing to be fruitful and to replenish the earth with specimens of the canine tribe.

Alleged Colliery Damages.—On Tuesday, at Auckland County Court, Dr Alexander Mackay, Crook, sought to recover £10 damages to a field, caused by the colliery workings of the Messrs Morson, Crook. Mr Maw appeared for plaintiff, and Mr Meynell, barrister-at-law, for defendants.—Mr Pallister, valuer, Sunniside, who had valued the damages at the same place and field in 1881, 1882, and 1883, said he had again valued the damages, and maintained that the subsidence of the surface had increased during the last two years, and that damage to the extent of £5 per annum had been sustained by Dr Mackay.—Mr Meynell contended that there had been no further subsidence since 1883, and that the plaintiff could not eternally recover damages after having once been satisfied in court. He maintained they ought to have recovered the whole of the damages sustained previous to this action, as all the coal had been worked out in 1879 and the pit laid dormant. He also thought they were barred by the Statute of Limitations. He then called upon Mr William Whitfield, mining engineer, and Mr Birkett, valuer to Messrs Bolckow and Vaughan, both of whom had valued the damages years ago from the same subsidence. They were of opinion that the damages had not extended during the last two years.—Judge Meynell thought that they ought to have recovered in the earlier valuations, and that they could not recover continually for the same subsidences. He found for the defendants, and allowed costs.

MINSTERACRES.

Grass Parks.—Mr W. Cook held the auction let of these grass parks at Minsteracres Hall on Monday afternoon, when there was one of the largest attendances ever seen at this let. The Front Park let at 27s 6d per acre; last year's price being 47s 6d per acre. South Park let at 20s per acre; last year it was let at 32s 6d. North Park let at 22s 6d per acre, while last year it made 35s. Low North Park let at 12s 6d per acre; last year's price being 20s per acre. Ladle Well Field let at 20s per acre; its price last year being 25s per acre. Cronkley Fields let at 15s per acre, but as these fields have not previously let by auction we cannot give any past quotations. The let on the whole was something like 35 per cent below last year's let.

ROWLEY.

Sale at China Hall Farm.—Mr J. Vickers held a very successful sale of the farming stock belonging to Mr Joseph Pumphrey, Elm Park, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday—who is giving up the above farm, near Rowley and Satley—notwithstanding several farm sales being held the same day.

WATERHOUSES.

Demonstration of Miners.—A demonstration of miners and other inhabitants of Waterhouses, Cornsay Colliery, Hamsteels, Hedley Hill, Langley Park, and surrounding districts will be held at Waterhouses to-morrow (Saturday). Father Fortin, of New House, will preside, and amongst the principal speakers will be Messrs Atherley-Jones, M.P., Wm. Crawford, M.P., W. H. Patterson, and others.

BIRTLEY.

Wesleyan Sunday-School.—On Sunday, the anniversary of the above school was held at Birtley. Mr Thos. Elliott preached morning and evening, and addressed parents, teachers, and scholars in the afternoon. On Monday evening the annual meeting was held, when addresses bearing on school work were delivered by the Rev J. Duff, and Messrs Allison and Cummings, Birtley. Mr A. Dennison occupied the chair.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Lord Durham's Rent Audit.—At Lord Durham's half-yearly rent audit, held at the Lambton Arms Inn, Chester-le-Street, on Monday, a remission of 10 per cent. was made to the tenants on their half-year's rents.

Wesleyan Circuit.—On Saturday evening, the quarterly meeting of the mission bands of the Chester-le-Street circuit was held. Tea was served in the large vestry, after which the meeting was held, the Rev F. Church occupying the chair. The reports of the several bands were very hopeful and spoke of success. Various suggestions tending to greater efficiency were considered.

Presentation to Rev W. M. Wadsworth.—On Wednesday evening, a meeting of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society was held in the Girl's School-room, Chester-le-Street, for the purpose of presenting the Rev W. M. Wadsworth, senior curate, with a testimonial—a gold pen and pencil—in recognition of his services during the past two years. Mr A. Thompson occupied the chair, and alluded to the great loss they would sustain owing to the preferment of Mr Wadsworth to the parish of Christ Church, Sunderland.

Chester-le-Street Rifle Club.—The first of a series of six handicaps in connection with the above club was shot off on Saturday. There was a capital attendance of members, and the weather being very favourable for shooting some fair scores were made. Col.-Sergt. Isaac Smiles was in charge of the range and targets, and the conditions were five shots at 200, 500, and 600 yards, Wimbleton targets and scoring. The following are the names of the prize winners:—Pte. T. Dawson, 72 points (17 start); Col-Sergt. I. Smiles, 68 (14 start); Corp. J. Thompson, 63 (scratch); Pte. W. Robson, 61 (10 start) Pte. C. Spence, 59 (2 start).

Exciting Incident on the Wear.—A young sculler belonging to Chester-le-Street was out practising in an open boat on Sunday morning, and had the misfortune to upset the boat. In a moment he was pitched into the water, and was struggling in the midst of a complicated mass of straps and stretchers, oars and outriggers, while the crowds of people on the banks, who turned out to witness the Sunday morning work of the rowers in training for the forthcoming regatta, hastened to the spot to render what assistance they could. Fortunately the struggling man, who was quite out of his depth, got himself extricated from his rapidly sinking boat, which was by this time quite full of water, and being an expert swimmer managed to reach the bank without assistance, but in a very exhausted condition.

DURHAM.

Miners' Picnic.—The annual gala promoted by the Durham Miners' Association has been fixed for Saturday, July 31st. Several M.P.'s will speak.

Rural Sanitary Authority.—The first monthly meeting of the members of the new Board was held on Saturday, in the offices of the Board at Durham, when Mr Thomas Crawford, sen., was elected chairman, and Mr W. Johnson, vice-chairman. Several schemes with regard to drainage came before the Board, but, owing to the recent surcharge of the authority in respect to the Avenue Sewer, several of the members of the Board expressed strong objection to sign cheques for any work until the matter is settled.—Mr Slack said he thought that something ought really to be done to show the feeling which had been aroused amongst the Guardians through the action of the auditor in surcharging several trifling matters.—Mr Crawford, jun., said that a man who would surcharge the Guardians for giving poor pauper children a little treacle occasionally on their bread was not worth taking notice of, and he proposed a resolution to the effect that, owing to the recent action of the auditor, the authority do not intend to do anything until a satisfactory understanding has been come to, and at the same time they notify to the Local Government Board that, though very many necessary sanitary arrangements are needed, under the aforesaid action of the auditor they are all at a standstill.—The resolution was carried.

LANCHESTER.

Yesterday (Thursday), at the monthly meeting of the Lanchester Joint Hospital Board—Mr W. H. Hedley presiding—John Bell and his wife, of Dipton, were appointed, out of four selected applications, to officiate as caretaker and nurse for the new infectious hospital near Leadgate.

The River Browney.—Mr M. Kearney, J.P., The Ford, Lanchester, writes:—"Sir,—Referring to a paragraph in your last issue, will you kindly permit me to correct an error respecting the pollution of the river Browney? It is not the Browney but the Smallhope stream, which passes through the village of Lanchester, which is polluted. The Browney runs for three miles through my property, and is as clear as crystal and full of fish as ever. I am glad to say it must always remain so, as there can rise no source of pollution. The beautiful village of Lanchester is much disfigured by the fetid and discoloured water discharged into the Smallhope by the Consett Iron Company's pits. We hope to succeed in procuring the assistance of the Local Government Board to prevent what is most injurious to the inhabitants and destructive of the rural beauty of the locality of Lanchester."

ROWLANDS GILL.

Serious Accident in the Hunting Field.—An unfortunate acident attented the final meet of the season of the Braes of Derwent Hounds at Colonel Cowen's, Blaydon Burn. A fox was soon found, and a kill made. A sharp run then took place after a second fox, when a son of Mr Henry Hunter, veterinary surgeon, Newcastle, met with an accident in taking a fence about five feet high. His horse caught the top, and turning a complete somersault, rolled over the unfortunate rider, who had secured a foot in the first kill. Dr Mantle, Stanley, who fortunately was in the field, immediately attended, and had him removed to Mr Gray's, Sherburn Towers, where every attention was shown to him. On examination he was found to be suffering from concussion of the brain. After remaining there for two hours he was carried to Rowlands Gill Station for home, having rallied somewhat.

IVESTON.

Wesleyan Chapel Anniversary.—The anniversary service of the Iveston Chapel took place on Sunday, Mr Jonathan Wardle (Gateshead) preaching in the afternoon and evening to good congregations.—On Monday night, Mr Wardle lectured on the subject—"A wonderful house, occupied by a number of remarkable tenants." The proceeds were for the trust funds

DIPTON.

Collierley School Board.—The monthly meeting, held at the Dipton Schools on Wednesday afternoon, was attended by Messrs J. A. Curry (chairman), W. Robson, M. Martin, and the Clerk (Mr W. W. Thompson).—The attendance officer (Mr D. Mole) did not submit any report.—The report of the Master (Mr H. Prevell) stated that the work of the schools was progressing as usual, all the departments making active preparations for the annual examination, to be held on the 20th and 21st inst.—The Chairman hoped that all the members would endeavour to be present at the inspection.—The school statistics for the month are given below:—

	Boys.	Girls.	Infts.	Totl.
No. of school children on books	200	194	169	563
Average attendance for that period	175·5	169·3	134·4	479
No. of children admitted	3	8	23	34
Amount of school fee	£6 12s 8d	£6 8s 8d	£2 5s 5d	

Total, £15 6s 9d.

—Two or three parents attended the Board, and complained of the mistress (Miss Fairley) keeping several girls in school after hours; and also protesting against some of the female teachers striking at the children.—The Chairman was deputed to investigate the complaints, and lay the facts before the Board.—An application from the Rev R. Tuson (vicar of Dipton) for the use of the schools as a Sunday School was considered, but the Board declined to enter into any further arrangement with regard to the letting of the schools.—The rest of the business was unimportant.

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Last Saturday's Cricket Matches.—Cornsay Colliery, 25, Langley Park (for one wicket only), 40.—Colliery Row, 67; Hamsteels 51.—Esh New Winning, 37; Shotton, 40.—Kimblesworth, 73; Ouston, 16. Philadelphia Blue Star, 87; Bulley Temperance, 22.

SOCIAL DINNER AT LANCHESTER.

Yesterday (Thursday) evening, Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., upon his re-appointment as Chairman of the Lanchester Board of Guardians, entertained the members to dinner provided at the hostelry of Mr James Humble, King's Head. The repast, which was served up by the host and hostess in the magnificent banquetting hall of this new and commodious hotel, was of a sumptuous character, and reflected the greatest credit upon the culinary resources of the establishment. The dinner was partaken of by about 20 guests, including the benefactor (who filled the chair), Messrs W. Logan (who acted as vice-chairman), James Holdforth (The Ford), Elliott Leybourne (Castleside), T. Siddell, J. Eltringham, G. Hobson, J. T. Muse, T. Pringle, J. A. Curry, R. Clark, N. Clark, J. Collinson, W. Shell, W. Cumming, W. Rutherford, R. Robson.—After the toast of "The Queen" had been duly hnnoured, the Vice-Chairman gave the "Health of the worthy Chairman," and mentioned that Mr Smith had now occupied that position for many years. Although they had had little difficulties, which might have ruffled their tempers occassionally, still the members respected him, not only as a man, but as their chairman. They would stick loyally to him in the future as they had done in the past. (Cheers.)—The toast having been drank with musical honours, the Chairman, in acknowledging the compliment, said he derived great satisfaction from the fact that he had two excellent vice-chairmen who lifted him out of all difficulties. The members, moreover, were always ready and willing to assist him in carrying on the work of the Board. (Cheers.)—Mr Siddell, in submitting the "Health of the vice-chairman," said that Mr Logan uttered his views in an upright and straightforward manner, and although both the chairman and vice-chairman were apt to exceed in their duty at times, still they had both proved themselves to be useful and diligent members. (Applause.)—Mr Logan, in responding, said they were but mortal, and bound to have some little faults. He was, however, glad to know that there were members on the Board who watched their movements, and pulled them up when they were doing wrong. He regretted very much the absence of the senior vice-chairman (Mr Wilkinson), who although not present with with them in body, would probably be thinking of the good fellows at Lanchester who were enjoying themselves under the presidency of the Chairman.—Mr Siddell proposed the health of Mr Wilkinson, and dwelt upon the capabilities of that gentleman as a Guardian.—The toast of Mr Elliott Leybourne (proposed by Mr Siddell, who stated that by next year that gentleman would have passed his 50th year since he was first elected a Guardian), having been warmly pledged, the Chairman gave the "Host Hostess," and remarked that he had attended a great number of dinners in his time, but the present repast certainly excelled all he had ever seen served up, although he had partaken of some capital feasts even in the village of Lanchester; nor had the guests being so comfortably seated.—Mr Hobson, in replying on behalf of Mr and Mrs Humble, tendered his warmest thanks to the Chairman for patronising his establishment, and assured them that it would be extremely gratifying to the Host and Hostess to know that they had given the utmost satisfaction.—Songs were sung, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Every man is fond of striking the nail on the head, but when it happens to be his finger nail his enthusiasm becomes wild and incoherent.

It has been satisfactorily settled that a yachtsman need not know how to sail a yacht. All that is needed is a uniform and a roll to his gait.

If your friends and associates cannot be amused except by the tricks of a monkey, you had better buy them one than make one of yourself.

"I'd just like to see you," as the blind man said to the policeman, when he told him he would take him to the station if he did not move on.

There is a young lady in Belgravia so refined in her language, that she never uses the word "blackguard," but substitutes "African sentinel."

Did you say, or did you not say what I said you said. Now, if you did say that you did not say what I said you said, then what did you say?

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

Consett.—Delves Lane, 7, Boyd Street, 5th inst., the wife of Adam Maxwell, of a daughter.

Sherburn Terrace, 5th inst., the wife of Geo. Wood, of a daughter.

Sherburn Terrace, 6th inst., the wife of William Hetherington, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

Durham.—St. Cuthbert's Church, 29th ult., A. M. Appleton, solicitor, to Alice Mary, eldest daughter of Wm. Donkin, Western Hill, Durham.

Old Shildon.—St. John's Church, Thos. Pattison, Chirk, North Wales, to Margaret, eldest daughter of the late Mr Geo. Dodds, butcher, Quebec.

DEATHS.

Consett.—64, Front Street, 6th inst., aged 16 years, Andrew John, only son of Robert and Eleanor Thompson. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Saturday, at Three o'clock. Friends, please accept this intimation.

Blackhill.—Eltringham Street, 6th inst., aged 72 years, Elizabeth Jacks. Interment on Sunday, 9th inst., at 3·30. Friends, please accept this intimation.

Stoney Heap.—On the 5th inst., aged 81, William Barron. To be interred to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, at Three o'clock, at St. Ives, Leadgate. Friends, please accept this intimation. 87w

White-le-Head.—30th ult., aged 83, Richard Middleton.

Broomshields Hall, near Satley.—6th inst., aged 33 years, J. M. Greenwell, Esq.

Swalwell.—30th ult., aged 74, Joseph Young, for 30 years a faithful servant of the late G. H Ramsay.

Witton Gilbert.—White House, 2nd inst., aged 71, John Fletcher.

Waterhouses.—29th ult., aged 65, Elizabeth, widow of Walter Goodliffe, labourer.

3rd inst., Christopher Morton, shifter, aged 21.

Prudhoe.—2nd inst., aged 40, Thomas Jackson.

Ryton.—Emmaville, 30th ult., aged 49, George Fenwick, late of Woodside.

Durham.—2nd inst., Ellen Jane Wharam, niece of Mrs White Royal County Hotel.

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