# The Consett Guardian

## AND DERWENT VALLEY ADVERTISER.

An ADVERTISING MEDIUM for Annfield Plain, Blackhill, Consett, Lanchester, Leadgate, Shotley Bridge, &c.

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## Business Announcements.

**THOMAS ROWE, BAKER & CONFECTIONER, LEADGATE AND CONSETT.**

☞ PIC-NICS AND TEA PARTIES SUPPLIED OR CONTRACTED FOR.

**A1 DONCASTER BUTTER-SCOTCH DROPS.**

The ORIGINAL
Manufactured by
THOMAS GALLOWAY,
WHOLESALE CONFECTIONER,
86, CLAYTON STREET, NEWCASTLE.

**E. FARNSWORTH,**
Wholesale and Retail
FRUIT AND POTATO MERCHANT,
NEWMARKET AND VICTORIA STREETS,
CONSETT,

HAS always on hand an excellent supply of FRUIT in season. Fresh BUTTER and EGGS and CHEESE of excellent quality. Fresh RABBITS daily. Licensed Dealer in TOBACCO and GAME.

**JOHN AITCHISON & CO.'S**
CELEBRATED
SCOTCH AND INDIA PALE ALES.

Office and Stores—
LISLE STREET, NORTHUMBERLAND STREET,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
JOHN BORTHWICK, Agent.

**THOMAS CRESWELL,**
BOOT AND SHOEMAKER,
FRONT STREET, LEADGATE,

HAS OPENED the Shop adjoining Mr. JOHN JAMES, Draper, for the Sale of his NOTED BOOTS AND SHOES, And requests the favour of an early call from those who desire to purchase a good article at a moderate price.

**JOHN DAWSON,**
PLUMBER AND GASFITTER,
VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT,

RESPECTFULLY announces to his Friends and the Public of Consett and surrounding district that he has commenced Business as above, and trusts, by strict attention thereto and moderate charges, to receive a share of Public support.

All orders entrusted to his care will receive prompt attention.

**WILLIAM RAW,**
AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,
DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL,
COUNTY OF DURHAM.

VALUATIONS MADE FOR PROBATE AND LEGACY DUTIES.

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☞ All Orders attended to with care and punctuality.

**MR. JAMES BOE, SURGEON DENTIST,**
43, Blackett Street, Newcastle.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH, with all the most recent improvements, natural in appearance, comfort for articulation, whilst accurateness of fit and finest quality of material are guaranteed on moderate terms.

Any Patient being desirous of being under the influence of Nitro Oxide Gas for Dental operation, shall receive Mr. Boe's best attention, and he will be glad to explain and give every information to those who may desire it.

Teeth from 5s. to 15s.; Sets from £4 to £15.

**SECOND YEAR OF ATTENDANCE AT CONSETT.**

ARTIFICIAL TEETH.

MR. L MARKHAM, Surgeon Dentist, attends Consett every MONDAY, at Mr. BENNISON'S, Victoria Hotel, from 11 a.m to 3 p.m. Persons who have been imposed upon by unskilled pretenders to Dentistry may have their Artificial Teeth Remodelled, and made to Fit the Mouth, thus ensuring true comfort and mastication.

Teeth from 5s. to £1 1s.; Sets from £3 to £12.

TOWN ADDRESS—40, NORTHUMBERLAND STREET.
Established 1832. 6630

**SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.**

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

By order of the Directors,
M. RICHLEY, Secretary.
Shotley Bridge, October 9, 1870. 24

**W. WILKINSON,**
FURNITURE BROKER AND IRONMONGER,
CATCHGATE,

HAS now on hand a large assortment of IRON BEDSTEADS, PERAMBULATORS, PARAFFIN OIL, PARAFFIN LAMPS, &c., from the best makers.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE in all the different branches; FLOCKS, FEATHERS, and RABBIT DOWN; PAPERHANGINGS, &c.

W. W. has also on hand a large assortment of Gold and Silver WATCHES, ALBERTS, CHAINS, and WEDDING RINGS.

Wholesale and Retail.

☞ OBSERVE THE ADDRESS—
OPPOSITE THE TOWN HALL, CATCHGATE.

**MR. R. C. WHINFIELD,**
ELECTRO-RUBBER.
HEALTH RESTORER, AND DROPSY-CURER,
HUMSHAUGH, NORTH TYNE,

BEGS to announce to the Public that, at the earnest solicitation of many friends, he has commenced the practice of Electro-Rubber; and in addition Mr. W. would also call attention to his successful treatment—authenticated by many grateful patients—of the following diseases:—Wet and Dry Scurvy, Gravel, Ulcers, Swellings, Scalds and Burns, Built Breasts, Headaches, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Sciatic, Carbuncles, Diarrhœa, Whitlows, Coughs, Colds, Sore Throats, Bronchitis, Asthma, Consumption, Inflammation, Ring Worms, Scrofula, Erysipelas, Wool Fire, &c. Having made arrangements to visit Benfieldside once a week, Mr. Whinfield hereby intimates that he purposes to be at Mr. JOHN RICHLEY'S, mason, 18, Concrete Terrace, Benfieldside on THURSDAYS, from 1·30 p.m. till 7 p.m., until further alterations, for consultation.

WHINFIELD'S CELEBRATED DIARRHŒA MIXTURE for English Cholera, &c, may be had of W. Davison, Castleside; Co-operative Store, Consett; HENRY POSTLE, Stationer, Leadgate; JOSEPH OLIVER, Grocer, Blanchland; and all patent medicine vendors, at 1s. 1½d. per bottle.

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BIRD'S EYE RETURNS.

**DICKINSON,**
TOBACCO MANUFACTURER,
22 & 24, BIGG MARKET,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

**JOSEPH OLEY,**
AUCTIONEER AND APPRAISER,
10, WOOD STREET,
SHOTLEY BRIDGE. 228c

THE TEST OF TWENTY YEARS
HAS FULLY PROVED THAT
THE PATENT LEVER WATCHES
MADE BY
**JOHN D. CARIS,**
20, HIGH STREET, GATESHEAD,
ARE THE
BEST TIMEKEEPERS ON RECORD,
WHILE THEY ARE ALSO
CHEAPER IN PRICE.

☞ Buyers of the above, within a radius of twelve miles, are allowed third-class railway fare. 235a

**GEORGE HOBSON,**
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL MILLER AND SEEDSMAN.
GROCER, DRAPER, AND PROVISION MERCHANT,
HARPERLEY STEAM AND WATER CORN MILL
(NEAR ANNFIELD PLAIN),

HAS always on hand a large Stock of Pure Linseed and Cotton Cakes, Indian Meal, Pea Meal, Barley Meal, Boxings, Sharps, and Bran, Oats (whole and crushed), and Feeding Stuffs of every description.

G. H.'s Mixture of Permanent Clover and Grass Seeds has been tested and approved by the leading Agriculturists of the District upwards of Twenty Years.

Fine Seed Peas, Spring Tares, Seed Barley, &c., on hand. 145b

**JOHN W. DAVISON,**
CABINETMAKER, FURNITURE BROKER, IRONMONGER, &c.,
FRONT STREET, CONSETT,
AND CATCHGATE,

HAS now on hand the largest and best made Stock of FURNITURE in the district.

IRON BEDSTEADS in great variety, from 16s. 6d. upwards.

MATTRESSES, FEATHERS, FLOCKS, RABBIT DOWN.

A large Stock of New Patterns in PAPER HANGINGS.

PERAMBULATORS. HARDWARE.

Agent for the HOME WASHER and MANGLING MACHINES.

BURY'S and HARDY'S PATENT PICKS and SHAFTS. 6735

**IMPROVED CONCRETE FLOORING.**

**JOHN DOVE & CO.,**
35, CLOSE, NEWCASTLE.

PORTLAND and ROMAN CEMENT supplied to Contractors, Builders, and others in any quantities. CONCRETE FLOORING for Coach-houses, Stables, Kitchens, and Out-houses, done by experienced Workmen. Is not effected by Damp or Heat, more durable than Flags, and not more than HALF THE PRICE.

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AGENT FOR HENRY C. WEBB'S
WORCESTER GEOMETRICAL, MOSAIC, AND ENCAUSTIC TILES.

**SUPERIOR WATCHES, SHIP CHRONOMETERS, ENGLISH AND FRENCH CLOCKS.**

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Silver Patent Lever Watches | 3 | 10 | 0 | to | 27 | 0 | 0 |
| Gold Patent Lever Watches | 10 | 10 | 0 | to | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Geneva Silver Watches | 2 | 2 | 0 | to | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Geneva Gold Watches | 5 | 5 | 0 | to | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Ship Chronometers | 27 | 0 | 0 | to | 40 | 0 | 0 |

**LISTER AND SONS,**
WATCHMAKERS TO THE QUEEN,
CHRONOMETER MAKERS TO THE ADMIRALTY,
12, 14, & 16, MOSLEY STREET,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE. 592a

**JOSHUA LAX,**
FURNISHING IRONMONGER,
SHOTLEY BRIDGE,

BEGS leave to call attention to a large Stock of CRYSTAL PERISCOPE and EUREKA SPECTACLES and EYE GLASSES, just received, unequalled by any for their strengthening and preserving qualities. Too much cannot be said as to their Superiority over the ordinary Glasses worn. There is no glimmering, wavering of the sight, dizziness, or other unpleasant sensation, but, on the contrary, from the perfect construction of the Lenses, they are soothing and pleasant, causing a feeling of relief to the wearer, and producing a Clear and Distinct Vision, as in the Healthy Sight. They Preserve as well as Assist the Sight.

To those who are in want of an excellent SEWING MACHINE, J. L. begs to call their attention to the Singer, Family, Medium, and Tailoring Machines, for which he has the sole agency in this district. Sold on the instalment system or a liberal discount allowed for cash.

Rimington Mangles, the HOME WASHER (never beaten in competition), and Taylor's Patent Sewing Machines supplied on the best terms.

September 30th, 1874.

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PRINTING neatly and accurately executed on the shortest notice, at H. POSTLE'S, Front Street, Leadgate.

Books neatly bound in Morocco, Calf, Sheep, or Cloth, at H. POSTLE'S, Front Street, Leadgate,

Day Books, Ledgers, Account Books, Pocket Books, Cyphering Books, and Memorandum Books of all kinds, at H. POSTLE'S, Front Street, Leadgate.

Albums, a beautiful assortment, from 1s. to 10s. 6d. each. A large variety of Purses, from 3d. to 4s. 6d. Note-paper from 2s. per Ream. Envelopes from 4s. per thousand, and every description of Stationery Goods, at H. POSTLE'S, Front Street, Leadgate.

Bibles, Hymn-books, Church Services, Prayer-books, &c. A large Stock of useful and entertaining Books, on different subjects, suitable for presentation, at POSTLE'S, Front Street, Leadgate.

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Patent Medicines of every description kept at H. POSTLE'S, Front Street, Leadgate.

Pictures, Portraits, and Memory Cards Framed in appropriate mouldings. A large assortment of Plain and Coloured Plates always in Stock at H. POSTLE'S, Front Street, Leadgate.

Indian Tea possesses a degree of strength and richness which renders it not only agreeable to the palate but far cheaper than other Teas. Prices—3s. 4d., 3s. 8d., and 4s. per lb., put up in quarter lb. packets at H. POSTLE'S, Front Street, Leadgate.

Note the Address—
HENRY POSTLE,
*BOOKSELLER, STATIONER, PRINTER, AND BOOKBINDER,*
FRONT STREET, LEADGATE. 6867

## Business Announcements.

**A WORD ABOUT INDIAN TEA.**

ENGLISH enterprise, capital, and industry have made India the Finest Tea Garden in the World, and now the British Tea Planting Companies of India have become the great competitors of the Chinese Empire. For years the old people have said they could not get the Strong Fine Tea of the olden times. It is clear to us that either the Tea Plantations of the Chinese have become exhausted, or that the strongest desire of this peculiar people has been to give quantity rather than quality. It is plain to the most superficial observer that even the Finest Chinese Tea, although it may be exquisite in flavour, lacks that power and richness peculiar to the olden times. It is well for the lover of this refreshing beverage that the cultivation of Tea in India has become a commercial success. Years ago we commenced to combine the Chinese and Indian Teas. This method resulted in a great trade. You may have some idea of its properties when we state that last year we sold 112,035 pounds of Tea to a delighted people.

The question will naturally suggest itself to your mind; why do you not offer Indian Tea to the Public? We answer, the price appears high. We do not say they are dear, for the lasting power of Indian Tea is so great that the second and third water, in many instances, is better than the first water of China Tea. Taking this economical view of the question it is cheaper, suppose we say nothing of the increased satisfaction derived in drinking this life-sustaining cup of pleasure. We would like you to test the correctness of the opinion we have as to the strength, lasting power, richness, and economy of Indian Tea. We cannot sell this Tea for less than 4s. per pound. We give you this notice that we do not intend to disturb the present mixed Tea Trade. We therefore desire you, should it be your pleasure to test our judgment, to enquire for Indian Tea at any of our Establishments.

WILLIAM STEWART, THE TEA DEALER,

CENTRAL ESTABLISHMENT, 33, GRAINGER STREET, }
BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT, 33, SANDHILL, } NEWCASTLE.
BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT, 32, MOSLEY STREET, }
SUNDERLAND BRANCH, CORNER OF FREDERICK ROAD, HIGH STREET. 644

**WILLIAM AYNSLEY,**
THE TEA DEALER AND PROVISION MERCHANT,
MIDDLE STREET AND NELSON STREET, CONSETT,
AND
FRONT STREET, LEADGATE,

IS SELLING HIS
Best Superfine FLOUR at 1s. 10d. per stone.
Best Fines FLOUR at 1s. 8d. per stone.
BOXINGS, 12s. 6d. per sack of 12 stones.
Prime HAMS, 8d. per lb. (whole).
Prime BACON, 6d. and 7d. per lb., or 7s. 9d. per stone.
Finest SALT BUTTER, 1s. 3d. per lb.
Every other article equally low in price.
Always on hand OATS and CRUSHED OATS and BEANS.

**W & A GILBEY'S WINES & SPIRITS**—Attention is directed to the undermentioned WINES & SPIRITS bottled by Messrs. W & A GILBEY, and bearing their Seals and Labels, which can be obtained from their Agents at the same prices as at their Head Establishments.

The extent of Messrs. W & A GILBEY'S business, which represents a twentieth part of the entire Wine Trade of the country (see Government Returns of Duty Payments), is the best guarantee of the purity and excellent quality of every article bearing their brands.

The label on each bottle gives particulars as to age and character of Wines, strength of Spirits, and specifies place of production.

From Messrs. W & A GILBEY'S List of 200 varieties two descriptions of each class of WINES & SPIRITS have been selected, one on account of its moderate price, and the second for its fine quality combined with greater age,

WINES

| | | | Per Bott. | Per Doz. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Castle 1A | PORT .. | 4 years old | 1/9 | 21/ |
| Castle B | PORT .. | 8 years old | 2/4 | 28/ |
| Castle 1 | *Spanish* PORT | 2 years old | 1/3 | 15/ |
| Castle 3 | *Spanish* PORT | 3 years old | 1/9 | 21/ |
| Castle 1A | *Pale* SHERRY | 3 years old | 1/6 | 18/ |
| Castle C | *Pale* SHERRY | 6 years old | 2/4 | 28/ |
| Castle VP | *Pale* MARSALA | 3 years old | 1/4 | 16/ |
| Castle C | *Pale* MARSALA | 7 years old | 1/8 | 20/ |
| Castle A | CLARET | 4 years old | 1/ | 12/ |
| Castle C | CLARET | 6 years old | 1/6 | 18/ |
| Castle 1 | CHAMPAGNE | .. | 2/5 | 29/ |
| Castle 3 | CHAMPAGNE | .. | 3/9 | 45/ |

SPIRITS

| | | | Per Bott | Per Doz |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Castle UP | - - GIN | 33 *under pf.* | 2/ | 24/ |
| Castle Proof | - GIN | *proof* - - | 2/10 | 34/ |
| Castle UP | *Irish* WHISKEY | 33 *under pf.* | 2/3 | 27/ |
| Castle DO | *Irish* WHISKEY | *pf. very old* | 3/3 | 39/ |
| Castle UP | *Scotch* WHISKEY | 33 *under pf.* | 2/3 | 27/ |
| Castle SO | *Scotch* WHISKEY | *pf. very old* | 3/3 | 39/ |
| Castle UP | *Pale* BRANDY | 33 *under pf.* | 2/3 | 27/ |
| Castle Proof | BRANDY | *proof* - - | 3/ | 36/ |
| Castle D | *Cognac* BRANDY | 33 *under pf.* | 3/ | 36/ |
| Castle FO | *Cognac* BRANDY | *pf. very old* | 4/9 | 57/ |
| Castle UP | *Jamaica* RUM | 33 *under pf.* | 2/3 | 27/ |
| Castle JO | *Jamaica* RUM | *pf. very old* | 3/3 | 39/ |

SPARKLING SAUMUR WINES—*First Importation.* These Champagnes from Saumur have just been introduced into this country by Messrs. W & A Gilbey.—(See *Medical Times and Gazette* of November 7th 1874)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Castle SILVER FOIL *Sparkling* SAUMUR | Quarts | 2/1 | 25/ |
| | Pints | 1/3 | 14/6 |
| Castle GOLD FOIL *Sparkling* SAUMUR | Quarts | 2/6 | 30/ |
| | Pints | 1/5 | 17/ |

AGENT—
**WM. AYNSLEY, *Grocer*, CONSETT & LEADGATE**

**WILLIAM AYNSLEY,**
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WINE, SPIRIT, AND ALE MERCHANT,
11, NELSON STREET, CONSETT
(Adjoining his Grocery and Provision Establishment).

FAMILIES supplied with the following MILD and BITTER ALES in Bottles, also in Nine and Eighteen Gallon Casks:—

| IN BOTTLES. | Reputed Pint, per Dozen. |
|---|---|
| Sparkling BURTON ALE—an excellent Ale for general use, .. | 2s. 6d. to 2s. 9d. |
| WORTHINGTON'S PALE ALE, | 3s. 0d. |
| BASS'S INDIA PALE ALE, | 3s. 6d. |
| GUINNESS'S EXTRA STOUT, the finest quality, | 3s. 0d. |
| DUBLIN STOUT, | 2s. 6d. to 2s. 9d. |
| MAUNDER'S INVALID STOUT, | 3s. 6d. |

Splendid EDINBURGH ALE (in sparkling condition) on Draught, at 4d. per Quart.
BURTON ALES at 5d. and 6d. per Quart, sold regularly at 8d.
Bottles charged, but allowed for when returned. 6810

V. R.

THE FIRST HOUSE in the North of England, 29, GREY STREET, NEWCASTLE, for ORNAMENTAL HAIR, COMBS, BRUSHES, PERFUMERY, SOAPS, SPONGES, HAIR BRUSHING, SHAMPOOING, and latest styles, which are just to hand, in London and Parisian Articles for Head Ornament and all Toilet Requisites. The only house for the EAU DE MERVELLIEUSE for restoring the Colour of the Hair in two weeks. First-class attendance at Counter and in Rooms.

**C. ROUGIER, PROPRIETOR,**
29, GREY STREET, NEWCASTLE.
WHOLESALE HOUSE, YORK.

**NOTICE.**

**WILLIAM KNOX**

HAS much pleasure in announcing that he has entered upon his NEW PREMISES, at MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, where he intends carrying on Business as HOUSE CARPENTER JOINER, &c, and trusts, by strict attention thereto and keeping a staff of good Workmen, to merit a share of Public support.

N.B.—Estimates given for general Repairs, Shop Fronts, &c. 6178

**MRS. CHRISTOPHER,**
NORTH-EASTERN HOTEL,
(Near Benfieldside Station, Blackhill),

BEGS to return her sincere thanks for the liberal support accorded to her late husband and self, and respectfully intimates that she continues to LET OUT HORSES and CONVEYANCES on HIRE at moderate terms.

☞ All Orders left at the above Address punctually attended to.

Funerals completely Furnished. 6583

## Business Announcements.

**J. & J. KYLE,**
GENERAL & FURNISHING IRONMONGERS
(Next Door to the Post-office),
DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL.

**TOIL NO MORE**

IN Cleaning your Furniture, but try the ROSE FURNITURE CLEANER, manufactured only by W. JACKSON, Tantobie, and sold by all Grocers.

JUST FORFEITED.—First-class Gold and Silver Watches (by the best makers), Gold and Silver Alberts, Guards, Wedding and Fancy Rings at about half the original cost.—J. TAYLOR, Pawnbroker, 19, Broad Chare, Newcastle. 749e

**P. OSBORNE,**
AUCTIONEER AND APPRAISER,
FRONT STREET,
SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

☞ Valuations effected for Probate, &c. 227c

**SAMUEL WALKER,**
HAIRDRESSER, STATIONER, AND NEWSAGENT,
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Agent for the *Consett Guardian*.

IF YOUR WATCH STOPS,
TAKE IT TO
**ADOLPHUS MAY,**
PRACTICAL WATCHMAKER,
4, FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH, Quality and Construction unsurpassed, fixed with every recent improvement in Gold, Silver, Coralite, and all pure material known to the profession. Mineral Teeth from 5s. each. Scaling, Stopping, &c. Children's Teeth regulated, and every other operation in Dental Surgery skilfully performed.—DE LACY, Dentist, 57, Grainger Street, Newcastle.

**A. RICHARDSON,**
CABINETMAKER,
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DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL.

Feathers, Flocks, Rabbit Down, and Mattresses.
Patent Picks and Shafts. 822a

**WILLIAM HALL,**
MACHINE AGENT, DIPTON.

EUROPEAN, HOWE'S, BELGRAVIA, TAYLOR'S, or any other SEWING MACHINE in the Trade.

WASHING MACHINES, MANGLING MACHINES, WRINGING MACHINES, and SAUSAGE MACHINES.

Any of these Machines on Hire; the Hire to go as Payment.

Sewing Machines Cleaned, Adjusted, Repaired, or Exchanged.

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THE LITTLE BOYS' CLOTHING DEPOT.

EASTER SUITS! EASTER SUITS!!

KIRTON AND CO., CLOTHIERS, GATESHEAD, are showing 800 BOYS' SUITS from 6s. 11d.; The Little Tunic, 12s. 6d.; Velvet Suit, 14s 6d.; Youths' Suits, 18s. 6d.; Suits to fit Boys from three to nine years old, only 7s. 11d. An early call invited.

KIRTON AND CO.,
CLOTHIERS, GATESHEAD.

**ADOLPHUS MAY,**
PRACTICAL CLOCK AND WATCHMAKER,
JEWELLER, &c.,
4, FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

LEVER and GENEVA WATCHES at all Prices.

GOLD and PLATED JEWELLERY in great Variety.

GOLD and SILVER ALBERT CHAINS of the latest Style.

WEDDING RINGS.

English and Foreign Clocks and Watches of every description carefully Examined, Cleaned, and Repaired, and the greatest care and attention is especially paid to that part of the business.

Jewellery neatly Repaired and Done-up as New.

Work in the Country promptly executed.

**NOTED FOR GENUINE ARTICLES.**

**JOHN MADDISON,**
GROCER, PROVISION DEALER,
AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,
DIPTON,

RESPECTFULLY returns his sincere thanks to the Inhabitants of Dipton and surrounding district for the liberal support accorded to him during the many years has been in business, and begs to intimate that he has now on hand

SPIRITS OF THE FINEST QUALITY,

Which he purposes to dispose of at the following moderate rates:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Fine Gin (superior quaility) | 2s. 6d. | per bot. |
| Real Irish Whisky | 2s. 6d. and 3s. | ,, |
| Fine Scotch Whisky | 2s. 3d., 2s. 6d., and 3s. | ,, |
| Superior Rum | 2s. 3d. and 2s 6d. | ,, |
| Excellent Brandy, 3s. 6d., and thery best quality | 4s. 6d. | ,, |

☞ A trial is respectfully solicited.

JUDSON'S DYES.—18 Colours, Sixpence each.

*RIBBONS, WOOL, SILK, FEATHERS,*
Completely Dyed in 10 minutes without soiling the hands
Full instructions supplied. Of all Chemists and Stationers.

JUDSON'S DYES.—DYEING AT HOME.—JUDSON'S simple DYES are most useful and effectual. Ribbons, silks, feathers, scarfs, lace, braid, veils, handkerchiefs, clouds, bernouses, Shetland Shawls, or any small article of dress can easily be dyed in a few minutes without soiling the hands, violet, magenta, crimson, mauve, purple, pink, ponceau, claret, &c.

JUDSON'S DYES.—PHOTOGRAPHIC PAPER POSITIVES or PHOTO-PRINTS should be dipped in hot water and then submitted to a hot bath of JUDSON'S DYES. Beautiful effects are thus produced in Green, Pink, Brown, and many other beautiful colours.—Use Judson's Dyes for general tinting!

JUDSON'S DYES.—FERNS, GRASSES, FLOWERS, and SEA-WEEDS may be dyed most exquisite colours, Green, Crimson, Purple, Scarlet, &c., by simply dipping them in a solution of JUDSON'S DYES. Charming Bouquets may be composed.

JUDSON'S DYES.—INK—INK—INK.—A Sixpenny Bottle of JUDSON'S DYES, Violet, Red, or Magenta, will make half a pint of brilliant writing ink in one minute by simply adding hot water.

JUDSON'S DYES.—For Colouring Architectural Plans, &c. Much trouble may be saved in grinding up colours to a uniform tint. They may be used either with a brush or pen. Rose Pink, Purple, Canary, Crimson, Orange, Green, Blue, Magenta, and 12 other shades.

JUDSON'S DYES.—For Staining Wood, diluted with water. They sink deeply into the fibre and will not rub off. They form the most economical stain on record. Light Brown for mahogany colour is excellent; No. 2 Black for walnut; Canary for satin; also Black, Lavender, Magenta, and many other colours.

SIXPENCE, PER BOTTLE.
*OF CHEMISTS AND STATIONERS.*

# THE GUARDIAN.

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1875.

## THE NEW SINKING FUND.

In view of the debate which we are promised this week on the Budget, we have the prospect that Sir Stafford Northcote's new Sinking Fund will be the body of Patroclus over which Greeks and Trojans will contend It is well perhaps to look into the history of Pitt's Sinking Fund begun in 1786, and see whether it is so fallacious as some financiers say it is. The mistake of Pitt's Sinking Fund, as carried on during the great war against Napoleon,. was exposed by Dr. Hamilton in 1813. He showed that the more money the Chancellor of the Exchequer wanted the higher were the terms demanded by the lender, and the addition to each loan for setting aside a Sinking Fund increased the interest. Thus the fallacy of the Sinking Fund in war time lies in the fact that during war a country can only borrow at a high rate of interest, or, which comes to the same thing, at a low price for the stock borrowed. There is actually no surplus, but a deficit, and to borrow more money to wipe off this deficit is only to complicate matters. But in a state of peace the order is reversed. Then, instead of a deficit, the normal condition is that of a surplus, and the question is how is that surplus to be devoted. This brings us to the point on which Sir Stafford Northcote's scheme is challenged. There are only two ways of disposing of the growth of our Revenue which increased as "Surplus" in the *Times* shows at the rate of half a million yearly. We may either go on reducing taxation, and making the taxpayer a present of this annual increment of half a million, or we may hold it in hand, and let it accumulate at compound interest for the benefit of posterity. Now, it seems to us that the time has come to reconsider the Gladstone theory of remitting taxation in order to let it fructify in the pockets of the taxpayer. This fructification theory was all very well as long as taxation was a burden on the productive power of the country; but now that taxation is simply a percentage on the luxuries consumed by the working classes we see no object in diminishing that percentage to any appreciable extent. Having drunk ourselves out of the Alabama difficulty, there is no reason why we should not continue to take toll out of our drinking customs for the benefit of posterity. We are told that in thirty years from this, if we have only self-denial enough to go on paying twenty-eight millions annually as interest for the National Debt, we shall have diminished it by upwards of two hundred millions. This is a splendid sum to wipe off from our liabilities, and it is at least worth trial. At all events, if we have a surplus to dispose of, let us not throw it away, by reducing the duty on beer, wine, spirits, or tobacco. The Sinking Fund of Pitt may have been a delusion, but this was because it was begun in 1786, only four years before we were plunged into a death-struggle with France which lasted a quarter of a century. It was Pitt's misfortune not his fault to have all his calculations upset by war; but we need not reason in this way. As long as there is a surplus, let us employ it in extinguishing debt. It will be time enough to return to the old plan when the surplus has disappeared. No one proposes to go on borrowing to extinguish loans, and to condemn Sir Stafford Northcote on that ground is to show that these critics do not understand the difference between Pitt's times and our own.

## OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

Mr. Biggar, the member for Cavan, has been severely called to account for his extraordinary and unwarrantable "spying of strangers" in the House a short time since, but he has, after all, perhaps, done good service, in hastening the solution of the existing difficulty, by the motion which the Marquis of Hartington is to bring on. The Opposition leader will deal with the proceedings of committees and of the House of Commons, and his motion, if carried, will preclude any such breach of privilege as that of which we heard so much in relation to the publication of the letter read during the proceedings of the Foreign Loan Committee, as well as deprive any individual member of the power of clearing the House should the fancy suddenly seize him. It is high time that Parliament and the Press should have more definite and mutually advantageous relations, and the Marquis of Hartington'sresoluion will effect this, and I think this result may be achieved without the Select Committee proposed by Mr. Henry. It is well known what the evils are, and the remedies for them are very simple.

*On dit* that Mr. Disraeli, during the Whitsuntide recess, will pay a visit to Birmingham. If he go no doubt the Premier will be heartily welcomed by a large section of the inhabitants, as indeed he is, wherever he goes, by sheer force of his ability, but it must not be forgotten that the Midland metropolis has three Librals members, none of whose opinions can be much in harmony with those of the Chief of the Government.

Many thousands of pounds have been spent on the ventilation of the House of Lords and Commons, but now that warm evenings have set in, it is discovered that both chambers are badly ventilated, and that it is impossible to have fresh air without draught. Why then, may I ask, is not a plan of ventilation adopted, which was commented on at great length in the *Times*, a week or two ago? The system of ventilation there described is an outer aperture connected with a perpendicular tube, which conveys a column of external air upwards, and distributes it over a room without draught—has been adopted at some of the hospitals, and, in a few large establishments in the provinces. The idea is simple and the execution costs very little beyond the royalty, which has to be paid to the patentee. As the system works admirably, it is strange that it is not more generally adopted.

It would seem that there is nothing more difficult than to establish a new market in London. At an enormous expense, the Corporation of London, some time since, erected a Foreign Cattle Market at Deptford. There is here ample accommodation for properly landing and housing large numbers of cattle, but, the market, strange to say, is almost wholly disused, and I expect that ere long it will be converted to other uses. Meanwhile, that there is a great necessity for better arrangements in importing foreign cattle is abundantly proved by some statements that have been made in the Court of Common Council. It is said, that recently 200 head of cattle were brought to this market, that they were packed as close as herrings in a barrel, and that their heads were tied so close together, that they could not move. There may be some exaggeration here, but there is, doubtless, much truth in these assertions.

I cannot but think that the authorities of Apothecaries' Hall scarcely do their duty to the medical profession, and I may add to the public, in refraining from prosecuting a chemical student who not long since displayed considerably greater sharpness than honour. He was afraid he could not pass the examination in *materia medica*, and he therefore quietly arranged with a friend who could pass it, to go up and personate him. The double or personator passed, and the real Simon Pure had the certificate forwarded to him! The trick was, however, discovered and the certificate has been returned. But is the matter to be allowed to remain here?

Considering the great fuss that was made about cremation some time ago and the learned names that were to be found amongst its advocates the "cause" may be said to have rather rapidly collapsed. The Cremation Society, I hear, is in a very bad way pecuniarily. Enthusiasts for burning the dead are few and subscribers are fewer, so that it is highly probable that the association will die a natural death. Its few members should solemnly meet, burn their pamphlets and documents, and inclose them in an urn with this inscription, "E'en in their ashes live their wonted fires."

The Press and the Post Office telegraph department are at loggerheads owing to the scandalously imperfect way in which messages are "wired." The editors of newspapers have good ground for complaint. If your readers were to see the "copy" forwarded to the newspaper office they would quite agree with me. The telegraph clerks, male and female, understand very little of spelling and absolutely nothing of punctuation, which leaves the wretched sub-editors in doubt where a sentence begins or ends, or what on earth it means. I should suggest that the Post Office at once set to work and teach their clerks punctuation.

The history of the Alexandra Palace has hitherto been a chapter of accidents and untoward circumstances. Many a scheme for finishing and furnishing it broke down, and when it was at last opened, in June, 1873, it was burned down within a fortnight, several lives being lost on the occasion, and afterwards two ladies perished in the ruins by a wall falling upon them. Another accident happened last week in connection with the new building, by which several persons were seriously injured, and when the opening day, merry May Day, came, the weather which for some days had been bright and genial, suddenly became just the reverse, and it was under a clouded sky, from which rain frequently descended, that this new Palace of the People's Pleasures was inaugurated. I hope this is not to be taken as a bad augury of the success of the undertaking, which should become a great boon to thousands of north Londoners, to whom the Palace is much more accessible than than at Sydenham.

It may seem curious to introduce Messrs. Moody and Sankey in this connection; but these gentlemen are looked upon by many of the theatrical and kindred professions as simply very successful public entertainers. At all events, they perform their services in theatre and other buildings used for public entertainments, and so it came to pass that among actors and entertainers there was considerable interest manifested in the suit brought against Mr. Moody for using Her Majesty's Theatre as a preaching-place. The decision has gone against him, but only with nominal damages and the payment of costs, the Master of the Rolls refusing to grant an injunction, as the plaintiff was not practically injured, and his interest in the theatre, which is only a dormant one, will soon cease. By the way, why is not the new theatre in the Haymarket fitted up and opened for opera, as was intended when it was erected at a large expense after the old one had been burnt down? This is one of those things that no fellow can understand.

The charming "sweet-seventeen" young prima donna Mdlle. Zare Thalberg has disarmed the malicious criticism that she could only do *Zerlina* in the "Don." On Saturday week at the Floral Hall concert, gracefully complying with the double *encore*, she sang some variations on the "Carnival of Venice" in a way which will convince the most sceptical of the compass, quality, and tone of the much disputed "shake." Mr. Gye, if I mistake not, has another Patti in the fair young *debutante* who has created unwonted enthusiasm. The next concert will take place on the 15th; Mdlle. Patti being the chief attraction.

**Supposed Suicide of a Woman by Poisoning.**—At the Prince of Wales Inn, Shieldfield on Tuesday night Mr. Coroner Hoyle held an inquest touching the death of Isabella Storey, forty-two years of age, a married woman, but who had been separated from he husband. She had lately resided with her mother in Camden-street, Shieldfield.—Dr. Page had examined the body of the deceased, and found external marks of disease. His impression of the woman was that she had led a dissolute life. He would not say positively that though she had not been in the habit of taking laudanum the quantity that was in the bottle would cause her death. He thought there was no evidence to account for her death except her taking poison. A verdict in accordance with this statement was returned by the jury.

## PRIMITIVE METHODIST DISTRICT MEETING.

On Saturday, the sessions of the annual meeting of the northern district meeting of the Primitive Methodist Connexion were opened in the chapel at Old Shildon, near Bishop Auckland, and the Rev. T. Southron, Shotley Bridge, was appointed chairman, and the Rev. J. Atkinson, West Hartlepool, secretary. There were delegates present from the forty-three circuits in the district, which are located in the counties of Durham, Northumberland, York, Cumberland, and Westmorland, one circuit (Mother-vell) being in Scotland. The reports from the stations occupied the whole of Saturday morning, and suitable resolutions were made on each. These reports deal with ministerial character, pastoral work, numbers of members, finances, and the entire work of the stations. The increase of members for the year is 670 in the district, and 4,809 in the connexion, there being a decrease in only one district (Bristol), which was small. Three new stations—Newcastle 2nd, North Sunderland, and Seaton Delaval—were made. The number of travelling preachers was 93; local preachers, 1,509; class leaders, 1,191; Sabbath schools, 410; teachers, 7,202; scholars, 42,025; day schools, 3; teachers, 5; scholars, 259. There were large increases of Sabbath school teachers and scholars. The circuits in which the largest increases occurred were Sunderland, 100; Brompton, 30; Durham, 36; St. Helen's, Auckland, 50; Guisbro' 40; Hetton, 50; Stanley, 80; and Spennymoor, 60. The announcement of the figures was received with applause, and the audience joined in singing the Doxology.—Mr. Fenwick moved that they record their gratitude to Almighty God for the success of the past year, and pledge themselves to renewed devotion to attain the highest results.—The Rev. H. Pratt, Bishop Auckland, seconded the motion, which was carried.—From the general report of chapel and other property for 1874, we extract the following:—The district contains at the close of this year 331 chapels, containing 50,049 lettable sittings, and 38,180 free sittings, and will accommodate 88,220 persons. 1,681 sittings have been added to the chapel accommodation of the district during the past year. The general statement of the chapel property shows that the debt at present on the property is £38,060; cash realised when the chapels, &c., were built, £67,858 11s. 6½d.; cash raised since for improvement and reduction of debt, £52,506 6s. 2d.; total, £158,424 17s. 8½d. By original cost of chapels, £137,065 1s. 4½d.; by expenditure since erection in improvement and enlargement, £21,359 16s. 4d.; total, £158,424 17s. 8½d. The debt reported upon this property when completed was £69,206 9s. 10d.; it now stands at £38,060, a reduction of £31,146 9s. 10d. The general balance sheet for the year exhibits a total income of £29,952 7s. 0½d., and a gross expenditure of £22,831 11s. 8½d., leaving a balance in the hands of treasurers, after deducting balance due to some treasurers, of £7,120 15s. 4½d. An extraordinary application was received from the Durham circuit, viz., to receive a gentleman named Mr. Moffatt, married, aged thirty-five years into the ministry—the maximum age for candidates being twenty-five, and in the single state. Mr. Moffat has laboured successfully as an evangelist, and after an animated conversation he was recommended to the conference. The Revs. J. S. White, J. D. Thompson, J. Hawkins, J. Gills, and W. Gelley, having travelled four years in the ministry, and passed their examinations, were recommended for the "approved list" of preachers. The young preachers were ordained on Sunday afternoon, the charge being delivered by the Rev. R. Fenwick. On Sunday, the delegates preached in the various places of worship in Shildon and district.

On Monday morning, the sittings were resumed in the chapel, Rev. T. Southron, president; Rev. J. Atkinson, secretary.—The first business taken was the applications of ministers for superannuation, which were Revs. J. Jackson, Stockton, and R. Shields, Stanley. Unusual feeling was produced when the application of Mr. Jackson was introduced by the Rev. R. Fenwick, as he is a gentleman in the prime of life, and widely known and esteemed in the denomination, and was taking a leading position therein. Both applications were received, and motions of sympathy were recorded.—The question of the proposed change in ministerial invitations was next considered. At present the choice of circuits is confined to a given district, and the new proposal is to thrown down the district barriers, and let the whole Connexion be opened to the selection of ministers. This matter had been before the circuits, which sent their decision to the district meeting as follows:—Ayes 7, neutral 3, noes 34.—The Secretary moved that the report be sent to the Conference, and that, if a majority of the circuits voted in favour of a larger area, Sunderland district be excluded from its action, seeing that so many of the circuits were opposed to it.—This motion was carried.—Newcastle First and Gateshead Circuit sent suggestions for the improvement of the service of song in the Sabbath schools.—Mr. Fenwick intimated that the Connexional Sunday School Union was going to get up a better hymn book, together with first-class books for the working of the schools.—On the motion of Mr. Fenwick, it was resolved to ask the publication of the portrait of Mr. G. Charlton, Mayor of Gateshead (who has long been an official in this body) in the Connexional Magazine. Mr. A. Ramsden, Crook, moved that the meeting petition in favour of the Permissive Bill, which was seconded by the Rev. H. Pratt, and carried unanimously, as also was a motion by Mr. Fenwick for the sending of a petition against the Contagious Diseases Acts.—Suggestions from Shotley Bridge and Staithes were considered for the better working of the Sunday School Union.

### STATIONS OF THE PREACHERS.

Sunderland—George W. Moorse, James Warnes, Daniel McKinley, J. D. Thompson, Samson Turner (sup.), Moses Lupton (sup.), Thomas Oliver (sup.),
Brompton—Edward Rust and Thomas Elliott
Whitby—James Boulton and John Hall.
North Shields—John Hallam and William Welford.
South Shields—Andrew Lattimer, James Hulme, and B. Moody.
Carlisle—Henry Yooll, sen., and Donaldson Spark.
Newcastle (1st)—Henry Phillips, Charles G. Tetley; William Dent (sup.)
Newcastle (2nd)—James Young; one to be obtained.
Hexham—James Foggon and John Gills.
Darlington—Hugh Gilmour; Colin C. McKechnie (sup.)
Berwick—Francis Purvis and William Shipley.
Westgate—John Snaith, John Laverick, and Wm. Cuthbert.
Alston—John M. Dawson.
Stockton—Thomas Greenfield, James Taylor; James Jackson (sup.)
Durham—John Taylor and H. B. Kendall.
Whitehaven—John Sharpe, Joseph Hawkins; John E. Carmichael (sup.)
Barnard Castle—William Baity and James Barnes.
Shotley Bridge—Thomas Southron and John Welford.
Hartlepool—John Atkinson, John Worsnop; William Alderson (sup.)
Crook—John Waite, John Featherstone, and Robert Hind.
Allendale—John Elliott and George Lewins.
Brough—George Whitehead and John Richardson.
Stokesley—Barnabas Wild; William Clemitson (sup.)
Kendal—John Magee.
Haltwhistle—John Gill.
St. Helen's, Auckland—William Nation and John Reed.
Maryport—William Saul, one to be obtained. Wigton branch, John W. Allison.
Gateshead—William Johnson and Robert G. Graham; William Fulton (sup.)
Guisborough—Henry Pratt and Charles Goodall.
Hetton—Adam Dodds and John Alderson.
Thornley—Peter Clarke and Featherstone Watson.
Blyth—Robert Clemitson, Walter Howchin, and Joseph Ritson.
Staithes—Thomas Parsons and John G. Binney.
Stanley—Thomas Brodie and Henry Yooll, jun.
Motherwell—Maurice A. Drummond and William Robson.
Lowick—Martin Cuthbert, one to be obtained.
Shildon—William Graham and William A. French.
Spennymoor—John Watson and William Gelley.
Chester-le-Street—Sydney F. Whitehead.
Bishop Auckland—James Dawson and Matthew Reaveley.
Middlesbrough—Ralph Fenwick and James A. Bastow.
North Sunderland—Jeremiah S. White and Thomas Westherill.
Seaton Delaval—William Bowe, one to be obtained.

The following were appointed ministerial delegates to the conference at Leicester, in June next:—Rev. R. Fenwick, J. Atkinson, and W. Graham; and six laymen were also elected. The district meeting for 1876 was appointed to be held at Barnard Castle; and Newcastle asked for the conference of 1876.

The business was resumed on Tuesday, the Rev. T. Southron presiding.—Mr. John Brown, of Lowick, referred to the advantages of the Sunday Closing Act in Scotland, and moved that a petition be sent from the meeting in favour of the movement in England.—Carried.—A good deal of time was spent in reading and discussing various pieces of legislation which had been sent up from the different stations.—The intimation was made of the deaths of two very useful members of the Connexion, Mr. James Wilson, of Crook, and Mr. James Hall, of North Shields.—Several ministers, including the Rev. T. Greenfield and the Rev. T. Southron, were nominated to conduct the examination of the probationers at the next district meeting.—The proceedings closed about one o'clock.

## FEARFUL MUTINY ON BOARD SHIP.

### MURDER OF TWO OFFICERS.

Plymouth, Monday.—The master of the screw steamer Jefferson, of Boston, which was boarded to-day in mid-channel by a Plymouth fishing boat, reported that ten days ago, while crossing the Atlantic from Boston a mutiny broke out among the sailors. The three ring-leaders were a Frenchman, a Russian, and an American. They attacked and murdered the first mate, whose body they threw overboard. Afterwards they seized and threw overboard the second mate, who was drowned, and they then attacked the captain, but he being armed with a revolver shot down the mutineers, one of whom he severely wounded and placed in irons. The vessel was bound to London, and was to-day left in company with a Norwegian barque, whose captain had placed some of the crew on board.

## LOSS OF A NORTH SHIELDS STEAMER BY COLLISION.

### THE CREW LEFT TO THEIR FATE.

A telegram was received in North Shields on Monday, stating that the screw steamer Kynance, Captain William Smith, had been in collision with a steamer unknown, off St. Ives, that day, and was sunk. The crew succeeded in taking to their boats, and saving themselves. The Kynance, which belonged to Messrs. Nelson and Donkin, & Co., Newcastle, was on a voyage from Swansea to Sables,. A Plymouth correspondent says:—The crew of the Kynance from Shields, from Llanelly, were landed yesterday at St. Ives. Yesterday morning, at four o'clock, at the mouth of the British Channel, the Kynance was run into by another steamer, completely cutting through her side. The chief mate had previously heard the steamer's whistle, and ported the Kynance's helm instantly. After the collision the stranger was hailed to stand by as they were sinking, but instead of doing so they steamed away. All hands rushed on deck, and had barely time to jump into the boats when the Kynance went down. The crew drifted about several hours, having neither sails, or provisions, when they were fallen in with by a Newport pilot cutter. The unknown steamer was a large one, with red bottom and black-top sides. The conduct of her captain in steaming away is abominable, as if the Kysance had been a passenger steamer, or had the sea been rough great loss of life would have resulted. It is hoped, here that the Board of Trade will offer a reward for her discovery.

## MR. BEECHER CROSS-EXAMINED.

New York papers just arrived continue giving the details of the cross-examination of Mr. Beecher on the 19th ult. The blackmail business continued to be the subject of some very sharp questioning. Mr. Beecher said he did not get that idea until his return from the White Mountains. He did not know which of these with whom he talked had convinced him that there had been black mail. "Well," said Mr. Fullerton, "name them, and we will divide the honours." "I think Mr. Shearman will have to bear his part," answered Mr. Beecher, laughing. "I thought so," remark Mr. Fullerton. "General Tracy was another," continued Mr. Beecher Here Mr. Fullerton interposed a significant "yes." "They told me I was green," said Mr. Beecher, in a tone that gave rise to a loud laughter. "Do you now believe that Mr. Moulton black-mailed you?" thundered Mr. Fullerton. Mr. Beecher tried to avoid the answer, but finally said, "I am afraid he did; but I have no hard immovable judgment in the matter. It is the hardest thing in the world for me to think evil of Mr. Moulton," He never read a newspaper that contained my denunciation of Mr. Moulton as a blackmailer. Mr. Fullerton followed up the subject until Mr Beecher had to admit that previous to appointing Mr. Cleveland a member of the Investigating Committee, he had given that gentleman a statement of his own side of the case, and had received from him an emphatic opinion that he had been blackmailed. Then Mr. Beecher made the astonishing denial of ever having read the report of the Investigating Committee. It satisfied his friends and the church, and that satisfied him. Consequently he did not see what the report contained about blackmail. "Are you in the habit of having your sermons published? asked Mr. Fullerton. Mr. Beecher acknowledged that he was, and also, that he had preached on the "Nobliity of Confession; on October 4th, 1865. Mr. Fullerton then read a passage from the sermon, the effect of which is, that if a person commits a great sin, and the exposure of which would cause wide-spread misery, such a person would not be justified in confessing it merely to relieve his conscience. Mr. Beecher said that was sound doctrine.

**Shocking Colliery Accident at Bishop Auckland.**—An inquest was held on Saturday at Mr Isaac Walburn's Waterloo Inn, Staindrop, before Mr. Dean, deputy coroner. touching the death of Stephen Wm. Place, 44 years of age. Deceased was employed at Cragg Wood Colliery, Evenwood, as screenman, and on Friday whilst moving a waggon from the Tip, by some means his head was fractured between the waggns and post, killing him instantaneously. After evidence indentifying the body, the inquiry was adjourned till Friday next, as it was necessity to give forty-eight hours notice to the Goverment Inspector.

**Brutal Attack by a Son upon his Mother.**—A man named John Naisbitt is in custody at Darlington. Whilst drunk, or labouring under *delirium tremens*, he struck his mother an old woman, with an coal rake, injuring her head to such an extent that on Saturday she was considered in a dangerous state, and the question was canvassed whether her dispositions should not be taken. Ultimately, however, it was decided to pospone doing so far the present. Naisbitt when apprehended, on Friday, was in such a desperately mad condition that it took six policemen to secure him. Eventually he had to be tied down to a rolley to get him to the police station.

## CONCERNING THE NOSE.

If the beauty of a nose depends upon its shape, its power is regulated by its length, which ought never to be less than one-third of the profile, measured from the roots of the hair to the tip of the chin. Should it exceed that proportion, so much the better; for we are assured that whenever two persons, the one having a large nose and the other a small one, come into collision, the latter must yield, unless it is of the feminine gender and take a celestial turn; then, perhaps, the little nose may conquer, by possessing impudence alone. Napoleon had a prejudice for long-nosed men, on the ground that their breathing was bold and free, and their brain, lungs, and heart, in consequence, cool and clear. But there are disadvantages attached to an over allowance of nose. Probably Wilson, the painter, did not feel grateful to Nature when street-boys saluted him as Nosey; and the Greek who could not hear his own sneeze, and the Roman who was asked to place his nose opposite the sun, and opened his mouth to expose his tremendous teeth. that he might serve passers-by for a sundial, would both have gladly, had it been possible, shorn the obtrusive organs of their unfair proportions. Such well provided gentleman as these would have been qualified for the membership of the Ugly Club, one of the rules of that society running "If the quantity of any man's nose be eminently miscalculated, whether as to the length or breadth, he shall have a just pretence to be elected." Under a strict interpretation of that clause, to a man with no nose at all a seat among the uglies would have been as unattainable as the chair of the Doge of Venice. Perhaps it was a knowledge of this that impelled an eccentric gentleman to invite every noseless man he met in the street to dine at a Covent Garden tavern, upon a certain day. When the strange company assembled for the first time, they gazed at each other in silent wonder; until one of them, glancing at the well spread table, observed that, though there was not a nose in the room, every one present had a mouth, which, under the circumstances, seemed to be the more useful of the two. Upon this the company proceeded to discuss the good cheer provided, subject to but one condition, that any gentleman putting his nose into his glass forfeited a quart of wine. Once every month did this odd society meet, at the expense of their benevolent entertainer; but it was not destined to exist long. Ere the No Nose Club had enjoyed a year of life, the founder died, and the club with him. It was said of old, it is not given to every one to have a nose. If our eyes did not teach us the contrary, we should be justified in believing that Nature, after trying her prentice hand on man, discovered noses were inelegant superfluities, and so, when making the lasses, gave them none at all. Although

> *Noses are always touched when lips are kissing,*
> *And who would care to kiss where nose was missing?*

Cupid has ever ignored the existence of a feminine nose. A smooth brow, a rosy cheek, a coral lip, a swan-like neck, a bright eye, a white hand, a taper waist, a neat foot, a dainty ankle—each has sufficed alone to ensnare the heart of man—but where is he who will own himself captivated by a nose? An old writer upon the etiquette of courtship instructs the would-be wooer that he must assure the lady he would win that her brow is a smooth milky galaxia, wherein Love sitteth in triumph to discharge his artillery; that her tresses are golden ensigns of love; her eyes, loadstones of affection, shedding a firmament of light; her lips, an altar where the heart is offered for sacrifice; and liken her cheeks to Punic apples, and her voice to the western wind gladdening Arabian shores. But he has not one compliment to sparefor the nose; that is left out in the cold, as if to remind a lady she possessed such a feature were an offence of as deep a dye as to remember that a Queen of Spain had legs. One lover boasted of having indited a hundred sonnets to his mistress's eyebrows; another wrote a long string of verses upon a hair from his lady-love's eyelash; but, with the exception of the enthusiastic author of the lines:—

> I know a nose, a nose no other knows,
> 'Neath starry eyes, o'er ruby lips it grows,
> Beauty is in its form and *in its blows!*

never did lover honour his sweetheart's nasal organ with so much as a couplet. Poets, too, give the go-by to that necessary appendage to a beautiful face. Dudu's Phidian organ; Lynette's, "tip-tilted like the petal of a flower;" and Rosial's, "directed straight even as line," are the only noses belonging to poetic heroines we can call to mind. It is true the learned author of The Marriage of the Arts says of one of the ladies in his play—

> Her nose, Phaleuceake-like, in comely sort,
> Ends in a trochii, or a long and short;

but then Holyday was not a poet—only a pedant, whose dulness disgusted his pedant sovereign, for it is recorded—

> At Christ Church Marriage, done before the king;
> Lest that those mates should want an offering,
> The king himself did offer—what, I pray?
> He offered twice or thrice—to go away.

The Lady Olivia, giving the false Cesario an inventory of her charms, enumerates two lips indifferent red, two grey eyes with lids, a neck and a chin; but contemptuously includes her nose in an "and so forth." This feature is the only one the sex leaves to itself, neither attempting to improve it nor set it off with ornaments. The dark-eyed damsels of ancient Israel, indeed wore jewels in their noses; but, as a rule, the ladies have declined to decorate them.

> When a lady on her face
> Sticking-plaster used to place,
> As an ornament and grace,

she never wasted a solitary patch upon her nose; and those women of the period who, in the hope of making themselves beautiful for an evening if not for ever, do not hesitate at loading their heads with more hair than Nature has licensed them to carry, while pencilling their eyebrows, giving artificial lustre to their eyes, and artificial lilies and roses to their cheeks, leave their noses untouched by art, and throw no half-guineas away on machines warranted to convict the most ill-shaped of noses into absolute perfection.—*All the Year Round for May.*

Messrs Partridge and Co's publications.—"British Workman" and "*Family Friend*"—for May abound with useful tales and interesting articles.

**More Cock-fighting.**—Another cock-fighting match has just come to light. It was held a day or two ago near Ulverstone, when four cocks from Kirby, Laucashire, were matched for £25 a side, against four for Milnthorp, Westmoreland. Two hundred persons assembled. The cocks were backed for £10 each, and Westmoreland won three of the four battles. All the birds were armed with silver spurs. The fighting continued two hours without the knowledge of the Police. —*Barrow Times.*

**Fatal Fall Through a Bridge at Bishop Auckland.**—An accident of a shocking nature occurred at Bishop Auckland on Sunday night, to a man named George Dawson, residing at Bedlington, and formerly of Bishop Auckland. It appears he was visiting his sister, who is married, and lives at Thomas Street, Black Boy. They had been out together for a walk on Sunday, and had called at Blue Row and had a glass of ale. They were proceeding about half-past nine o'clock along the railway from that place towards home, when, being unaware of some alteration that has been made in a bridge that had been put across a new road, which is unfinished, and which only had the girders across for the rails, the other part being open, the poor fellow fell headforemost through an open space on to the road beneath, a distance of seventeen feet, alighting with his head on a kerbstone. He was killed on the spot. His sister was almost pulled through in attempting to save him.

## Poetry: Original and Select.

### SPRING.

PRELUDE.

A dream of winter, a flash of snow,
A wail of the wind through lifeless trees,
A vision of nights grown strangely long,
A vision of days so loth to break,
So loth to stay with the chill and ache
Of the pallid sun and the chattering breeze.

A dream, a shiver—a white sheet spread
Over the earth that has turned her face,
In her strange numb sleep, to the leaf-strewn ground—
A dream—does she dream? Is there ever a sound
That comes from the lips of the silent dead?

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Only a moment, a dream, a vision,
And something stirs—is it left or right?
The white sheet moves—it is caught to heaven;
The grey clouds lift and the sky is riven;
Something stirs—is it sound or sight?

Mystic, wondrous, pulsing and beating,
Light and sound are no words for this;
Life, oh tell us of thy beginning,
What is this that abroad is winging,
Tell us where thy conception is!

We only know that the year is turning,
We know that the boughs have broke to red,
That into the souls of the birds the message
Has come with a jubilant burst of presage,
The blue is the lift above us spread.

We only know that the rose-tree gathers
Her lusty life in her little hand,
That pale green leaves clothe her dainty fingers,
That on her branches the happy singers
Trill of glories to clothe the land.

The grass is greening, the daisies peeping,
The very sun lets his face be seen
On every dew-washed leaf that is shaking,
Not in the breeze of the chill and aching,
But in the wind that is wooing its sheen.

Oh, little children, come out and see it,
The breath of God is astir to-day!
Little lambs are abroad and leaping,
All is waking, and nothing sleeping;
Earth is kneeling to praise and pray.

Hold the flowers in your dimpled fingers,
Velvet toys for a velvet touch—
Cry for joy at your treven treasures,
Drink full deep of your cup of pleasures;
Drink, for you cannot drink too much!

God is abroad—you can see Him, hear Him,
The earth is sweet from the breath of His mouth;
The thrush will pipe it from trees above you,
The very primroses yearn to love you,
As you plight to their petals your simple troth.

It is mystery all, to the sage and simple,
You know as much as the great and wise;
Perhaps you know more—you are nearer heaven,
Perhaps to your souls more light is given,
You seem at home with your sweet surprise.

You run together, you flowers and children,
As kindred hues to the rainbow's arch:
You want no more but to hold together,
The sun for nurse in this sweet spring weather,
And April treading the skirts of March.

No fear before you, no doubt, no terror
Of certain winters that lie between!
Oh, children, give us your higher graces,
Smile on the world with your April faces,
And keep us young and the earth still green!

—*C. C. Fraser-Tytler, in the Day of Rest for April.*

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THE ORTON MANA.—At an open-air meeting, held under the auspices of the South Shields Magna Charta Association, a resolution has been passed "heartly sympathising with Dr. Kenealy in his struggle for right against might," and inviting him to visit South Shields as early as possible.

On Sunday evening a young man, aged about twenty, named Henry Bolton, of Beggarington, Queensbury, came to an untimely end in the new Primitive Methodist Chapel, Gibbet-road, Halifax, during the service that was being held in connection with the Leeds District meetings that have taken place in the town.

THE MURDER OF A SWEETHEART NEAR DURHAM.—At the Durham County Petty Sessions on Saturday George Herbert Plummer was again brought up on the charge of having murdered Farah Forster, at Brandon, on Monday afternoon last. The only evidence taken was that of Mr. Boyd, surgeon, who made the post mortem examination, and stated that he found two shot wounds upon the body of the deceased, one bullet having deen forced through the mouth, the other under the breast. On the application of Superintendent Dunn, a further remand was granted until Friday, when the case will de gone into; It appears that plummer informed the young woman's parents that he had given their names into the register office, Durham, and had arranged for the marriage to take place at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Durham, on Monday. On Saturday the young woman's father visited Durham, and on inquiry at the registry office ascertained that the names had not been given in, as stated by the prisoner, and that he must have deceived the deceased.

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SPURIOUS IMITATIONS.—With the opening of the Royal Academy Exhibition, the London correspondent of the *Leeds Mercury* writes the full tide of London fashionable life may be said to have set in, while from all parts of the country innocent people are now arriving to see something of the gaities of the metropolis. It is for the benefit of the latter that I propose to tell you of two of the greatest impostors of London, who at this time of the year invariably make themselves prominent in our thoroughfares. The first is a gentleman who is naturally very like Sir Garnet Wolseley, and who has heightened this natural resemblance by all sorts of artificial means. He cuts his moustache like Sir Garnet Wolseley. It is the most common thing in the world to see people turn round and point him out as Sir Garnet Wolsey, forgetting for a moment that the hero of the Ashantee campaign is at present in Natal. The other rank impostor who seeks to borrow a reflected glory is a lady who is rather like the Princess of Wales, and who makes up for any deficiency in the way of likeness by the manner in which she gets her dress, carriage, ponies, and servants, to resemble those of the Princess of Wales. As she drives along Piccadilly, you will see numbers of gentlemen take off their hats to her—"at a venture," as Sir Chas. Lamb used to say. I wish to warn ladies and gentlemen from the country who visit London this season to be on their guard against these two spurious celebrities, who ought to be ashamed of the way in which they deceive unsuspecting people.

## Parliamentary Summary.

### THURSDAY.

In the HOUSE OF LORDS, on Thursday, the Judicature Bill was again considered on the reports of the amendments. Lord Selborne repeated at some length his arguments against the measure; and after a brief discussion, in which Lord Penzance, Lord Hatherley, Redesdale, the Lord Chancellor, and Lord Granville took part, the report was agreed to.

In the HOUSE OF COMMONS, the Marquis of Hartington announced the terms of his resolution with respect to the reporting of the debates, and fixed the motion for Tuesday. At the close of questions, the Peace Preservation Bill was again considered in committee.

### FRIDAY.

In the HOUSE OF LORDS, a return, moved for by the Duke of Somerset, of the different classes of guns now in use in the Navy, led to a discussion as to the respective merits of breech and muzzle loaders. Ultimately the return was granted. The Marquis of Salisbury introduced the measure he had promised dealing with the subject of the pollution of rivers. He explained that the bill provided that no solid matter whatever should be placed in rivers. Prosecutions under the Bill would be taken before County Court Judges, and power would be given to the Local Government Board to enforce the law in the event of the local authorities neglecting to institute proceedings against offenders. The bill was read a first time. Replying to Lord Delawarr, the Duke of Richmond said he had good reason to believe that the statements recently made as to the treatment of cattle imported into England from the Continent were not true. The House rose at eight o'clock.

The HOUSE OF COMMONS held a morning sitting, when Mr. Fawcett intimated that instead of proposing his resolution on Local Taxation on Monday when the Budget was to be discussed, he would take another opportunity of calling attention to the subject. Mr. Mitchell Henry gave notice of an amendment to Lord Hartington's motion with reference to the privileges of the press, and Mr. E. Jenkins gave notice of a question to the Premier as to whether he would consent to the appointment of a Royal Commission or a Select Committee on the question of International Copyright. The rest of the sitting was devoted to the consideration in committee of the Peace Preservation Bill. The third clause was being discussed when the sitting was suspended shortly before seven o'clock. On the House re-assembling, Mr. Butt moved for a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the allegations of the petition from the president and members of the Irish College at Paris, presented on the 4th of August last, and also those contained in the petition from the Roman Catholic prelates of Ireland, presented on the 23rd of March. The Chancellor of the Exchequer opposed the motion, which was rejected by 116 to 54. A proposal by Major Beaumont, to appoint a Select Committee with reference to the establishment of a Central Arsenal was after some discussion withdrawn.

### MONDAY.

In the HOUSE OF LORDS, Earl Russell moved an address for copies of the recent correspondence between Germany and Belgium. The Foreign Secretary pointed out that the documents referred to were as yet of a confidential nature, and counselled the Noble Earl to postpone his motion until the correspondence had been presented to the Belgian Chamber—a course which was shortly to be adopted. Lord Derby added that there was nothing in the correspondence of an unfriendly character. The motion was postponed. After advancing several measures a stage, their Lordships adjourned at six o'clock.

In the HOUSE OF COMMONS Mr. Whitworth took his seat for Kilkenny. Notice of another amendment to the Marquis of Hartington's resolution as to the privileges of the press was given by Mr. Beresford Hope, who proposes to provide that after the question for the withdrawal of strangers has been once determined upon, it shall not again be raised during the same sitting. A question by Sir Chas. Russell, as to the scarcity of silver, drew from the Chancellor of the Exchequer the information that there are new shillings at the Bank of England to the value of £42,000 ready to be put in circulation, and that a similar supply is provided at the Mint. Replying to Lord F. Cavendish, the Premier promised to order an inquiry into the circumstances connected with the vacancy in the vicarage of Halifax. The President of the Local Governement Board, in answer to Mr. C. B. Denison, stated that steps would be taken to ensure the enforcement of the Vaccination Act at Keighley. The House again proceeded with the consideration in Committee of the Peace Preservation Bill.

### TUESDAY.

In the HOUSE OF LORDS, on Tuesday night, Lord Derby moved the second reading of the International Copyright Bill, the object of which is to remedy defects which have been discovered in the working of the Act passed some few years ago. The motion was agreed to. Lord Selborne then brought forward two measures of a legal nature—one to make better regulations for the govenment of the Inns of Court, the other to establish a General Scool of Law for England. Both measures having met with approval from the Lord Chancellor were read a first time.

The HOUSE OF COMMONS held a morning sitting for the purpose of making further progress with the Bill for the Preservation of Peace in Ireland. Before, however, that measure was reached a large number of questions had to be disposed of. Notices were given by Mr. P. Taylor of a question to the Home Secretary, with reference to the sentence of three months' imprisonment passed by the worthy magistrates on on a child of seven years for stealing sugar plums; by Sir E. Watkin of a question to the Attorney-General as to the National Federation of Miners organised at the recent Conference in Leeds; and by Mr. S. Hill of a Bill to Consolidate and amend the law relating to Industrial and Provident Societies. Sir John Hay postponed until the 1st of June, his motion in reference to Retreatment in the Navy, and Mr. Sullivan withdrew for the present his motion of censure with respect to the Guicowar of Baroda. On the House going into committee on the Peace Preservation Bill, several additional provisiions were suggested, but on being opposed by the Government were all rejected by large majorities. When the sitting was suspended the measure was still under consideration. At the evening sitting Mr. Plimsoll at the request of the Marquis of Hartington, proposed his motion with regard to the records of the draught of water of seagoing vessels; and after Mr. O'Clery had proposed, and ultimately withdrew a resolution in favour of extending belligerent rights to the Carlists, Lord Hartington brought forgard his three resolutions with reference to the publication of debates and the exclusion of strangers. They are in effect—first, that no complaint in respect to the publication of debates shall be entertained by the House, except when the debates shall have been conducted with closed doors, or expressly prohibited by the House; secondly, that strangers shall not be directed to withdraw upon notice being taken of their presence; and thirdly, that strangers shall not be directed to withdraw otherwise than by an order of the House, and unless notice shall have been given of moving such order, the question shall be put and determined without amendment or debate. To the resolutions Mr. Mitchell Henry moved as an amendment, "That it is not expedient to make any permanent alteration in the rules relative to the reports of the debates or proceedings of the House or of any committee thereof, or to the presence of strangers in the House, until the House has more fully considered the present system of reporting its proceedings with the aid of information to be obtained by the appointment of a Select Committee."

### WEDNESDAY.

The HOUSE OF COMMONS, on Wednesday, was almost entirely occupied with discussion on the second reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday (Ireland) Bill. Mr. Wheelhouse who opposed the measure was speaking at the hour when, according to the rules of the House, the debate had to be suspended.

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A SIGN OF THE TIMES.—No fewer than ten failures in the county of Durham are announced in last night's *Gazette*. Exactly one-half of the number have occurred in Sunderland.

In consequence of the unparalleled success attending the administration of Todd's Quinine Wine in cases of nervousness, debility, indigestion, and all stomach complaints, some unprincipled tradsmen for the sake of greater profit are endeavoring to deceive the public by offering spurious imitation at a low price It is therefore abslutely necessary to ask for and have only Todd's Quinine Wine, and to see that the name of "Joe Todd" is upon the Government Stamp pasted over the cork of each bottle. Manufactured by Joe Todd, Chemist Carlisle.

## SHOCKING SUICIDE NEAR BISHOP AUCKLAND.

A frightful case of suicide occurred at Coundon Gate, about a mile from Bishop Anckland. On Tuesday a young man named Christopher James, 21 years of age, who was employed as a stoker at a neighbouring colliery, and lived with his father and mother at the Old Gate House, New Coundon, went out about nine o'clock for a walk. When he returned about half an hour afterwards his mother was on the point of going out to bring some water. He told her she could lock the door and take the key with her, as he was going to bed, She went on her errand, and when she returned shortly afterwards she heard the report of a gun. When she got to the house an innkeeper, named Geo. Waddington, who lives a few yards away was standing near the door. She asked him if he had heard the shot. and he replied he had. Neither of them could imagine whence the report proceeded. The mother put the key into the door and opened it. She immediately fell back horror stricken. Waddington looked in, and was horrified at the spectacle which was presented. The young man was lying in a pool of blood on the floor, and a gun beside him. His head was blown off, and he was horrible disfigured. A double-barrelled gun and a single-barrelled gun were in the house unloaded, when his mother went out. On examination after the occurrence, both were found to be loaded, and one of the barrels of the double gun had been fired. The deceased had apparently placed the gun underneath his chin and touched the trigger with his foot. No reason can be attributed for the suicide, but it is said that he had been disappointed in love.

## IMPORTANT IRON TRADE CONFERENCE.

It will be remembered that in March last a meeting of representative employers from the different iron-making districts in England was held in London, and that the following resolution was passed:—This meeting of representative employers having received an intimation from the North of England iron manufacturers that they have given notice for a reconsideration of the Derby scale at the end of June, it is resolved that a meeting of the parties to the arrangement now in force be convened for Tuesday May 4th, in London with a view of discussing such modifications as may be requisite to secure the continuance of a sliding-scale for regulating ironworkers' wages." In accordance with this resolution, a meeting of the employers and operative representatives from the various ironworking districts in England was held at the Westminster Palace Hotel, London, on Monday, at which the employers submitted various resolutions that had been passed at their various meetings. The operatives having requested the employers' representatives to embody in a formal document the changes which they wished introduced in the sliding scale at the end of June, when the present agreement will terminate, the following memorandum was submitted as embodying the employers' views;—The associated employers recommend the continuance of a sliding-scale arrangement for regulating wages for the year commencing July next. In the new arrangement the employers are most willing to agree to a maximum or minimum rate for puddling, and they claim to re-establish the old differences for puddling mottled and white iron, that is sixpence per ton less for mottled and one shilling per ton less for white iron, and mixtures in proportion. The subject to the above-named modification the employers are willing to continue the sliding-scale that has been in operation since April, 1874. That a small joint committee of masters and men be appointed with the view of specially considering any exceptionally high rates of wages prevailing in various departments."—The meeting was then adjourned until Friday, the 28th inst.

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SUDDEN DEATH IN A CHURCH.—The Rev. Henry Brown, M.A., Canon of Rochester, rector of Woolwich, and Rural Dean, died with awful suddenness on Sunday morning on Woolwich Old Church, during divine service. The rev. gentleman entered upon the service to all appearance in his usual health, but it was observed that he suddenly returned to the vestry, the Rev. F. Harrison, his curate, continuing the prayers. Ten minutes later Mr Harrison was informed that the rector had expired in the vestry, and was so much overcome by the intelligence as to be unable to proceed further, and the congregation. hearing of the mournful cause, dispersed in solemn consternation. The deceased clergyman was son-in-law of the late Bishop Bloomfield, Although 71 years of age, he has been remarkable for his apparently robust health, and has performed his various duties in connection with the parish with characteristic assiduity to the last.

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the members of the above society was held on Monday, at Exeter Hall. The Lord Provost of Edinburgh occupied the chair. The Rev. G. T. Perks, the secretary, read the report, from which it appeared that the income of the society had increased during the year considerably. In the continental missions the society had altogether 75 missionaries employed, while the church members numbered 5,269, and the school contained 6,626 pupils. In the West Indies and West Africa they had 113 ministers, 53,139 members, and 35,700 scholars. The total home receipts during the year had been £136,409 2s. 3d., and the foreign receipts £47,630 6s. 5d., giving a grand total of £184,039 8s. 8d. The general expenditure for the same period amounted to £165,200 2s. 11d., while £6,750 had been advanced to chapels to be repaid by instalments. This with special expenditure in Rome, Naples and Spezzia, brought the total expenses up to £179,946 4s. 4d., leaving a balance in hand of £4,093 4s. 4d. The report concluded with a reference to the death of many friends of the society, uncluding the Rev. Luke Wiseman. The report was adopted, and the meeting was addressed by several gentlemen present, and resolutions in favour of the society's objects were adopted

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An artist painted a cannon so naturally that when he was finishing the touch-hole it went off—at a very good price.

"Who was the meekest man?" asked a Sunday school teacher. "Moses." "Very well; who was the meekest woman?" "Never was any."

A child, being asked what were the three great feasts of the Jews, promptly and not unnaturally replied, "Breakfast, dinner, and supper."

A Miss Gilmore was courted by a man whose name was haddock, who told her that he wanted only one gill more to make him a perfect fish.

A man made a wager that he had seen a horse going at his greatest speed, and a dog sitting on his tail, and he won—but the dog sat on his own tail.

An old bachelor, on seeing the words, "Families supplied," over the door of an oyster saloon, stepped in, and said he would take a wife and two children.

Under the head of "Broken English" an American paper places such Englishmen as get smashed up by railway collisions, or who financially come to grief.

A little boy could not remember the text exactly, but thought it was something about a hawk between two pigeons. It was, "Why halt ye between two opinions?"

FORCE OF HABIT.—A man who alway's dog's-eared a page of a book, in order to remember a passage, invariably used to turn down a street, so as to fix it in his memory.

AN AWFUL WARNING.—A woman broke her arm the other day while washing dishes; and yet there are others who will turn up their nose at this awful warning.—*American paper.*

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.—First Girl of the Period: "What has become of Julia Ware?" Second Do.: "Oh, she is doing first-rate. She has been jilted by a timid old fellow with lots of money."—*London paper.*

INSPIRING.—There are few sights more inspiring than the spectacle of a small boy shooting along an alley-way with about four feet of bulldog fastened to his trousers, and floating in the breeze behind him.—*American paper.*

SEASONABLE.—Encourage her to take her beau into the house, and our grown-up sons and daughters won't have so many severe colds. And yet it's a funny feeling—this kissing when both noses are cold.—*American paper.*

HOW TO PUT IT.—A St. Louis paper puts it thus: "Two niggers and a razor, now one nigger. The coroner held the inquest." The above is very good so far as it goes, but it fails to throw any light upon the fate of the razor.

Two physicians, in consultation at the bedside of a patient, disputed as to the nature of the disease. At last one of them ended the discussion by saying, "Very well, have it your way now; but the *post-mortem* will show that I was right."

"That dog of yourn flew at me this morning, and bit me on the leg, and I now notify to you that I intend to shoot it the first time I see it." "The dog is not mad." "Mad! I know he is not mad. What's he got to be mad about? It's me that's mad."

A lawyer was once pleading a case that brought tears into the jurors' eyes, and everyone gave up the case as gone for the plaintiff. But the opposing counsel arose, and said, "May it please the court, I do not propose in this case to bore for water, but——"

SMART.—"Mother," said a little boy, when he came home from church, "I have heard such a smart preacher. He stamped and made such a noise, and then he got angry; he shook his fist at the folks, and there wasn't anybody dared to go up and fight him."

When a Chicago policeman goes behind a lumber pile and shoots three balls through his hat, and runs up to head-quarters and tells about his adventure with the Benders of Kansas, they raise his pay on the spot. Merit is always rewarded in Chicago.—*American paper.*

A useful and much-needed invention has been patented—a fountain pen, which, by the pressure of the thumb on a small rubber ball, projects a stream of ink through the holder and into the face of the person who is looking over your shoulder while you are writing.

TACT.—A young lady met a gentleman whose offer of marriage she had some months previously rejected. She had repented her decision, and informed him of the fact in this naive and innocent style: "You have no tact in matters of love. You should have asked me again."

ANIMAL FOOD.—"Now, then," said a physician, cheerily, to a patient, "you have got along far enough to indulge in a little animal food, and——" "No, you don't, doctor," interupted the patient. "I've suffered enough on your gruel and slops, but I'd starve sooner than begin on hay and oats!"

CONJUGAL PHILOSPOHY.—"So you are going to marry Mdlle. X.?" said a young Frenchman to a friend. "Yes, I am indeed." "Well, *entre nous*, I consider her neither pretty, nor clever, nor agreeable." "What does that matter?" returned the other. "I shall have less to regret when we have to separate."

A near-sighted man was riding in a car the other day, when a lady opposite bowed to him. He returned the bow, raised his hat, smiled sweetly, and was just wondering who she was when she came over, and whispered in his ear, "Oh! I'll fix you for this, old man!" Then he knew it was his wife.—*American paper.*

NEAR SIGHT.—"John, do you know whether neighbour Smith is near-sighted or not?" "No, dad. Why do you ask?" "Well, John, I see he's got a fresh pile of kindling wood, and we're all out, and haven't any prospect of getting more, except by—" "Oh, I understand. Let's try tonight."—*American paper.*

One of the German clothing dealers in Belfast, Maine, recently sold a man a pair of boots. A few days afterwards the man returned with them, and said he went out in the barnyard to work where it was a little wet, and the soles came off. "Mein Gott, mine friend! you didn't ought to walk round mit dem! They ish cavalry boots, made to ride mit!"

MECHANICAL GENIUS.—A devoted father purchased a tool-chest for his son, a lad of eight, who seemed to have a considerable mechanical genius. Up to the latest accounts the boy has sawed off two table-legs and six nobs from the bureau, bored seven holes through the doors and three through the piano-case, and by the aid of the glue-pot stuck the family supply of napkins firmly to the best carpet.

A man bought a horse. It was the first one he had ever owned. He saw in a newspaper that a side window would make a horse's eye weak on that side; a window behind him would make him squint-eyed; a window on a diagonal line would make him shy when he travelled; a window in front would hurt his eyes by the glare; and a stable without a window would make him blind. He sold the horse.

Max Adeler says!—"I see in some of the papers that Prince Demetrius Tschawtschawadze has been arrested in Moscow for swindling I feel no particular interest in the prince, and am indifferent to his antecedents, but as a mere matter of curiosity I really would like to know whether he marked that name on his shirts by beginning at the lower end and working up to the collar, or whether he ran it cat-a cornered across his back. Imagine such a name on an umbrella handle. It would hang over the ferrule."

THE COCK-FIGHT AT AINTREE.—At a special petty sessions held on Tuesday at Kirdale, near Liverpool, eighteen persons chiefly publicans, farmers, and tradesmen, none of them belonging to the higher ranks of society, were summoned for having been ie cock-fighting at Aintree on April 15. The charge against John Fletcher, ironbroker Rouchdale, was first taken, and evidence was given upon which he was convicted. Similar evidence was adduced in the cases of six others namely:—Hubert Myrcs, emigration agent. Wm. Thomas. ginger-beer manufacturer, Wm. Shearson, publican, Wm. Bltckshaw, publican, Simon Buttler, publican, all of Liverpool; and John Timonay, Derryjonney, Enniskillen, butter merchant, who were also convicted. These seven defendants were each fined £5 and costs, or two months' imprisonment in default. An *alibi* was established in the case of a man named Parkington, who was thereupon discharged.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting of the above society was held on Tuesday morning in Exeter Hill, the Earl of Chichester presiding, supported by a large number of wellknown clergymen and the Bishops of Gloucester, Durham, and Ballarat. Mr Hutchinson, the secretary, read the report, of which the following is an abstract:—"The number of mission stations was 157, in which 211 European clergyman and 154 native clergymen were engaged. The European teachers, male and female, were 35 in number, while the native teachers catechists, &c., of all classes were 2,391 in number. The number of communicants in the past year was 24,497, The society have withdrawn from 73 stations. which have been added to parochial establishments. The total ordinary income for the year amounted, including £131,063 from auxiliary associations, to £175,835, and the expenditure to £174,543, leaving a balance of £1,332. From the balance of last year, amounting to £10,407, the sum of £10,00 has been transferred to capital account. There has also been received from the North India Mission a sum of £4,256, making the total surplus on the year £5,979. The local funds raised in the missions, and expended thereupon, the operations of the society, independently of the reserve fund, are not included in the above accounts.

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST WELSH CLERGYMEN.—The Bishop of Bangor has appointed a Commission toinvestigate certain charges of immoralty preferred against the Rev. Thomas Morris Hughes, curate-in-charge of Llanddanielfab and Llanedwen, Anglesea, and process was duly served upon him on Tuesday. The Commissioners will shortly hold a sitting, probably at Bangor. It is understood that the defence that will be relied upon is mistaken identity. The prompt action taken by the Bishop has forestalled a movement on the paat of the parishioners, who propose to hold a public meeting. Process has also been served upon the Rev, William Anwyl Roberts, vicar of Llanddyfnan. Anglesea, who had been charged with drunkenness and neglect of duty, requiring him to attend before a Commission appointed by his diocesan, with the sanction of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the ecclesiastical patron. The Bishop has revoked the license of the Rev. Evan Rowlands, the curate recently fined for drunkenness by the Beaumaris borough magistrates, and has formally inhibited him from officiating in any parish of Bangor.

DEATH FROM EXCESSIVE DRINKING AT JARROW.—On Sunday afternoon, Susannah Johnston, iron ship plater, residing at Chater Street, Jarrow, was found in the stable of Mr. Grieves, builder, in High Street, in a "curious way," staggering very much, when she was assisted on to her feet. She afterwards went into different houses, but was not allowed to stay; at length, P.C. Jackson, who had arrived, got her into the house of John Hope, High Street, till he went for her husband. On their arrival, the woman was taken down stairs, and put to bed by her husband. At six o'clock, he took the child to her, and left the house. About ten o'clock, he returned, and heard the child crying, and on going up stairs to see what was the matter, he found his wife dead.—An inquest was held on Monday afternoon, at the Prince of Wales Inn, Commercial Road, at which the husband said, his deceased wife had not been sober for a fortnight, and had been a heavy drinker for the last six years In his opinion, deceased was not drunk on Sunday, but was suffering from *delirium tremens.*—The jury returned a verdict to the effect, that deceased had died from excessive drining, and the Coroner and jury censured the husband for leaving his wife while in such a precarious condition.

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BEGS to return thanks to the Inhabitants of Consett and its Vicinity for the liberal support he has received since he has resided amongst them, and hopes by civility and strict attention to business to still merit a share of their patronage. W. F. T. begs to remind them that all kinds of ENGLISH and FOREIGN WATCHES and CLOCKS are Repaired and Cleaned on the premises under his own supervision; and any Orders he may be favoured with will be done in a workmanlike style, at the shortest notice, and on the most reasonable terms.

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MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT. 6911

## Public Notices.

LOOK OUT FOR THE LINTZ SPORTS AND GALA, on May 8th, 1875. 6796

LOOK OUT FOR THE DIPTON BRASS BAND GALA DAY and SPORTS, on June 12, 1875.

THE MEMORIAL STONE of the Free Methodist Chapel, Leadgate, will be laid on WHIT-TUESDAY, by Mrs. BENSON, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. 6914

NOTICE.

A FRANCHISE MEETING will be held in the GOOD TEMPLARS HALL, MEDOMSLEY, on MONDAY NIGHT, May 11th.

Chair to be taken at Seven o'clock. 6896

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IN THE MATTER OF THE SCHOOL CHARITY IN LANCHESTER, COUNTY OF DURHAM.

BY DIRECTION of the Charity Commissioners NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the old School Buildings and Site at Lanchester, close to the Railway Station, is proposed to be SOLD by the Trustees thereof for the sum of £156. to a Purchaser accepting the title of the Charity, and paying all expenses attending the transaction, unless some sufficient objection shall be notified to the said Commissioners, in writing, addressed to their SECRETARY, No. 8, York Street, St. James Square, London, within twenty-one days from the first publication of this Notice.

Dated the 3rd day of May, 1875.

6902 HENRY M. VANE, Secretary.

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Lessee, ......Mr. EDWARD FIELDING.

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ON THURSDAY, May 13th, Mr. and Mrs. FIELDING will take their Benefit.

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A DONKEY will be given away on SATURDAY, May 15th.

Mr. FIELD, Violinist. | Miss FLORENCE, Pianist.

ADMISSION—Front Seats, 1s.; Pit, 6d.; Gallery, 4d.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE DISTRICT BAND OF HOPE UNION.

THE COMMITTEE of the above Union beg to inform the Public that their Annual FESTIVAL will be held on WHIT-MONDAY, May 17, 1875, when the various Schools connected with the Union, and the Good Templar Lodges and Temperance Men of the Neighbourhood, will meet at Front Street, Consett, at One o'clock, p.m., and form a Procession, headed by the NORTH SHIELDS SONS OF TEMPERANCE BRASS BAND (which will play several of Sankey's Hymns), proceeding by Consett Ironworks, Blackhill, Cutlers' Hall, Shotley Bridge, and Snows Green, to a Field at Benfieldside, (kindly granted for the occasion by H. RITSON, Esq.) where the Children will be regaled with Tea and Fruit Cake.

TEA will be provided for the Public in a large Marquee. Tea on the Tables at Four o'clock.

Admission—by Ticket—to Field and Tea, One Shilling each; Field only, Sixpence.

After Tea, Addresses will be given in the Field and Tent by Mr. JOHN PATON, of Barrhead, Glasgow; Mr. JOHNSON and Mr. J. M. BROWN, of Darlington; Mr. JOSHUA MOSLEY, Temperance Missionary, Bishop Auckland; Mr. THOMAS CARRICK, Agent for the United Kingdom Alliance for the Northern Counties; Rev. R. DIMOND, minister of the Methodist Free Church; and other Ministers. 6892

BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ACT, 1874.

THE following places and times have been appointed by the Registrar for the requirements of Registration:—

First TUESDAY in each Month, at Mrs CHRISTOPHER'S, Blackhill, from Nine a.m. to Eleven a.m.
First TUESDAY in each Month, at the LOCAL BOARD-ROOM, Consett, from Twelve noon to Two p.m.
First TUESDAY in each Month, at Mr LAIDLOW'S, 119, Leadgate, from Three p.m. to Five p.m.
Second MONDAY in each Month, at Mrs MARY ROBSON'S, Medomsley, from Nine a.m. to Ten a.m.
Second MONDAY in each Month, at Mr STOKER'S, Westwood Colliery, from Eleven a.m. to Two p.m.
Second MONDAY in each Month, at Mr WILLIAM CHARLTON'S, Ebchester Hill, from Three p.m. to Five p.m.
Second TUESDAY in each Month, at Mr WALTON'S, Castleside, from Two p.m. to Four p.m.
First FRIDAY in each Month, at Mr WILSON'S, Satley, from One p.m. to Three p.m.
Second FRIDAY in each Month, at Mr THOMAS HUNTER'S, Annfield Plain Wood Cottages, from Ten a.m. to Twelve noon.
Third MONDAY in each Month, at Mr JACKSON'S, National School, Holmside, from Eleven a.m. to One p.m.
First MONDAY in each Month, at Mr THOMAS WAUGH'S, Hill Top, from Eight a.m. to Ten a.m.
First MONDAY in each Month, at Mr COCKERILL'S, Quebec, from Eleven a.m. to One p.m.
First MONDAY in each Month, at Mr SIDDELL'S, Old Cornsay, from Three p.m. to Five p.m.
At my OFFICE, Lanchester, on WEDNESDAYS, from Eleven a.m. to Four p.m.; and SATURDAYS, from Eleven a.m. to Four p.m.

It is now compulsory for all persons to attend on the Registrar under pain of prosecution.

JOHN JAMES THOMPSON,
Registrar of Births and Deaths for the
Sub-district of Lanchester.

## Public Notices.

DIPTON BRASS BAND and STRING BAND are prepared to receive Engagements, W. SHAW, Leader.—Apply to J. GRAHAM, sec., South Medomsley, Dipton, via Lintz Green. 6812

THE BLACKHILL "TEETOTAL" BRASS BAND is now ready to make engagements for the ensuing season.—Apply to the Leader, THOS. GRAY, 27, Murray Street, Blackfine, Blackhill. 6910

WINNING NUMBERS.

57 is the WINNING NUMBER for Model Horse in Case, 96 Winning Number for Case of Birds, and 92 Winning Number for Paraffin Lamp. 6900

NOTICE.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE HIRING will be held on WEDNESDAY, May 12. By order. 6872

MISS FENWICK, Organist of St. Cuthbert's, Shotley Bridge, begs to state that she is prepared to give lessons upon the Piano or Harmonium. Terms —One Guinea per quarter.—Apply to Miss FENWICK, Mr. Brown, Auctioneer, Durham Road, Benfieldside.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the GAME over the Estates of Priestfield, Lintz Green, and Loft House, is strictly PRESERVED. Any-one found Trespassing will be prosecuted according to law. 831d

SHOTLEY BRIDGE HIRING.

THE BLACKHILL BRASS BAND, under the able leadership of Mr. THOMAS GRAY, will perform at the SPA GROUND, on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, May 12.
Admission—2d. each. 689.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE HIRINGS.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1875.

GRAND BALL in the TOWN HALL.
Mr. TELFORD, M.C.
Dancing to commence at Five o'clock. 6859

SPORTS.

THE HAMSTERLEY COLLIERY SPORTS will be held on SATURDAY, May 15th, 1875, when Prizes will be given for Wrestling, Running, and Quoits. Other Sports, &c.
A BALL will be held in the Evening.
For further particulars see Hand Bills. 6818

NOTICE.

HOPSON BRASS BAND ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS and GALA will be held on SATURDAY, 22nd May, 1875. Sports to consist of Running, Wrestling, Quoit Playing, and Horse Racing. For Particulars see Bills.
6794 R. S. PATTERSON, Sec.

STAGSHAWBANK FAIR.

A BRAKE will leave Mrs. CHRISTOPHER's, North-Eastern Hotel, Blackhill, for Stagshawbank Fair, on SATURDAY, May 15th, 1875, at Six o'clock in the Morning, returning at Five o'clock in the Afternoon.

LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, AT STANLEY, FOR THE PARISH OF BEAMISH.

THE FOUNDATION STONE of the above-named Church will be LAID by Col. JOICEY, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th May, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon.

After the Ceremony there will be a PUBLIC TEA.

The day's proceedings will be closed by a Special Evening Service; the Sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. HURST, Vicar of Collierley. 6836

NOTICE.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF LEADGATE AND SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD.

A WAGGONETTE will commence to RUN on SUNDAY, May 9th, 1875, and following Sundays, leaving Mr. R. LOWES's, Bradley Arms Inn, Leadgate, at Seven a.m., and arriving at Newcastle in time for the Sunderland and Tynemouth Trains, and returning from the White Swan Inn, Cloth Market, at Six p.m.

Apply to Mr. R. LOWES, Bradley Arms Inn, Leadgate. 6899

NOTICE.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF BENFIELDSIDE, CONSETT, SHOTLEY BRIDGE, AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD.

A BRAKE will commence to RUN on SUNDAY, May 2nd, and following Sundays, leaving Mr. W. JOBLING's, Scotch Arms Inn, at 7 a.m., and arriving at Newcastle in time for the Sunderland and Tynemouth Trains, and returning from the White Swan, Cloth Market, at 6 p.m.

N.B.—Public and Private Parties can be accommodated with the Brake on Reasonable Terms.

Apply to WILLIAM MILLS, Blackfine; or JOSEPH ELTRINGHAM, Railway Terrace, Benfieldside. 6844

TOWN HALL, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

A GRAND EVENING CONCERT will take place in the above HALL, on THURSDAY EVENING, May 20th, 1875, under the patronage of W. JENKINS, Esq., Consett.

ARTISTES:—
MADAME LEIBHART,
Late Prima Donna of the Imperial Opera House, Vienna.
Her first appearance in the North of England.
MISS LIZZIE WILLIAMS,
(LINOS Y DE),
Of the Royal Academy of Music, London.
MR. EOS MORLAIS,
The great Welsh Tenor, of the Crystal Palace, Covent Garden, and Royal Albert Hall Concerts, London.
MR. AP HERBERT,
Primo Basso, of the Royal Academy of Music, Crystal Palace, Covent Garden, and Royal Albert Hall Concerts, London.
Solo Pianist and Accompanist—
MR. ARTHUR JARRETT,
Of the Royal Academy of Music, London.

Further particulars in future announcements. 6882

CART STALLION.

YOUNG POPE, Bay Horse, 16·1 hands high, with immense bone and power, will travel this Season as follows:—

MONDAY.—Satley, at 12; Wolsingham, Queen's Head, night.

TUESDAY.—Frosterley, call at Pack Horse Inn, early; Stanhope, about 12, at Phœnix Inn; Edmondbyers, about 5, at Punch Bowl; Greenhead, Red Lion, at night.

WEDNESDAY.—Shotley Bridge, about 11; Medomsley, 12; Blackhill, Leadgate, and Woodlands, at night.

THURSDAY.—Lanchester, 11, at Blue Bell; Annfield Plain, 1, Queen's Head; Crookgate, at Pack Horse Inn, at night.

FRIDAY.—Ravensworth, pass through Whickham, at Crown Inn, at 12; pass through Blaydon and Winlaton to Rowland's Gill, at Townley Arms, at night.

SATURDAY.—Ebchester, at 12, Black Horse Inn; Castleside at 3, at Miner's Arms; Rowley and Woodlands, at night.

YOUNG POPE is the property of Mr. VAN HAANSBERGEN, of Woodlands, and will serve mares at £2 and 2s. 6d. groom.

For further particulars apply to Mr. JAMES YOUNG, Woodlands, near Consett.

YOUNG POPE is winner of many prizes, and is by Pope, a prize horse out of a celebrated prize mare, by Lord Haddo, all pure Clydesdales.

£10 extra charge on each colt by this Horse kept entire, payable upon the colt reaching the age of two years. 6877

## Public Notices.

BATTY'S GREAT LONDON CIRCUS AND GRAND COMBINATION OF WONDROUS NOVELTIES WILL PERFORM IN
CONSETT, FRIDAY, MAY 14TH,
TANFIELD, SATURDAY, MAY 15TH.
THE STAR TROUPE OF THE WORLD.
SPLENDID STUD OF 70 HORSES AND 20 PONIES.
DASHING BARE BACK RIDERS,
ROPE DANCERS,
GYMNASTS,
PERFORMING DOGS, and
LAUGHTER PROVOKING CLOWNS.

THE GIGANTIC AND
GORGEOUS PROCESSION
Will Parade the
PRINCIPAL STREETS OF THE TOWN,
Starting from the Marquee at One o'clock.

Mid-day Performance 2·30, Evening 7·30.
Doors Open Half an-Hour Previous to each.

PRICES, 3s., 2s., 1s., and 6d.

Sole Proprietor.—Mr. THOMAS BATTY, Nephew to the late WILLIAM BATTY, Esq., the Renowned Circus Proprietor. 6888

## For Sale.

FOR SALE, a PONY PHAETON.—Apply to E. O. TREGELLES, Derwent Hill, Shotley Bridge.

A LITTER of Young PIGS for SALE.—Apply to M. RAINE, Cutlers Hall, near Blackhill. 6903

HENRY WHITE of Pont Head Farm, Leadgate, has Three or Four IN-CALVING COWS for Sale. 6808

BUILDING SITES FOR SALE at Howdon Bank, near Maiden Law.—Apply to WM. WHEATLEY BROWN, Howdon Bank, near Lanchester. 6878

FOR SALE, a BLACK NEWFOUNDLAND and RETRIEVER DOG. A good watch dog.—Apply at the office of this paper. 6825

FOR SALE—a quantity of Veitch's celebrated Ash-leaf SEED POTATOES.—Apply at Rowland's Gill Railway Station. 6915

FOR SALE, excellent BUILDING SITES, in the most central part of Blackhill, and within a few yards of the Railway Station.—Apply to Messrs. INGLEDEW and DAGGETT, Solicitors, Dean Street, Newcastle; or to Mr. W. RAW, Auctioneer. Blackhill. 6906

FREEHOLD PROPERTY TO BE SOLD OR LET.

THE DERWENT FOUNDRY, BLACKHILL, being central for a population of 30,000. The position of this place is eligible for a Cartwright and Smith Establishment, or Agricultural Implement Factory, and very favourable for a good Provision Business (wholesale or retail) or Furniture Warehouse. Distant two minutes only from Benfieldside Railway Station.—Apply to E. O. TREGELLES, Derwent Hill, Shotley Bridge. 6865

## To Let.

TO BE LET, with immediate possession, a Full Licensed PUBLIC-HOUSE, at Waskerley.—Apply to RICHARD MURRAY, Blackhill. 6886

TO BE LET, and may be entered at May Term, a HOUSE with 5 Rooms, situate at Lanchester.—Apply to Mrs. MIDDLEMISS. 6911

TO LET—a SHOP and HOUSE containing 3 Rooms, situate in Victoria Street, Consett.—Apply to JOHN CRAWFORD, Butcher. 6916

TO BE LET, at May Term, Three FIELDS, near Medomsley Edge Colliery, on the East Side of the Road from Medomsley to Shotley Bridge. Tenders to be sent to Mr. JOHN SMITH, Architect, Shotley Bridge.

TO LET, and can be entered on immediately, DERWENT COTTAGE, containing Eight Rooms, Cellar, &c.; also, a Garden attached, situate at Shotley.—For particulars, apply to Mr. ANDREW HOULISTON, 26, Front Street, Shotley Bridge. 6801

TO LET, by TENDER, the EATAGE of Five GRASS FIELDS at Medomsley, from the 13th day of May to the 23rd day of November, 1875. Conditions may be seen, and the land viewed, on application to WILLIAM CHARLTON, Woodman, Medomsley, and proposals in writing only will be received until the 8th day of May next by Mr. JOHN LISHMAN, Western Hill, Durham. 6864

## Wanted.

WANTED, a Sharp LAD, to assist in Post Office and Shop.—Apply to JOHN MADDISON, Dipton.

WANTED immediately, an APPRENTICE to the DRESSMAKING.—Apply to E. F. HALL, Joicey's Terrace, Oxhill, Chester-le-Street. 6908

WANTED, a good general SERVANT. One that can Milk a Cow preferred.—Apply personally to Mrs. POTTS, Elm Park, near Shotley Bridge. 6839

WANTED, immediately, TWO WOODMEN.—Apply to CHRISTOPHER WATSON, Timber Merchant, Blackhill. 6665

WANTED, an APPRENTICE to the PLUMBING BUSINESS.—Apply to JOHN DAWSON, Victoria Street, Consett. 6875

DRESSMAKING.

WANTED immediately, Six APPRENTICES to the DRESSMAKING.—Apply to Mr. JOHN BELL, Draper, &c., Dipton, Lintz Green. 6909

WANTED, Good GENERAL SERVANTS.—Apply at Miss ATKINSON's, Register Office, 14, Bensham Road, opposite the Catholic Church, Gateshead.

## Contracts.

TO MASONS.

TENDERS wanted for the MASON WORK of a HOUSE. Plan and Specifications may be seen at Mr. NEASHAM's, Sherburn Terrace, Consett. 6862

TO BUILDERS, &c.

TENDERS are invited for ADDITIONS and ALTERATIONS to Premises in Middle Street, Consett. Plans may be seen on application to Mr. SWAINSTON, 12, Middle Street, by whom Tenders will be received until May 14. 6807

TO BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, AND DRY-WALLERS.

COMPLETION OF THE SMIDDY SHAW RESERVOIR EMBANKMENT.

THE CONSETT WATER WORKS COMPANY ask TENDERS for the CONSTRUCTION of
1st.—A Superintendent's House;
2nd.—A Dry Rubble Wall, about 1000 lineal yards in length;
3rd.—Formation and Metalling of a Road on Top of Main Embankment.

All particulars may be had, and Plans, &c., viewed, on application to Mr. JOSEPH E. HANNAH, at the Works at Waskerley, between May 8th and 15th. 6898

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1858.

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT AND SCAVENGING.

THE LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH invite TENDERS for REPAIRING and MAINTAINING upwards of 20 Miles of Highways under their control; also TENDERS for the PUBLIC SCAVENGING of the above District.

Specifications, Estimated Bills of Quantities, and other particulars may be seen, and further information obtained, on application to Mr. THOMAS LONGSTAFF, Surveyor and Inspector of Nuisances, Leadgate, and Tenders for the above Works marked "Highways" or "Scavenging" (as the case may be), will be received by me (on the forms supplied only) at my office, as undermentioned, up to the 11th day of May next, at Twelve at Noon.

By order,
M. COUPLAND, Clerk.
Westwood House, Shotley Bridge,
30th April, 1875.

P.S.—The lowest or any Tender may not necessarily be accepted. 6358

## Sales by Auction.

### By Mr. G. Turnbull.

LANCHESTER.

MR. GEORGE TURNBULL is instructed by Mr. JOSEPH BURLINSON, of Lanchester, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on MONDAY FIRST, May 10, 1875, the whole of his New and Valuable STOCK of HARDWARE, &c., consisting of 4 Iron Bedsteads and Mattresses; 12 large Metal Pans; 6 large Kettles; 60 Coal Scoops; 72 Zinc Pails; 12 Garden Spades and Rakes; 6 Steel Grapes; a large quantity of Dyking Knives; 6 Axes; 1 Spring Cart and Harness, good and complete; Second-hand Set; 6 pair of Strong Cart Harness and Chains, all new; a large quantity of Trace Chains; about 2 Tons of scrap Iron, and a large quantity of other Articles too numerous to mention

Also the whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE belonging to Mr. W. LAYCOCK, consisting of 1 Four-poled Bedstead; 1 Desk Bedstead; Feather Bed and Bedding; Washstand; Dressing Table; 2 Kitchen Tables; 6 Kitchen Chairs; 6 Bedroom Chairs; Fender and Fireirons, and a large quantity of Crockery Ware.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 6893

### By Mr. John Jenkins

TOWN HALL SALE-ROOM, CONSETT.

MR. JOHN JENKINS has received instructions from several parties who are leaving the neighbourhood, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on MONDAY and TUESDAY, May 10th and 11th, 1875, 1 splendid Bagatelle Board, Balls, and Ques, a first-class Slate Slab and all complete; 1 Mahogany Sideboard, with glass back, about 7ft. long; Mahogany Drawers and Painted do.; Sofas and Couches; 2 Telescope Tables; 1 Swing Glass with Marble Stand; 2 Mirrors; Washstand and Dressing Table, with Swing Glass and Marble Slab; 2 excellent Eight Days' Clocks; 2 Time-pieces; 2 Wringing Machines; Cornice Poles and Rings; 2 Longsettles; Mahogany Tables and small do.; Bedroom and Kitchen Chairs; Iron Bedsteads; 1 Press Bedstead; Desk Bedstead; Camp and Tester Bedsteads; 3 excellent Feather Beds; Down and Flock do.; a large quantity of Brussels and Tapestry Carpets; 2 Hearthrugs; Fenders and Fireirons; Stair Rods; a large quantity of Hollow Ware, consisting of Pans, Kettles, Frying Pans, Saws, Hatchets, and a large quantity of the best of Cutlery; also a large quantity of soft goods too numerous to mention.

The Furniture and the other Goods the following Evenings.

Sale to commence at One o'clock in the Afternoon and Seven in the Evening. 6891

### By Mr. Joseph Oley.

CASTLESIDE.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, instructed by Mr. JOHN WICK, who is declining Housekeeping, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the above place on SATURDAY, May 8th, 1875, the whole of his valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, BEDS, & BEDDING. For particulars see Hand-bills. 6873

WHITTONSTALL WEST END, NORTHUMBERLAND.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, honoured with the confidence of Messrs. WALTER ORMSTON and SONS, will SELL BY AUCTION, at WHITTONSTALL WEST END FARM, on MONDAY, May 10th 1875, all their valuable HORSES, CATTLE, POULTRY, FARM IMPLEMENTS, DAIRY UTENSILS, &c., comprising—

HORSES.

1 Brown Horse, Bob, 8 years old, 16 hands high.
1 do. Mare, Beauty, 6 years old, 16 hands high, in foal to Wellington.
1 do. Mare, Snip, 5 years old, 15 hands 3in. high.
1 do. Mare, Diamond, aged.
1 Rich Brown Entire Colt, 2 years old, by Roby Burns, dam by Doddington Lad, if not previously disposed of by private contract.
1 Grey Pony, 4 years old, 14 hands high, a very handsome Pony.
1 Bay Pony, 3 years old, 15 hands high, quiet in harness.

CATTLE.

8 Milch Cows, calved and to calve.
1 two-and-a-half-years-old Heifer, in calf.
1 do. do., newly calved.
9 two-years-old Steers.
2 do. Heifers.
16 yearling Steer and Heifer Stirks.
8 Stirks, from 6 to 8 months old, very fresh.
1 Finger Calf.

POULTRY.

30 Hens and Cocks.

IMPLEMENTS.

3 excellent Long and 3 Coup Carts, all nearly new; 3 Iron Swing Ploughs; 2 double Mouldboard Ploughs; 3 pair three-bull Harrows; 2 pair four-bull do.; 1 pair of Iron Zigzag do., by Howard; large Metal Roller, nearly new; double Turnip Drill, do.; Clod Crusher; 1 Patent Turnip Cutter, by Samuelson; 1 hand do., do.; 1 combined Reaping Machine, by Bickerton; 1 do, by Gillis; Cart and Plough Gears for 3 pairs of Horses; Riding Saddle and Bridle; Night Collars and Cow Chains; 1 complete set of Breaking Tackle and Pad; 2 excellent Sheep Racks; 12 Sheep Troughs; 8 Cow Tubs; Stackyard Ladders and Grindstone, with all the hand implements.

The DAIRY UTENSILS include a patent Churn, by Tinkler.

Also an excellent WHITECHAPEL and HARNESS.

Sale to commence at Twelve o'clock p.m. with the Implements.

N.B.—West End Farm, Whittonstall, is 1½ Miles from Ebchester Station on the Derwent Valley Line, and 3 Miles from the Stocksfield Station on the Newcastle and Carlisle Line. 6863

### By Mr. William Raw.

DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, instructed by Mrs ROBSON who is retiring from Business, will SELL the whole of her SHOP FIXTURES STOCK, and part of her HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, on MONDAY, May 10th, 1875 comprising 1 Counter 10 feet long; 1 do., 8 feet long; excellent strong Shelving, 13 feet long, with Cornice; 1 do. 6 feet long; Shelving, with 12 excellent Drawers; Small Shelving; Counter Desk; Window Shelving; 4 large Tea Caddies to match; 2 small do.; Counter Scales with Brass Weights; large double Flour Bin; Coffee Box; Coffee Mill; Shop Papers.

A large quantity of Ware, including Milk Bowls, Chamber Ware, Dishes, Basins, Pots, Cups and Saucers, Jugs, a large number of brown Teapots, Tumbler Glasses, and sundry other Wares.

FURNITURE.

Comprising Mahogany Sofa, in hair seating; large good Deal Centre Table; Longsettle, in American Leather; 1 Desk Bedstead; 6 Kitchen Chairs; 4 Bedroom Chairs; Mahogany Dressing Glass; Basket of Flowers; Bread Tins; Poss Staff; 3 Felling Axes; 1 Squaring do.; Dutch Oven; 3 Candlesticks; Surveyor's Chain; Girdle, Frying, and other Pans; large Boiler; Hacks, Picks, and Shovels.

Concertina, Accordion, and Fiddle, and several other articles.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock.
Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 6810

AIRY HILL, NEAR STOCKSFIELD.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, instructed by Mr. JOHN GLADSTONE (who is retiring from Farming, and leaving the Neighbourhood), will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION the whole of his Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, DAIRY UTENSILS, &c., on TUESDAY, May 11, 1875, comprising Mahogany Dining Table, 5ft. 3in. by 4ft.; large Oak Press; Mahogany Sofa, in hair seating; Longsettle; Mahogany Easy Chair; Mahogany Tea Table; 2 Kitchen Tables; 2 small Tables; Mahogany Drawers; Painted Drawers; Piano, by Broadwood and Sons; 5 Polished Birch Chairs in hair seating; 10 Kitchen Chairs; 2 Arm Chairs; 8 Bedroom Chairs; large and useful Flour and Meal Chest; Chest and Drawers; Mangle; Polished Birch Tudor Bedstead with Moreen Hangings; Camp Bedstead, with Hangings; Iron Bedstead; 2 French Bedsteads; Mahogany Swing Dressing Glasses; Dressing Tables and Washstands; Night Commode; 4 Feather Beds; 1 Flock Bed; Feather Bolsters and Pillows; Quilts, Blankets, and Sheets; Brussels Carpet; Kidderminster Carpets; Hearthrugs; Stair Carpet and Rods; Fenders and Fireirons; Poss Tub and Staff; Washing Tubs; Pails; Cans; Kettles; Knives, Forks, and Spoons; together with all the Dairy Utensils, comprising Butter Scales and Weights; Butter Tubs; Cream Jugs; Milk Dishes; China, Glass, and Ware; and numerous other articles. Also, 2 excellent Hams and 1 Side of Bacon (Home-fed); several Volumes of Valuable Books, including 2 Histories of England; Robinson's "History of Scotland;" Plutarch's "Lives;" Chambers' "Information for the People;" Loudon's "Encyclopædia of Agriculture," &c.

Sale to commence at One o'clock precisely. 6889

## Sales by Auction.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, at the QUEEN'S HOTEL, ANNFIELD PLAIN, on THURSDAY, May 13th, 1875, Ten well-bred COWS, near Calving.
Sale to commence at Three o'clock precisely. 6905

## Lost.

LOST, a Black RETRIEVER DOG, has a white spot on his breast, from the Station Hotel, Benfieldside.—Anyone returning him as above, will be rewarded, or detaining him after this notice will be prosecuted. 6912

## To Lend.

TO BE ADVANCED, on MORTGAGE, several sums of Trust Money.—Applications by letter, stating particulars, to JOHN BOOTH, Jun., Solicitor, Shotley Bridge. 6868

# The Consett Guardian.

SATURDAY, MAY 8TH, 1875.

## NOTES ON CURRENT TOPICS.

IF a plenitude of words be one of the qualifications necessary to the making up of a public man, then those ratepayers who, by their votes, placed Mr. THOMAS SIDDELL on the Consett Local Board ought to feel proud of their champion. This gentleman, as our readers will have observed, always takes a prominent part in the discussions of the Board. On Wednesday afternoon he occupied the attention of the members for more than half-an-hour in "airing his rhetoric," which for vigour, variety, and copiousness stands unexampled. At the previous meeting, it will be remembered, on which occasion there was a full attendance of members, two candidates, Mr. CALVERT and Mr. JENKINS, were nominated for the office of Chairman of the Board. Five members voted for the former and four for the latter gentleman, but one member being neutral, he was claimed by the party who voted in the minority. Business was at a standstill, Mr. ELLIOTT was appealed to as to the law on the point, but, a similar knotty question never having previously arisen, the Clerk was unable to enlighten the Board further than venturing an opinion that "all questions were decided by a majority of votes." In this dilemma Mr. GLEDSTONE was appointed Chairman *pro tem.*, it was decided to postpone the appointment of a regular Chairman for a month, the Clerk in the meantime being instructed to take the opinion of the Local Government Board in London on the points raised. The matter was duly, and, we think, very fairly and intelligibly, laid before the Central Board, and the answer elicited clearly shows Mr. CALVERT to have been legally elected. Mr. SIDDELL, however, thinks otherwise: not only does he believe that the election is void, but he contends that the whole proceedings from the outset are ineffective. Moreover, he on Wednesday denied that the Clerk had been instructed to ask the Local Government Board's opinion in the matter, asserted that Mr. JENKINS had been treated "most scandalously," and wound up by actually declaring that no other candidate should have been proposed for the presidency of the Board in opposition to his friend and colleague, Mr. JENKINS! When such a Paragon of Wisdom speaks, of course it would be presumptuous on our part to attempt to controvert anything he may say. Other people, however, may have an opinion, and we are glad to observe that several of the members were not afraid to give expression to their sentiments in unmistakeable terms on Wednesday afternoon. Of Mr. JENKINS's business capabilities there can be no doubt, but because he has shown himself capable of presiding over a meeting of his fellow-townsmen, it does not necessarily follow, as Mr. MURRAY very properly remarked, that he should be elected Chairman year after year, or that another member cannot be found to discharge the duties of the office. We venture to state that the gentleman whom a majority of the members have thought proper to elect will discharge the duties pertaining to the office with credit not only to himself but to his brother members and to the ratepayers generally.

AT the meeting of the Consett Local Board on Wednesday, Mr. SIDDELL made some remarks having reference to ourselves which we do not feel disposed to pass over without comment. Journalists, like other mortals, are not infallible. The task of reporting the debates in what has not infrequently been termed our "Local Parliaments" is occasionally fraught with many difficulties. Sometimes the speaker gets confused, loses the thread of his argument, is vague and indefinite, speaks ungrammatically, and, in fact, as often comes within our own experience, puts, to use a common phrase, his foot in it. Speeches of the latter description have to be "cobbled" up by the reporter. Or perhaps, as happened at the April meeting of the Consett Local Board, three or four members are on their feet speaking simultaneously. On the other hand, some members of our acquaintance speak but rarely, and when they do so it is only to repeat what a previous speaker has said. Another of the evils encountered by the journalist is repetition of words. It is to the latter disorder that we have to address ourselves. Mr SIDDELL does not complain of the accuracy of our reports (nay, he compliments our reporter on being always accurate), but considers we ought to report the remarks made by every member of the Board. To show the absurdity of such an arrangement, we will take the last meeting of the Benfieldside Local Board for an example. The meeting commenced at three and sat until a quarter to seven o'clock. Usually about a column of the *Guardian* is spoken in debate in a quarter of an hour, and had the debate been reported *verbatim et literatim* it would have filled fifteen columns, or three pages of this paper!

The hotel robberies still go on as brisk as ever in the North of England. The money is left very often on shelves and in drawers, the proprietors' movements are watched carefully by an interested party, who seizes the first opportunity to bolt with the proceeds of a week's business. A good fire-proof safe can be bought of J. R. HALL, St. Nicholas'-square, Newcastle, for £5, which would prevent the loss of hundreds. 6629

THE INVALID'S FRIEND.—TODD'S QUININE WINE.—This elegant and renowned preparation of genuine English Quinine stands unsurpassed for purity, strength, and flavour, and is universally approved by the medical profession, as a valuable and wholesome bitter, an efficient tonic, and an unequalled stomachic. It has been tested by thousands, and proved to be the best, safest and most agreeable remedy known for indigestion, loss of appetite, tic or neuralgia, nervousness, scrofulous affections, ague, debility, spasms, and all derangements of the stomach. Manufactured only by Joe Todd, Chemist, Carlisle.

## Local and District News.

Mr. William Longbottom, of the Consett Iron Company, has been appointed Mining Engineer to the Framwellgate Moor Colliery.

Messrs. James Joicey and Co. have contributed £50 towards the building fund of the proposed St. Cuthbert's Church, Marley Hill.

BLACKHILL WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—The anniversary of this place of worship was celebrated on Sunday and Monday last. On the afternoon and evening of Sunday, the Rev. T. W. Blanchard, of Otley, preached two plain, practical sermons to large congregations. A collection was taken at each service, amounting to upwards of £10.—On Monday, the same gentleman delivered a lecture, which was presided over by Mr. Robson Ord, of Newcastle. The subject of the lecture, which was very instructive and interesting, was—"Rowland Hill, the founder and pastor of Surrey Chapel." There was a good attendance, and altogether the anniversary services have proved a success.

A MISSING MONEY PARCEL.—Some time ago, a parcel containing over £35 in gold and silver was left at Benfieldside Station to be forwarded to a firm in the city of Durham. The packet was duly sent to the latter place, but instead of reaching the consignee it by some means got placed in a joiner's basket belonging to Mr. Gradon, builder, of Durham. The packet containing the coin remained unnoticed, however, and it was actually repeatedly kicked about the workshop by the workmen before its contents became known. The matter was at once reported to the railway authorities, and inquiries in the meantime having been made for the missing packet, it was handed over to the proper owner.

SUICIDE AT BOGGLE HOLE.—On Wednesday afternoon the dead body of man was found in a pond at Boggle Hole. It seems that about two o'clock a man named Christer observed something floating on the surface of the water, and on making a closer inspection he discovered it to be the body of an elderly man, who was subsequently identified as Henry Pearson, a shoemaker at Leadgate, who had been missing three weeks. Information having been to the police, P.C. Firn had the body conveyed to Mr. Simpson's public-house at Iveston, to await a coroner's inquiry. The deceased, it appears, had given himself up to drink, and it is said that he had previously threatened to throw himself into the pond where his body was found.

ALLEGED THEFT OF WEARING APPAREL AT CORNSAY.—At Consett Petty Sessions, on Thursday, Elizabeth Simmons, a young woman of very juvenile appearance, was placed in the dock on a charge of stealing a dress and other articles of wearing apparel. The girl, it seems, lived as servant with Mr. Knox, the viewer at Cornsay Colliery. After being with them about three weeks she, in the absence of the family, put on a French merino dress belonging to Miss Knox, and, packing up a pair of boots, a black jacket, and other articles belonging to the same young lady in a bundle, she proceeded to Lanchester, and thence to Newcastle. Inspector Scott subsequently proceeded to Newcastle and ascertained that the dress had been left in pledge with Mr. Fothergill pawnbroker, Westgate Road.—She was committed for trial at the Sessions.

CATCHGATE UNITED FREE METHODIST CHURCH.—The opening of the new chapel at Catchgate is now numbered with the things of the past. Last Saturday Mr. Carrick, of Newcastle, gave an excellent lecture on "God's ladder and how to climb it." On Sunday the services were continued by the Rev. M. Morris, and Mr. Carrick. The public tea on Monday was well attended, as was also the public meeting in the chapel. The congregation were favoured with stirring addresses from Messrs. E. Forster and T. Lammonby (Wesleyans); Mr. P. Reay (Primitive Methodist); Rev. M. Morris (Baptist). The Rev. R. Dimond, circuit minister, also took part in the meeting. Mr. J. Scott (Primitive Methodist), presided, and gave some very apt remarks on his experience in chapel building, and at the close placed a practical address on the plate. The total receipts of the opening services amount to nearly £70 and the owners of South Derwent Colliery have contributed the handsome sum of £50 The services throughout have been well attended. The society is young. Divine services were commenced in the Town Hall, on Dec. 22nd, 1872, when five persons promised to meet in society. The numbers are now 52 full members, with 9 on trial. The Town Hall being far too small for the congregation and Sunday school, numbers being unable to obtain a seat at the evening service, rendered it necessary that the present chapel should be built.—*Correspondent.*

ACTION AGAINST A COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER.—At Shotley Bridge County Court, on Monday, before Mr. Meynell, judge, William Turner, innkeeper, Benfieldside, sued William Temperley, a commercial traveller, for £1 15s., the value of a cloak, borrowed by the defendant. Mr. Granger, of Durham, defended. Plaintiff said his wife lent the defendant a cloak above two years ago, with the understanding that it was to be returned on the following morning. Plaintiff had repeatedly applied for it, and had been put off by the defendant, who said he was going to London, and would get them a better cloak than the one he lost.—Mr. Granger, in answer to His Honour, admitted that his client had lost the cloak. Mr. Turner, however, was sueing them in trover.—His Honour (to plaintiff): What was the worth of the cloak?—Plaintiff replied that they had paid £1 15s. for one not so good.—Mr. Granger: How long had Mrs. Turner had the cloak?—Plaintiff: I don't know.—Mr. Granger: Do you know where it was bought?—Plaintiff: It was made by a tailor in the village.—Mr. Granger: Have you seen the cloak since?—Plaintiff: I have seen a similar one.—His Honour: Have you seen this particular cloak?—Plaintiff: I cannot say?—Mr. Granger: It was lent to these people when they were going in a trap one cold night?—Plaintiff: Yes.—Mr. Granger: They lost it on the way?—Plaintiff: Yes.—His Honour: At least that was what they told you?—Plaintiff: Yes. Mr. Granger: Did you, on the 8th of March last, see an old woman riding on a donkey with this cloak? (Laughter).—Plaintiff: I saw an old woman riding on a donkey, and she had a similar cloak.—Mr. Granger: Did you say to Mr. Neesham, the porter at Benfieldside Station, that the cloak would do the old woman good, and that you would make Temperley pay for it?—Plaintiff: No.—Mrs. Turner, wife of the plaintiff, said she lent the cloak to Mr. Temperley. The latter had promised to replace it, but had not done so. She could not say what it cost, or what it was worth. She bought the material at a sale, and had it made up by a tailor. It was a good strong Witney cloth, such as gentlemen's overcoats were made of.—Cross-examined by Mr. Granger: She had had the cloak perhaps four or five years, but wore it very little. She was not in the habit of lending it.—This being plaintiff's case, Mr. Granger said he did not deny that the cloak was borrowed. It could not be an action of trover.—His Honour (to plaintiff): You have brought your action in a wrong form. It should have been for not taking care of the cloak.—Mr. Granger having consented to an amendment of the summons, submitted that the evidence was very unsatisfactory as to the value of the cloak.—He then called Charles Neesham, foreman porter at Benfieldside Station, who said that on the 8th of March he was with Mr. Turner when an old woman passed on a donkey with a cloak. Mr. Turner said it was the cloak that his wife lent to Mr. Temperley. He said he "had a good mind to take it from her, but it would do her more good, because Mrs. Turner would not wear it any more." The cloak, in witness' opinion, was worth about 5s.—His Honour. How near were you to this old woman?—Witness: She was on the road and we were on the footpath.—His Honour gave judgment for £1, with costs.

## SCARROW'S (VINT'S) STOMACH PILLS.

### FOR INDIGESTION, WIND ON THE STOMACH, PURIFYING THE BLOOD, SICK HEADACHE, Etc.

No. 1.

When the late Proprietor of the "Tonic Antibilious Pills" first recommended them to a few individuals who were afflicted with stomach complaints, headache, &c., he had no idea of their becoming so extensively known; but the astonishing success which has attended their use obtained with those who first used them not only a decided preference over every other preparation of the kind, but induced them to recommend them to others who were suffering from like causes; and thus to real experienced benefit, and not to any ostentatious recommendations, these Pills owe their present popularity and esteem.

Hitherto these Pills have been given with merely a written or verbal direction, because the Proprietor has always had a rooted avertion to the existing recommendations that usually accompany Patent Medicines; but, finding from their extensive sale, that it was impracticable to write directions he is compelled to adopt the present popular method. In giving these Pills greater publicity, it is not intended to exhibit them as an absolute panacea, but they can be confidently recommended in the following diseases, their efficacy in which has been witnessed by the Proprietor himself, and confirmed by the gratifying testimony of others:—They have been successfully administered in Stomach Complaints, Indigestion, Vomiting, particularly after taking food; Headache, and especially that called Sick Headache; Incipient Liver Complaints and Habitual Costiveness. Ministers and others of studious and sedentary habits have found them particularly useful. They may safely be taken by pregnant women, and by children, requiring no restriction of diet or confinement; strengthening the stomach, and at the same time correcting the disposition to a superabundance of bile in the system.

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A gentleman who had found Mercury to be ineffectually administered to a patient in a severe attack of Bile accompanied with vomiting and sickness, has given these Pills with the most complete success, and has kindly offered to testify if required.

Cases of long standing need not be dispaired of, as the Proprietor has had the satisfaction of knowing them perfectly successful where the malady was of an inveterate nature and long standing. After excess of eating or drinking, these Pills will be found highly serviceable. Persons going to the East or West Indies will find them a safe and efficacious remedy for bilious disorders and diseases of the liver.

## SCARROW'S (VINT'S) TONIC ANTI-BILIOUS PILLS.

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☞ If, after taking the Pills marked No. 1 two or three days, they should be found too active for the bowels, which may happen to persons of great delicacy of constitution, those marked No. 2 are to be preferred.

Wholesale Agents:—Messrs. Sanger and Sons; Barclay and Son; Sutton and Co., London. Wm. Foggitt, Thirsk. Clark, Blasdale, and Co., York. Goodhall, Backhouse, and Co., Leeds. Ismay; Taylor, Gibson, and Co; Jones and Strickland; Curry and Hutchinson, Newcastle. Raimes and Co., Edinburgh.

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Should be used by all persons who value the health of their children. It is the best and safest medicine for Difficult Teething, Wind, Convulsions, Griping Pains, Diarrhœa, Want of Thriving, &c. For Painful and Difficult Teething it is invaluable, allaying all the feverish and restless symptoms incidental to that time, thus giving to the weary mother or nurse a quiet night's rest.

The Infants' Restorer and Preserver is calculated, on chemical principles, to prevent and remove those fatal disorders in the bowels of Infants. It is not solely a composition of the late Proprietor's own composing, but was communicated to him by a Physician of great eminence, whose studies and practice had been directed chiefly to the disorders incident to women and children, and who administered it in his own practice with the greatest success. From his authority, and from the Proprietor's own observation, he can recommend it with confidence, and would do so with earnestness to all who value the health and preservation of their infant offspring. He can assure them that it contains nothing that can prove injurious to the most tender infant, but, on the contrary, everything calculated, on the most scientific principles, to remove those fatal disorders in the bowels of infants to which they are so liable.

Prepared only at the Apothecaries' Hall, Sunderland.

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## Railway Time Tables

### NEWCASTLE TO JARROW AND SOUTH SHIELDS.

Leaves Newcastle (Week days) 5·0, 6·50, 7·35 (*), 7·55 9·0, 9·45, 10·55, 11·10 (*), 12·30, 2·10, 3·0, 3·35 (*) 4·5, 5·5, 6·5, 7·10, 8·5, 9·35, 10·55.

Leaves Newcastle (Sundays)—6 10, 8·0, 9·30, 2·0, 5·0, 7·10, 8·10, 9·30.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—Gateshead, 3; Felling, 8; Pelaw, 15; Hebburn, 20; Jarrow, 25; Tyne Dock, 30; and High Shields, 36 minutes after the above times, arriving at South Shields about 40 minutes after the time they leave Newcastle.

* First, second, and third-class express trains, stopping at Gateshead at 3 minutes, Jarrow at 15 minutes, and Tyne Dock at 18 minutes after the above times, arriving at South Shields about 25 minutes after the time they leave Newcastle.

Fares from Newcastle to Gateshead: First, 3d; second, 2d.; third, 1d.

Felling: First, 6d.; second, 4d.; third, 3d.

Pelaw: First, 8d.; second, 6d.; third, 3½d. Return, first, 1s. 2d., second, 10d., third, 7d.

Hebburn: First, 10d., second, 7d., third, 5d, Return, first, 1s. 6d., second, 1s. third, 9d.

Jarrow, Tyne Dock, High Shields, or South Shields: First, 1s.; second, 9d.; third, 6d. Return, 1s. 8d., 1s. 3d., 10d.

Relief Trains leaves Newcastle for Jarrow at 7·5, 8·0, 9·30, and 10·50 p.m. on SATURDAYS.

### SOUTH SHIELDS TO JARROW AND NEWCASTLE.

Leaves South Shields (Week days).—4·55, 7·0, 8·0 8·30(*), 9·0, 10·5, 10·30, 11·45, 12·30, 1·50, 3·15, 4·0 (*), 4·15, 5·10, 6·15, 7·15, 8·15, 9·15, 10·35.

Leaves South Shields (Sundays).—6·15, 8·0, 9·55, 2·10 5·0. 7·15, 8·20, 9·35.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—High Shields, 3; Tyne Dock, 8; Jarrow, 14; Hebburn, 19; Pelaw, 24; Felling 30; and Gateshead, 35 minutes after the above times, arriving at Newcastle about 40 minutes after the times they leave South Shields.

ON SATURDAYS

Relief trains leave JARROW for NEWCASTLE at 1·55 3·5 3·19, 8.24, 9·24, and 10·44 p.m. calling at all intermediate stations.

* First, second, and third-class express trains calling at Tyne Dock, Jarrow, and Gateshead, leaving Jarrow 10 minutes after the above times, arriving at Newcastle about 25 minutes after they leave South Shields.

Fares from South Shields to High Shields or Tyne Dock: First, 3d.; second, 2d.; third, 1d.

Jarrow: First, 8d; second, 6d.; third, 3½d.

Pelaw, Felling, Gateshead, or Newcastle: First, 1s.; second, 9d.; third, 6d.

### SUNDERLAND TO SOUTH SHIELDS AND JARROW.

Leaves Sunderland (Week days).—4·45, 6·50, 7·50, 8·50 9·55, 11·5 12·15, 1·40, 3·5, 3·55, 5·0, 6·5, 7·5, 8·5, 9·5, 10 25.

Leaves Sunderland (Sundays).—6·5, 7·50, 9·25, 2·0 4.50, 7·5, 8·10, 9·25.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—Cleadon Lane, 7: Tyne Dock, 13; High Shields, 17, minutes after the above times, arriving at South Shields about 20 minutes after the time they leave Sunderland.

Passengers between Sunderland and Jarrow *chang. carriages* at Tyne Dock.

Fares from Sunderland to Cleadon Lane: first 6d. second, 5d; third, 3d.; Tyne Dock, first, 10d.; second 8d. third, 6d., High Shields and South Shields first, 10d.; second, 8d.; third, 6d.; Jarrow, first, 1s. 4d.; second, 1s.; third, 7½d. Return tickets to Jarrow: first, 2s. 3d.; second, 1s. 8d.; third, 1s. 2d.

### JARROW TO SOUTH SHIELDS AND SUNDERLAND.

Leaves Jarrow (Week days).—5·25 7·13, 8.18, 9·23, 10·8, 11·18, 12·53, 2·33, 3·23, 4·28, 5·28, 6·28, 7·33 8·28, 9·58, 11.18,

Leaves Jarrow (Sundays)—6·33, 8·23, 9·53, 2·23, 5·23, 7·33, 8·33, 9·53.

These trains leave intermediate Stations as follows:—South Shields 4, High Shields 7, Tyne Dock 11, and Cleaden Lane 16 minutes after the train leaves Jarrow arriving in Sunderland in about 24 minutes.

Fares from Jarrow to South Shields: first, 8d.; second, 6d.; third, 3½d.; High Shields: first, 8d.; second, 6d.; third, 3d.; Tyne Dock, first, 6d.; second, 4d.; third, 2d.; Cleadon Lane, first, 10d.; second, 8d.; third, 4½d.; Sunderland, first, 1s. 4d.; second, 1s.; third, 7½d. Return tickets to Jarrow, first, 2s. 3d.; second, 1s. 8d.; third 1s. 2d.

### NEWCASTLE TO TYNEMOUTH.

Leaves Newcastle—Central Station—(Week days)—6·10 (*a*), 7·0, 8·5, 9·0 (*), 9·15, 9·45, (*c*), 10·15, 11·0, 12·0, 1·0, 2·0, 3·5, 4·10, 4·45 (†), 5·15, 5·50 (†), 6·10, 6·45, (†),7·10, 8·0, 9·0, 10·0, 11·30.

On SATURDAYS ONLY, 1·45 and 6·45.

Leaves Newcastle—Central Station—(Sundays).—6·10 (*a*), 9·0, 10·5, 1·0 2·0 3·0 4·30, 6·0, 7·0, 8·0, 9·15.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—Manors 3, Heaton 7, Walker 11, Wallsend 16, Howdon 21, Percy Main 25, and North Shields 30 minutes after above times, arriving at Tynemouth 35 minutes after leaving Newcastle.

* First, second, and third class express trains, stopping only at North Shields.

† These trains stop only at Manors and North Shields Stations.

*a.*—This train stops at intermediate stations when required, to set down passengers arriving from the south by either the 4.38 or 5·58 a.m trains.

*b.*—The 6·45 p.m. train from Newcastle will stop at all Stations on Saturdays and reach Tynemouth at 7·20 p.m.

*c.*—The 11·30 p.m. train stops at intermediate Stations when required, to set down passengers.

3d.; third, 2d.; Walker, first, 6d; second, 4d.; third

Fares from Newcastle to Tynemouth: First, 1s. 3d., second, 1s., third, 8d. Return, first, 2s. 0d., second, 1s. 6d., third, 1s.

North Shields, first, 1s., second, 9d., third, 6d. Return, first, 1s. 8d., second, 1s. 3d., third, 10d.

Percy Main: First, 10d., second, 8d., third, 6d. Return, first, 1s. 6d., Second, 1s. 2d., third, 10d.

Howdon: First, 10d., Second, 8d., third, 5d. Return, first, 1s. 6d., second, 1s. 2d., third, 9d.

Wallsend: First, 8d., second, 6d., third, 3½d. Return, first, 1s. 2d., second, 10d., third, 7d.

Walker: First, 5d., second, 4d., third, 2½d. Return, first, 9d., second, 7d., third, 5d.

### TYNEMOUTH TO NEWCASTLE.

Leaves Tynemouth (Week days)—5·20, 6·40 (*a*), 7·45, 8·30 (*), 9·0, 9·30 (*), 10·0, 10·30 (*), 11·0, 12·0, 12·45, 1·50, 3·0, 4·5, 5·0, 5·35 (*), 6·0, 6·30 (*), 7·0 7·30 (*), 8·0, 9·0, 10·0, 10·50 (*).

On SATURDAYS ONLY, 2·45.

Leaves Tynemouth (Sundays)—7·35, 9·45, 1·0, 2·0, 3·0, 4·30, 6·0, 7·0, 8·0, 9·0, 10·15 (*).

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—North Shields 3, Percy Main 9, Howdon 11, Wallsend 16, Walker 19, Heaton 23, and Manors 30 minutes after above times, arriving at Central Station, Newcastle about 35 minutes after leaving Tynemouth.

* First, second, and third class express trains, stopping only at North Shields and Manors stations.

*a.*—The 6·40 a.m. train stops at intermediate Stations to take up passengers booked to the Central Stations.

*b.*—The 10·50 p.m. train stops at Stations up to and including Walker on Saturdays, and does not reach the Central Station until 11·20 p.m.

Fares from Tynemouth to North Shields, first, 4d.; second, 3d.; third, 2d.; Percy Main, first, 6d.: second, 4d.: third, 3d.; Howdon, first, 8d.; second, 6d.; third, 4d.: Wallsend, first, 10d.; second, 8d.; third, 6d.; Walker first, 1s.; second 9d.; third, 6d.; Heaton, first, 1s.; second 9d.; third, 6d.; Newcastle (Manors or Central), first, 1s. 3d.; second, 1s.; third, 8d.

### STOCKTON AND DARLINGTON RAILWAY

GOING EAST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

| STATIONS. | | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Newcastle | dep. | 5·45 | 12·30 | 2·30 |
| Benfieldside | ,, | 6·50 | 1·30 | 4·25 |
| Rowley | ,, | 7·0 | 1·40 | 4·35 |
| Burnhill Junction | ,, | 7·10 | 1·50 | 4·45 |
| Tow Law | ,, | 7·23 | 2·3 | 4·58 |
| Crook | arr. | 7·35 | 2·15 | 5,10 |
| | dep. | 7.38 | 2·25 | 5·25 |
| Bishop Auckland | ,, | 8·5 | 2·55 | 5·55 |
| Darlington | ,, | 8·55 | 3·35 | 7·0 |
| Stockton | ,, | 9·25 | 4·5 | 7·30 |
| Middlesbro' | ,, | 9·35 | 4·15 | 7·42 |
| Saltburn | ,, | 10·10 | 4·50 | 8·20 |

GOING WEST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

| STATIONS. | | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Saltburn | dep. | 5·45 | 11·30 | 3·50 |
| Middlesbro' | ,, | 6·22 | 12·5 | 4·30 |
| Stockton | ,, | 6·34 | 12·15 | 4·40 |
| Darlington | ,, | 7·15 | 1·5 | 5·30 |
| Bishop Auckland | ,, | 7·48 | 1·35 | 6·0 |
| Crook | arr. | 8·10 | 1·57 | 6·25 |
| | dep. | 8·15 | 2·20 | 6·35 |
| Tow Law | ,, | 8·27 | 2·32 | 6·45 |
| Burnhill Junction | ,, | 8·42 | 2·45 | 7·0 |
| Rowley | ,, | 8·52 | 2·55 | 7·10 |
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| Newcastle | dep. | 5·45 | 10·0 | 12·30 | 2·30 | 5·36 |
| Scotswood | ,, | 5·52 | 10·7 | 12·37 | 2·37 | 5·42 |
| Swalwell | ,, | 5·59 | 10·14 | 12·43 | 2·44 | 5·49 |
| Rowland's Gill | ,, | 6·9 | 10·24 | 12·51 | 2·54 | 5·59 |
| Lintz Green | ,, | 6·15 | 10·30 | 12·59 | 3·0 | 6·5 |
| Ebchester | ,, | 6·28 | 10·43 | 1·12 | 3·13 | 6·18 |
| Shotley Bridge | ,, | 6·34 | 10·49 | 1·18 | 3·19 | 6·24 |
| Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) | arr. | – | – | 1·25 | 3·25 | .. |
| | dep | 6·40 | 10·55 | .. | 4·35 | 6·30 |
| Knitsley | ,, | 6·54 | 11·9 | .. | 4·49 | 6·45 |
| Lanchester | ,, | 7·3 | 11·18 | .. | 4·58 | 6·55 |
| Witton Gilbert | ,, | 7.10 | 11·27 | .. | 5·5 | 7·4 |
| Durham | arr. | 7·25 | 11·40 | .. | 5·5 | 7·20 |

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| | | A.M. | A.M. | P.M. | P.M. | P.M. |
| Durham | dep. | 7·35 | | 12·10 | 3·3 | 7·56 |
| Witton Gilbert | ,, | 7·50 | | 12·24 | 3·48 | 8·9 |
| Lanchester | ,, | 7·55 | | 12·35 | 3·59 | 8·20 |
| Knitsley | ,, | 8·12 | | 12·45 | 4·4 | 8·31 |
| Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) | arr. | | | | 4·20 | |
| | dep | 8·27 | 9·15 | 1·0 | 3·35 | 8·43 |
| Shotley Bridge | ,, | 8·32 | 9·20 | 1·5 | 3·40 | 8·48 |
| Ebchester | ,, | 8·36 | 9·23 | 1·9 | 3·44 | 8·52 |
| Lintz Green | ,, | 8·47 | 9·33 | 1.19 | 3·54 | 9·3 |
| Rowland's Gill | ,, | 8·53 | 9·38 | 1·24 | 3·59 | 9·8 |
| Swalwell | ,, | 9·2 | 9·47 | 1·23 | 4·5 | 9·17 |
| Scotswood | ,, | 9·9 | 9·53 | 1·39 | 4·14 | 9·24 |
| Newcastle | arr. | 9·20 | 10·5 | 1·50 | 4·30 | 9·35 |

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| Scotswood | ,, | 7·17 | 4·9 | 5·32 | 7·37 |
| Swalwell | ,, | 7·23 | 4·15 | 5.39 | 7·44 |
| Rowland's Gill | ,, | 7·31 | 4·25 | 5·49 | 8·55 |
| Lintz Green | ,, | 7·37 | 4·29 | 5·55 | 8·2 |
| Ebchester | ,, | 7·50 | 4·42 | 6·8 | 8·16 |
| Shotley Bridge | ,, | 7·57 | 4·47 | 6·14 | 8·23 |
| Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill) | arr. | 8·5 | 4·55 | 6·20 | 8·30 |
| | dep. | 9·10 | 5·10 | | |
| Knitsley | | 9·21 | 5·21 | .. | |
| Lanchester | | 9·34 | 5·34 | .. | |
| Witton Gilbert | | 9.46 | 5·46 | .. | |
| Durham | arr. | 10·0 | 6·0 | .. | |

| STATIONS. | | A.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Durham | dep. | | 4·0 |
| Witton Gilbert | ,, | 8·5 | 4·13 |
| Lanchester | ,, | 8·17 | 4·25 |
| Knitsley | ,, | 8·30 | 4.38 |
| Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill) | arr. | 8·42 | 4·50 |
| | dep. | 8·50 | 5·30 |
| Shotley Bridge | ,, | 8·55 | 5·35 |
| Ebchester | ,, | 9·0 | 5·40 |
| Lintz Green | ,, | 9·9 | 5·49 |
| Rowland's Gill | | 9·16 | 5·59 |
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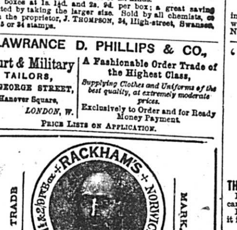

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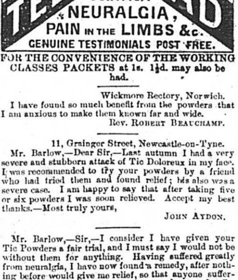

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### THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BOARD.

Mr. **Calvert** (who had taken the chair) said he supposed it was his duty to officiate at the meeting.

Mr. **Siddell**, however, disputed Mr. Calvert's right to preside, whereupon

The **Clerk** (Mr. Elliott) said he had communicated with the Local Government Board, the following being a copy of his letter:—"Will you kindly advise me how to direct the Board under the following, what I feel to be very difficult circumstances. The 34th section of the Public Health Act enacts that the Board, at their first meeting, and afterwards from time to time at their annual meeting, appoint one of their number to be Chairman for one year, &c.; and it also enacts that all questions shall be decided by a majority of votes. At our annual election just over, the Chairman for the past year was not a retiring member, but not being able to spare the time necessary for conducting the election, another member was appointed Returning-Officer at our March meeting. At our meeting to-day, being the annual meeting, the Chairman was to appoint for the ensuing year, and two members were proposed and seconded. There were twelve members present, after the newly-elected members had signed the usual declarations. Neither of the candidates for the office voted, and one other member did not vote. One had five votes, and the other four; but it was disputed that there was any election, the four claiming the neutral vote, which would result in a dead-lock. To give me the necessary information it was decided to elect another member Chairman for the day, and so it stands until I ascertain whether a Chairman has been properly elected, or whether we must proceed at our next meeting to elect one; and if so, is the chair to remain empty till that is done?" He had since received the following letter from the Local Government Board:—

Local Government Board, Whitehall, S.W.,
24th April, 1875.

Sir,—I am directed by the Local Government Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., as to the election of a Chairman of the Consett Local Board. The Board cannot give any decision as to the result of the proceedings mentioned in your letter. It appears that five of the members present at the election voted for one person, and four for another; and so far there was a majority of the votes given in favour of one of the candidates. It should also be borne in mind that, whilst the 11 and 12 Vic. 63, section 34, requires every question before any meeting of a Local Board to be decided by a majority of votes, it does not require that all the members shall vote on the question. The Board can only submit these remarks to the consideration of the Local Board, and do not wish to be understood as expressing any definite opinion upon the point.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

F. Fletcher, Assistant Secretary.

The Local Government Board, continued Mr. Elliott, did not wish to give a legal opinion, but it was clear that the candidate who had the majority of votes was the one elected.

Mr. **Siddell**: Who authorised you to write that letter to the Local Government Board?

The **Clerk**: The Board did.

Mr. **Siddell**: Certainly not; I dispute that altogether.

The **Clerk**: Mr. Gledstone was put into the chair in order that I might write to the Local Government Board. He appealed to the Board if this were not so.

Mr. **Siddell**: You have no right to speak.

The **Clerk**: I tell you that I was directed by the Board to write the letter.

Mr. **Siddell** said the Clerk had not adopted the proper course with regard to the election at the beginning. He ought to have informed the Chairman that an election was to take place, and ascertained whether he intended to act as Returning-Officer, or otherwise to appoint someone to the office.

The **Clerk**: Where do you find that?

Mr. **Siddell** said their Clerk had no right to speak unless he were asked a question.

Mr. **Calvert**: As Chairman of this meeting, I distinctly call you to order, Mr. Siddell. You are altogether out of order. The election was not disputed, everybody seemed to be satisfied with the manner it was conducted, and he objected to Mr. Siddell occupying the time of the Board in such a manner.

Mr. **Siddell** said Mr. Calvert, as Returning-Officer, took the chair at the previous meeting when he had no right to do so. The Chairman of the previous year was Chairman of the first meeting of the new Board, until a successor was appointed. The law was quite clear on that point.

Mr. **Calvert** asked the members if they were willing to sit and be dictated to by Mr. Siddell.

Mr. **Siddell** maintained that Mr. Jenkins, as Chairman of the Board during the previous year, should have presided at their first meeting.

Mr. **Charlton** said there was no Chairman after the year expired.

Mr. **Siddell** contended that Mr. Jenkins was Chairman until the Board appointed a successor.

Mr. **Hudson** said it would look more manly on Mr. Siddell's part if he pointed out his authority for making such assertions.

Mr. **Siddell** asked why they elected a Chairman at all?

Mr. **Davison** said Mr. Gledstone was appointed in order that the Clerk might write to the Local Government Board.

Mr. **McNally**: Certainly.

Mr. **Dunne** said the Clerk was quite right in writing the letter; the question was—were they satisfied with the Local Government Board's answer? There was nothing definite in it.

Mr. **Siddell** said the Board merely gave their opinion.

The **Clerk** said the same question had been asked in *The Justice of the Peace*. Mr. Elliott then read the following question and answer:—

*Question.*—There were 15 members present at a meeting of the E. Local Board (seven is the quorum) when a very important question, involving considerable expenditure, was brought forward. Only five voted, three for and two against it. The others were neutral, some saying that they had not sufficiently considered or understood the matter. Is the motion carried? The Chairman ruled that it was not, as there was not a majority of votes of the members present, although a majority of votes given. Please refer to 11 and 12 Vict. c. 63, s. 34. If the motion is carried, immense power is certainly by that act of parliament given to a few, unless others are always on the look out to oppose every motion.

*Answer.*—If the expression in the 34th section of the Public Health Act, 1848, had been "majority of members present at the meeting," the cases establish that the majority must be calculated by reckoning not only the persons who vote upon any occasion, but those who are present at the meeting; but the enactment in question declares that "all questions shall be decided by a majority of votes," and on the question coming before the superior court for decision it might be contended with much force and great chance of success that a majority of votes was equivalent to a majority of the persons voting on the question.

Mr. **Dunne** said there was nothing definite in that answer. Moreover, what authority was *The Justice of the Peace?*

Mr. **Davison** said he had looked carefully over the Act, and he could not find anything relating to neutral members. He considered that the neutral members counted for nothing.

Mr. **Murray** said in that case was there not a majority of votes for Mr. Calvert?

Mr. **Siddell** considered that the Board had treated Mr. Jenkins with great discourtesy. No other member, he said, should have been brought forward in opposition, without just and reasonable cause could have been shown for such a course. He would like to know how such a cantankerous feeling towards Mr. Jenkins had originated. He maintained that Mr. Jenkins had been treated "most scandalously."

Mr. **Murray** said that was a matter of opinion only.

Mr. **Siddell** said it was a fact, nevertheless.

Mr. **Calvert** said other people had as much right to have an opinion of their own as Mr. Siddell had.

Mr. **Murray** said the Chairman was only elected for one year, and he failed to see why they should appoint Mr. Jenkins their Chairman year after year. There were other members of the Board who had as much right to preside as Mr. Jenkins.

There being no further opposition, Mr. Calvert, as Chairman, proceeded to read the minutes of meeting.

### THE PUBLICATION OF THE DEBATES.

Mr. **Siddell** said before the minutes were signed he wished to call the attention of the Board to the manner in which the debates were reported. He had no fault to find with the reports, which were always accurate, but what he complained of was that the reporter sometimes did not report the discussions fully. Sometimes members made important remarks which were entirely omitted. When anything of a sensational character passed at the Board, as at their last meeting, it was fully reported. The reporter did not forget the remark made by Mr. McNally about Mr. Calvert and Mr. Jenkins putting their coats off, but he omitted to state that Mr. McNally was in a coat-off attitude towards Mr. Jenkins during the whole of the meeting.

Mr. **Charlton** said he only hoped that the business of the Board would in future be conducted differently to what it was last meeting. He had been to Newcastle and other places, and everybody he knew said to him "What a lot of fellows you are at Consett." (Laughter).

Mr. **McNally** considered Mr. Siddell's remarks about the newspaper reports quite uncalled for. Mr. Siddell seemed to be offended because every word he and others uttered at the Board was not reported. He would suggest that in future those members had better write out their speeches and hand them over to the reporter. Some reference had been made to himself by Mr. Siddell, but the word he used was too long for him (the speaker) to catch. The reports of the meeting, he might add, were very accurate, and he therefore considered they had no reason for grumbling.—The matter then dropped.

## EXTENSIVE SHEEP WORRYING BY DOGS, AT BUSHBLADES.

On Monday, at Shotley Bridge County Court, before E. J. Meynell, Esq., judge, James Humble, of Bushblades, farmer, sued William Smith, innkeeper, Dipton, for the value of three ewes and four hogs, alleged to have been worried by defendant's dogs. Mr. John Patrick and Mr. Henry Marshall, of Durham, appeared for plaintiff; the owner of the dogs was represented by Mr. Wallace, of Newcastle.

Mr. **Patrick**, in stating the facts of the case, said on the morning of the 21st of March last Mr. Humble had a large flock of sheep grazing in a field adjoining the house. In consequence of information he received from his servant girl, Mr. Humble proceeded to the field, where he found two liver and white pointer dogs in the act of worrying a sheep. On getting within forty yards of the dogs one of them ran away, and Mr. Humble, who was armed with a double-barrelled gun, shot the other. He was in the act of running closer to it to give it the other barrel, when he observed the other dog returning towards the sheep, and he shot it also. In conclusion, he (Mr. Patrick) would be able to show that the dogs belonged to the defendant.

Elizabeth Reay, servant to Mr. Humble, was then called. She said on Sunday morning, the 21st of March, shortly after eight o'clock, she saw two liver and white pointer dogs worrying the sheep. Witness went and told her master.—Cross-examined by Mr. Wallace: There was a great number of sheep in the field at the time, but witness only saw the dogs worrying one sheep, which was now alive. She had not seen any other dogs in the field before that.

James Humble, the plaintiff, said he occupied a farm at Bushblades, near Annfield Plain. On Palm Sunday morning, shortly after eight o'clock, from what the last witness told him, he armed himself with a gun and went to the field in which the sheep were grazing. He then saw two dogs worrying a sheep. They were liver and white coloured pointer dogs. He succeeded in getting within about forty yards of the dogs, when one of them ran away. He shot the other, which tumbled over once or twice. Witness ran in to give it the other barrel, when his brother Robert, who had followed him out, shouted that the other dog was coming back again. On turning round he observed the other dog returning towards the sheep, and he shot it also, the animal dropping three or four yards from the sheep that was worried. The first dog that he shot ran off. On examining the sheep witness and his brother found it had been torn about the side, and the wool was also pulled off it. On going to the high part of the field they found two hogs lying. They were dead, but quite warm. They also found a dead ewe lying in a gutter. On going through the flock they found that about a dozen other sheep had been bitten and torn about the legs. On the following morning four other sheep succumbed to their injuries, making in all four hogs and three ewes that had died. Each of the ewes was worth £3, and he valued the hogs at 35s. each. About four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day Mr. Smith went to his house. Plaintiff said to him "How are you, Smith?" The latter replied that he understood that he (witness) had had a great deal of slaughter. Plaintiff said he had had a number of sheep worried, and that he had destroyed the dogs, at the same time asking Smith if the dogs belonged to him. Mr. Smith replied that he had lost two, and at the same time asked plaintiff if he would allow him to go and look at the dog that was lying in the field. Mr. Smith then went and looked at the dog, and said it was "his poor Sancho."—Cross-examined by Mr. Wallace: He only saw the dogs worry one sheep, which was still alive. He was quite sure he did not know whom the dogs belonged to at the time he shot them. One of the animals, "Sancho," was an advertised stud dog, and he (plaintiff) had previously shot over him in company with Mr. Hodgson, but that was only for a couple of hours. "Sancho" died immediately after he was shot, but the other crawled away. About six o'clock on the Sunday evening, Mr. Smith again called at plaintiff's house, and left word that he was to go over to Dipton the following morning to settle about the matter, as he did not wish to go to law. Witness expected that Mr. Smith wanted to pay for the damage to the sheep. On going to the defendant's house the following day, Smith, who was almost crying, said if plaintiff would give him £40 for shooting the dogs he would say nothing more about it, but to this the plaintiff objected. Plaintiff then asked for the value of the sheep, but Smith refused, saying that the sheep were no loss to him. It was not true that plaintiff offered Mr. Smith £5. He was quite aware that "Sancho" was a prize dog.—His Honour said that if the dog was addicted to sheep worrying the sooner he was destroyed the better.—Mr. Wallace: "Sancho" was not worrying the sheep at the time you shot him?—Plaintiff: He had been, and was going back to the sheep when I shot him.—Mr. Wallace: He was not going to attack you?—Plaintiff: No; but he had taken hold of a man before.—Re-examined by Mr. Patrick: On Easter Monday plaintiff received a letter from Mr. Wallace, defendant's solicitor, claiming £40 as the value of the dog.

Robert and Joicey Humble, brothers of the plaintiff, gave corroborative evidence, adding that they saw the sheep on the previous night, when they were all safe.

William Rowe, miner, Hill Top, near Ushaw College, said on Palm Sunday morning, about a quarter past eight o'clock, he was going past Mr. Humble's farm when he heard some dogs barking in a field. On looking over the fence he observed two pointer dogs worrying a sheep. He then went and informed Mr. Humble of what he had seen. The evidence given by the preceding witnesses was quite correct.

Ralph Hodgson, farmer, Oxhill, said on Wednesday, the 24th of March, he examined the sheep in company with Mr. Thomas Robinson. They found two dead hogs lying in the field. A ewe was lying in the ditch, and on opening it they found a lamb in her. The ewe had one of her legs almost torn off. On going to the house they saw other four dead sheep, two ewes and two hogs. One of the ewes had one lamb and the other two lambs inside. They looked over the flock, and found about a dozen other sheep bitten about the legs. He valued the dead sheep at £16.

Plaintiff, re-called, said when his attention was first called to the sheep, the flock had been driven into a corner of the field.

Mr. **Patrick** said this was the plaintiff's case.

Mr. **Wallace** submitted that it had not been proved that defendant's dogs had worried more than one sheep.

He then called William Smith, the defendant, who said that he went to Mr. Humble's farm on the Sunday afternoon. He saw the plaintiff, to whom he said that he had heard some dogs had been worrying his sheep. Mr. Humble said "are they your dogs?" and defendant replied that he would tell him as soon as he saw them. They then went across the field, and found a dog lying in a ditch. Defendant then said it was "his poor Sancho," and that it was a very bad job, as it was a valuable dog. Defendant asked plaintiff if the dog had worried any of the sheep, and he replied that it had only interfered with one. The same evening witness again went to Mr. Humble's house, but he was not at home. Witness left word that Mr. Humble had to go over to Dipton. On the following day plaintiff went to defendant's house. Witness's wife asked Mr. Humble if the dogs had ever before interfered with the sheep, and he replied that they had not. She also asked how many sheep the dogs had worried, and he said they had only interfered with one. Sergt. Morland, who was with Mr. Humble, then asked witness to take £5 to make the matter up, but defendant said before he would accept such a paltry sum he would not do anything in the matter. "Sancho" was a valuable dog. At the time he was shot he was advertised to serve bitches at five guineas each.—His Honour said they were not now deciding upon the value of the dogs. If they worried sheep, however, they would not be very valuable.—Cross-examined by Mr. Patrick, defendant said while he and Mr. Humble were in the field together they were joined by plaintiff's brother Robert. Defendant could not talk to Mr. Humble about it, as "his heart was too full." Mr. Humble did not say on the Sunday that three sheep had been worried. He said they had only interfered with one. Witness told Mr. Humble that if the dogs had worried half-a-dozen sheep he would have paid the damages. On the day following defendant did not offer to pay plaintiff for the one sheep. Witness asked Mr. Humble £40 for the damage to the dogs, but plaintiff said he would not pay a fraction. Mr. Humble laughed at him when he asked him for £40. He also laughed at him when he said it was "his poor Sancho." It was Sergt. Morland who suggested that Mr. Humble should give defendant £5 to make up the matter.—Re-examined by Mr. Wallace: I said that I would be content if plaintiff paid me £40. Nothing was said about paying for the sheep.

Margaret Smith, wife of the defendant said when Mr. Humble came to their house on the Monday, her husband was not in. Witness had some conversation with the plaintiff before her husband came in. Mr. Humble told her he was very sorry for what he had done, that he "clicked" up the gun and went out in his stockings, and that he did not know they were Smith's dogs until after he shot them. He said there was only one sheep injured. I asked him if he had ever seen the dogs amongst the sheep before and he said no. He also said that his brother Robert had scolded him for shooting the dogs. Her husband then entered the house, and they both shook hands, Mr. Hunter saying that they would not be any worse friends because he had shot the dogs. Her husband and Mr. Humble then had a glass of whiskey each. Witness was not in the room while her husband and Mr. Humble were talking, but she heard the latter say that "it struck him it was his (defendant's) dog, and that he said to himself it could not be Smith's dog that he had shot."

John Armstrong, engineman at Lintz Colliery, said he passed Mr. Humble's farm a couple of days prior to the 21st of March.—Mr. Patrick objected to whatever might take place prior to the 21st, as it had nothing to do with the case.—His Honour asked if Mr. Wallace was going to prove that other dogs were in the field.—Mr. Wallace said he was going to prove that two dead sheep were in the field on the day named.—His Honour said they had the evidence of Mr. Humble's brothers that the sheep were safe on the evening of the 20th. The witnesses had not been cross-examined about the point, and if Mr. Wallace persisted in examining the witness he (the judge) would have the whole of the other witnesses re-called.

William Ridley, a labourer, said on Sunday evening the 21st of March, he was passing Mr. Humble's farm and saw a black retriever dog running among the sheep.—Cross-examined by Mr. Patrick, the witness said the dog ran across the field but did not touch the sheep. There was no person with the dog.

This being the whole of the evidence his Honour gave a verdict for the full amount claimed, with costs.

## Local Police Courts.

### LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, April 29th.—Before M. Kearney (chairman), E. T. Smith, and Henry Smith, Esqrs.

**Assault at Stanley.**—Patrick Morter, weighman. Stanley, was summoned for assaulting Mrs. Cairns at the above place, on the 16th April. A second summons charged Mrs. Morter with an assault on the complainant. From the evidence it appeared that Mrs. Cairns and Mrs. Morter quarrelled at a tap. Seeing Mrs. Cairns strike his wife with a bucket, the male defendant rushed up and struck the complainant. After hearing the evidence of several witnesses, the magistrates said they would dismiss the case against Mrs. Morter; as they were convinced that Mrs. Cairns was the aggressor. Mr. Morter had received a certain amount of provocation, but as he had no right to strike the complainant he would be fined 1s. and expenses.

**Assault at Broomshields.**—Thomas Nichol, of West Shields, farmer, who did not appear till after the disposal of the case, was charged with assaulting Patrick Dunne near Broomshields. Complainant, it seems, was riding a horse, when he was met by the defendant, who, in consequence of something that had previously transpired between them, committed the assault for which he was now summoned.—Fined 20s. and costs.

**Game Trespass.**—Joseph White, a youth, was summoned for trespassing in pursuit of game. P.C. Beckwith said on Saturday afternoon he was on duty at Rowley Farm, near Cornsay Colliery, and saw the defendant and another lad who were accompanied by a dog, chasing a rabbit. Defendant denied the offence, and called the occupier of the adjoining farm, who deposed that the defendant and the other lad were working for him on the day in question. The band was playing in a field close by, and the lads asked witness if they might leave their work for a short time and go to where the band was playing. Witness added that the policeman never saw a rabbit, and that the dog which they were alleged to have belonged to a man who was ploughing at the bottom of the field.—P.C. Beckwith informed the magistrates that the witness was 300 or 400 yards off, and out of sight of the lads when the latter were chasing the rabbit. When witness went up to the defendant he admitted that the dog belonged to his stepfather.—The magistrates said it was not a very bad case, and defendant would only be fined 10s. and costs.

**Mines Regulation Acts.**—John Wright, a miner, was charged with an infringement of the above Acts by having in his possession an iron "pricker" and an iron "stenner" whilst working at Esh Colliery. Defendant pleaded guilty, and said that he had no others to use.—Mr. Cook, the agent, said it was not usual for the colliery to provide the above articles, but if the defendant had asked, those made of proper material would have been supplied to him. The owners, however, did not wish to press for a severe penalty.—Ordered to pay the expenses, 5s.

**Blacking a Brother-in-Law's Eyes.**—Samuel Evans was summoned for assaulting Michael O'Brien. At the outset, complainant said he did not wish to go on with the case; defendant was his brother-in-law.—The Chairman, pointing to complainant's eyes, both of which were blackened, said defendant appeared to have used him very badly.—Complainant said he would put up with it this time; when he got the summons he was in a passion.—The bench said they would allow the case to be compromised on defendant paying expenses.

**Permitting Drunkenness at Mountsett.**—Robt. Armstrong, innkeeper, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his premises at Mountsett. Sergt. Morland deposed that, on the night of the 9th of April he proceeded to defendant's house and found two men named Batey and Aynsley sitting drunk. They had beer before them, and witness went into the back kitchen and called Armstrong's attention to them. The defendant himself was the worse for drink. Armstrong was on the point of taking the beer from Aynsley, when the latter said he would not give it up until he got back the money that he had paid for it. Aynsley was subsequently put outside, but he was so drunk as not to be able to stand. Batey was also unable to walk, and fell about half-a-dozen times on the road between Mountsett and Flint Hill. There would be about twenty men in defendant's house at the time, who were in different stages of intoxication.—Defendant pleaded not guilty and alleged that Morland had brought the case forward in consequence of an old grudge he bore to Aynsley, who was a contractor, and, on the evening in question, had been paying his men their wages at defendant's house.—The magistrates said Armstrong had previously been fined for an infringement of his license. It was only about two years since a man drank himself to death in his house. He would on this occasion be fined £5 and costs, and the license would be endorsed. If again convicted, the license to the house would be forfeited, and Armstrong himself would be disqualified holding a license for five years.

**Sheep Worying at Burnhope.**—A young man, named Green, was charged with allowing his dog to worry sheep belonging to Mr. Parmella, farmer, Burnhope. From complainant's statement it seemed that on the afternoon of the 12th of April he sent his servant girl to look at some sheep. On reaching the sheep she found a black greyhound bitch worrying them. Several of the sheep had their ears torn off and were otherwise injured. The dog was subsequently traced to defendant's house and identified by the servant girl above referred to.—In answer to the bench, complainant said the sheep had been examined by Mr. Wilkinson, who valued them at £5. After hearing the evidence of the servant and P.C. Cully, the magistrates ordered defendant to pay the value of the sheep, £5, and the costs.—Defendant (producing his summons) said the complainant only assessed the damage at £2 10s.—Complainant, in answer to the bench, said another dog had been among the sheep, but the owner had come forward "like a man" and paid £1.—Mr. Henry Smith: Then why do you ask the defendant to pay £5?—Complainant said that was the full damage.—Mr. Watson (the clerk): But you only claim £2 10s—The Chairman: You wanted to claim £5.—Defendant was then ordered to pay £2 10s. and the expenses, or two months' imprisonment in default.—Defendant said he would not pay a farthing.

**Serious Assault on a Police Sergeant.**—Four men, named Holden, Johnson, Briggs, and Wilkinson, all of Cornsay, were charged with wilfully damaging a fence. P.C. Beckwith deposed that on Saturday evening he was on duty on the railway leading to Esh Colliery, in company with Sergt. Reed, and saw the defendants break down the top rail of the fence. They then jumped on to a wire rope, and bent it considerably. Corroborative evidence having been given by Sergt. Reed, defendants were each fined 2s. 6d., the damage, 3d., and costs.—Wilkinson was further charged with assaulting Sergt. Reed on the same occasion. Mr. Salkeld, of Durham, defended. On the application of the police, the witnesses on both sides were turned out of court. The officer stated that after obtaining the names of Wilkinson and the other men (all of whom at first gave fictious names), they proceeded along the waggon way. Subsequently Wilkinson and his companions overtook them, when witness heard the former say that he had given the policeman the wrong name. Witness then went up to them and whilst asking Briggs his name, Wilkinson, who was standing about four yards off, threw a stone (produced) at him, inflicting an ugly gash near the right eye.—Cross-examined by Mr. Salkeld, the officer said Wilkinson first gave his name as Ward. It was not true that he went up and deliberately struck Wilkinson. Witness put his hand in front of Wilkinson, but did not push or strike him. He did not knock Wilkinson's cap off, neither did he use his baton to Wilkinson, whilst taking the latter to Quebec. Wilkinson wanted to smoke and witness merely told him he could not be allowed whilst in custody.—P.C. Beckwith gave corroborative evidence.—In defence, Mr. Salkeld said he was prepared to show that Sergt. Reed had exceeded his duty by striking the defendant. The Chairman asked Mr. Salkeld if he meant to say that Reed struck Wilkinson before the latter threw the stone.—Mr. Salkeld replied affirmatively. He was also instructed to say that after he was taken to Quebec he was brutally ill-treated by Sergt. Reed, and that on the road the latter knocked the pipe out of his mouth, and that he drew his baton and struck him on the head and shoulder. He could not deny that Wilkinson threw the stone, but he did not do so until after he was struck by the policeman. Defendant had been in custody since Saturday night, and he hoped the bench would take this into consideration in the punishment that they might think fit to mete out to him.—Rinson Briggs, one of the defendants in the first case, was then examined. He stated that immediately after Wilkinson told Sergt. Reed his name the latter struck him with his hand.—The Chairman said it was exceedingly improbable that a respectable officer like Sergt Reed would do such a thing.—In answer to the bench, the witness said he was standing about a yard from Wilkinson, but did not see where the officer struck him. He did not see Wilkinson throw a stone, nor did he observe the complainant bleeding.—The Chairman said it was a serious, unprovoked assault, and was rendered worse by Wilkinson bringing forward one of the most untruthful witnesses that he ever heard.—Defendant was then ordered to pay a fine of £5 and costs, or two months in default.

**Assault at the Consett Ironworks.**—Bernard McAleer was charged with assaulting John Coulson, at Consett Ironworks. Complainant said he lived at Blackhill, and defendant resided at Consett. They were both puddlers. On Wednesday afternoon, he and the defendant had a few words, and the defendant wanted to fight him, but he refused. He was ultimately struck on the mouth by the defendant, who also cut his eye with something.—A fine of 50s., including costs, was imposed.

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**Holloway's Ointment and Pills.**—Diseases of advanced years.—When man has passed to the borders of old age, the digestion becomes impaired, the nervous system grows feeble, and the physical power shows increasing weakness. Hence arise congestion of the liver, lungs or head, followed by dropsy, asthma, or apoplexy which too frequently afflict the aged. The liver usually first becomes torpid, but its activity may speedily be revived by rubbing Holloway's Ointment thoroughly over the pit of the stomach, and right side, at least twice a day, and taking the Pills at the same time. This treatment also cures all other congested organs, by varying the parts rubbed according to the situation of the congestion.

**Plundering a Dovecot at Hurbuck.**—On Thursday, three brothers named Peacock, hailing from Annfield Plain, were brought before the Consett magistrates charged with being found on premises for an unlawful purpose. On Sunday afternoon, the 25th of April, the defendants and about a score of companions went to Mr. Anderson's farm at Hurbuck, plundered the dovecot, and afterwards pulled it down. They were chased by a servant in the employ of Mr. Anderson, but only the defendants were captured.—Mr. Forster, of Newcastle, for the defence, hoped that the bench would not convict the lads under the Vagrancy Act.—The Chairman (Mr. Kearney) said the lads had been guilty of a wanton and mischievous act, but they were unwilling to send them to prison. Under the circumstances they would be discharged on payment of expenses.

## Correspondence.

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### CEMETERY ROAD.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

Sir,—I had promised myself everlasting relief from newspaper feuds, but if you tread upon anyone's toes, he is apt to kick; so allow me, if you please, to have a little kick at that precious bit of a road, called Black Lane, Cemetery Road, &c., and at its admirers. My letter to the Benfieldside Board about it was insulting—pert. I would like to know if these gentlemen knew anything about a previous letter of mine, less pert perhaps, but containing the "very plain question" referred to, which was whether the whole length and whole width of the road is embraced in the notices you refer to." Can Mr. Eltringham find an answer to that question in the "quite intelligible" letter which purports to be a reply to it? We could not make that out here, hence I was instructed to write again and write strongly. I may say now, as I am writing on my own responsibility, that I strongly suspect when the truth comes out, that no preparation whatever is made for the formation of a great part of the road, and if Mr. Booth's letter was framed for the purpose of concealing that fact, it is, no doubt, "very intelligible;" but I would not on any account wish to deprive Mr. Booth of any meed of praise from that side of the house. After all, the road may get made, notwithstanding the action of the obstructionists (not tories) on the Benfieldside Board. I would, however, suggest to some enterprising photographer the taking of a photograph of the road as it is, with a horse and cart sticking in the middle of it. It would be sure to sell, would be a nice local keepsake, and might, some day, illustrate a new edition of the "Tales of our Grandfathers." I observe that this model *amaxiere tribon* is considered worthy of double honour by having two names in addition to the "Black Lane," which we must not yet give up. Why not add the names of another or two of its friends, who might not very easily find another street worthy of such paternity.—Yours, &c.,

John Elliott.

### THE WATER CART.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

Sir,—I wonder if your water cart correspondent of last week voted for any of the squabbling fellows who compose the Benfieldside Local Board. I wonder if he is eligible to become a candidate to represent the interests of the ratepayers. If he is, I am sure the ratepayers will appreciate his devotion to a water cart and send this paragon of wisdom to their local council.—Yours, &c.,

One of the Squabblers.

### TAKING CARE OF THE RATEPAYERS' MONEY.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

Sir,—I see in your issue of the *Guardian*, May 1st, a letter, headed "Taking care of the ratepayers' money," and signed, "A Ratepayer." Will you allow me space in your columns to say that "A Ratepayer" knows as much about the subject of which he writes as a cow knows about railway switches. To attempt to reason with him would be as futile a task as preaching truth and honesty to an Australian bushranger, or to a Church parson not to trust in uncertain riches.—Yours respectfully,

Henry Carss.

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**Alleged Highway Robbery at Rowland's Gill.**—At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Tuesday, William Nevins, a young man, was charged with assaulting and robbing Robt. Harding, a pitman, on the highway on the 24th April last. It appears that the prosecutor, who lives at Low Spen, on the night of the 24th ult. left a public-house at Rowland's Gill about eleven o'clock, and was proceeding along the road towards his home when the prisoner came up to him. The prisoner then without any provocation knocked him down and robbed him of the sum of £2 8s. and his cap. A medical certificate was put in stating that the prosecutor was unable to appear as he was suffering from debility, the effects of the injuries received from the prisoner, and the case was accordingly remanded for a week. Mr. Joel, who appeared for Nevins, applied for bail, but it was refused.

**Tow Law Local Board.**—The first meeting of the new Board was held in the Office on Tuesday. The following members were present—Mr. W. Ridley, Returning officer (chairman), Mr. D. Thomson, Mr. J. Ridley, Mr. Welsh, Mr. W. R. Teasdale, Mr. J. Trainor, and Mr. E. Rutherford. The minutes of the meeting held April 6th, and the special meeting held on April 17th, were read and confirmed. On the motion of Mr. W. Ridley, (Returning-officer and late chairman), Mr. D. Thomson, ironworks manager, was elected chairman. Correspondence on water supply, Medical Officer's salary, and Local Government Board, was read. The Inspector's report was read, and in three cases orders were given for proceedings for nuisance removal, unless remedied within a short time. The Surveyor complained of interference with sewers by builders and others, without the sanction of the Surveyor or Inspector being sought. Plans for three houses in Wolsingham Road were passed. An estimate for a general district rate was approved, and a rate of ninepence in the pound was passed. A pay bill of £29 1s. 6d. (including £10 10s. 2d. as election expenses) was passed. Notices were directed to be issued to parties for repair of private streets, and if not then done the Board would do the work and charge for private improvement expenses.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

*The insertion of anything beyond the simple announcement of Births, Marriages, or Deaths, will be charged as Advertisements.*

### BIRTHS.

**Consett**—On the 26th ult., at 25, Queen Street, Mrs. Quin, of a son.

At 1, Albert Row, on the 6th inst., Mrs. McCall, of a son.

**Knitsley**—On the 6th inst., Mrs Hall, of a daughter.

**Leadgate**—On the 17th ult., the wife of Robert Scott, of a daughter.

**Tantobie**—On the 4th ult., the wife of Mr. W. C. Home, plasterer, of a son.

**Dipton**—At West Park, on the 6th ult., the wife of John Brown, of a daughter.

**South Medomsley**—On the 21st ult., the wife of John Woodley, of a son.

**Middle Friarside**—On the 10th ult., the wife of Jos. Coulson, of a daughter.

**Burnopfield**—At Raglin Place, on the 17th ult., the wife of Joseph Spinks, of a son.

### MARRIAGE

**Leadgate**—At St. Ives, on the 18th ult., Christopher Malpess, to Mary Ann Humble, only daughter of Edward Humble.

**Collierley**—At St. Thomas's Church, on the 27th ult., Mr. Joseph Urwin, jun., Catchgate, to Miss Hannah Dawson, of East Pontop.

### DEATHS.

**Consett**—At 2, Havelock Street, on the 28th ult., aged 18 months, George Findlay.

**Blackhill**—On the 28th ult., aged 56, Jane Sharp.

At Bexton Burn, on the 29th ult., aged 2 years, Sarah Jane Allen

**Dipton**—On the 21st ult., aged 5 years, Margaret, and on the 22nd, aged 2 years, James, children, of Mr. Wm. Armstrong, miner.

**Birtley Station**—On the 29th ult., aged 93, Michael Brady.

**Burnopfield**—At Busty Bank, on the 2nd inst., aged 23, John Hall

**Beamish**—On the 3rd, aged 75, Elizabeth Thwaites.

**Stanley**—On the 3rd inst., aged 8 months, George, son of Anthony Adamson.

**East Butsfield**—On the 25th ult., aged 25, Mary Ann Whitfield.

**Satley**—On the 26th ult., aged 59, Mary Littlefair.

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