AND PRESENTATION
CONSETT MAN.

... in the minds of many of our ... Batey, late of this town ... preacher in the Shotley Bridge ... Circuit, of the Wesleyan ... without any examination or ... of a petition from the mem... Nottingham Circuit—where ... refused admission into the ... the committee of the Con... consider such matters. Why ... been taken is a mystery to ... is best known; and such ... fail to produce a very ... beyond the circle of those ... Mr Batey underwent the ... training at the Wesleyan ... one year in circuit at Pateley ... Beeston, and as announced ... in each of the essays of ... and honours, as well as ... ordinary examinations. Sub... stationed at Beeston, where he ... acceptance, and the people of ... show their appreciation of his ... him with the following testi... To the Rev James Batey, from ... Notts, October 2nd, 1882. ... the fund for the support of a ... desire to express their regret ... Beeston. Being prevented ... before you left, they beg to ... opportunity to testify to your high ... your indefatigable efforts to do ... your care—to the faithful dis... in every respect as their ... surely hope you may be led by ... a sphere of life where you ... those abilities as successfully ... small token of our esteem and ... services, we beg that you will ... cheque for £23, which has been ... by a select circle of friends."— ... behalf of the subscribers,

Geo. Mortimer,
Teacher, Beeston School.
Wm. Lamb.
Geo. Renwick.

...respondence.

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... CHURCH EXTENSION CONCERT.

... of the Consett Guardian.

... your account of the entertain... Bridge on behalf of Benfieldside ... observe that Mr Lax's recitation ... is reported as a failure from ... was induced to make that ... best himself; but any one who ... noticed the execution on the ... fail to see it had a very effective ... Looking round at the ... piece there were at least three-... their attention rivetted on ... of its being encored confirms ... It would have done more ... reporter had given the opinion ... when I am convinced highly ... than to attempt to foist upon ... opinion that the recital was a ... a powerful weapon by which ... led, and when its writers are ... world their opinion it should be ... discretion and judgment. The ... has been before the public as a ... years, and is as your reporter ... favourite" having performed at ... within a radius of fourteen miles, ... such an opinion being expressed ... Press under which he has per... fact somewhat at variance with ... your paper, however, it is not ... free criticism, but I do ... who is doing a public service ... unjust and disparaging remarks ... correspondent of the Press.—I am

Justice.

... to insert "Justices" strictures ... the entertainment referred to. ... perfect right to express his opinion, ... must be accorded to our ... state that the piece referred to ... C.G.]

... Young Man "on the ... Durham City Petty Sessions on ... young man named Christopher ... Moor, was charged with ... woman named Ellen Connolly. ... the Blue Bell Inn, Framwell... the 2nd ult., to purchase a ... another person, when the ... stranger to her, and was stand... his intention of taking ... He accordingly felled her ... knocked some of her teeth ... eye, and was proceeding to ... the landlord interfered ... out. He absconded at ... apprehended in a drunken con... night in Durham. For the ... fined 5s and costs, or seven ... whilst for the assault, he was ... month's hard labour without ...

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...ATHS.
...th inst., aged 39 years, Emmer... ...8th inst., in her 71st year, Miss ... ...inst., aged 7 years, John James, ... Wilson. ... aged 39 years, James Campbell. ... in his 81st year, William ...

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 1882.

WATERING CANAL COMPANIES.

"NOTHING is sacred to a sapper," as the French song has it. The equivalent to the French *sapeur* is the English Company promoter. When he is on the warpath all must clear the way for him. He is the poineer of civilization, and if Westminster Abbey or the Tower of London blocked the way, it would be the case of Stephenson's cow when it met an express—"So much the worse for the coo." The company-promoter is ready to fly at any game. He had a good time of it with electric-light bubbles during the dark days of last Autumn. He has no objection to gold mines in unknown equatorial regions—the less known the better for his "plant"—nor is he altogether averse to submarine cables. But like a true son of the soil, he returns to old England and takes up the task of mending her ways with more spirit than any other enterprise you can put before him. He never can forget that there were canal navigators before the race of railway navvies, just as brave men lived before Agamemnon. The misfortune of the honest fellow who dug out our canals and then floated them by literally turning a dry ditch into a wet ditch is that there were no Company-promoters in those days. In the unsophisticated times of the BRINDLEYS and TELFOURDS, and the earlier race of engineers of whom Mr SMILES has sung the exploits, a man was made famous, as the Psalmist points out, by the excellent work that he did. He dug a ditch, he built a barge, he horsed the tow-path, and then trusted to the traffic coming in the honest way that trade, like water, always flowed in the easiest and the directest channel. But Company-promoting and financing which came in with the railways have not declined with the decline of railway enterprise. On the contrary, they have begun to attack the canal interest. A whisper has been heard in financial circles that the railroad-promoting being an orange sucked dry in this country, there are the old abandoned water-ways out of which profit might be squeezed. The motto of the Hebrew financiers is evidently that of the Marines, *Per mare et terras*, only he reverses the order. He walk through dry places first, and then, will-o'-wisp-like, takes to the ditches. Canals are now his last stand, and if we are not on our guard there will be such a speculative run on this kind of property that in the end will only damage a very legitimate form of investment. As far as our opinion is worth anything, we cannot help foreseeing a very good time coming for Canal property; but for this very reason we wish to caution investors all round. On the one hand we would intreat that much-suffering mortal, original holder of canal property, not to part with his interest in what must eventually turn out a paying concern. On the other hand, we cannot impress too strongly on the fresh investor invited to take up shares in these new canal carrying Companies that this experiment of bringing in canals to compete with railways is in its infancy. We have seen a map and a prospectus of the "Midland, Western, and Metropolitan Canal Carrying Company, Limited," and on paper nothing is more admirable. It links in one connected waterway Bristol, London, and the Black Country. The Thames thus flows into the Severn and the Severn into the Trent, and within this great irregular ditch, as we may describe it, the whole of Central and South England is shut in, like Mariana in her moated grange. The suggestion of this calling in old waterways to redress the inequalities of our new iron-ways is one which has our warmest wishes; but we still adhere to the opinion that Company-promoters will do more harm than good to an enterprise which is in its very infancy. Capital thrown into a canal fifty years ago and sunk there must be treated as tenderly as the wight who has been rescued from drowning. As for watering this canal capital we may say as of poor Ophelia, "Too much water hast thou had already." Buying up canal property implies not merely change of ownership but something given for the goodwill. Would it not be as well for the original shareholders to work it themselves, and so to prove that there is any goodwill worth selling? If they let the Company-promoter step in to buy out the old shareholders at one price and bring in a new set at another price, they will act as foolishly as the litigants who let the lawyer eat up the oyster while plaintiff and defendant are left with a shell apiece.

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OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

Although doubtless the Ministerial cheers were loud and prolonged when the Clôture was carried by a majority of 44 through the House of Commons, I have heard more than one who voted for the Government declare that they do not think this drastic innovation will prove the remedy for a blocked Parliament, which Mr Gladstone is sanguine enough to hope. The fact is the opinion since the vote gains strength. Parochial must be eliminated from Imperial Government to relieve the glut of Parliamentary business. Federal Boards for England and Scotland and Home Rule for Ireland in a similar sense are looked upon now as impending necessities, very much in the same way as immediately after the Reform Bill of 1867 the Education Act by almost the unanimous voice of the country was taken to be the next measure of national importance. So far as I can form any estimate of the conflicting opinions upon the subject, the resolutions upon which the Premier has set his mind for clearing the House for action are by no means popular even with his own supporters.

Lord Mayor Knight is a genuine Londoner. He was born and bred in the Metropolis. He was educated at the City of London School, and it is somewhat singular that he is the only old scholar of that establishment who has ever become Lord Mayor. His accession to the office coincides very auspiciously with the opening of the grand new buildings of the School on the Embankment. For once the Mansion House will have some young people in it. The new Lord Mayor has a family of five sons and five daughters.

The Lord Mayor must surely be wrong in his estimate that two millions of persons witnessed the Show on Thursday. Half the population of London could not by any possibility have squeezed themselves into the thoroughfares through which the procession passed. But the throng was thicker than I have ever known it before, and I have seen a good many Lord Mayor's Shows. The fine weather and the fact that this would be the last procession of the kind to Westminster multiplied the concourse. Many people were inclined to think, indeed, in spite of Mr Justice Field's optimist opinion of the unmutability of City Institutions, that this would be the last show and the last Lord Mayor—that is of the City proper. The military element in the Show was highly popular, as in the present epidemic of scarlet fever might have been anticipated. The American flag was loudly cheered all along the route. It was introduced last year out of compliments to the memory of General Garfield, and retained this year because it was found to be so popular then.

The evening was so bright and fine that until midnight the streets in the West End were crowded by sightseers. The illuminations consisted almost wholly of the stereotyped devices, but the people turned out not to see them but one another. Unfortunately, as it grew later the rowdy element predominated. Gangs of roughs rushed about arm in arm singing travesties of Salvation Army songs, and knocking down or crushing inoffensive passers-by. Shop girls and servant maids and less respectable females amused themselves with objectionable scent squirts, scratchers, flour bags, and "hat brushers:" the latter are a comparatively new instrument of annoyance. The brush is a tuft of silk or thread at the end of a thin cane. Its use is to brush tall hats the wrong way or to tilt them off the head.

"There's life in the old dog yet." Sir Robert Carden resembles the dog of Old Mother Hubbard. Again and again the Press has gone, metaphorically speaking, "to the undertaker's to get him a coffin," and "when it came back the dog was laughing." Since he reached the age of eighty the old Knight has been run over, half drowned, run over again, seized with all kinds of mortal complaints, and the prompt announcement of his decease has been confidently anticipated; but upon every occasion one or two days has sufficed to bring him round to full health and vigour. Only a few days ago it was announced that he had been seized with paralysis, and every one concluded that he had broken up at last. But on Lord Mayor's Day he turned up fresh and smiling, and looking as little like a paralytic as he ever did in his life. His appearance in the Guildhall was greeted with immense applause. Every one thought he was lying at death's door.

Mr Spencer Walpole has seen a great deal of public life, and does well to retire from it at the advanced age of 77. There are a few older men in the House, but few with his Parliamentary experience. He is a collateral descendant of the famous Sir Robert Walpole, who was of opinion that every man had his price. He was as little like his illustrious great granduncle as could be, and will be remembered as a grave and dignified and useful public servant. Mr Cecil Raikes will, of course, be returned as his successor in the representation of Cambridge. But the ex-Chairman of Committees is not serving the Conservatives of Preston in leaving them at a moment's notice. Mr Gorst pointedly declines to do the same for Chatham. The Prestonians are trying Lord Randolph Churchill, who may well be pardoned for perferring the security of his family borough of Woodstock, especially as Mr Tomlinson has determined this time on dividing the Conservative vote. A little time ago I heard Lord Randolph Churchill described somewhat unkindly as "a young fellow with the head of a toy terrier and the brains of a gnat." I doubt whether that is now the popular estimation of the man. He is rapidly passing beyond the stage of ridicule. However much his politics may be disliked, his genuine ability as a debater is becoming acknowledged. His defection from his party or the debate upon Mr Gibson's amendment did not accomplish much numerical mischief to the orthodox Opposition. Lord Randolph has adopted the Disraelian legend of a "Tory Democracy," and repudiates the leadership of Sir Stafford Northcote almost as decisively as his model and protype repudiated that of Sir Robert Peel.

The young Ishmael of his party, as the member for Woodstock is called, has so overshot the mark that on the whole he is well advised to remain the sitting member for his father's pocket borough. Wisely enough, he has declined the request of the Conservatives of Preston to contest that borough, about to be vacated by Mr Cecil Raikes. As for Mr Raikes's candidature for the University of Cambridge, it goes on swimmingly.

Strangely enough, just as the Law Courts are about to be removed to the Strand and the old Courts of Westminster finally abandoned, a use has sprung up for these disused adjuncts of Westminster Hall, which will perhaps lead to their being rebuilt or restored on a grander scale. The new system of Grand Committees of the House will require additional accommodation besides the existing Committee Rooms, which are small and inconvenient. The question, indeed, is part of a larger one—whether the existing House of Commons is not inadequate for the purposes of a debate in a full House. Perhaps the best solution would be to erect an entirely new House of Commons, and to relegate the old Chamber of Barry to the uses of the Grand Committee.

Sir Percival Heywood has nominated, as was expected, the Rev H. Cowgill, the curate of St John, Miles Plating, as successor to Mr Green, and the meaning of this appointment at once explains Mr Green's resignation. He has simply stepped out of Lancaster Gaol to oblige his party, just as he served his party by occupying furnished lodgings there rent free at the cost of the country. It is time that this ecclesiastical comedy were played out on both sides. The country is tired of the players, both High and Low, and will soon insist that if the Church of England has her internal differences (as what sect has not?) they shall be settled in some other way than by selecting victims, High, Low, and Middle, and dragging them into Court.

A curious fact has turned up with regard to the assault on Judge Lawson which should be given with all reserve. At all events, it is the talk of Dublin, and as such will bear repeating elsewhere. It is said that the murderous attempt of the prisoner, who is a marked character, and well-known to the police, was only a feint. It was a plant to get himself arrested, and to enable him to turn Queen's Evidence in connection with the murders of May last in the Phoenix Park. For some time the police have been running home the suspected parties, and the fresh circulation of the advertisements of the promised reward is another sign that they are drawing their toils very close around the conspiracy. It is now thought that one of the gang is going to turn on his comrades; but as his life would not be worth an hour's purchase if he were at large, his safest course is to get into custody on a minor charge, and then when safe from the reach of vengeance to disclose all he knows and get at least some of the blood-money. This is the story, and your readers will receive it for what it is worth.

Parliamentary Summary.

THURSDAY.

In the House of Commons, Mr ARNOLD gave notice that he would move an amendment to Sir S. Northcote's motion on Egypt, to the effect that the employment of a portion of her Majesty's forces in Egypt was necessary for the preservation of law and order, and for the protection of the Egyptian people in their endeavours to obtain self-government. Mr CHILDERS, replying to Mr Salt, said he could not give the number of troops that would remain in Egypt, and with regard to the cost of those troops being borne by Egypt, he must refer the hon. member to the answer given a few days ago by the Prime Minister. Sir C. DILKE, replying to Mr Bourke, said when Arabi surrendered he did so unconditionally. Mr CHILDERS, replying to Mr O'Kelly, said he had more than once stated that General Wolseley had no communication with Baker Pacha relative to the command of the Egyptian army. Sir C. DILKE, replying to Mr Bourke, said he had already given all the information he could relative to the trial of Arabi. Her Majesty's Government had no reason to believe that either prisoners or their counsel were dissatisfied with the arrangements made. He declined to enter into questions of Egyptian law. Mr GLADSTONE could not then say whether the telegram published to-day announcing the abolition of the dual control in Egypt was authentic. When any result was arrived it would be communicated to Parliament. Mr CHILDERS, in reply to Lord C. Hamilton, could not then state if it was intended to call out the Irish Militia for training next year. The adjourned debate on Sir S. Northcote's motion to reject the first resolution on procedure was resumed. Viscount Sandon supported the proposal.

FRIDAY.

In the House of Commons, Sir CHARLES DILKE, in answer to Lord Randolph Churchill, said that, although the Egyptian Government had expressed an opinion as to the abolition of the dual control, no decree had been issued abolishing it. Mr FAWCETT, in response to Mr Slagg, said it had been decided not to renew the mail contract to Zanzibar, as it was believed that a sufficiently good service could be secured without it. In answer to Sir Richard Cross, Mr E. ASHLEY said that, according to a telegram received from Lord Napier by the Colonial Secretary, it was true that the Chief Inspector of Police at Gibraltar, on his own authority, had sent certain Cuban refugees to the British frontier near Gibraltar, and prevented them from returning into British territory. The matter was now under judicial investigation. Sir C. DILKE said it was not true that the Spanish Government had refused to restore the refugees. No communications had yet been received from that Government. Mr GLADSTONE, replying to Sir Stafford Northcote, said the Government were not prepared to interrupt the course of proceedings in respect to the procedure resolutions for the discussion of the motion of the right hon. baronet on the Egyptian question. He hoped on Tuesday, however, to be able to give some information which would throw a light upon the subject of the notice in question. Mr GLADSTONE, at the instance of Mr Ashmead-Bartlett, said the Government did not intend to employ the Queen's forces to suppress the military rebellion in the Soudan against His Highness the Khedive. Mr GLADSTONE, in reply to Lord Randolph Churchill, said the Egyptian Government had committed no act within the knowledge of Her Majesty's Ministers which tended to lead them to withdraw their confidence from the Khedive. Other questions having been answered, the debate on the procedure rules was resumed by Mr O'SHEA, who supported the Government proposal.

MONDAY.

In the House of Commons, in answer to Mr SUMMERS, Sir C. DILKE stated that the rumoured intention of France to take possession of part of the coast of Madagascar was under the consideration of the Government. Mr GLADSTONE, in reply to Sir H. D. WOLFF, stated that part of Lord Dufferin's mission would be to discuss arrangements for the settlement of Egypt to which Her Majesty's Government would be a party, and for the establishment of institutions in which the Egyptian people should be represented. Mr GLADSTONE, in answer to Sir S. NORTHCOTE, said it was intended to pass the Grand Committees resolution experimentally for a short time. Sir S. NORTHCOTE asked if the PRIME MINISTER could fix a day for discussing Mr Bourke's resolution with reference to the surrender of Arabi Pasha. Mr GLADSTONE said he was not prepared to name a day while the judicial proceedings against Arabi were pending, seeing that the discussion of the question proposed by the hon. member, and more particularly a vote of the House condemning Arabi's conduct, might unfairly prejudice his case. Mr MOLLOY asked if, in the event of a verdict to that effect, Arabi Pasha could be executed without the concurrence of Her Majesty's Government. Mr GLADSTONE said he had no doubt that Arabi would not be put to death without the consent of Her Majesty's Government. In reply to Sir S. NORTHCOTE, Mr GLADSTONE said he intended to-day to make a brief statement, not as to the general condition of affairs in Egypt, but more particularly in reference to the notice which the right hon. gentleman had himself given. Lord R. CHURCHILL asked the PRIME MINISTER to explain what connection the surrender of Arabi Pasha had with his trial. Mr GLADSTONE said he was quite willing to give the whole answer over again that he had given to Sir S. NORTHCOTE, but he had already put the case as clearly as he possibly could. Lord R. CHURCHILL moved the adjournment of the House, and proceeded to complain of the treatment of the Egyptian prisoners. The SPEAKER said that the noble lord could not enter into the question of the surrender of Arabi, which was already the subject of a motion in the name of Mr Bourke. Lord R. CHURCHILL said he did not intend to discuss Mr Bourke's motion, but to call attention to the trial of Arabi. After some further discussion the motion for adjournment was negatived. Subsequently the SPEAKER read a letter which had been received from Mr BROADHURST, who pointed out that he had not been allowed to fulfil his obligations as a member, and that the Court had refused to hear the friendly suit instituted to test his rights. He asked the House to permit him to be heard at the bar as to his claims. Mr LABOUCHERE gave notice that, on an early day, he would move that Mr Bradlaugh be heard at the bar. Mr GLADSTONE then moved the second reading of the Procedure resolutions.

TUESDAY.

In the House of Commons, Mr GLADSTONE made his promised statement upon Egyptian affairs. He pointed out that since the conclusion of peace they had been bringing back the troops, and between the 4th of October and the 8th of November the force of 33,000 men in Egypt had been reduced to about 12,000. That being so, they had arrived at a particular state of things which must of course only be provisional. They had no idea of making it permanent, and he hoped that the occupation would be brought to a close as soon as possible. The next step for the Government to take would be to make a convention which would secure the future good government of Egypt and the maintenance of peace and order. They thought the cost of the present occupation should be divided between the Government of England and the Government of Egypt. He hoped shortly to be able to make a further statement as to the total cost of the military operations in Egypt. Sir S. NORTHCOTE said he did not think it was satisfactory to the people or the Parliament of the country that they should be sitting when all these important arrangements were going on, and that they should not have an opportunity of discussing them. Mr R. YORKE gave notice that on Thursday he would move for a Committee of inquiry into the arrangements commonly called the "Kilmainham Treaty." Mr GLADSTONE said he should object to the words "commonly called the Kilmainham Treaty," because he had always repudiated the existence of any such treaty. Several questions having been answered, the adjourned debate on the second of the business resolutions relating to motions for the adjournment of the House was resumed by Lord R. CHURCHILL.

WEDNESDAY.

In the House of Commons, Sir RICHARD CROSS asked the Prime Minister when he would lay on the table the provisions he proposed to make with respect to the Standing Committees. Mr GLADSTONE said he was not in a position to do so, but he would endeavour to give the information to-day or to-morrow. The adjourned debate on the second of the procedure resolutions was resumed by Lord R. CHURCHILL, who moved to add to the resolution, "that leave should be granted to move the adjournment unless ten members demanded a division by rising in their places." Mr GLADSTONE believed that in the cases contemplated by the amendment it was contrary to the national habit to shut out discussion, and the majority of the House would support any demand made for it. He did not see that any disadvantage would arise from adopting the amendment, and he would therefore accept it. At the same time he was perfectly satisfied that the minorities would not abuse the privilege conferred upon them. After some observations from Mr NEWDEGATE and Mr WARTON, the amendment was agreed to, and the resolution as amended, was also passed. Mr GLADSTONE moved the third resolution, which provides that when a motion is made for the adjournment of a debate or of the House during any debate, or that the Chairman of Committee report progress or leave the chair, the debate shall be strictly confined to the matter of such motion, and no member having spoken shall be entitled to make a similar motion. In the course of the debate which followed Mr GLADSTONE consented to give up the word "strictly." The resolution was still under discussion when the House adjourned.

FUNERAL OF MISS MADDISON, LATE OF DIPTON.

By our obituary columns of to-day our readers will observe the death, at the early age of 21, of Margaret, the only daughter of Mr John Maddison, late of Dipton. Deceased has been ailing for some years, and although her friends entertained and clung to the hope of her recovery for a long time, and tried every means, yet their hope has at last gone, and she is dead. Some time ago the deceased spent a considerable time in Mentone, where she seemed to the outward eye to improve, and for some time after her return home she seemed as if the change had had an improving effect, but alas! only for a time, the seeds of that dire disease, consumption, had laid too fast hold, notwithstanding everything that human aid and skill could devise.—The funeral took place in St. Thomas's Churchyard, Collierley, on Tuesday afternoon. The *cortege* left Mr Maddison's residence, Foxberry, at an early hour on Tuesday morning, and reached Annfield Plain about three p.m., where they were met by some hundreds of sympathising friends who followed to the Church. On arriving the procession was met by the newly appointed vicar, Rev J. Gornall, who in a most impressive manner, conducted the solemn ceremony. The service was choral and was rendered by the choir in such a manner as to call forth highest praise from all. Deceased was interred in the family vault by the side of her brother, who died about three years ago. Her amiable and kind disposition had endeared her to all, and many were the remarks of her kindness as she was born on the shoulders of those who had been her companions to her long home. The whole line of route was crowded. Much sympathy is felt for Mr Maddison in his bereavement.

NORTHUMBERLAND COAL TRADE.

PROPOSED ADVANCE TO THE MEN.

The proposed alteration in the Northumberland sliding scale—advocated a fortnight ago at Broomhill by Mr Burt, M.P., and which has been under consideration for some time—was discussed at a meeting held in the Wood Memorial Hall on Tuesday. As the time is approaching for the expiration of the existing sliding scale, the present was thought an opportune time to secure a more favourable basis than that on which the present scale is conducted. This opinion was concurred in by the county, and at a meeting held some time ago Mr Burt explained to some of the owners the changes desired. The latter asked for an opportunity of consulting with those owners not then present, and the meeting of Tuesday was held to tender and to hear the reply of the coalowners. There was a good attendance of employers and of the representatives of the men. The proceedings were conducted privately, but we understand it was urged on behalf of the coalowners that as the present sliding scale had so far worked satisfactorily, it was not desirable that any change should be made in it. This was urged for various reasons, and the owners offered that if at the next ascertainment of the sliding scale it was found no advance was due to the men, they would then agree to raise the wages of the miners at the various collieries to the extent of 2½ per cent. There was some discussion on the proposition, and ultimately the representatives of the men intimated that the matter would be submitted to the consideration of the county. The proceedings then terminated. A vote of the miners of the county will be taken as to whether the offer of the owners should be accepted, and the result of the vote, when it has been ascertained, will be communicated to the Owners' Association.

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THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF DURHAM AT LAMBTON CASTLE.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

On the arrival of the Earl and Countess of Durham at Chester-le-Street Station on Saturday night, a cordial reception was given them. Thousands of people travelled from all parts to welcome the newly-married couple. The display of bunting was profuse, and the Lambton Arms were beautifully illuminated. The carriage was drawn by the people with ropes, and the Pelton Hill Band attended and played appropriate selections. On alighting the Earl made a very neat speech, thanking those present on behalf of himself and wife for the welcome they had accorded him. A liberal supply of refreshments was supplied, and the Lumley and Fatfield Brass Bands played until a late hour. The fireworks during the night were brilliant, and greatly appreciated by the onlookers.

Shortly after the carriage conveying the Earl and Countess passed down the street, a horse attached to a cart belonging to Mr Crichton, of Chester-le-Street, took fright at some fireworks which the enthusiastic crowd had set off. And the panic created was dreadful. Everyone ran to get out of the way of the infuriated animal, but the street was densely packed that all could not escape. The result was the instantaneous death of a boy named Edward Davison and serious injury to five others. The driver of the horse had four of his ribs broken, and was at once conveyed to Dr. Murray's surgery. Some of Mr Crichton's children were in the cart at the time, but they did not take any harm, although the *shafts* were broken and other damage was done. An inquest was held at the Police Station, Chester-le-Street, on Monday before Mr Coroner Graham, when a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

CHURCH MISSION AT CONSETT.

For some weeks past an interested observer may have noticed that active preparations were being made by the Clergy and several of the leading members of the congregation attending Christ Church, Consett, for holding a series of special services similar to the mission held in November of last year. That mission, it will be remembered, was most encouraging and was attended with very satisfactory results. As the vicar (the Rev F. Steggall), in his letter addressed to the parishioners, aptly states—"Owing to the interest shown in the Mission conducted by the Rev J. H. Haslam, last November, in Consett Parish Church, and believing that many received lasting good at the time, I have been encouraged to take steps for holding another Mission from November 11th to November 22nd. Another great issue of that mission was the establishment of a local branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, which is successfully carried on to this day, and boasts of a roll of nearly 300 members. The clergyman who accepted the post of Missioner on this occasion is the Rev Frank W. Dodd, B.A., vicar of All Saints, Islington. A band of workers have been engaged during the past month making house to house calls, issuing cordial invitations to the mission, and distributing papers detailing the nature of the several daily services. Besides all this, devotional meetings and conferences have been held almost nightly, at which prayers have been offered for the success of this movement.

The Mission commenced in real earnest on Saturday evening last, when a special service was held in the Church chiefly for the reception of the Mission Clergyman. On Sunday, the services were—10·30 a.m., Mission Services, with celebration of Holy Communion (morning only); 2·30 p.m.—Service for children; 3·30 p.m.—Address to teachers; and 6·30 p.m.—Mission Service with after meeting. Mr Dodds is an able and fluent speaker, and his powerful discourses, which are both thoughtful, eloquent, and original, are listened to with more than ordinary attention, and the earnest and conscientious manner in which he discharges his arduous task creates a lasting impression on the minds of his hearers. All the Sunday services were numerously attended, the sacred edifice being well filled in the evening. On the week-days the services have been—12·15 to 12·20 p.m.—Prayer meeting during the dinner-hour; 3 p.m.—Address on the "Christian Life;" 7·30 p.m.—Mission Service, with after meeting. On Tuesday and this (Friday) afternoon, a special service for the school children was held at 4 o'clock. Up to last (Thursday) evening, the services have been largely attended, and the efforts of the Mission blessed with a fair amount of success. Special mission hymns are used at all the services, and it would be far better, we think, if the full choir (with the organ accompaniment) were brought in to requisition at the week-night meetings, and thus avoid a repitition of the failure in the singing which was experienced on Tuesday night, and make the services of a more hearty and effective character.

Football

TOW LAW v. STANLEY (ASSOCIATION).—This match was played at Tow Law on Saturday last, and resulted in a draw, each club obtaining two goals. Mr Holliday writes: Stanley made two splendid goals, and Tow Law only one goal, and such goal being a "fluke."

BURNOPFIELD WANDERERS v. ELSWICK LEATHER WORKS' ASSOCIATION.—Played on Saturday on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a victory for the Wanderers by three goals to nil. Teams:—Burnopfield—Goal, G Green; backs, S. Curry and G. Strong; half backs, B. Mason and J. Fisk; right wing, G. Holmes and W J Cawthorn; left wing, S. Trewick and J. Watson; centres, J. H. Brown (captain). J. W. Rodham. Elswick—Goal, A. Perkins; backs, E. Robson and C. Whitcom; half backs, W. Pearson, J. Johnson, T. Robertson; forwards, J. Cherry, J. Dobson, S. Pearson, W. Harris, and J. Lowery; umpires, W. Knox and R. Thompson. The goals were obtained by Brown, 2; Trewick, 1.

NORTH-EASTERN v. DERWENT ROVERS.—Played at Heaton, and resulted in a victory for the North-Eastern by two goals to one. Teams:—North-Eastern—Goal, J. Darrel; backs, W. Hall and J. Hope; half backs, John Oliver, R. Bellwood, and W. Woods; forwards, J. A. Grice, James Oliver, R. A. Forsyth, T. J. Pringle (captain), and T. A. Strafford. Derwent Rovers—Goal, Coleman; backs, J. Nivens and Ferguson; half backs, P. Weedy, Burns, and Smith; forwards, J. Weedy, Hogarth, McGee, O'Neill (captain), and Dent.

DERWENT ROVERS 2ND v. NORTH-EASTERN 2ND.—Played at Burnopfield on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the home team by three goals to one. Teams:—Derwent Rovers—Goal, P. Campbell; backs, H. Weedy and J. Pilcotton; half backs, R. Armstrong, W. Doby, and T. Ferguson; forwards, J. Fenwick, D. Rainbough, J. Brown, M. Baker and T. Dixon. North-Eastern—Goal, W. H. Bromby; backs, Wm. David and G. Mason; half backs, T. J. Downes, David and W. Wood; forwards, J. McPherson (captain), A. Penman, T. Reaveley, and A. Pigg. North-Eastern played two short.

TOW LAW v. WILLINGTON.—This match was played in Willington Park on Saturday last, in two twenties and two quarters, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by one goal, two tries (one disputed) against one try. The tries for Tow Law were obtained by Coatman (2) and H. Slater (1). The goal was kicked by Drummond. Tow Law—Back, John Proud; three-quarter backs, F. Drummond (captain) and W. J. Hall; half backs, L. Parker and J. T. Turner; forwards, John Walton, Alfred Collingwood, Thomas Hall, R. B. Stankley, R. Weatherall, Thomas Turner, John Coatman, W. Hodgson, Henry Slater, and John Wilkinson.

LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

At the ordinary meeting of this Board, held at Lanchester Workhouse yesterday (Thursday) week, there were present Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., J.P. (chairman), Messrs W. Logan, W. H. Hedley, J. Wilkinson, N. Clark, John Collinson, Joseph Eltringham, G. Hobson, Rev C. Gillow, and the clerk (Mr Ritson).

The record of the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE DISPUTE ABOUT THE HOSPITAL SITE AT CONSETT.

The Clerk read a communication from Messrs Thompson and Lisle, solicitors, Durham, stating that they had considered the order of the Local Government Board constituting the Hospital Board, and were of opinion that the agreement entered into between the Board and Mrs Gee for the purchase of land near Consett would not be binding upon them, because it was not made under their common seal.

A letter was also read from Mr Horsley, agent for Mrs Gee, intimating that unless the £150 was immediately forthcoming, interest would be charged on the purchase money (less the £10 already paid) at the rate of 5 per cent.

Mr LOGAN said if the Board threw up this site they would have to make other arrangements. At present where is there another suitable site in the district? He thought the question might be put off until the coal underneath was worked out.

The CHAIRMAN said there was a great deal of feeling expressed both outside and in that Board-room against erecting an Hospital at all; but

Mr LOGAN said they need not take any notice of that.

Mr CLARK affirmed that it would be simply throwing the ratepayers' money away to build on that land now.

Mr HEDLEY was of opinion that the land would be perfectly safe for building upon eighteen months or two years after the coal was wrought out beneath it.

Mr ELTRINGHAM contended that if the Board cancelled the agreement at this period, they were getting out of the bargain in a very dishonourable manner. He thought that whenever a single individual agreed to purchase a piece of land, he should keep his word; and it was necessarily incumbent on that Board, as a public body, to adopt the same course. They knew perfectly well what the conditions were when they negotiated for the site. He moved that the Board purchase the 1½ acres of land from Mrs Gee, for £150; and that the question of erecting an infectious hospital remain in abeyance until such time as the Consett Iron Company have worked the minerals from beneath the ground.

Mr CLARK seconded the proposal.

On the motion being submitted to the meeting, it was carried—5 members voted for and 2 against it, 2 being neutral.

Mr LOGAN thereupon suggested that, the Board having agreed to purchase a piece of land from Mrs Gee, the Consett Iron Company be asked to use their utmost endeavours to extract the coal from udderneath that site with the greatest possible speed.

Mr WILKINSON seconded.

Mr ELTRINGHAM, Mr CLARK, and other members dissented to this proposal, which was ultimately lost, two members voting for it, and four against.

The Board then rose.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

At the monthly of this Board, held in the Benfieldside Schools last Friday afternoon, there were present Mr Charles Wilson (in the chair) Rev A. Bailiee, Rev W. Baitey, Mr J. Priestman, J.P., Mr Henry Carss, Mr W. Telford, and the Clerk (Mr R. G. Barclay).

FINANCE.

After confirming minutes of last ordinary meeting, the Finance Committee's Report was read, and the monthly salaries and accounts, amounting to £64 19s, were recommended to be paid.

On the proposition of Mr CARSS, seconded by the Rev A. BAILIEE, the report was adopted, and cheques ordered to be signed for the several items mentioned therein.

THE LADIES' COMMITTEE.

The annexed report was presented by the Ladies' Committee:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside School Board.

GENTLEMEN,—The Ladies' Committee have visited the Girls' and Infants' Schools pretty regularly each week during the past year, and they have been pleased to find the schools invariably in good order; the children apparently working well, and the teachers taking pains with them.

Many of the elder girls under Miss Kinnear's charge seem intelligent and neat in appearance; a number of these girls have, however, just left the schools, as unhappily hardly any of the parents seem willing to allow their children to remain at school after the earliest possible time they can remove them. It would be pleasant to see the infants, especially in the Benfieldside School, look cleaner and neater, and the forlorn appearance of many of them is probably owing to the very dirty state of the floor, walls, and gallery. The walls and floor of the small class-room adjoining the girls' schoolroom are extremely dirty, and the Blackhill Infant School, though much improved of late is very far from clean. There is also very great want of more accommodation for the girls' hats and jackets, the passage fitted up with pegs being liable to be filled to overflowing, the washhouse basins covered with childrens' garments, as well as a number of hats lying on the floor of this passage.

With regard to educational details, the girls generally write very well indeed, and seem to be well advanced in arithmetic, working the sums with readiness; but it is observed that some of the girls in the lower standards are too apt to reckon on their fingers. The sewing of many of the elder girls has been very good indeed, and great pains must have been taken by all the teachers to produce such good results in the work generally; even the sewing done by the infants being surprisingly good for such small children.

(Signed on behalf of the Committee),
L. A. PRIESTMAN.

Shotley Bridge, Nov. 8th.

The recommendations contained in the report were referred to the Finance Committee.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

The Attendance officer (Mr J. Johnson), presented the subjoined statistics:—

	Average attendance on books.		No. on Register.	
Board Schools—Boys	171·0	877	231	507
" " Girls	157·3		196	
" " Infants	59·7		80	
Derwent Street Schools	103·2			109
Roman Catholic, mixed	200·0			37
" Infants	66·0			82
Shotley Grove	103·4			113
Totals	860·3			1018

The average attendance is 82 per cent.

Mr PRIESTMAN said the attendance was very much worse in the Board Schools (with the exception of Derwent Street Infants and the R.C. Infants) than in the other schools in the district. The Benfieldside schools were bad in all departments.

The CHAIRMAN: We used to stand pretty high when the schools were first opened.

The Clerk pointed out that the boys' department at the Board Schools was the worst.

DERWENT STREET INFANT SCHOOL: H.M. INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Clerk next read the report of Her Majesty's Inspector touching the recent examination at Derwent Street Infant School, from which it was ascertained that, out of an average attendance of 88 scholars, 75 were presented for examination. The total grant this year was £63 18s, as against £51 earned in the preceding year.

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Reported that the list of arrears during the past financial year had been received, but was referred to the Board for further consideration. The Head-Master (Mr Teares) suggested that as an inducement for regular attendance at school, an extra charge of 1d per week be made to children who have been absent 20 times in one quarter. The Committee recommend that a female Ex-P.T. be obtained to teach Standard I of the Boys' school.

Messrs Carss, Wilson, and Telford, were appointed a special committee to go through the lists of fees, and consider what arrears should be remitted.

EXTRA CHARGE FOR ABSENTEES.

Touching the recommendation of charging a 1d per week extra for certain absentees, as mentioned above, Mr CARSS opposed the suggestion on three ground, viz.,—first, because the object of School Boards was to give a free education; second, because their scale of fees were fixed and approved by the Education Department, and therefore could not be altered without the consent of that Department; and thirdly, if they could not make the children attend school at a low fee, he was sure they would not get them there by raising the fee. He thought the right course to pursue was to see that those children attended school; and, in case of default, to summon the parents before the magistrates.

Mr TEARES (who had been called into the room) was rather doubtful whether they could get a conviction in such cases. He explained that supposing there were 66 children attending irregularly during the quarter, that the extra fee imposed should drive 6 of that number away, and make the other 60 attend more regularly, he thought the benefit to the school would more than counterbalance what would be lost by six of the scholars leaving.

Mr CARSS asserted that, under these circumstances, the magistrates ought to have no hesitation in convicting the parents. The magistrates were bound to carry out the law to its very letter; and this being so, they were in reality compelled to convict, even if a child was only absent from school once or twice.

Mr PRIESTMAN explained that a certain amount of discretionary power was vested in the magistrates. The time might eventually come when the justices would convict for 20 absentees in one quarter, but he felt sure that such a case could not be sustained at the present time. In his opinion, a small fine would have the same effect as charging an extra fee.

Mr CARSS said they had no power to enforce fines.

Mr PRIESTMAN explained that the Board had not the power to enforce the additional fees.

Mr CARSS remarked that the question before the Board was, what is the law on that point? The law says that a child must attend a public elementary school. Now these children are not attending such a school regularly, and therefore it was their duty to compel them; and it was moreover the duty of the magistrates to carry out that law.

Mr TEARES believed that if the parents knew that they had to pay an extra penny per week, they would endeavour to send their children more regularly.

Mr CARSS said the idea was a good one, if it could only be carried out.

Ultimately, after some further observations, Mr CARSS moved that the head teachers be instructed to prepare a list daily of the names of the children absent from school, and furnish the attendance officer with such list, who shall immediately on receipt of the same, look after the absentees.

The Rev A. BAILIEE seconded the proposition, which was unanimously passed.

THE TEACHING STAFF.

In consequence of the reduction of the teaching staff of the schools, by the dismissal of one of the assistant masters, Mr Tears announced that the present staff was totally insufficient to keep up the efficiency of the schools.

After a lengthy discussion, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr PRIESTMAN, seconded by the Rev W. BAITEY, that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Education Department for permission to engage a female teacher to take charge of Standard I of the Boys' School in a separate class-room.

The other business was unimportant.

A GLANCE AT THE NEWCASTLE FREE LIBRARY.

The "canny toon" can boast of many fine public buildings, but few, if any of them can compare in beauty and size with the Free Library in new Bridge Street. If a thing of beauty be a joy for ever Novocastrians may certainly reckon upon being possessed of what cannot fail to be both an attractive and useful institution. Having occasion to pass through Newcastle recently, the writer resolved to pay a visit to the Reading-room, which is attached to the Library, and which has only been opened within the last few weeks. Of the Free Library Building itself, nothing need here be written, ample descriptions having appeared in local papers at the time when the building was formaley opened by Joseph Cowen, M.P. On entering it the visitor will find the Lending Library to his left and the Reading-room to his right. The Reading-room has only one fault—that of being too small, otherwise it is all that could be desired. The room is divided into two sections, the first and larger one being devoted to daily newspapers and weeklies; while the second and smaller one contains the monthly and quarterly magazines, along with numerous time-tables and similar compilations. The "rests" on which are placed the daily newspapers, are an improvement on those usually in use in free libraries. A little finger post indicates where any particular paper may be found, thus a troublesome search after a paper which one specially desires to see is obviated. Above each table, on which are placed the "weeklies," is a lettered board informing the visitor the general character of the papers to be found at that particular table. Any person requiring the Graphic or Illustrated London News, has but to glance at the board above each table and he can tell in a minute where to find those papers. Carefulness in small details like these adds to the comfort of frequenters of the Reading-room, and reflects credit on the management. The number and variety of the papers provided, indicate also a desire to provide for all classes and tastes. Among the daily papers—numbering in all 27—will be found the *Irish Times* and the *Glasgow Herald*, as well as our English papers. Of weekly papers there are over 50. There are also two bi-weeklies. In the small room will be found 33 monthly magazines and papers, and 11 quarterlies. There is matter enough to satisfy the most insatiable reader. Such libraries as the one the "canny toon" possesses are amongst the most useful institutions any town can boast of. They not only prove a boon to the inhabitants of the place itself, but to visitors whose stay is but a brief one, they are a source of attraction. Many a one is at a loss where to spend an hour or two when on a visit to a town. It may be rain puts an end to sight seeing, and the only refuge under the circumstances probably is the public-house—a by no means desirable shelter. Anyone, however, dropping into a Free Library such as the one I have described, is enabled at once to procure a shelter and to pass an hour in a profitable manner. Let those who may have occasion to visit Newcastle profit by this hint.

A. H., York.

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CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, November 14th—Before A. TOWN, Esq. (chairman) and R. DICKINSON, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

John Thompson, who was charged by P.C. Roper with being drunk at Leadgate, was fined 5s and costs; or seven day's imprisonment.

James Conn[illegible]y was charged by Sergt. Nattrass with being drunk and incapable at Dipton, on the 4th November, and was likewise fined 5s and 7s 6d costs.

Jeremiah Cunningham and *John Fraser* were brought up by P.C. Davison for being guilty of drunkenness at Dipton, on Saturday, 4th inst.—About half-past eleven o'clock on the night in question the officer found the defendants lying asleep in a public thoroughfare.—Both defendants admitted the offence, and were let off with a penalty of 5s each and expenses.

Joseph Kelly failed to answer a charge, preferred by P.C. Davison, of being drunk and disorderly by fighting at Hill Top, Dipton, about 11·30 p.m., on Saturday, 4th inst., and was ordered to pay a fine of 10s and costs; or undergo seven day's hard labour in default.

Daniel McClear pleaded guilty to being drunk at Consett on November 9th.—P.C. Foster adduced that about 12·45 a.m. on the Thursday previous he came upon the defendant in a beastly state of intoxication and lying fast asleep on the road side. Witness roused the defendant up, but as he could not give any information as to where he resided, he took him in custody.—A fine of 5s and costs (11s in all) was imposed.

John Hanlon was accused by the last-named officer of being drunk and riotous at Consett on Saturday evening last.—About half-past three o'clock in the afternoon the officer was called into Green Street, where he observed the defendant causing a great disturbance. Witness ordered him away, but he consequently met the defendant in Medomsley Road, creating another row, and he was obliged to take the latter to the lock-up.—Defendant was fined in the usual amount, or go to goal for seven days.

John Robinson was brought up by P.C. Wood for being drunk and incapable in Medomsley Road, Consett, on Saturday, 11th November.—Defendant admitted the charge, and was accorded a similar punishment.

Henry Mitchell was found guilty on the evidence of P.C. Roper, of being intoxicated and staggering about the streets at Leadgate, on the previous Saturday night.—The defendant, it appears, was jostling against everybody he met; and finally he caught hold of the police-officer by the shoulder and began to use some very bad language to him. The constable placed the defendant in durance vile for his pains. Defendant denied the accusation, alleging that three glasses of beer was all the liquor he had on that day.—A fine of 5s and 6s 4d costs was inflicted, otherwise a week's imprisonment with hard labour.

John Burns, alias John Carroll, was charged by P.C. Hudson with being drunk and guilty of disorderly conduct at Consett.—The officer deposed that about half-past nine o'clock on Saturday, 11th inst., he noticed the defendant in Front Street very drunk and excited, waiving his hat about and wanting to fight. Witness told defendant to go home, but as he declined to do so he was eventually locked up.—This defendant also denied that he was inebriated, having only, as he affirmed, imbibed three pints of ale.—He was mulcted in the sum of 5s and cost; with the alternation of seven days' hard labour.

John McArden was put forward by P.C. Crabb for being drunk and creating a noisy disturbance in Consett streets last Saturday night, and was treated in a similar manner.

John Atkins having been found by P.C. Hudson in a state of drunkenness and also lying across the footpath in Middle Street, Consett, on the preceding Saturday night, was fined in 5s and 7s 4d costs.

John Young was summoned for being drunk and riotous at Consett last Saturday evening.—P.C. Watson testified that about half-past eleven o'clock he observed the defendant in Church Street in a very drunken condition. He went to McNally's to get lodgings, but was told that he could not be taken in there. Witness then directed the defendant to another lodging-house higher up the street, when the latter became most abusive and used some obscene language.—Fined 5s and costs; or seven days in default.

P.C. Foster charged *Thomas Jones* with being drunk and guilty of disorderly conduct.—About 11·30 p.m. on Saturday last, the defendant was making a great noise in Middle Street, Consett, by shouting and swearing. Witness took him into custody, and on the road to the Police Station he waxed exceedingly violent, and he had to obtain assistance to convey the defendant to the cell.—Committed to hard labour for seven days, in default of paying a fine of 5s and defraying all expenses.

Francis McGlen was placed in the dock on a charge of being drunk and riotous at Consett on the previous (Sunday) evening.—P.C. Hudson said that about ten minutes past eleven o'clock he saw the defendant in Medomsley Road under the influence of liquor. Witness asked him to go away, whereupon the defendant looked for some big stones which he asserted he would "throw at the big b—— (the officer)."—A penalty of 5s with the costs; or seven days in the House of Correction, was imposed.

Markets.

NEWCASTLE FRUIT AND POTATO, Saturday.—Scotch potatoes, 8d per stone; onions, 7d per stone; cucumbers, 6d to 8d each; cooking apples, 1s 4d to 2s 6d per stone; dessert apples, 4d to 6d per lb; blackberries, 7d per quart; figs, 4d to 6d per lb; pears, 2d to 3d per lb; grapes, 6d per lb; cauliflowers, cabbages, roots, and other classes at late rates.

DURHAM PROVISION, Saturday.—Beef, 8d to 10d; mutton, 8d to 10d; veal, 9d to 10d; pork, 8d to 9½d; bacon, 7d to 9d; ham, 9d to 9½d; cheese, 8d; lard, 8d per lb; chickens, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; ducks, 2s 0d to 2s 9d; geese, 6s to 11s; turkeys, 7s to 9s; hares, 4s to 4s 6d; leverets, 2s 6d to 2s 9d each; pheasants, 6s; partridges, 3s per brace; rabbits, 3s to 3s 4d; pigeons, 1s 4d to 1s 6d per couple. Butter, 1s 6d to 1s 8d; do, salt, 1s to 1s 2d per lb; eggs, 5 to 6 for 1s; pears, 8d to 4d; grapes, 6d to 8d per lb; apples, 2s to 3s; onions, 10d to 2s per peck; potatoes, 7d to 8d per stone.

HEXHAM PROVISION, Tuesday.—Butter, 1s 5d to 1s 6d per lb; eggs, 5 to 6 for 1s; chickens 2s 6d to 3s; ducks, 2s 6d to 3s each; geese, 9d to 10d per lb; grouse, 4s 6d to 5s; black game, 4s to 5s 6d per brace; hares 3s to 4s 6d each; rabbits, 2s 9d to 3s per couple, potatoes, 6d to 7d per stone; carrots, 3d per bundle; onions, 1s to 1s 8d; lemons, 3d; cabbage, 1d; melons, 8d to 10d each; dessert melons, 2s to 3s each; grapes, 8d to 2s per lb; apples, 2s 6d to 3s per stone; flour, extra superfines, 2s 2d; superfines, 2s; fines, 1s 10d; maslin, 1s 8d; oatmeal, 2s to 2s 4d per stone.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE, Tuesday.—The arrivals from a distance consisted of 25 head of cattle and 510 pigs from Aberdeen and the counties of the north-east coast of Scotland; 1,246 beasts, 1,949 sheep, and 30 calves from foreign; and 491 beasts and 200 pigs from Ireland.

The show of stock presented for sale exhibited an increase of 361 beasts, but a decline of 380 sheep, as compared with that of last week.

Respecting quality, that of cattle, with the exception of the Irish, was about the most inferior lot that was ever shown at this market; while sheep were middling.

The supply of beef comprised 2,556 head. The number of sheep was 4,790. Pigs: 1,309 were shown.

PRICES FOR THIS DAY, SINKING THE OFFAL:—

Beef, prime heifers, per stone	9s 9d	to	10s 0d
Secondary sorts	8s 6d	...	9s 0d
First-class oxen	9s 6d	...	9s 9d
Middling	7s 6d	...	8s 9d
Foreign bulls and cows	7s 0d	...	7s 6d
Pork	8s 9d	...	8s 9d
Sheep (good vendable wedders), per lb	11d	to	11½d
Middling and inferior	10d	to	10½d

NUMBERS AND PRICES OF THE CORRESPONDING WEEK IN THE LAST THREE YEARS:—

	Beasts.	Sheep.	Lambs.
1879	1,658...5s 3d to 8s 3d	7,170... 6d o 8¾d	0d to 0d
1880	1,920...5s 3d to 9s 3d	6,300... 7¾d to 9¼d	0d to 0d
1881	1,763...7s 0d to 9s 6d	5,060... 7¾d to 9¾d	0d to 0d

NEWCASTLE COW, Saturday.—About 25 cows were shown this morning, but they were as a whole inferior to last week's lot, and sold at less prices. The market was fair at the following prices:—Half-breds, £12 to £17; shorthorns, £19 to £27 10s.

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW, Tuesday.—Old land hay, £5 5s to £6 0s; this year's growth, £3 6s to £4 12s; new land hay, £5 10s to £6 5s; this year's growth, £3 10s to £4 17s; wheat straw, 2s 0d to 2s 9d; barley straw, 2s 0d to 2s 3d; oat straw, 2s 1d to 2s 7d per thrave. Carts of hay at market 125; carts of straw at market, 47.

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

Original Poetry.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, 1880.

While musing on the mighty saint who won Ierne to God,
St Patrick of blest memory, apostle from the Lord,
Methought his ancient form stood by, methought benign he smiled
As when Ierne sat at his feet, and blessed his accents mild.

I saw him not as Bishop there with mitre, cope, or crook,
As decked in rochet high he stands in dim cathedral nook;
But poor he seemed and weary, and overstrained with care;
Clad like the humble hermit of Ebely mountain lair.

I saw him not as bigot there, with flashing angry eye,
Condemning mortals lost in sin to hell eternally;
Among the sheep his Master gave he seldom grieved a loss,
For all the simple ways he taught led only round the cross.

No woollen cloak, no silken vest, no 'broidered shoon had he;
A garment old of well-worn skins descended to the knee;
And knotted round him rough, but strong, a belt of untanned hide
Sustained the Holy Emblem of his God the Crucified.

Around that aged countenance and from that mild blue eye
Beamed bright a wealth of joyous love which gave his garb the lie;
For though he oft with want and care and wayward men had striven,
He by his love enriched Ierne with all the wealth of heaven.

O love him well, descendants all of those he taught on earth,
And give him place in ev'ry home upon your day of mirth;
For sure, though now invisible, to earthly eyes awhile,
He from his house in highest heav'n, greets Erin with a smile.

HAMILTON HENDERSON.

Stobb House, Dipton.

Local and General News.

The Bishop Auckland Branch of the Durham Colliery Enginemen's Association has passed a resolution against the sliding scale.

HUNSTANWORTH.—Small pox has broken out in five houses in this village, which is in the Weardale Union.

A farm of 800 acres in the parish of Lorking, West Norfolk, has just been let at 2s 6d per acre, the tithe rent charge on which is 7s 6d per acre.

HYMNS for Sunday School Anniversaries, &c., printed on the shortest notice, and at the *cheapest* rate, by ROBERT JACKSON, "Guardian" Office, Consett. Estimates furnished

SUNDAY CLOSING IN DURHAM.—The reply of Mr Lambton, M.P., to the question would he support a Bill for Sunday Closing in Durham, is as follows:—"I will support a measure for Sunday Closing in the County of Durham when it is shown that the people are unmistakably in favour of it."

A HEAVY DEFAULTER.—A pitman, named Thos. Casson, who had been apprehended on the previous day at Pelton Fell, was on Tuesday remanded by the Houghton-le-Spring magistrates on a charge of neglecting to comply with the order of justices in a case of bastardy in which he was the defendant, his arrears amounting to over £60.

THE WAGES OF THE IRONWORKERS OF THE NORTH OF ENGLAND.—Sir Joseph Whitwell Pease, Bart., M.P., having had the cases of the employers and the workmen with regard the wages question placed before him has fixed Saturday, the 18th inst., for holding the Court of Arbitration at Middlesborough, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

HEXHAM MARTINMAS HIRINGS.—The half-yearly hirings for agricultural servants was held at Hexham, on Saturday. The current rate of wages was about the same as last year. Men received from £8 10s to £12 for the half-year, in exceptional cases good known men might receive a slightly higher sum. Boys received from £4 10s to £6. The best class of women received from £7 to £8; the wages for females ranging from £4 10s to £8.

DURHAM NOVEMBER HIRINGS.—The Durham November Hirings were commenced in the Market Place, in that City on Saturday last. A large gathering, both of servants and employers, took place, but only a limited number of engagements were made, servants generally asking considerably higher prices than employers were willing to concede. The following were the prices agreed to for the half-year in the engagements which were affected:—Young men, £9 to £11; women, £8 10s to £10; second-class women, £6 10s to £7 10s; boys, £4 10s to £6 10s; girls, £4 10s to £6 10s.

BOATING ACCIDENT AT DURHAM.—On Friday afternoon, three undergraduates of the University of Durham named Reece, De Pledge, and Walker, went out for a row on the Wear. The river was considerably flooded, owing to the heavy rains, and on approaching the "stakes," near the Banks Mill, they lost control of the boat, which capsized. Mr Reece sank three times before he succeeded in catching hold of the bough of a tree, which sustained him until he was rescued. Mr De Pledge and Mr Walker succeeded in getting to shore without further mishap than a wetting.

ALLEGED THEFT OF WHISKY NEAR WATERHOUSES.—At Durham County Petty Sessions, on Wednesday, John Lowes was charged with having been drunk on the railway and stealing a quantity of whisky.—P. C. Curran stated that about half-past six o'clock that (Wednesday) morning the defendant was found lying helplessly drunk on the railway near Quebec. The engine-driver fortunately had seen him, and at once stopped the engine, or the defendant would have been killed. That same morning he received information that three men had stolen three bottles of whisky from a public-house at Waterhouses, and he suspected the defendant to be implicated in the theft. The defendant was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

THE EBENEZER CHRISTIAN LAY CHURCH, SHIELD ROW.—The opening services of this Church took place on Saturday, November 4th. The members of the church, who have been worshipping in a room for two years, seeing the exceedingly inconvenient accommodation for the increasing congregation, have taken two adjoining houses, which have been entirely altered and renovated, and furnished with sitting accommodation for 250 worshippers, which are all free. The inaugural proceedings consisted of a tea party, when about 160 persons sat down to an excellent spread. The tables were presided over by the Misses Adamson, Edwards, Kelly, and Little, Mrs Kelly and Curry. After tea, a well-attended public meeting was held, Mr Wm. Rutter (Sunderland) presided, and was supported on the platform by Messrs J. Erskine and J. Haswell, ministers from the Newcastle Christian Lay Church Circuit, who gave addresses on the work of the Christian Church.—On Sunday three sermons were preached—morning and evening by Mr J. Haswell; afternoon by Mr William Rutter. Each service was well attended and collections were taken in aid of the alterations.—The second opening took place on Saturday last, when a fruit banquet was held—Mr Thomas Armstrong (East Tanfield), presiding. Addresses were given by Messrs Wm. Armstrong (Tanfield Lea), — Warrick (Tanfield), and Mr Thompson Shields (Sunderland). The report, read by Mr W. Whitfield, was very satisfactory. The total cost of alterations including sittings and cleaning, was £64 4s 5d. Towards that amount they had received in donations £31 9s 5d from tea and collections, at the Sunday services £14 12s 2½d. On Sunday last, three sermons were preached in the morning and evening by Mr Shields, and in the afternoon by Mr Thomas Armstrong.

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Four little boys were fined 10s each, including costs, at Durham, on Wednesday, for breaking insulators on the North-Eastern Railway, near Durham.

Owing to the heavy rains, the river Wear has become flooded, and carried away part of the railway embankment near Witton-le-Wear, on the Darlington and Stanhope line. Precautions are being taken to protect the permanent way.

A FATAL ACCIDENT AT ROOKHOPE.—On the afternoon of Friday last, a sad fatal accident occurred at The Grove Rake, in Rookhope. Whilst John Joseph Roddam, lead ore washer, was engaged at the ore washing place, he got one of his legs entangled in the washing machinery, and it was so severely crushed that he died from the injuries about six and a half hours after the accident.

SERIOUS LANDSLIP AT DURHAM.—On Monday morning a serious landslip occurred in Durham. The back of Church-street is bounded by the river Wear, several yards and gardens overlooking it at a height of from sixty to one hundred feet. One of the protecting walls suddenly gave way at the time named, and fell boldily into the Wear. Several houses are placed in jeopardy, and a further fall is expected. The damage done is heavy.

A BAD MEMORY.—At Gateshead they tell a good story of an anxious and more than ordinarily confused mother. Within the prescribed six weeks she called upon the registrar, Mr Lumsdon, to notify that she had made an addition to the population. The requisite entry was accordingly made, but on the following morning the mother called to say that she quite forgot to mention that the child had died! This was attended to in turn. On the following day, however, she again made her appearance at the registrar's office. "Well, what's the matter now?" inquired the good-natured official. "Oh, if you please," replied the visitor, with some agitation, "I've called to tell you it wasn't one bairn I had—I had twins!" Few ladies would readily forget a circumstance like that.

ARE COLLIERY OWNERS LIABLE?—On Tuesday at Bishop Auckland County Court, his Honour, Mr H. J. Meynell, gave judgment in a case which was held over for his decision from last month, in which Mr John Gibbon, farmer, Gibbit Hill, sued Messrs. Wooler, Chapman, and Morson for £37, damages for the loss of a horse which had been killed through falling into a pitfall on plaintiff's land, it being alleged that the defendants had worked out the coal. His Honour held that the plaintiff was guilty of contributory negligence, he having turned his horse into a dangerous field at night, notwithstanding the fact that he had previously had a horse killed under similar circumstances. He therefore gave judgment for defendants, with costs on the higher scale.

A SAD CASE OF SUDDEN DEATH AT HEXHAM.—On Wednesday, an inquest was held at the North-Eastern Hotel, Hexham, before Mr W. B. Elsdon, deputy-coroner, relative to the death of Catherine Dodd, a young married woman, 26 years of age, who was found dead in her house on Gilesgate Bank on Tuesday afternoon. Thomas Dodd, a mason's labourer, the husband of the deceased, stated that he left his wife about six o'clock on Tuesday morning to go to his work. She was then in good health. Between three and four o'clock in the afternoon she was found lying on the floor near the fire by a neighbour named Isabella Middleton. Deceased's three children, the youngest six months old, were crying over their mother, who was quite dead. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased died in a natural way, apparently from heart disease.

THE DISPUTE AT USHAW MOOR COLLIERY.—At a meeting held in the School-yard on Wednesday morning, the treasurer (Mr Walter Jones) informed the men that Mr James Robinson, overman at Ushaw Moor Colliery, had removed from the place on Saturday last, and the manager Mr Thomas Robinson would do so a few weeks time hence. The secretary (Mr H. Smith) read the following from Mr Wm. Crawford's Monthly Circular for October:—"Robinson's Fine.—This is Mr Robinson of Ushaw Moor. He fired a pistol amongst a crowd, with the unquestionable purpose of doing some one a bodily injury; for this, he was brought to the Durham Petty Sessional Court, and fined £1. That seems very small, and altogether insufficient to meet the heinousness of the act. Some folks would have run the risk of being sent to the hulks. Let our men be careful; and we may yet see the oppressor made to know that men are men, and must be treated as such, and not mere beasts of burden sent here to produce wealth. The strike still continues: let your hearty support continue also. Winter is again coming on, they will require your aid more and more, let it be given with no sparing hand."—The assistant secretary gave the expenditure for the past week, showing that £62 12s was distributed amongst the men on strike, making 18s per man for the week from local and general funds included. It was moved by William Martin and seconded by John Wainwright that the report be adopted.—Carried unanimously.—The treasurer announced the reception of £43 from thirty-two collieries, during Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and that (Wednesday) morning. The following collieries in this district appear on the list of subscribers:—Marley Hill, Byer Moor, Hobson, Andrew's House, South Derwent, Willis Pit, Tanfield, Oxhill, Spen, Lintz, and Pontop Pit.—A vote of thanks to the donors brought the meeting to a close.

"MODERN WITCHCRAFT IN DURHAM."—The Rev W. Featherstonehaugh, of Edmondbyers Rectory, writes as follows to the *Daily Chronicle*:—From some expressions in your leader of Monday on "Transatlantic Witchcraft," you appear to think that the belief in witchcraft, charms, &c., has disappeared from amongst ourselves in England. But it may interest your readers to know that it does exist, and by no means sparingly, in rural districts, especially those remote from towns, as many country clergy besides myself can testify. During an incumbency of 26 years, I have come to know that charms are quite commonly resorted to for the healing of complaints, and that even positive witchcraft still lingers and is practised. For all ordinary complaints, especially of children, there are well-known and recognised charms, as for ringworm, hooping-cough, thrust, &c.; and certain persons are noted for their success in the use of certain formularies and the accompanying acts. One woman here is greatly resorted to in "blowing for burns," that is, breathing on the wound with the accompaniment of a form of words. In a late case, a leg affected with erysipelas, which did not yield to the doctor's remedies, was cured by stroking with a stone kept for the purpose and a secret form of words, used by a man in the parish noted for it. An old woman, now dead, reputed as a witch, was always avoided if possible; and if met, her evil influence was counteracted by doubling the thumb into the palm of the hand. Positive witchcraft has been practised in this village within the last thirty years, when a farmer, having a horse taken ill, sent for a well-known witchman, and carried out an incantation, with all the accompaniments of killing a black fowl, taking out the heart, sticking it full of pins, and roasting it before the fire at night; when, as a man present informed me, something uncanny was seen to pass the window and look in, and the horse was cured. Even so late as the year 1865, a large sum of money having been stolen from the office of some works near here, a witchman was consulted for its recovery and the detection of the thief. These things are strange but true, and are going on day by day in the midst of us. How about our boast of "advanced civilisation?"

Business Announcements.

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BRONCHITIS.

Hodgson's Mills, Blyth, September 23rd, 1882.

Dear Sir,—In October last, on the recommendation of a friend who had tried your appliances, I purchased a Magnetic Chest Protector for my wife. She had been a frequent sufferer from Bronchitis, and was then ill with a severe attack. In less than a week the Magnetism had greatly relieved her breathing, and every day afterwards there was a gradual improvement until she was fairly well. In addition to the good it did at that time, she has worn it since as a protection against another attack, and I am glad to say it has proved most effective.—Yours, &c.,

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Prudhoe-on-Tyne, September 19th, 1882.

Sir,—I am happy to say that I have received a great amount of good from the Lung Invigorator I got from you last year. I suffered from bronchitis and a severe cough. This brought on spitting of blood, which continued for some time, and left me very weak. It was at that time I began to wear the Invigorator and feel its good effects. It relieved the sore cough and eased my breathing. My chest and back used to have a cold feeling, but now I am quite warm and comfortable, even if the day is cold and damp. I feel confident that it has benefited me in many ways and I take every opportunity in recommending your appliances.—Yours truly,

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The Magnetic Waist Belt exercises a beneficial influence on the Liver and Digestive Organs, stimulating them to more vigorous action, and thus aiding in the formation of healthier blood, purifies and invigorates the entire system. It cures Lumbago, Rheumatic Pains in the back, Sciatica, Debility, &c.

LIVER COMPLAINT.

Whitehall Road, Gateshead, September 21st, 1882.

Dear Sir,—Something like two years ago I suffered very much from my liver, and tried everything that was recommended to get relief, but all to no purpose. I might get momentary relief after a dose or two, but only for a time. I resolved to try one of your belts as a last resource, and am happy to say after about a fortnight's wear I found relief. I may state that my symptoms were general depression and severe pain in the stomach, which the belt effectually removed. You are quite at liberty to use this in any way calculated to benefit others suffering from the same complaint. Yours, &c.,

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The Magnetic Knee Cap has proved to be of immense service in removing and relieving Rheumatic and other affections of the Knee-joint, Weakness, Stiffness, Swelling, &c., &c.

PAIN IN THE KNEE.

Orchard Field, Blackhill, September 23rd, 1882.

Dear Sir,—The Knee Cap I got from you nine months ago has done my knee a deal of good. It was injured many years ago. A small bone displaced caused me much pain, and nothing relieved me till I got the knee cap. It has removed the pain and greatly strengthened the knee.—Yours truly,

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Mr. William Crawford, Secretary of the Miners' National Union writes:—

15, North Road, Durham, 21st Sept., 1881.

Dear Sir,—Some years ago I had one of my legs severely injured. During last year I felt a weakness and constant aching pain, which partly confined me to the house and rendered walking—except for short distances—impossible. A few months ago I procured one of your Magnetic Stockings, and the good it has done me is beyond conception. I am now free from pain and aching, and can walk as well as ever without experiencing the slightest difficulty or hindrance. It has been, and is still, to me a blessing indeed.

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NOTICE!—The GAME upon this Estate is now strictly preserved.
January 2nd, 1882.

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MR. W. T. DAGLISH has pleasure in announcing that he is prepared to give LESSONS ON THE HARMONIUM.—Terms on application.
South Medomsley Cottages, Dipton. 7r

☞ NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WILLIAM ELLIOTT, Assistant Overseer, has REMOVED to No. 5, MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, where he continues to do Insurance, Building Society, and General Commission Business.

LANCHESTER COMMON SURFACE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING is held at Mr. George Brown's, Consett, on the First Thursday night in each Month, at Seven o'clock. All Property Owners are invited. 753q

Public Notices.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL, CONSETT.

A SERVICE OF SONG, Entitled—"The Pioneers of Primitive Methodism," will be given in the above Place of Worship, on Saturday Night, November 18th, 1882, by the Shotley Bridge Primitive Methodist Choir. Admission, Sixpence each. Chair to be taken at Half-past Seven. Proceeds to be devoted to the Circuit Fund. 134r

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

ON SATURDAY, November 18th, an AFTERNOON EXCURSION will leave CONSETT for NEWCASTLE at 1·20 p.m.
Fare, there and back, Third Class, 1s.
☞ The Return Train will leave Newcastle at 9·45 p.m. the same day. 120r

☞ FREE LECTURE.

THE Inhabitants of Shotley Bridge and the neighbourhood are invited to A LECTURE, to be given by MR. WILLIAM POLLARD, Secretary of the International Arbitration Society, at the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge, on Friday, the 24th November, 1882, Subject—"War and Christianity." Chair to be taken at Half-past Seven o'clock, by Jonathan Priestman, Esq. 118r

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, BEAMISH.

THE DEDICATION of the JOICEY MEMORIAL and RE-OPENING of the CHURCH after beautifying.

For these purposes a SPECIAL EVENING SERVICE will be held on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th, at 7·30 p.m. Preacher—The Rev. Dr. SIMONS, Vicar of St. Helen's, Gateshead Low Fell.
☞ Offertory in aid of the Beautifying Fund. 119r

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

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

M. RICHLEY, Secretary.

Gas Office, Shotley Bridge. 146q

EVENING CONCERT AT TANFIELD.

A CONCERT,

On behalf of the Tanfield Cricket Club, will be given in the INFANT SCHOOL-ROOM, At the above place, on SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 25th, 1882.

☞ Admission to Concert:—Reserved Seats, 2s.; Front Seats, 1s.; Back Seats, d. 28r

Doors open at 6·30; Concert to commence at 7 p.m.

TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY ON LANCHESTER COMMON.

THE Lanchester Common Surface Owners' Association being now fairly established for the purpose of Testing the Right of Surface Owners to the support of the sub-strata, a Member of the Committee for your District will shortly call upon you to solicit your aid in the matter.

The Committee wish to urge upon you the desirability of subscribing according to the value of your property, and they would remind you that they are not begging for a charity, but asking you to join a *bona fide* business organization in which you as well as all Surface Owners are interested.

Hoping you will allow your name to be placed on the List of Members of the Association.

We are, yours faithfully,
C. D. W. VALLENY, } Hon. Secs.
R. G. BARCLAY, }

4th July, 1882.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY.

CORRECTION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE COMMITTEE beg to announce that the SINGING CLASSES for the Season (1882-3) are now BEING HELD in the Wesleyan Day-Schools, Gibson Street, Consett, as follows:—

Elementary Class:—Every Monday, from 7·30 to 9 o'clock. Quarterly Subscription (payable in advance), Ladies and Youths, 6d.; Gentlemen, 1s.

Advanced Class:—Every Thursday, from 7·30 to 9 o'clock. Quarterly Subscription (payable in advance), Ladies and Youths, 1s.; Gentlemen, 2s.

NEW MEMBERS entering either Class are also required to pay an ENTRANCE FEE OF 1s.

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MR. CHARLES STEPHENSON has the pleasure to announce a Performance of Macfarren's Quaint and Spirited Cantata,

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BY HIS CHOIR OF SEVENTY VOICES, Followed by a Miscellaneous Programme, ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOV. 29th, 1882.

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Solo Pianist, - - - - Miss SNEATH.
Accompanist, - - - - Mr. W. STOKER
Conductor, - Mr. CHARLES STEPHENSON

☞ ADMISSION:—Reserved Seats, 2s.; Area, 1s.; Gallery, 6d. Tickets to be had from Mr. W. Davison, Front Street, and Mr. Whitehead, Middle Street, Consett; Messrs. James and William Pallister, Blackhill; Mr. Joshua Lax, Shotley Bridge, or any Members of the Choir.

Doors open at 6; Concert to commence at 7·30 p.m. Carriages at 10 o'clock. 135r

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Public Notices.

PAWNBROKERS ACT, 35 AND 36, VIC. CAP. 93.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Benfieldside, in the County of Durham, and to the Superintendent of Police of the West Division of Chester Ward, in the said County of Durham, and to all whom it may concern.

I, GEORGE WINTER, now residing at Blackhill, in the Township of Benfieldside, in the County of Durham, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that it is my intention to apply at the Special Sessions for Granting Certificates to Pawnbrokers, to be holden at the Justices' Room, in Lanchester, on the 14th day of December next, for a License to carry on the business of a Pawnbroker, at a house situated at Blackhill aforesaid, in the said Township of Benfieldside, in pursuance of the Act 35 and 36 Vic. cap. 93.

Given under my hand this 6th day of November, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty two.

121r GEORGE WINTER.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett.

MONDAY, November 20th, 1882, and following Days.—Important Sale of High-class Pictures, including Steel Engravings, Oleographs, and other Art Productions.—Mr. ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Messrs. Gibson Brothers, Fine Art Publishers, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett, on Monday, November 20th, 1882, and following days, a large collection of HIGH-CLASS PICTURES, in handsome Gilt and other Frames. Particulars of which will be duly announced in Posters and Handbills. Sale to commence at Seven o'clock in the Evening. 83r

TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

MESSRS. HEDLEY and BRODIE, Agricultural Auctioneers and Live Stock Salesmen, Town Hall, Consett, are prepared to undertake the Sale by Auction, or otherwise of every description of Live Stock and Agricultural produce, and trust, by careful attention to all commissions with which they may be favoured, to merit the confidence of the Agriculturists of the District. Valuations for probate. Insurances on Farming Stock effected through the London Insurance Corporation (Established 1720). 74th

By Mr. William Raw.

Mount Pleasant, Consett.—Valuable Freehold Property for Sale.

MR. WILLIAM RAW has been instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the House of Mr. Geo. Brown, Railway Hotel, Consett, on Thursday, December 7th, 1882, at Half-past Seven o'clock in the Evening, the Valuable

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Situate No. 8, Mount Pleasant, Consett,

Containing Front Sitting-room, Large Kitchen and Pantry, on the Ground Floor, with Yard and Conveniences behind, Double Staircase, and Three Bedrooms on the First Floor.

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The House is Well finished, and a Comfortable and Desirable Residence, and now in occupation of Mr. Brady Richardson, as Tenant thereof.

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By Messrs. Fegan and Murray.

Benfieldside Edge Road.

MESSRS. FEGAN & MURRAY, instructed by the Executors of the late Richard McEvoy, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday, November 20th, 1882, the whole of his Household FURNITURE, DRAPERY, and other EFFECTS, comprising—Half-Tester Iron Bedstead, Brass Rods; Three-quarter Mahogany Chest of Drawers; Ash Centre Table; Dressing Table and Swing Glass; Couch, in Leather; Rocking Chair, with Carved Back; 4 Balloon Wood-bottomed Chairs; Carpeting, 4yds. by 4yds.; Kitchen Table; Hair Mattress; Blankets, Sheets, Quilts, and Feather Bedding; Carriage Rug; Tea Table; Poss-tub and Stick; Kitchen Utensils; some Mats and Hearth-rugs; Parlour Fender and Fireirons; Kitchen Fender and Fireirons; Hat Rack; some Oilcloth; a various assortment of Drapery and other articles too numerous to mention.

Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt. 123r

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The Consett Guardian,

FRIDAY, Nov. 17th, 1882.

ECHOES FROM BLACKHILL.

[By Incedo.]

I was much interested in the report of the meeting held in the National Schools, Consett, the other week-end, relative to the proposed course of lectures under what is now known as the "University Extension Scheme." The necessary preliminaries have been conducted with commendable promptitude, and now that the ball is at the feet of the players, the first move in the hazardous game will soon be made. I use the term "hazardous" because, although the guarantee fund has been subscribed, it is a fact that, unless the lectures are appreciated by the public, the scheme will be a failure. I have no doubt whatever as to the issue. I believe that the anticipation of the most sanguine will be realised; but, of course, much, nay everything, depends upon the subjects chosen, and the manner in which they are handled. Of the latter there need be but little alarm; hence the question of success or failure resolves itself into the subject of lectures; and here let me say there has been a rather close shave. "Electricity," or kindred technical subjects, would have been ruinous to the enterprise. Such subjects may "take" in a city or large town where not one, but almost every branch of industry, is fairly represented; but Consett, although not a whit behind either town or city in the march of progress, is peculiarly situated from the fact that its inhabitants represents, comparatively speaking, but one of our staple industries. Mechanics, as a rule, are more intelligent, because better educated than the rank and file of working men. And to the man whose advancement in life depends upon education, a course of lectures on science would be a source of pleasure and profit; but to the majority of our population such a line of thought would be wanting in interest. By and by science might be introduced, but meanwhile something more lively must be presented to the public palate, and I am astonished that the committee voluntarily closed the pathway that leads to the flowery domain of literature, and chose the more intricate windings of science. It is a dangerous thing when a man representing even a section of the community gets astride his hobby. There is a chance that the favourite will be ridden to death, and the voice of of the public drowned in the tumult. Nations, communities, and men advance by slow degrees, and by way of preparing the mind of the average working man for a course of lectures on science, I know of no subject so pregant with interest, nor so well calculated to accomplish that object, as lectures on our national progress. Flash the light of modern research down the dim corridors of centuries to the time when the ancient Briton

"Saw God in clouds, or heard Him in the wind;"

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credulity of the human family in these remote ages, as exemplified in the mysterious influence of superstition—

"She who gave voices to the wandering winds,
And mounted spirits on the midnight blast."

Look on this picture and on that—the subdued light of medieval times and the mid-day splendour of latter days—and follow the course of events through the intervening cycles, till the dawn of modern civilization, and the boons and blessings that came in her train. There is no theme, nor series of themes, in the boundless province of science or literature that so well illustrates the axiom—"Truth is stranger than fiction," than the story of our national progress. While asserting this, I have no desire to infer that the subject of the forthcoming lectures will be void of interest—very far from it. It has been well said that "the proper study of mankind is man," and if that be true—and few will care to gainsay it—a course of lectures on "What may be learnt from external evidences of the senses," cannot fail to be interesting as well as instructive. Nothing now remains to be done, save to keep the matter under the eye of the public by every legitimate mode of advertising.

I was led into a peculiar train of thought the other evening by a curious bit of information which reached me in this wise. A particular friend of mine, having an hour to spare one day, determined to attend the Missionary Services which are being held this week in Christ Church, Consett. It was afternoon, and the streets of that rising town did not present a very animated appearance. Presently the bells from the spire of Consett Church rang forth a message, and a stranger, who was in close conversation with the governor of one of our local commercial establishments, mechanically looked at his watch and cast a wistful glance towards the church. The smart business man, divining the look of enquiry, helped his friend out of the dilemma by observing, "Oh, yes, there is a Mr Somebody conducting services in the Church, but—hem—hem—its just for *working men!*" Now, isn't this a delightful state of things. What a splendid specimen of 19th century Pharisaism. For working men indeed! It is an incontrovertible fact that we "daily do grow wiser," but one was hardly prepared for innocence of this order coming from such a quarter. Perhaps the gentleman is in the same plight as the Scotch lady, who told her minister that she, good woman, was past redemption.

Speaking of Christ Church, Consett, reminds me that the much-esteemed curate of that place—the Rev D Bryson—having tendered his resignation, is on the eve of leaving the district. Further than a passing word of recognition I have no acquaintance with the rev gentleman, but that he has, during his sojourn here, gladdened many a heart and illumined many a home, I know right well. It was no strange thing for Mr Bryson to enter the dwellings of the ailing poor, with his purse in one hand and his Bible in the other. Mr Bryson will be much missed not by the needy only, but by the children attending the National School, with whom he has long been a special favourite. Curates, somehow, don't seem to thrive at Consett; like Moore's dear gazelle, no sooner do they become beloved than they are sure to—*well*, if they don't die outright they go away, and it is much about the same thing as far as this particular corner of the world is concerned.

Local and District News.

The Rev S. Adcock (Wesleyan) read an excellent paper on "Electricity" to the Wolsingham Mutual Improvement Association.

LEADGATE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—A series of highly successful and well-attended mission services are being conducted each evening in the above chapel by Miss Coates.

VAGRANCY AT CONSETT.—Thomas Williamson, a tramp, was taken before A. Town Esq. this (Friday) morning, charged by P.C Foster with wandering about the streets of Consett without any visible means of sustenance at eleven o'clock last night.—The defendant was committed to prison for fourteen days.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.—North Durham Foxhounds—Friday, November 17th Brancepeth; Monday, November 20th Witton Gilbert for Hill Top; Wednesday November 22nd, Rainton Bridge; Friday, November 24th, Lord Bute's—10·45. Braes of Derwent Foxhounds—Saturday, November 18th, Wylam Station; Tuesday, November 21st The Spen; Saturday, November 25th Medomsley—10·30.

WEARDALE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—The fortnightly meeting of this Board was held on Friday last, at the Workhouse. Small-pox was reported to have broken out in five houses at Hunstanworth. Mr Culley, Local Government Inspector, attended the meeting, and congratulated the guardians on the decline in the amount of out-relief, and regarded such a result somewhat noteworthy considering the condition of affairs in the upper part of the union.

SELLING FIREWORKS WITHOUT A LICENSE AT WITTON GILBERT.—At Durham County Petty Sessions, on Wednesday, *James Hutchinson* was charged with a breach of the Explosives Act in selling fireworks at Witton Gilbert, on the 2nd inst., without being licensed.—Mr Barnes appeared for the defendant, and said he had erred through ignorance of the law, but as the offence was a very slight one, he asked the Bench to impose a small penalty.—Defendant was fined 2s 6d and costs.

A MISHAP AT ROWLANDS GILL STATION.—The train from Newcastle due at Consett Station at 8·20 p.m was delayed for upwards of two hours on Sunday night. In consequence of the bursting of a water pipe connected with the engine, when the train reached Rowlands Gill Station, it was unable to proceed any further, and a fresh engine was telegraphed for and sent from Newcastle. This caused the train to be two hours late before arriving at its destination, and the excitement was very great at Consett Station in the meantime, a large crowd having assembled on the platform and thronged the bridge.

CRICKETERS' CONCERT AT BURNHOPE.—On Saturday last, the members of the Burnhope Cricket Club held a concert in the School-room, kindly lent for the occasion by J. T. Forster, Esq., of Burnhope House, which proved to be one of the best ever held in the district. The members were at great expense in obtaining the best local vocal and instrumental talent that could be procured, in Mr A. Whittaker (Chester Moor), Mr Robert Mason (Sleetburn), Mr H. Harp (Sleetburn), Mr Ludwig and Mr Robert Dixon (Newcastle), Mr T. Brown (Burnhope). Violinist and pianist, Brother Jackson (Hill Top, Dipton). Flute, Mr Robert Lowther (Durham). The whole of the above performers acquitted themselves in a most satisfactory manner. The concert was a great success, the school-room being filled to excess. Mr M. Brown, of Burnhope, took the chair in the absence of J. T. Forster, Esq., who was unavoidably detained. The chairman's witty and humorous remarks caused rounds of cheering. The proceeds of the concert go towards improving the cricket ground.

An ironworker, named Michael Batey, of Consett, has been sentenced to eight years' penal servitude at York Assizes, for committing a rape on a young girl at Middlesbro', immediately after he had served a term of imprisonment.

SINGULAR DEATH AT CONSETT.—On Monday last, Joseph White, aged nine years, son of Christopher White, of Mount Pleasant, Consett, was suddenly taken ill, and died a few hours afterwards. A *post mortem* examination disclosed the fact that death had resulted from the effects of swallowing a stone.

CONSETT WESLEYAN BAND OF HOPE.—On Tuesday the monthly meeting of this Band of Hope was held in the Wesleyan School, Nelson Street, when an address was given by Mr A. Jackson. Singing, readings, and recitations were rendered during the evening, and an interesting meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the doxology.

CONSETT IRONWORKERS AND NON-UNIONISTS.—At a meeting of the members of the Ironworkers' Association, held at the Club Room, Coach and Horses Inn, Consett, on Saturday night—Mr McArdle in the chair—the following resolution was adopted unanimously:—"That unless one-half of the operatives employed at the Consett Ironworks join this association, none of its members shall represent them on the Board of Arbitration."

DIOCESAN VISITATIONS.—The Bishop of Durham has fixed the following dates for the Visitation of the Clergy of his Diocese:—December 14th, in the Cathedral Church at Durham, at 11·30 a.m., for the clergy of the Rural Deaneries of Durham, Houghton-le-Spring, Ryton, Chester-le-Street, and Jarrow; December 16th, in the Chapel at Auckland Castle, at the same hour, for the clergy of the Rural Deaneries of Auckland, Darlington, Stockton, and Stanhope. Arrangements will be made on the first mentioned date at Durham for the admission of the churchwardens in all the Rural Deaneries who have not already been admitted.

CHURCH MISSIONS AT LEADGATE.—On Friday night last, a public meeting in support of the Society for the Propogation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, was held in the National Infant School-room, Church Square, Leadgate. Although the weather was unfavourable, there was a fair attendance. The chair was occupied by the Rev J. W. Mitchell, vicar of St. Ives, and the claims of the society upon churchmen at large were eloquently set forth by the Rev C. Coucher, of Novia Scotia, who attended as a deputation from the Parent Society. A collection was taken at the close in aid of the above society.

"THE PIONEERS OF PRIMITIVE METHODISM."—The Shotley Bridge Primitive Methodist Choir are announced to give a service of song entitled "The Pioneers of Primitive Methodism," in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Consett, on Saturday (to-morrow) evening, at seven o'clock. To lovers of the old stirring tunes so popular amongst the Primitive Methodists some twenty or more years ago this service of song will prove a positive treat, and in the hands of the Shotley Bridge Choir there need be no fear of failure in the rendering of them. As the object is in aid of the Circuit funds we trust a large company will be present.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—For the cure of burns scalds, wounds, and ulcers, this justly celebrated Ointment stands unrivalled. Its balsamic properties, immediately on application lull the anguish, protect the exposed nerves from the air, give to the vessels the vigour necessary to heal the sore, and confer on the blood a purity which permits it to lay down healthy flesh in place of that destroyed. Holloway's Pills, simultaneously taken; greatly assist the Ointment's purifying and soothing power. Together these medicines act like a charm; no invalid, after a fair trial, has found them fail to relieve his pain, or completely cure his disease. The combined action of the Ointment and Pills, in all disorders, is all powerful and too irresistible to be withstood.

BLACKHILL WESLEYAN BAND OF HOPE.—The fortnightly meeting of this flourishing society was held in the schoolroom adjoining the chapel on Friday evening se'nnight. Mr George Wilson presided, and there was a fair attendance. Mr R Frankland gave several recitations in his best style whilst Messrs Palliser and Frankland jun., rendered songs of a temperance character with much acceptance, Mr Wright accompanying on the harmonium with marked ability. Mr J. L. Walton gave an excellent address on temperance, in course of which he counselled his hearers to give their support to these fortnightly meetings, which had for their object the promotion of temperance and morality among the young. One conspicuous feature in the entertainment was the utilization of the juvenile element by which means a twofold object is obtained, viz—awakening quite a latent interest in the youthful mind as well as imparting a very pleasing variation to an evening's enjoyment. Master Raw rendered a very appropriate recitation in a highly pleasing manner, and altogether a very profitable hour was spent.

PELTON.—DURHAM COLLIERY MECHANICS' ASSOCIATION.—A supper was held in connection with the Pelaw Main branch of the above association on Saturday evening, at the house of Mr G. Teasdale, Grey Horse Inn, Pelton, when over fifty persons sat down. The supper was followed by a social entertainment, presided over by Mr L. Trotter, Durham. The vice-chair was occupied by Mr John Orr, Annfield Plain.—The Chairman proposed "Success to the Pelaw Main Branch of the Association."—Mr Hindmarsh, Ouston, proposed "Prosperity to the Coal Trade of the North," and made reference to the recent advances in prices and wages, as shown by the last ascertainment by the sliding scale, and he hope that still further advances would be got, so that both the employers and employés would be benefited thereby.—The Vice-Chairman, in proposing "Success to the Durham County Associations," spoke at length on the benefits of organization in its relationship to capital and labour and also referred to the spirit of harmony which prevails amongst the different associations represented by the Durham County Mining Federation Board.—Mr T. Hindmarsh responded.—The President, in asking those present to drink the health of "The officials of the collieries," alluded to the friendly and kindly feelings which have hitherto existed between them and the workmen, and expressed a hope that the same may long continue.—Messrs W. Young and J. Lonsdale responded.—Mr Watson Young proposed the health of "The Host and Hostess."—Mr Teasdale responded.—The proceedings were greatly enlivened by songs and recitations by Messrs J. Christie, T. Hindmarsh, J. Strong, and the chairman.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES AT BENFIELDSIDE.—A harvest thanksgiving service was held in Shotley Bridge Town Hall (St. Cuthbert's Church being closed for enlargement), on Friday evening last, when a practical and impressive sermon was preached by the Rev T. Brutton, M.A., vicar of Tynemouth. The platform was tastefully decorated. A corn stack, presented by the sons of Mr Potts, of Shotley Field, was much admired. A well-grown orange tree bearing fruit, was sent by Mr J. Annandale, J.P. The other contributors were Mrs Collinson, Mr J. Pumphrey, and Mr Crozier of the Shotley Hall gardens. The musical part of the service was ably rendered by the large surpliced choir of St Cuthbert's under the leadership of Mr C. Stephenson.—The thanksgiving services were continued on Sunday last, Holy Communion being administered in St. Cuthbert's School at 8 a.m., and morning and evening prayer held in the Town Hall. Admirable sermons were preached by the Rev J. W. Mitchell, M.A., vicar of Leadgate, and the Rev A. J. McGowan, M.A. All the services were well attended, and on Sunday evening the Town Hall was filled to overflowing by a very large congregation. The offertory on Friday was for the Hospital Fund, and on Sunday for the Sunday School. There have been several liberal contributions, but a sum of about £1,800 is still required for Benfieldside Church.

BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting was held at the Town Hall Buildings, at Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday afternoon, under the presidency of Jas. Annandale, Esq., J.P., the chairman. The other members in attendance were—Messrs. A. R. Turner, F. Priestman, J. Lax, J. Smith, Wm. Wheatley, Joseph Eltringham, J. Dowson, the Clerk (Mr J. Booth), and the Surveyor (Mr J. Dixon).

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and certified.

BUILDING AND SANITARY COMMITTEE.

The CHAIRMAN read the report of this committee, as follows:—

Medical Officers' Report.—Your Committee inspected the several properties referred to in the said report.

No 1. Mill Street.—We confirm the Medical Officers' report, and recommend that the property be closed. We found a bed on the ground floor where we were told a mother and family of five children has been sleeping. We instructed the Inspector to serve notices on the tenant for the removal of the bed, &c., at once.

No. 2. Mill Street.—This house is unoccupied, it is fairly dry inside, except in two places. It has an ashpit at each end, the end walls of the house forming the two sides of the ashpits. We think the W.C. and ashpit between Nos. 1 and 2 ought to be removed or put into a proper state. We found a very bad smell in the place (arising, we think from the sewer gas). The ashpit causes the dampness and a foul smell in the corner of No. 2. house.

Nos. 57 and 58, Wood Street.—Adjoins No. 2, the properties belonging to one person. We have nothing to add to the Medical Officers' report respecting this property, but would recommend that the improvements mentioned in the said report be carried out. The deputy-landlord, Mr P. Osborne, states that as soon as the property is legally conveyed to them, they are prepared to carry out the suggestion made.

The other portion of the Medical Officers' Report received our attention, and we think, judging from its contents, that the district is in a satisfactory state.

Plans of dwelling-house and meeting-house proposed to be erected on Benfieldside Edge Road, adjoining the Board Schools, belonging to Messrs McIntosh, have received the attention of the Committee, and are recommended to be passed.

No. 3. Mill Street.—We recommend that the suggestion of the Medical Officer with reference to this property be carried out.

(Signed)
JOHN SMITH, Chairman.

THE DEFECTIVE PROPERTIES.

Respecting the house No. 1, Mill Street, Dr. Renton having reported at last meeting "that it is undesirable from the situation, defective ventilation, darkness, dampness, and general ricketiness of the property, that you should permit its further occupation," the Board resolved, on the motion of Mr PRIESTMAN, seconded by Mr DOWSON, that with reference to the report of the Building and Sanitary Committee, and the assertion of the Medical Officer that this house is unfit for habitation, the Inspector be instructed to give Mr Thirlwell, the sub-landlord, notice to close it immediately; and in default that he must take proceedings for obtaining an order from the magistrates for closing the same.

Relative to the properties, No. 2, Mill Street, and 57 and 58, Wood Street, after some discussion, it was proposed by Mr DOWSON, and seconded by Mr LAX, that the Medical Officer having reported the existence of nuisances on the same, the Inspector is ordered to give the necessary notice requiring their immediate removal.

With regard to No. 3, Mill Street, the Surveyor said he had seen Mr Bolton, the landlord, and told him what was required, and he (Mr Bolton) had promised to do all that the Board recommended at once.

Mr ELTRINGHAM stated that when the committee inspected the place, the water was standing in the yard nearly a couple of inches deep.

The CHAIRMAN thought it would be advisable to serve the notice in the usual way, and

On the motion of Mr SMITH, seconded by Mr WHEATLEY, the Inspector was authorised to serve a notice on the landlord to abate the nuisance.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Appended is Mr Dixon's monthly report:—

To the Chairman and members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN.—During the past month the workmen have been employed on the several highways and streets in your district, scraping and laying-on material. There has been 90 tons of whinstone laid on Durham Road, 44 tons laid on Cemetery Road, 63 tons laid on Derwent Street, and 20 tons laid on Wood Street. There has been an extra amount of scraping done during the month, on account of the wet weather. The stonebreakers are still preparing material for the present season. Several of your footpaths have had a coating of coke ashes during the month.

As instructed at last meeting I obtained 12 copies of the Sanitary Record (containing full accounts of the recent Sanitary Congress at Newcastle), and forwarded a copy to each member.

I have received from the County Authorities the half cost of maintaining Loosey Hill and Durham Roads, the amount being £183 1s 3d, which has been paid over to the treasurer.

During the month I have collected and paid into the bank the following sums:—

	£	s.	d.
General District Rate	21	19	0
County Rate	183	1	3
Private Improvements	2	19	0
Total	£197	19	3

Since last meeting I have made out the several apportionments for the making of Hawthorn Street, Blackhill, and have presented the amount to the different proprietors in this street.—I am gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

The report was adopted.

THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month I have made several inspections of your district, and I find it in good sanitary condition. Your Sanitary Committee have made an inspection of the properties referred to by your Medical Officer in his last report, and they have also examined plans for new chapel and dwelling-house to be built at Benfieldside Edge. They will report on these matters. The alterations to Billy Goat house have been completed during the month, with the exception of a gully trap being connected with the drain. This I expect will be done shortly.—I remain gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

November 15th. 1882.

PLANS.

Mr DOWSON proposed, and Mr LAX seconded, that the plans submitted by Mr McIntosh be passed.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Reported that the vouchers for last month were found to be correct. The current months' accounts, amounting to £272 15s 2d in all, were recommended to be paid.

On the proposition of Mr WHEATLEY, seconded by Mr DOWSON, cheques were ordered to be drawn in payment of the several accounts.

THE NEW TRAIN SERVICE.

The Clerk related the action taken by the joint committee of the Benfieldside, Consett, and Leadgate Local Boards, the Lanchester Highway Board, the Lanchester Board of Guardians, &c., in regard to this matter (which has already appeared in these columns), and said that if the members looked at the time tables for the present month, they would find a considerable improvement in the train service on the Consett Branch Line. They were, however, still in need of a train—which was strongly recommended by the joint committee—to arrive in Durham at 10 a.m. in time to catch the South express or for persons who might have business at the Quarter Sessions, Assizes, &c. The other trains appeared to run very satisfactorily, and there was another train from Newcastle in connection with Tow Law service about 12 a.m.

Mr SMITH said that in substituting the 11 a.m. train for the 2 p.m. the railway authorities had caused some little inconvenience, and the Tow Law Local Board held a meeting to consider that matter on the previous day.

The Clerk thought it would be better to let the question stand over until the public saw how the present system works and became thoroughly acquainted with what they required. So far as he could judge, the running of the generality of the trains was undoubtedly a great convenience to the district, although he did not mean to say that the system was perfect.

Mr DOWSON: The new name of the station is perfection. It is sure to work well. (Laughter).

Mr SMITH said he knew of a party the other day who had to get out at Benfieldside, but being unable to find that station, she went past Consett.

Mr DOWSON: It is confusion worse than confusion!

The Clerk said the only remedy was to call the whole district 20 miles around Consett. (Laughter). It seemed to him that poor Blackhill was going to get squeezed out altogether. (Renewed laughter).

Mr SMITH: I know for a fact that the Tow Law Local Board appointed a deputation yesterday to wait on the Railway directors on the subject.

Mr DOWSON: About changing the name of the station?

Mr SMITH: No, about altering the train service on their line.

The Clerk believed a great deal of inconvenience was caused to a town like Consett in not having that name as a station in the time tables shewing where the train stops. This was especially perplexing to strangers when they saw the name of the line styled the Consett Branch, and they would naturally expect to find a station bearing that name somewhere on the line.

Mr DOWSON said the mistake was in naming the station "Benfieldside" and not calling it "Blackhill" at the first. It was just the work of a few busy bodies.

The Clerk observed that the difficulty now was to find out where Benfieldside was. He did not see any remedy.

Mr SMITH: The station should have been "Benfieldside for Consett."

The Clerk said the postal address was still "Blackhill."

Mr SMITH thought that name should also be changed.

Mr DOWSON: What would you change it into?

Mr SMITH: Benfieldside. (Laughter).

Mr DOWSON (warmly): Make it Consett at once. (Loud laughter). Consett is going to be the centre of the Universe. (More laughter). It will be Newcastle-on-Tyne near Consett next! (Renewed laughter).

The subject then dropped.

A NEW SCRAPING MACHINE.

Mr SMITH inquired if they were keeping pace with the time as far as regards scraping the roads? He saw the men going about with the old-fashioned scrapers.

The Surveyor said if they had a single-handed scraper it would effect a great saving. They would not have so much scraping, however, bye and bye.

Mr TURNER thought the best thing to do was to get a single-handed scraper.

In reply to the members, the Surveyor said he believed such an implement could be purchased for £3 or £4.

Mr ELTRINGHAM inquired how it would act to get a one horse-scraping machine the same as they have at Consett?

The Surveyor said the only objection he had to such a machine was that they would only be able to scrape their roads one way only.

Mr ELTRINGHAM: But you could scrape one way, then go back and then come again?

The Surveyor: Oh yes.

Mr SMITH: How about the expense?

Mr ELTRINGHAM: Oh it certainly will cost more.

Eventually, Mr SMITH proposed that the Board should purchase a single-handed road scraper on the most improved principle, as soon as convenient.

Mr LAX seconded the proposal, which was agreed to.

THE MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS.

The Clerk said that, with reference to the County Contribution, he had received a letter from the Local Government Board, in which they requested him to supply them with a return of the amount received from the County Authorities for the year ending 25th March, 1881; and also intimating that the Board would be entitled to receive from the Government a portion of the sum of a quarter of a million recently voted by Parliament towards the cost of maintenance of disturnpiked main roads in England and Scotland. The result was that they would receive from the Government the sum of £100 11s 1d as their moiety towards maintenance of such roads (hear hear).

The Board afterwards adjourned.

BRUTAL ASSAULT ON A POLICEMAN NEAR WEST STANLEY.

Yesterday (Thursday) at the Lanchester Petty Sessions, before Matthew Kearney, Esq. (chairman) and a full Bench two rough-looking persons, named *Robert Salkeld* and *Joseph Clark*, of Winlaton (the latter appearing in the dock with his head bandaged) were brought up charged with trespassing in search of game, on land belonging to John Eden, Esq., at The Causey, near West Stanley, last Sunday forenoon; and were further charged with having committed an assault on P.C. Phillipson, when in the exercise of his duty on the same date. The prisoners pleaded guilty to each charge.

The son of the gamekeeper (Ralph Anderson) spoke to his father and himself catching the prisoners among Mr Eden's preserves between eleven and twelve o'clock on Sunday last. Two ferrets and several nets were found in their possession, besides seven or eight poached rabbits. The prisoners gave to his father false names, therefore he arrested them and sent for the police.

P.C. Phillipson said from information received, he proceeded to the spot indicated above, and found the prisoners in the custody of Mr Anderson, to whom they had tendered fictitious names. After conversing with the prisoners (who alleged that they lived at Byer Moor) they all started off in the direction of that village in order to get the real names and then summons them. After proceeding a considerable distance, one of the prisoners laid down, and refused to go any further. Thereupon Salkeld knocked witness down, and the other prisoner kicked him violently upon the forehead. He (the officer) was thrown on the ground four or five times, and both prisoners attacked him with their feet, bruising him in half-a-dozen places, and finally blacking his eyes. The prisoners afterwards ran away, and witness could just see them pick up a number of large stones which they pelted him with. Witness was so severely injured that he had been under medical treatment ever since the affray.

[A number of bruises were visible on the officer's face, which was also covered with several patches of sticking plaster].

The prisoners asserted that the policeman and the gamekeeper took them into a public-house and made them so drunk that they did not know what they were doing.

The Rev J. P. De Pledge inquired if that statement was correct?

P.C. Phillipson replied that Anderson took the prisoners into a public-house near Beamish, where the landlord (who is also a gamekeeper) gave them each their dinner and afterwards treated them to two quarts of beer.

The prisoners alleged that they drank five quarts of ale in the house. Two quarts were given by the landlord; the gamekeeper "stood" other two quarts, and they paid for another quart between them.

The Officer reiterated that the prisoners only had two quarts of ale altogether.

The gamekeeper's son said the prisoners were only in the house about five minutes, and consequently had not time to drink five quarts.

The Rev J. P. De Pledge (to the officer): Were you in the house when they drank this liquor?

Witness: Yes.

The Chairman: It was a most imprudent act for you to take these men into a public-house when they were under your charge.

Witness: They were in the custody of the gamekeeper at that time. Anderson simply took them in there thinking that the landlord would be able to furnish him with their names, so that he could summons them.

Mr Hedley: Did the prisoners attack you at all before they had the liquor?

The witness replied not.

Mr Hedley: That just bears out their statement.

Superintendent Oliver: You had no drink with them in the house?

Witness: I only drank one glass.

The Bench strongly denounced the conduct of the police-officer in allowing the prisoners to be taken into a public-house, and then imbibe such an enormous quantity of liquor in his presence.

The magistrates then retired into the ante-room, and on returning, after about five minutes' absence, the chairman said the Bench had agreed to fine the prisoners 20s each and costs for trespassing after game; and send them to prison with hard labour for one month for the brutal attack on P.C. Phillipson. The Bench must unanimously express their opinion that the conduct of the policeman on this occasion was both imprudent and indiscreet, and had it not been for this circumstance they would have committed the prisoners to gaol for six months.

Correspondence.

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POSTAL DELIVERY AT BENFIELDSIDE.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

DEAR SIR.—In your correspondent's letter, "Echoes from Blackhill," last week, he has referred to a subject that must soon be a burning one for Benfieldside. For some time past a large number of the inhabitants of Benfieldside and Highgate, Cutler's Hall, &c., have been trying to find out the reason why they should have postal delivery only once a day, and that sometimes more than half-way to noon, while other districts have their letters delivered twice or thrice a day, at more convenient hours. Now this is not the fault of the Postmaster at Blackhill. He is always ready to do a good turn to his neighbours. He must go by his orders and not beyond them. It must be some one's fault, and whose is it? Your correspondent "Incedo" always likes to take the part of the weak against the strong, and here is a subject that will give ample scope to his pen. It is a good job, Mr Editor, for us that we have such a correspondent to take our part, and I know also that it is not a bad job for your paper. We sometimes see letters criticising his reports of concerts, &c. But those critics could not do it near as well themselves. He always displays in his reports a sound judgment, a true ideal of the sublime and beautiful, a very large insight into the motives and intentions of those whom he is called to describe, joined with a great readiness to keep to a great facility of expression. His motto seems to be
"In every work regard the author's end,
Since none can compass what they ne'er intend."
Well, I trust that "Incedo" will take this matter up, and by moving the "powers that be," we shall get what we are entitled to in this district, a postal delivery twice a day.—Yours truly,

BENFIELDSIDE.

Martinmas cattle fair was held at St. John's Chapel, Weardale, on Saturday. The prices asked for stock were very high, and very little business was done.

DESPERATE ASSAULT AT LINTZ COLLIERY.—A man named John Conroy, of Low Friarside, was arrested yesterday (Thursday) afternoon on a warrant by P.C. Longstaff, of Burnopfield, on a charge of having on Saturday night last committed a violent assault on Thomas Thompson, at Lintz Colliery. The prisoner will be brought before the Consett Bench on Monday next.

"WAR AND CHRISTIANITY."—Such is the title of a lecture to be delivered in the Temperance Hall at Shotley Bridge on Friday evening in next week by Mr William Pollard, secretary of the International Arbitration Society, the chair on this occasion being occupied by J. Priestman, Esq., J.P. Mr Pollard who is an able and eloquent orator, and is at present delivering lectures on this subject at Newcastle, Gateshead and other large towns. The topic is one of especial interest at this moment and the public may fully expect a rare intellectual treat.

PIGEON SHOOTING AT FROSTERLEY.—The handicap pigeon shooting promoted by Mr N. Makepeir, who gave £10 in prizes, first £6 second £3, third £1, was brought to a successful issue on Saturday at the Railway Tavern Frosterley, when no less than 52 shooters competed; 17 to 22 yards rise 60 fall other conditions as usual. The following, who had killed six birds each, agreed to divide:—L. Wearmouth, T. Porter, J. Pickering, T. Hind, M. Wilson, E. Pattison, J. Scot, W. Walton, J. Johnson, "Jumbo" and "Reward." Mr T. Brunskill officiated as referee, W. Porter trapper, and R. Elliott score-keeper.

THE TEMPERANCE COMPETITION AT BURNOPFIELD.—On Monday night there was a crowded meeting of the cold water lovers to hear the result of the three nights' prize competition. The chair was taken by the vicar of the parish the Rev T. Stirrup, who, after a few complimentary remarks to the Rev David Bryson of Consett, for his services as judge, called upon the rev. gentleman to distribute the prizes to the successful competitors, whose names are as follows:—W. Harker, 1st prize (reading); W. Gordon, 2nd prize (reading); A. Fall 1st prize (recitation); M. Urwin, 2nd prize (recitation); S. Jones and R. Edwards (consolation prizes); M. Fenwick, 1st prize (sacred song); J. Hunter, 2nd prize (sacred song); J. Watson, 1st prize (local song); B. Harrison, 2nd prize (local song). The last two also took prizes for the best temperance songs, being equal; Robert Hunter taking 2nd prize. The following also took prizes:—T. Lavender, H. Milburn, Miss M. York, J. Fenwick, — Leslie, Miss G. D. Stones, Miss Watson, G. A. Green, T. Batey, S. T. Bailey, Miss B. Beattie, M. Young, J. Nixon, D. York, W. Hunter, Miss S. A. Lavender, E. D. Strong, E. A. Hunter, and L. Y.—After the prizes were given out by Mr Bryson, he gave a short address on temperance, showing that without religion temperance was of little value, and impressing on the audience the great need of not only becoming total abstainers, but also of becoming lovers of the Church of Christ and her Sacraments.—The Vicar followed with a most powerful appeal confirming what Mr Bryson had said, and invited as many as possible to attend a class held by himself for religious instruction.—The pleasant evening was brought to a close with the usual votes of thanks, and a wish that Mr Bryson might be with them again.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere at 1s. 1½d. per bottle.

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STRANGELY WOOED; STRANGELY WON.

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CHAPTER II.

GRADY'S FARM.

Still, like a spreading ulcer, which leechcraft may not cure,
Let your foul usance eat away the substance of the poor.
Macaulay.

The two hours to which Hyacinth's promise bound her had been exceeded by nearly twenty minutes when she came in sight of her home, a pretty cottage, standing in its own garden, on the verge of a deep wood, and there was her mother at the gate watching for her, and by her side a younger figure, which Hyacinth knew to be that of Nellie Mansfield, Tracy's sister.

The next moment she had sprung to the ground, given Shemus's bridle to barefooted Con, who ran up to lead the pony to the stable, and kissed her mother and Nellie, the former a gentle, dove-eyed woman of forty, the latter a merry, bright-eyed girl of twenty, with "a nose in the air."

"Oh, mother," said Hyacinth, penitently, "I did try to be in time—I am not very late, am I? How good of you to come, Aileen."

"I came to tell the news," said Nellie. "Did ye hear, Hyacinth?"

"Oh, yes!" exclaimed Hyacinth, "I have heard and seen too; 'tis that which made me late. I've been talking to Mr. Lorraine, mother dear."

"No! you are joking!" cried Nellie, stopping short, with wide-open eyes; but Mrs. Desmond said gravely—

"What do you mean, my dear?"

"It's true, mother. I met him, talking to Dan Murphy, by the gate to Mick Rooney's field, and he spoke to me most. I couldn't help talking to him. He's the broth of a boy to look at—but I don't like him a bit. I'll tell you all about it at tea."

She ran off to make herself "tidy," and when all three were seated at the tea table she related her afternoon experience, and described Mr. Vincent Lorraine's person, and descanted on his rudeness. Nellie was in a high state of curiosity, and intensely anxious to see the "Saxon landlord;" but Mrs. Desmond sighed inwardly, and though she was annoyed at the young man's staring Hyacinth "out of countenance," as the girl put it, she did not wonder at his noticing her. Who could do otherwise? And he—from all that was said, indeed, known of him—was the last man to allow female beauty to pass him by unobserved, and was likely to be peculiarly struck by such loveliness as Hyacinth's—perfect in form, and of a character entirely new to a city-bred man.

"I should be sorry," she said, "to suppose that anyone with principle could like Mr. Lorraine. He is a bad man, and I wish we need never meet him; but that, I suppose, cannot be avoided."

"Not unless we cut Mrs. O'Conor," said Nellie, nodding her head emphatically. "She will try to catch him for Dorine—see if she does not; so we shall all be invited to a grand ball soon. Oh, how jolly! What should you wear, Hyacinth?"

"Silly girl! The ball is in your own brain."

"It will take place—never fear; but Dorine won't get looked at when you are by. Faith, 'tis no good saying white isn't white. All the country side knows there isn't a girl in Ireland half as pretty as you are, Hyacinth. Mr. Lorraine *will* stare at you when you appear in your white satin and ivy-leaves that Terry O'Conor used to rave about."

"Terry O'Conor raved a great deal more about your forget-me-nots," answered Hyacinth, wickedly; and Nellie coloured high.

"Well," she retorted, "I am sure it isn't often anyone admires me when you are in evidence, Hyacinth. It will be a blessing to me if Vincent Lorraine flirts with you—as he certainly will. He's awfully rich, my dear."

"And races and bets—thank you."

"Hush! hush! said Mrs. Desmond, "a truce to such nonsense, girls. Aileen, have you heard anything about Terence?"

"Yes, auntie; that is, I saw Dorine yesterday, and she said he was very likely coming home in about a week or ten days—just in time for the ball, eh, Hyacinth?"

"Hm!" said Hyacinth. "I think Mr. Lorraine is more likely to get a ball of lead than a ball of any other kind."

They had risen from the table; and presently the two girls went out onto the common, not troubling hat or cloak for their perambulation.

They were sitting on a knoll, talking and laughing, when an old woman, carrying a bundle of faggots, drew near, and Hyacinth, first perceiving her, sprang to her feet.

"Good-evening, Dolly Maguire, — anything wrong anywhere?"

"Och, Misthress Hyacinth dear, 'tis just yourself I was afther," said Dolly, curtseying repeatedly. "Little Biddy Grady's tuk ill this day——"

"Biddy!" exclaimed Hyacinth, impetuously, "that pretty little thing—what is her illness, Dolly?"

"Och, thin, they don't know. The doctor's been, an' says he can't tell whether 'tis the faver or no; but Mrs. Grady'll take it so kind, miss, if ye'll go an' see Biddy to-morrow."

"I will go for certain, Dolly. If you see Mrs. Grady again to-night, you will tell her so."

"Sure, me dear! it's the good heart ye have, Miss Hyacinth. Good-avening, miss."

And, curtseying again, Dolly Maguire departed.

"I wonder if Biddy is really ill," observed Nellie, "or if it is only to stave off any notice to quit that she is 'tuk ill'?" But Hyacinth shook her head.

"They would not have asked me to go in that case," she said. "Grady knows very well what I think about his behaviour, and I could detect any shamming, and as for giving Biddy anything to make her ill, they wouldn't do that. They're not bad people—apart from their notions about landlords' rights. Now, Nellie, mavourneen, you had better be trotting home, or it will grow over late, and I will run over to-morrow if I can. I told Tracy I would."

Dermot Grady's farm lay about two miles from the Wood Cottage, as Mrs. Desmond's dwelling was called, and fully three from Castle Curramore, which was nearly five miles from the cottage. Grady belonged to the class of small tenant farmers, and the house which, about ten o'clock in the morning, Hyacinth Desmond approached, had not much appearance of prosperity about it. This, however, as Hyacinth well knew, was not entirely *bonâ fide*. Grady was fond of "a dhrap," and, in addition to this propensity, he took good care that his house should not, by seeming to be too comfortable, palpably give the lie to his protestations that the rent was more than he could pay—protestations which he, nevertheless, frequently negatived himself by boasting, even when sober, that he could pay, but wouldn't. The house, a one storey building, stood a little back from the road, with a small garden in front, in which a few straggling flowers contended with luxuriant weeds, and a shaggy lurcher lay across the threshold of the open door, while two or three poorly-dressed children played about the garden. These saluted Hyacinth with the respectful courtesy of even the poorest Irish children, and, entering the house, she passed on straight to the kitchen, and at the same time common sitting-room of the family.

By the fire in this apartment, which was humble enough, and yet by no means quite comfortless, sat a comely middle-aged woman, supporting on her knee a very pretty child of three or four years old, who, wrapped in a flannel garment, was lying with closed eyes, and certainly seemed ill enough to justify the mother's anxious looks. On the other side of the fire stood a tall, powerfully-built Irishman, smoking a short pipe—a man with a sullen eye, and a general air of neglect about him, although—probably in anticipation of Hyacinth's visit—he was more neat than usual this morning. A girl of about fourteen—an elder daughter—snub-nosed and red-haired, was mixing something in a basin at the table. To English eyes, the lack of order everywhere would have been painfully apparent; but Hyacinth, naturally, viewed things differently, and would have been astonished to see the place tidy.

"Miss Hyacinth!" exclaimed Mary Grady, dropping the spoon she was mixing with, and running forwards; Grady put down his pipe, and bade the girl the top o' the marning an' most welcome; and Mrs. Grady sought to rise, but Hyacinth prevented her, kneeling down by the little sufferer, who stretched her tiny hands up to the sweet young face, and purred like a kitten with delight.

"It's too good of ye to come, Miss Hyacinth," said Mrs. Grady, gratefully, "an' what if it's the faver?"

"You know I am not afraid, Mrs. Grady. Give Biddy to me for a little—yes, I will have her. So—I will sit in the low chair and nurse her, and you can have a rest."

It was no use to protest. Hyacinth always had her way; and in a moment she was seated in the rushbottomed chair, with little Biddy on her lap, and Biddy seemed to like the transfer well enough, nestling in the gentle embrace, and smiling, despite her pain, as Hyacinth's sweet voice and tender touch soothed her.

The history of Biddy's seizure was soon told, and then the mother said—

"Do ye think, Miss Hyacinth, that Misther Lorraine will be sarvin' us now?"

"I don't know," said Hyacinth. "I think he is very stern about the rents. I came across him yesterday."

"Shure, an' ye did, missy; an' is he as handsome as Dolly Maguire says?"

"Very handsome, and very determined—not a mere scented dandy," added the girl, glancing covertly at Grady. "Still, while Biddy is sick—"

"Whether Biddy's sick or well," here interposed Grady, "the masther may save hisself the throuble of sindin' for his rint, he won't get it! —that's plain shpakin', Miss Hyacinth, an' I know you don't howld wid it; but what am I, wid a sick choild, to be payin' rint to him, an' he go and waste it playin' cards, or after some divilment or other? t'aint justice, Miss Hyacinth. An' what's more, he'd best look sharp, or maybe it'll be looking up to the stars he'll be before long—'tis no great sin to rid the world of such as him. What good does he do in it? Why, he niver come here the two years past, nor in his father's toime, an' now he swoops loike a hawk, an'll turn us out of the lands that's ours for a few paltry pounds that he don't want an'll niver feel the need av."

"He would soon feel the want, Mr. Grady, if all his tenants argued in the same way," said Hyacinth, quietly.

"Let him! I'd loike to see him have to work, the idle spalpeen! Anyhow, he'll git no rint from me—young profligit!—nor I won't turn out neither!"

"I am glad I am not your landlord, Mr. Grady," said Hyacinth, laughing, for argument was perfectly futile.

"It 'ud be different if ye was, missy. You're Irish, an' you've got feelins for us, an' it's the jewel ye are every way; but Misther Lorraine's Frinch for all I know, an' he's no right to a rood o' the soil, an' I'll warn him not to thry for it, neither."

Before anyone could reply to this speech there was a light tap at the kitchen door.

"Run, Molly," said Mrs. Grady, hastily, and, under her breath, to her husband—"Dan Murphy, shure!"

Molly opened the door, and, as she did so, fell back in blank amazement, for there entered, bare-headed, not the burly well-known form of the agent, but a tall, dark, aristocratic-looking young man, in finest broad cloth, and with diamond rings, in whom the astounded Gradys instantly assumed they beheld their landlord himself—the "young profligit" so liberally abused by Dermot Grady. That redoubted champion of tenant-right now stood in the actual presence of the "Saxon spalpeen," with a sullen, slinking air that hardly accorded with his bellicose utterances.

"Vincent Lorraine—at your service," said the soft clear voice, as the young man paused, and in a courteous bow included the farmer and his wife; but the dark gray eyes went straight to the picture by the fire—the beautiful girl nursing the sick child—and, brief as that glance was, there was a flash that reminded Hyacinth of his parting look last night.

"Yer anner's sarvint," responded Grady, respectfully, and Mrs. Grady stood curtseying, while Molly ran to fetch a chair; but Lorraine now crossed to where Hyacinth sat, and held out his hand.

"Miss Desmond, I had no idea I should have the pleasure of meeting you here."

Hyacinth resigned her hand frankly to the Englishman to-day, and was half ashamed of her vexation yesterday, even though she still felt antagonistic to Lorraine.

"I came to see Biddy," she said, "that is how you find me here."

"Is Biddy ill then?" dropping his eyes for a second to the pretty baby face. He looked up again to that exquisite face that bent over the child, and paused. It would not do to say what he felt—that Biddy's illness was rather a stroke of good fortune from his point of view; and here Mrs. Grady rushed into the breach.

"Och, yer anner, an' 'tis very ill the choild is; the docthor saw her yestherday, when she was tuk ill—it was jist in the avening, yer anner, she tuk ill, and the docthor says it's the faver, an' she'll be ill a long toime, an' shure yer anner wouldn't be hard about the rint—such a handsome gintleman as yerself, sorr, couldn't be hard on poor people that slaves an' slaves an' can't do more wid it all than feed the childer—it's little enough to you, sorr, the rint; but shtill, I know it's bin long owin', only——"

At this point Mr. Lorraine's patience—of which the stock was, it must be admitted, strictly limited—expired.

"Yes, yes," he said, "all this is to my face, Mrs. Grady; but it is not quite the same when my back is turned, is it?" He did not wait to note the effect of his words, but turned again to Hyacinth, and said, in a low tone—

"Is the child really ill, Miss Desmond? They might make it so, you know."

"I don't think they would. Biddy is really ill, poor little thing."

She looked straight into his eyes as she said this, though it was not easy to meet that keen, penetrating gaze. Lorraine smiled, and dropped lightly on one knee before the child, and, with softest touch put back the straggling hair from Biddy's forehead.

"You are fond of children?" he said, with again that perplexing manner that left her in doubt as to whether he asked a serious question or spoke ironically.

"Yes; is that so strange?" she said.

"Not strange in anyone—least of all in you; you would love anything helpless and dependent. You would go out of your way to pick up a nestling fallen out of its nest, or fight a battle royal to rescue a drowning kitten from a score of schoolboys."

Hyacinth coloured deeply from the consciousness that he was perfectly right; but she laughed and said—"When one is strong one cannot help taking to helpless things. Are not you fond of children, too?"

"If no—I think not. I always regard them as bores. One can only be gentle to such a dependent creature as this, for instance—but liking it is another matter."

As he spoke, Biddy suddenly opened her eyes, and looked up with utter wonder and a child's broad admiration into the handsome face; then, as a more active token of her good opinion, she stretched out one tiny hand, and pushed it among the curly chestnut locks.

"Och, Biddy!" exclaimed Mrs. Grady, in horror at this familiarity; but Lorraine laughed, and taking the wee hand in his own, bent his beautiful face to the child's and kissed her brow.

"Biddy is not very discriminating!" he said, half mockingly, to Hyacinth, as he rose; but Hyacinth thought that perhaps Biddy was—that, child-like, she saw beyond the outward form some glimpses of pure gold in a nature sorely clogged with dross.

Lorraine turned to Grady, who, during this by-play, had stood aloof and covertly watched it, to note, if possible, the combined influences Hyacinth and Biddy would exercise on the haughty temper and strong will of the master of Curramore.

"Farmer Grady," said the young man, and there was not a shadow of a smile on the delicate features now, but a look that gave little hope of forbearance, notwithstanding Misthress Hyacinth's presence, "I think it is best that you and I should understand one another, or, at any rate, that you should understand me. If I were a man easily daunted, I should hardly, after all I heard, have come over from London to Curramore to enforce my rights; but, to avoid all possible misapprehension, I will say at once that those rights I intend to have. You owe me two years' rent; this farm—as you well know—is rented not above, nor equal to, but below its value; and you also know that you can pay the rent—yet you refuse to do it. The last time my agent called, you not only refused to pay, but even threatened him. So to-day I am come—as you see—myself; not to ask for rent, but to serve you with a notice to quit."

Lorraine had spoken coolly, standing in a half careless attitude, leaning his hand on the back of the chair that Mrs. Grady had placed for him, but manner and attitude were but the velvet glove; not Hyacinth only, but the Gradys could plainly see the iron hand beneath; and, as the final words were spoken, mother and daughter cried out in a breath—"Och, yer anner, och, och!" while Grady grew as white as death, and drew back a step, shunning the young man's eyes, and not uttering word or sound. Hyacinth looked from the one man to the other, and almost held her breath.

Mrs. Grady burst out imploringly—

"Yer anner wouldn't turn us out wid the choild sick? Shure yer mother's son couldn't do it. We haven't the rint, sorr; it's the blissed truth I shpake if they was me last words—yer anner will give us toime to pay!"

Lorraine lifted his hand to stop the woman's volubility, and still looked at Grady. Hyacinth's dark eyes watched the young man's face, seeking for some sign of relenting. Was he really so hard? Was it possible he intended to turn out these people just when their sick child would be at the worst of the fever? He had not yet actually served the notice; but he seemed in no mood to rescind it.

"Well," he said, after a minute's pause, "you have said nothing, Mr. Grady; and so, I suppose have nothing to say. Maybe you regard the notice as waste paper; but do not indulge that error. Every notice I give I shall enforce, and you are only one of three who will receive notice within this week—and, for the benefit of all, I may add that I am always fully armed, and never yet missed a mark within range."

He saw Grady wince visibly at this last intimation. He answered, sullenly—

"Yer anner must do as ye plase about the notice. I haven't got the rint, that's all; an' my fathers before me has been on the land for foive generations."

"If your fathers had been on the land from the time of the Seven Kings that would give you no rights beyond your contract, my friend. The land is yours while you hold to the contract, and not a day beyond; and if my tenants will not understand this by reasoning, they must learn it by force."

Grady said nothing; but Lorraine did not omit to notice the fierce flash in the fellow's downcast eyes—the lower nature was completely cowed by the higher, as the panther will crouch to the man; but let the influence of eye and mien be withdrawn, and the panther is on him, swift and deadly. Vincent Lorraine knew exactly the kind of animal he had to deal with.

Mrs. Grady spoke again:—

"Shure, yer anner, ye'll think av the choild; if yer mother was livin'—God rest her sowl!—she'd remoind be that ye was oncit a little wan, an' maybe sick an' sufferin', an' maybe she prayed by ye an' wept sore for ye. Och, Miss Hyacinth," turning to the girl, for Lorraine shewed no outward sign of being touched by her pathetic appeal, "won't ye shpake for a poor mother? Shure his anner will listen to such a swate young lady."

But Hyacinth bent a flushed face over the child, and pressed trembling lips to the little creature's brow. If she had spoken, it would not be to plead, but to reproach—no appeal should have been needed. How could he resist the memory of Biddy's smile and tiny hand outstretched to him?

Lorraine turned, and went to where Hyacinth sat, and as he paused the girl lifted her face and gave him one swift, keen look that might well have made his eyes quail—but it did not; he met that look with a cool, steady gaze, and spoke deliberately.

"Cruel—heartless—unjust—is that it?" he said; and as he bent forwards slightly Biddy looked up at him again, and smiled and cooed. He did not even glance at her in return, but he put out his hand to her, and Biddy clung to it with both her own, and cooed again over the flashing diamond.

"No, not unjust," said Hyacinth, though less bitterly than she would have spoken but for that act of his. "You have a right to do as you will with your own—that is your doctrine."

"And you ask me to waive it in favour of mercy and forbearance?"

"No; I do not ask you—and I would not ask you."

"Pardon—a reproach may be an appeal; so I must try 'the quality of mercy,' though I am afraid it will not, in this case, bless twice, or even once."

He turned again to Grady, and said—

"For your sick child's sake I will defer the notice to quit; but when the child gets well you will be served with a fresh notice. Good-morning; good-morning, Mrs. Grady. Miss Desmond, *au revoir*."

Grady said not a word. Mrs. Grady curtseyed and said, "Thank yer anner," and Molly opened the door for the hated landlord, and when he was gone Dermot Grady went out and strode away to the back premises, there to expend the rage which policy and politeness alike forbade him to give vent to in Hyacinth's presence. Mrs. Grady and Molly ran to the window, and watched the tall form pass with its light graceful step down the garden path, and the former shook her fist fiercely

"The cruel villain!" she said, savagely. "The cruel, proud, unmerciful villain! I'd loike to tear the eyes out av his good lookin' face, I would. Och, Miss Hyacinth dear, the blissed Saints presarve ye from iver thinkin' on his handsome face an' his swate voice. 'Tis winnin' he can be, I'll warrant, to rob a girl's heart an' break it, an' her honour too, if she's not a lady; it's the divil's self that's often good-looking. Don't Father Malone tell us so? and shure Vincent Lorraine's the divil, an' no wan else."

But Hyacinth gave no assent to this tirade—it would be only adding fuel to flame to utter a word that would set the ignorant woman further against her landlord. Moreover, whatever Hyacinth might think of Lorraine's conduct, her sympathies were with his order, if not with himself; and so she tried—though she knew by experience she was wasting breath—to urge upon Mrs. Grady the falseness of the position her husband maintained. In vain now, as ever; and presently the girl arose, saying she had promised to go over to Drumabog, but she would call again in a day or two and see how Biddy was.

So she kissed the child, and taking leave of the others—who thanked her profusely for coming—departed, and with a far graver brow than usual turned towards Drumabog, the road to which lay, for about half-a-mile, in the same direction as the Wood Cottage.

(To be continued.)

Railway Time Table.

CONSETT BRANCH.

Stations.	Week Days.						
	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
NEWCASTLE Dep	5·45	9·40	11·0	12·20	2·40	5·35	7·30
Scotswood ,,	5·52	9·47	11·7	12·27	2·47	5·42	7·37
Swalwell ,,	5·59	9·54	11·14	12·34	2·53	5·49	7·44
Rowlands Gill ,,	6·9	10·4	11·24	12·44	3·3	5·59	7·54
Lintz Green ,,	·15	10·10	11·30	12·50	3·9	6·5	8·0
Ebchester ,,	·28	10·22	11·40	1·0	3·22	6·18	8·13
Shotley Bridge ,,	·34	10·29	11·44	1·4	3·28	6·24	8·19
CONSETT Arr.	6·40	10·35	11·50	1·10	3·33	6·30	8·25
	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	
CONSETT Dep.	7·10	10·37	1·12	3·35	4·50	6·33	
Knitsley ,,	7·21	10·49	1·23	3·46	5·1	6·44	
Lanchester ,,	7·30	10·58	1·32	3·55	5·10	6·53	
Witton Gilbert ,,	7·41	11·2	1·43	4·6	5·21	7·4	
DURHAM Arr.	7·50	11·20	1·52	4·15	5·30	7·15	
	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
DURHAM Dep.	7·25		11·45	2·45	3·50	5·0	8·0
Witton Gilbert ,,	7·37		11·55	2·55	4·2	5·12	8·12
Lanchester ,,	7·50		12·8	3·8	4·15	5·25	8·25
Knitsley ,,	8·2		12·18	3·18	4·25	5·36	8·37
CONSETT Arr.	8·12		12·28	3·28	4·35	5·45	8·47
	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.		P.M.	P.M.
CONSETT Dep.	8·15	9·10	12·30	3·45		5·48	8·50
Shotley Bridge ,,	8·20	9·15	12·35	3·50		5·53	8·55
Ebchester ,,	8·24	9·19	12·39	3·54		5·57	8·59
Lintz Green ,,	8·34	9·29	12·47	4·4		6·5	9·9
Rowlands Gill ,,	8·39	9·34	12·52	4·10		6·10	9·14
Swalwell ,,	8·47	9·42	12·59	4·17		6·17	9·22
Scotswood ,,	8·54	9·49	1·6	4·24		6·24	9·29
NEWCASTLE Ar	9·5	10·0	1·15	4·35		6·35	9·40

SUNDAYS.

Leave	a.m.	p.m.	Leave	a.m.	p.m.
NEWCASTLE	7·30	7·15	CONSETT	8·35	8·20
Scotswood	7·37	7·22	Shotley Bridge	8·40	8·25
Swalwell	7·44	7·29	Ebchester	8·44	8.29
Rowland's Gill	7·54	7·39	Lintz Green	8·54	8·39
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Ebchester	8·13	7·58	Swalwell	9·8	8·53
Shotley Bridge	8·19	8·4	Scotswood	9·14	8·59
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Swalwell	7·24	4·30	Lanchester	8·20	....
Rowland's Gill	7·34	4·40	Knitsley	8·32	....
Lintz Green	7·40	7·46	CONSETT arr	8·45	....
Ebchester	7·53	4·59	Do. dep.	8·50	....
Shotley Bridge	7·59	5·5	Shotley Bridge	8·55	....
CONSETT arr.	8·5	5·12	Ebchester	8·59	....
Do. dep.	9·20	....	Lintz Green	9·9	....
Knitsley	9·32	....	Rowlands Gill	9·15	....
Lanchester	9·41	....	Swalwell	9·22	....
Witton Gilbert	9·52	....	Scotswood	9·29	....
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Tow Law	7·23	12·22	5·3
CROOK arr.	7·35	12·32	5·15
CROOK dep.	7·40	12·37	5·30
Bishop Auckland ,,	8·10	1·1	6·2
Darlington ,,	8·35	2·0	6·45
Stockton ,,	9·25	2·29	7·18
Middlesbro' ,,	9·18	2·38	7·33
SALTBURN arr.	10·12	3·10	8·8

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Stations.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SALTBURN dep.	6·54	11·14	3·50
Middlesbro' ,,	6·30	11·50	4·22
Stockton	6·49	12·9	4·30
Darlington ,,	7·15	1·25	5·5
Bishop Auckland ,,	7·43	1·51	5·33
CROOK arr.	8·1	2·11	5·58
CROOK dep.	8·15	2·20	6·5
Tow Law ,,	8·27	2·32	6·20
Burnhill Junction ,,	8·42	2·45	6·36
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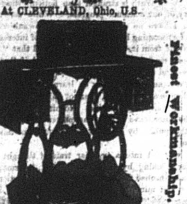
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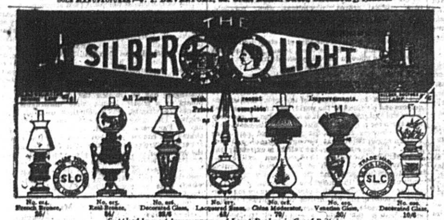
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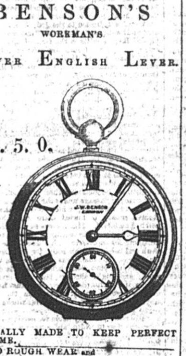
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AFFAIRS IN EGYPT.

THE SITUATION IN THE SOUDAN.

CAIRO, Saturday.

The latest intelligence from the Soudan lessens the anxiety felt in respect to the False Prophet's movements. It his believed that he will not stand even against the Black troops who are to be sent into the field. His force is largely composed of wandering horsemen, an army liable to melt on a very small amount of provocation.

It has transpired that the Prophet's real name is Zabehr Mahdi, King of Bahr-el-Gazel. He once captured Darfour. In Gordon Pacha's time the Prophet was known as a great slave trader, and was routed out of the Soudan with a number of the slave trading chiefs by Gordon Pacha's lieutenant, Jessy.

A report is current that the Sultan is intriguing to send Ottoman troops to restore order in the Soudan. Such a course would prove disastrous; and there is little likelihood of England sanctioning such a proceeding.

It is understood here that Lord Dufferin has expressed the opinion to several official personages that the trial of Arabi Pacha and his followers ought to be conducted with all possible despatch, as it is paralysing the settlement of all other matters.

A body of black troops, numbering between 2,000 and 3,000 men, is concentrated at Barrage, near Benha. The first contingent of the troops who will take part in the Soudan expedition will start for Suakim within the next few days.

CAIRO, Sunday.

This being the Mussulman New Year's Day the Khedive this morning held the reception which is usual on the occasion. His Highness officially received the patriarchs of the different religious creeds, members of the diplomatic corps, the principal officials and European notabilities. He also received Lord Dufferin and General Sir A. Alison.

MURDER OF A EUROPEAN IN ALEXANDRIA.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Monday.

Mr Wyndham, British Charged'Affaires here, has in his communications with the Porte used the same language as that employed by Earl Granville to Musurus Pacha, strongly deprecating the proposal of the Turkish Government to despath a Commissioner to Egypt under present circumstances.

ALEXANDRIA, Monday.

A shocking occurrence took place here last night. A Russian subject was found murdered in the street near the Arsenal, and it is believed that the culprit is a native watchman who was on duty at the time. The man was arrested, and in his possession was found a heavy bludgeon covered with blood. The affair has caused a great sensation.

CAIRO, Monday.

In the Delta, the majority of the people are in a disturbed state, as the war has deprived them of their cattle, and large quantity of grain has been requisitioned. Owing to the cutting off the water, the rice crop will be almost a complete failure.

THE PORTE AND THE PROPOSED TURKISH MISSION.

CAIRO, Tuesday.

The Commission of Inquiry at Tantah has obtained sufficient evidence against twenty of the prisoners in the gaol to warrant their committal for trial before the court-martial at Alexandria on charges of complicity in the massacres of Christians. About 200 prisoners are detained at Tantah.

Sultan Pacha has expressed himself strongly in favour of a resuscitation of the Chamber of Notables, and of its members being increased to 120. His Excellency, however, admits that only about fifteen or twenty of the late Chamber were really reliable men, and that the election of members depended on the village Sheikhs and Beys, rather than on the people.

ALEXANDRIA, Tuesday.

Complaints are rife just now of the extortion practised here by property holders, who, seeing that the city is not, since the destruction following the bombardment, nearly large enough to comfortably house three-fourths of the people who desire to live in the city, are making exorbitant demands in the shape of rents. Not only have prices been more than doubled, but owners seek to bind their tenants by a three years' agreement. It is asserted that the landlords have combined to keep up their prices, and as it must be some time before the city can be rebuilt, they will doubtless succeed.

Soliman Daoud and Musa El Akad, who are accused of complicity in the burning and pillage of Alexandria, arrived here to-day from Crete, and were sent on to Cairo under guard.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Tuesday.

There is considerable excitement at the Palace, for to-night the Porte expects to learn from Musurus Pacha the result of his renewed application to Earl Granville concering the proposed despatch of an Ottoman commissioner to Egypt. The Turkish Government is still anxious to press this point, and, indeed, considerable uneasiness is felt at the Palace respecting the whole situation in Egypt. A council was held at the Palace this afternoon to discuss the Egyptian question. There is another dangerous element in the affair, for strong Russian influences are at work to foment the anxiety felt by the Sultan. Nor is the Tunis difficulty ended, for France categorically declines to permit the investiture of the new Bey by the Porte.

PARIS, Tuesday.

A semi-official contradiction is given to the statement, published by this morning's *Figaro*, that the British and French Governments had come to an understanding in regard to the Egyptian question. It is declared that up to the present the French Government had not accepted the English proposals.

THE ILL-TREATMENT OF PRISONERS.

CAIRO, Wednesday.

Mr Broadley has written a letter to Sir Charles Wilson complaining of the treatment experienced by Emin Bey el Shensy, one of the prisoners at Zagazig. It is stated that the prisoner is employed at Zagazig, where he was a large cotton grower, in watering the streets.

Musa Al Akab and Suleiman Daoud, who arrived here last night, have been imprisoned in the old Daira building, and will be tried separately on a charge of complicity in the burning and pillaging of Alexandria.

ALEXANDRIA, Wednesday.

The Council of Ministers has decided to abolish the Land Survey Commission, and to replace it by a special department subordinated to the Ministry of Public Works. Mr Gibson and Langandon will, however, remain at the head of this department.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Wednesday.

The British Government has declined to entertain the renewed proposal of the Porte, recently made by Musurus Pacha, for the despatch of Server Pacha, as Ottoman Commissioner to Egypt.

PARIS, Wednesday.

The *Voltaire* states that the English Government has proposed to France that the Commission of the Public Debt in Egypt should be presided over by a Frenchman, and has suggested M. Bredif for the post. A Council of Ministers, it adds, will be held to-day, when the reply to be made to the proposition will be discussed.

ARABI AND THE BURNING OF ALEXANDRIA.

THE DOMAIN ESTATES.

RUMOURED INTENTION TO PURCHASE BY ENGLAND.

The *Standard's* Cairo Correspondent says:—There is a rumour current in foreign circles that England is in negotiation with the house of Rothschild for the purchase of the Domain estates from the Egyptian Government.

The variance between the Commission of inquiry and the counsel for the prisoners is not yet settled, but will probably decided in favour of the latter, as the Egyptian Government cannot ignore the acceptance of the original rules of procedure. Several other prisoners have retained English counsel, but the President of the Commission refuses access to them until the completion of the secret investigations. Friends of the prisoners made charges of gross ill-treatment. The prosecution has now occupied three weeks, 135 witnesses have been examined, and 126 prisoners have been interrogated. Many persons, including the Khedive, has given evidence by simple letter.

The health of the troops still continues unsatisfactory, and it is estimated that of the total force in Egypt, 14 per cent. of Cavalry, 11 per cent. of Artillery, and 7 per cent. of Infantry are on the sick list.

Sulieman Daoub was examined to-day before the Prosecution Committee. He says he received peremptory orders from Arabi to set fire to Alexandria, and when the conflagration was not at first apparent, the latter sent him orders to set fire to the city in other places. Arabi also ordered him to murder the Khedive, and he was proceeding to do so, but was dissuaded by Sultan Pacha.

THE ARMY OF OCCUPATION.

CAIRO, Thursday.

The negotiations upon the Convention relative to the cost of the British army of occupation and concerning the future Egyptian political arrangements have not yet commenced.

Lord Dufferin confers daily with various high functionaries.

The question at issue between the Prosecution Committee and the counsel for the defence have been practically arranged, and Mr Broadley will immediately proceed with the re-examination of witnesses for the prosecution. He will examine the Sheikh Adona and Ahmed Bey Rifaat this afternoon.

THE SULTAN AND LORD DUFFERIN'S MISSION.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Thursday.

The Sultan is very much agitated at the refusal of the English Government to permit him to send a special commissioner to Cairo. He declares that the Khedive has no right, without his authority, to permit the armed occupation of Egypt by a foreign Power, and that in doing so he is guilty of an act of rebellion. His Majesty feels keenly the dilemma in which he is placed by the decisive yet courteous tone of Lord Granville's refusal, which leaves him no chance of renewing his demand diplomatically. On the other hand, he feels that any overt act on his part might lead to a breach with England, which he dreads. The Porte and the Yildiz Kiosk, in discussing Lord Granville's refusal, say that if the English Government are sincere in recognising the sovereignty of the Sultan over Egypt, they might at least allow him to assert it in some such informal manner as sending a Commissioner to Cairo at this crisis. But in spite of all protestations, the English Government adheres to its refusal rather than run any risk of Lord Dufferin's action in Cairo being hampered.

Local Police Courts.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, November 16th.—Before M. KEARNEY, Esq. (chairman), Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE, GEO. G. TAYLOR SMITH, Esq., Capt. E. LEADBITTER SMITH, and GEORGE HEDLEY, Esq.

THE EDUCATION ACT.

John Plews, of Hedleyhope, was summoned by Mr Wm. Ward, school attendance officer for the Lanchester Union, and was fined 5s (including costs) for failing to send two of his children to school.—The defendant was further charged with neglecting to send two other children regularly to school, and in this case the Bench granted an order for them to attend St. Joseph's Catholic Schools, at Tow Law.

Cuthbert Wharton, of Hill Top, near Cornsay, who was summoned by the same school warden, was fined 5s (inclusive of costs) for not making his three children attend the same school.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

Charles Callighan was charged by P.C. Philipson with been drunk and disorderly at Marley Hill, on Sunday, 29th ult., and was fined 5s and costs.

John Price was charged by Sergt. Nicholson with being drunk at Cornsay Colliery.—The sergeant said that he found the defendant very drunk in the street.—The Chairman asked complainant if he knew where the defendant got the drink.—The sergeant replied that he had no doubt but that he had got it in a public-house at Cornsay, but he was not certain.—The Chairman said that when a policeman found a person drunk it was his duty to ascertain what innkeeper had supplied the drink.—Mr Hedley agreed with the Chairman's remarks.—Supt. Oliver said that a policeman could not ascertain from the innkeepers who had supplied a person with drink until he was drunk.—Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was fined 5s and costs.

Thomas Donald was summoned by Sergt. Kendrew for being drunk and guilty of riotous conduct at Quebec on the 4th of the present month.—The defendant was in front of Cockerill's public-house very drunk and excited, with a large crowd around him. He had lost his cap and was creating a great disturbance.—The defendant said that he had lost his hat, and the people made him drunk.—Fined 5s and 8s 6d expenses.

James Gally was summoned by Sergt. Kendrew for being guilty of drunkenness near to Marley's public-house at Quebec, at 10.30 on Saturday night last.—The defendant was going about in a helpless state of intoxication, and knocked a man down in the urinal.—As the defendant did not appear, he was fined 10s and the costs.

"NOT A GHOST OF A CHANCE HERE."

William Ferry pleaded guilty to a like charge. Sergeant Kendrew deposed that on the 4th of Nov., the defendant was drunk, and fighting and using obscene language in front of Mr Cockerill's. There had been a wedding in Close Row on that day, and in order to celebrate it thoroughly, the defendant and some companions had partaken of several gallons of beer.—The defendant denied that the officer ever saw him intoxicated that day. He came out of the public-house at four o'clock in the afternoon, and never entered it again.—A fine of 5s and costs (13s 6d in all) was inflicted by the magistrates; and on hearing the decision, the defendant exclaimed "There is not a ghost of a chance for a fellow here!"

The defendant was also summoned for having assaulted John Hynes on the same occasion, but when the case was called upon, the defendant said "That case is made up. John Hynes is not coming here to appear against me."—The Chairman said defendant ought to have asked the Bench for permission to withdraw the case.—Defendant: I am verra sorry, yer worships, or else I wad hev axed yer.—The Chairman: Will you pay the costs?—Defendant: What are they?—Supt. Oliver: 15s.—Defendant: All right.—The case was therefore dismissed.

ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD THE RAILWAY COMPANY.

John Hadden, of Blackhill, was summoned by Inspector Barrell, of the North Eastern Railway Company, for travelling on the Consett Branch Line without having paid his fare, on Monday, 6th inst., The defendant admitted the charge.—The facts of the case were that the defendant arrived at Consett from Newcastle at 8.25 p.m. on the day in question, and being asked for his ticket, denied that he had travelled by that train and refused to pay his fare. The defendant was observed by the guard in one of the carriages, and was likewise seen by an officer and the ticket collector to alight on the platform at Consett.—The defendant said he went down to Newcastle by the trip train on Saturday and remained till Monday night. He was very drunk at the time, and did not know how he managed to get through the gate at Newcastle station without first procuring a ticket. He had plenty of money in his pocket to pay the fare. The Inspector explained that the trip went down down to Tynemouth on the Saturday, and the defendant should have come back with it the same day.—A fine of 5s and 10s costs was imposed.

BREACH OF THE MINES' REGULATION ACT.

Samuel Purdy, coal hewer, was summoned by his employers, Messrs. James Joicey and Co., of East Tanfield Colliery, for infringing the Mines' Regulation Act by placing his safety lamp in a position contrary to the special rules provided for the colliery. Mr Oliver, of Durham, who appeared to prosecute, stated that the defendant had fixed his Davy lamp within 2ft. of the swing of the strike of the pick, and the gauze was damaged in consequence. The Bench would know how the lives of the other miners were endangered by this practice, and in this case the offence was intensified from the fact that the defendant had been previously warned not to place his lamp in that position.—The defendant admitted the offence, and the Chairman, in imposing a fine of 20s including costs, remarked that it was most extraordinary how reckless and careless some pitmen seemed to be, and the defendant must consider that he had been very leniently dealt with.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Joseph Wilson, a young man, was fined 5s and pay the costs for refusing to quit the house of Robert Atkinson, at White-le-Head, on Sunday night last.—The defendant entered the house perfectly sober, but as he became very noisy and quarrelsome; the landlord ordered him away, when he refused to go.

EMPLOYERS AND WORKMEN'S ACT.

Anthony Scollings was charged by Mr Joseph Johnson with neglecting his work at the Hamsteels Colliery, on the 17th ult.—Mr Malcolm, of Durham, prosecuted.—Daniel Lennon, deputy at Hamsteels main drift, stated that on the day referred to, the defendant entered his flat, where he remained one hour without doing any work, and then left the pit. His excuse was that his work was heavy, and that he was not allowed an assistant helper, but according to the labour he was called upon to perform, it was unnecessary for to have any assistance. Mr Hornsby, the manager, testified that the loss the owners sustained through the defendant's neglect amounted to 6s 3d.—The Bench made an order for 6s with the expenses.

DISCHARGING FIREARMS IN THE STREETS.

William John Wardle was summoned for unlawfully discharging firearms in the public streets at Cornsay Colliery on the 6th of the present month.—Sergt. Nicholson stated that he heard the defendant fire his gun off in the streets several times, the shots rattling about like hailstones. The defendant and other two men had attended a shooting match on that day, and he was firing-off the unused cartridges.—The magistrates fined the defendant 5s and 8s 6d costs; in default, seven days in prison.

TRESPASSING IN PURSUIT OF GAME.

William Campbell pleaded guilty to trespassing in search of game on the estate of the late Mr John Fawcett, near Holmside Hall.—P.C. Hawley testified that on the 5th November he saw the defendant and another man in the plantation in the occupation of Mr Foster, adjoining the Hall; as soon as they observed him, the men ran away. Witness followed and ultimately overtook the defendant. On searching him, he found two rabbits, a ferret, and some nets upon him.—Two previous convictions for poaching were recorded against the defendant, and he was fined 40s with costs—£2 8s 9d in all.

William Lynn also admitted being guilty of a similar offence committed at the same time and place.—A ferret, nets, and some rabbits were found in the possession of this defendant, and another ferret was discovered by the police-officer and the gamekeeper (Geo. Sanderson) in a hole which he had just left.—The Chairman remarked that this case was not so bad as the previous one, and a fine of 20s only and expenses was inflicted.—The defendant stated that he had permission to ferret rabbits on Mr Saggerson's land, and he should therefore like to have his ferret returned to him.—The Chairman said that had nothing to do with the present case, and the ferrets would therefore be confiscated.

John Forster, a gentleman, residing at Biggen Terrace, near Quebec (who is well-known in this district as a Liberal Registration Agent) was summoned for killing and taking game on waste ground by the side of the highway at Ragpath, the property of Mr Chas. Robinson.—Mr W. Dickinson, of Consett, appeared on behalf of the defendant, who repudiated the charge.—A roadman in the employment of Lanchester Highway Board, stated that he was working on Ragpath Bank, on the 3rd inst, and about three o'clock in the afternoon he heard the report of a gun, and looking round he saw the defendant raising his gun to his shoulder. He (defendant) went over to the opposite side of the road into the whin bushes, and on returning he held a rabbit up in his hands. The defendant did not go through the fence into Mr Walton's field himself, but set his dog into the field. This happened at the bottom of the bank near to Mr Smith's fox covers.—To Mr Dickinson: After the defendant picked up the rabbit, the gamekeeper came over the same fence as the defendant's dog had previously gone through. The defendant did not call his dog back when it was running about in the field.—Mr Dickinson objected to the summons on the ground that the information should have been laid by Mr Walton, the occupier, and not by Mr Robinson, the owner.—The Bench, however, over-ruled the objection.—The gamekeeper alleged that he heard the report of the gun and saw the smoke ascend from it. He also observed the defendant in the act of placing the gun to his shoulder before firing again. Witness asked the defendant if he had permission to shoot game on that ground, and he replied that he had leave from the tenant.' Witness subsequently saw Mr Walton, and that gentleman denied that he ever gave the defendant authority to kill the game.—On behalf of his client, Mr Dickinson said the defendant was coming home from shooting, and when he arrived at the place described by the two witnesses a rabbit rushed out across the road before Mr Forster, and he shot it. The defendant absolutely denied trespassing on Mr Walton's land to get the rabbit, or that he ever sent his dog for it. If the animal was in Mr Walton's field the defendant was not aware of the fact. The rabbit was both killed and picked up on the highway. The defendant also denied that he ever told the keeper that Mr Walton had given him permission to shoot over his land.—The magistrates considered the evidence conclusive against the defendant, and mulcted him in a penalty of 5s and 12s 6d costs.—The defendant said he would appeal against the decision of the Bench at the next Quarter Sessions.

Mr Joseph Johnson, of Durham, has purchased Whitworth Colliery, Spennymoor, and intends to work it.

IVESTON WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

LECTURE BY MR J. LAX.

On Wednesday evening, a very able and instructive lecture was delivered in the Wesleyan Chapel at Iveston, by Mr Joshua Lax, of Shotley Bridge, the proceeds of which will go towards reducing the expense incurred in re-painting and re-decorating the interior of this neat place of worship. The subject of the lecture was "The Antiquities of the Derwent Valley;" it possesses exceptional interest to the residents of this locality and was, we understand, very popular in these parts some dozen years ago. The early part of the night was miserably wet, but despite this fact, the popularity and fame of the lecturer caused a very good company to assemble in the chapel. The proceedings were opened by singing a hymn and the customary devotional exercises, and subsequently (at the request of Mr Cheesman) Mr Geo. Richardson, the junior circuit steward, of Shotley Bridge, was called upon to preside.

The CHAIRMAN said he was highly pleased to be with them that night, and he was happy to see such a large company present, and all, he felt sure, would be provided with a rare intellectual treat. After having expressed his gratitude at the kindly reception accorded to his colleague (Mr Lax) and himself on this their first visit to Iveston, the chairman briefly introduced the lecturer.

Mr LAX, on ascending into the pulpit, was most enthusiastically cheered. After a few preliminary remarks, he proceeded with his paper as follows:—

EBCHESTER.

I will open this paper with as brief an account as the subject will allow of the antecedents of a village which cuts a conspicuous figure in my subject of to-night, surrounded by landscapes of surpassing loveliness, original groves, plantations, glen, cornfield, meadow and pasture, dispersed over knoll and plain, blending harmoniously, combine in forming a picture most charming to the eye of taste.

Ebchester, situated on the edge of a steep declivity on the right bank of the Derwent, second in antiquarian interest to no place in the valley, stands immediately on the site of a Roman station, believed by Messrs Warburton and Gale to have been the Vindomora of the Itinerary of Antoninus and of Richard of Cirencester. To the casual observer there is little left at Ebchester to call attention to the doings of the great Roman conquerors and civilizers of the world, but to the practised eye of the antiquary the vallum at the edge of the steep next the river is still quite distinct. 'The north-west angle,' observes Surtees, 'is perfect, and part of the western agger, though cut through by roads and footpaths. On the south also, the vallum is extremely distinguishable, just within the southern wall of the churchyard, part of which at least, seems built out of the Roman rampart; and the mossgrown crumbling walls of some of the neighbouring cottages betray a similar origin.' In sooth a careful antiquary may discover in some of the old houses of the present village, broken remnants of Roman monuments and sepulchral stones built in the walls. According to Hutchinson, a Durham historian, prior to Surtees, the Rev Mr Jefferson had three inscribed stones (one of them a Roman altar) inserted in the walls of the curacy house, for preservation. The same author says:—'In the year 1784, by the washing of the flood in the bank of the Derwent, this altar was discovered (giving an engraving of the stone), now in the possession of H. Swinburne, Esq. It is two feet six inches high, and thirteen inches thick; the characters well cut and mostly distinct, and is dedicated to the god, Spring.' Up to the time of Horsley and Gale the Vindomora station had yielded Roman relics in the form of altars, inscriptions, baths, coins, &c., of rare antiquarian interest, some of which Camden and Horsley are said to have placed among the relics of other stations, which the late Dr Hunter, of Medomsley, a keen and distinguished antiquary, proves beyond a doubt to have been found at Ebchester. Mr Ryan, in his interesting little work on Shotley Spa, tells us that one of these, which Camden places amongst the Lanchester inscriptions, is a sepulchral stone inscribed "Have," bidding adieu to the dead after the manner of the ancients. Of these altars, inscriptions, and other remains of the Roman occupation of Britain, several are to be found in the Cathedral Library at Durham, and many are in private hands. In the year 1727 Dr Hunter discovered, a little to the south-west angle of the ramparts, part of aqueduct that supplied the Roman baths. It is composed of two flat stones cemented into two nitches cut in one laid flat at the bottom. Concerning this aqueduct, and supposed subterranean passage under the village, a curious tradition is in existence, which teaches that a chest of Roman money is buried there and that a crow is perched on its lid. Many years ago an old man believing profoundly in the teachings of the tradition, after dreaming for successive nights about the money, set to work and belaboured his body for some weeks, but alas for success. If there was anything in his dreams, or the story, the crow still holds his sable sway over the chest, and night shrouds both in mystery. This station, if Hutchinson be correct, must have comprised an area of about five acres, stood on the large military way, Watling Street, which Hutchinson describes as being 'formed in three distinct parts, with four ditches, a centre road, probably made for carriages and cavalry, forty-two feet in width, and a narrow road on each side for foot passengers twelve feet wide.' The word Watling is of doubtful etymology, believed by Bishop Butler to have been corrupted from the word Vittellianus into Vitellin—thence to Watling. Speaking of this road Horsley tells us in his 'Britannia Romana,' a work published about the commencement of last century, that, 'we have ocular demonstration that the magnificent military way coming from the south, is in fact divided at Thornborough into two branches, both of which become very conspicuous not far from the place. The one goes northward directly to Piercebridge to Binchester, Ebchester, Corbridge, and so on through Northumberland into Scotland; the other passes by Greta Bridge to Bowes, and then through Westmoreland and Cumberland, to Carlisle, and so into Scotland on that side. Before taking leave of the Roman period of Ebchester, I cannot, in duty to my hearers, omit a brief account of an altar recently found by the Rev Mr Linthwaite, bearing the inscription in quite distinct characters—'DEO VITIRI' or 'to the god of vitires.' Vitires is believed to have been a local deity, for he is not heard of outside of the Derwent valley. Mr Linthwaite is also possessed of a quantity of broken Samian pottery found at Ebchester, much of it a brilliant red colour, as lustrous as had it been made a month ago, particularly that found in dry places surrounded by charcoal—that found in soft blue clay has lost its lustre. The Samian ware is believed to be of foreign manufacture; but there is met with also in all Roman stations a quantity of dark coloured and yellow ware, known to have been made in Britain. A kiln for burning this was discovered years ago at Astin in Northamptonshire. The Rev W. Featherstonehaugh, of Edmondbyers, a member of the Society of Antiquaries in the North of England, owns a silver coin found at Ebchester, which with others, Roman, Saxon, and English, he has kindly lent me. The Ebchester coin is a denarius, or ancient Roman coin of the Plebeian family of 'Scribonia,' obverse, head with BON EVENT LIBO; reverse, an altar, wreathed with lyre hanging on each side. This is a rude type of a not uncommon coin, of late Republican or early Imperial date—the former most likely. I feel very great pleasure and gratitude in acknowledging the generous and kindly aid I have met with at the hands of the above-named gentlemen in my researches for reliable matter for this paper. Any books or any information in their possession, which might be of use to me, has been granted with the most unsparing willingness.

THE MONASTERY.

History tells us that a monastery was founded at Ebchester before the year 660 A.D., by the Princess Ebba, daughter of King Ethelfrid, who reigned over Northumbria from 593 to 617, and that this monastery was burned by the Danes who invaded Northumbria and are said to have spread desolation and utter ruin everywhere. Ebba betook herself to Coldingham where she is believed to have founded a monastery near St. Abb's Head, at any rate she performed the duties of abbess there, where she and her associate virgins committed revolting barbarities upon their own beauteous faces to save them from the impious Danes. I have some doubt concerning the date of this monastery, founded on what I regard as a fact, which some historians tell us was built about the year 660. Now the girl whose father was slain in battle in the year 617, whose kingdom was invaded by the Danes, of course before the above date, could not be very young and possessed of the beauteous face she is described of possessing at Coldingham after she left Ebchester, for she would be between 40 and 50 years old. Mr Ryan observes that 'very recently' (speaking about 34 years ago) 'when digging for foundations on what is supposed to have been the site of the old monastery, the workmen disclosed several inches of burnt earth or red ashes, upon huge stones that appeared to have formed a massive pavement or floor. Several of the stones also showed signs of fire; and though excavations have been made elsewhere, the same appearances have never before been presented.' The site of the present church which occupies the south western angle of the Roman station is supposed to have been the site of the burned monastery, and one of the most likely places for the erection of such a pile. There are a few facts, which though not conclusive, are at least suggestive, and strengthen the argument in favour of this building having existed:—Firstly then, the name of the place Ebchester—a compound of the name of the Northumbrian virgin, and the common Saxon word chester—a city, town, or castle; and secondly, the dedication of the church to St. Ebba, which took place perhaps more than five centuries ago. It is a fact marked by one of our Durham historians, Mr Fordyce, that though Ebchester, situated on the great northern Watling Street, continued to afford a passage for Danes and Saxons, yet nothing is known of the events which occurred at Vindomora for five centuries. It appears to have lain in a state of desolation—the refuge only of solitary hermits. Bishop Pudsey, who founded Sherburn Hospital in the year 1181, and who granted Ebchester to his foundation, speaks of it as 'Ebchester the place of Ancherets (hermits) on the Darwent, which river divides our forest from that of our neighbour, and gives it for the pasture of animals, for the use of the sick brethren, and for the maintenance of the shepherds in the same place.' He also gave the advowson of the church, and a considerable portion of land to the master and brethren with 'license to till one Carucate of eight score acres of land recently disforested.' These lands still belong to Sherburn Hospital, and are held by lease under the master and brethren. In the year 1346, whilst Edward III. was prosecuting his victorious career in France, an army of Scots and French auxiliaries, numbering 30,000, led by King David II, entered the county of Durham at this point (and according to some writers, encamped among the ruins of the Roman Vindomora), before proceeding to the sanguinary and disastrous battle of Neville's Cross, near Durham. Rushworth informs us that 'the Covenanters under General Leslie, marched to the waters of the Derwent, and with difficulty got their foot, by file, over the tree bridge at Ebchester, half over in the night and the rest the next day, so that they all passed the night on the field.' Though this old tree bridge, at the date referred to by Rushworth, was the only means that foot passengers had of crossing the Derwent, two ruined pillars of a nobler bridge were discernable in its immediate vicinity, which doubtless were of Roman origin. The army under Leslie was destined for the use of Parliament in 1644. The exact date of the church here cannot with any certainty be ascertained. Its architecture points to the 12th century, but from the description of the place given by Bishop Pudsey, towards the close of the 12th century, it is not likely any church existed there then.' Mr Lax concluded his remarks on this interesting place by quoting a few verses from his poem "Ebchester" commencing with the Saxon period.

[The remaining portion of Mr Lax's lecture, dealing with Shotley Bridge, Muggleswick, Blanchland, &c., will be given next week.]

At intervals during the evening several choice musical selections were contributed by the Leadgate Wesleyan choir in a most accomplished manner.

At the conclusion of the lecture, Mr T. LAMMONBY, in proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer, said it was very fortunate for them to know so much of the history of the neighbourhood in which they lived, and explained that they were greatly indebted to Mr Lax for imparting to them this knowledge.

Mr CHEESMAN having seconded the proposal, it was carried by acclamation.

Mr LAX suitably acknowledged the compliment.

A similar expression of thanks was accorded to the Chairman, on the proposition of Mr CHEESEMAN; and subsequently Mr LAX moved, and Mr JOPLING seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the choir for their services, which was also adopted.

The meeting closed with a short prayer offered by Mr H. Lee.

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MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER.—At the Register Office, on the 11th inst., Mr Andrew Stoddart to Miss Hannah Thompson, both of Consett.—On the same day, Mr John Herdman to Miss Ann Welsh, both of Catchgate.—On the 13th inst., Mr John Bullerwell to Miss Sarah Ann Pallister, both of Annfield Plain.—On the same day, Mr Frederick Jeffery, of Blackhill, to Miss Mary Ann Parkinson, of Crookhall.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on the 13th inst., by license, by the Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin, Mr William Wheatley, butcher, Shotley Bridge, to Miss Elizabeth A. Blenkinsopp, eldest daughter of Mr Stephen Blenkinsopp, Aycliffe.

DEATHS.

CONSETT.—Mount Pleasant, on the 13th inst., Joseph, son of Christopher White.

BENFIELDSIDE.—On the 11th inst., Richard McEvoy, aged 65 years.

CAULDWELL, DARLINGTON.—On the 10th inst., aged 21 years, Margaret, only daughter of Mr John Maddison, late of Dipton.

BROOMHILL, EBCHESTER.—On the 18th inst., aged 84 years, George Armstrong.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—At Red Rose Terrace, on the 13th inst., aged 66 years, Jane, relict of the late Samuel Coxon, late of Edmondsley.

SWALWELL.—On the 15th inst., aged 18 months, James William Oxley.

AMERICA.—On the 26th ult., aged 42 years, Emma Coulson, wife of Thomas Coulson, late of Tanfield Lea.

STANLEY BURN.—On the 15th inst., aged 74 years, Jane, widow of the late Robert Hodgson.

BROWNEY COLLIERY.—On the 11th inst., Florence M. G., infant daughter of George T. Calley miner.—12th inst., Emma, infant daughter of D. S. Lewis, miner.

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