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CORRESPONDENTS are requested to enclose their names and addresses on a separate slip of paper.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Mr Tweddle's letter has done its work, and brought out the animus and object of "Rusticus's" first letter. Not content with calling into question the account of the harvest festival, "Rusticus" must travels further, and maliciously makes other insinuations as incorrect and misleading as those in his former letter. I was present at the festival service to which he has crowded; the service was as good as it could possibly be. I was also present on the Sunday evening following, and I can only confirm Mr Tweddle's report, especially as regards the choir. I frequently attend the evening service, and can speak on a very much higher level than that on a very good average congregation. I do not count the congregation, as I do not go to church for that purpose. No one "Rusticus" (who, by-the-bye, appears to have brought forth twins) has again given your estimable reporter for which this district will be thankful, ventured to deal with a paragraph or two contained in the epistle of "Rusticus."

1—It may, as far as I am concerned, still remain an enigma, but of whatever sex they must be very young indeed, as their actions appear to be very childlike.

2—As to the individual's modesty, that speaks for itself.

3—It is very kind of "Rusticus" to try to prevent your reporter being used as a cat's paw. But I hardly think this act of kindness is required, and for as I am able to judge, your reporter is not likely to occupy such a position.

4—The special services at Frosterley Church are *par excellence*, and any report of them cannot be overdone, but generally falls short of giving an adequate description.

5—As to their misleading character (with the exception of the inhabitants of Frosterley village, who, judging by the remarks I have heard, do not) and two appear to be pleased with very small masters, and your own newspaper staff, I don't think that they will be interesting to a dozen other readers of your valuable paper.

6—Our friend "Rusticus" appears to be so strongly possessed with the matrimonial mania that it has to be exercised even in a building where I always understood people went to reverence and worship their Creator.

7—But 275 instead of 270, if you please, "Rusticus," is the capacity of the building; at least when that the architect and builder intended.

8—I fail to see that the offertory on any occasion can accurately indicate to us the dozens how many there were in the congregation. It would probably be increased to some extent on this certain occasion owing to the presence of "Rusticus."

9—I am sure the choir and officials are inside the building on Sunday mornings, as at other times, and consequently are aware of the full congregation. I don't know the Church as at other religious buildings. "Rusticus" complains about the number of the musicians. Well, Mr Editor, there is in addition to our Saviour, were present at the first celebration, and one of the 12 afterwards. I suppose "Rusticus" I beg pardon, I ought to have said a Judas Iscariot.

10—"Rusticus" appears to belong to the Loisette school of reminiscences memory on the art of never forgetting, and perhaps will kindly inform us what amount of the congregation belong to this company. I village in the good old times referred to when such celebrated preachers as Canon Body, &c., were supplied from a distance only goes to prove that congregation from a distance only goes to prove that they can appreciate what, owing to prejudice, the inhabitants of Frosterley village can number of the inhabitants of Frosterley village can not.

11—"Rusticus" number one and two appear to think they have made a fund of capital out of the fact that less were expected—(well I never, "Rusticus") —behind the scenes, and did not know of the fact (and I am a school friend of "Rusticus" among them) have the splenic organ so highly developed that they were determined to minimise the figure as much as possible. Poor things, they must have been a sad blow to them. In addition to this, the weather was far from favourable, and preaching, although very good, could not be said to be on an equality with some of the gentlemen who have occupied the pulpit on previous festivals. The choir also was minus a great few or two, but their absence was not perceived musically.

12—Glad your friend "Rusticus" was at the ordinary evening service in the above church on Sunday, November 1st, and listened to the excellent discourse delivered by the very able vicar of Frosterley, him or her would no doubt have been very much benefited thereby, and if it is true that "a wise man and or woman learns from "Rusticus") would also have been furnished with ocular proof of the falsity of his last paragraph, as his 35 would require a deal of manipulation to meet the eye, and again on the 22nd twice 35 were in in good time, and still they come.

Thus the numbers are not still larger is a matter to be deplored, but if I am able so gauge the matter correctly low tide has a great deal to do with some time now slowly but surely the tide is coming in. No doubt the action of "Rusticus" will accelerate it a bit.

Our vicar, I am sure, is first and foremost in every good work for the benefit of the village or its inhabitants. The choir, officials, and congregation are also always willing to lend their humble assistance in the same direction.

Then why this bitterness on the part of "Rusticus" number one and two, and why this enumerating process? Only think, Mr Editor, being counted, or scrutinised like a criminal for merely being offence is going to worship your Creator in your own humble quite way, a privilege not denied in Great Britain to anyone.

And then "Rusticus" talks of the merriment it caused. I can only say friend "Rusticus" that I can laugh at the simple. You cannot tell how soon you may be struck comical yourself.

I must close with the dog and moon story (old, truly, but will bear repetition).

In this case a pup's first occasion of coming face to face with the moon. That being rather more than the puppy bargained for, he carries on an incessant yelping for a time. Its effect on the moon is well known.

My excuse of a *nom de plume*, which shall be me to adopt a *nom de plume*, which shall be

ONE OF THE CONGREGATION.

[This correspondence must now cease. It is evident to us that more than a mere denial of the correctness of the numbers mentioned by our reporter was intended].

SIMPLICITY v. MOCKERY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I take an interest in reading you correspondence column, as there is often a variety of opinions expressed on many subjects of the day, and as it is only by an interchange of ideas and criticism that we are brought to rational conclusions, and can become conversant with the questions of the day, we see how a friendly debate can be turned to profitable account without even editing to your readers. But to my mind there are certain reforms needed before any accurate results can be obtained by observation.

first that correspondents have a decided inclination to indulge in sarcasm, calumny, satire, &c. They evidently think that a reply cannot be genuine unless it is well seasoned with fiery invectives and censorious terms. Even men of talent, who have had a great and long experience, seem to have no more control over themselves than a petted child or a hysterical woman. With wisdom in hand they stand ready to lash with fury anyone who dare to go contrary to their ideas, instead of taking the course to prove by argument the reasonableness of their statements. Another out of joint, soon it passes off like the skin of a child scratched by a wounded finger. Now this are the effects produced by this treatment on the opposite side. His reply is in the same strain, and he speaks of "Simplicity" as having slightly forgotten the venomous fangs. If he have the organs of combativeness, destructiveness, and self-esteem, his reply would receive a full share. His efforts have been frustrated, his most sanguine expectations are crushed to death, and amid disappointment and disgust he retires from the field of action, and is never to return. This correspondent's lot by a black ball, and he is consigned to the "shades of sympathy. His opponent, this writer says, "has annexed it's view of your quaint."

Now if this person had possessed a preponderance of the above organs the honour of the victory would have been aroused, and his aim would be to try his very best to demolish the writer who had exposed him to the public gaze. A superior mind would scorn the most violent invectives to hurl at his enemy. Mockery is a subtle power; under its withering smile the most valiant soldier, the most noble institutions begin to look mean and look on the scene. Then how can we account for assaults on certain writers, in case of a defeat, shield themselves by this weapon. Writers assume a mask to conceal their faces, while they vent their conceit and honour guard the circle. Every intelligent person knows that the supreme excellence of a writer is simplicity in style, and is all things nothing can equal it. Then why set adopt it? Common sense would produce a fellow feeling; would produce a fellow feeling; would inspire confidence in the public; writers would have pleasure in their work, being assured that their efforts would be rewarded by a favourable response. Then we should have nothing to dread of the satirist, but knowing that if they were in error a kind and sympathetic one would seek to correct them. Simplicity of mind would seek to correct them. Simplicity of mind would make friends. Writers would then be able to give their true address, which the present method forbids, for in many cases they have to conceal their name lest it surrender. This is how this is done, now address, which as we could see a number of letters addressed to the public constitute the judge in these cases, and in general both sides get a fair share of justice as we never find the public in error. Now, Mr Editor, I would like to have the opinions of some of your correspondents, who may possess a wider range of vision on this subject than your humble servant,

WILLIAM SIMPSON.

Beamish Air Pit.

Cricket.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB.

EVENING CONCERT.

Few concerts are becoming more popular than the one held annually by the committee of the Shotley Bridge Cricket Club. The concert held in the Temperance Hall, on Tuesday evening, excelled its predecessors in the matter of the attendance and the exceptionally attractive programme. The large assemblage composed the *elite* of the district. The members of the club are highly grateful for having won the sympathy of many admirers and supporters. The promoters of the concert are to be congratulated on the success that has attended their efforts, and the thanks is due in no small measure to the energetic manner in which Mr W. Forster (secretary) has laboured. The gathering was presided over by Mr C. J. Swallow president of the club. The artistes engaged were Miss Shimmin, Sunderland; Miss Thompson, Newcastle; Misses Harker, Blackhill; Mr Wilkinson, Blaydon; Mr Winstone, South Shields; and Mr J. Lax, Shotley Bridge. The proceedings opened with a pianoforte solo by Miss Harker, which she accomplished in a brilliant style. Mr Winstone gave a capital rendition of the song, "Best of all." This piece received full justice at his hands, and he was much applauded. Miss Thompson, a young lady of great promise, made her appearance before a local audience, and she was awarded an enthusiastic reception. Her first contribution was "Robin sang sweet in the wildwood," which she rendered in herself admirably. It is as evident fact that Miss Thompson is a scientifically-trained singer, and keeps admirable time which could not fail to please the most general of musical critics. The violin solo, "Blue bells of Scotland," and "Tara's Hall," with variations, by Miss A. Harker, with piano accompaniment by Miss Harker, was a treat, and was thoroughly appreciated. The capabilities of these two young ladies are so well known that it is unnecessary to comment upon the manner in which the duet was rendered. In response to an *encore*, the violinist executed a piece of her own composition most admirably. Mr Lax greatly pleased the company with one of his popular readings taken from "Handy Andy," entitled "Father Phil's subscription list," and was followed by Mr Wilkinson and Mr Winstone in the duet, "Margery." The song, "Fiddle and I," by Miss Shimmin, accompanied on the violin by Miss Harker, was given in faultless style. Mr Lax played and sang in excellent *encore*, which she acknowledged. Mr Winstone, an old favourite, brought the first part to a close by rendering the humorous song, "I'm not quite sure." Mr Wilkinson was suffering from a severe cold, but nevertheless he succeeded in winning the confidence of his audience. In fact, Mr Winstone was an old favourite, and he fully lived up to his reputation. Mr Lax's humour and pathos fairly brought down the house. In reply to an enthusiastic *encore*, he favoured with another popular song.

During the interval, the CHAIRMAN said he had invited the first eleven of their noted cricket team be accompanied him on the platform, but he had received a letter from Mr Lax, asking to their bashfulness. (Laughter.) However, they were all well known to them, and were a noble class of young men, and a credit to the company through cricket field. (Cheers.) The team had had a very successful season. They remembered the beating they gave that famous team—the Novocastrians—and they would show day. They had played eleven matches; won six, lost four, and drawn one. He had one duty to perform, and that was to thank the audience for their kind patronage. Last year ball, he would have asked them to drink the health of another club. (Laughter.) He was making reference to the Consett and District Cricket Club. That team they had brought a great honour to the neighbourhood by winning the county cup. It was a nice cup they had won, and he hoped they had one more like the district, they intended to keep it. (Cheers.) It was a pity that it was a temperance building, or else he would have sent a drop of cup round. (Laughter.) However, they could not do that, and he would hearty cheers for the Consett and District Club for having secured such a trophy, which showed forth their high standing. He hoped next year they would give the cheers in a downright hearty manner.

The cheers were given, and the concert proceeded with.

The second part was capitally rendered as follows:—Song, "I'll be at the garden fair," Miss Shimmin; song, "The ship on fire," Mr Winstone (*encored*); reading, "The Jews in Russia discussed," Mr Lax; violin solo, "Fatinitza," pastorale, with piano accompaniment, Misses Harker (*encored*); duet, "Sweet and low," Mr Wilkinson; song, "Star of Bethlehem," Miss Thompson; humorous song, "A rural railway ride," Mr Winstone (*encored*). Mr Wilkinson, Blaydon, made an efficient accompanist. The proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

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[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

that to-morrow (Saturday) is fixed for a cattle Dealsecke in aid of the Castleside Orchestra Mr T. J. Muse will occupy the chair and that it is to be little in the form of recreation inhabitants of this isolated little village have lege of enjoying that when the opportunity ... not usually seen at a supper like this, ... ways looked forward to with such undisguised

The one under notice is, of course, to be the Board Schools, the only available building village. As she object of the concert is a good ope financial results will show up thoroughly

ld like to remind my readers also, as I may the opportunity of doing so next week, that Tuesday, December 2nd, a grand concert is ed, under the auspices of the Tanfield Lea Band, to be given in the Co-operative Stanley. Amongst a number of vocalists ...tesome, are local, I notice the names of Mr ...ild, Mr Nutton, and Mr Duncanson, all of

Cathedral—a trio which alone ought to The committee have been put to considerable in their endeavours to provide a concert of a ...perior type to those which of late have been ...r in the district—and there is every reason ...ey will be amply rewarded for their pains ...ber of pecuniary success. As the moments I ...e, a programme in front of me, but there is ...t it will be quite time enough to refer to it ...e word. Mr A. W. Hinkley will accom... and Major Ridley is announced to take the ...en.

...there is nothing pleasanter than the singing ...ng and beautiful in all. I was present on ...y evening at a concert given to the children ...morial Hall, Golden Circle. Chester-...ed with the *Northern Weekly Leader*. The ...me was a most difficult one for children to ... and I was agreeably surprised at the ...ness shown throughout altogether ad... There was a tremendous audience present... and significant were the encores and the ...ounts of the night the conclusion of a programme ...not a few would have been ready and willing ...t over again.

...he way, in my learning to matters musical I ...erly forgotten a reference to a letter which ap... in the columns of the *Newcastle Chronicle*, ...ing them as generally unjustifiable. I should ...unfortunate subject of attack by the editor of ...per, but the letter was in another column of the ...aper; but the letter of "Horse-tailor" is, ...ithstanding, a blackguardly, ungentlemanly ...drel and if I cannot recognise it as a letter of ...iderable power I consider it a duty to give to ...ir opinion. Without feeling it necessary to ...st that "Horse-tailor," for his own purposes, ...represented me by adding matter that never ...ed from my pen in connection with my letter, ...ring them as generally unjustifiable, I should ...unfortunate subject of attack by the editor of ...per; but the letter of "Horse-tailor" is, ...ithstanding, a blackguardly, ungentlemanly ...drel and if I cannot recognise it as a letter of ...iderable power I consider it a duty to give to ...ir opinion. Without feeling it necessary to ...st that "Horse-tailor," for his own purposes, ...represented me by adding matter that never ...ed from my pen in connection with my letter, ...ring them as generally unjustifiable, I should ...unfortunate subject of attack by the editor of ...per,

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GOOD NEWS FOR CROOK.

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LIMITED, OF LEEDS,

FASHIONABLE TAILORS, WHOLESALE

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ARE MAKING A

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Of an Entirely New and Well-selected Stock of

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Business Announcements.

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AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

A STOCK kept on hand, including Ploughs, Digging, Turnip Casters of all sorts, Oil Cakes Mills, and the Corn Grinding Mills. All from the leading Makers at Moderate Prices.

GEO. HUNTER, Medomsley. 98h

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SPLENDID TEA 1s 8d, 1s 10d, 2s, AND 2s 4d.

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SCALES AND WEIGHING MACHINES REPAIRED. 892g

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

MR. NORMAN,

TEACHER OF DANCING,

FROM 23, ELDON PLACE, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE

Classes during the Season at the Grand Assembly Rooms and the Lovaine Hall, Barras Bridge. October, 1891. 604g

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ENLARGED PHOTOS finished in OIL, WATER-COLOURS, or CRAYONS,

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Public Notices.

50 42, and 97, are the WINNING NOS. of the Furniture, raffled for as Leadgate. 61b

90 18 the WINNING NUMBER for Brown's Family Bible, drawn for at Hobson, on Wednesday Night, Nov. 18th. 35b

129 18 the WINNING NUMBER of the Case of Birds, raffled for at the Victoria Hotel, Consett. 35b

A PUBLIC TEMPERANCE MEETING will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Low West Street, on Monday, Nov. 30th, to commence at 7 p.m. Speaker, Rev. M. Johnson; Chairman, Mr John Taylor. Musical Selections by local Artistes. 44b

STANLEY NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION LECTURES, promoted by the County Council, will commence in the above-named Schools, on Tuesday, December 1st next, at 7·30 p.m. Fee for Session, 1s.

THEATRE ROYAL, CONSETT.

MONDAY, November 30th, and during the Week, "DAYS OF TERROR" by Mr T. Thorne and Company.

Tickets at Tyler's Boot Shop. 74b

CENTENARY of Baptist Foreign Missions. A PUBLIC MEETING in Baptist Chapel this (Friday) Evening at Seven. Deputation, REV J. M. MORRIS, of Ipswich, and S. B. BURTON, Esq., Newcastle. Collection. 59b

CONSETT UNITED TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

IN connection with the above, a MUSICAL SERVICE will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, on Sunday Night First, November 29th To commence at 8 o'clock. Collection. Pledges. All seats free. 22b.

CASTLESIDE CRICKET CLUB.

ON SATURDAY, November 28th, 1891, a Grand ENTERTAINMENT will be held in the Board Schools, Castleside, in aid of the above club. Chair will be taken at Seven o'clock by Mr T. J. MUIR.

Admission—From Seats, 1s; Back Seats, 6d.

CONSETT QUADRILLE PARTY.

NOTICE.

THE ASSEMBLIES of the above will be held in the New Town Hall, on—

December 18th—Tuesday.
" 24th—Thursday.
" 29th—Tuesday.
" 31st—Annual Ball.

W. BRAND } Hon.
A. WILSON } Secs.

35b NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

STANLEY SHOW OF CYCLES AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

ON MONDAY, the 30th of November, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Newcastle 12·5 a.m. (with bookings from Consett Durham, &c.), for LONDON, for 2 and 4 DAYS.

Bell Brothers,
Superintendent's Office, Newcastle. 50h

TANFIELD LEA SILVER MODEL BAND.

A GRAND EVENING CONCERT will be held in the New Co-operative Hall, West Stanley, on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, 1891. The following talented Artistes have been engaged:—Miss Jennie Fairley, Soprano; Mr Leatham, Alto; Mr MacDonald, Tenor; Mr Nuttall, Baritone; Mr Duncanson, Bass; Mr A. W. Hinkley, Accompanist, Chairman, Major Ridley. Admission, Reserved Seats, 2s; Front Seats, 1s; Back Seats, 6d. Doors open at 6·30, to commence at 7·30. Tickets to be had of the principal Tradesmen in West Stanley, or any Member of the Band. 808g

CONSETT INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held on the 12th day of December, 1891, at 6·30 p.m., for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of paying a separate Dividend on all Purchases in the Butchering Department, and also for the purpose of considering the advisability of having the position of Manager and Secretary held by seperate persons, instead of by one as at present.

Signed by

MR M. T. STOBBS,	MR ANDREW DICKINSON,
" WM. ROBSON,	" THOMAS YOUNG,
" WILLIAM ATKINSON,	" ROBERT PATTERSON,
" ADAM NIXON,	" JOHN WILSON,
" NICHOLAS ROBSON,	" JAMES THOMPSON,
" DANIEL WILLIAMS,	" WM. ALMOND,
" WM. RICHARDSON,	" J. H. HALL,
" J. T. SCOTT,	" THOMAS ROBSON,
" WILLIAM YOUNG,	" WILLIAM NICHOLSON,
" ROBERT CARRUTHERS,	" WILSON HALL,
" ROBERT RUTHERS,	" JAMES R. MAXWELL

Public Notices.

S. IVES, LEADGATE.

IN accordance with the Notice in the Parish Magazine, a Meeting of the Parishioners and Inhabitants of Leadgate was held in the Infants' School, on Wednesday Evening, Oct. 28th, Cornelius Nicholson in the Chair. Mr TODD was appointed Treasurer, and Mr W. BRAND Secretary.

It was then proposed, and unanimously carried that a

TESTIMONIAL

BE PRESENTED TO THE

REV. J. W. MITCHELL, M.A.,

who is leaving the above Parish, where he has faithfully laboured for so many years, for that of South Hetton, to which he has been presented by the Lord Bishop of Durham.

Contributions will be gladly received from all who have appreciated the work of the very gentlemen in the district, and who wish him well in his new sphere of labour.

THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST WILL CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 30TH.

Subscriptions will be received by the Managers of the North-Eastern Bank, Consett and Shotley Bridge, and of Hodgkin, Barnett and Co., Newcastle and Shotley Bridge; Mr Edward Todd, Leadgate; or by any of the following gentlemen, Members of the Committee:—Messrs. T. W. Eden, Little Greencroft; Chas. Clegg, M. Robson, Wharnel, J. Parker, M. Willey, Leadgate; Graham, Beadnell Cottages; W. McIver, Dayhouse; W. Wood, Ivestion; Wm. Gibson, Stoney Heap.

THE PRESENTATION

will take place at a Public Supper to be held in the National School, Redwell Hills, on Tuesday, December 8th, at Eight p.m. Supper to commence at 6 p.m. Tickets, 1s and 9d each.

Sales by Auction.

BY Messrs. A. & R. J. BRODIE.

Monday, December 7th, 1891.—Victoria Sale-Room, Consett.—Sale of the remaining portion of the Superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture and Effects, removed for convenience of Sale.

A DAM BRODIE is instructed to remove and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett, on Monday, December 7th, 1891, the following Superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Effects:—Mahogany Drawers and Bookcase, Walnut Chiffonier, Handsome Walnut Chiffonier with Marble Slab, Mahogany Sofa, Mahogany Couch in Hair Cloth, Chairs, Hall Stand, Hat Stand, 6 Walnut Chairs, Rocking and Arm Chairs, Useful Kitchen Press, Brass Fender and Fire Brasses, Carpets and Oilcloths, Handsome Mahogany Bedstead and other Bedroom Furniture, 2 Chest Drawers, a Splendid Lot of Bed and Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Mattresses, Feather and Down Beds, Ornamental Table, Sewing Machine, 3 Cornice Poles, 2 Plated Tea and Coffee Services, Pair of Spanish Bullock's Horns, Cutlery, Glass and Earthenware, and other Articles, and remainder of Drapery Stock. Also, Splendid Harmonicum, 5 Stops, by Alexandre, and other Property belonging a Gentleman leaving the Neighbourhood.

Sale to commence at One o'clock, precisely.

Thursday, December 10th, 1891, Sale of Two Brick Cottages, situate and being Nos. 33, John Street, and 24 Pitt Street, Consett.

A DAM BRODIE, F.A.I., is instructed to OFFER FOR SALE BY AUCTION, in the House of the Subscriber, Railway Hotel, Consett, on Thursday, December 10th, 1891, the TWO FREEHOLD COTTAGES, situate Nos. 33, John Street and 24, Pitt Street, Consett, at present occupied by Mr Malone and Lamb, together with the Convenients thereunto belonging. Ground Rental, £12 per annum. Further particulars may be obtained from Mr BRODIE, the Auctioneer, Town Hall, Consett.

Sale to commence at Half-past Seven o'clock in the Evening.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—A. & R. J. BRODIE, Auctioneers and Valuers, Town Hall Offices, undertake the SALE OF PROPERTY of every description either by PUBLIC AUCTION or Private Contract, on reasonable terms. FORTNIGHTLY SALES held every Tuesday, at the Victoria Sale-Rooms, in which Furniture or other Goods may be included, or if preferred, will be Purchased for Cash. Liberal Advances on Agricultural Holdings and under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

ACCIDENT ASSURANCE.—Insurances against Accidents of every kind in the following Companies noted for prompt settlement of claims—Scottish Accident Insurance Company, Imperial Accident Assurance Company.

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 18

6 Fat Cattle.
80 Fat Sheep.
Pork and Store Pigs.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
10 Calving Cows.
15 Mule Gimmer Shearlings and Leicester Tups which has been with them.
Horse, Harness, and Tump complete.
Lamps, Cushions, Rugs, &c.
14·2 h.h.
Poultry &c.

A lot of Superior Joiners' Tools, comprising Planes, all sorts Chisels, Augurs, Drills, Dovetail Gauges, Gimlets, Hammers, Mills, Bands, Adzes, Rasps, Files, &c., which will be sold in lots to suit Buyers.

Sale at One o'clock, as the days are getting short the Sale will commence promptly.

65b J. S. MURR

CHRISTMAS FAT STOCK SHOW and SALE will be held on Monday, Dec. 14th. Entries solicited. Prize Lists ready. Entries close on Tuesday, Dec. 8th. J. S. MURR

Hedley-on-the-Hill, Stocksfield.—Blacksmith's Fittings, Furniture, &c.

MR JOHN S. MURRAY, instructed by Mr ATKINSON, who is declining the Blacksmith Business, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Saturday, 5th, 1891, in Hedley, the whole of the BLACKSMITH'S TOOLS, SHOP FITTINGS, and Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—Lot of Assorted Arisans, Bellows, Anvil, Vices, 1 Swege Anvil, Sweges, 20 Hand Hammers, Steel Punches, Tongs, Bolt Tools, Chisels, Mangrills, Hooks, Drilling Machine, Grindstone, Packing Cases, Gimlets, Hammers, Mills, Bands, Adzes, Rasps, Files, &c., which will be sold in lots to suit Buyers.

Sale at One o'clock, as the days are getting short the Sale will commence promptly.

J. S. MURR

By Mr John Swinburn Murr

AGRICULTURAL VALUER AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,

Appointed by His Honour James Mayne, Judge of the County Court of Durham, to Value Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Act, 1888.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

JOSEPH OLEY,

THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,

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SPECIAL EMIGRATION OFFICE.

PHILLIPSON, Dipton, by Lintz Green Station, DURHAM RAILS, will conduct in the best style, and upon most favourable terms, LETTINGS by Lot, Sale, Tender, Auction, and all Sorts of GOODS, STOCK, &c., can be bought right on for Cash.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, NOV. 30TH, 1891.—50 to 60 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 10 Fat Cattle; 185 Fat Sheep and Lambs, 6 Store Cattle, 9 Finger Calves.

Entries to Day of Sale.
Sale at Half-past Ten a.m.
J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

Ebchester Hall, Three Minutes' walk from Ebchester Station, Consett Branch, N.E.R.—Sale of Valuable Horse, Harness, Surplus Furniture, Stable Equipments, &c.

MR. JOS. VICKERS, having been honoured with a Commission from JOHN CARR, Esq., who is leaving the above Hall, will SUBMIT FOR PUBLIC COMPETITION on Thursday, Dec. 3rd, 1891, without Reserve, as follows:—Handsome Brown Carriage Horse, 9 y.o., 16 h.h., Superior WAGGONETTE, with Pole and Shafts complete, by Messrs. Atkinson and Phillipson, Newcastle; SPLENDID BROUGHAM, with Pole and Shafts complete, by Messrs. Peters and Son; very handsome PHÆTON by Atkinson and Phillipson; Sleigh in first-class order; Set of Double Harness, S.M., complete, by "Snowball"; 2 Sets of S.M. Single Harness, all in good condition; 2 Ladies' Saddles; Gentlemen's Saddle; 3 Pairs Kicking Straps; Rollers; Double and Single Bridles; 3 Whips; Knee Caps; Horse Sheets; Set of Cart Harness complete; Set of Plough Harness, new; Carriage Rest and Mop; and other Stable Utensils.

Coup Cart and Shelvings; Horse Hay Rake; Weighing Machine; 2 Hay Covers; 6 Ladders; 4 Barrows; Corn Bin, Zinc Lined; Large Metal Horse Trough; Pig and other Troughs; Dog Kennel; Hen Coop; Grindstone; Barrels; Hay Knife; Rakes, Forks, &c. Lawn Mower, nearly new; Metal Garden Roller; Seat; Frames; Vase; the whole of the Garden Tools, &c., also about 150 Greenhouse Plants in Pots.

The HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE comprises Large Mahogany Square Table; 24 Mahogany Chairs, in Hair-seating; 2 Mahogany Arm Chairs; Walnut Couch, in Green Rep; Small Bookcase and Drawers; Mahogany Desk; Side Table, with Large Mirror; Ash Bedstead; Single Iron Bedstead; Small Wood Bedstead; Wash Stands and Dressing Tables; several Looking Glasses; Lot of Fenders; Kitchen Press; 3 Kitchen Tables; Round Table; Large Deal Table; 2 Clothes Horses; Pair of Curtain Stretchers; Wicker Cradle; Flour Bin; Parrot Cage; Odd Pieces of Carpet; a quantity of Oilcloth, &c., also Barrel Churn and all the Dairy Utensils.

Sale to commence at 10·30 o'clock, a.m.
The Carriages and Harness will be Sold at 1 o'clock.
Grove Villa, Tow Law. 70h

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PRIZE SHOW and SALE of Fat Cattle and Sheep, Wednesday, Dec. 9th, 1891. Over £30 in Prizes. Prize Lists now ready.
Early entries solicited.
993g J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

By Messrs. Hobson & Nicholson.

LANCHESTER AUCTION MART.

WEDNEDAY, December 2nd, 1891. Present Entries—
40 Fat Sheep.
10 Three-quarter Bred Lambs.
50 Top Mule Gimmer Lambs, been at Tup.
6 Cows, calved and to calve.
A number of Grazing Cattle.
2 Fat Pigs, 30 stones each.
Further Entries solicited.
Sale at 1·30 p.m.
GEO. R. HOBSON, } Auctioneers.
27h WILLIAM NICHOLSON, }

Commercial Inn, Leadgate.

MR. W. NICHOLSON, instructed by Mrs NOBLE, who is declining Business, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 1891, a portion of the Valuable Household FURNITURE, STOCK-IN-TRADE, COWS, and FARM IMPLEMENTS, comprising—
7 Cows, calved and to calve.
5 Yearling Steers and Heifers.
1 Fat Pig.
29 Hens.
Brown Pony, 13 h.h.
2 Sets Pony Harness, Pony Trap, with the whole of the Farm Implements, Dairy Utensils, &c.
Sale at 12 o'clock, prompt.

By Mr. John Crawford.

John Crawford's Sale-Rooms, 6, 12, and 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL, at the above Rooms, on Monday, December 7th, 1891, a Large Quantity of Valuable Household FURNITURE, &c. 72h
Sale to commence at One o'clock at the above Rooms.

Hat and Feather Inn, near Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD has received instructions from Mr W. ARMSTRONG, who is retiring from Business, and leaving the Hat and Feather Inn, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at an early date, all his Valuable Household FURNITURE, Bar Utensils, &c.
Full particulars next week. 73g

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, AUCTIONEER, 25, Victoria Street, Consett, is prepared to execute all orders for the SALE of FARM STOCK, PROPERTY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c., in the best style, and on reasonable terms; immediate settlement. Mr. John Crawford is appointed by his Honour Judge Meynel, to act as Bailiff to levy Distress for Rent in England and Wales, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Mr. Crawford's Sale-Rooms are open daily to receive Furniture for Fortnightly Sales. People that are leaving the District can have their Furniture turned into Cash at once by applying to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, 25 Victoria Street Consett. 903a

By Mr. Edward Pounder.

Cornsay North Farm, Cornsay.—Extensive Sale of Farming Stock, Farm Produce, Implements, &c, under Distress for Rent.

MR EDWARD POUNDER will SELL BY AUCTION, on the above Farm, on Friday, December 4th, 1891, the whole of the Valuable FARMING STOCK, PRODUCE, IMPLEMENTS, EATAGE, &c., belonging to Mr JOS. ATKINSON, comprising—
6 Horses.
18 Cows and Young Stock.
42 Sheep.
2 Pigs.
3 Stacks Hay.
20 Acres Barley and Oats in Stack.
5 Acres Potatoes in Pits.
7 Acres Swede and Mixed Turnips.
Eatage of 180 Acres Pastures, &c., all the Implements, Harness, &c.
Sale to commence at 10·30 a.m. 58h

Business Announcements

GLENDENNING'S
BEEF & MALT WINE,
Composed of Liebig's Extract of Beef, Kepler's Malt Extract, and old Port Wine. It is therefore a concentrated nutritive digestive food, blood-making, flesh-forming, and strengthening. Of the utmost value to children, invalids, and those who require strength.
PRICE: 3s. 9d. PER BOTTLE; 2s. PER HALF-BOTTLE.
Prepared only by W. GLENDENNING, Newcastle.
LOCAL AGENTS:—
CONSETT.—RICHARD MURRAY, WINE MERCHANT. T. D. DRYDEN & Co., FRONT STREET. THOMAS MILNER, CHEMIST.
WITTON GILBERT.—T. SUDDES, STATION HOTEL.
MEDOMSLEY.—R. M. RUTHERFORD, ROYAL OAK HOTEL.
DIPTON.—ROBERT ARMSTRONG, WINE MERCHANT.
STANLEY.—WM. CHARLTON, STANLEY HOTEL.
ANNFIELD PLAIN.—WM. TAYLOR, RAILWAY HOTEL.
BURNOPFIELD.—WM. STONES, BURTON HOUSE.
TANFIELD.—JOHN URWIN, PACK HORSE INN.

Business Announcements

THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT
BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY
TOWN HALL CONSETT.
SHARES MAY BE TAKEN ANY DAY
Advances made on Freehold or Copyhold Property Money received on Loan at 4½ Per Cent. In sums, repayable at Three Months' notice.
ADAM BRODIE, F.S.A., F.A.I., Actuary and Publ (Incorporated) Accountant, Secretary

MOST MONEY LENT
On Silver Plate, Watches, Jewellery, Diamonds, and other Precious Stones, Plated Goods, Cutlery, Gems &c., &c., at
J. & E. WILSON'S,
The Oldest Established and Largest Pawnbroking Business in the North of England.
Established 1780
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FOUR DOORS BELOW BLACKETT STREET)
PRIVATE ENTRANCE: FIRST SIX DOORS IN HIGH FRIAR LANE
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
N.B.—A Large Stock of New and Second-hand WATCHES Gold & Silver GUARDS ALBERTS &c., on Sale at the Lowest Prices
SEE THAT YOU GET TO THE RIGHT SHOP—No. 12.
OBSERVE PROJECTING ILLUMINATED CLOCK OVER WINDOW. 739

WEATHER CHART FOR NOVEMBER.

Mr B. G. Jenkins, F.R.A.S., London, gives the following as the probable weather for the month:—A comparatively dry month. A high barometer throughout the greater part of the month. Fogs about the 2nd, 14th, 17th, and 22nd. Gales about the 11th, 15th, 21st, and 29th. Temperature cold about the beginning and middle; high about the 11th. Rain about an inch and a half, which falls chiefly about the 4th, 11th, 15th, and 21st. Prevailing winds, N.W., S.W., and N.E.; westerly winds predominate.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

AN AGGRIEVED ONE.—No good can be effected by the insertion of your letter.

RATEPAYER.—Your letter is libellous.

TO ADVERTISERS AND CORRESPONDENTS

Advertisements or news sent by train, should be addressed to RAILWAY STATION, CONSETT, *To be called for.* If not so addressed, the railway officials are compelled, by a recent enactment, to post all letters at the nearest post office.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, 1891.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

(BY "INCEDO.")

FORDING THE DERWENT.

Fords are almost out of fashion—if the fastidious will allow the expression to pass—and the incident narrated in the last issue of the *Guardian* may well be taken as a fair illustration of the danger involved in crossing streams by a method introduced before the dawn of modern civilisation. I have forded the Derwent many times at Muggleswick, Blackhall Mill, as well as at the Chopwell ford, and although there is little danger and still less discomfort by crossing in the summer months, the conditions under which the passage is made in the winter season is altogether different, large boulders being washed by the ever-recurring floods across the line of the fords, and as these obstructions can neither be seen by man nor beast, the danger is increased tenfold, horses not unfrequently stumbling on the loose slippery rock, and the course of conveyances impeded, as in the case of Mr Aynsley's rolley last week in mid stream. Something should be done, and done quickly, to bridge the Derwent somewhere about the place indicated. It was understood that when the County Council was floated all the roads and bridges in the county would be taken under its sheltering wing. Its members were to have the power to pull down and build up, but the ford at Blackhall Mill has evidently not yet come within the area of their operations. Mr Richard Murray, C.C., is fully conversant with the claims and requirements of the district referred to, and no local gentleman has done so much, personally, to minimise the inconvenience experienced for years as he has, but the finishing touches must be given by a public body, and if it is neither the pleasure nor the business of the County Council to bridge the Derwent at Blackhall Mill a frank avowal to that effect will naturally lead to other steps being taken by those most interested in the proposed and long-deferred change.

LOOKING BACKWARDS.

Many a good story is told of crossing fords in the olden time, and many a deed celebrated in song and story has been achieved in forcing or guarding the passage of a ford. A gentleman, riding on the banks of a swollen river, rode up one day to a half-witted fellow and asked him to point out the course of the ford. The man complied, and the horseman, nothing doubting, rode into the stream, and was at once carried away with the current, narrowly escaping with his life. The fact was that the fellow knew the equestrian, and hated him bitterly, and hence when he was remonstrated with, he assumed an air of innocence and protested that he saw a number ducks crossing at that place previously, navely remarking: "I am sure the horse had longer legs than them!" But looking backward, far away adown the corridors of the centuries, the student of history will remember that some two days before the battle of Durham, or Neville's Cross, the Scottish army crossed the Derwent within a mile of the Blackhall Mill ford, by a tree bridge. It would therefore seem that the Derwent was broader and deeper in the 14th century than it is to-day, otherwise the hardy sons of "Caledonia stern and wild" would not have gone to the trouble of erecting a bridge for the passage of the invading army.

ONLY ONE.

I observed on reading the report of a temperance meeting held last week at Consett, that after the speakers had expended their strength, and exhausted their arguments only one pledge was taken. There is no ignoring the fact that the result was anything but promising, if regarded from a popular point of view. But popular ideas are not at all times just and true cradles of truth and righteousness. Truth has often been chained to earth, while error has soared high into the noontide light of popularity. Temperance workers know as well as I can tell them that the day of small mercies is not however to be despised. One solitary pledge is in itself a little thing, but where lives the man who would undertake to compute its value? The Word and all that it contains is made up of little things, but its treasures are none the less valuable on that account. The human heart—the most wonderful and most precious of living things—gives forth its love and adoration, not in return for weighty considerations or mighty acts, but in response to simple and kindly deeds of kindness—a look, or a word. Seeing, therefore, that our lives are made bright and cheerful by little things, temperance workers at Consett have no cause to lessen their efforts by one jot or tittle. There is a beautiful parable in Holy Writ which indicates in bold relief the value of one, for is it not recorded that although there were ninety and nine sheep in the fold, every effort was put forth to bring home the absent one?

AN UNSIGHTLY ALBUM.

Albums usually contain the images of those nearest and dearest to the owner, the absent faces almost invariably recalling memories of "a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still." But the album exhibited this week at Consett in connection with the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children forms a notable variation to the rule—the portraits being ghastly in the extreme, the attenuated remains of starved and neglected bairns. The aim and end of the association is worthy of all commendation, and it certainly does not require such an exhibition to awaken the sympathy and interest of the people of Consett. The brute creation evince a love for their offspring which death alone can sever, and it is passing strange that man, the noblest creature of them all, should in this respect sink beneath the level of the brute. But so it is, and as there is said to be a cure for every trouble to which humanity is heir, and a balm for every woe, the habitual ill-treatment of children has given birth to the organisation under note. It is at the same time very undesirable that such pictures should be reproduced, as they conduce to remind one of the days when it was the rule to fire the populace by exhibiting the relics of departed saints and sages in order to direct the tide of popular favour for the passing hour.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

Snow fell in the Consett district at intervals on Sunday. A very keen frost set in on Wednesday.

In connection with the Consett Primitive Methodist Young Peoples Guild, the mutual improvement and bible class met on Saturday night, when a very interesting paper was read by Mr J. Tophan; subject, "Judas." The chair was taken by Mr A. S. Coates.

VAGRANCY.—At the Consett Petty Sessions on Tuesday—before Mr J. T. Potts—*Daniel Deblin*, a labourer, hailing from Kendal, was charged by P.C. Carruthers with begging at Consett on the previous night.—Accused said he was out of work, and he just went into the shop of a tradesman whom he formerly dealt with when living in Consett, and asked him for a copper.—He was discharged.

We beg to call our readers attention to the conference that is being held this (Friday) evening in the Baptist Church, Consett. The chair will be taken by Rev E. W. Jenkins, of Highgate, at six o'clock, and Rev T. M. Morris, of Ipswich (vice-president of the Baptist Union) and Mr S. B. Brutton (ex-moderator of the Northern Baptist Association) will be present and speak. After the conference there will be a public meeting held in the chapel, when addresses will be given by the above-named gentlemen. The chair will be taken at seven o'clock by Rev T. Durant, pastor. As this is a united conference it is expected that there will be a large attendance.

CONSETT UNITED TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.—SUNDAY EVENINGS SERVICES.—On Sunday evening, the musical temperance services were again held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, which has recently undergone a most elaborate decoration, and is now one of the neatest halls in the north of England, with its beautiful mottoes, diagrams, and photos of W. E. Gladstone, Lord Beaconsfield, John Bright, and other suitable figures. The services commenced at 8 o'clock, when an excellent programme was gone through most satisfactorily. Mr J. W. Davison, of Consett, presided over a very large and appreciative audience. The speakers and performers were well received. Miss Williams, of Blackhill, acquitted herself as a soloist in her usual efficient manner, and Miss E. Brodie gave an excellent pianoforte solo for one so young (most creditable.) Mr C. C. McColvin rendered a solo from Sankey in his best style, and Mr N. Fawell gave a very appropriate reading in splendid style. Mr T. Jones presided at the piano in his accustomed manner. Rev A. Bromley, of the United Methodist Free Church, Blackhill, gave a most effective and stirring address against the enemy by which we are surrounded, which is more to be feared by England than the armies of the nations, and entreated all present to do their utmost to guard against this dreadful foe. The doxology and benediction terminated a most successful and beneficial service. These services will be continued weekly, and the programme will be varied for the good of the services. Local volunteer artistes are requested to give in their names at the end of the meetings, or to any of the committee for future arrangements.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Mr Percy Lindon's really excellent company are producing here this week a dramatical edition of Alexandre Dumas' masterpiece, *Monte Christo*. This version consists of a prologue and four acts, and although the text of the novel is slightly diverged from, still sufficient is left to produce some good and sensational effects. Mr Ernest Keand, on whose shoulders devolves the greater portion of the work, enacts the parts of "Edmund Dantes," "No. 19," "Abbe Busino," "Johaines," a Jew, and "Count de Monte Christo" with telling effect, and is rewarded with well-merited applause. Mr H. Cecil Pierpoint and Mr Walter Stratton as "M. Danglers" and "Ferdinand Mondeyo" are able exponents of their respective parts. Mr A. D. Pierpoint is a clever "M. Noirtier," as is Mr Chas. M. Curtiss as "M. Villefort." Mr Henry Beaufort as the "Abbe Faria" has not a big part, but what he has to do is done well, and Mr Evan Roland is an acceptable "Albert de Morcerf." Mr Jas. Lewis is also a good "Gendarme," whilst the comedy element loses nothing at the hands of Mr George Spencer as "Caderouse." Miss Bella Founes as "La Carconte," and Miss Agnes Epplewhite as "Marie" both acquit themselves most creditably. Miss Lallah Shelton as "Mercedes" displays an amount of histrionic ability. We are sorry that such poor houses have been present, because it is a real stirring drama and is well played throughout. We trust, however, that to-night and to-morrow night may make up the deficiency. Next week Mr Thos. M. Thorne is announced to appear in an entirely new and romantic drama, entitled *Days of Terror*, written by C. A. Clarke, Esq.

STANHOPE.

The Rev A. T. Finch, curate at Stanhope, left for home last week. A number of parishioners and well-wishers "farewelled" him at the rectory on Wednesday se'nnight.

On Sunday, sermons were preached morning, afternoon, and evening at Stanhope, for the Church Missionary Society, by the Rev G. D. Copeland, B.D., rector of Rainton.

LANCHESTER.

ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday night, between six and seven o'clock, an old man, named John Hutton (76), living in Delves Lane, Consett, was making his way to the Lanchester Railway Station. In taking a near "cut" by the blacksmith's shop, there being no protection, he inadvertently walked into the burn and fractured his thigh. He was removed to Lanchester Workhouse.

BUTSFIELD.

Two aged ladies, Mrs Little and Mrs Golightly, of Butsfield, have died from the effects (it is stated) of influenza.

WATERHOUSES.

The Rev Philip C. Fortin, New Houses, Durham, who accompanied a detachment of troops to India as chaplain, is expected home about the beginning of December.

HAMSTEELS.

The Hamsteels Primitive Methodists have been favoured with a visit from the Primitive Methodist String Band from Ryhope, when they gave a grand concert on Saturday evening, under the leadership of Mr G. W. Johnston. The programme was highly appreciated by the audience. Mr W. Holmes, Waterhouses, ably occupied the chair.

HARE LAW.

The new cemetery at Hare Law was formally opened on Wednesday afternoon by a special religious service. Mr P. Reay (chairman of the Burial Board), Rev A. Bromley, Blackhill, and Rev J. Crawshaw, Annfield Plain, took part in the ceremony.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Saturday, a meeting was held, and was addressed by Rev L. Norris, of Leeds, and Rev T. Archer, West Stanley. Mr P. Reay occupied the chair. Afterwards a ham and coffee was held in the schoolroom.—On Sunday, Rev L. Norris occupied the pulpit—morning and evening—and Rev T. Archer in the afternoon.—On Monday night, Mr Norris delivered a lecture on "Dr Adam Clark," to a large audience. Mr Russell presided.

TOW LAW.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.—The workmen's collection for the above fund at the Weardale Iron and Coal Company's Tow Law collieries is as follows:—Black Prince Colliery, £12 11s; West Thornley Colliery, £6 6s 6d; Tow Law Ironworks, 15s 6d.

GOOD TEMPLARY.—A public meeting was held in the Mechanics' Institute, on Monday night, in the interests of Good Templary, the principal speaker being Councillor Malins, of Birmingham, head of the order in England. Rev J. Roscamp, vicar of Stanley, occupied the chair, and was supported by other ministers of the town.

RECHABITISM.—On Saturday evening, in connection with the Tow Law Tent "Hand-in-Hand," No. 2,103, a public coffee supper and entertainment was held in the Wesleyan School-room, Tow Law, presided over by the Rev G. Samuels, M.A., and an address was delivered by Mr James Davis, of Billy Row, who explained the principles, rules, and conditions of membership. The Wesleyan Brass Band was in attendance, and songs and recitations were also given.

WEST STANLEY.

The splendid new premises of the West Stanley Co-operative Society were formally opened on Saturday by a tea and public meeting.

PROPERTY SALE.—On Wednesday se'nnight, Mr John Lewes offered for sale by public auction, at the house of Mr Wray, Commercial Hotel, West Stanley, the freehold double-fronted shop, in the occupation of Mr A. Ramsden, music dealer. There was a very large attendance of speculators. The rooms above are also let, the whole producing a rental of £41 1s per annum. Mr Leybourne, West Stanley, became the purchaser at £455.—The second lot comprised the substantially stone-built dwelling-house, adjoining above, containing five rooms and out-offices; rent £24; occupied by Mr Lowes. This was knocked down to Mr McGowan for £433. Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) acted as solicitor for the vendor.

WOLSINGHAM.

There were over 300 [illegible] of influenza at Wolsingham last week. A[illegible] as 10 were down with it in some houses. It is spreading to the adjacent villages.

LEADGATE.

We are glad to notice that the sympathy of the Leadgate football players and supporters is being shown in a practical manner for William Costello, of the Leadgate Exiles team, who was so unfortunate as to be lamed in the County Trial game played on October 10th.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES, &c.—On Tuesday last, the distribution of prizes to the children attending St. Ives' Sunday-school took place in the Infants' School, Church Square. There was a great gathering of parents, teachers, and scholars. The distribution took place a little sooner than usual because the teachers wished Mrs Mitchell to perform the ceremony before leaving Leadgate. After singing a hymn, Mr Clegg, superintendent, took the chair, and asked Mrs Mitchell to give out the prizes, which she did in her usual kind and gracious manner. At the conclusion, Rev J. W. Mitchell addressed the parents and children in his happiest manner, and gave some good advice to both. Mr Clegg was then presented by Mr and Mrs Mitchell with three large books in recognition of fifteen years faithful service as Sunday-school teacher. Mr Brewis was then called upon to present to Miss E. Mitchell, on behalf of teachers and scholars, a splendid writing desk. This he did in a few apt remarks, referring to her unremitting attention and devotion to her duties for the long period of fourteen years. Rev J. W. Mitchell replied, and the proceedings closed with the singing of another hymn, after which the vicar pronounced the blessing.

BLACKHILL.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Friday night, at 10·20, John Wilson, aged 67 years, of Ledger Terrace, Blackhill, died very suddenly. He has not been able to follow his employment for eight years. He was sitting in a chair at his lodgings, took a fit and expired in a few minutes.

ENTERTAINMENT.—In the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Blackhill, on Wednesday se'nnight, was given an entertainment entitled a "musical evening." There was a good company present. Mrs Brodie, Consett, was called to the chair, and in an able and clever little speech informed the audience that the entertainment was the first of many to be held in the district, the object of which was to raise funds for the purpose of building a new school-room as the present accommodation of the chapel was far too limited. The entertainment musically was a great success, and financially we hope as well. All of the artistes did their best to please, but some of course were more successful than others, notably Miss Williams, who has a lovely soprano voice, of good compass, rich in tone, and whose execution in solo and duet singing was thorough and artistic. Mrs Brodie in her recitation of "Over the hill to the poorhouse," was realistic, an amount of dramatic power seldom seen in lady reciters of this neighbourhood. The benediction brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. We hope that the future entertainments to be given this winter will be of the same high-class as their first venture. The accompanists were Mrs Brodie and Miss Brodie.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—On Sunday, Miss Isa. Johnstone, lady evangelist, of Lanchester, preached two eloquent sermons in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Allendale Cottages, to good congregations.

USHAW MOOR.

ACCIDENT IN A COLLIERY SHAFT.—On Thursday evening, an unusual delay occurred to the workmen at Ushaw Moor Colliery ere they reached the surface, in consequence of an accident taking place in the shaft. It is alleged that the onsetter at the shaft by some means had missed the sneck of the cage which fastens the tubs within containing the mineral, and being immediately drawn away, caught the roof and stuck fast. The accident took place when the day's drawing was about completed, and time for the men to ride. A considerable period elapsed before the cage was liberated, whereby the men and boys were imprisoned in the mine. Fortunately no one was injured.

FLORILINE!—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH.—A few drops of the liquid "Floriline" sprinkled on a wet tooth-brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly-whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke, "The Fragrant Floriline," being composed in part of Honey and sweet herbs, is delicate to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Price 2s. 6d of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale depot removed to, Farringdon Road, London

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CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[BY WEARSIDER.]

At the last meeting of the members of the Chester-le-Street Board of Guardians, the Workhouse Master (Mr Aikman) asked for a supply of cutlery, which he said he purchased in Newcastle. Mr R. J. Coxon, one of our representatives, asked if there was not a distinct understanding that everything that could be bought in that Union should be so bought. "Which," said the Chairman, "means Chester-le-Street. There is no other place." Mr Coxon said he did't care where the goods were purchased, if the ratepayers' moneys were only spent within the Union, and he knew of several tradesmen in Chester-le-Street who could supply the cutlery as good in quality and at as low a rate as the Newcastle tradesmen. Mr Coxon is perfectly right, and I hope he will persevere in his laudable object. Why, indeed, should the ratepayers' money not be spent among those who contribute it?

If all reports are true, our Guardians are not a very happy family. I hear of some most disgraceful scenes taking place outside the Board Room, between members of the Sanitary Committee. I hope they are not true.

Sanitation is taking up a great deal of the attention of our Guardians at present, and the Rural Sanitary Authority have three large schemes under their consideration. Schemes which, if carried out, will cost not less than £14,000. In respect of these proposals Mr A. Taylor will hold a Government Inquiry this morning, at the Board Room, relating to applications from the Authority to borrow £6,800 for sewerage and sewage disposal works at Witton Gilbert; for a similar purpose at Edmondsley, £2,000; and for like works at Birtley. If our friends at these places secure a white elephant, as we have done at Chester-le-Street, they cannot say that they were not forewarned. Mr Pickering warned them very earnestly to "hasten slowly."

The chrysanthemum show at Mr James's house, the Red Lion Inn, Birtley, on Saturday, was a great success, considering that it was the first show of the kind in that district, and was somewhat hastily arranged. The exhibits were worthy of a greater show, and Mrs James's Japanese decorations harmonised in every respect with the object and surroundings. I hope to see a chrysanthemum club formed for next year. There is no more popular flower than the chrysanthemum in all its varieties and classes, and none come in at a time when flowers are most welcome than it does.

The Rowing Club concert on Tuesday night was an unqualified success. The arrangements had all been carefully made, and were as successfully carried out. The artistes, who were above the standard usually seen and heard at Chester-le-Street, all performed in their most finished style. I understand that the funds of the club will be added to considerably by the result. The thanks of the committee are due especially to Mr Champion, who had charge of the musical arrangements, and to Mr J. A. Green, the club captain, who was responsible for the general management, for the success which crowned their efforts.

On Wednesday night, the annual dinner of the leek club and yearly fund, held at Mr H. Lamb's, King's Head Inn, Chester-le-Street, was held at that hostelry, when there was a capital muster of members of both associations. I understand that both clubs have had a most prosperous year, and that great prospects are in store for their future welfare.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

The anarchist will take almost anything if it is not locked up, except a bath.

Collars and cuffs are now worn very limp by some of our very best people.

"Youth is the time to serve the Lord," is a hymn most popular with old sinners.

The proper study for mankind is man. That is the only reason why girls go to school.

Blobson says that he shan't purchase a thermometer until fall. The plaguey things are too high now.

"It is hard for a rich man to die," says a philosopher. Yes, but it is slightly harder for a poor man to live.

A Hudson River yacht is named "Corn," which would seem to be a more appropriate name for a toe boat.

It's curious; Germans like to take a little beer with their music, and Americans like to take a little music with their beer.

An exchange says that ice two inches thick will support a man. In midsummer it supports the ice man and his entire family.

"Arthur."—Yes, we should like to have you write for our paper. Address your letter to the business office and it will be sent to you.

"Some men can take new furniture and make it look as if it was made a century ago," says an exchange. So can some children.

A pertinent question for the next hot wave from the frozen Northwest: "Where do you hail from, and, if so, why don't you hail?"

A coloured woman was heard this morning informing a neighbour that last night's storm frightened her so that she "shook like an ashpan."

MARY AND HER BEAU.

Mary had a little beau
Quite cunning and polite,
And she prevailed on him to geau
To church one Sunday nite.

The deacon led them up the aisle
And bowed them in a pew,
And Mary thanked him with a smaisle,
And did her lover, tew.

And Mary helped them sing a hymn
And listened to a psalm,
And watched the preacher full of vymn,
The outside sinners psdalm.

She shuddered when so many folks,
Whose sins must heavy weigh,
Laughed gaily at the preacher's jolks
And never tried to preigh.

She wondered if her lover would
Be careful of his soul,
And if his ways were always gould
When out of her controul.

The little beau with simple face
Was gazing at the choir,
And thinking what they'd do in cace
The meeting house took foir.

The deacon then, without a word,
Held out a plate for money;
The beau, as frightened as a bord,
Had none, which wasn't fongy.

Then Mary took a penny from
Her purse with pity great
And gave it to her lover dam,
Who put it in the pleat.

TWO MODEST MAIDS WERE THEY.

Two maidens of full 50 summers were tripping down School Street yesterday. As they were passing the Parker House one blushed deeply and turning to the other, gayly said:

"Oh, my, one of the waiters in here—(giggle)—he's nearly always standing out in front—(giggle)—for years and years and years he has been trying—(giggle)—to flirt with us girls."

"You don't say so!" exclaimed her companion, blushing a deeper red and casting a frightened, timid glance at the spot where the aproned gay Lothario was wont to sun himself, "let's hurry on," and gathering up their skirts the pair rushed into Tremont Street.

HE WASN'T THERE.

A Texas preacher caught four or five boys in his peach trees. He did not punish them, but merely said:

"You ought to be ashamed of yourselves, particularly the big boys. Which of you boys here is the oldest?"

"He ain't here at all, sir. He didn't know we were coming," said a youngster.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, NOV. 28TH).
Consett Y.M.C.A. v Leadgate St. Ives, at Leadgate.
Blackhill Rovers v Ushaw Moor, at Ushaw Moor
Consett Fell v Lintzford, at Consett.
Consett Fell B v Castleside, at Castleside.
Dipton Wanderers v Boldon Star, at Boldon.
Leadgate Exiles v Bishop Auckland, at Leadgate.
Pelton Fell Harriers v Burnmoor, at Burnmoor.
Byer Moor v Langley Park Rovers, at Langley Park.
Stanley Hedley Harriers v Sacriston, at Stanley.
Medomsley v Durham University, at Medomsley.
Blaydon v Jarrow, at Jarrow.
Tow Law v Darlington St. Hilda's, at Darlington.
Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's v Tanfield Lea 2nd, at Marley Hill.
Blaydon 2nd v Jarrow 2nd, at Blaydon.
Tanfield Lea v Blaydon Albion, at Blaydon.
Esh True Blues v Bearpark Albion, at Bearpark.
Medomsley Reserve v Consett League Reserve, at Consett.
Cornsay Rovers v Leadgate Park Reserve, at Leadgate.
Medomsley Church Choir v Consett British School, at Medomsley.
Hobson Wanderers v Elswick Star, at Newcastle.
Medomsley White Stars v Allendale Cottages, at Allendale.
Consett Young Shamrocks v Hamsterley Wanderers, at Consett.
Tow Law St. Joseph's v Wheatbottom Rangers, at Tow Law.
Blackhill Rovers 2nd v Tudhoe 3rd, at Blackhill.
Benfieldside Rovers v Gateshead Low Fell, at Gateshead.
Lintz Rovers v Pelton Fell, at Pelton Fell.
Derwent Cottages Ramblers v Allendale Park, at Allendale.
Consett Swifts v High Row Strangers, at Whickham.
Consett League v Neptune (Walker), at Consett.
Lintz Rovers 2nd v Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's 2nd, at Lintz.

MEDOMSLEY v DURHAM UNIVERSITY.—Medomsley encounter the strong 'Varsity eleven at Medomsley. The visitors are bringing their strongest team, which includes several noted players—T. Owen (the Corinthian), A. Tuson, Challen, Turner, and R. Bousfield amongst others. The home club will place a good team in the field, and intend to make their opponents work hard to secure a victory. The following will represent Medomsley—Goal, T. Bramley; backs, W. Baron and W. Mansell (capt.); half-backs, T. Walton, Geo. Moon (or J. Balfour), and J. Veitch; forwards, R. Campbell and R. Cant, right wing; H. Smith, centre; W. Cant and A. N. Other, left wing. Referee, Rev E. G. F. Macpherson.

LEADGATE EXILES v BISHOP AUCKLAND.—This return fixture will be played on the Exiles' ground. The first encounter resulted in a draw of four goals each, and since then Auckland have been performing in splendid fashion, having defeated Southwick and Gateshead N.E.R. in the English Cup ties, and on Saturday last beat Darlington St. Augustine's by seven goals to one. The Exiles have only lost one game, and intend to do their utmost to uphold their reputation. The following will compose the Exiles' team:—Goal, J. McMahon; backs, W. McGee (capt.) and P. Hughes; half-backs, Peter Hughes, J. Haggan, and J. Monaghan; forwards, O. Hughes and T. Kelly, right wing; A. N. Other, centre; Jas. McGee and P. Quinn, left wing. Kick-off at 2-30.

CONSETT LEAGUE v NEPTUNE (WALKER).—These teams will meet at Consett, when the League will be represented by the following team—Goal, P. Mellen; backs, T. Cairns and J. McGuire; half-backs, B. Smith, J. Swan, and F. Bradley; forwards, J. McKie and W. McKie (capt.), left wing; P. McKie and P. Rafferty, right wing; J. McCarthy, centre. Kick-off at 3.

CONSETT FELL v LINTZFORD.—To be played at Consett. The Fell will be represented by the subjoined team:—Goal, J. Carruthers; backs, W. Bell (capt.) and T. Skelton; half-backs, T. T. Gray, C. Ternent, and A. Eustace; forwards, T. Watson and W. Wake, right wing; T. Atkinson, centre; R. Harkness and T. Dunn, left wing. Reserves, Smurthwaite and Arlott. Lintzford—Goal, T. Smith; backs, J. W. Andrews (capt.) and J. Brown; half-backs, E. Stobbs, Jos. Andrews, and M. Swinburn; forwards, Jas. Andrews and W. Smith, right wing; R. Goodman, centre; S. Smith and T. Newton, left wing. Reserves, R. Welsh and J. Seath. Linesman, Mr Geo. Smith.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v USHAW MOOR.—The Rovers travel to Ushaw Moor by brake, leaving the Royal Hotel at 12-15 prompt. The following will do duty for the Rovers:—Full back, J. Aitken; three-quarter backs, A. Ward, J. Brown, and G. Hewitson; half-backs, G. Smailes (capt.) and J. Anderson; forwards, A. McGhee, L. McTaggart, R. Stobbs, A. Taylor, G. Sayers, G. Davison, J. G. Askew, W. Brown, and G. Aitken. Reserve, T. Robson.

BLACKHILL ROVERS 2ND v TUDHOE 3RD.—To be played at Blackhill. The following will represent the Rovers:—Full back, J. Carr; three-quarter backs, T. Robson, E. McKirue, and W. Patterson; half-backs, R. Taylor and H. Murray; forwards, W. Morgan, J. Robson, Blacklock, T. Gibson, J. Lumley (capt.), W. Smith, Brannighan, Dawson, and Bell. Reserve, G. Bell.

MEDOMSLEY RESERVE v CONSETT LEAGUE RESERVE.—To be played at Consett. The Medomsley eleven will be chosen from the following:—Goal, G. Foster; backs, H. Pearson and T. Bailey; half-backs, Wm. Hunter (capt.), J. Hornsby, J. McColl, and Geo. Abbott; forwards, W. Ryan and J. Hunter, right wing; J. Roulton, centre; G. Brown and Jas. Hunter, left wing.

CONSETT FELL B v CASTLESIDE.—To be played at Castleside. Fell team—Goal, W. Williamson; backs, C. Gardiner and W. Oliver; half-backs, J. Dunning, Stafford, and T. Madgin; forwards, J. E. Winter and C. Winter, right wing; A. Kempster, centre; J. Bates and M. Eustace (capt.), left wing. Reserves, McCance and Bates. Kick-off at 3.

TOW LAW v DARLINGTON ST. HILDA'S.—This game will be played at Darlington. The subjoined will represent Tow Law:—Goal, J. H. Allison; backs, Temperley and Hilton; half-backs, Waites, Wilson, and Blair; forwards, Coulson (capt.), Potts, Waites, Graham, and Watson.

CONSETT SWIFTS v HIGH ROW STRANGERS.—To be played at Whickham. The Swifts' team will be:—Goal, B. McKie; backs, J. Siemam and R. Wake; half-backs, J. McGuckian, J. Pescod (capt.), and J. Allison; forwards, G. Eustace and G. Forster, right wing; T. Winter, centre; J. Wake and R. Barron, left wing. Reserve, R. Williamson.

DERWENT COTTAGES RAMBLERS v ALLENDALE PARK.—At Allendale. Ramblers' team—Goal, Williamson; backs, D. Harris and J. Wilson; half-backs, J. Patterson, H. Marrs, and T. Snowdon; forwards, H. Glasgow and R. Graham, right wing; J. Routledge, centre; G. Milburn and R. Wilson (capt.), left wing. Reserves, J. Crick, J. Marrs, and J. Talbot.

LINTZ ROVERS v PELTON FELL.—At Pelton Fell. Lintz team—Goal, M. Watson (capt.); backs, H. Nevins and J. Haywood; half-backs, McGurk, T. Heslin, and McKenna; forwards, A. Hughes and P. Hughes, right wing; J. Gannon, centre; T. Watson and J. Weedy, left wing. Reserves, Jones and R. Fail.

BENFIELDSIDE ROVERS v GATESHEAD LOW FELL.—At Gateshead. The following will represent the Rovers:—Full back, R. Walton; three-quarter backs, J. Draffen (capt.), H. Hobday, and R. Wilson; half-backs, T. Price and R. Chatt; forwards, C. Hardy, G. Stokoe, H. Ward, G. Millhouse, T. Fitzpatrick, T. Draffen, J. Wright, W. Oley, and C. Joyce.

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IRISH NATIONALIST GATHERING AT CONSETT.

SPEECH BY MR T. D. SULLIVAN, M.P.

On Monday evening a concert and meeting was held in the New Town Hall, Consett, in connection with the Consett Irish National League, in aid of the evicted tenants in Ireland. There was a large audience present, and the proceedings were presided over by Rev James Kyle (Presbyterian), who was supported by Mr T. D. Ryan, Blackhill, Mr Michael Fitzpatrick Sullivan, M.P. Mr J. Gallagher (Consett), Mr Wm. Crake (vice-president), Mr J. Orr (vice-president and secretary), Whitehead; Mr J. Orr (vice-president of the North-West Durham Liberal Association), Mr J. Armfield (secretary), Mr J. Cook, Blackhill, Mr J. Armfield Plain; Mr J. Cook, Blackhill, and Mr J. O'Connor (secretary of the Consett National League). Mr James Daly (secretary), Consett, and others. The artistes engaged for the rendition of a first-class programme of music were Madam Tomsett, soprano (Provincial Concerts), Mr T. H. Armstrong, tenor (People's Concerts, Newcastle), and Mr A. Lyall (in the place of Mr R. Armstrong, basso (Principal Concerts, Newcastle). The platform was very prettily decorated with mottoes and emblems characteristic of the Emerald Isle. When Mr Sullivan appeared, the audience gave vent to their satisfaction in rounds of applause.

The CHAIRMAN read a letter from Father Morrissy as follows:—

It is with exceeding great regret I wish to inform you of my inability to attend the meeting to be held to-night in the New Town Hall, Consett. My medical adviser has strictly forbidden me to attend such, and I can assure you that nothing but a positive command from him could deter me from taking personal part in the meeting. It is from no lack of sympathy with the cause of Ireland's bravest sons, the veteran patriots and poet, Mr T. D. Sullivan. I now express to you, with all the feel in my heart, the absolute certainty, that the good Irishmen, the sterling patriots of this district, shall convince the world that "sweet are the uses of adversity," that strength separated from the land they love, they are imbued with a sense of deep-rooted faithfulness that the sufferings shall be realised only when good and righteous rain, like to him, shall make their land a nation once again. It is from no mere sentiment you have to-day the anniversary of the Manchester Martyrs, that sad and tragic event which was the occasion of giving to our country her national anthem, composed by Ireland's poet laureate, the honourable and venerable member, who shall be to-night in your midst, Mr T. D. Sullivan. Though absent in person, I shall be with you in spirit, and most sincerely hope that the meeting may be an unqualified success.—I am, dear Mr Daly, yours very faithfully,

JOHN MORRISSY.

Mr James Daly.

He (the speaker) said that Father Morrissy felt his position very keenly. If Mr Morrissy had thought it would have been safe to absent himself to-night, he would have been present to welcome Mr Sullivan, and in all probability would have delivered a most eloquent speech. (Cheers.)

The first part of the programme was opened with a trio, "Believe me if all those endearing young charms," by Madam Tomsett, Messrs Armstrong and Lyall, which was nicely rendered. Mr Armstrong struck a patriotic chord in the song, "Old Ireland," which was encored, but failed to arouse the enthusiasm of the audience. Madam Tomsett was in splendid voice, and her rendition of "The Last Rose of Summer" was given with her usual vivacity and musical truthfulness. In response to the vociferous *encore*, she gave "Killarney," to the satisfaction of all concerned. Mr Lyall, who made his *debut* in this district, was in splendid form, and was loudly applauded for his artistic interpretation of "The wearing of the green." The duet, "Love and war," was well executed by Messrs Armstrong and Lyall.

Mr T. O'CONNOR proposed:—

"That this meeting welcome Ireland's gifted representative, Mr T. D. Sullivan, and bid him wish to Dublin." (Cheers.) That we repose the fullest confidence in the Irish Parliamentary party, led by Mr Justin McCarthy. That we extend our sympathy with the warmest sympathy with the evicted tenants, the wounded soldiers of the land campaign and we promise them our ungrudging support." (Loud cheers.)

He said that there was not a Liberal who would do something of Mr Sullivan. They were indebted to him, as Irishmen, for a great deal, and it was only right that they should welcome such a gifted representative as Ireland possessed. (Cheers.) Mr Fitzpatrick (the speaker) gained a great deal of information from the writings of Messrs A. M. Sullivan, T. D. Sullivan, (Applause.) Healy, and T. D. Sullivan, and brought the W. O'Brien, and Mr T. D. Sullivan, and brought the writers right hands. (Cheers.) There was scarcely an no one who did not sympathise with the poor tenants of Ireland. It was the duty to support those unfortunate people until the Liberal party gained power to deal with them generously. (Loud cheers.)

Mr J. O'Connor seconded the resolution. He said that he was not an Irishman, but he was a Scotchman, which came very pretty well to known in Ireland. (Cheers.) He was pleased, as an elector of North-West Durham, to give a hearty welcome to such a gentleman that had done so much for his country and people. With regard to the confidence in Mr McCarthy, he thought this was a question that belonged to the Irish people, and one that he was not very much interested in. Irishmen were entitled to the utmost confidence in the action which all Liberals ought to be interested with regard to the question of Ireland. He contended that this Home Rule question was one of importance to the country. (Cheers.) What they wanted was to assist the Irish people on a level with themselves, and demand justice for themselves, so that they need demand justice for themselves, so that they need demand justice for themselves, so that they need

SOMETHING FOR YOUNG FOLKS.

WRITING A COMPOSITION.

Tom Harwood sat at a table in the room which he called his own, writing a composition. That is, he thought he was writing. At least, he had answered "Composition" to his sister Jessie, who wished him to help her to some little task, "I can't. I'm writing a composition."

But there was not much written upon the paper which lay upon Tom's desk. In one corner was the picture of a horse, or of something a good deal like a horse. Then there was a dog, that seemed to have made a mistake and had attacked the wrong end, and was assuming an inoffensive and retiring attitude, under the shadow of the wings with the word "Angleses," with a very big A, and, if the truth be told, which appeared to be a boy on a gobbin sitting upon the back of his Uncle Tom had drawn two or three lines all through the word, and had written under it "Napoleon Bonaparte." Then he had also drawn a line through "Napoleon Bonaparte," and had commenced again, "The value of ——" but there he stopped, and what was to be valued I am sure I cannot tell.

So Tom was hardly writing now; the fact is, he had dropped fast asleep. The composition was too much for him. It was no use, as he had said, "I can't write. There is nothing to write about," and there was the result—fast asleep. Indeed, he did speak. "He you can't write a composition!"

"No," answered Tom, who was not as surprised as might have been expected to hear a boy accused of write about.

"Well, I declare," said Old Joe, "come here."

Tom followed the rooster, who brought him near the flock which he was escorting. "Sit down," said the rooster, and Tom sat upon a log, fat even, if at once Tom noticed that the air was full of little threads, spider webs he thought, and began to brush them away. Strangely enough, they remained just as before.

"Don't do so," said the rooster. "Just hold them to your ear."

Tom carefully reached for some of the threads, and bent his head towards them, when, at once, he heard a multitude of voices. At first the air sang so he heard nothing but clucks and a medley of fowl sounds, but as he listened with the threads at his ear he heard the feminine sex say:

"Such an escape as I had," said Speckle, and shivered almost into a cricket in her effort to hear what Speckle was saying. Speckle told a long story; and Tom fairly shivered from sympathy as Speckle described the fight and fear of herself to the hen-roost, and how he sucked the blood of poor unfortunate Toothless.

Tom thought to himself, "That would be a nice subject for a composition. I believe I will write about weasels, I wonder where they live and what they eat."

But the rooster interrupted his thoughts by saying to Speckle, "See here; here is a boy who has nothing to write about!"

Speckle looked at Tom in a sort of inquisitive way, and then said, "I have some things which I think you would like to write about. Do you ever see my grist-mill?"

"Your grist-mill?" said Tom, quite astonished.

"Yes," said Speckle, "I carry my mill with me."

In some strange sort of way, Tom seemed to see what was going on in the mill. The grist-stone was a set of things—pieces of crockery, bits of glass, little pebbles, and actually a pin was doing service. The "hopper" through which the grain was all which she has me—and a miscellaneous collection of was—was prepared there.

"Why," said Tom, "How do you call that the crop."

"Mill," said Speckle, "and the mill she calls the reward; but she doesn't know any better."

Then Speckle shivered from head to rump. But I should tire you if I asked you to follow Tom all up and down that queer factory, where were eggs of all sizes and degrees of composition. Tom was specially interested in the process of sealing the eggs in clay case of limestone.

In this factory the machinery was not in good running order, because the stock of lime on hand was small. The director of the factory tried vainly to break up a large sea-shell to replenish the lime department. Tom saw the trouble, and good naturedly said, "Wait, I will bring a hammer"; and he started toward the house.

What the next thing Tom knew, he was sitting at his table, with these words, "Ambition" and "Napoleon Bonaparte," before him; and, when next then he heard Old Joe flap his wings under the window and give a hearty "Cock-a-doodle-doo."—*Rev. C. F. Jessup.*

THE TRUANT ANGLER.

A little boy one pleasant day,
Towards a creek pursued his way.

He kept the schoolhouse out of sight
Looking behind oftimes in fright;

And in one hand, as on he stole,
He clutched a willow fishing pole.

Down by the meadow swift he passed
Until he reached the creek at last.

Then, with no thought to mar of school,
His cast his line into a pool;

And, with a smile of calm delight,
He waited for the fish to bite.

The moments glided swiftly by,
The sun o'erhead was getting high,

But not a fish would deign to look
The while at his seductive hook.

Though hungry insects buzzed about his head
Bit courdeconsidingly instead.

The smile contracted to a frown,
The little boy he sat him down;

And there upon the streamy's soft brink,
His drowsy eyes began to blink.

Till, with his head upon his breast,
He sank back in the sedge to rest;

When suddenly he heard a "swish,"
And from the water rose a fish!

A fish off which a troop might dine,
With a gigantic red and line!

And in gruff tones the monster cried,
The while the little boy it eyed:—

"This very night shall all supply
A chordler made of little boy I!"

And, looking hideously grim,
The creature cast its line at him.

The truant watched the hook descend,
While every hair stood up on end.

Till, with a twist expert and neat,
It caught him by his trousers' seat,

And then, with juvenile despair,
He dangled wildly in the air.

A piercing scream the silence broke,
And then the little boy awoke.

And though of fish there was no trace,
Fresh danger threatened in its place,

With look foreboding little good,
Before him his stern father stood.

THE DOG AND HIS OLD MASTER.

A clergyman in Norfolk lost, or had stolen, a favorite collie dog. Nine months afterwards he recognised the dog on the Norwich Cattle Hill; but in a very "poor condition." His new master, a drover, stoutly maintained he had possessed the dog for years. A crowd quickly collected, and for the most part took the side of the absent owner. Two justices having arrived, the case was stated. The clergyman, after remembering an old trick he had taught the dog, his face, suggested that he should undoubtedly prove his claim. Taking a penny from his pocket, he gave it the animal, saying, "Rough, go and fetch it of." Rough, with the penny in his mouth, went to the nearest baker's shop, deposited the coin, and made it clear he wanted a loaf. His thoughts of bread to his master, who gave him a piece, which he began munching. Suddenly the minister ejaculated, "Rough, I believe that bread is poisoned. Put the dog spat the piece of bread, and away the clergyman went amidst the bravos of the crowd, followed by the faithful Rough.

"I'd rather be a wild turkey, and live on the prairie," said a little boy, "than be a tame turkey, and be killed every year."

Pointing out some stars to an older boy who did not look in the right direction, Martin said, "There they are! you must be *deaf of sense*."

"I shall I read to you about the Persian astronomer, dear?" "Oh no, mamma, please," exclaimed Mary, "I don't know about the stars in my own country yet."

ANY DISMISSES HER BEAU.

"Algernon, Eleperay does not call upon you as frequently as formerly, I believe," remarked the High School girl to her friend.

"No, Mildred," replied Amy, "in fact, I gave him his walking papers."

"You mean, dear, you presented him with his pedestrianizing doesnanate."

SHE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND.

Yesterday forenoon two young ladies called at a dry goods store on Woodward avenue to look at one of the late styles of circulars. The one who wanted to purchase was amazed and disappointed to find the circulars made without sleeves and armholes. "Well, that's the style," said the salesman.

"And they are very popular. They are meant to cover both shoulders and arms." "I guess I won't buy one," whispered the girl to her friend. "If I had a beau, how could I take hold of his arm, with that circular on?" "Why, you goose," replied the other, "you let him put his arm right around you of course! That's what it's made that way for!" "Mister, I'll take that circular," promptly observed the anxious party, and she had it sent home.

HUMOUR OF A TRAVELLER.

A Liverpool gentleman sat in the corner of a railway carriage going to London, in an easy attitude, his feet upon a large trunk. The gentlemanly conductor, going his rounds, as the first station politely informed the stranger that the trunk must be put in the luggage van. It was observed that the stranger made no reply. When the second station was reached the displeased conductor more decidedly told the stranger that he must put the trunk in the luggage van or it would be put off the train. Still the stranger made no reply. At the fourth station the conductor had the trunk put off and left. Still not a word from the traveller. Reaching the fifth station the mortified conductor addressed the stranger and begged him to remember that he had but done what his duty required, that he had done it after repeated warnings, that it was the stranger's fault. At last it was the stranger's opportunity, and he replied laconically, "Don't care; tain't my trunk."

VALUE OF SMALL THINGS.

Husband—"What are you going to take that scrap of lace along for?"

Wife—"Scrap, indeed! That's my handkerchief."

"Oh, that's it."

"Yes, and, by the way, I forgot to give you yours. It's up stairs on the—"

"Never mind, dear. I've got a postage stamp."

BEATING THE BARBER.

A man who had been nearly talked to death by loquacious barbers went into a shop the other day and handed one of the artists a card bearing the words "Give me an easy shave." The barber motioned him to a chair, and, clearing his throat, winked to his fellow-laborers and said, "Here's a deaf and dumb 'un, boys, wants an easy shave." "Well, if you gash him he can't talk," replied one of the men, "and you're waiting for the 'Next.'" "No, you bet he can't," returned the first. "An easy shave he blowed. What! He's got bristles like a Texas pony, and his skin is tougher than a canal mule." The boys laughed, and the operator, who in the meantime had lathered the man's face, indulged in further comments as he urged his razor over the facial territory before him. "What a nose that is!" said he. "If he should sneeze, were would I be?" "Well, his cheek is harder than a razor hone." "Do you want me to hi his nose while you go over his lipe, Johnny?" asked another of the idle razor-wielders. "Don't know but what I will want a little help." "Be careful and don't drop your razor in his ear, or you'll lose it," admonished another. "What a dirty head he's got," observed Johnny, as the man his fingers through the man's hair. In any, some of the fellows write a card and ask him if he don't want a shampoo." The card was written and presented to the man, who shook his head at first, but after being finished, he rose from the chair. "It's all right, boys," said he, as he laid down 15 cents. "I don't mind your talk any. I could stand it first rate so long as you didn't say anything about base-ball, third term or the whisky ring frauds." He disappeared, and those barbers sat down and thought about him.

ACCEPTING THE SITUATION.

Bobby (to young Featherly)—"Will you please pass me the cake basket, Mr. Featherly?"

Mamma—"No, Bobby, you cannot have any more cake."

Bobby—"Why not, ma!"

Mamma—"Because I have said no. You will have to take no for an answer."

Bobby (resignedly)—"Well, I'm no worse than Mr. Featherly."

Mr. Featherly (amused)—"How so, Bobby?"

Bobby—"Sister Clara says you'll have to take no for an answer."

FIXING HER MOTHER.

"Got any invisible ink?" she asked in a whisper.

"We have."

"One bottle, please."

"You know how to use it?" he queried.

"Oh, it isn't for me, but for the nice young man who writes to me. Mamma has got in the habit of opening my letters, and we propose that she shall draw blanks after this."

It is claimed by some medical men that smoking weakens the eyesight. Maybe it does, but just see how it strengthens the breath.

A Yankee editor, observing that "The census embraces 17,000,000 women," asks, "Who wouldn't be a census?"

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Late Correspondence.

FROSTERLEY CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—"Another Rustions" has appeared on the scene, a satellite of "Rustions" No. 1. Both their letters bear the same stamp and seem to have emanated from the same source. The latter seems a reflection of the former, yet, both are behind the scenes—men of the jelly-fish stamp—who have not fame—men of the jelly-fish stamp—who have not the moral courage to come into the open to attack an opponent. They are rusty are enough. I have counted the very letter I have written. They put my name to every letter I have written, but they dare not give theirs. He says the numbers he gave are correct, as it were counted in the church and were correct, as it is many years since he learnt to count. He certainly has reached perfection at counting—one degree above the superlative—if he can count the congregation in Frosterley Church all the way from Bogerley. He insinuates that he was present to count them. Now, it is a well-known fact that he was not there at all, nor has he been for several years, and yet he asks why I consulted his vestry second time. A most reprehensible practice obtains at this church. Some person or persons count the congregation at every service for the edification of this village Solomon, and they do it always count fair; and it is from these toadies he gets his second-hand reports. Christ had twelve disciples, but among them were one traitor. One little denied him, and another doubted him. The little denied him, and another doubted him. The little denied him, and another doubted him. The