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FRIDAY, Nov. 3rd, 1882.

CONTINENTAL SOCIALIST AGITATION.

It is deeply to be lamented that socialist agitation is daily and hourly at work on the Continent and in our country, and that the outcome of it has of late been very serious disturbances at Lyons, the mining district of Montseau-les-Mines, and other towns in France. The demands of these Socialists are as monstrously absurd in theory as they are utterly impracticable in fact, and it is difficult to understand how men with a grain of common sense can utter such atrocious folly and such wicked threats as are to be found at the meetings of these Socialists and in their insane manfestoes. It seems that at a recent meeting at Geneva of a body calling itself the International Revolutionary League a manifesto was adopted, and has been surreptitiously circulated on the Continent, and, for all we know to the contrary, amongst ourselves. These people boldly called themselves anarchists, men without chiefs, and declare that they will have no rule at all, no employers, no laws, no government of any kind. Such a statement is almost beyond belief, but we will quote a passage or two from this maniacal document in proof of the truth of the assertion. These anarchists avow that they "combat all those who have seized on any kind of power or who seek to seize it." They go on to declare: "Our enemy is the landlord, who monopolises the land, and who makes the peasant labour for his profit; our enemy is the employer, who possesses the manufactory, and who has filled it with hired serfs; our enemy is the State, Monarchical, Oligarchical, Democratic, or Proletarian, with its functionaries, its staff of officers, magistrates, and spies." A more widely-sweeping denunciation of all authority whatever, a more daring call upon the working classes to overturn the structure of society to destroy the rights of property, and to excite revolution in its worst form, cannot be imagined. Still more atrocious, if possible, are some of the utterances which follow. These self-styled and avowed anarchists go on to declare—and we would not quote the atrocity but—for the hope that it may do some good by reaction—that their enemy is "every abstraction of authority, be it called Devil or God, in the name of which the priests have so long governed simple minds." This bitter enmity to the great truths of religion in which Christians of every sect believe is one of the worst features of the Socialism of the present day. The Government cannot stop the insidious poison that is disseminated among the working classes, but they can at least severely punish the perpetrators of all outrages when the crime can be traced to the criminal. It is painful to find that the authorities of Lyons have had to take measures to protect the public buildings, and to ensure the safety of all peaceable citziens, and that the French Government have felt it necessary to take other precautions in the interest of public order; but that all this has been done is, nevertheless, gratifying. The Governemt are now face to face with the hideous monster of anarchy, the battle must be fought out to the bitter end.

Parliamentary Summary.

MONDAY.

In the House of Commons, Sir Stafford Northcote gave notice that he would ask the Prime Minister if he intended to propose a grant, pension, or sum of money to Sir G. Wolseley and Sir B. Seymour during the present session of Parliament, and, if so, whether supply would be set up for the purpose; also, out of what funds the cost of the present occupation of Egypt was being paid, and whether it would be necessary to move a vote of credit to defray such expenses. In reply to Mr Barclay, Sir C. Dilke stated that a commission had been appointed to adjudicate on the claims of those who had suffered by the burning of Alexandria. Sir C. Dilke, in answer to Mr Labouchere, stated that the enlistment of Circassians, Albanians, and other foreigners in the Egyptian army had ceased. Sir H. D. Wolff asked what reason the Government had with regard to the appointment of Baker Pasha, for believing that they would be consulted on this matter. Sir C. Dilke said Her Majesty's Government expected to be consulted. In reply to Mr Labouchere, Sir C. Dilke said the Government were not parties with any foreign Power for preventing Egyptians from exercising control over their taxation, expenditure, and administration. In answer to Mr Ritchie and Mr O'Donnell, Mr Campbell-Bannerman explained the circumstances under which Professor Palmer volunteered to make an expedition into the interior of Egypt. Mr Gladstone, in reply to Sir W. Barttelot, said the Government were in possession of very imperfect information as to what had taken place in the Soudan. No doubt that there had been a defeat of the Egyptian forces by a person known as the False Prophet. The debate on the Procedure Rules was resumed.

TUESDAY.

In the House of Commons, Sir R. Cross asked under what treaty the leaders the Cuban insurrection had been surrendered by the Chief Constable of Gibraltar to the Spanish authorities. Sir W. Harcourt apprehended that they had been given up under no treaty. In point of fact, they ought not to have been given up at all. The debate on the first Procedure resolution of the Government was resumed by Mr Warton, who moved a verbal amendment, which was accepted by Mr Gladstone, the right hon. gentleman, remarking, amidst laughter, that his judgment had been convinced. The amendment was agreed to. Mr Gibson then moved his amendment providing that the Cloture should only be enforced upon the vote of two-thirds of the members present. Mr Gladstone followed, and an animated debate took place.

WEDNESDAY.

In the House of Commons, Sir Charles Dilke said some remarks of his in answer to Mr Bourke were misrepresented in [illegible] the newspapers. The reports and the summaries in the other papers gave in some cases his words, in all his meaning; but in one journal he was made to speak of the enormous difficulty the Government experienced in trying to conduct the government of Egypt from this country. A reference to the other reports showed that his argument was against trying to conduct the government of Egypt from this country by telegraph. Mr Ald. Lawrence gave notice that on Monday he would ask the President of the Board of Trade whether his attention had been directed to the inquest upon the body of Dr. Arthur, who was burned to death in the Pullman car near Leeds, and especially to the evidence of the engine driver, who stated that he felt a pull at the cord, but did not immediately stop the train, because, on looking back, he could not discover anything amiss with it. The adjourned debate on Mr Gibson's amendment to the Procedure Resolutions was resumed by Mr O'Donnell, who remarked that the resolution as it stood could not render the position of Irish members worse than it was at present, seeing that the Chairman of Committee had the power of expelling them from the House, whether present or otherwise. The Government of the day would always support the action of the Chairman, however absurd it might be. In the course of the debate Lord J. Manners supported the amendment, and Mr Goschen supported the resolution. The debate was again adjourned.

BLUE RIBBON MEETINGS AT MEDOMSLEY.

A five days' series of Gospel Temperance Meetings were brought to a highly successful termination on Saturday night last, in the Templars' Hall, Medomsley. Mr John Fawcett, Newcastle, who has been conducting these meetings at the invitation of the Rev W. Cockin, the vicar, under the auspices of the Church of England Temperance Society, has become, since his Blue Ribbon campaigns in 1880, an attractive, powerful, and popular speaker in this cause. The above meetings were presided over by the following gentlemen, viz:—J. Priestman, Esq., J.P., Rev W. Cockin, J. G. East, Esq., J. Lax, Esq. (Shotley), assisted by a united choir, which rendered a very acceptable service, great praise being due to the self-denying labours of the vicar for their success. Mr Fawcett is a native of Durham, he himself being the son of a deceased publican well-known in the City. Mr Fawcett signed the pledge with the now celebrated R. T. Booth in Sunderland in 1880, and since that time has devoted a large portion of this time to the cause of temperance, and been eminently successful in his efforts as seen by the following. He has visited the following places (at the invitation of any interested in the work) viz:—Ryhope, Sunderland, Whitburn, Hylton, Wallsend, Felling, Newbiggen, Walker, Newcastle, High Fell, and Gateshead, where in Gateshead alone nearly 4,000 signed the pledge. The various villages he has visited have resulted in over 50,000 persons signing the pledge and adopting the Blue Ribbon badge. Mr Fawcett is rapidly coming to the front as a successful and popular advocate in this cause. The *Tyneside Echo* stating "he is an excellent substitute" for R. T. Booth, and another account in the *Jarrow Guardian* saying that the number of men who attended his meetings in Wallsend have to thank him for his manly efforts. The meeting at Medomsley have secured him a re-invitation back again, also to Burnopfield. The total number of pledges taken at Medomsley, &c., were over 200, who had never signed previously.

EVENING CONCERT AT FLINT HILL.

A concert of a high-class character was held in this village on Monday evening, and as such a treat is a rare occurrence, the inhabitants of the place, together with the adjacent villages, seemed determined to take the opportunity of attending long before the time of commencement, the National School being filled to the porch, many having to go away, not being able to gain admission. The gentlemen (Messrs Hope and Holmes) who promoted the concert, displayed great taste in chosing Messrs Whitehead and Nutton (principal tenor and basso singers of the Durham Cathedral Choir) as the principal *artistes*. There were also some good amateurs announced to sing, and tended to make a good programme. Both parts were opened by the pianoforte duets, "Holiday," and "Qui Vive," by Misses Thirlaway and Hobson, in which their brilliant manipulating powers were well displayed, and they were highly applauded for their efforts. "The storm fiend" was next given by Mr Telford with grand effect; while the song "The village blacksmith" was rendered with much vigour by Mr Nutton, his deep, powerful bass being advantageously heard in the song, for which he received rapturous cheering. During the evening he also contributed the songs "The merry little grey fat man," and "I'm a roamer," and at the close of each song, the applause was so great that he had to execute *encores*. Miss Allan, who has a charming voice executed the songs "The blind girl to her harp," and "Bid me discourse," with delectable sweetness, and the occasional warbling in her songs was rendered with such exquisite effect as to make the audience uproarious in their demands for re-calls, which were acceded to. Mr Whitehead also sung in his magnificent tenor voice, "Ehren on the Rhine," "Three maids of Lee," and "Widow Malone," all of which were given in his usual effective style, making them irresistible, and at the finish of each the auditory fairly brought the house down with their outbursts of applause. The comic song "Never again, love," was given by Mr Todd, during which the assembly was kept in uncontrollable roars of laughter. The duets "Love and war," and "Gendarmes," were executed by Messrs Whitehead and Nutton, in which the latter's rich, cultivated voice blended harmoniously with the former's high-toned tenor, and were each rapturously *encored*. "Winds gently whisper," and "Here, in Cool Grot," were the glees rendered by Mrs T. Hope, Miss Maud Hinkley, and Messrs Todd and Telford, and received the just plaudits of the company. Miss J. Davison was well taken with in singing "Twickenham Ferry," while Mrs Hope received a well merited re-call for the song "At the Ferry." Mr Arkless was the recipient of a great amount of *eclat* when he gave the comic songs "Cough John," and "The lonely widow," the latter being sung in character. He fairly convulsed the audience with his extraordinary powers of mimicry, and was re-called with deafening cheers, to which he responded with other comic songs. "The upper ten and lower five" was a comic piece given by Messrs Telford and Arkless, the former representing a gentleman and the latter a crossing sweep. Both sustained their parts admirably, and were enthusiastically cheered. This finished the programme, and after singing the National Anthem, the highly-respectably auditory journeyed to their respective homes, being highly delighted with the evening's entertainment.

Mr T. Hope, the village school-master, accompanied the singers with marked precision and skill. The proceeds of this successful concert are to be devoted to the Sunday-school fund.

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BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

CONSETT AUXILIARY MEETING.

The Consett Branch of this Society held its annual public meeting last Friday night, in the National Infants' Schoolroom, Consett. There was only a meagre attendance, owing no doubt to counter attractions, and the inclement state of the weather. The chair was occupied by the vicar, Rev F. Steggall, who was supported on the platform by the Revs W. Baitey (Primitive Methodist Minister, Blackhill), J. Roach (Baptist, Consett), W. Hare (Wesleyan, Consett), Alex. Baillie (Presbyterian, Blackhill), and J. H. Ouston, (Penrith), who attended as a deputation from the Parent Society.

The meeting was opened by the singing of a hymn, after which the Chairman read a lesson from James i. The Rev W. Hare then offered up a short but soul-stirring appeal to God to shower blessings upon the meeting.

The Chairman observed that he was sorry to inform the company that their esteemed president (Mr W. Jenkins, J.P.,) had been unable to attend on account of indisposition, but which, he was happy to say, was not very serious. He might also state that during the thirteen years Mr Jenkins had resided in Consett he had been only twice absent from the meetings of the Society, which showed the interest taken by him in the spreading of the Gospel. (Applause) It gave him (the rev gentleman) inexpressible delight to see such an influential—although rather small—gathering present, as it showed that the Society and its cause was much appreciated. (Hear, hear). There was not a Society in existence in which he took such a great interest as the British and Foreign Bible Society. Its effects were felt almost all over the world. Through it the bible has been translated into a great many different languages and dialects of the earth. The Society also brought all denominations together—the ministers of all places of worship being able to attend and speak from the same platform. It was good that they could meet together like one body—all for the furtherance of God's most holy work—now and again. It seemed more Christ-like when they could all meet for a few hours to consider the best means of spreading the Gospel, and he wished they could meet more frequent. (Hear hear). It was grand to think that there was such a Society—one in which every denomination could assist, and by which the whole world had been benefitted. The more he learned of the Society the more convinced he became of its good in the world. Most of the great men in the world did their utmost for its extension, as they saw that it was a great boon to the world. The Bible Society had from time to time translated the holy scriptures into 220 distinct languages and dialects, and colporteurs were sent all over the world to sell, and in some cases, give them away to the inhabitants thereof. It was doing universal good and ought to be supported by every Christian. (Applause). If they were too poor to give, they could at least offer up earnest prayers for the Society's development, and he was sure God would bless them for so doing. Thousands of sinners had been saved by the grace of God simply by reading the bibles and testaments sold by the Society's agents. They would never have had their sins washed away if it had not been through the instrumentality of that grand Society, and he hoped it would still go on prospering in its glorious work. He would again pray of them to give all the support that lay in their power to such a mighty cause, and they would be blessed accordingly. (Applause). The rev gentleman called upon

Mr C. P. Douglas (the Secretary of the Consett auxiliary) to give his report. That gentleman said the committee had much pleasure in reporting that the amount received from free contributions continue to increase, the amount subscribed this year being £27 13s 1d, against £26 13s 8d last year. It had not been found possible to make collections by the different congregations during the past year, and the collection at the last annual meeting had been less than the one previous. The increase was due to the active support of the lady collectors, and if they were increased by collectors representing the various congregations, the committee, anticipate that an increased contribution might be obtained. It was fifteen years since that Branch of the Society was formed, and the committee, whilst regretting the loss of several warm friends of of the cause, are glad to find that the Society in this district was not only maintaining, but also extending, its influence and securing fresh support, and they hoped that, considering the undenominational character and aim of the Society, the subscriptions would be still further augmented. The depository would still continue to be conducted at the Post Office, Consett, by Mr Fraser. (Applause).

Mr R. Fraser, at the request of the Chairman, spoke a few words. That gentleman briefly enumerated the various sums he had received from the collectors, &c., and explained that there had been £33 14s 1½d—£27 13s 1d being from contributions, and the remaining £6 1s 0½d from the sale of bibles—handed to the Secretary of the Newcastle branch of the Society.

The Rev W. Baitey, in proposing the adoption of the reports, gave a brilliant speech on the work done by the Bible Society, and was supported with equally as much vigour and enthusiasm by the Rev J. Roach, who seconded the proposition, both gentlemen urging the company to do their utmost for so honourable a work.

The Chairman then put the motion to the meeting, and it was carried with great acclamation. He then called upon the

Rev J. H. Ouston, the deputation, who after expressing the pleasure it afforded him to be present that night, said he was glad to see from the report that the people of Consett had been working so assiduously for the Bible Society—a cause that was worthy of the support of every Christian. In the report of the Society for this year and last there had been maps printed in the report to show where the work was going on. Looking at these maps they would discern places on even the extreme parts of the globe, and it was very interesting to watch that map year by year to see the different places added where the bible truths were being spread; it thrilled his soul to see how the work was developing. Their worthy Chairman had said the bible had been translated into 220 distinct languages and dialects, but in this he was mistaken, the number being 250, 50 having been translated during the past year. Of these there were five belonging to our own Isles—English, Welsh, Gaelic, Irish, and Celtic—and the bible had been profusely distributed and read by the people talking these dialects. There is no society in the world that proves such a blessing to mankind as the Bible Society. There are institutions in existence where the blind are taught to read by means of raised letters, and thus they could read the bibles given to them by the Bible Society. The deaf and dumb are also taught the scriptures by signs in institutions connected with this Society, thereby doing good where it would be thought almost impossible. This was not a thing of the past alone; no, it was still going on prospering. The Society has published 94,000,000 bibles, which have been sent throughout the length and breadth of the land. (Applause). The funds this year were, he was glad to say, exceedingly large, owing no doubt to the zealous working of the various collectors. Poor people were not the only ones who supported the Bible Society—the noblest in the land contributed to the funds, while sums of money were bequeathed by good and influential men. Our Queen had given £200; the Prince of Wales £100; and even the Emperor of Germany had contributed £75. This showed that even foreigners took an interest in the Society's welfare. He did not know whether they had a "bible basket" at Consett or not, but he mentioned a place where the ladies used to meet to sew and talk of the bible, and the work they did was put into the "bible basket," and by selling these articles they made something like £50, which was handed over to the Society. This, he thought was a good idea, and he hoped the ladies would adopt it. He also gave several other illustrations of how money was raised by adults. In Yorkshire £140 was subscribed by the scholars of 27 schools. He also gave an instance that occurred in Knaresbro' where some boys set to and made a full-rigged ship, and the girls sewed all manner of useful articles with which they decked the ship, and they had a sale and made £10 out of it for the Bible Society. Small sums are not to be despised. He had an instance of this at a meeting at Crook the other day, when a gentleman had calculated that the amount taken during the year would average about ½d to each inhabitant. (Laughter). After describing some other ways of procuring money, the speaker related an incident which a colporteur in Wales had experienced. He went to an old woman for her subscription and she got the pot where she kept her money and brought out a few coppers, which she gave to the good man, remarking that she was glad that he had come for money; she had wanted some articles, but had put off getting them so as to keep up her subscriptions. The colporteur did not want to take it but she would not have the money back. He went away his heart being touched, and he procured the articles she wanted and sent them to her. That poor old woman had reason to be thankful that she had ever given towards the extension of Christ's kingdom, for in so doing she was blest. (Applause). This might be the experience of some of them—in subscribing to the work of God they would be blest as God had promised. After having given other instances similar to this he went on to say that England and Wales were divided into 13 districts, each presided over by a secretary. In this district (the Northern) Mr Edwards fulfilled these onerous duties, he having under his supervision 4,962 branches. There were agents almost in every town in these countries, and he instanced various difficulties with which they had to contend, and to show how they laboured he said one of them who had just been in a town six months had made 26,000 calls, during which he had sold 12,000 bibles. (Applause). He gave innumerable instances as to how the colporteurs sold their bibles, and said that there was not an institution extant but what had been supplied by the Bible Society with the good Book. He was glad to read in the report that officers in the army in foreign parts had sent to the Society for bibles, and promised to distribute them to the best advantage. It was highly gratifying to know that these officers are not only doing duty for the earthly Queen, but also at the same time for their Heavenly Master. (Hear, hear). Thus it showed they had help from all over the world—bibles were being spread, and the word of God glorified. (Cheers). He then confined his remarks to France where Mr Monod was superintending 64 districts. Great work was being done in France, as was evinced by the incidents he related, one of which was that a gentleman named Mr Braithwaite was going to visit France, and all the colporteurs were requested to meet for conferences. Having talked over various ways of disposing of the bibles, they went to a town to expound the word of God, this place being chosen in memory of the martyr ladies who had been buried alive for upholding the truth, and there was a great revival, many souls being saved. Great changes had come over France:—some years ago the bible was taught in elementary schools but he was sorry to say that this had stopped; but still there were some changes for the better. Men were reading the bibles for themselves, and they saw the mistake in Roman Catholicism. They had turned against the priests in all parts of France. Mr Monod gave an instance where he was at a place in France preaching the Gospel, and there were six priests present. The people allowed the light of God to shine in their hearts and turned round and asked the priests if it was not the same Gospel as they preached? to which they answered in the affirmative. "Then," said they, "We have had dust thrown in our eyes long enough," and thereupon set upon the priests, and would have seriously injured them if Mr Monod had not pleaded in their behalf. One of the colporteurs in France, when in Marseilles, saw a group of workmen standing, and he went to them, and asked them to buy bibles, and they became quite excited, and exclaimed that he had been sent by the priest, whom they hated saying that they had been domineered over by them to long. On telling them that Garibaldi had used and recommended the book, and knowing that he was a staunch republican, they bought the bibles, read them, and found a blessing to their souls. (Applause). He related many incidents of the hardships and toil endured by their several agents in France, but in the end, he was happy to say they always came off victorious, being on the Lord's side. France is in a critical state at the present, and he (the speaker) would not be astonished if there was to be a general rising against Roman Catholicism. The people saw their error, and were very tumultuous in their cry against it. He hoped the people of Consett would pray for the success of the Bible Society not only in France, but all over the world, and God would bless them. Considering the good it had done he thought it was the duty of all Christians to support this noble cause, and he knew the people of Consett would not be backward in so doing. Amidst prolonged applause the rev gentleman took his seat.

The Rev W. Hare, after giving a brief, but encouraging speech, proposed that the following comprise the committee for the forth-coming year:—President, Mr Wm. Jenkins; vice-presidents, Revs F. Steggall, D. Bryson, A. Baillie, W. Batey, W. Hare, and Mr D. Imrie; treasurer and depositer, Mr R. Fraser; secretary, C. P. Douglas; committee, Messrs T. Little, J. Routledge, J. Lowes, and T. Swainston; collectors; Mrs A. Baillie, Mrs C. P. Douglas, Miss Steggall and Miss Routledge.

This was carried unanimously on being seconded by the Rev A. Baillie.

The usual vote of thanks having being accorded the doxology was sung and the audience dispersed.

The amount realised by the collection was £3 10s 6d.

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PRESENTATION AT LEADGATE.

The members of the "Royal Christianna Lodge of Oddfellows," M.U., held a social gathering on Saturday night, in the School-room, Church Square, Leadgate. The proceedings commenced with a coffee supper, when about 200 members with their families and friends sat down. Afterwards a public meeting was held, presided over by Mr William Jackson, of Tantobie, whose humorous and instructive remarks were much appreciated. Subsequently a toast was proposed by Bro. A. Usher, viz., "The health of the Queen, the prosperity of the Country, the Army and Navy, and the Trade of the District." Bro. E. Foster responded in a very happy and effective speech. He concluded by urging the claims of Oddfellowship upon his hearers. Bro. W. Bell, of Consett, was next called upon and briefly explained the excellent state of the order, both financially and numerically. They had 547,000 members, a number nearly as large as that of the British army, including the volunteers, militia, yeomanry, reserve, and pensioners. Its lodges are so scattered, not only in Great Britain, but also in the Colonies, that the traveller has little difficulty in finding an 'Oddfellows' Lodge, and the wealth of the Order was a strong recommendation for it. As the united lodges are worth over £5,000,000, and the interest of that portion of the funds invested is a very substantial sum of money annually. Mr Bell then presented to Bro. George Matthews and George Coulson (the former having passed not only through all the offices of the lodge, but also those of the Durham district; and the latter has also passed through all the offices of the lodge and part of those of the district), a very handsome large-sized portrait of themselves, bound in massive gilt frame, in recognition of their very valuable services in the cause of Oddfellowship, and especially in the Loyal Christianna Lodge at Leadgate, of which they have both been members over a quarter of a century. The following brethren were each presented with a certificate of merit:—Bro. T. Elsdon, of Haswell Lodge, who took a very prominent part in founding the lodge at Leadgate, and which is one of the most prosperous lodges in the district; likewise of the Christianna Lodge, Bros. F. Lace, A. Usher, W. Wharton, J. Valentine, and D. Tilley.—Bros. Matthews and Coulson feelingly responded to the presentations.—The meeting was enlivened by songs given by Bro. H. Bell, of Consett.—After the usual votes of thanks, and one especially given to the Rev J. W. Mitchell, for his kindness in granting them the use of the room for the occasion, the very enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

BENFIELDSIDE CHURCH EXTENSION

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

An evening entertainment, of a high-class order, promoted solely by that popular local musician, Mr Charles Stephenson, of Benfieldside, was given in the Town Hall at Shotley Bridge, on Friday last. The weather was not so inviting as might have been desired, the elements looking somewhat threatening, nevertheless the spacious building was well filled, the object of the concert being in aid of St. Cuthbert's Church Extension Fund, doubtless enlisted the symyathy of many who attended. The audience consisted of the *elite* of the town and neighbourhood, and formed one of the most fashionable gatherings ever seen in this district. The principal vocalists on this occasion were Mrs J. W. Rounthwaite and Miss Ridley, Benfieldside; Miss Sneath, and Miss Marian Erskine, Newcastle; the Misses Featherstonehaugh, Edmondbyers Vicarage; Miss Sherrit, Chester-le-Street; Dr Wm. Renton, Shotley Bridge, Mr Thomas Whinney, and Mr C. Stephenson, Benfieldside, who were ably assisted by the choir of St. Cuthbert's Church, under the direction of Mr Stephenson. The programme was of a miscellaneous character, each portion being opened by the choir singing the part songs "The open air" (Mendelssohn), and "The lover and his lass" (Booth), and also contributing at the close the part song "Good night, beloved" (Pinsuti), all of which were creditably rendered. Mr Stephenson was both touching and pathetic in Pinsuti's beautiful song "The Minster Windows," and was followed by the Misses Featherstonehaugh in a duet, for which they obtained an *encore*. Two songs were allotted to Mrs Rounthwaite, who possesses a marvellously rich sweet voice, in both of which she fairly excelled herself, and was heartily received. After the rendition of the first song "Christmas Morn" (Gounod), Mrs Rounthwaite obtained a most enthusiastic re-call, and in response, she powerfully sang "The heaven's declare." Brinley Richard's popular trio "Up! quit thy bower," was very spiritedly executed by Messrs T. Whinney, Charles Stephenson, and Dr W. Renton. Miss Sneath contributed, with much acceptance, Cowen's song "The children's home," and also "Golden love" (Wellings), being re-demanded on each occasion. In acknowledging the first, she repeated the last verse, and in response to the second call, she favoured the audience with "The three maids of Lea" (Roeckel), for which she was rapturously cheered. Miss Sneath likewise skilfully performed a solo on the pianoforte which delighted the auditory. Mr J. Lax, an old favourite, appeared on the platform to proffer a reading entitled "The fearless De Courcy." The piece is full of historical interest, but unfortunately Mr Lax did not appear in his best form, and failed to throw the amount of vital energy into his recital necessary to sustain the reputation of this adventurous hero. Nevertheless, the company showed their appreciation of Mr Lax's efforts by according him an *encore*, when he explained that he was unprepared to favour them with another reading that night, but would accede to their wishes on some future occasion. Miss Erskine's splendid alto voice was heard to the best advantage in the songs "The old harpsichord" (Roeckel), and "The lost chord" (Sullivan), both being given with solemn and awe-inspiring effect. The artiste, however, faltered slightly in the middle of the first piece. Bishop's trio and chorus "The Chough and crow," by Miss Sherrit, Miss Ridley, and Mr C. Stephenson, gave every satisfaction, the only fault being that the choruses by the choir were a little too high, which somewhat marred its effect. "The cuckoo," a quartette, by Miss Sneath, Miss Ridley, Mr C. Stephenson, and Dr Wm. Renton, was strikingly given, and proved to be one of the most popular pieces of the evening, Miss Sheritt being much admired as the cuckoo. The piece received a well-merited *encore*. Miss Sheritt and Miss Ridley sweetly and touchingly contributed "The hymn of the Moravian Nuns" (Lindsay). Dr Geo. Renton displayed his powers of mimicry with marked success in a reading entitled "The model sermon," a discourse founded on the nursery rhyme of "Old Mother Hubbard," his attitude, expression, and manner were so natural, produced a great deal of merriment, and kept the audience in a continual roar of laughter. Of course, he was re-called, but he begged to be excused on account of the lateness of the hour. A duet "Silver trumpets," on the pianoforte and harmonium, by Miss Sneath and Mr Erskine, was executed in a masterly style by both performers, the instruments harmonised together so sweet and expressive that the company demanded a repetition of the piece. Mr G. H. Erskine ably discharged the duties of pianiste and harmoniumist. The concert was a great financial success, thanks to the praiseworthy and energetic efforts of the promoter, Mr C. Stephenson. The programme was not fully exhausted till nearly eleven o'clock.

Quoit Match at Prudhoe.—A quoit match for £10 a-side was played on Saturday, at Prudhoe, between Matthew Scott, of Cronwell and Thomas Soulsby, of Mickley, 41 points up. Scott who was the favourite, won, Soulsby only scoring 26.

LANCHESTER RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

This authority held its monthly meeting at Lanchester on Thursday se'nnight, with Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., J.P., in the chair. Present: Rev C. Gillow, Messrs W. Logan, W. H. Hedley, J. Wilkinson, T. Biddell, Geo. Hobson, J. W. Hodgson, R. Mitchinson, J. Eltringham, T. Pringle, John Collinson, J. Bowey, and the clerk (Mr Ritson).

The minutes of preceding meetings were read and confirmed.

THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

After the transaction of some formal business, the Clerk read the report of the Inspector, as follows:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,—In accordance with your instructions of the 6th July last, notice was served on G. A. Wherley to provide privy and ashpit for two houses at Cornsay Colliery within six weeks. That period expired on the 22nd August, and no steps have been taken to put up the required accommodation, except that a plan was lodged and approved on the 28th September.

Complaint having reached me that the water supply at Esh Laude was in a questionable condition, I made an inspection of the spring or runner and surroundings on the 7th inst. The water, which appears to come from under the buildings, is said to have a scum on it in the mornings and organisms have been detected in it visible to the naked eye. The outlet is very near to a pigstye, and not far from ashpit, &c. Without an analysis I am, of course, not able to say whether this water is unfit for consumption.

In connection with this matter—*i.e.*, Esh water supply generally—I have received the accompanying letter from the engineer to the Shildon Water Company in reply to my enquiries.

Abraham Barber, of Craghead, has put up a stable at Holmside of wood, although he submitted a plan for a stone-walled building which was approved by this authority 6th July last.

I made an inspection yesterday of a W.C., now in course of completion at Annfield Plain, which opens directly into one of the living rooms of the house without the intervention of any lobby or passage whatever.

The Sanitary Authority has had no opportunity of expressing an opinion on this matter before, as no plan was submitted before the work was commenced.

Nuisance notices served during the month	5
Letters written with respect to nuisances	39
Plan approval notices sent out	7
Plans received and examined	3
Habitation certificates sent out	2
Villages, hamlets &c., inspected	64

The following new buildings are completed and fit for habitation, and certificates are required for the same:—

290. John Southren, alterations to house, Hill Top, Dipton.

263. Rev E. McGowan, parsonage, Burnhope.

197. Thompson Allen, alterations to Black Bull Inn, Lanchester.

386. Owners of South Derwent Colliery, additions to house, Catchgate.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
J. Wm. Rounthwaite.

Your committee recommends that the following plans be approved subject to the matters marked on each plan being attended to:—

398. Jas. Forster, two privies and ashpit, Stanley.

400. James Joicey and Co., conversion of eight houses into sixteen, Stanley; and also that

390. The proposal of J. T. Hooper to erect a wooden wash-house in back yard of his house at Catchgate be referred to the whole Board for their consideration.

After considering Mr Hooper's plan the Board approved of it.

The report was adopted.

THE WATER SUPPLY AT ESH LAUDE.

The Inspector stated that, having received complaints from the residents at Esh Laude respecting the water supply for domestic purposes, he made an inspection on the 7th inst. He found a skum on the water in the morning, and organism is visible to the naked eye. Of course, he could not say whether the water was fit for human consumption or not. The outlet was close to a pigstye near to Esh Winning. He had received a letter from the Weardale and Shildon Water Company offering to supply the place with water.

The Clerk read the letter from Mr Askworth, the engineer, which was to the effect that although Esh was not included in their district the directors were willing to offer a supply of water to Esh Laude, providing it was taken at a point near Hill Top, where a tap would be placed.

After some remarks by several of the members, the Inspector was instructed to obtain a sample of the water and submit the same to the county analyst.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Appended are the monthly reports of the Union Medical Officers:—

Lanchester District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—The following are the fresh cases of epidemic diseases that have appeared in the district, so far as my information goes, during the last four weeks.

One case of scarlet fever at Quebec, and four cases at Langley Park; 6 cases of measles and 3 of continued fever at Cornsay Colliery; 1 case of typhoid fever at Esh Winning, and 1 of continued fever at the Lodge, Greencroft, and about 20 cases of mumps at East Hedleyhope.—I am, Mr Chairman and Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

John Wilson.

October 26th, 1882.

Ebchester Hill.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,—The births registered for the quarter ending September 30th, are 30 girls and 37 boys, total 67, and for the corresponding quarter of last year, 41 girls and 32 boys, total 73.

The deaths for the last quarter are 30, and for the same quarter of previous year 30; also 1 death is from scarlatina, the others are from disease not infectious.

Measles of a complicated form and fever are prevalent in the district.

Ebchester continues free from infectious disease, and the sanitary condition continues very good.—I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. T. Bolton.

October 25th, 1882.

Eastern District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,—During the quarter ending September 30th, there were registered 199 births and 83 deaths. The birth-rate is equal to 43·73, and the death-rate to 18·24 per 1,000 per annum. The births are 14, and the deaths 16 above the corresponding quarter of last year. The mortality from symotic diseases is 7, against 3 for the same quarter of 1881. The deaths from infectious diseases were as follows, viz:—Scarlatina, 5; enteric fever, 1; smallpox, 1.

I mentioned in my last report that a mild form of enteric fever had broken out in the neighbourhood of Annfield Plain. Since then 4 more cases have occurred in the same place. It has also appeared in other villages; and the following cases have come under my notice during the course of the month, viz:—1 at Moor Pit; 3 at Dipton; 2 at Stanley; and 3 at Shield Row. The type of many of the last cases has been of a more serious character; the result being 4 fatal cases. It is unaccountable how it can have spread to widely different parts of the district so quickly, when, as far as I can ascertain, there has been no communication between the parties attacked. It is noticeable, however, that the first case in each district to get the disease, has been always a school child.

Whooping cough is not spreading so rapidly as it did a few weeks ago. I have met with about 20 new cases, chiefly in the vicinity of Dipton.

A case of smallpox made its appearance at Oxhill. How the disease reached that village I have been unable to find out.

Scarlatina has, I believe, entirely disappeared from the district.

The mortality for the month is rather above the average 27 deaths were registered, being equal to an annual ratio of 19·28 per 1,000. No less than 6 of the deaths were to symotic diseases, viz., enteric fever, 4; whooping cough, 2.—I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

T. Benson, Medical Officer.

October 24th, 1882.

The reports were all adopted.

LANGLEY PARK WATER.

Concerning the water supply at Langley Park, the Inspector announced that a number of the inhabitants refused to get a proper supply of water into their houses, although the Weardale Water Company's pipes were laid along the streets. He did not know whether there was a proper supply any nearer than the top of the hill, which was half-a-mile away from these dwellings.

Mr Logan explained that there was no efficient supply at all, except where one or two private individuals had sunk wells in their gardens, but he did not think this water was very good. He inquired if the Authority had any power to compel these parties to get a proper supply of water?

The Clerk believed they had.

Mr Logan said the Langley people simply moved heaven and earth in order to get the Weardale and Shildon Water Company's service into the place. The Consett Iron Company went to a great deal of expense in the matter, and now that the pipes had been laid in the village, two or three private parties had set their faces against it.

The Inspector stated that there were about 50 cottages where the water was not laid in.

The Chairman asked if these parties had a sufficient supply?

Mr Logan did not think they had.

The Inspector replied that, to his knowledge, the only supply was half-a-mile away.

Ultimately, the Inspector was authorised to give notice to the defaulting parties to obtain a proper supply of water.

This was all the business of interest, and the Authority arose.

STANLEY AND OXHILL COURSING MEETING.

Judge, Mr G. Lindsay; Slipper, Tom Bootiman.

A coursing meeting, kindly granted over the Oxhill Estate by Major W. J. Joicey, of Tanfield Lea, took place on Saturday, and resulted in a most pleasant and successful gathering. The weather was somewhat threatening all day, but fortunately no rain to speak of seriously occurred, and the appearances of a continuation of the dreary downpour of Friday had not the slightest effect on the attendance, the numbers who turned up at the old trysting place, the Ox Inn, Oxhill, at half-past eight o'clock, and who stuck to the field all day being simply "legion," but at the same time the best of order was maintained on the ground throughout. The land, as well might be expected, was deep and holding, and all in favour of good strong, resolute dogs, while the "flyers" had the edge taken off their speed by the sticky nature of things below them. The judging and slipping were both excellent. The arrangements were very good, and Messrs. Jos. Watson, Robert Kay, and J. Smith were most indefatigable in carrying out the business, and Mr John Wilkinson, of Morrowfield, who had directed the beating and placed the crowd with his usual good judgment, at the close called for three cheers for Major Joicey, which were most heartily given. Good order was maintained on the field by Mr Supt. Oliver, Sergeant Tranmer, and a force of constables. Details:—

STANLEY CUP, for 18 all-aged greyhounds, at £4 10s each. Winner, £30; second, £15; two dogs, £4 10s each. The member who nominates the winner will be presented with a cup, valued at 7 guineas.

I.

Mr J. Wilkinson ns r f d Vanquisher beat Mr J. Jobling's bd w b Mother's Pet.

Mr S. Barrass ns r or f w d Young Frenchman beat Mr R. Atkinson ns r or f b Meggie's Daughter

Mr W. Turner ns Mr Graham's w d Spa Water beat Mr W. Gladder's w f d Late Engineer

Mr M. D. Robinson's be tkd d Peregrine beat Mr W. Johnson ns bk w d Diamond Jack

Mr H. Tiplady ns f d Ovingham beat Mr W. J. Cawthorne ns bk w d Barrabas

Mr J. Watson's bk w d Macgregor beat Mr T. Forster ns bk w d Catch-a-Lot (1)

Mr J. Errington ns w bk d Nelson beat Mr G. Humble ns bk w d Morgalia

Mr R. Lumley ns r or f w d Grapeshot beat Mr J. Forster's bk w b Pomona

II.

Young Frenchman bt Vanquisher Macgregor beat Ovingham

Spa Water beat Peregrine Nelson beat Grapeshot

III.

Young Frenchman bt Spa Water Macgregor beat Nelson

IV.

Mr A. Barrass ns r f d Young Frenchman, by Frenchman—Fly, beat Mr J. Watson's be w d Macgregor, by Talbot—Charlotte, and won.

OXHILL STAKES, for 16 all-aged greyhounds, at £1 10s each. Winner, £20; second, £7, two dogs, £2 10s each. Five per cent. deduction from the above prizes towards expenses.

I.

Mr J. Pattison's w bk b Home Sweet Home beat Mr H. Tiplady ns w f b Kittiebizzar

Mr J. Saniph's f w d Snowstorm beat Mr J. Vasey's r w d Leading Article

Mr J. Milburn ns w be b Cottage Maid beat Mr J. Bullerwell's f w b Bad Weather

Mr T. Robinson's w bk b Little Wonder beat Mr J Errington ns bk w b Paleface

Mr J. Watson's r or f w d Stanley beat Mr W. Cawthorn's bk w b Ada Wylie

Mr W. Kay's r or f d Royal Shepherd beat Mr W. Richie's ns w f d Thirkleby

Mr E. Wylam's bk w d Freedom (late Harrowgate Hotel) beat Mr R. Shaw's w f d Star of the North

Mr H. Armstrong's bk w b Rose of Raby beat Mr A. Place's bk w b Borden Queen (1).

II.

Snowstorm beat Home Sweet Home (1)

Royal Shepherd beat Stanley

Freedom beat Rose of Raby

Cottage Maid beat little Wonder

III.

Snowstorm beat Cottage Maid

Freedom beat Royal Shepherd (1)

IV.

Mr J. Saniph's Snow Storm, by son of peasant Boy—Nance, beat Mr E. Wylam's be w d Freeman, by Freeman—Belle Brandon, and won.

An adjournment was made at the close to the Stanley Hotel, where Mr J. Forster, the host, served up a most excellent supper. On the removal of the cloth Mr John Wilkinson was called upon to occupy the chair, faced by Mr A. Barrass, of Pea Flat Farm, in the vice-chair, and the health of Major Joicey was warmly pledged by all present, the toast "Success to Stanley Coursing" being also cordially received.

Football

Burnopfield v. Ovingham.—Played on Saturday, on the ground of the latter, and as the weather was very favourable and the ground in a fair condition, some good play was made, and a well contested game ended in favour of Burnopfield by one goal to nil.

Newcastle 2nd v. Prudhoe Rovers (Association).—These teams met on the ground of the former on Saturday, and the Newcastle won a well-contested game by one goal to nil. The goal was kicked by M. Charlton.

Bishop Auckland Young Men's (Bishop Lightfoot's) Institute v. Tow Law.—Played on the Auckland ground on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the home team by two goals to nil.

Newcastle Rangers v. Derwent Rovers.—Played on the ground of the former, at Dalton Street, Byker, on Saturday, when the home players obtained a victory by four goals to none. The goals were taken by Hardy (2), Mitchelson, and Hoban.

Elswick Leather Works 1st v. Mickley 1st.—Played at Mickley on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for Elswick by two goals to one. For the Mickley, J. Saker (captain) and M. Proudlock were most praiseworthy, whilst the Elswick all played well together.

FRUIT BANQUET AT CASTLESIDE.

On Saturday evening last a fruit banquet was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Castleside. There was a very large attendance, the place being filled to its utmost limit. Mr W. J. Scott, The Sycamores, Rowley, presided and he was accompanied on the platform by the Revs J. Richardson (Seaton Delaval), C. Longstaff (Consett), and Mr T. Duckworth (Castleside). The choir, under the leadership of Mr Thomas Raine, was also in attendance.

The meeting was opened by praise and prayer, after which the Chairman, in introducing the programme, said he thought the members of that Church had made a grevious mistake in chosing him to preside over a meeting of that kind, as he had never done it before—in fact it was the first time he had been on a platform in Castleside. Still it gave him great pleasure to be there, and he would do his best. (Hear, hear). He was a churchman himself, but still he always had a warm feeling in his heart towards other denominations, because they were all serving one master. (Applause). That meeting, he understood, was for the purpose of raising funds for building a new chapel. This was certainly requisite, as the present one was much too small, and if they did build a chapel, he would strongly advice them to erect a school apart from it, so as not to let the children damage the chapel. He was glad to say he had been a Sunday-school scholar, teacher, and secretary (hear, hear), and knew from experience that when the Sunday-school was held in the chapel it was ridiculously disfigured by the scholars, and he, therefore, thought it would be to their advantage to build a Sunday-school. After fairly convulsing the audience with his wit the Chairman called upon the choir to entertain them.

The choir contributed in grand style "Christ arose," for which they were highly applauded, after which there was a round of fruit.

The Rev C. Longstaff then gave an excellent speech on "moral character," and pointed out in graphic utterances that the moral character of man was one of the most important things on earth. It behoved him to have a sound moral character to be trusted in this world, which was the only thing that could be carried into the next world; he might have wealth, but he would not carry it into the world to come. It all depended how a man lived before he would be chosen of one of God's flock, and he urged upon all of them to see that their moral character was perfect, as from this test God judged his people. The rev. gentleman discoursed his remarks with deep feeling, and he was listened to with marked attention.

"Behold what love" was next given by the choir, during which fruit was distributed.

Mr T. Duckworth gave a very interesting address, after which the choir sung, with splendid effect, "Jerusalem, my glorious home," when the Chairman called upon a very old and staunch friend of the Primitive Methodists—the

Rev J. Richardson who, was received with prolonged applause. After passing eulogistic remarks on the Chairman for his excellent presidency, he remarked that he was very glad to meet them once more at his boyhood's home—Castleside, to be welcomed by so many old faces and new ones too. There had been a great change effected in Castleside during his ten years' absence. There were many faces absent that night that told a serious tale; while in another instance they were telling a very encouraging tale, having gone to sing the praise of the Redeemer. Notwithstanding this, Castleside had developed and improved in every way. It had always been noted for men of muscle, and it had turned out some of the best of men who exercised the same. The greatest wrestlers of the day had come from Castleside; while he was reading in a paper that in a boat handicap in Australia two men from Castleside had gained first and second prizes. (Applause). Most Christian men scorned this sort of work; but he thought there was no harm in it as long as they kept off betting, it was, he thought a very manly exercise, as it greatly developed the physical powers of a man. Not only wrestlers and scullers, but there had also men gone out from Castleside who have made their mark in the world—men who have devoted themselves to the spreading of the Gospel. There was one he would specially refer to—the Rev H. Farrar, son of the vicar of Castleside. (Applause). He was glad to notice that Mr Farrar was making a great impression in the old town of South Shields, and he was making active preparations to get funds to build a new church there. He (the speaker) was well aware of the respect with which they held Mr Farrar, and as a token of the same he suggested that they should get up a subscription in aid of his proposed new church and send it to him. (Hear, hear). He then pointed out several young men from Castleside who had crossed the broad Atlantic to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, which all tended to show that although Castleside was only a small village it had turned some men out who had proved a blessing to creation. This also showed that Castleside was improving greatly, some of these young men having gone out lately. He hoped they would still go on prospering as they have done. There was a great deal of scepticism in the world and he rejoiced that there was such. Time was when priests did all the religious; men did not think about their soul's concerns. He would say that the last ten or twenty years had been the most important period in the history of the Christian Church, as men were thinking more about religious truths, and through this scepticism originated. Owing to the freedom of the press, men could venture to speak of what they thought, and were not afraid to say that they disagreed with the priests. (Hear, hear). He (the speaker) then referred to such sceptics as Tindale, Huxley, &c., in their endeavours to supplant Christianity, they asserting that there were not such truths as those recorded in the bible, and there was no wonder that there was scepticism in the world after reading what these men had to say. Still, he was glad there had been such men, as when people read their works it set them on to search the scriptures, and they often found such truths as to make them happy in the belief that Jesus was their Saviour. (Applause). At the present time he would not be shocked if someone had to go to him and say that Primitive Methodism was going to be abolished for ever, but he knew this that the Word of God would still remain. Some people said that all churches would be joined into one, but he thought and hoped they would not until the great day of Judgment. (Hear, hear.) After having delineated the various doctrines preached by our forefathers, he said they were very seldom heard of at the present time, and there was a probability that in twenty or thirty years to come there might be only one doctrine preached. Turning his attention to scepticism the rev. gentleman said that if they asked a sceptic if there was a Supreme Being he would say he did not know, and ask if you could show him that there was? They must have rational evidence on the matter or else they will deny that there is a God. If he could have got knowledge from the intellect he would have been a sceptic. He, however, believed that they could get to know things by a different process than the intellect, viz:—by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Hear, hear.) That Christianity is fast dying-out is a most popular system of religion, but thoughtful men would not believe it. Christianity it is said was most flourishing where men were most thoughtful, and this showed that although some men while reading the Bible were made sceptics, hundreds of others were led to believe in Christ as their Saviour. (Applause.) During the whole of his speech the rev gentleman interspersed it with snatches of anecdotes that kept the audience in roars of laughter.

The Choir then contributed another hymn, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Chairman for presiding, the speakers for their interesting addresses, and also to the choir who had taken such an active part in the proceedings, together with the accompanist (Mr Harker) and the conductor (Mr Raine) who had spared no pains in getting the pieces to such a degree of perfection. After the benediction was pronounced the enthusiastic assemblage dispersed.

On Sunday sermons were preached morning and evening to large congregations by the Rev J. Richardson, while the Rev C. Longstaff gave an eloquent discourse in the afternoon. The whole proceedings were a complete success.

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

At the monthly meeting of this Board, which was held on Monday last in the Castleside Schools, there were present Messrs T. J. Muse (in the chair), M. Lee, J. Milner, and the Clerk (Mr Ward).

The minutes of the last ordinary meeting, and likewise of adjourned meeting held on 9th October, were read and confirmed.

THE LATE INSPECTION.

The Chairman said he was present at the examination, and heard both of H.M. Inspectors speak of being highly pleased with all they saw. They also expressed their utmost satisfaction with the clean and tidy appearance of the children, but of course any suggestions the Inspectors had to make will appear in the report, which will be received in due course. As Miss Davis has resigned, he (the Chairman) might say that her classes were taught exceedingly well, and he was only sorry that Miss Davis had left them, as she had evidently taken a great deal of pains with the infants. Miss Hetherington, their late mistress, was also an excellent teacher.

SCHOOL-ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr Bainbridge, the school-attendance officer, reported that during the month he had visited 40 absentees, and found 21 out of that number on the sick list.

The Chairman said that meant there were 19 children at home who ought to be at school. He explained that they would have to be very particular next year, as the result of the examination would chiefly depend on the average attendance of the scholars, so that the school-attendance officer would have to look sharply after the absentees.

CHILDREN UNDER THE SCHOOL AGE.

Mr Milner proposed, and Mr Lee seconded a resolution to the effect that children under five years of age should be allowed to attend school on payment of one penny per week.

FINANCE.

The current month's accounts amounted to nearly £14, for which checks were ordered to be signed.

THE DRAINAGE IN THE PLAYGROUND.

Mr Duckworth, the schoolmaster, in his monthly report, stated that it was absolutely necessary for him to draw attention to the drains in the playground, which were flooded with water.

The Chairman said it was high time these were seen to, and he thought they should get some practical man—say Mr W. Milner—to open-out the drains and remedy them. He moved to that effect.

Mr Lee seconded the proposition, which was agreed to.

STATISTICS.

Mr Duckworth (head-master) submitted the following statistics for the past fortnight:—

Number on Roll	199	201	201	199
„ Present all	192	191	193	191
„ Not present	7	10	8	8
Average Present	183	175	174	178
„ Absent	16	26	27	21
Monthly average				177
Corresponding month last year				180
Cash Banked		£9	13s	11d

THE NEW INFANTS' MISTRESS.

The Clerk reported that he had received eight replies to the advertisement for the post of mistress of the infant department at the Castleside Schools.

After considering the applications and testimonials, the Clerk was instructed to obtain further particulars concerning four of the most suitable applicants.

At its rising the Board adjourned till Monday evening next at six o'clock, when the selection of infants' mistress will be made.

PRESENTATION TO THE NEW VICAR OF COLLIERLEY.

We extract the following from *The Preston Chronicle* of October 28th, which may prove of interest to our readers:—The fact having come to the knowledge of the parishioners of St. John's, Caldervale, that their Vicar (Rev. John Gornall) had been offered and had accepted the living of Collierley, Durham, there was a general desire expressed that some token of respect should be given him for his faithful service during the last fifteen years. The churchwardens and a committee willingly set to work to accomplish this object, and in a short time a handsome sum was collected.

A meeting was held in St. John's School, Caldervale, on Friday evening, 20th inst., and a very large number of parishioners and friends assembled to witness the presentation of the illuminated address and a purse containing seventy guineas to the rev gentleman. The Rev E. D. Banister presented the address as follows:—"To the Rev. John Gornall, Vicar of St. John the Evangelist's, Caldervale, in the County of Lancaster.—Rev and dear Sir,—We your parishioners offer your our most hearty congratulations on your recent appointment to the Vicarage of Collierley, althougħt our feeling of satisfaction is blended with one of sincere regret at your departure from among us. We desire to express our high sense of your faithfulness to your duties, your readiness to assist in every good work in the parish and district, and especially your unwearied kindness and attention to the sick, aged, and poor, during the fifteen years you have laboured amongst us. The education of the children of the parish has always received your most careful attention, and under your constant supervision the national school has been raised to its present high standard of efficiency, being one of the most successful rural schools in the county. By your instrumentality the parsonage was erected in 1872, the completion of which supplied a want long felt in the parish. Your kindly interest in all institutions in the district, including the temperance cause, the friendly society, the Penny Bank, the local charities and the Reformatory School, has greatly conduced to the success and utility of each. We shall ever remember the courtesy, sociability, and sympathy of yourself and Mrs Gornall in all your relations towards us. We sincerely trust you may both long live to carry on the good work in your new sphere of labour, assured of our continued affection and esteem, as an earnest of which we beg your acceptance of the accompanying purse of seventy guineas, subscribed by ourselves and many of your clerical and other friends and neighbours."—Signed on behalf of the subscribers. Mr Banister referred in feeling terms to the long and happy connection which had existed between himself and Mr Gornall.—The churchwardens then presented the purse of gold, on behalf of the subscribers. In addition to the above, Bro. Hutchinson, W.C.R., on behalf of the members of court "Bleasdale Forest," Ancient Order of Foresters (of which Mr Gornall is an honrary member) presented him with a beautiful emblem of the order, in recognition of the valuable assistance he had rendered to them. Mr Gornall feelingly acknowledged the presentations, stating how gratified he was to receive those gifts, after having laboured among them for fifteen years, and referred to the advancement of Church work achieved in the parish during that period.

On Sunday, October 22nd, the rev gentleman, preaching his farewell sermon to a large congregation, took at his text St. Luke xvi. 31, "If they hear not Moses and the prophets neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."

Railway Time Table.

CONSETT BRANCH.

Stations.	Week Days. A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	Sun. 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 „	6·15	10·10	11·30	12·50	3·9	6·5	8·0
Ebchester „	6·28	10·23	11·40	1·0	3·22	6·18	8·13
Shotley Bridge „	6·34	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	11·9	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	5·35	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
Lintz Green	8·0	7·45	Rowland's Gill	8·59	8·44
Ebchester	8·13	7·58	Swalwell	9·8	8·53
Shotley Bridge	8·19	8·4	Scotswood	9·14	8·59
CONSETT (arr)	8·25	8·10	NEWCASTLE	9·25	9·10

MARKET TRAINS ON SATURDAYS.

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

Stations.		A.M.	P.M.	
NEWCASTLE	dep.	7·10	4·15	....
Scotswood	„	7·17	4·22	....
Swalwell	„	7·24	4·30	....
Rowland's Gill	„	7·34	4·40	....
Lintz Green	„	7·40	4·46	....
Ebchester	„	7·53	4·59	....
Shotley Bridge	„	7·59	5·5	....
CONSETT (late Benfieldside)	arr.	8·5	5·12	....
	dep.	9·20	....	....
Knitsley		9·32	....	....
Lanchester		9·41	....	....
Witton Gilbert		9.52	....	....
DURHAM	arr.	10·5	....	....

Stations.		A.M.
DURHAM	dep.	7·55
Witton Gilbert	„	8·7
Lanchester	„	8·20
Knitsley	„	8·32
CONSETT (late Benfieldside)	arr.	8·45
	dep.	8·50
Shotley Bridge	„	8·55
Ebchester	„	8·59
Lintz Green	„	9·9
Rowland's Gill		9·15
Swalwell	„	9·22
Scotswood	„	9·29
NEWCASTLE	arr.	9·40

STOCKTON AND DARLINGTON RAILWAY

GOING EAST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

Stations.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Newcastle	dep.	5·45	11·0	3·40
CONSETT	„	6·50	11·51	4·30
Rowley	„	7·0	12·0	4·40
Burnhill Junction	„	7·10	12·9	4·50
Tow Law	„	7·28	12·22	5·3
CROOK	arr.	7·35	12·32	5·15
	dep.	7·40	12·37	5·30
Bishop Auckland	„	8·10	1·1	6·2
Darlington	„	8·55	2·0	6·45
Stockton	„	9·25	2·29	7·18
Middlesbro'	„	9·38	2·38	7·33
SALTBURN	arr.	10·13	3·10	8·8

GOING WEST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

SALTBURN	dep.	5·55	11·15	3·50
Middlesbro'	„	6·30	11·50	4·22
Stockton	„	6·40	12·0	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
	dep.	8·15	2·20	6·5
Tow Law	„	8·27	2·32	6·20
Burnhill Junction	„	8·42	2·45	6·35
Rowley	„	8·52	2·55	6·45
CONSETT	arr.	9·5	3·5	6·55
Newcastle	arr.	10·0	4·35	9·40

Markets.

Newcastle Meat and Poultry, Saturday.

	s	d		s	d		s	d		s	d
Prime large beef	0	8	to	0	11	Grouse, pr couple	6	0	to	7	0
Prime mutton	0	9		0	11	Pigeons, pr couple	1	6		2	0
Small pork	0	9		0	11	Turkeys, per lb.	1	4		0	0
Veal	0	8		0	11	Turkeys, pults	1	0		1	2
Lamb, per lb.	1	0		0	0	Partridges, brace	3	6		0	0
American beef	0	3		0	9	Pheasants	9	0		0	0
Do. mutton	0	5		0	9	Geese, per lb.	0	0		0	0
Do. lamb	0	0		0	0	Goslings, each	6	0		8	0
Do. veal	0	7		0	9½	Hares, each	3	6		5	0
Do. pork	0	8		0	9	Leverets	3	0		5	0
Hens, each	1	0		1	9	Rabbits, couple	2	6		3	6
Ducks, each	0	0		0	0	Egyptian Quails	0	0		0	0
Ducklings	8	0		0	6	English fresh butter, per lb.	1	4		1	6
Wild Ducks	0	0		0	0						
Chickens	6	6		7	0	Fresh eggs, 7 for 1s.					
Quails, per couple	0	0		0	0	Salmon, per lb.	0	0		0	0

Newcastle Fruit and Potatoe, Saturday.—Scotch potatoes, 7d per stone; onions, 8d per stone; cucumbers, 6d to 8d each; cooking apples, 1s 0d to 2s 0d per stone; dessert apples, 4d to 6d per lb; pears, 2d to 3d per lb; grapes, 6d per lb; cauliflowers, cabbages, roots, and other classes at late rates.

Newcastle Flour, Saturday.—Hungarian, 3s 0d American, 2s 4d; No 1 superfine, 2s 4d; superfines 2s 0d; fines 1s 10d; households, 1s 8d; seconds, 1s 6d; ryemeal, 1s 10d; wheatmeal, 1s 10d; oatmeals, English, 2s 4d; Scotch 2s 0d per stone; 4lb loaf, 7d.

Durham Provision, Saturday.—Beef, 8d to 10d; mutton, 8d to 10d; veal, 9d to 10d; lamb, 0d to 0d; 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; hens, 0s 0d to 0s 0d each; geese, 6s 0d to 9s 0d; turkeys, 7s 0d to 9s 0d; per couple; hares, 4s 0d; leverets, 2s 6d to 2s 9d each; rabbits, 3s to 3s 4d per couple; pigeons, 1s 4d to 1s 6d per couple; butter, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; ditto salt, 1s to 1s 2d per lb; eggs, 6 to 7 for 1s; pears, 3d to 4d; grapes, 6d to 8d per lb; onions, 10d to 2s 0d per peck; apples, 2s per peck; potatoes, 7d to 8d per stone.

Hexham Provision, Tuesday.—Butter 1s 5d to 1s 6d per lb; eggs, 6 to 7 for 1s; chickens, 2s 6d to 3s 0d; ducks, 2s 6d to 3s each; geese, 9d to 10d per lb; grouse, 4s 6d to 6s 0d per brace; black game, 4s to 5s 6d per brace: hares, 3s 0d to 4s 6d each; rabbits, 2s 9d to 3s per couple; potatoes, 6d to 7d per stone; onions, 1s to 1s 8d per stone; apples, 2s 6d to 3s per stone; carrots, 3d per bundle; lemons, 3d each; cabbage, 1d each; melons, 8d to 10d each; dessert melons, 2s to 3s each; grapes, 8d to 2s 0d per lb; flour, extra superfines, 2s 2d; superfines, 2s 0d; fines, 1s 10d; maslin, 1s 8d; oatmeal, 2s to 2s 4d per stone.

Newcastle Cattle, Tuesday.—The arrivals from a distance consisted of 15 head of cattle and 326 pigs from Aberdeen and the counties of the north-east coast of Scotland; 1,060 beasts, 2,312 sheep, and 47 calves from foreign; and 336 beasts and 300 pigs from Ireland.

The show of stock presented for sale exhibited an increase of 243 beast, but a decline of 220 sheep as compared with that of last week.

Respecting quality, there was no improvement to notice.

Thirty head of cattle and 850 sheep left Newcastle by rail yesterday for the South.

The supply of beef comprised 2,456 head. The number of sheep was 6,620. Pigs: 1,004 were shown.

PRICES FOR THIS DAY, SINKING THE OFFAL:—

Beef, prime heifers, per stone	10s 0d	to 10s 3d
Secondary sorts	8s 6d	9s 3d
First-class oxen	9s 9d	10s 0d
Middling	7s 9d	9s 0d
Foreign Bulls and Cows	7s 0d	7s 6d
Pork	7s 3d	9s 3d
Sheep (good vendable wedders, out of wool), per lb.	10½d	to 10¾d
Middling	9½d	10½d

Newcastle Cow, Saturday.—About 18 animals were shown this morning, mostly of a good class. Business opened slowly, and the prices obtained were—Half-breds, £16 to £23; shorthorns, £29 to £31.

Business Announcements.

NINTH YEAR OF ATTENDING CONSETT.

MR. MARKHAM, SURGEON DENTIST, of Newcastle, Attends at Miss Williams', No. 4, MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, EVERY MONDAY, from 1·30 p.m. to 3·30 p.m.

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The MAGNETIC CHEST PROTECTOR should be worn by all persons who suffer from Colds and other chest complaints during the winter season.

Mr. LAMONT has much pleasure in publishing the following TESTIMONIALS recently received. Further particulars will be found in Descriptive Pamphlet, Gratis on application, or sent Post Free.

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.,

Mr. D. Lamont. GEORGE TURNBULL.

The MAGNETIC LUNG INVIGORATOR is specially applicable to Bronchitis, Asthma, Weakness of the Lungs, Palpitation of the Heart, Consumptive tendency, and is most invaluable as a *preventive* of all Chest Affections, Coughs, Colds, &c.

BRONCHITIS.

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,

Mr. D. Lamont. W. R. SIMPSON, Newsagent.

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.,

Mr D. Lamont. THOMAS FOSTER.

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,

Mr. D. Lamont. ANDREW DARRIE.

THE MAGNETIC LEG APPLIANCE can be applied to the thigh or any part of the leg, and is recommended for Rheumatic pains, Weakness, Swelling, Varicose Veins, Bad circulation, Coldness, Sprains, Cramp, &c.

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.

Very truly yours,

Mr. D. Lamont. WILLIAM CRAWFORD.

THE MAGNETIC CORK SOLES are of rare value to those who are troubled with cold feet. Thousands have tried and found them effective.

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This Suit is positively the best and Cheapest that can be made to measure. 25s. 6d. In a splendid assortment of New and Fashionable as well as durable cloths.

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Public Notices.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE MARTINMAS HIRING will be held on Wednesday, November 8th, 1882

Public Notices.

161 is the Winning Number for 52in. BICYCLE Raffled at JOSEPH BROWN'S, Medomsley.

THE SYCAMORES, ROWLEY.

NOTICE!—The GAME upon this Estate is now strictly preserved.

January 2nd, 1882.

NOTICE.

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

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MUSIC!! MUSIC!!!

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, every Thursday night, at Seven o'clock. All Property Owners are invited. 753q

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BLACK HORSE INN, BURNOPFIELD.

THIS well known and old-established HOSTELRY was entered upon on Monday, the 2nd October, by MR. THOMAS TURNBULL of the OLD GEORGE INN, Cloth Market, Newcastle, with a FIRST-CLASS SELECTION OF WINES, SPIRITS, and ALES.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

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

M. RICHLEY, Secretary.

Gas Office, Shotley Bridge. 148q

BLACK HORSE BUILDINGS, BURNOPFIELD

MR. THOMAS TURNBULL begs to inform the Inhabitants of Burnopfield and Neighbourhood that he has commenced Business as BUTCHER, at the above address, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit a fair share of patronage.

Orders sent by post will be promptly attended to. A trial is solicited.

September, 1882. 957q

NATIONAL SCHOOLS, CONSETT.

A GRAND AMATEUR ENTERTAINMENT
BY

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(24 in Number) on behalf of
CONSETT AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB,
ON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 1882
Doors open at 7; to commence at 7·30. 78r
For further Particulars see Programmes.

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7, SHAKESPEARE STREET,
OPPOSITE THE POST OFFICE,
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CONSETT AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE COMMITTEE beg to announce that the SINGING CLASSES for the Session (1882-3) will COMMENCE on Monday, November 6th, in the Wesleyan Day-Schools, Gibson Street, Consett, and will be held as follows:—

ELEMENTARY CLASS:—Every Monday, from 7·30 to 9 o'clock. Entrance Fee and Subscriptions (payable in advance), Ladies and Youths, 1s. 6d.; Gentlemen, 3s. per Quarter.

ADVANCED CLASS:—Every Thursday, from 7·30 to 9 o'clock. Entrance Fee and Subscriptions (payable in advance), Ladies and Youths, 1s. 6d.; Gentlemen, 3s. per Quarter.

C. STELLING, Conductor.
J. R. COATES,
W. LITTLE, Hon. Secs.

79r

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. BALLENY,
R. G. BARCLAY, Hon. Secrs.

4th July, 1882.

STRANGELY WOOED; STRANGELY WON.

A THRILLING TALE OF IRISH LIFE

The First Chapter of the above deeply interesting Story will appear in our issue of November 10th.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

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Continuance of Sale.

Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett.—Important Sale of superior Linen and Woollen Drapery; Fingering Wools; Blankets; Yorkshire and Saxony Flannels; Floor Oilcloths, &c., &c.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed to Offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION in the Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, November 6th, 7th, and 8th, 1882, the whole of the superior Stock of new LINEN and WOOLLEN DRAPERY of all kinds, including Flannels, Blankets, and other useful Goods for the Winter Season, together with Dress Goods and General Drapery, and a quantity of the best Floor Oilcloths, &c. Particulars in handbills. 999q

Sale to commence at Seven o'clock each Evening.

Monday, November 6th, 1882.—6, Bessemer Street, Blackhill.—Sale of Excellent Household Furniture under Bill of Sale.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed to SELL BY AUCTION, without reserve, on the Premises as above, on Monday, November 6th, 1882, under Bill of Sale, the whole of the excellent Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, including Mahogany Cheffioneer; Mahogany Centre Table; 2 Mahogany Chests of Drawers; Fancy Dresser; Bed-room Drawers; Howe Sewing Machine; Desk Bedstead; Iron Bedsteads; excellent Wringing and Mangling Machine; large Press; Feather and Down Beds and Bedding; Washstand and Dressing Table; Tin Trunk; Blankets and Quilts; Kitchen Tables; Handsome Work Table; Oil Cloths and Hearthrugs; 5 Kitchen Chairs; 3 Cane Chairs; 3 Mahogany Hair-seated Chairs; 8 Good Pictures, and all the Kitchen Utensils and Sundries.

Also, for absolute Sale, in splendid condition, Mahogany Couch and 6 Mahogany Chairs, in Hair-seating; best Feather Bed, Bolster, and Pillows; 25 yards of good Patent Brussels Carpet; and the following Books—Goldsmith's Animated Nature; Altar of the Household, &c., &c. Full particulars in Bills.

Sale to commence at One o'clock in the Afternoon.

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

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TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

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

By Mr. J. Oley.

Miners' Arms, Highgate.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, November 6th, 1882, as above, a quantity of Household FURNITURE, &c., removed for the convenience of Sale.

Parties may dispose of their surplus Furniture at this Sale.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock in the Afternoon.

Particulars given in Handbills. 67r

Tanfield Lea.

MR. J. OLEY, instructed by Mrs. KESKEYS, who is about to Emigrate, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at No. 16, Allen's Terrace, Tanfield Lea, on Saturday, at One o'clock p.m., the whole of her HOUSE FURNISHINGS, FEATHER BEDS, SEWING MACHINE, &c. For particulars see Posters. 81r

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

By Mr. William Raw.

Valuable Property at Dipton and Iveston for Sale.

MR. WILLIAM RAW begs to announce that the following valuable LOTS of PROPERTY not having been Sold on the 13th inst., when offered by Public Auction, can now be BOUGHT PRIVATELY by applying to the Auctioneer, WILLIAM RAW, Blackhill.

LOT 1.—A Substantially-built and Well-finished DWELLING-HOUSE, containing Five good Rooms, and all other necessary Conveniences, situate on the Main Road, Dipton, and next the Wesleyan Chapel, in the occupation of Mr. Robert Smillie.

LOT 2.—Three Two and Three-roomed DWELLING HOUSES, situate at Iveston. This Property is in good Repair, and now Let to good Tenants (Messrs. Bertram, Thompson, and Wilson), at the Yearly Rental of £24 14s.

Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 924q

By Mr. J. Crawford.

Consett Auction Mart.

MR. J. CRAWFORD will hold his MONTHLY SALE of HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, PIGS, CONVEYANCES, &c., on Monday First, November 6th, 1882.

HORSES.
6 Useful Horses and Ponies.
CATTLE.
8 Cows, calved, and to calve.
1 Well-bred Bull
PIGS.
10 Young Pigs.
1 Young Sow.
CONVEYANCES, &c.
4 Gigs.
Waggonette, to carry eight.
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Harness, &c.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

Entries can be made up to Eleven o'clock on the day of Sale.

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By Mr. J. Jenkins.

Trafalgar Street Sale-rooms, Consett.

MR. JOHN JENKINS will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday First, November 6th, 1882, a large quantity of Valuable Household FURNITURE, in the above Sale-Rooms, comprising—Ash Press; Mahogany Drawers; Dressing Drawers and Bed-room Drawers; Mahogany Drawers and Bookcase; 2 Mahogany Centre Tables; 2 Mahogany Sofas, Mahogany Couch, in Hair-seating; Couch, in Leather; Longsettle; Easy Chair; 6 Mahogany Balloon-backed Chairs; 6 Polished Kitchen Chairs; Windsor and Cane Chairs; 2 Rocking Chairs; excellent Four-poled Bedstead; Brass and Iron Tester and French Bedsteads; Feather, Down, and Flock Beds; Sewing Machine; Washstand and Dressing Table; 2 Kitchen Tables; Round Table and Tea Table; Mantlepiece Mirror; Cornice Poles and Towel Rails; excellent Kitchen Dresser; 2 large Stock Casks; excellent Vienna Regulator; Eight-days' Timepiece; Parlour and Kitchen Fenders and Fireirons; Zinc Pails; Coal Scuttles and Foot Baths; a quantity of Oil Cloth Window Blinds and Door Mats; together with a quantity of other Useful Goods.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 89r

Mr. A. T. Crow.

Peel's Great Northern Horse Repository and Auction Sale Yard, Haymarket, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

THE NEXT SALE of HORSES, CARRIAGES, HARNESS, &c., will take place on Tuesday, November 7th, 1882.

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Public Notices.

By Messrs. Nicholson and Murray.

Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside, close to Consett Station.

MESSRS. NICHOLSON & MURRAY will hold their next FORTNIGHTLY SALE of COWS, SHEEP, PIGS, HORSES, CARTS, &c., in their NEW MART, on the site of the Old Foundry, adjoining the Royal Hotel, on Monday First, November 6th, 1882.

PRESENT ENTRIES:

10 Shorthorn and Cross-bred Cows, most of them close to calving.
A Consignment of 12 Pure Ayrshire Cows, close to profit, and a prime lot.
4 Prime Fat Heifers.
4 Two-year-old Shorthorn Bullocks, nearly fat.
4 Geld Cows.
12 Half-bred Irish Heifers.
2 Fat Heifers.
70 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
4 Leicester Tup Lambs.
10 Half-bred Ewes, for Tupping.
1 Half-bred Ewe, in dispute.
2 Two-and-a-half-year-old Draught Colts.
1 Two-and-a-half-year-old Draught Filly, very promising, by "Pride of Aberdeen," and out of Mr. Aynsley's celebrated brood mare "Stanniforda," one of the best brood mares in the county.

1 Coup Cart, new; 1 Butcher's Cart; 1 Lathe, for Wood or Iron, with a quantity of Tools; 2 Chaff Cutters, new; 1 Gardner's Turnip Cutter; 1 Turnip Slicer; 1 Blacksmith's Anvil; Pair of Blacksmith's Bellows, with several other Articles, Tools, &c., connected with the Millwright business; 1 Sack Barrow; 1 Vice; Wringer and Mangle; Stocks and Dies, and numerous other articles.

As the days are short, and the lots numerous, the Sale will commence punctually at One o'clock. 84r

Dinner provided at the Royal Hotel at 12 o'clock.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

Monthly Stock Sale.—Dan's Castle, Tow Law.

MR. J. VICKERS will SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday, November 6th, 1882, the following STOCK—

13 Cows and Heifers, calved, and to calve, mostly cross-bred.
4 Young S. H. Cows, barren.
14 S. H. Steers and Heifers, two-years-old.
2 Calves, six weeks old.
140 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
65 Mule Lambs, mostly Gimmers.
32 Choice Black-faced Ewes, for breeding purposes.
20 Young Mule Ewes and Gimmers.
3 Young Draught Horses, sound, and good workers.
1 Grey Horse Pony, 14 hands, six-years-old.
2 Fat Pigs, about 20 stone each.
10 Young Pigs, nine weeks old.
20 Hens.

Also, a splendid Spring Waggon, with Bows and Cover for full length.

Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt. 84r

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To speak my mind, and I will through and through
Cleanse the foul body of the infected world
If they will patiently receive my medicine.—Shakespeare.

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The best bitters ever introduced for Biliousness, Nervous Affections, Digestive Derangements, Debility (in its varied forms), and all Kidney Disorders.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 1882.

ECHOES FROM BLACKHILL.

[BY INCEDO.]

Having laid aside the willow for a season the members of "Consett and District C.C." are evidently bent upon doing something more than husbanding their strength in the intermin. First of all they made a feast and fought their battles over again; subsequently a goodly number of them had an opportunity of tripping "the light fantastic toe;" and now they are in for a —— I almost wrote the word "spree," but the members, though very jolly fellows, don't lark it in that style; hence they content themselves with an evening's fun. Believing, however, in the adage: "The more the merrier," they have fired a shot at a venture. To drop the metaphor, our local cricketers have engaged the far-famed Ojibbeway Minstrels, who will make their *debut* in Consett National Schools, on Monday evening. The bill of fare will be the most delectable ever presented to the denizens of a rural district. The minstrels number twenty-four, and are said to be the oldest minstrel troupe in the north. The object the members of the Cricket Club have in view in bringing these talented musicians to this district is this: alive to the value of professional training they are anxious to secure the services of an adept in the art, but as that would fall heavily on individual members, they have had recourse to a very popular method of raising the wind. It will thus be seen that the fun itself will be even better, and as every merry laugh is said to draw a nail from one's coffin, my readers cannot do better than stretch a point and hasten to see the mighty medicine men *alias* the Ojibbeway Minstrels.

A gentleman fired a verbal pot-shot at me the other day because I took no notice of the fact that a silver medal had been awarded to the Consett Iron Company for the specimens of manufactured iron, &c., shown at the North-East Coast Exhibition. Well, now, I am not to be driven to a subject at the point of the bayonet. There are many local topics upon which I might touched were I so inclined, did not some good reason seal my lips. The matter referred to was hardly in my way; besides had I wished to draw attention to that vast industry I had ample opportunity at any time. In the mechanism of the ponderous machine by which the huge network of tributaries, to use a figure, are regulated and kept in motion, Consett Iron Works stands alone; and much of the success attained by this firm in the commercial world is due to the fact that nearly the whole of the officials and heads of departments are "grown." The great Napoleon was wont to boast that the French soldier carried a Marshal's baton in his knapsack; so the youth who, on leaving school, begins the business of life at Consett, may, if he pilots his life-bark aright, ascend a goodly distance up the ladder. Of course the race is not always to the swift, because running is sometimes more than a match for merit; especially is this so if the former happen to have the start. And then there is another factor which plays a very important part in the lives of men—that Will-o'-the-Wisp "chase." It is said, too, that the man who has been a few years in Consett Offices will readily obtain a post elsewhere without any recommendation whatever!

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This reminds me that the whole of our local talent hails from these offices. There is Mr C. Stephenson, to whom the public is much indebted for the professional talent which he has brought to the district again and again. Then there is his namesake, Mr J. Stephenson, another musician of long-standing, who has laboured most assiduously to bring the orchestral band to its present advanced standard of efficiency. These names, however, do not exhaust the roll of Consett worthies—Mr Stelling has long been identified with labours abundant. It is now well-known to Professors at our Universities, and to others who have given the subject their consideration, that the very fact of diverting the mind into another channel is a decided gain. The mind instead of becoming effete gains strength; hence these gentlemen who spend their evening hours so profitably are all the better for it. There was a Premier of England, I forget his name just now, who when he divested himself of his robes of office, left the cares appertaining to the affairs of State behind him; and there was more wisdom in habit than many are apt to imagine. I, myself, came in contact with a countryman one day during the heat of a European war, and asking his opinion of the all-absorbing topic of the day was astounded to learn that he knew nothing whatever about that which everybody was in a fever of excitement. "I never think of anything but the work," was the cool reply. Happily the majority of men can rise superior to these animal propensities, and render to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and turn at the same time their leisure moments to good account.

Local and District News.

Small-pox has broken out in Derwent, in the Weardale Union.

Robert Moore, miner at Hedley Hope Colliery, died suddenly whilst at his work on Friday.

The Rev David Bryson, the respected curate of Consett, has, we learn, sent in his resignation to the Bishop of the Diocese.

On Saturday, new schools, erected in connection with the United Methodist Free Church at Prudhoe, were opened by Ald. Angus, Mayor of Newcastle.

Shotley Bridge Wesleyan Chapel. — The Harker family gave one of their popular entertainments in this chapel on Monday evening, before a pretty good audience.

Sir J. W. Pease, M.P., has consented to act as arbitrator in the ensuing arbitration respecting the wages question in the manufactured iron trade of the North of England.

At the Durham Assizes, Mr Matthew Kearney of the Ford, Lanchester, Mr Annandale Town, Shotley Grove, and Captain Edward Leadbitter Smith, Flass Hall, were sworn on the Grand Jury.

A capital day's sport was enjoyed by the North Durham pack of foxhounds, on Wednesday, the opening day of the season. Mr Maynard, the Master, gave breakfast in the morning.

Colliery School Board.—Erratum.—We are requested to state that the salary of cleaner of these schools is £20 per annum, and not £25 as published last week.

The Ojibbeway Minstrels.—This well-known amateur troupe will give a miscellaneous entertainment in the National Schools, Consett, next Monday evening, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the funds of the Consett and District Cricket Club.

Durham Coal Trade.—Advance of Wages.—From the accountants' certificate, under the sliding scale in the Durham Coal Trade, miners' wages are advanced 1½ per cent., calculated upon the standard of wages of November, 1879.

The very touching picture of "The Parting between Lord William Russell and his Children on the Eve of his Execution," which forms the Frontispiece to the November part of *The Quiver*, is by Miss M. L. Gow, a sister of Mr A. C. Gow, A.R.A.

Hunting Appointments.—North Durham Foxhounds—Monday, November 6th, Knitsley; Wednesday, November 8th, Burdon; Friday, November 10th, Waterhouses—10·45. — Braes of Derwent Foxhounds—Saturday, November 4th, Fellside; Wednesday, November 8th, The Ship; Saturday, November 11th, Prudhoe—10·30.

Fatal Accident at Hedley Hill Colliery.—On Sunday last two lads were leading water in the workings of Hedley Hill Colliery, when one them namad William Richardson, aged 17, ventured further into the workings than his companion, and was caught by a fall of stone and killed on the spot.

The Dispute at Ushaw Moor.—At the meeting of the men on strike on Wednesday, the president (Mr John Lee) said he had been creditably informed that Mr Thomas Robinson, the manager, and Mr James Robinson, the overman, at Ushaw Moor Colliery, had resigned their respective situations, and would be leaving in a short time.—The sum of £62 has been distributed during the week amongst the strike hands.

The University Extension Lectures at Consett.—We understand that the whole sum necessary for the guarantee fund for delivering a course of lectures in connection with the University Extension Scheme in the Consett centre has been subscribed, Mr W. Jenkins having contributed £10 towards the £45 required. The preliminary arrangements are almost completed.

Fatal Accident at Oxhill.—About ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, a serious accident befel Robert Perkins, a miner, employed by Messrs Jas. Joicey and Co., at Oxhill Colliery, which terminated fatally. The unfortunate man had just filled his last tub, prior to leaving off work, when he would be relieved by his son, when a large quantity of top coal fell down upon him, fearfully crushing his body, and resulting in his instantaneous death. The deceased was about 50 years of age, and leaves a wife and family to mourn his loss. An inquest will be held on the body to-day.

Harvest Festival at Consett.—Harvest thanksgiving services were held in Christ Church, Consett, on Sunday, the interior of the sacred edifice having been prettily (although not profusely) adorned for the occasion, with flowers, ferns, corn, and fruit. The altar table was very tastefully decorated, being surmounted by a varied selection of flowers, and the pulpit, font, &c., were not neglected. The services, which were semi-chorale, were largely attended The Rev D. Bryson, curate, preached in the morning; and the Rev F. Steggall, vicar, occupied the pulpit in the evening, both gentlemen delivering appropriate discourses. The collections were in aid of the Hospital charities in Newcastle.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—A cure for Abscesses, Piles, Fistula, and Sores of every description.—The very satisfactory results arising from the use of this valuable Ointment, when the patients have been suffering from any of the above disorders, have induced the Medical Profession to introduce it into the hospitals and their private practice, and in many instances where the sufferer was considered incurable, Holloway's Ointment, in conjunction with his Pills, have relieved the most desperate cases. They are also unequalled for the cure of scrofula, scurvy, and all diseases of the skin, and the cures they effect are not merely partial and temporary, for by their purifying powers they bring about a marvellous and complete change in the whole system, enabling it, with renovated powers, to resist the approach of all future attacks of similar diseases.

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Consett and District Friendly Societies.—The United Friendly Societies of Consett and district met in the British Schools, Consett, on Friday night, Mr Walton presiding, and passed votes of thanks to Mr W. Jenkins, J.P., the Consett, Benfieldside, and Leadgate Local Boards, and the Lanchester Board of Guardians, for their unsuccessful endeavour to obtain a resident registrar of births and deaths to be stationed at Consett.

Accident at Dearness Junction.—On Wednesday, a platelayer, named Thomas Dawson, was, with other men, engaged at his work on the Dearness Valley line, near Baxter Wood, when he was caught by a passing train and knocked down. His companion ran to pick his body up, when, strange to say, with the exception of a few bruises and and a severe fright, they found he had sustained very slight injuries.

The Derwentwater Estates.—Acting under the instructions of the Lords of the Admiralty, Mr Wm. Driver has offered for sale at Newcastle 8,384 acres, of the annual value of £9,340 known as the Greenwich Hospital Estates, but formerly the property of the Earl of Derwentwater. The lots sold realised upwards of £122,000, but a few lots remained undisposed of.

Accident at Esh New Winning. — On Wednesday, a man named Thomas Grigg, 60 years of age, was bringing a number of waggons out of the side drift at this colliery, and on reaching the bank, the horse he was driving, being startled at seeing an engine standing in front of it, suddenly turned in the wrong direction. The result was that one of the waggons ran over Grigg's foot, cutting it almost clean off. The injured foot has been amputated.

Oddfellows' Service at Consett.—On Sunday last the members of the various Friendly Societies in Consett and district met at their various meeting places, and walked in procession to the Wesleyan Chapel, where an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev V. Tyas, of Annfield Plain. There was a very large congregation, and a collection was made at the close in aid of the Hospital Fund.

Primitive Methodist School, Consett.—On Saturday evening last a concert and coffee supper, under the auspices of the members and officers of the "Rose of Derwent" Lodge of Oddfellows, and for the benefit of Mr Michael Lowson, was held in the above school, when a large and appreciative company gathered together to show their sympathy with the object in view. Misses Smith, Turley, and Harwood, Mr P. Surtees, Mr P. Maund, and others very creditably entertained the company by their rendering of selections of music during the evening.

The Durham Coal Trade.—The subject has this week been informally considered in the Durham coal trade, by the representatives of collieries which supply the landsale trade, as to whether there should be an advance in price for the present month in addition to the rise of 1s per ton which took place last month. The Durham trade, however, resolved to make no change this month, though it is quite anticipated that a further rise in households will appear from the 1st of December.

Harvest Festival at Wolsingham.—On Sunday last, harvest thanksgiving services were held in St. Matthew's Church. The building was tastefully decorated. The Rev J. A. Whitelock, curate preached in the morning. In the evening there was a crowded congregation. The Rev G. R. Eden, chaplain to the Bishop of Durham, preached an eloquent and impressive sermon from 1st Peter, v. 7. In conclusion, he alluded in a very touching manner to the late Ven. Archdeacon Prest. The collections, which were devoted to the warming of the church, amounted to £3 17s 6½d.

Complimentary Dinner to Ex-Superintendent Wood.—On Wednesday night, the Superintendents of the Durham County Constabulary entertained Mr Wood (who has been Superintendent of the Gateshead Division for a period of ten years, and retired on a pension in July last), to a dinner at the Hare and Hounds, Durham. There were present Captain White, Deputy Chief-Constable; Supt Oliver (Consett), Supt. Harrison (Gateshead), and Supt. Liddle (Stanhope), &c. After justice had been to the good things, Captain White was elected chairman. The health of Mr Wood was proposed, and several gentlemen testified to his excellent abilities during a service of over twenty-seven years, which was drunk with enthusiasm. Various other toasts were drunk.

Burglary at Tow Law.—At the Durham Assizes on Tuesday, before Mr Justice Hawkins, *Daniel Swinburne*, 21, watchmaker, pleaded guilty to a charge of burglariously breaking and entering the dwelling house of John England and stealing therein a silver cup, a pair of silver sugar tongs, and other articles, his property, at Tow Law, on the 28th of September. The prisoner alleged that hunger caused him to commit the offence; and he also stated that the same pressure caused him to commit a similar offence in Durham in 1877.—His Lordship said the articles prisoner had helped himself to in the prosecutor's house were not calculated to appease hunger.—Prisoner was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour.

Alarming Pit Explosion at Stanley.—An explosion took place at the Louisa Pit at West Stanley on Thursday morning se'nnight by which two men were severely burnt. The Louisa Pit is the property of Messrs Hedley and employs a large number of hands. The sufferers are progressing favourably. The utmost excitement prevailed in Stanley when the news of the explosion circulated. Considerable damage was done to the workings. In reference to this accident the manager, Mr Joseph Gray, informs us that the account was "altogether wrong, with the exception of the injured men and their favourable progression." As far as damage was concerned, not even a single prop was displaced.

Consett and District Choral Society.—On Monday evening the inaugural meeting of the above Society, for the election of officers, was held in the Wesleyan Day Schools, when there was a very fair attendance of members present. The following are the officers for the present session:—President, Mr T. Curry; treasurer, Mr P. Surtees; secretaries, Messrs. J. R. Coates and W. Little. We beg to remind our readers that two classes are proposed to be conducted during this session—viz., elementary on the Monday evenings, and the advanced on Thursday evenings. The first practice will be on Monday evening first, when it is hoped that the committee's efforts to increase in the minds of the public the love for the art of music will meet with that approbration which it so richly deserves. Mr C. Stelling has again been entrusted with the charge of the classes.

Consett Ironworkers and Arbitration.—A large meeting of ironworkers from each of the Consett works was held in St. Mary's Catholic Schools, Consett, on Saturday night, Mr Samuel Wood in the chair. The meting was addressed by Mr Ed. Trow, of Darlington, the operatives' secretary, who spoke at length of the advantage and benefits derived from unionism and submitting disputes to arbitration, and strongly urged all non-members to become subscribers to the Board Messrs P. Williams, A. McKean, and J. Finn (the delegates), and J. Cooke (lodge secretary), having likewise spoken, the following resolution, proposed by Mr Henry McArdle, seconded by Mr Thomas Whatshorn, was unanimously carried:—"That it having been found that the principles of unionism are beneficial to the working men, we, the ironworkers at Consett, do hereby pledge ourselves to rally round and support the Board of Arbitration." As not one-half of the ironworkers at Consett are connected with the union, it is anticipated the outcome of this meeting will cause many to join the ranks. The operatives cordially assented to the appointment of Sir W. J. Pease as arbitrator.

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HIGH-CLASS CONCERT AT BLACKHILL.

A splendid concert of vocal and instrumental music was given in the Central Hall, Blackhill, on Tuesday evening. Mr J. Stephenson acted as conductor, and the vocalists were Miss E. Muse and Miss Thompson, Mr P. Surtees, Mr R. Frankland, jun., and Mr W. Davison, together with a full orchestral band and a magnificent chorus. Miss Pescod, of Consett, presided at the pianoforte with marked ability. There was a large company, and the spirit of the entertainment was well sustained throughout, the overtures and selections by the band being executed with great dash and brilliancy; whilst the singing of Mr P. Surtees and Miss E. Muse was excellent. The curtain rose at 7·30 precisely, and the band performed an overture—"La Caravanne"—with fine effect. A selected chorus, from Fawcett, was next given by the band and choir in a manner which reflected no little credit to the conductor, as well as to the members of the band and chorus. Mr P. Surtees then sang "The White Squall" so well indeed as to elicit the plaudits of the house again and again. Miss Thompson next gave "Thy Face" (Marriott), a very fine song, which was correctly rendered, although the singer appeared somewhat to a disadvantage by a feeling of diffidence or timidity, under which she seemed to labour. Next on the programme was a set of quadrilles by the band, which were listened to by the audience with every manifestation of delight. Mr Frankland sang "Friar of the Orders Grey," in good style, Mr Davison, on whom this song should have devolved, being unable to be present during the rendering of the first part of the programme. Mr Parker (Consett), executed a violin solo (Air—"Elijah," Mendelssohn) in a masterly style, and being honoured by a rapturous *encore*, gave "The Blue Bells of Scotland," with variations, with equal power and finish. In the song "The better land," Miss Muse displayed to advantage a voice of exquisite quality and expression, and well deserved the *encore* which the audience heartily accorded to her. Mr Ruddick, the celebrated cornet soloist, entranced the company by his vigorous and harmonious rendering of the cornet solo, "Varie," (Arban), the band playing the accompaniment with excellent taste. Replying to an enthusiastic *encore*, Mr Ruddick ascended the platform and played "Jenny Jones," a Welsh piece, with splendid effect. This terminated the first part of the programme. The artistes repaired at this juncture to the ante-room, where a liberal supply of refreshments awaited them. Emerging after a short interval, a selected chorus, by the band and choir, was creditably gone through, after which Mr W. Davison put in an appearance and proceeded with the song "I fear no foe," but owing to a misunderstanding between him and the lady who played the accompaniment, he presently lost his pitch and forthwith made his exit, but the audience were not to be done out of a good song so easily, hence Mr Davison, responding to repeated calls, reappeared and sang his song splendidly. The band then performed the charming overture, "Le Calif de Bagdad" (Boieldieu) after which Miss Muse sang the amusing song, "No Sir," in a very spirited style, and being recalled gave "The Mill," with much acceptance. Mr Ruddick then gave the cornet solo-polka "Lerlina," which he performed in a manner well calculated to sustain his fame in that line. Miss Thompson followed with the charming song, "Killarney," and then came what must be regarded as the masterpiece of the evening—"Guy Mannering," (Bishop), an overture by the band comprising a judicious selection of the best known Scottish airs—"Robin Grey," "Roy's wife," "Nae luck about the house," &c. Nothing could be finer than the manner in which these popular airs were brought out, and it would be difficult to say too much in praise of Mr Stephenson, not only for the musical talent which his training of the band pointedly displays, but for the commendable ambition which he has long cherished, viz:—to bring the orchestral band to such a state of perfection as would at once command the support and esteem of the general public. How far those aspirations have been realised, let those who had the pleasure of forming an opinion on Tuesday evening declare. The band has only to be heard to be admired. After the overture referred to had been accomplished, Mr P. Surtees gave a capital interpretation of the fine song, "Rocked in the cradle of the deep." This gentleman made a most favourable impression in both his efforts. A selected chorus, by the band and choir brought the programme to a most successful termination. The National Anthem was played as the assemblage dispersed.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

Thursday, November 2nd.—Before M. Kearney, Esq. (chairman), and George Hedley, Esq.

OBTAINING GOODS BY FALSE PRETENCES.

Elizabeth Dick, a single young woman, who resides with her parents at Pelton, was brought up in custody charged with having unlawfully attempted, by false pretences, to obtain from Robt. Atkinson Friend, grocer, of Craghead, a quantity of provisions, &c., to the value of 13s 2½d, on the 23rd October, and following days.—Prosecutor said prisoner came to his shop on the 23rd October and asked if he would let herself and her husband (whom she called Septimus Golightly) have some goods, as her husband had commenced work that day at Craghead Colliery, and would pay for all she got at the pay day. On the strength of what the prisoner said, prosecutor supplied her on the 23rd ult. with a stone of flour, and other goods, on the 26th she came and got a pair of slippers, and on the 28th obtained some more goods, which are set out in an invoice to the name of Septimus Golightly. The total value of the articles is 13s 2½d. On making enquiries, he found that her statement was incorrect, and he gave information to the police.—Septimus Golightly, miner, living at Kibblesworth Colliery, alleged that he had been acquainted with the prisoner for two years. She was not his wife, and never lived with him. He never gave the prisoner authority to get any goods in his name from Robert A. Friend. He always knew her as Elizabeth Dick.—Margaret Reynoldson, wife of Geo. Reynoldson, farmer, of Wheatley Green, stated that on the 26th October prisoner came and inquired if she had a house to let? and she replied that she had not. Witness knew the prisoner previously as a single woman. She told witness that she had been married to Septimus Golightly, and that he was coming to work at Craghead on Monday morning. Witness thereupon let the prisoner have her upstairs room. On the 23rd October and subsequent days, the prisoner brought some groceries to her house, and on the 28th she ordered her out of the house—[Prisoner (interrupting between her sobs): No; you never ordered me out yet]—and she went away. The prisoner remained in the house one week, and Septimus Golightly never came to see her.—P.C. Carruthers deposed that on the 28th ult., he went to Holmside, where he met the prisoner and asked her name, when she replied "Elizabeth Golightly." Witness said "No, they call you Elizabeth Dick." Prisoner then retorted "I was married to Septimus Golightly about two months' ago at the Registrar Office at Chester-le-Street, and his mother has the marriage lines." After some further remarks witness charged her with obtaining by false pretences certain articles from Robert Friend, of Craghead, to which she replied "I am a married woman, and I got them in my husband's name." She subsequently admitted that she was not married, and that she was guilty of obtaining the

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articles, alleging that Mrs Reynoldson advised her to do so. Witness took her into custody and brought her to Lanchester.—Prisoner had nothing to say in reply to the charge, but wept bitterly during the investigation of the case, and apparently felt her position keenly.—She was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions, bail being accepted in one surety of £10.

ALLEGED LARCENY AT BLACKHILL.

Margaret Hughes, an aged person, was charged on remand with stealing 3s 7d, the property of Ann Glancey, lodging-house keeper, Baxton Burn, Blackhill, on Sunday morning last.—Prosecutor, who is a single woman, stated that prisoner had lodged with her during the last five months. At midnight on Saturday last, she left her dress in prisoner's bedroom, the pockets of which contained half-a-crown, a shilling, and 2d in copper. The prisoner was then in bed, and the only person in the room was her little boy. On entering the room about half-past eight the following morning, she found the prisoner still in bed, and saw that her dress had been removed to another corner of the room, and likewise a penny lying on the floor. Prosecutor searched the pockets and found the money gone. She then asked prisoner where the money was, and she exclaimed, "Go to h—— with you." Prosecutrix then gave information to Sergt. Cruickshank. She identified the shilling produced. —To prisoner: Prosecutrix denied that she was intoxicated, but asserted that the prisoner was drunk. —Prisoner was in the act of making a lengthy statement, when the Chairman interrupted her, and said that although the case looked exceedingly suspicious, yet there was not sufficient evidence to convict, and the prisoner was accordingly dismissed. —Prisoner thanked the Bench and left the court.

ASSAULT AT MEDOMSLEY.

John Pinder, an engineman, was placed in the dock on a charge of brutally assaulting his wife Elizabeth Pinder, at Medomsley, on the previous day (Wednesday).—The prisoner attacked his wife in a most shameful manner, and she was afraid to live with him. He struck at her and attempted to cut her throat, finally snatching hold of her by the hair and pulled a handful out of the top of her head. The complainant said that her husband's mind was affected at times, and on these occasions he acted like a madman and was not responsible for his actions, and he had twice been removed away from her.—The prisoner asserted that "he was as right now ever he was in his life." He admitted ill-using his wife, but said she was "rather going against him," and urged the children to annoy him as well.—The Chairman regarded it as a most serious and brutal assault, and sent the prisoner to gaol for fourteen days, when the prison surgeon would be able to ascertain the state of his mind.

GAME TRESPASS AT USHAW MOOR.

Thomas Gill, an old offender, was summoned for trespassing after game on the Ushaw Moor estate, over which Mr Brodie Cochrane has the right of shooting, on Saturday, the 21st October.—Mr Bramley, the gamekeeper, spoke to finding the defendant trespassing on the land, with several nets in his possession, and examining the rabbit holes with a ferrit When asking the defendant for his name he refused to give it, and witness had to take him to P.C. Gregg, who recognised him.—The defendant was fined 40s and costs, or one mouth with hard labour in default, the Chairman remarking that he had got off very easily, as his previous career was one of incessant crime.—The defendant at first declined to pay the penalty, but after some parleying pulled 30s out of his pocket and said that was all he would pay. The police however refused accept this sum, and the defendant was removed to the cells.

The Late Archdeacon Prest.—The funeral obsequies of the late Archdeacon Prest took place on Monday at Bensham Churchyard, Gateshead. The remains of the deceased Archdeacon were borne from Ryton by road, followed by four mourning coaches containing the relatives. The *cortege* left Ryton Rectory at about eleven o'clock, and arrived at St. Cuthbert's Church, Bensham, about two o'clock. A large body of clergy and laity were present at the ceremony, the service being conducted by the Rev W. Ward, brother-in-law to the late Archdeacon, and the Rev J. J. Davy. The following clergymen from this locality were present:—Revs F. Steggall, Consett; T. H. Archdall, Tanfield; W. S. Reeman, Fatfield; W. Cockin, Medomsley; and C. E. Couchman, Burnopfield.

Death of Mrs Taylor Smith, of Colepike.—We have to record this week the death of Mrs Mary Smith, the wife of Mr Edward Taylor Smith, J.P., of Colepike Hall, Lanchester, which occurred somewhat suddenly on Monday last. Previous to this, however, the deceased lady had enjoyed the best of health. It appears that Mrs Smith, whilst dressing herself about eight o'clock on Sunday morning, suddenly fell down in a fit of appoplexy. Dr Wilson, of Lanchescer, was immediately sent for, and on his arrival at the Hall, found her condition quite helpless. She expired about half-past four o'clock on Monday morning, twenty hours after the attack. The deceased lady was a daughter of the late John Pexall Kidson, Esq., of Sunderland, and sister to Mr John Kidson, J.P., of that town. She was married to Mr Edward Taylor Smith, J.P., some few years ago, being that gentleman's second wife, and both being advanced in years at the time of their marriage. Mrs Smith was of a quiet and retiring disposition, and was seldom seen beyond her own family circle. She was exceedingly kind and charitable towards the poor in and around Lanchester, and her bounteous generosity will no doubt be greatly missed. She also took great interest in the welfare of the inmates of Lanchester Workhouse, and was particularly solicitous for the comfort of the children, who were much indebted to her liberality. During the first week in each year Mr Taylor Smith gives a treat to the workhouse children at Colepike Hall, and on these occasions Mrs Smith appeared to be deeply concerned in their welfare, and annually distributed amongst them a large number of gifts. The deceased lady was 73 years of age. The interment took place yesterday (Thursday), at Sunderland, the *cortege* leaving Colepike Hall at nine o'clock. The coffin, which was made by Mr John Walton, joiner, Lanchester, was of polished oak, with heavy brass mountings, and the breast-plate bore the following inscription: —"Mary, wife of Edward Taylor Smith; died October 30th, 1882, aged 73 years." The funeral arrangements were excellently superintended by Mr N. Stevenson, of Durham, both at Colepike and at Sunderland. The mourning coaches contained Mr E. Taylor Smith, J.P., his sons, and other immediate relatives. There were twelve private carriages, including those of Mr Kearney (of The Ford), Mr Geo. Hedley (Burnhopeside), Mr Van Haansbergen (Woodlands), Dr Wilson (Lanchester), &c. The whole of the tenantry were present, and the under-bearers were selected from them. Before reaching Witton Gilbert the private carriages and those who followed on foot had retired. The route taken by the funeral *cortege* was *via* Durham. Several choice wreaths and crosses of flowers were placed on the coffin of the deceased lady by the family as it was being lowered into the vault. Canon Scott-Moncrieff, vicar of Christ Church, impressively conducted the service at the cemetery.

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

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MR. GIBSON'S CLOTURE AMENDMENT.

LAST NIGHT'S DIVISION.

In the Division last night on Mr Gibson's amendment in favour of a two-thirds majority for the Cloture, the following Liberals voted with the Conservatives and against the Government:—Sir Thomas Colebrooke Courtauld, Mr Joseph Cowen, Hon. John Dundas, Hon. C. W. Fitzwilliam, Hon. H. W. Fitzwilliam, Hon. W. J. Fitzwilliam-Fort, Mr Albert Grey, Mr David Jenkins, Sir John Lubbock, Mr Marriott, Mr Nicholson, of Petersfield, Mr Chas. Seeley, jun., and Mr John Walter. Mr Shaw, Home-ruler, also voted with the Conservatives. No Conservative voted against the amendment, but the following Home-rulers supported the Government:—Mr Biggar, Mr John Blake, Mr Maurice Brooks, Mr Garrett, Mr Byrne, Mr Callan, Mr Eugene Collins, Col. Colthurst, Mr Win, Mr Corbett, Mr Daley, Mr Charles Davison, Mr Errington, Mr Fay, Mr Gabbett, Mr Gill, Mr E. D. Gray, Mr Healey, Mr Taylor Donald, Mr McFarlane, Mr Macarthy, Mr McCoan, Mr Inkman, Mr P. Martin, Mr Mildon, Mr Molloy, Mr Nolan, Mr O'Byrne, Mr O'Brien, Mr A. O'Connor, Mr T. P. O'Connor, The O'Donoghue, Mr O'Gorman Mahon, Mr O'Kelly, Mr O'Shaughnessy, Mr O'Shea, Mr O'Sullivan, Mr Parnell, Mr O'Connor Power, Mr Redmond, Mr Sexton, Mr Shiel, Mr Sullivan, and Mr Lynan.

FRESH OUTRAGES IN IRELAND.

Last night the Deputy County Surveyor was attacked near Skibbereen and severely beaten; his assailants afterwards wrecked the lodge house at Caheragh rectory.

Three farmers were waylaid and beaten last night near Ballyhaunes, one being severely injured. It is believed the outrage arose out of boycotting.

LORD DUFFERIN AND THE SULTAN.

Constantinople, Friday.

Lord Dufferin's interview with the Sultan yesterday was entirely confined to exchange of friendly expressions. Politics were not discussed.

FRANCE AND THE BEY OF TUNIS.

The Porte has instructed its ambassador to "sound the French Government respecting the investiture of the Bey of Tunis."

THE CHOLERA.

The cholera prevails at Mecca.

THE EMPRESS EUGENE'S WILL.

Paris, Friday.

Voltaire states that the Empress Eugene has made her will in favour of Victor Napoleon.

A YACHT WRECKED: SIX PERSONS DROWNED.

Calais, Friday.

A yacht, believed to belong the French, was wrecked off here at midnight. Six persons were drowned.

INCREASE OF GERMAN EXPORTS.

Berlin, Friday.

German exports to America have increased to forty-six million marks.

ENGLAND'S SUPREMACY IN EGYPT.

The *National Zeitung* publishes an inspired note stating that nothing would be more calculated to shake England's supremacy in Egypt than Gambetta's return to power.

THE ARRIVAL OF TROOPS AT PORTSMOUTH.

The transport Canadian with detachments of Household Cavalry and 4th Dragoon Guards from Egypt arrived at Portsmouth this morning.

THE LAND LEAGUE FUNDS.

Mr P. J. Smythe writes to the Press, defending Lady Florence Dixie, and urging that even non-subscribers have a right to criticise the National Land League Funds.

THE CONTEST AT EDINBURGH.

The polling for Edinburgh opened at eight o'clock this morning. The number of votes recorded during the first hour was very small. The candiates, Mr Waddy Q.C., and Mr Renton have both visited several of the polling booths. Everything is very quiet.

Edinburgh, Friday, 11 o'clock.

There are signs that the contest will be a close one, but at the same time there is no excitement. Numerous cabs are engaged conveying voters to booths.

OUTBREAK OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Foot and mouth disease has broken out on the Oakfield farm, near Kelso. The cattle affected had been recently purchased at St. Boswells.

OFFICIAL DESPATCHES

Further correspondence on Egyptian affairs is issued this morning. The despatches range from October 5th to the 25th.

SOMETHING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

JACK AND THE ROCKING-CHAIR.

The rocking-chair was at the bottom of it. The great stuffed affair in Jack Van Winkle's mother's sitting-room, covered with yellow chintz, was responsible for a remarkable increase in Jack's knowledge. The chair had "been in the family" 22 years.

It was dark when the celebrated event occurred. After Jack had been cricketing ever since three o'clock, he stuck his hands into his pocket and there found—a letter. His father had given it to him at breakfast with special orders to post it on the road to school. Unluckily he had not thought twice about it, and here it was. Jack had just time to drop his hat and run like a deer to the postoffice and slip the letter safely into the last mail. He hoped it hadn't made any difference, and probably there was no need of saying anything more about it. He came into the house rather warm, somewhat cross; walked noisily into the empty sitting-room (lit only by the firelight and the faint glimmer of the corner street-lamp) and—immediately fell over the great rocking-chair. Jack picked himself up with a bruised shin, and threw himself upon the lounge in the dark. "Bother you!" he exclaimed, rubbing his leg smartly, addressing his stumbling block. "I believe you do these things on purpose. I'm always falling over something or other. I'd like to know why!" There was dead silence. Thereupon a deliberate, a sarcastic, voice was heard. "Oh, you would, would you? How kind of you. But you are quite correct, my dear. We often do; just on purpose." Jack uttered a cry, and started half up in astonishment. He looked about; no—none, save himself, was there to be seen in the room. The seven chairs stood stiffly ranged with their backs to the wall—the centre-table had no lurking parrot betwixt its mahogany legs. Could it be possible that—yes, it was possible. The voice came *from* the rocking-chair; and at that very moment that voice repeated with emphasis, "Yes, we often do just those things on purpose. Perhaps you had rather know why, Jack Van Winkle. Eh?"

Jack looked at the chair timidly; then he stared at it. The great rocking-chair was looking back at him angrily; looking, for the two black pins holding the tidy to its ample back had become eyes, two vicious, snapping eyes. The tear in the cover, below the tidy (Jack had made it only yesterday), had spoken the words he had just heard. The tear was now a mouth—an undeniable mouth. The tidy itself, all crumpled and rolled up, was a Roman nose, a nose full of character; and the stuffy cushions had contrived to suddenly squeeze themselves into lumps and bumps not unlike petticoats. In fact, the whole chair now looked wonderfully like some highly respectable and ill-tempered old lady. Jack drew a long breath, then he took courage. If the chair had spoken, politeness required Jack's answering it. "I-I-beg p-pardon, sir—ma'am, I mean," he replied, leaning forward tremblingly upon the lounge, "but what did you-did you say?"

"You heard quite well enough," answered the rocking chair, sharply. (There could be no mistake about its speaking now). "Every time that a boy does something that he has no business to do, and nobody else will ever find out about and give him what he deserves for it, why we, we make it our affair to see that he is punished. If we didn't, who would? Did you post that letter, Jack Van Winkle? that letter that you forgot all day, and were going to fib about, maybe, to-night? Eh?"

"Yes, ma'am," responded the little boy timidly.

"But how, please, how——"

"Did I know anything about it? The flower-pot told me. Speak up, flower-pot, didn't you? He told me, and so your skin paid for the fib you were going to tell. Oh, Jack Van Winkle, half the bumps on your skin this week are my work or some of my friend's work. Do you know that they mean just so many things that we've happened to hear about your doing—and all of them what you shouldn't have done?"

Jack was aghast. So this was what was meant by his slips and falls and bruises and mauls from week to week. Awful thought! Was it so in every house where boys and furniture existed? The rocking chair proceeded: "Do you see that red spot on the back of your left thumb? No you can't; it's too dark; but you can feel it, I dare say, yet. Well, my boy, if you hadn't thrown your coat and hat on the piano instead of hanging them up in the closet, the piano wouldn't have nipped you when you shut down the cover. Oh, I heard your sister tell you not to lay them there. I told the piano because it was its affair, not mine. Wasn't it, piano?" Jack started like a galvanised lizard. The piano struck two notes; first one on the treble and then another away down in the bass, with the soft pedal on. It was a very intelligent piano, that was clear.

The rocking-chair went on pitilessly. "Again: do you happen to recollect falling over the rug there yesterday? I presume you do. That was a fine bump you got by it! I dare say, however, you don't recollect that you didn't wipe your feet before you crossed it from the hall; eh! Jack Van Winkle, haven't you been lectured fifty times for not cleaning your boots outside that door? I should rather say so, for I've heard your mother. Rug," said the rocking-chair, turning a little towards it, "I am right, am I not? That was the reason, was it not?" A deep bass voice, with a strong Turkish accent, replied to the chair very civilly, "Quite right, your ladyship."

Poor Jack! He resolved henceforth to be wonderfully wary as to getting his feet over all four corners of that rug. By this time, too, he was thoroughly frightened. This terrible room; so full of spite and advice and hidden justice. He would have gladly run out of the door, but his legs seemed to fail him. He could not rise.

"Oh 'tis a beautiful system!" ejaculated the rocking-chair, warmly. "It's odd to me that we have been able to keep the secret of it so long to ourselves. No, pray keep your seat, Jack Van Winkle; I'm not nearly done with you yet, my dear. If you will now kindly press your right hand against the small of your back—yes, that's right, for I hear you say 'Oh!'—you will notice just where the centre table and you came together on Thursday. Not well yet? I hardly supposed it. So you thought that nothing but a common accident, did you? My dear, if you had taken your ink-bottle off the table and put it upstairs, as your father has told you ten dozen times to do when you were through writing, you wouldn't have been favoured. You took it up Friday, I think; nobody had happened to see it except me. Table, you knew what you were about; didn't you?" and the rocking-chair chuckled as it turned thither for confirmation. The table must have been dozing: at all events it made no answer. The chair repeated its question angrily. Jack woke up.

How still and dark was the room; how tranquilly the red fire-light flickered pleasantly over the walls and furniture. Was it possible none of the latter had spoken at all—that Jack had dreamed a kind of fairy story, as have so many other fairy stories been dreamed by old boys and young boys before him? He stretched himself and glanced nervously at the chair. It stood there motionless, voiceless, harmless—its tear a tear, its tidy a crumpled tidy, the black glittering heads stuck in it palpable pins. Jack approached it timidly. He shook it; it made no objection. To make assurance doubly sure, Jack sat down upon it rather violently. It tilted mildly, like any other rocker. Jack sat there deep in mystery until the supper bell rang. He felt he had unravelled a great secret. Perhaps it will do no harm for other people to know it also.

NUTS TO CRACK.

1.—*Whole* I am a supernatural being. Behead me and I am a multitude. Change my last letter and I am something to wear. Transpose me and I am one of a pair. Behead me and I am an article of husbandry. Take away my middle letter and I am a personal pronoun. Now remove my last letter and what is left is often mute.

2.—Hidden Rivers.—(*a*) If we follow the golden rule we shall save ourselves much trouble; (*b*) Were all the good erased from humanity what terrible blackness would brood over all the heart.

3.—I consist of 10 letters. My 6, 7, 2, 3, 8 is any article; my 7, 9, 10, 4 is a prolonged cry; my 6, 5, 8 is a metal; my 1, 5, 3, 8 is a fish. My *whole* is a county in Scotland.

4.—Behead a ditch and leave a grain; fashion, and leave a poem; a cry, and leave a drink; a fruit, and leave a division.

5.—Rebus.— BUSS
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6.—Diamond.—The beginning of prince; an outburst of grief; to put to rights again; a pioneer; to put back; another word for esteemed; a doctrine; a colour; the last of that colour.

7.—Hour Glass.—A promenade; to cut up; a dead language; anger; the circular letter; a [illegible] species of antelope; a [illegible] to remove [illegible] servant on a farm. The centrals read downwards will reveal an important science.

8.—Half-Square.—One of the United States; the plural of a word meaning toll; to revile; nonsense; the plural of is; the contraction for manuscript; the beginning of my first.

LAST WEEK'S KERNELS.

1. Dewdrop. 2. Barnsley. 3. Season. 4. Upshot. 5. Maine, Oregon, Ohio, Utah, Nevada, Texas.

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AN ACT for varying certain Provisions contained in an Act made in the Thirteenth year of the reign of his present Majesty for dividing and inclosing certain Moors, Commons, or Tracts of Waste Land within the Parish and Manor of Lanchester, in the County Palatine of Durham.

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WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made in the thirteenth year of the reign of his present Majesty (for dividing and inclosing certain Moors, Commons, or tracts of waste land within the Parish and Manor of Lanchester, in the County Palatine of Durham) all mines, minerals, and quarries within or under the said moors or commons are reserved to the Lord Bishop of Durham, lord of the said manor, and his successors, together with such powers and liberties for winning, working, leading, and carrying away the same mines, minerals, and quarries as therein are mentioned, and it was thereby enacted that the Commissioners appointed by the said Act should set out and allot a quantity not exceeding five hundred acres nor less than three hundred acres of the said moors or commons in one entire plot or parcel (if it should be so set out conveniently, and if not then in as few and convenient plots or parcels as might be) to his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Durham and their successors for ever, and that the same should be deemed, adjudged, and taken, and was thereby declared to be situate and lying within and parcel of such township as the said Commissioners or their successors, or any two of them should in and by their general award direct and appoint and should be of freehold or in the nature of freehold tenure, and should be held and enjoyed and the rents and profits thereof received and taken accordingly by the said Justices and their successors for ever, freed, exempted, and discharged of and from the payment of any acre rent, or other rent whatsoever, and of and from the payment of all and all manner of tithes and other ecclesiastical rights and duties whatsoever to any person or persons, bodies politic and corporate, whomsoever upon trust nevertheless to apply the money arising by the rents and profits thereof in making satisfaction to any person or persons who should suffer or sustain any damage in their respective allotments by the searching, for the winning, or working of the said mines and quarries therein, or the leading or carrying away the coals, lead, minerals, stones, or other things to be gotten thereout, or out of any other mines or quarries belonging to the Lord Bishop of Durham and his successors, and if after satisfying all such damages and charges there should be any residue or overplus of the said rents and profits the same should be laid out in repairing the highways, causeways, and other ways which should be set out and made upon or through the said moors or commons in the manner directed and prescribed by the said Act.

AND IT WAS THEREBY FURTHER ENACTED, that the said Commissioners should cause the allotment which should be set out and allotted to his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Durham to be inclosed or surrounded with good and sufficient outfences, and to be sub-divided into fields or closes by quickset or other hedges, or fences or walls in such manner and form as to them should seem convenient and proper and should also order and cause a proper and should also order and cause a proper, sufficient, and convenient farm house, with a barn, byre, stable, stack yard, fold yard, and other suitable and necessary buildings and conveniences to be made, erected, and built upon such part of the said allotment as they should think fit.

AND WHEREAS the said Commissioners in pursuance of the directions of the said Act have set out a plot or parcel of ground part of the said moors or commons containing three hundred acres which they intend by their general award to allot to his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Durham and have caused the same to be in part ring-fenced and certain buildings to be erected thereon, but have not yet completed the same or made their general award.

AND WHEREAS the compleating of the necessary fences and buildings and other conveniences so as to make the said plot or parcel of ground fit for a tenant will be attended with a further very considerable expence to the owners and proprietors of messuages, lands, and tenements entitled to allotments of the said moors or commons, and it is improbable that the said plot or parcel of ground could be let as an ordinary farm at such a yearly rent as would more than pay the interest of the money which hath already been and will be necessary to be expended thereon.

AND WHEREAS at a meeting of the proprietors and agents for proprietors of allotments of the said moors or commons held at the house of Thomas Wilkinson, innkeeper, in Lanchester, in the County of Durham, on the first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, in pursuance of advertisements published in the Newcastle newspapers, Thomas White of Retford, in the County of Nottingham, esquire, proposed to the proprietors and agents present at such meeting to purchase the said allotment and the dwelling-house and other edifices erected thereon upon the following terms and conditions (that is to say) to have the said allotment and premises allotted, granted, and confirmed to the said Thomas White and his heirs for ever in fee simple instead of being allotted and awarded to his said Majesty's Justices of the Peace to pay thereout a certain perpetual fee, farm rent or rent charge of thirty pounds to such person as his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Durham may appoint free from all taxes and deductions, payable on two days in the year (that is to say) the twelfth day of May and the twenty-second day of November yearly, and the first payment to be made on the 12th day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and the usual and proper powers of distress, sale, and entry to be given for recovering it, and the said Thomas White to be at all the expenses of soliciting, obtaining an Act of Parliament for varying the provisions in the above mentioned Act concerning the said allotment and all other incidental expences touching the same, and also at the expense of building a wall or other sufficient fence round the outside of that part of the said allotment which is not already walled about, and the proprietors to be at no further expense in respect thereof, and the said proprietors and agents present at the said meeting having conferred upon and duly considered the said proposals did very much approve thereof, and gave their assent thereto, and thereupon the said Thomas White and the said proprietors and agents did by writing under their hands mutually consent and agree that the said proposals and assent should be carried into full and effectual execution by such ways or means as should be adjudged or advised most proper.

AND WHEREAS since the execution of the said agreement some of the proprietors who have not executed the same are dissatisfied with the sale of the said plot or parcel of land and the edifices and buildings erected thereon alleging, that for want of sufficient notice given for the sale thereof the same have not been sold for the full value, wherefore in order to satisfy such proprietors the said Thomas White hath consented upon certain terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned that the said plot or parcel of ground, edifices, and buildings should be again put up to sale, notwithstanding his agreement for the purchase thereof.

MAY it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, AND BE IT ENACTED by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same that the plot or parcel of ground and the edifices and buildings erected thereon shall notwithstanding the said Agreement entered into between the said proprietors and the said Thomas White as aforesaid, be again put up to public sale and shall be sold by Thomas Forster of the City of Durham, in the said County of Durham, gentleman John Swinburn, of [illegible], in the County of Northumberland, gentleman and Martin Dunn[illegible], of Aldernage in the said County of Durham, gentleman [illegible] in and appointed by the said recited Act, or any one or more of them, for the highest yearly rent that shall be then offered for the same subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, which sale shall be made at the house of Thomas Wilkinson, in Lanchester aforesaid, upon Friday, the sixth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, between the hours of eleven and three of the clock.

AND WHEREAS the said Thomas White hath incurred several expenses and been at great trouble as well on account of the said agreement as of obtaining this Act and it is reasonable that he should have a preference in the purchase of the said plot or parcel of ground, edifices, and buildings, or (in case he should not become the purchaser thereof, that he should be reimbursed his said expenses, and that some compensation should be made for his trouble and loss of time.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER ENACTED that the said Thomas White shall make up and deliver to the said Commissioners or any one or more of them an account of all monies which to the time of the delivering such account shall have been actually paid by him by reason of or relating to the said Agreement and of obtaining and passing this Act, and shall produce proper receipts and vouchers for the same and shall, if required, so to do by the said Commissioners or any one of them, verify the same on oath (which oath any one of the said Commissioners is hereby authorised and empowered to administer) and the said Commissioners, or any one or more of them, shall and is, and are hereby required within the space of ten days after the said account shall have been delivered to him, or them, by the said Thomas White as aforesaid to examine the said account, and to certify his or their having examined the same and to sign his or their name or names at the foot of the said account, and to deliver the said account so certified and signed to the said Thomas White, and the money which by such account shall appear to have been paid by the said Thomas White, and also the further sum of one hundred and five pounds for his trouble and loss of time as aforesaid shall, in case the said Thomas White shall not become the purchaser of the said plot or parcel of ground edifices, and buildings be paid to him as hereinafter mentioned.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that as soon as the said Commissioners, or any one or more of them, shall have examined and certified the said account as aforesaid, he or they shall give notice in all the Newcastle newspapers three several times of the time and place of meeting for the sale of the said plot or parcel of ground, edifices, and buildings, at least fourteen days before the day of sale, and shall set forth in such notice that the same will then be sold to the best bidder subject to the payment of the money to be paid to the said Thomas White in case he shall not be the purchaser thereof (the amount of which money shall be mentioned in such notice) and upon such other terms and conditions as the said Commissioners or any one or more of them shall think proper to insert in such notice.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the said plot or parcel of ground, edifices, and buildings shall be put up to sale at the said yearly rent of thirty pounds being the same rent as was agreed to be given for the same by the said Thomas White, and in case no person shall at the time of such sale bid more than the said yearly rent of thirty pounds, or in case no meeting shall be holden and sale made agreeable to the directions of this Act, that then and in either of the said cases the said Thomas White shall be and is hereby declared to be the purchaser of the said plot or parcel of ground edifices and buildings at the said yearly rent of thirty pounds, anything in this Act to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Authority aforesaid that no person (except the said Thomas White) shall be allowed to bid for the purchase of the said plot or parcel of ground, edifices, and buildings until he shall have made a deposit in the hands of some of the said Commissioners who shall be present at such meeting of such sum of money as shall appear by the said account to have been paid by the said Thomas White as aforesaid, and also of the said further sum of one hundred and five pounds.

PROVIDED always and be it further ENACTED and DECLARED by the Authority aforesaid that no person be allowed to make any less advance upon each and every bidding than two pounds per annum, and that in case the said Thomas White shall at the time of the said sale within a reasonable time after any person or persons shall have bid for the purchase of the said plot or parcel of ground edifices, and buildings, (such time to be determined by the said Commissioners or Commissioner then present) offer and agree to give the same yearly rent for the purchase thereof as shall have been bidden for the same, and if no person or persons shall then bid any further or greater rent, that then the said Thomas White shall be the purchaser thereof, but in case the said Thomas White shall not offer and agree to purchase the said plot or parcel of ground, edifices, and buildings at as great an annual rent as shall be last bidden by any other person or persons as aforesaid, that then the highest bidder shall be the purchaser, and in case any difference or dispute shall at such meeting arise touching the bidding or otherwise relating to the said sale the said Commissioners or Commissioner then present shall, and is, and are hereby empowered to settle and determine the same, and his or their determination therein shall be final and conclusive upon the parties.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Authority aforesaid that if the said Thomas White shall not become the purchaser of the said plot or parcel of ground, edifices, and buildings then the said Commissioners or Commissioner with whom the money shall have been deposited as aforesaid shall, and is, and are hereby required immediately after the said sale to pay to the said Thomas White the money deposited by the person or persons who shall become the purchaser of the said plot or parcel of ground, edifices, and buildings and the receipt of the said Thomas White for such money shall be a sufficient discharge to the said Commissioners for the same, and in case any person or persons who shall not become the purchaser or purchasers of the said plot or parcel of ground, edifices, and buildings shall have deposited money in the hands of any of the said Commissioners in order to be intitled to bid for the same then the said Commissioners or Commissioner are, and is hereby required immediately after the said sale to return such money to the person or persons respectively who shall have deposited the same.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the said Commissioners, or any two of them, shall and they are hereby required in and by their general award to be made in pursuance of the said recited Act to set out and allot the said plot or parcel of ground and edifices and buildings erected and built thereon unto the said Thomas White or such other person as shall become the purchaser thereof upon the conditions before mentioned his heirs and assigns for ever, and that the same shall from and immediately after the execution of the said general award be and be deemed to be vested in and to the use of the said Thomas White or such other person as aforesaid, his heirs, and assigns for ever, as of his and their freehold and inheritance freed, exempted, and discharged of and from the payment of any acre rent or other rents whatsoever to the said Bishop of Durham or his successors and of and from the payment of all and all manner of tithes and other ecclesiastical rights and duties whatsoever to any person or persons, or bodies politic or corporate, whomsoever and that the same shall from and immediately after the execution of the said general award be deemed adjudged and taken and is hereby declared to be situate and lying within the township of Butsfield and Satley, in the said County of Durham, and shall be subject to the payment of the said clear yearly rent of thirty pounds or such advanced rent as the same shall be sold for as aforesaid.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that there shall for ever after the execution of the said general award be issuing and payable forth and out of and charged and chargeable upon the said plot or parcel of ground edifices and buildings by the said Thomas White or such other person as shall become the purchaser thereof upon the conditions before mentioned, his heirs and assigns, the perpetual yearly rent or sum of thirty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain, or such other rent as the same shall be sold for as aforesaid to be paid and payable to the treasurer of the County of Durham for the time being at or in the office of the clerk of the peace for the said County in the Exchequer at Durham by equal half yearly payments in every year by even and equal portions without any deduction or abatement out of the same or any part thereof for or in respect of any taxes, charges, assessments, matters or things whatsoever imposed or to be imposed by authority of Parliament or otherwise howsoever and the first payment thereof shall be made at the end of six calendar months next after the execution of the general award of the said Commissioners, and the treasurer of the said County for the time being shall and may from time to time have use, exercise, and take such and the same powers and remedies by action or by entry, distress, and sale or otherwise for raising and recovering the said yearly rent when the same shall be in arrear as by the laws now in force are provided for and given to landlords or as they can use and take for the recovery of rack rents in arrear.

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AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the said Thomas White or such other person as shall become the purchaser of the said plot or parcel of ground, edifices, and buildings as aforesaid, his heirs and assigns shall within a reasonable time to be ascertained by the said Commissioners, or any two of them, in and by their said general award make, erect, and complete and for ever uphold and maintain a good and sufficient wall or other fence round the said plot or parcel of ground.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that from and after the passing of this Act so much of the said recited Act as directs the said Commissioners and their successors, or any two of them to set out and allot to His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Durham and their successors for ever the said plot or parcel of ground so set out as aforesaid, and to direct and appoint by their general award in what township the same should be situate and lying and to inclose and subdivide the same, and to erect buildings and other conveniences thereon and also as directs that after the execution of the said general award the same shall be vested in the Justices of the Peace for the said County of Durham and their successors for the time being for ever, and also so much of the said Act as directs the said Justices at their general quarter sessions of the peace to be holden for the said County or at any adjournments thereof to let or demise the said plot or parcel of ground and premises or any part thereof, and to appoint a steward to superintend, and order the husbandry and management of the premises and to take care of the same shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the charges of passing this Act shall be paid by the said Thomas White his heirs, executors, or administrators, but in case he shall not become the purchaser of the said plot or parcel of ground, edifices, and buildings such charges shall be reimbursed to him or them in manner hereinbefore directed, SAVING always to the King's most excellent Majesty, his heirs, and successors, and to the said Lord Bishop of Durham and his successors, and to his and their lessees and lessees, and assigns, and to all and every other person and persons, bodies politic and corporate, his, her, and their heirs, successors, executors, and administrators (other than and except the Justices of the Peace for the said County of Durham and the owners and proprietors of allotments of the said moors or commons and the owners or impropriators of the tithes and other ecclesiastical rights and duties which might be payable forth or out or in respect of the said plot or parcel of ground) all such right, title, and interest of in and to the said plot or parcel of ground as they, every, or any of them could or might have had or enjoyed in case this Act had not been made.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a public Act and shall be judicially taked notice of as such by all Judges and Justices and other persons whomsoever without specially pleading the same.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

Monday, October 30th—Before James Annandale, Esq. (chairman), and R. Dickinson, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

John Connor, charged by P.C. Hadwin with drunkenness at Blackhill, on the 16th inst, pleaded guilty to the offence, and was fined 5s and 7s 6d costs.

James Devany failed to appear to answer a charge instituted by P.C. Shaw, of being drunk and incapable in Bottle Bank, Blackhill, at 11·20 p.m. on the 22nd October, and was mulcted in the sum of 10s and 8s 6d costs; in default, fourteen days' imprisonment.

John Ball was brought up by P.C. Wood for being drunk and riotous last Saturday night. About six o'clock the officer found the defendant fighting with another man on the Blackhill bank, and he (defendant) became so troublesome that he was locked up.—A fine of 5s and 6s 4d costs, with the option of seven days' hard labour, was imposed.

Bernard McDermott, a powerfully-built person, was charged by P.C. Wood with being drunk and disorderly at Consett on the previous Saturday evening. The defendant was fighting in Victoria Street, and otherwise conducting himself in an unruly manner, so much so that the officer had to obtain the assistance of another policeman before the defendant could be lodged in custody.—Defendant, who admitted the charge, was likewise ordered to pay 11s 4d (including costs) or undergo a week in prison.

Michael Donnelly was summoned by P.C. Simpson for being intoxicated and fighting in Consett streets last Saturday night.—Fined 5s and pay 5s 6d expenses.

Patrick Hornsby, a young man, was charged by P.C. Hudson with being drunk and guilty of disorderly conduct by fighting in John Street, Consett, at 11·45 p.m. on Saturday last.—The offence was admitted by the defendant, who was let off with a fine of 5s with the costs.

Edward Farrell also pleaded guilty to a charge, preferred by P.C. Foster, of being drunk and riotous in Church Street, Consett, on Saturday night last, and was similarly fined.

George Batey, was accused of and pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly.—P.C. Wood adduced that about six o'clock on Tuesday night, Oct. 24th, he saw the defendant very much under the influence of drink and greatly excited in Middle Street, Consett. Witness saw the defendant about a quarter of an hour previous to this, and after warning him not to appear in the streets again in that state, ordered him off home. He met the defendant afterwards, creating a great row, and as he refused to go home, witness was forced to lock him up.—Defendant made a rambling and incoherent statement in defence of himself and alleged that the police-officer used him somewhat roughly.—The Chairman told him he would be fined 5s and 5s 4d costs or seven days.—Defendant (excitedly): I'll not pay; I'll go to prison first.—Supt. Oliver (to defendant): Are you a householder?—Defendant: No; I am not.—The Superintendent: Haven't you got any goods that can be distrained upon.—Defendant: No. I would sooner "do" seven days than let that b——— knock me about.—The defendant was removed to the cells.

KEEPING UP THE MARRIAGE FESTIVITIES.

Thomas Reed was summoned by P.C. Robinson for being drunk and disorderly at Shotley Bridge on the night of the 17th inst.—The defendant, it seems, had entered into the holy bonds of matrimony on that particular day, and in his anxiety to celebrate the auspicious event in a joyous manner, had indulged in certain stimulants to a greater extent than was possible for him to maintain his mental equilibrium with any degree of stability, consequently about half-past nine o'clock at night the defendant was seen running about the streets of Shotley Bridge in a somewhat excited and noisy state, and when the officer beheld the defendant he was challenging the people out to fight.—The defendant, who pleaded guilty was ordered to pay a fine of 5s and defray the Court expenses.

THEFT OF MONEY AT BLACKHILL.

Margaret Hughes, an old woman, was placed in the dock charged with stealing 3s 7d from a person named Elancey, residing at Baxton Burn, Blackhill, on Saturday night last.—Sergeant Cruickshank deposed that from information he received he went to the prosecutrix's house in Baxton Burn, on Sunday morning, and after searching the prisoner (who lodges with the prosecutrix) found some of the stolen money in her possession and half a crown lapped up in piece of cotton concealed about the bed-clothes. The shilling was peculiarly marked, and was identified by the prosecutrix as the one she had lost. Witness arrested the prisoner and on charging her with the theft, she replied, "I never stole the money."—Supt. Oliver intimated that the case was not yet completed against the prisoner, and asked for a remand, which was accordingly granted.

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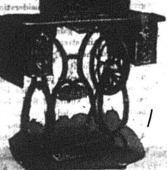

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AFFAIRS IN EGYPT.

THE RISING IN THE SOUDAN.

THE CASE OF THE PRISONERS.

CAIRO, Saturday.

The proceedings in connection with Aarbi's trial are for the moment overshadowed by the alarming news from the Soudan. This morning a Cabinet Council was suddenly summoned to consider what steps should be taken in regard to the false Prophet's movements. The result arrived at was, that troops should be sent to maintain the Khedive's authority, and it was proposed that the force should consist of the six battalions of black soldiers, who were recently at Damietta under Abd-el-Al Pacha.

CAIRO, Sunday.

Mr Broadley has to-day secured another batch of important documents, consisting of letters and telegrams from various influential people. They were concealed in a safe which belonged to Abd-el-Al Pacha. The Prefect had the keys and it was only after much difficulty that these were secured by Mr Broadley.

The feeling against Arabi is shown by the fact the native doctors who have been asked have all refused to attend Arabi's children, who are now ill.

Captain Healy, of the Transport Service, was found dead in his tent this morning, having shot himself with his revolver.

ALEXANDRIA, Sunday.

During the past week no fewer than seventy arrests have been made. The crimes with which the accused are charged include murder, looting, and arson during the troubles of last June and following the bombardment.

During the Duke of Connaught's excursion yesterday by special train to Rosetta and Aboukir a very strong fort was discovered one mile from Rosetta, the existence of which was not previously known. It had a powerful armament of Armstrong and Krupp guns and powder magazine, all untouched. The guns commanded the railway and the approaches from the shore. A detachment of marines will be sent to dismount the guns and blow up the fort. Part of the defences consists exclusively of earthworks of great thickness.

SPECIAL ENVOY FOR EGYPT.

CAIRO, Monday.

The question of raising a sufficient force to scope with the False Prophet in the Soudan is exercising much concern here. The proposal to utilise the black battalions recently at Damietta does not meet with general favour, and officials turn in their helplessness to the English for aid. Sir E. Malet has referred to the Home Government, and in the meantime the native forces are being drilled into shape.

The latest news from the Soudan gives a less unfavourable report of the state of affairs than was represented in the first accounts received by the Minister of War. Kharteum is not menaced for the present. The False Prophet is still besieging the capital of the province of Kordofan.

CONSTANTINOPLE Monday.

An impression prevails here that Professor Palmer is still alive. It is pointed out that there has been so far no decided proof of his death, and that it is quite possible he may be kept a prisoner by some of the Bedouin tribesmen. Lord Dufferin has enlisted the good offices of the Porte, and instructions have been forwarded to the Emir of Thay, directing him to make strict inquiries and a through search among the Bedouins for any trace of the missing gentleman.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* states:—We are informed that it has been decided by Government that Lord Dufferin shall proceed for a time to Cairo to take the direction of negotiations connected with the settlement of Egyptian affairs. His Excellency will be assisted by Sir E. Malet.

The Press Association states that his lordship's mission is not as reported, to conduct the negotiations, but to watch over British interests at the seat of the Egyptian Government.

LORD DUFFERIN'S MISSION.

CAIRO, Tuesday.

The despatch of Lord Dufferin to Egypt is taken here as showing that the English Government intend completing their task with thoroughness. No man is better qualified than his lordship for dealing with the question, and he has the further advantage of possessing the entire confidence of Europeans in the East.

The preparations for Arabi's trial drag along slowly. M. de Lesseps, among other foreign witnesses, will be examined by commission abroad. The translation of the further documents discovered, and the re-examination and cross-examination of the long list of witnesses at the preliminary inquiry, before the trial proper commences, throws the date for holding the court a long way into the distance. In fact, the growing disinclination of the Egyptian Government to press their charges home under the altered state of affairs raises more than a doubt as to whether the trial will ever take place.

THE MINISTERS AND THE FRENCH COMPTROLLER.

CARIO, Wednesday.

Tussoon Bey, Turkish Governor of Kavala, who is passing through Canada, sent a telegram to-day to the Khedive stating that Hassam Mussael Akad and Suleiman Daoub have been the prime instigators of the burning of Alexandria, and were arrested in Canada to-day by the Turkish authorities. It is supposed they escaped from Damietta in a sailing vessel.

The acting French diplomatic agent here to-day called on Chriff Pasha, and asked whether the French Comptroller-General, M. Bredif, would be invited to be present at the sitting of the Council of Ministers. Cherif Pasha replied that the European Control being a joint institution, and the English Comptroller-General having been instructed not to attend the sittings, the Council of Ministers had decided not to invite M. Bredif to assist at these deliberations.

THE SOUDAN EXPEDITION.

DEPARTURE OF LORD DUFFERIN.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Thursday.

The steamship Antelope has proceeded to Alexandria. Lord Dufferin with his suite went on board during the afternoon, the whole of the diplomatic corps at Constantinople took a hearty farewell.

The Sultan sent a message to the British Ambassador to-day, requesting his attendance at the Palace. Lord Dufferin thereupon waited upon his Majesty. Politics were eschewed on the occasion, and only the usual compliments were exchanged. The Sultan appeared particularly cordial, and expressed an earnest wish that Lord Dufferin might soon resume his post at the Turkish capital.

Sala Pacha, during his short stay here, has formed five companies of police of 110 each. The officers and men of each company must belong to the same nationality. He is now occupied with completing arrangements for a strong body of police for the whole country.

CAIRO, Thursday.

Alaidden Pasha, the Governor of the Egyptian Coast of the Red Sea, has been appointed to the command of the military expedition to be despatched to the Soudan.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

At the monthly meeting of this Board, held in Parliament Street Offices, Consett, on Wednesday night, the following members were in attendance: Rev F. Steggall, Messrs J. Calvert, J. W. Davison, T. Siddell, John Collinson, Wm. Aynsley, W. R. Taylor, Wm. Shell, J. H. Hudson, and the clerk (Mr T. W. Welford, jun).

In the absence of the chairman (W. Jenkins, Esq., J.P.), Mr J. Calvert was elected to fill the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

MR. MCGURK'S CELLAR.

The Surveyor said he had examined Mr McGurk's cellar one day during a storm, and there did not appear to be any water running into it. The cellar seemed all right, and there was no foul smell in it.

Mr SHELL had inspected the cellar, and with the exception of some ashes laid on the floor, he considered it one of the best in Consett.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT: UNTENANTABLE HOUSES CONDEMNED.

Appended is the quarterly report presented by the medical officer (Dr W. M. Renton):—

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Urban Sanitary Authority.

GENTLEMEN,—I have frequently made reference in my reports to the bad sanitary state of the tenements in Medomsley Road, known as Skidmore's property, and the houses annexed belonging to the Rock Building Society.

There is scarcely a house in this block of eighteen tenements which has not received more or less serious damage by the late subsidence of their foundations, rendering them, from this cause alone, almost uninhabitable.

The drainage and the offices connected are of the worst possible description, and are so situated that the effluvium from them is distinctly perceptible in the houses. In some of the houses also, the interior is mildewed from basement to roof by percolating moisture from without.

I need not enter into further detail of the sanitary evils connected with these tenements (and which seem to increase year by year); it is sufficient to say that in their present condition they are totally unfit for human habitation, and ought, therefore, to be closed at once.

We have, in fact, here all the conditions favouring an outbreak of enteric fever, of which disease there have recently been seven cases in three of the houses.

The yard connected with Mr Chattoe's property in John Street is so utterly bad and filthy, that all the offices ought to be removed, and water closets substituted. The yard should be excavated to a depth of two feet, and properly drained and cemented.

It is greatly to the discredit of Consett to say that much of the tenemented property in the town is little better than the above, some of the streets are built of the rudest rubble masonary, without drainage or proper foundations, so that water ascending by capillary attraction from the foundations, makes the atmosphere of the houses (the walls of which may be seen reeking with moisture) very fusty, and being so huddled together, ventilation of the houses (which are generally overcrowded) is impossible.

The yards also are so cramped, and the offices so dilapidated that the proper cleansing of them is almost impracticable. Can we wonder that with such dwellings to deal with, the health of your district has recently been so unsatisfactory! During the quarter ended September 30th, we have had to contend with the formidable array of five epidemics, viz:—Measles, enteric fever, diarrhoea, diphtheria, and scarlet fever, which united, have caused fourteen deaths, and bring up the death-rate to the exceptionally high figure of 27·7, the highest recorded in any given quarter for some years.—I am, gentleman, your obedient servant,

W. M. RENTON, M.D.

Shotley Bridge, Oct. 31st, 1882.

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONSETT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 30TH.

Births representing an annual rate of 35 per 1,000, 32 males and 31 females. Deaths representing an annual rate of 27·7 per 1,000, 29 males and 21 females.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	4	1
Measles	250	3
Diptheria and Croup	7	3
Enteric Fever	12	1
Diarhoea	150	6
Totals, Miasmatic form of Disease	423	14
Pulmonary Consumption		4
Bronchitis, Pneumonia, and Pleurisy		6
Tubercular Disease other than Pulmonary Consumption		3
Diseases of the Brain and Spinal Cord		2
Diseases of the abdominal viscera		12
Inquest Cases		2
Other Diseases not named		7
Total deaths from all causes		50

(Signed) W. M. RENTON.

The Rev F. STEGGALL said the Board ought to be more vigorous than ever in dealing with such matters.

Mr AYNSLEY: After we have asked the Medical Officer to report on these houses we should carry out the suggestions he makes to the very letter.

The CHAIRMAN: Give the proprietor notice to close them at once; then if they do not comply, summons them before the magistrates.

Mr SHELL: We have the doctor's authority, and I think we ought to close the houses.

Mr DAVISON: This property of Skidmore's has been in a bad state for a long time.

Mr AYNSLEY: Two years' ago, when we visited these places, the houses were in as bad a condition as they possibly could be, and now they were worse and worse.

Mr TAYLOR: It is high time the houses were closed.

Mr SIDDELL moved that the recommendations in the Medical Officer's report respecting the closing of the property belonging to Mrs Chattoe in John Street, Mr Skidmore in Medomsley Road and Bath Street, and the property adjoining belonging to the Rock Building Society, be carried out.

Mr AYNSLEY seconded the proposition, which was unanimously carried.

The Surveyor said the Medical Officer had complained about the other property in Harvey Street, having been altered without plans being submitted or first obtaining the sanction of the Board.

Mr AYNSLEY stated that he raised that very question at the last meeting, but the majority of the members ruled that it was unnecessary to submit plans for such alterations.

Mr SHELL was quite of opinion that far too many alterations to property were carried out in Consett without plans being presented to the Board for approval.

Mr SIDDELL: We ought to do our work in a straightforward way, and not to deviate from our course one meeting after another, continually doing and undoing.

Mr COLLINSON: If the houses are so altered that they do not give every satisfaction, the Board can then object to them as being unfit for habitation.

Mr AYNSLEY maintained that it was far more business-like for the Board to approve of the plans before the alterations were commenced.

Mr COLLINSON pointed out that when houses are closed on account of being uninhabitable, the owners must make these alterations in order to make them tenantable.

The Surveyor said that according to the Medical Officer's report, he was in favour of having these houses pulled down to the ground and re-built. They were continually damp, because of the water from the [illegible] foundations.

Mr DAVISON [illegible] were a great many buildings where the filth from the ashpits and privies adjoining them ran into the foundations of the houses.

The Rev F. STEGGALL suggested that all alterations to be effected should be subject to the approval of the Inspector and the doctor.

Mr SIDDELL: You must include the Building Committee as well.

The Rev F. STEGGALL: Where the alterations are of a structural character, I think a plan ought to be laid before the Board.

Mr SHELL proposed that in future where any external alterations are to be made to any buildings plans must be submitted to this Board for approval, subject to the provision of the bye-laws.

Mr AYNSLEY seconded the proposition.

Mr SIDDELL said this was the first time in his life he had heard of a Board shutting up houses and then asking the owners to submit plans of them before making alterations.

Mr SHELL said his motion was general, and did not refer to any particular properties.

Mr COLLINSON explained that it was only when the houses were pulled down to the foundations that it was necessary to submit plans for the Board.

The resolution was eventually agreed to.

GEORGE STREET AND HENRY STREET.

With respect to cementing, kerbing, and channelling these streets, the Clerk had been informed that there was a minute on the Board's books to the effect that these streets need not be made until they were fully built upon. The Clerk promised to look up the minute.

BRICKFLAT LANE.

Mr SIDDELL thought that something ought to be done with the other side of the lane, as the rock was falling away.

The matter was left with the Surveyor.

THE RENTAL OF THE LOCAL BOARD ROOMS.

Touching the minute adopted at last meeting charging Mr J. J. Thompson, the registrar, £2 per annum for the use of the ante-room twice a week, Mr SHELL protested against the motion, asserting that it was unfair to charge him that amount.

Mr SIDDELL: It is very wrong. So long as I am here I shall protest against it.

Mr AYNSLEY: How do you make out that it is wrong?

Mr SIDDELL: By asking Mr Thompson to come from the public-house and offering him the use of the Board-room gratis. After he was here about two years rent free, the Board passed a resolution charging him £1 a year. Now, however, he was thrust into a dog kennell (laughter), and they wanted to charge him £2 yearly for it.

The CHAIRMAN: I never for a moment suspected that the registrar sat in there.

Mr AYNSLEY said that place was converted into a waiting room for paupers, and was never intended for the registrar, the doctor, and the vaccination officer to use it. He was under the impression last month, when he proposed that Mr Thompson should pay £2 a year, that he was using the Board-room. He should like to know the reason why these officials were thrust into the pantry?

Rev F. STEGGALL remarked that sometimes two or three officers came together. He had seen the Guardians sitting in the Board-room, the paupers being relieved in the ante-room, and somebody waiting outside.

Mr COLLINSON explained it was only once in three weeks that the Guardians and the registrar came in contact with each other, and then it was only for two or three minutes at the most.

The Surveyor said the doors were always open, and he could not assign any reason why the Union officers did not use the Board-room.

The Clerk observed that the officials never asked or attempted to come inside.

Mr SHELL wished to know whose duty it was to attend to the rooms? The last time the Guardians met, it was dreadfully cold, and an old woman was busy endeavouring to make a fire all the time they sat, but did not suceed.

At this point the Clerk read a letter from Mr W. H. Ritson, clerk to the Guardians, stating that he was directed by his Board to point out that as the rooms now used by the Relief Committee at the Local Board offices were inferior to the rooms formerly provided, they did not think they ought to pay such a high rent. He had therefore to enquire if the Board would allow the Guardians the use of these rooms for the Relief Committee only, for £5 per annum, that being the amount paid in another part of the Union.

Mr COLLINSON believed that there was a mistake, as he was under the impression the Guardians wanted the room as a pay station as well.

Mr SIDDELL said the Guardians were deprived of their proper Board-room without receiving any notice whatever from the Local Board.

Mr AYNSLEY: They only sacrificed themselves for the benefit of the town.

Rev F. STEGGALL thought £5 a year quite sufficient for using the room once a month.

The CHAIRMAN did not think the present Board-room inferior to the room upstairs. (Laughter).

Mr SIDDELL said the fact was the Guardians wanted a reduction of rent, seeing that they only sat once a month instead of every fortnight.

Mr DAVISON thought if there was a good fire in the room whenever the Guardians met, it would be very comfortable. At the same time Mr Moon ought to pay his relief money in the Board-room.

The Clerk said that Mr Moon distributed his relief in the ante-room, placing his table against the door.

The Surveyor said he had received an application from the attendant for an advance of wages. (Laughter).

Mr SHELL gave notice to rescind at the next meeting the minute relative to charging Mr Thompson £2 a year for the room.

Rev F. STEGGALL moved that the Board accept £5 per annum for one meeting of the Guardians Relief Committee monthly; and if the room was to be used as a pay station, an additional charge of £5 annually to be made.

Mr AYNSLEY seconded.

Mr SIDDELL said they would never obtain the rent.

Mr COLLINSON thought £8 a year for both would be very reasonable, seeing that the Guardians had the use of the old Town Hall for £9 a year. He moved to the effect.

This was was seconded by Mr SIDDELL.

Six members voted for Mr Steggall's proposition; two for Mr Collinson's, Mr Shell being neutral. The former was carried.

THE CONTRACTORS' DISPUTED ACCOUNT.

The Clerk presented a bill he had received from Messrs Christopher and Brannighan, for laying 135 yards of drainage in West Derwent Street at 5s 9d per yard, the total amount being £39 19s 3d.

The CHAIRMAN: What depth was this drain cut?

The Surveyor could scarcely answer that question, as the contractors were half-way along the street when he first saw the work.

The CHAIRMAN asked the Surveyor if he did not know the pipe they had to connect the sewer with was 8ft deep?

The Surveyor replied that as soon as he knew the contractors were doing the work he told Haggan to put in the connection.

Mr SHELL inquired what depth it was specified the drain should be cut?

The Surveyor said it was 4ft, but the contractors alleged they had gone down 8ft. They had instructions not to commence with the drain until the builder had taken the excavations out, and then it would only be necessary for the contractor to cut 3ft.

Rev F. STEGGALL: Was it not necessary to cut out more than 4ft at the high end of the street?

The Surveyor believed it was.

Mr [illegible] explained [illegible] contract was to lay pipes [illegible] deep, but the contractors cut out 8ft 6in at one end, and the depth averaged 6ft from each end of the street. If that was the case, he should certainly say that Messrs Christopher and Brannighan had a right to be paid for it.

After some further remarks, the Clerk read a communication from Messrs Christopher and Brannighan to the effect that they were in receipt of his letter of October 6th returning account unpaid. They were not surprised at this, after the treatment they had received from the Surveyor. He engaged them verbally to cut a drain 3ft deep for 4s 3d per yard, and they did not think it to their benefit to cut out 8ft 6in and 6ft 6in in some places without some cause, when they had tendered for a 3ft drain. In order to settle the dispute they were quite willing to meet the Board or the Sewerage Committee and inspect the drain, and to open it in three or four places for them, then the Board could reckon the average from end to end, and whatever decision they (the Board) arrived at the contractors would abide by it. They opened the drain in two places for the Surveyor to inspect, but he refused to examine them. The statement about them commencing the work during the Surveyor's absence was incorrect, as he asked Mr Westgarth to see that the work was done to his satisfaction. They only asked for justice, and when the members heard both sides of the question, they felt sure they would agree with them.

The Surveyor affirmed that certain places were fixed by himself and the contractors where the drain should be opened, but when the time came Brannighan refused to open out at the points selected.

Mr COLLINSON maintained that the terms of the latter part of the specification should have prevented the contractors filling up the drain, without the Surveyor having first inspected the same.

In answer to Mr SIDDELL, the Surveyor said he merely told Westgath to look after the connections put in by the Consett Iron Company. Concerning the statement in the letter, that he engaged the contractors verbally, was it reasonable, he asked, that he should engage them in that way after being at the trouble of drawing up proper specifications?

Mr DAVISON said there was no need for any verbal arrangements when the Board accepted their tender.

Mr AYNSLEY wanted to know the reason why the contractors had gone down beyond the specified depth?

The CHAIRMAN: Because the specification and sections are incorrect. What would ~~be the~~ result of cutting a drain 4ft to go into another one 8ft 6in deep?

Mr HUDSON said the street had far more fall than was necessary for a sewer.

Mr SHELL pointed out that the street sewer comes up the back of the street, and they could not cut it above the main sewer.

The Surveyor said the contractors had no business to go to the sewer belonging to the Board.

Mr SHELL: Would it have been sufficient if they had only gone down 3ft?

The Surveyor: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: What about the Water Company's pipe?

The Surveyor replied that he had nothing whatever to do with that.

The CHAIRMAN said that did not matter. The contractors were bound to go down 6ft.

Mr DAVISON: Whereabouts is the Water Company's pipe?

The Surveyor: It is half-way between the main sewer in the middle of the street and the high end of the buildings.

Mr COLLINSON maintained that when the contractors saw that all was not going on right, they should have called upon the Surveyor at once. It appeared to him they had done the work just as they thought necessary, without heeding the Inspector.

Mr SIDDELL believed the Surveyor knew they were going to commence with the work, or else why did he give any instructions to Westgarth?

The CHAIRMAN said it was a positive fact the contractor had gone down a depth of 8ft. The Board knew that they would have to cut down 6ft, in order to get underneath the Water Company's pipe.

The Surveyor replied that the contractors were ready to start with the work some time before they did commence.

Ultimately Mr SHELL proposed that the matter be left in the hands of the Sewerage Committee, who should select certain places where the drain must be re-opened, and if they found the contractors' statement was correct, the committee be empowered to pay them accordingly.

Mr TAYLOR seconded the proposal, which was adopted.

THE MARKET TOLLS.

Mr SIDDELL moved that the amount collected from market tolls be entered in the minute book every month.

This was seconded and agreed to.

DERWENT STREET: EXTRAORDINARY TRAFFIC.

Mr SIDDELL moved that the Surveyor be ordered to put Derwent Street into proper repair forthwith.

Mr AYNSLEY seconded, and the proposal was agreed to.

Mr HUDSON thought there had been some extraordinary traffic in this street caused by contractors who were not paying rates. He moved that the Clerk get an opinion as to whether the Board could not claim compensation for this extraordinary traffic.

This was also carried.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD AND THE INSPECTOR'S SALARY.

A long communication was read from the Local Government Board, the substance of which was that their Lordships were of opinion that the salary of £80 per annum assigned to the Surveyor as sanitary inspector was not proportionate with the amount paid to him for performing his other duties, and they wished the Board to re-consider the question of his remuneration.

The Clerk was instructed to reply to the letter, and explain that Mr Rippon's duties as Inspector occupied more than one-half of his time.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr Rippon) submitted the folfowing report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month the following streets and highways in your district have been repaired and covered with road metal:—Newmarket Street, Church Street, Shakespeare Street, Middle Street, portions of Parliament Street, Albert Road, and Ox Place.

The earth from the footpath on Brickflat Lane has been removed, and a proper foundation put in throughout the entire length, and will at an early date be covered with chippings. The projecting rock by the side of this footway is being removed as directed by you at last meeting.

The Consett Iron Company's workmen are at present engaged building the new wall at this place.

The new wall in front of your Settling Ponds has been finished in a proper workmanlike manner.

Your Road's Committee met on the 17th ult, to select a suitable place for the public conveniences lately standing at the end of Middle Street; these have now been removed and erected on the sites chosen.

I observe that in times of floods a quantity of water rushes down the steep bank at the bottom of Brickflat Lane, some of which flows down Consett Hall Road, and the remainder down towards the Tin Mill. I would suggest that two large gullies and grates be fixed at the bottom of this bank, and a branch drain from them into the main sewer in Consett Hall Road.

I have certified that the first eight houses built by the Consett Iron Company on the west side of Derwent Street, were in my opinion fit for human habitation.

Owing to the briskness of the building trade in your district, your streets and highways are being cut up very much, and will take an extra quantity of metal to maintain.

I have [illegible] the whole of your district and find the ashpits, as a whole, with only a small quantity of house refuse in them, but I regret to say that there has been several cases of fever, the most of which have been in houses on Medomsley Road. Your medical officer has inspected these houses and their surroundings, and also John Street, and will report thereon,

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM RIPPON.

The report was accepted.

THE PROJECTING SIGNBOARD NUISANCE.

Touching this question the Clerk intimated that the only item he could find in the Public Health Act relating to these signboards was included in the Town Clauses. He did not think the Board could deal with the subject in any shape.

Mr SIDDELL said without doubt, these projecting signs were a great nuisance.

Mr COLLINSON thought these signboards were prohibited in some of their byelaws. If a man is allowed to put a signboard reaching half-way across the footpath, then they could build a pigeon ducket or anything else to project as far as the footway goes. He maintained that no man had a right to encroach one inch further than his house frontage without permission from the Board. If any person could prove to the satifaction of the Board that his window was an obstruction they could compel him to remove it.

Mr AYNSLEY pointed out that according to the Police Clauses Act the Board had no power to interfere. There was no mistake these showboards were an obstruction, but they could not deal with them.

The Clerk explained that Mr Collinson's only remedy was to bring an action against the defaulting parties.

Mr COLLINSON said if the Board could not compel the parties to remove the obstruction, he felt sure that he had no *locus standi* in the matter. If he brought an action, it would have to be against the Local Board, who were really the proprietors of the street.

The Clerk affirmed that he could not. These showboards were part of parcel of the property.

The CHAIRMAN said it was simply a dispute beween Mr Collinson and Tyler Bros. and they mus settle it themselves.

Mr COLLINSON said if the Board was unable to act in thh matter, he could not do anything.

The Clerk promised to institute further inquiries and report at next meeting.

THE GAS LAMPS AT THE FOUNTAIN.

The Surveyor was instructed to have the two old lamps at the Fountain removed as early as convenient.

In consequence of erection of hoarding necessary for Town Hall buildings, the Board decided to keep the Bray's Patent Lamp burning throughout the winter nights.

THE BRIGADE AND THE LATE FIRE.

The Surveyor reported that he had ascertained who were the firemen that assisted at the fire at Consett Hall, and had remunerated them as per Local Board scale.

FINANCE.

The monthly accounts amounted to £114, and checks were ordered to be signed in payment of the same.

This concluded the business.

Correspondence.

(☞ We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, nor do we undertake to return their communications. —Ed. C.G.)

MOSES AND THE LATE EARL OF BEACONSFIELD.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

DEAR SIR,—At the annual dinner of the Consett Conservative Association Mr W. Raw is reported to have said:—"Never since the days of Moses has there been a statesman like the Earl of Beaconsfield." I must, Sir, confess to a little knowledge of both these persons, but I cannot discover the resemblance as statesmen which appears to present itself so plainly to my friend, Mr Raw. Nothing pleases me better than to gain additional knowledge. If Mr Raw will kindly enlighten me, I shall be extremely grateful, as I have no doubt others of your readers will, who, like myself, are still in the dark on this matter.—Yours most truly,

IGNORAMUS.

THE CONSERVATIVES AT CONSETT.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

DEAR SIR,—According to your last issue, the Conservative Association in Consett and district held their annual meeting in the Queen's Head Hotel, on the 25th of October. It is curious, Sir, to notice how wildly the Tories criticise the proceedings of the Government in the Egyptian and Irish business. Their oratory is quite independent of such vulgar things as facts. It will not do to say that the Government neglected British interests abroad and palter with disloyalty at home. The witness of facts is to the contrary. Ministers had to contend against gigantic difficulties which forced them to do what they had not contemplated, and hindered much they had fully resolved upon; we are not inclined to underate the power of the Tories in their constituencies, but there is not the slightest indication of a great question out of which they can concoct a serviceable battle cry. Lord Salisbury himself, with all his rashness, dare not promise that his Party, if in office, would try to repeal the Irish Land Bill. The discontent in Ireland can only be removed by her native gentry. Let them lower their rents and raise the wages of the labourers. For the high rents and bad wages are the evils most complained of.—I am, yours &c,

ECONOMY.

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CONSETT—At Templetown, 2nd inst, the wife of Mr Appleton of a son, still-born.

BURNOPFIELD.—2[illegible]th ult., the wife of Thomas A. Dougall, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

CONSETT.—At Christ Church, 11th ult., by the Rev. F. Steggall, Mr James Seyburn, of Liverpool, to Jane Ann, daughter of the late Anthony Raine, of Durham.

LANCHESTER.—At the Register Office, 28th ult., Mr J. Kirsop, Ebchester, to Mrs E. Blackburn, of Annfield Plain.—30th ult., Mr R. Armstrong to Miss M. Lees, both of Burnhope.—Same day, Mr J. Stephenson to Miss E. Bayley, of Blackhill.—Same day, Mr J. N. Reay, Tanfield Moor, to Miss E. H. Brahan, White-le-Head.

WOLSINGHAM.—At the Register Office, 28th ult, Mr William R. Cloughton to Miss Agnes A. Dunnabie, both of Tow Law.—31st ult., Mr Andrew Whyte, of Saltersgate, to Miss Hannah J. Douglass, of Tunstall Lodge.

STANHOPE—P.M. Chapel, 1st inst., by the Rev. John Elliott, Mr Emmerson Rutherford, of Lands, to Miss Mary Coulthard, of New Close.

DEATHS.

CONSETT.—At King Street, on the 1st inst., aged 42 years, Owen Evans, beloved husband of Eliza Evans. Interment on Sunday, at Benfieldside Cemetery, at Three o'clock; funeral to leave the house at 2·30. Friends please accept this intimation.

Trafalgar Street, on the 3rd inst., aged 14½ years, Thomas, son of Luke and Ellen Whitehead. Interment at Benfieldside Cemetery on Sunday at Three o'clock. The funeral will leave the house at 2·30. Friends please accept this intimation.

COLEPIKE HALL.—30th ult., aged 73 years, Mary, wife of Edward Taylor Smith, and daughter of John Pexall Kidson, of Sunderland, aged 73 years.

STANHOPE—27th ult, Hannah, wife of Mr Joseph Tweddle, aged 49 years.—30th ult, Charles Edwin, son of Mr Robert Richmond, aged 3 years.

KIBBLESWORTH—2[illegible]th ult, Mr Joseph Chambers, aged 77 years.

WHICKHAM—2nd inst, aged 22, Robert Wilkie Smith, M.B. and [illegible] M. Edinburgh, [illegible] to the [illegible] Tyne Dispensary.

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