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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 1883.

CLOUDS IN ARCADY.

UNDER this curious phrase, a Norfolk rector in one of our leading magazines points out that the agricultural labourer is not as happy and contented with his lot as we should wish him to be. As HODGE belongs to what is known as the inarticulate class, it is perhaps as well that we should know what grounds there are for his discontent. "Felicity" is a term which the Sanitarians have taken up on which to hang a lesson with regard to human happiness. After all is said, we are very much in the dark as to what happiness really consists in. Dr. RICHARDSON, in his address last week to the Sanitary Congress at Glasgow, boldly undertook to fill up the blank in our ideas by offering to define some, if not all, of the principal ingredients in our cup of happiness. "Felicity," as Dr. RICHARDSON inclines to describe it, is as it were the result of some two or three favourable conditions of well-being. It is the old story of a sound mind in a sound body. It is VOLTAIRE's definition slightly varied of "good digestion and no conscience," or, rather, that *point de conscience* which is only the *nil conscire sibi* of the Roman poet, the absence of that gnawing worm of desire and that torturing fire of remorse which are in all languages the expressive symbols of a tormenting conscience. But, after perusing Dr. RICHARDSON's remarks on felicity, it seems to us that, after all, this able priest of Æsculapius only leaves us very much where he finds us. He is able to tell us what we know already; that felicity depends on digestion, good spirits, and so forth. But what are we to do for those who either, like CARLYLE, are tormented by the hag of dyspepsia, or who, on account of pecuniary and other cares, can hardly snatch even a few hours' sleep? In these cases the physician can only say as the doctor does to Macbeth, "Therein the patient must minister to himself," and then the patient can only throw back his doctor's prescription with Macbeth's cry, "Throw physic to the dogs! I will none of it." Still, though we do not think that Dr. RICHARDSON's judging the term "felicity" in our ears will add much to the sum of human happiness, there is this much use in the term: that it helps to remind us how much lee way has to be made up, and that political reforms only go a short way in making up the well-being of a people. Dr. JESSOPP in the *Nineteenth Century* of this month describes what he calls "Clouds over Arcady." The Arcadian, or, in plain English, the agricultural labourer in our turnip fields, is not happy because he earns improved wages and is on the whole housed no worse than the farmer's prize cattle. As far as labourers' dwellings are concerned, Dr. JESSOPP thinks that there is much to be desired. He describes certain dens of disease which need to be swept away as much in country as in town. Need we wonder that men who herd or rather pig it in styles of this kind should fester into political discontent? Mr ELLIS once sang about "the stately homes of England."

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

There is bad blood in Paris, and it may lead to some international blood-letting if it is not looked to in time. There is a journal known as the *Anti-Prussien*, and this amiable cur-dog occupies his time in looking up the names of the employers of labour who have a single German in their service. He is denounced and held up to public infamy, and in the end compelled to part with his German *employé*. This has created so much heart-burning and bad blood all round, that unless the yelping of this cur is quickly stopped, there will be serious diplomatic remonstrances leading to consequences still more disagreeable.

Mr Fawcett's latest decision, not to renew contracts for ocean-going mail steamers, but to throw the service open to the trade, leaving the carriage of the mails to the "payment by results" principles, has raised some comment. The old line, like the Cunard, are disappointed; but their rivals are proportionately pleased, and with the keen competition which exists for passenger traffic it will undoubtedly work well. The new system comes in force in August, 1884.

The disappearance of Messrs Waddell, the accountants of Queen Victoria Street, following hard as it did on the absconding and arrest of Mr Warden, of the River Plate Bank, has caused a good deal of surmise as to what other liquidators may have to do under the new Bankruptcy Law, which has not come into force a day too soon. If an argument were needed for Mr Chamberlain's Bill, we should find it in the liquidation of this absconding liquidator. *Quis custodiet ipsos custodes* is what we are inclined to say of Bankruptcy Officials under the old system. Let us hope that the new will work better.

Mr Shaw, the Madagascar missionary, who is in such poor health that he is forbidden to attend meetings and address public assemblies, is not, however, interdicted the last *solatium* of the solitary, the use of his pen. He has accordingly been exploited by the enterprising editors of the *Nineteenth Century* and the *Pall Mall*, and his account of his home life at Tamatave in the *Pall Mall* is pleasing enough, but does not tell us anything that is new.

Mr Errington has returned to Rome, and is in his old haunts, and also, it is said, employed in that semi-diplomatic capacity which has given such an interest to his sojourn in Rome. He has no doubt taken a bold line of his own in opposition to the Archbishop of Cashel, Dr Crokes, who has been too much of a patriot and too little of an ecclesiastic to please the Roman or Ultramontone party in the Curia. How far, however, Mr Errington has succeeded in clipping Dr Croke's wings remains to be seen. In any case, if clipped, they have grown again remarkably fast.

I am glad that Sir Richard Temple has had an opportunity of addressing a wide public through the medium of the Social Science Congress. He is a man who deserves a hearing on many subjects. He has had a brilliant Indian career; but he was not content with the fame of an able administrator of great provinces. His ambition was to make a name in Home politics. He resigned the high office in India for the express purpose of entering Parliament. His luck was against him.

The followers of the precarious calling of the "Artful Dodger" appears to be even more inventive in Paris than in London, several of these light-fingered gentry having appeared at the various railway stations in the peaceful guise of cabmen. They are only to be seen, however, at the arrival of crowded trains, being then less likely to be noticed by the authorities, who usually are on the watch for them. Should they entrap a victim in their ancient *fiacres*, they at once drive him to a sequestered street where confederates are in waiting to relieve him of purse, jewellery, and luggage. A few nights ago a gentleman was just taking his place in one of these vehicles when a porter, beckoning to him to leave it, told him his suspicions concerning the driver. This gentleman, who was no less a person than the Duc d' Aumale, was thus saved from an unpleasant, if not dangerous, adventure.

The Bishop of Llandaff has just raised his voice against tea-drinking, and seems to entertain much the same sentiment as the Bishop of Peterborough when the latter said that if he had to choose between liberty and temperance, he should prefer liberty. Neal Dow, the Maine Liquor Law champion, wrote to the *Times* a long letter the other day pointing out what incredible amount of good had been wrought by a measure of compulsory suppression of the drink traffic in Maine. From the poorest Maine had become one of the most prosperous States in the Union. The lumber trade had hitherto simply supported the liquor traffic, or, to use his striking figure, they had cut down their forest to pour it down their throats in the shape of liquid fire. Now all this is changed. In a word, a little restraint of liberty had brought a vast increase of wealth and well-being. A more crushing answer to specious sophisms like those of the Bishops it is not easy to find.

Correspondence.

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STAR BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Mr Editer,—Deer sir,—Aw's pleesed it maw son Tom wis reet efter all ibboot the nee Buildin Sisiety it Blackhill. He tells me its gannin' on grand, the've had a lot o propreations, an thor gannin' ti hev anuthor yen this week. Weel duin, the Starr Bowkeet Sisiety! It had a lot iv enimes but its had sum middlin powerful friends; Tom says it wis full up last Mairch—that is the five hundord members; but sivaral 'hes left, sum geun away, an' that way thor's odd numbors still bein teun in; an if onny iv maw yung frins aboot Consitt wants to join, leuk sharp, hinnies, as Tom wis tellin his muthor, it the cheps is gannin' te close the beuks varry seun, and then ye'll mevvies wish ye'd joind when its ower lang. Tom's pleesed its deein see weel, an aw dinnet knaw what ye think, Mr Editer; but aw think if oor lokil parlemynt men be reet ibboot the greet want if hoosis, sisyeties like this mun be a privelige; an aw wad varry much reccomend awl, the yung men isspeceeshilly, ti join this or sum uther Sisiety like it. Ye see, its see easy cum at; and then its gien its propreations tiv yung lads, an wurkin men, and merchant princis, just as they git thor propreation; and stand cleer on the beuks. Noo, Mr Editer, if ye'll kindly print maw bit scribbie eqscusin blunders ye'll ibbleege your sincere frend,

AWD WILLIE BROON.

Consett, October, 1883.

DRUNKENNESS AT CONSETT ON SUNDAY MORNINGS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

DEAR SIR,—On reading your issue of September 28th, I observed that a publican has been fined for selling drink during prohibited hours on a Sunday. I hope, sir, that the case of the person fined will have a good effect especially upon that part of the town where he lives I can tell you, sir, that for a considerable length of time there has been during the Sunday early morning and forenoons, quite a number of men to be seen in a state of drunkenness in Medomsley Road and Harvey Street, which seemed to indicate that they got drink long before the time for opening the drink shops. It is a very disgraceful sight at any time, but more especially on a Sunday forenoon, to see knots of men about the New Inn and its vicinity, some drunk and others looking not intoxicated but as if they thought the drunken persons had been more fortunate than they had. I think, sir, that it is very creditable on the part of the police to try to put a stop to such a state of things. I know their task is a very difficult and unpleasant one, and that, in doing their duty in such matters, they are very likely to be misrepresented and spoken against. But I also know that they have the sympathy and approval of the hundreds of sober and godfearing men by whom they are surrounded. Besides, sir, it places these publicans who are law abiding at great disadvantage, as they also are liable to be suspected of having sold drink during prohibited hours, and be blamed for the misdeeds of others. I hope, therefore, that recent examples will tell for good upon all concerned, and that the men of Consett will in future consider the debasing, low, and slave-like practice of trying to get drink during prohibited hours on a Sunday, far beneath them.—Yours truely,

CHEVIOT.

Consett, Oct. 5th, 1883.

EMIGRATION TO QUEENSLAND.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I have received the annexed letter from Thomas Bell, late of Blackfine, who emigrated in April last to Queensland, and as he was well-known to many of your readers, to whom the intelligence contained therein may be both interesting and useful, I shall be glad if you can find space for it in your valuable paper.—Yours, &c.,

ADAM BRODIE.

Town Hall, Consett, Oct. 9th, 1883

Wallcon, August 16th, 1883.

To Mr Adam Brodie,
Town Hall, Consett.

DEAR FRIEND,—I take great pleasure in writing a few lines to you, hoping to find you all well, as this leaves us at present. We are glad to inform you that we arrived all safe at Brisbane, after eleven weeks pleasant sailing. We were seven days in the depot at Plymouth before we set sail. We started on the 1st of April on the steamship Waroonga, this being her first voyage, with 620 emigrants. It was an interesting voyage after we left Plymouth, about twenty-six hours took us into the Bay of Biscay, we had good weather then into the Mediterenean, and past the coast of Spain, and five days along the African coast. The first port we stayed at was Port Said, on the 12th April; it is in Egypt, it is a sandy desert, and we stayed one day for coals and water, it is at the mouth of the Suez Canal. They are not allowed to go more than seven miles an hour through it, it is eighty-six miles long, it took us three days to go through, and they have not to sail at night for fear of running ashore, there was about thirty ships in at the same time, it was often blocked. Then we came into the Red Sea on Monday, the 16th April, then there was two blades broken off the screw, it was a great loss. We had a very pleasant run to Aden, which we reached on the 21st April, it is in Arabia, we stayed twelve hours for coals and water; then we went into the Indian Ocean, and we reached Colomba on Monday, 30th April. It is a nice place and is in Ceylon there was plenty of fruit, we went on shore into the town and had a good stroll out and we had a look at the Indians. We started on Tuesday, the 1st of May, and we had two good days sail when the engine broke, and we were drifting about for twenty-four hours, and they mended it to go at half-speed. We landed into Batavia on the 10th of May, where we should have been on the 7th, it was very hot. We had to stay fourteen days for repairs, we had double allowance when in ports, we were four miles off the shore. The emigrant ship Futta, that left Plymouth on the 11th April, landed into Batavia on the 17th May, with 412 emigrants. There was some of their sailors on our ship, and said they had a pleasant voyage, they left the next day, it was not very pleasing to see them going and us standing with nearly all the cargo to put in and the engine broken. It is an unhealthy place. We got the engine mended with a struggle, and we started on the 24th May. After we left Batavia we had three deaths within a week, and if we had stayed much longer it would have made a hole amongst us. We had some good weather, but dangerous sailing. We went into Thursday Island on Sunday, the 3rd of June, it is the beginning of Queensland, we stayed there two hours. There was some splendid sights from there to Cooktown, which we reached on the 5th June, and we delivered some cargo and eleven passengers. We ran twenty-four hours along the coast to Townsville and we delivered cargo and 150 passengers, and they all got work the next day. We started again on the 9th June and had eleven hours sail to Bowen, and we delivered seventeen passengers. We had ten hours sail to Mackay and delivered forty-four passengers. There was a child died the same day. We had twenty-one hours sail to Rockhampton and delivered seventy-eight passengers, and we stayed four days delivering locomotive engines and steel rails. We started again on the 14th June and had thirty-two hours sail to Moreton Bay, and we had four hours in a steamboat up the river to Brisbane, where we landed on the 16th June, three weeks later than we should have been. When we got to Brisbane we were surprised to see such a splendid town. We went into the depot on Saturday night, and the next day being Sunday there was not many engaged, but on the Monday there was a great many farm labourers hired for, from £50 to £60 a year and double rations. Carpenters and blacksmiths from 10s to 12s per day, and painters 10s per day, and young women from 12s to 18s per week, and there are no masters come to the depots to engage miners, but they send them into the coal districts, and there is a depot for them to stay in till they get work. There is plenty of meat to eat when there, but work is so plentiful that the depot is oftener empty than full. I have no call to regret coming to Queensland, for it is a splendid country. I have found it better than I expected, both for money and everything else. There is plenty of beef and mutton at 2d and 3d a pound, and other things at the same rates as at home; and no one need to be afraid to come to Queensland, for there is plenty of food at the depots, and if they do not get work at Brisbane, there is five depots in the country, and they send them free of charge and keep them till they get work. There is plenty of work of all kinds and good wages, and it is a pleasant country, it is the middle of winter and it is finer weather than at home, in summer it is warm through the day and slight frosts at nights. We have seen a good many that have come from home and none have regretted coming, but you must remember they that come to Queensland have to work and they get good wages, they might not get what suits them at first, but take the first job they have the chance of until they can fall in with a job that suits. We got work on the Monday after we landed, three miles from the town of Ipswich, twenty-five miles from Brisbane, in a pit. The seam was a yard high, and we worked eight days, and we had the chance of a seam 5ft. 6in. high, and it is 4s per ton, men are making from 10s to 12s per day. Nine hours a day we work, and if a man keeps steady he need not be long of having a home of his own and a horse to ride on, for the miners here all have horses and cows. We can buy a good horse for £4 and a cow for £2, besides there is no expense in keeping them, for there is plenty of pasture for them to run in. We have lifted one month's pay and it has cleared us off and left us a few pounds in hand. We can do a great deal better here than at home. I think that is all I can say at present. Give my love to all my old chums. You can use this letter as you like, and write back again. No more from your friend,

THOMAS BELL.

REVISION COURT AT LANCHESTER.

On Friday afternoon, Mr Chas. Mellor, barrister, held a court in the Police Offices at Lanchester, for the purpose of revising the lists of Parliamentary voters in the following townships:—Lanchester, Burnhope and Hamsteels, Esh, Holmside, Cornsay Colliery, Butsfield, Kyo, Collierley, Greencroft, Tanfield, &c. Mr Glass, of Sunderland, appeared for the Liberals; the Conservatives being represented by Mr C. E. Barnes, solicitor, of Durham. The Revising Barrister strongly condemned the conduct of the Overseer for Lanchester township in placing the name of Mr W. W. Thompson, jun., on the list of claimants, in respect of the joint occupation of a dwelling-house and land at Lanchester, Mr Thompson not having made any fresh claim, and as he was objected to by the Liberals last year, his name was struck off the register. Mr Mellor deprecated the practice of Overseers allowing their political convictions to interfere in any way with them in the due performance of their parochial duties.—The claim of Mr George Forster, as joint occupier of Town Head Farm, Tantobie, was objected to by Mr Glass; but Mr Barnes raised the question that as there was no postal delivery at Town Head Farm (the tenants having to travel to a neighbouring tavern for their letters), it was possible that Mr Forster had not received the notice of objection. Consequently, it was for the Liberals to prove that his client had such notification delivered to him.—Mr Glass produced a copy of the notice, showing that the same had been duly posted, and as such had not been returned by the post-office authorities, he said they must come to the conclusion that the objection paper had been transmitted to Mr Forster.—After considerable discussion on the point, the Revising Barrister adjourned the case until he held his court at Durham on Monday, and instructed Mr Glass to enquire in the meantime of the proper authorities if there was a postal delivery at Town Head Farm.—This was the principal business transacted at the court.

GREENCROFT COURSING MEETING.

Judge: Mr W. Nicholson. Slipper: J. Robinson.

This meeting was held on Wednesday over the Greencroft Estate, by kind permission of Mr T. Taylor-Smith, of Greencroft Hall. There was a fairly good muster at the meet, which took place at the Three Horse Shoes, Maiden Law, at half-past eight. The weather was dull, but fortunately the rain held off till the close of the meeting. At nine o'clock a break off was made to the west of Maiden Law, but here hares were conspicious by their absence, and a move was made to the eastern side of the Lanchester Road, when the land was beaten with only intermitten success, courses coming slowly; and at half-past four o'clock, with a fog falling fast, Lizzie Tindale and Wandering Willie, who had been in the slips about an hour, were let drive to a very weak hare. There was only a moderate day's sport. The arrangements were fairly good on the field, and Mr Nicholson's judging was also very fair, but the slipping was scarcely up to the mark. Results:—

The GREENCROFT PARK STAKES, for 10 all-aged greyhounds, at £3 3s each. Winner, £15; second dog, £7; third dog, £3.

Mr Halling's w and bk d Plough Boy, by Daniel—Sam Wylie bitch, beat Mr Wheatley's ns bk and w b Free Jane, by Freeman—British Fly.

Mr W. Howson ns bk b Lady Elizabeth, by Weardale—Mistie, beat Mr J. Swinbank's w and r d Wild George, by Langley Dale—Flass Lass.

Mr E. Wylam's w and f d pup Wandering Willie, by Herrera—Wear Witch, beat Mr J. Strawbridge's bk and w b Little Market Girl, by Market Day—Little Jeannette.

Mr J. Neasham's w and f b Lizzie Tindale, by Langley Dale—Flass Lass, beat Mr T. M. Burn's w and bk d John Bull, by Freeman—British Fly.

Mr G. Thornton's bk d Red Fence, by Self-Defence—Red Girl, beat Mr E. Jackson ns bk and w b Phœbe Ann, by Border Lad—Paleface. (1)

II.

Lady Elizabeth beat Plough Boy.
Lizzie Tindale beat Wandering Willie.
Red Fence, a bye.

III.

Lady Elizabeth, Lizzie Tindale, and Red Fence divided.

After the coursing an adjournment was made to the Three Horse Shoes, where an excellent dinner was served up by the host, and presided over by Mr Wylam.

THE MELANCHOLY DEATH AT CASTLESIDE.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr John Graham, coroner, held an inquest at the house of Mrs Davison, The Smelter's Arms, Castleside, on the boby of Jane Ann Chalders, the wife of Henry Chalders, lead miner, residing at Rawe's Cottage, near Castleside, who died under the circumstances related in last week's issue. The jury having been sworn, Mr T. J. Muse was appointed foreman, and they afterwards accompanied the Coroner to inspect the body of the deceased. On the return of the jury, the following evidence was adduced:—

Henry Chalders, sworn, said: The deceased is my wife, and she was 27 years of age in August last. This was her second child, the other one being still alive. My wife died about 3·30 a.m. on Thursday, 4th inst. I came home from work on the previous night about four o'clock, when my wife was sitting up, very poorly, Mrs Scott being with her at the time. Shortly before nine o'clock I got Mrs Coulthard to accompany me to see my wife. She was confined about a quarter to 1 a.m., and some time after I went to Dr Renton's surgery at Consett. It was about 2·20 when I reached the surgery, and I knocked the doctor up, and requested him to come to Castleside, as my wife had just been confined. The doctor inquired what was the matter, but I replied I did not know. The doctor said, "Stay a moment and I'll speak to you downstairs." Dr Donald then descended the stairs, and asked me my name, which I gave to him. The doctor said his fee would be a guinea, to which I replied, "Well I don't think we shall be hard up for a guinea." The doctor thereupon stated that he could not do much good if he went; and immediately afterwards inquired if my wife had lost a lot of blood? I replied that I did not know. The doctor then told me to go home, and if she was loosing a great quantity of blood, I was to return again and fetch him. If not, I was to stay at home half-an-hour or three-quarters, and then I could come to him. I walked home very quickly. It would be about 3.30 when I reached the house, only, however, to find that my wife was dead.

The Coroner: Then if the doctor had returned back with you he could not arrived at the house in time to see your wife alive.

The husband: He could have ridden on horseback.

The Coroner: Even if he had he could not have reached the house much before you did. He would have lost a considerable amount of time in getting out the pony and saddling it.

Mrs Scott, wife of James Scott, miner, of Castleside, said: I went to Mr Chalder's house at eleven o'clock on the Wednesday morning, and I stayed there until the Friday night. When I first saw Mrs Chalders she was not very well, but she appeared to desire some company. Mrs Coulthard was not sent for until nine o'clock on Wednesday night, and the deceased was confined at one o'clock the following morning. About half-an-hour afterwards, dangerous symptoms were observed, although the deceased was not loosing much blood. Directly after, Mrs Coulthard suggested that the doctor should be sent for, and Mr Chalders accordingly went for him. The deceased expired at three o'clock. She did not loose much blood.

Mrs Jane Coulthard, also of Castleside, said: I sometimes act as a midwife in the village. Henry Chalders came for me on the Wednesday night about nine o'clock, and I accompanied him to his house. When I reached the house at 9·30 p.m. the deceased was suffering from pains, and about two o'clock she gave birth to a child. After the confinement, I saw symptoms of danger, and requested the husband to go for a doctor. It would be about 3·20 a.m. that Mrs Chalders died.

Mr Donald, assistant to Dr W. Renton, gave a similar version of his interview with the husband of the deceased as that related by Mr Chalders himself, and added that about an hour after the husband left him, word came that Mrs Chalders was dead. She had been on the point of death when her husband arrived at home, and this fact proved that he (the doctor) could not have been of the slightest service even had he made all possible haste to the house of the deceased when first called upon. Witness then proceeded to describe the result of the *post mortem* examination made at one o'clock on Thursday afternoon by Dr Renton and himself, and alleged that Mrs Chalders had not lost more than the usual quantity of blood. Death was really due to joint causes, the chief being poisoning of blood. He wished to call attention to the fact that Mrs Chalders was a weak and delicate woman, and should not have been entrusted to the care of the most accomplished of midwives.

The Foreman observed that the doctor's statement quite agreed with the husband's evidence, and of course the former went a little further, and stated the cause of death.

The Coroner: Having heard the evidence, and considered the fact that it was indisputable that the poor woman could not have been saved in life by the doctor, and that she could not have had more attention than she had, can you say that death has resulted from any other cause except that revealed by the *post mortem* examination?

The Doctor pointed out that persons engaged midwives for the purpose of saving a few shillings, and then at the eleventh hour, when any danger arises, they run for a doctor. He thought it unreasonable to leave a large place like Consett without just cause, and from the story Mr Chalders gave him he thought it was really unnecessary that he should accompany the husband back to Castleside.

The Coroner observed that even if the medical gentleman had gone at the eleventh hour, his services would have been of no avail, as the poor woman had passed away from this life.

The Foreman said it was a great pity the doctor was not asked to come earlier, say, at the time Mrs Coulthard was sent for. Mrs Chalders had given birth to a child before, and no doubt the husband thought she would get over the present confinement all right.

The Coroner stated that the deceased did not look to be the strongest woman in the world, and she appeared to be in delicate health. Now that the whole of the facts were placed before the jury, it was for them to say whether they were satisfied or not.

The Foreman: I feel satisfied myself. I wish to state that we cast no reflection whatever on Mrs Coulthard, who is a most respectable woman, and very useful in this village. She makes no charge for her services, and when it is remembered that it is a long distance to travel to Consett for a doctor, such a person is absolutely necessary in the place.

The Coroner: On the contrary, Mrs Coulthard deserves a great amount of credit by calling attention to the fact that there were dangerous symptoms and sending at once for the doctor.

Mr E. Leybourne (a juryman) expressed himself satisfied with the evidence submitted to the jury.

In reply to the Coroner, Mr Donald stated that if he had been present at the confinement, it was questionable that he could have saved the life of the deceased.

The jury accordingly returned a verdict that death had resulted from *chlorosis*, or diseased condition of the blood, accelerated by parturition.

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Football.

LOCAL FIXTURES

Oct 13.—Consett 1st v. South Shields Rovers, at Consett
" 13.—Consett 2nd v. Benwell 2nd, at Benwell.
" 13.—Tow Law v. Wolsingham, at Tow Law.
" 27.—Tow Law v. Crook, at Crook.
Nov. 3.—Tow Law v. Darlington 2nd, at Darlington.
" 10.—Tow Law v. Henderson's Factory (Durham) at Durham.
" 17.—Wolsingham v. Tow Law, at Wolsingham.
Dec. 1.—Tow Law v. Crook, at Tow Law.
Jan. 5.—Consett and District v. Tow Law, at Consett.
" 12.—Castleside v. Tow Law, at Tow Law.
Feb. 9.—Tow Law v. Castleside, at Castleside.

DIPTON HEROES 2ND V. HAMSTERLEY 2ND.—Played on the ground of the former, when the home team won by two goals to none.

MICKLEY FOOTBALL CLUB.—At a meeing of the Mickley Association Football Club on Saturday, George E. Middleton was elected secretary in the place of J. Laverick, resigned.

MILKWELL BURN ROYAL BLUE FOOTBALL CLUB.—At a meeting of this club, held at the house of Thos. Robson, Blackhall Mill Inn, on Monday, the following officers were re-elected:—Captain, James Proud treasurer, John Richardson: secretary, W. Laidlaw: committee, L. Bell, C. Brodie, T. Humes, and W. Stewart.

HOBSON WANDERERS 2ND V. CATCHGATE RED STARS 2ND.—These teams met on the ground of the former on Saturday, and the game ended in a victory for Hobson Wanderers by five goals to nil. Some good play was shown by both teams. Teams:—Hobson Wanderers—Goal, J. Robson; backs, J. Harrison and G. Bell; half-backs, R. Reay and J. Cook; forwards, R. Wales, N. Strong, W. Moody, J. Batey, J. Cruddis, and R. Wharton. Catchgate—Goal, Dixon: backs, Pace and Eltringham; half-backs, Forster and Willis; forwards, Russell, Humphrey, Allan, Dixon, Dodd, and Gray,

DIPTON HEROES 1ST V. HAMSTERLEY RANGERS 1ST.—Played on the ground of the former on Saturday, when the visitors won by one goal and one disputed goal to none. Teams:—Dipton—Goal, G. Brown (captain); backs, T. Temple and W. Bowes half backs, J. Leneen, L. Robson, and W. Johnson; centre, W. Smith; right wing, J. Leadbitter, and J. Brown; left wing, W. Evans and J. Richardson. Hamsterley—Goal, G. Weedy; backs, W. Heppell (captain) and, J. Anderson; half backs, A. Humes and H. Stuart; right wing, T. Billclough and M. Heenen; centre, E. Stobbs and R. Wilkinson; left wing, M. Nugent and J. Howey.

HOBSON WANDERERS (LATE BURNOPFIELD) V. CATCHGATE RED STARS.—These teams played their first match of the season on Saturday, on the ground of the former. Catchgate played hard and passed well, but were compelled to give way to a stronger team, and a pleasant game ended in a victory for the Hobson Wanderers by 8 goals to one. Brown played well for his team, as also did Humphrey for the Red Stars. Teams:—Catchgate—Goal, G. Pace; backs, Johnson and Eltringham; half-backs, Russell and Dodds; forwards, Humphrey, Mason, Dixon, Bulmer, Maughan, and Robson. Hobson—Goal, G. Green; backs, W. Allen and J. Fish; half-backs, T. Curry and T. Amos; forwards, W. Hogarth, S. Trewick, J. H. Brown, J. W. Rodham, G. Holmes, and W. Cawthorn.

DIPTON V. CONSETT 2ND TEAM.—Played at Dipton last Saturday, and a good game was witnessed in which the Dipton team (an entirely new club) showed some good play, and they only need more practice to make formidable opponents. The Consett team, who were strong, proved victorious by 4 tries to nil. The tries were scored by J. Robinson, 2, J. Robson, 1, T. H. Kirkup, 1. Teams:—Consett 2nd—Back, P. W. Manning; three quarter backs, T. H. Kirkup (captain), G. Richards and J. Wilkinson; half backs, J. D. Kirkup, and W. Gibson; forwards, J. Fiddes, J. R. Wood, J. Robinson, J. W. Robinson, J. Askew, J. Robson, J. Francis, W. Ryane. F. Moss, and H. Davis. Dipton:—Back, E. Wilson; three quarter backs, J. Walton (captain), J. Eltringham, and J. Woodley; half backs, W. Woodley, and J. Dowsey; forwards, C. Morgan, J. Temple, R. Snaith, J. Crawford, H. Shaw, W. Smailes, E. Slater, W. Nichol, J. Berwick, and L. Thompson

CONSETT AND DISTRICT V. TOW LAW.—These clubs met for their first match on Saturday last at Tow Law. The ground was in splendid condition, and the spectators witnessed a very fine and fast game. Both teams were well represented, and some grand play was shown by both sides, the visitors being superior in the scrimmages and running, while the kicking of the home team—especially that of Hall and Stankley—was splendid. The former after several attempts dropped a goal, and Hobday scored a try for Consett which Jameson converted into a goal The latter team, however, then sustained a heavy loss by an accident to one of their best men, G. Freek, who was obliged to retire. After some very hard and even play, the home team scored a try, obtained by J. T. Wilkinson, and when time was called the scores stood as above. The Rev. T. C. Hughes officiated as umpire for Tow Law, and Mr A. Turner officiated for Consett. Teams:—Consett—Back, J. Mills; three-quarter back, W. Kempster, T. Jameson (captain) and C. Routledge; half backs, G. Reece and J. Struthers; forwards, W. Wilson, W. Beldon, W. Fiddes, W. Turnbull, A. Struthers, G. Freek (retired) F. Perkins, M. Hobday, and J. Baraby. Tow Law:—Back, J. Proud; three quarter backs, W. J. Hall, B. C. Simpson, R. B. Stankley; half backs, L. Parker and A. Scott; forwards, J. Walton (captain), A. Collingwood, W. Emmerson, H. Hodgson, J. Turner, A. Wetherall, J. Wilkinson, T. Hall, and G. Wilkinson.

ELSWICK LEATHER WORKS V. TANTOBIE.—On Saturday the playing members of the Elswick Leather Works Association Football Club concentrated themselves in great force at Tantobie, having sent up three teams, and a few non-players accompanied them. The amount of interest excited by so great a number of people congregated in so small a village enabled the visitors to do some good to the cause of the great winter pastime, as on the field of play there were a great many spectators, and a large amount of enthusiasm was exhibited. The games were of a very amicable character, excepting that the darkness overtook them, which precluded any good play being shown, as far as the second team match was concerned. After the matches, the visitors were entertained to a knife and fork tea by the Tantobie club. Mr Dobson for Elswick and Mr Rowell for Tantobie having expressed some very complementary remarks, the day's proceedings terminated. The games were as follows:—Elswick 1st v. Tantobie 1st, played a draw, each team securing 1 goal. Teams:—Elswick—Goal, J. Broyendale; backs, Perkins and Whitcombe; half-backs, W. Davison, J. Johnson (captain), and Robertson; forwards. Lowrey, Robson, S. Pearson, Wilfred, and J. Dobson, jun. Tantobie—Goal, Hannett; backs, Scott and Jos. Atthey; half-backs, Watson, Shield, and Storey; forwards, C. Atthey, Hodgson, W. Stoker (captain), N. Atthey, and R. Stoker.—Elswick 2nd v. Tantobie 2nd, the latter team gaining a victory, winning by 2 goals to nil. Teams:—Elswick—Goal, Kington; backs, Cherry and J. Fargus; half-backs, M. Scott (captain), Thompson, and Austin; forwards, Seers, Oman, Sutherland, Harris, and Short. Tantobie—Goal, Hannett; backs, Beck and Hardy; half-backs, J. Atthey, R. Hannet, R. Atthey, W. McCrumbe, J. Armstrong, T. Storey, J. McCrumbe, and G. Dixon.—Elswick Juniors v. Tantobie Juniors, Elswick winning by 3 goals to nil. Teams:—Elswick—Goal, Cowans: backs, Marr and Armstrong; half-backs, Finlay, J. Scott, and G. Dobson; forwards, Waggott, W. Scott, J. Gibson, Morrison, and Cameron. Tantobie—Goal, Hindmarsh; backs, Stoker and Harrison; half-backs, Dixon, Arkless, and Harrison; forwards, Elliott, G. Watson, Atthey, Varty, and E. Watson (captain).

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, Oct. 8th.—Before J. PRIESTMAN, Esq. (in the chair), WM. JENKINS, Esq., and JAMES ANNANDALE, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

James Keelan was charged by P.C. Longstaff with being guilty of drunkenness at Burnopfield, at eleven o'clock on the night of September 29th, and was fined 2s 6d and costs.

Joseph Gregg pleaded guilty to a charge, preferred by P.C. Sanderson, of being drunk and disorderly at Medomsley, on the 24th ult. At nine o'clock on the night in question the officer found the defendant kicking up a disturbance in the Square. He went up to the man, and requested him several times to go home, but he refused to leave. Witness took the defendant away, but he came back a second time.—Gregg was fined 5s and 6s 6d expenses.

A person of respectable appearance, named *William Daglish*, was summoned by P.C. Watson for being drunk and guilty of disorderly behaviour in the streets of Consett, at four o'clock in the afternoon of the 2nd inst.—The defendant, who admitted the charge, was mulcted in a penalty of 5s and 6s 6d costs.

James Casey also pleaded guilty to being drunk and riotous at Leadgate last Saturday evening.—P.C. Roper said that shortly after seven o'clock, the defendant was rolling about the streets in a beastly state of drunkenness, and shouting and swearing at the top of his voice. He brought the man to Consett and locked him up.—Defendant was ordered to pay the same amount.

Peter Curran was accused of the same offence. About ten o'clock last Saturday night, P.C. Simpson found the defendant very drunk in the streets of Consett. He had a large bottle in his hand, which he was brandishing about, intending to strike at anyone who interfered with him. Curran had previously been turned out of one public-house for disorderly behaviour.—The usual penalty of 5s and costs was inflicted.

Reuben Smith was brought up in custody of P.C. Dodds charged with being drunk and disorderly at Consett, at half-past nine o'clock on the preceding (Sunday) night.—The defendant admitted the offence, and he was fined in 5s and expenses.

OVER THE GARDEN WALL.

Three boys, named *George Stoker*, *Lewis Bell*, and *Ralph Bullerwell*, were charged with committing damage to certain apple trees, the property of Mr A. B. Wilbraham, at Snows Green, to the amount of 3d each. Stoker pleaded guilty, but the other defendants denied the offence.—The prosecutor's gardener stated that on the 25th ult. he was working in the back yard, when his attention was drawn to some lads sitting on the garden wall stealing some of his master's apples from off a tree. He could not swear that the defendants were the three boys he observed, but they had been identified by a witness named Robert Lee. He saw the lads previously in the wood leading from the high road into Mr Ridley's field. He chased the delinquents, but did not succeed in catching them. About a stone of apples had been taken, the damage being laid at 6d.—A man called Thorpe spoke to seeing two lads running away from Mr Wilbraham's garden, and immediately afterwards he saw another boy jump over the wall. The latter did not make his appearance until the other lads were out of sight. There was a flat top upon the wall, and these two might have been sitting on it, whilst the other boy was in the garden picking up the apples.—Sergt. Cruickshank explained that the wall was about 10ft. high, and it stood under the overhanging branches of the apple tree. It was an easy matter for the boys to climb the wall and pluck the apples while seated on the top. He had examined the place, and discovered some boy's footprints.—The witness Lee, who was summoned, failed to appear.—Stoker was fined 2s 6d and ordered to pay 6d damage and costs, amounting to 13s. The other defendants were discharged.

STEALING PEAS.

John Thomas Burdon and *John Batey* each pleaded guilty to wilfully damaging produce growing in a field belonging to Mr George Nicholson, of Leadgate, doing damage thereby to the extent of 3d apiece.—P.C. Turner adduced that on the afternoon of the 25th ult., he proceeded to Woodside Farm, when he espied both defendants in Mr Nicholson's field. The ran away as soon as they observed him, but he managed to catch them, and found that Burdon had his outside pockets filled with peas.—Defendants were fined 5s, 3d damage, and defray costs.

Benjamin Chapman, *Miles Harrison*, and *Michael Burn*, little boys, were placed in the dock on a similar charge, and all pleaded guilty.—P.C. Longstaff said that at eleven o'clock on Sunday forenoon, 23rd Sept., he noticed the defendants in a field between Lintz Colliery and Pickering Nook, which belongs to Alex. McGlen. When he got up to the lads, he discovered that they had a large quantity of peas and beans in their possession. The damage was laid at 1d each.—The Chairman, after admonishing the youngsters, inflicted a penalty of 5s, which includes all costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Robert John Armstrong and *John McNally*, ironworkers, were found guilty of the above offence by fighting and creating a disturbance in Front Street, Consett, at five o'clock on the afternoon of the 29th ult. —P.C. Hurworth, who proved the case, stated that the defendants were not stripped, but they were perfectly sober.—Both offenders were ordered to be bound over in the sum of £5 for three months, and pay the costs.

THE EDUCATION ACT.

George Riley, of 35, Walton's Row, Blackhill, was summoned by Mr John Maloney, attendance-officer under the Benfieldside School Board, for neglecting to send his daughter to school. It appears that the child has only attended three times out of a possible eighty-six.—The defendant's wife alleged that the child was over thirteen years of age; but the officer averred that she was only twelve years old.—Mr Jenkins: We have no evidence that the girl is thirteen; and we take the officer's word that she is merely twelve years. You will have to pay a fine of 5s, including costs.—Mrs Riley asked for time to pay the money, but the Bench informed her that a distress warrant would be issued in case of default.—Mrs Riley: Oh, never mind; we'll pay. (Laughter).—Mr Maloney requested that a distress warrant might be issued at once, as he said the people were about leaving this district.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Two young men of the name of *Bernard Lochrane* and *Edward George Wilkinson*, were charged by P.C. Dodds with "schooling" at Consett, on Saturday evening last. The latter pleaded guilty and the former not guilty.—Between six and seven o'clock the policeman observed the defendants, along with a number of others, playing at pitch and toss at the back of Trafalgar Street. He watched them for some time, and saw money exchanged. He chased the offenders, and succeeded in capturing the defendants.—They were fined 11s 10d, inclusive of costs.

TRIVIAL CASE OF THEFT.

David Donald, of Crookhall, was charged by John Struthers, of 5, Victoria Street, Consett, with stealing a leather waist belt belonging to him, and which is valued at 5s.—Mr Welford (Consett) defended the prisoner.—It appears that Donald and his wife formerly lodged with the prosecutor, and when the latter proceeded to Scotland some months ago, Mrs Struthers sold a quantity of their household goods to the prisoner's wife. A few weeks ago, Donald removed his furniture to Crookhall, and he made a present of the belt to Robert Blenings for assisting him. The belt was stamped as follows: "J. Pounder and Co., 1878, London," and was worn by the prosecutor when he enlisted in the Royal Artillery. On his return from Scotland, a short time since, Struthers saw Blenings wearing this belt, and he gave information to the police. From enquires made by Sergt. Murphy the prisoner was apprehended at noon on Saturday last.—Mr Welford submitted, in defence, that the belt was hidden away in one of the drawers sold to the prisoner by Mrs Struthers; and his client did not know but what the article was his own when he gave it away, as he had several surplus belts lying about the house. Mr Welford also pointed out that some ill-feeling existed between the contending parties, which had culminated in the present trumped-up charge.—A witness named Peter Scott, was called to prove that Mrs Struthers disposed of a portion of her household furniture to the prisoner's wife prior to her husband leaving for Scotland.—The magistrates dismissed the case.

ALLEGED THEFTS BY A HOUSEKEEPER.

Lily Dobson, a respectable young woman of prepossessing appearance, residing at Swalwell, was put forward on a charge of stealing a quantity of wearing apparel, &c., the property of her late master, William T. Bullerwell, formerly schoolmaster at Ebchester.—Mr Welford appeared to prosecute; and Mr Dix, who defended, applied for a remand in order that material witnesses might be summoned to give evidence in behalf of the prisoner.—The case was accordingly adjourned, and it was decided to release the prisoner on bail—her father being bound over in the sum of £50, and two sureties of £25 each.

HOMEWARD BOUND: CLEVER CAPTURE OF A YOUNG THIEF.

John Ralston, a youth of 16 years, was charged with stealing a silver lever watch, worth about £5, a pocket knife, and 4s in money, the properties of Joseph McCann, ironworker, of 15 Eltringham Street, Blackhill, on the preceding Wednesday.—The prisoner has only recently arrived in this country from County Amargh, Ireland, and came to lodge with the prosecutor on the 29th ult. On the morning of the 3rd inst., McCann missed the articles above-mentioned, which were in the bedroom occupied by the prisoner. The same day he gave information to Sergt. Cruickshank, who tracked the prisoner all the way to Carlisle. A telegram was immediately despatched to the Chief-Constable of that city, fully describing the features of the youth. The sergeant also proceeded to Carlisle, and succeeded in apprehending the prisoner just before his departure *en route* for Ireland, as a railway pass to Belfast, (besides the stolen property) was found in his possession —On being charged in Court, the prisoner began to weep. He pleaded guilty to the offence, and said he took the watch and money to pay his fare with, intending to return the articles when he reached home.—The prosecutor said he did not wish to press the case, if he only received his property; and it was stated by the brother of the prosecutor (who was well acquainted with the prisoner's parents) that the youth was somewhat weak in his mind, and not accountable for his actions.—In consideration of these facts, the magistrates decided to commit the prisoner to Durham for one month, with hard labour.

PERMITTING DRUNKENNESS AT BLACKHILL.

Mr Dickinson Taylor, landlord of the Station Hotel, Blackhill, was summoned on a charge of permitting drunkenness on his premises, on Sunday night, 23rd ult. Mr Dix appeared for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Garbutt deposed that about nine o'clock on the night in question, whilst he was on duty in Cemetery Road along with P.C. Featherstone, he heard a disturbance inside the defendant's public-house. On proceeding into the tap-room, he observed several men creeping about on the floor; and Morgan (the man who pleaded guilty at last Court, and was fined for drunkenness) was sitting at the table with a pint pot of beer in front of him. The landlady alleged that the men on the floor were looking for a sixpence that had dropped down, and she was assisting them by holding a lighted candle. He did not make any complaint then, but Featherstone and himself walked out of the house. They both returned shortly before ten o'clock, and hearing that an unusual disturbance was still going on in the tap-room, they entered the place a second time, and found Morgan quarrelling with a person named Brittain, and the latter complained to them that Morgan had struck at him. Morgan was intoxicated, and he (witness) drew the landlord's attention to his condition. Mr Taylor replied: "I did no know he was here. It is half-an-hour since I served him with any drink." P.C. Featherstone and himself then escorted the man home, but he was so incapable when they arrived at his house that he could not stand upright, and they were obliged to place him in a chair.

By Mr Dix: He had known Morgan a few months. He believed he had a severe wound on his head, which was quite fresh, and did not appear to have been inflicted eleven years ago. Morgan was a deaf old man. Witness could not say that he was rather strange in his manners, which made him resemble a man under the influence of liquor. There was nothing peculiar about the man's eyes. When he went into the house the first time, he did not give any word of caution. He did not think he had been guilty of gross neglect of duty in not doing so. He would swear the men were shouting and making a great noise. There was not a fight going on in the house. Morgan did not complain that Brittain had taken up his glass and supped off the contents. If such had been the case that would not have been sufficient reason to account for the disturbance. When he went into the tap-room, the landlord was standing at the door. Although he (the officer) had seen Morgan in the house three-quarters of an hour before that, yet Mr Taylor informed him that he did not know the man was in the house. There would be half-a-dozen men in the tap-room. The defendant did not tell Morgan to get up and show himself, neither did the latter walk across the room and back again. Morgan never told him that he was quite capable of going home himself. It was not a fact that Morgan opened the door and walked straight out of the hotel alone. He caught hold of Morgan by the arm, Featherstone taking the other arm, and they marched him off home. The man could not stand; he was staggering about, and had to steady himself by holding to the table whilst in the room.

By the Bench: He saw drink in front of Morgan when he was in the house the second time.

P.C. Featherstone gave corroborative testimony; and alleged that Morgan took the pint pot in his hand, and drunk out of it in the presence of the constables.

Cross-examined by Mr Dix: He had not seen Morgan before this occasion. He did not hear the man say at the previous Court that he had an indentation in his scull. Morgan was rather deaf, and spoke very loud. Did not hear the defendant tell Morgan to walk across the room and back; and he would swear that he did not do so. The man was staggering about the door when they (the officers) went inside, and Brittain and him were quarrelling. Morgan was wanting to fight Brittain, and he put himself into a pugilistic attitude. The man did not walk out of the house, but he was led out.

To the Bench: He had only been stationed at Blackhill about three weeks.

Joseph Brittain, labourer, living at No 7, Armstrong Street, Blackfine, stated that on the evening named, he saw Morgan leave his house about half-past five o'clock. Witness visited the Station Hotel shortly after seven o'clock, and noticed Morgan and W. Ridley sitting in the tap-room; and two other men subsequently entered. While he (Brittain) was in the act of lighting his pipe at the gas, Morgan, without any provocation, gave him a "shove" in the breast, which knocked him down on the floor. Immediately afterwards, two policemen came in, and obtaining Morgan's name and address they led him away.

By the Bench: He saw the police twice inside the house. It was just before the second visit that he was knocked down.

By Mr Dix: There would be half-a-dozen people in the room when the officers entered the first time. Some of the men were on their knees looking for a sixpence which Morgan had dropped. A person called Sanderson was in his company, and Morgan paid for two pints of beer, which they drunk amongst them; and a third pint was brought, but he could not say who supped it.

In reply to the Bench, witness said he would swear that Morgan drank two pints himself. When the police came in Morgan had a pint of beer before him, which he had paid for.

Cross-examination continued by Mr Dix: It was not a fact that he picked up Morgan's glass of beer and finished it off. It was his own pint standing on the mantlepiece that he drank. He never had any quarrel with Morgan, and he could not give any reason why the latter insulted him.

By the Bench: When he first entered the tap-room, soon after seven o'clock, Morgan was the worse for liquor. Witness told the policeman to take the man out, as he was very unruly, and had struck at him.

Thomas Sanderson spoke to a disturbance being carried on in the tap-room of the Station Hotel between nine and ten o'clock on the Sunday night, caused by Morgan being tipsy and wanting to fight. Brittain had not done anything to Morgan when the latter struck at him, and the landlady came and separated them. There had been some mischief before that happened. The police-officers came in and hustled Morgan off home; he was standing steadily and walked across the room when the constables came in.

Cross-examined: The mischief was commenced by Morgan accusing Brittain of having supped some beer out of his mug. Morgan could have walked home all right, if the police had only allowed him. Did not observe Morgan walk across the room and back.

By the Chairman: He did not see Brittain drink off Morgan's beer.

In answer to P.C. Garbutt, witness stated he was in the Station Hotel on the preceding (Sunday) night, but the landlord did not tell him that if he went to the house that morning he would give him some beer. Mr Turner asked him to look in on the following (Monday) morning.

This closed the evidence for the prosecution.

Mr Dix, on behalf of his client, pointed out that there were two important questions to consider in reference to this case. First, was Morgan so drunk, or did he manifest such symptoms of drunkenness, that any reasonable or prudent landlord could have detected him to be in any such state, and then have turned him from his premises? True, it was a fact that Morgan was convicted and fined at a previous Court for being intoxicated on the present occasion, but he understood that no witnesses were called in defence; and he submitted that if the man had been properly defended by a solicitor, he would not have been convicted. The rememberance of this fact, however, would not in any way prejudice their worships' minds in dealing with the case as regards his client. He would submit, for the purposes of this case, that Morgan was not intoxicated. The man was short in stature, very deaf, and the peculiar appearance of his eyes closely resembled a drunken man. Of course, Morgan was very much enraged and excited when the police entered, and the landlord could not draw an exact line as to whether these peculiarities were natural or unnatural. He was informed that Morgan partook of one pint of beer only in the defendant's house that night; but he was labouring under great agitation when the officers entered, in consequence of Brittain having supped off his glass, and the police came to the conclusion that he was under the influence of drink. It would be impossible for any person to walk straight between a couple of policemen tugging away at either arm. Mr Dix then called.

Edward Morgan, who said he was a labourer employed at the Consett Iron Works. On Sunday night, 23rd ult., he went into the tap-room of the defendant's house betwixt six and seven o'clock, and met seven or eight people there. He had borrowed sixpence before going into the house, and he had 1½d of his own. He ordered a glass of beer, which he drank himself. After Sanderson entered, he called for another pint, which they supped between them. Subsequently, another pint of ale was brought in, Sanderson drank first, and then Brittain picked up the glass and emptied the contents. A "few words" arose between Brittain and himself, and as the latter was in the act of coming up to him, he merely pushed him away with both hands. He (witness) had sustained an accident to his head about eleven years ago. When the police entered the second time they charged him with being drunk. At this, he got up from his seat and walked twice across the room, and told them he did not look like a drunken man. The police then demanded his name and address, and he gave them up, and they afterwards took him home. He was as capable of walking as he was on that morning. He asked the constables to allow him to go home by himself, but they refused.

By the police: He was in the house two hours, but he only drank one glass of beer all the night. He was sitting down when the officers came in on the second occasion, and was not staggering about the floor or wanting to fight with Brittain.

Pattinson Osborne, county court official, said he saw Morgan just before he went into Mr Taylor's house on that particular night, when he was perfectly sober. The man borrowed 6d from him.

Miss Elizabeth Ann Taylor, the defendant's daughter, testified that on the evening named, she supplied all the liquor in the tap-room. She served Morgan with two glasses of beer, and he was quite sober when she gave him the last pint. There was no extraordinary noise when the police came into the house the first time.

Mrs Margaret Taylor, wife of the defendant, also swore that there was not any disturbance when the officers first entered the tap-room. They never called her attention to any person, or made any complaint: She saw Morgan on both occasions, and he was all right.

Replying to the police, Mrs Taylor denied that she was assisting the men to look for a sixpence with a lighted candle when they entered the first time.

The defendant, sworn, said that he had been a licensed person for nine years, and never had any complaints made against him. He saw Morgan come into his tap-room on the night in question perfectly sober. He did not see what the man had to drink. He only observed the police enter his house on the second occasion, and he followed them into the tap-room. They asked Morgan for his name and address, which he furnished them with. There was no scuffle on the floor. At his request Morgan got up and walked twice across the floor without staggering or without any assistance. He then told the man he had better go home, and he went out of the house by himself. He denied that the officers led the man out. To the best of his knowledge Morgan was not under the influence of liquor.

By P.C. Garbutt: Did not hear any noise in the tap-room about ten o'clock. He never requested Morgan to sit down and behave himself.

Other witnesses having been called in defence, the Bench examined the register, and found that Mr Turner, the owner of the house, was convicted of a similar offence about twelve months ago. The magistrates afterwards retired and consulted in private for about ten minutes. On making their re-appearance, the Chairman said the case had been proved, and the defendant would be fined £5 and £1 14s 6d costs, the license not to be endorsed.

Mr Dix intimated that notice of appeal might be given.

CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 10th—Before E. J. MEYNELL, Esq., Judge.

"NOT UP THE BUSINESS."

NICHOLSON *v.* HUTCHINSON.—This was an action brought by George Nicholson, slater, of Leadgate, to recover from John James Hutchinson the sum of £19 10s 4d, for slating two houses at Hill Top, near Dipton, belonging to the defendant. Mr C. E. Barnes, Durham, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr Mawson, also of Durham, was for the defendant.—Plaintiff said that in October, 1882, a person named Chambers came to him and inquired his price for slating some houses. He went to see the place, and afterwards proceeded along with Mr Chambers to visit the defendant, when the former interviewed Mr Hutchinson with reference to the matter. Subsequently the defendant came out of his house, and said, "All right, Mr Nicholson, slate the houses, and as soon as they are done, I'll send you a check for the money." He (plaintiff) said to the defendant that it was perfectly understood about the payment of the money, and Hutchinson replied, "All right." Chambers, who was present, then said to him, "That will do for you, are you satisfied?" Mr Chambers was a builder, and he had to erect the houses. He (plaintiff) immediately performed the work satisfactorily, and he sent his account to the defendant on the 23rd October last. He received no reply, and a month later, he visited Hutchinson personally, and the latter assured him "That the thing is rather difficult, but I'll see that you are paid. It is a very hard case if I have to pay the money twice over." He had seen the defendant three times about the matter, and he generally replied, that he was "Not well up in this sort of business, and that I ought to have kept him right;" adding that Chambers was going to make him hand the money over to him. He (plaintiff) never applied to Chambers for payment, as he did not strike the bargain with that person. Cross-examined: He gave Chambers the price for the work, but told him he could not execute any slating for him, as he was a perfect stranger to him, but he would do the work for Hutchinson. The defendant never uttered a word to him about Chambers having the whole of the contract, including the slating. Some time after the houses were slated, Mr Chambers was adjudged a bankrupt.—Defendant, sworn, alleged that in the early part of last year he let a contract to Mr Chambers for erecting to houses for him at Hill Top, and the work included the slating. When the plaintiff came to him, he informed him that he had taken the contract for slating off Chambers. He (defendant) replied that it did not matter to whom he paid the money, so long as he had authority from Mr Chambers, and the latter said it would be "all right." When the plaintiff applied to him for payment, he stated, "I durst not pay Mr Chambers's money without his authority." He (Hutchinson) had been requested by the trustees of Chambers to pay the whole amount, and there was only a small balance owing. —By Mr Barnes: It was not extraordinay that plaintiff should have applied to him for the money, and he never answered his request for the settlement of the account. When Mr Nicholson called for his money, he told him that he would pay him as soon as he had authority from Chambers. Although the latter did not finish the cottages for him, he never asked the plaintiff or anyone else to complete the work. He was not aware that he applied to Mr Nicholson for to do some mason work for him last November.—To His Honour: Did not know the reason why Chambers accompanied the plaintiff to see him about the contract. He had never received instructions from Chambers to pay the money to Mr Nicholson.—Charles Chambers, builder, living at Willington, stated that he contracted to build two houses for the defendant, and he applied to the plaintiff for his tender for slating. The latter gave his price, and he agreed with Mr Nicholson at so much per yard. As they were strangers to each other, he (witness) expressed his willingness to accompany the plaintiff to the defendant's house, and come to some agreement about the payment of the money. They saw Hutchinson himself, and the plaintiff "asked me if I would allow the defendant to pay him after the work was done according to plans and specifications?" Hutchinson replied that he was willing to do so, provided he procured a note from his (witness's) hand. Plaintiff appeared to be thoroughly satisfied with the arrangement. He liquidated in June last. He had never given defendant authority to pay this money, because the work had not been performed according to agreement, and he complained of the quality of the slates and the price. Plaintiff never refused to do the work for him.—Replying to Mr Barnes, witness admitted that the plaintiff had never applied to him for the money for slating. He had paid Mr Nicholson for putting in a damp-proof course. He left the houses in an unfinished state, and subsequently the defendant and himself had a "few words" about it. Hutchinson had applied to a joiner at Crook to complete the cottages. He met the plaintiff at Tantobie, and he "told him a thing or two." He (witness) informed Mr Nicholson that he would try his best to prevent him from getting his money, and that if Hutchinson paid him for the slating, he (defendant) would have to pay the money over again. He had told the plaintiff many a time that he would not give Hutchinson authority to pay the money due.—Judgment for plaintiff for full amount in twenty-eight days.

AN INCOMPLETE DINNER SET.

BANKS *v.* COULSON.—The plaintiff in this case, Mrs Margaret Banks, of Shotley Bridge, sued the defendant, J. R. Coulson, of Newcastle, wholesale dealer in china ware, for the sum of 15s.—Plaintiff bought a dinner set from the defendant, for which she paid £3 17s 10d; but when the set arrived at her house, five pieces were missing. She had to purchase three of the articles elsewhere for 15s, and the defendant subsequently forwarded the other two things which completed the set.—Defendant submitted that it was beyond His Honour's jurisdiction to deal with this case. The goods were ordered and paid for in Newcastle, and they were delivered by him, at the plaintiff's request, to Bullerwell, the carrier, in Newcastle.—It was pointed out that the missing articles were ordered by the plaintiff to be delivered to her house at Shotley Bridge, and His Honour said that circumstance brought the case within the limits of his jurisdiction.—Defendant admitted that the salad board had not been sent, and said the plaintiff could have obtained the other three missing pieces for 2s 6d each, and yet she was suing him for 5s apiece.—A verdict was given for the plaintiff for 15s and full costs.—Defendant observed that on the previous day he had forwarded to Mrs Banks a postal order for 5s, and His Honour agreed to deduct that amount from the sum claimed.

DAMAGE TO CROPS BY POULTRY.

GREENER *v.* MCLAREN.—Jonathan Greener, the elder, butcher, sought to recover £1 19s from John McLaren, of Kyo, for damage to a field of barley by poultry.—Mr Welford, who defended, admitted the damage, but disputed the sum claimed, which was excessive.—The plaintiff having spoken to seeing the defendant's cocks and hens (along with other poultry) in his barley field several times a day, called Mr A. Phillipson, auctioneer and valuer, of Dipton, who said he examined the field on the 20th September, and he estimated the damage to amount to 50s. In one single acre of the field, there were thirteen or fourteen bolls of corn gone, it being worth 18s per boll.—Plaintiff's son was sworn, and he alleged the damage to be at least £5.—Mr Welford called Robert Thompson, farmer, who said he had frequently noticed the field, and he assessed the damaged at 10s. Most of the corn, he asserted, had been damaged by schoolboys running amongst the barley and plucking off the heads.—Defendant said he had seen other people's fowls in his field besides his own.—His Honour found for the plaintiff for 10s only.

A DOUBLE DISTRAINT.

DARLING *v.* ATKINSON.—In this case, William Darling, Consett, sued W. Atkinson, of the same place, for £1 7s 6d, balance of rent due.—It appears that the defendant occupied a cottage, containing four rooms, belonging to the plaintiff, at a rental of £8 per year, to be paid quarterly. Atkinson failed to keep up his payments, and the plaintiff instructed Mr John Jenkins to distrain a portion of his furniture, but there was not sufficient to satisfy the amount in arrear, as when the goods were sold they only realised £6 odd.—The defendant alleged that the bailiffs twice seized his goods. The first distraint was made on the 2nd May, when a cart load of furniture was taken away; and about a month afterwards, another load of furniture was seized.—David Jenkins was called, and admitted that his father had twice distrained the defendant's goods.—His Honour considered these proceedings most extraordinary, and adjourned the case for a month, for the attendance of Mr Jenkins.

A CURIOUS EQUITY SUIT.

GLANCEY *v.* JEFFERSON.—His Honour had before him an equity suit, *re* Glancey deceased. Mr Welford appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr I. Batey of Hexham, was for the defendant, John Jefferson, of Corbridge.—The facts of the case are that in the year 1872 the defendant purchased a dwelling-house, situate at Shotley Bridge, for £190, and a deposit of £50 was made at the time. His Honour subsequently ordered that the remaining £140 should be paid into Court forthwith. Mr Welford now asked that the balance of the money, together with interest at the rate of four per cent. from the date the contract was signed—viz., 10th June, 1872—should be handed over by the defendant.—The interest alone for that period amounted to £61 12s. The reason the matter had been delayed so long was because there was some difficulty in the way as to title.—Mr Batey did not appear to withstand the order of the Court, but as there was some difficulty concerning the title, it was possible they might have waived it. There had been a great amount of laxity exhibited by his client as well as the plaintiff, otherwise the money ought to have been paid into Court before now.—His Honour pointed out that the very fact of the defendent retaining possession of the property, or receiving the rents therefrom, shewed that he accepted the title.—Mr Batey observed that the total amount received in rent since 1872 was £205, and between £40 and £50 had been expended on the property, which was in a very delapidated state. Considering all the circumstances of the case, his client was willing to pay three per cent. interest.—His Honour ordered the balance of £140 to be paid into Court, with interest at the rate of four per cent. within fourteen days.

QUOIT MATCH AT WINLATON.—A quoit match was played in a field at Winlaton last Saturday, between J. Foster, of Dipton, and M. Hood, of Winlaton, for £10 a-side, 41 up. The game was won by Foster by one point. It was a very exciting contest as at one time Hood was 18 to Foster's 4.

TANTOBIE QUOIT GROUND.—On Saturday afternoon a quoit match was played at Tantobie, for £20 a-side, between Wm. Elliott, of Consett, and Lawrence McKenna, of Tanfield Lea. The game was a most exciting one, 61 being up, and Elliott succeeded in winning by 7 points. At these grounds on Saturday, £1 a-side was made good to bind a match between Wm. Elliott, of Consett, and L. Kyo; and £1 a-side was also made good between Wigham, of Westwood, and Stinger, of Westwood, each match to be for £10 a-side.

A SPECULATION IN BONES.—An amateur farmer was badly sold recently. He had a great project on hand for boiling down bones to make "superphosphate." All the neighbouring boys were engaged to collect material. The man thought, however, that he would first try the bones as a fertilizer without burning. So, having a lot of grapevines, the first lot of bones were planted around the roots of one vine. The boys saw the proceeding, so at night they went and dug them all up again. Bright and early the next morning they presented themselves with a supposed new lot. The bones were bought again and put around a second vine. The process was repeated till fourteen grapevines had been thus served and fourteen times had those identical bones been sold.

AVERAGE WEIGHT.—A Prussian of an inquiring mind has been trying to average the weight of people. The average shows that a citizen of the world on the first day of his appearance in public weighs about six pounds and a half—a boy-baby a little more, a girl-baby a little less. Some very modest babies scarcely turn the scale with two pounds and a half, while other pretentious youngsters boast of ten and eleven pounds. He grouped his thousands of people according to ages, and found that the men of twenty averaged one hundred and forty-three pounds each, while the women of twenty averaged one hundred and twenty pounds. His men reached their heaviest bulk at about thirty-five, when their average weight was one hundred and fifty pounds; but the women slowly grew on until fifty, when their average weight was one hundred and twenty-nine pounds. Men and women together, the weight at full growth averaged almost exactly one hundred and forty pounds.

JOSH BILLINGS.—The famed writer of the Yankee proverbs is now about sixty in years, and shows it. His hair, which is as long and unkempt as ever, is iron gray, and his stiff, drooping moustache is fast changing to the colour of old age. As he grows older, he seems to become more and more supremely regardless of persons, surroundings or opinions. As he greets one with a machine-like "How do ye do?" or an inanimate "Good day," the impression is conveyed that he has arrived at the state of life and prosperity where he deems fate powerless to work any alteration for the worse. Billings is essentially a man to himself, taciturn and unobtrusive everywhere. His royalty from the circulation of his "Proverbs," his almanacs and other works swell his yearly income to about five thousand dollars. He is now a willing but not an attractive lecturer; his services in that field are small and wanting demand. From the proceeds of his labour he has amassed a fortune of over fifty thousand dollars. All this money apparently affords himself and wife but meagre and inelegant comfort. They pass a quiet, relegated, but doubtless contented life, in an unpretentious Sixty-third street dwelling house, the garret of which is made to answer the combined purpose of literary sanctum and storehouse.

THE SACK AND BOX TRICK.—What can be more marvellous at first sight than the sack and box trick which conjurors sometimes perform? A man is put in a sack, the neck of which is securely tied up with string, and the knots carefully sealed. The sack is then placed in a box which stands on a platform above the stage; the box is locked, and numerous seals are placed on the cracks where the lid closes. How utterly incredible it seems that the man can free himself—that is to say until one knows how it is done. But how is it done? Very simply indeed, darkness being secured. The sack is made of an elastic fibrous stuff through which the captive can easily make his way without disturbing the neck; and the hole through which he has escaped closes behind him in consequence of the elasticity of the material. He is now free in the sealed box, and what does he do next? The top of the box is so constructed that when a spring is touched it turns easily upon a rod, inserted longitudinally through the top. There is, in fact, a false top, some inches above the apparent top where the locks and seals are. They remain intact while the false top is now swinging loosely. A second touch of the spring when the captive has slipped out securely fastens the false tops. The lights are turned on, spectators are summoned to look at the seals, which have not, of course, been touched; the seals are broken, the box unlocked, and there in the box is the empty sack, while to the amazement of all present, who do not know the secret, the man who was so firmly entrapped steps forward upon the stage.

PAYING A DUBLIN CABBY.—In Dublin the legal charge for a short ride in a public carriage is an English sixpence, but cabby expects you to give him very much more, and he always gets something in addition to the actual fare. If you ask him what his price is, he invariably "laves it to your honour;" but when you have paid him, no matter how many times the lawful amount, he is never satisfied. Two American gentlemen in Dublin, a short time ago, made a bet, one holding that he would give "cabby" such a fee that he could ask no more. This his friend declared was not possible. They took a cab, the first they met, and rode a distance of about two miles. "How much do I owe you?" inquired the gentleman at the end of the journey. "Sure an' your honour can give me whatever you like," said the driver. "But I would rather you would name your own charges." "Indeed an' I won't. It's not for me to say what a fine gentleman like you will give me." Thus put to the test the "fine gentleman" handed him over half a sovereign in gold for a ride that should have cost a sixpence at most. Cabby looked at the coin then at the gentleman, as if doubting the evidence of his senses at this unexpected munificence, but soon recovering from his surprise, he put his hand to his hat in respectful acknowledgment of his gratitude. "You have lost your bet," whispered the friend as they turned to leave. But before he and his companion had walked a half dozen steps, the driver, leaving his horse and vehicle to take care of themselves, was by their side, hat in hand. "Well, what do you want now; haven't you got your fare?" "So I have," said the driver, with an insinuating smile, "an' it's yourself is the gentleman that gave me a fine one this blessed day; but your honour, haven't you a spare sixpence in your pocket; I don't like to change the goold?"

Work is a necessity in one way or another to all of us. Overwork is of our own making, and, like all self-imposed burdens, is beyond our strength.

Act upon your own impulses, but pray that they may be directed by God.

Sanctified thoughts, thoughts made conscious of, and called in, and kept in awe, and given fuel that burns not, are a water for Satan's coal.

Independent is he who has no wants which he cannot gratify without the least risk of being overtaken by debt or tempted to dishonour; a man ten times richer, but with twenty times more wants, is, in reality, twice as poor.

TENT SERVICES AT BYKER.—During the past two months, on the Sunday evenings, Mr J. Fawcett has been conducting Gospel services in the large tent owned by Mr Taylor, auctioneer, and kindly granted by Mr Pearson, free of all charge. Mr Fawcett has been ably supported by various ladies and gentlemen in the city, who have rendered great service in singing and delivering addresses. The friends of the Thornboro' Street Mission are ably working in conjunction with Mr Fawcett. The last Sunday it was estimated over 2,000 persons were present to hear Mr Fawcett's address.

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches." These famous "lozenges" are now sold by most respectable chemists in this country at 1s. 1½d. per box. People troubled with a "hacking cough," a "slight cold," or bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Asthmatic affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are on the Government Stamp around each box.—Prepared by JOHN I. BROWN & SONS, Boston, U.S. European depot removed to 33, Farringdon Road, London.

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N.B.—Mr. MATTHEW WILLEY, Iveston Road, Leadgate (late with GEORGE HAWDON, Rate Collector), will be happy to wait upon you, on receipt of Post Card, and submit Patterns and Prices of our well-known Dress and Drapery Goods. All Parcels forwarded at once, CARRIAGE PAID! 99s

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This Calf Meal is an excellent substitute for milk, and what is of very great importance to Stock Breeders, it tends greatly to save calves from that inflammatory fever commonly called quarter-ill.

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Thanks the residents of Consett and surrounding District for their patronage during the past Twelve months, and solicits a continuance of the same.

T. M. begs to inform the Farmers and Graziers of Consett, Lanchester, and vicinity, that he appointed Agent for Messrs. BELL and RIDDLE'S SOLUBLE OIL SHEEP DIPPING.

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Public Notices.

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MUSIC LESSONS given on the PIANOFORTE and HARMONIUM. Pianofortes Tuned and Repaired.—Address, T. JONES, 6, Green-St., Consett.

LEADGATE LEEK SHOW will be held at JOS. NOBLE'S, Commercial Inn, Leadgate, on October 20th, 1883. 294s

NOTICE is Hereby Given, that on and after Monday, 22nd of October, the Milk will be 4d. per quart in the Blackhill District. 284s

NOTICE.

THE Game on the Farms at Consett Mill House and Allendale Farms is strictly preserved.—Dogs found on these Farms will be destroyed, and all Persons found Trespassing will be prosecuted. 365s

NOTICE.—A BIBLE CLASS will be commenced in the Victoria Sale-Rooms Consett, on Friday, October 12th, 1883, at Seven o'clock in the Evening, and will be continued on the same day and hour of each week until further notice. All are kindly invited. 286s

MEDOMSLEY CRICKET CLUB.

IN connection with the above Club, a GRAND EVENING CONCERT is arranged to be given in the Templars' Hall, Medomsley, on Monday, Nov. 5th, 1883. Particulars in future announcements. 259s

TAYLOR'S Celebrated EXTRACT OF LIME and GLYCERINE, 6d. per Bottle; POLISHING PASTE, 1½d. per Box; and SANDBALLS, 1½d. each, can be had only of the sole agents, Miss WILLIAMS, 4, Mount Pleasant, Consett, and at WILLIAMS' Refreshment Rooms, Blackhill. 281s

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES will be held in St. James's Church, Burnopfield, on Sunday, October 14th. Morning Preacher—Rev. J. M. CHESTERS, Curate of Beamish. Evening Preacher—THE VICAR.

A Collection will be made in aid of the Sunday School. 270s

DERWENT ANGLING ASSOCIATION.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above Association will be held in the Town Hall, Shotley Bridge, on Saturday Evening, the 13th inst., at Seven o'clock.

ELI BURTON, Hon. Sec.

Shotley Bridge, October 3rd, 1883 261s

NOTICE.

THE FURNESS RAILWAY COMPANY have opened an Office at 49, Collingwood Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, where all information as to the Barrow Docks, also Tariffs for Dock Dues, Charges for loading and discharging, rates, &c., can be obtained from 872r

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AN ACCOMPLISHED ELOCUTIONIST, MUSICIAN, AND SINGER,

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 1883. 279s

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EXCURSION TO LONDON FOR TWO DAYS.

ON SUNDAY, October 14th, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT at 8·20 p.m. for LONDON.

Fare, there and back, Third Class, 13s. 6d.

The Return Train will leave Kings Cross Station, London, at 10·30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16th. 282s

LANCHESTER WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

OPENING OF NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS, &c.

ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17th, 1883, THE

REV. HENRY W. JACKSON, B.A.,

Chairman of the District, will Preach in the WESLEYAN CHAPEL, LANCHESTER,

At Three o'clock in the Afternoon; after which,

TEA WILL BE PROVIDED, IN THE NEW SCHOOL-ROOM. Tickets 1s. each.

IN THE EVENING, THE

REV. RICHARD ROBERTS

Of London, will Preach at Half-past Six o'clock.

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21st, THE

REV. E. THEODORE CARRIER,

Of Gateshead, will Preach in the same Place of Worship, in the Afternoon at Two, and in the Evening at Six o'clock.

A Collection will be made at each Service in aid of the Building Fund. 260s

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

Medomsley.—Valuable Well-built and Substantial Property for Sale, including Double-fronted Shop and House, containing Seven Rooms, with Dairy, Washhouse, Cow Byre, and Large Yard behind, and all the Convenience thereunto belonging.

A DAM BRODIE respectfully intimates that as this Property was NOT SOLD at the Auction, on the 20th September Instant, it may be TREATED FOR PRIVATELY on application at his Office, Town Hall, Consett. 224s

Preliminary Notice.

Front Street, Consett.—Important and Extensive Sale of a large assemblage of superior Mahogany, Walnut, and other Household Furniture, including Mahogany Presses and Drawers; Drawers and Bookcases; Sofas and Chairs, in Hair-seating; Sofas and Chairs, in Leather; Easy Chairs, in Hair-seating and Leather; Mahogany Dining and Centre Tables; Painted Presses and Drawers; Walnut Centre and Fancy Tables; Ladies' Work Tables; Wringing and Mangling Machines; Mahogany, Brass, and Iron Bedsteads; Ash Chesflooner Bedsteads; Feather, Rabbit, Down, and Flock Beds; Floor Oilcloths; Looking Glasses; Cornice Poles; Fenders and Fireirons, &c., &c.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mr. J. W. DAVISON, who, in opening his extensive New Furnishing Warehouses in Front Street, Consett, is desirous of clearing out the principal portion of his present Stock, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the said Warehouses (immediately behind the North-Eastern Bank), a large assemblage of Household FURNITURE and SUNDRIES, particulars of which will be given in future Advertisements and Posters. Date to follow. 264s

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). 744s

By Mr. Joseph Oley.

Blackhill Mill.

MR. J. OLEY, instructed by Mr. G. HUNTER, who is about to emigrate, will SELL the whole of his Valuable Household FURNITURE, &c., at the above place, on Saturday, 20th day of October, 1883, at Two o'clock p.m. See Handbills. 278s

Alder's Farm, near Castleside.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, instructed by the Owners, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mr. GEORGE BROWN, Railway Hotel, Middle Street, Consett, on Wednesday, the 17th day of October, 1883, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, and subject to such Conditions as will be read at the time of Sale, the above

COPYHOLD FARM,

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N.B.—The FERN COTTAGE, situate at Castleside, will be Sold immediately after the above, if not previously disposed of by Private Contract. 240s

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TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the above Sale-Rooms, on Monday First, October 15th, 1883, a large quantity of Valuable Household FURNITURE,

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Sale to commence at One o'clock. 301s

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

69, Lintz Colliery.—Monday, October 15th, 1883.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. D. CRASSWELL, who is Emigrating to America, will SELL BY AUCTION the whole of his very Valuable Household FURNITURE, SEWING MACHINE, WRINGER, &c.

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

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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 1883.

ROUNDABOUT NOTES.

BY "RAMBLER."

One would have thought that by this time the belief in such nonsense as "charms" and "charmers" would have ceased to exist in the North of England, especially in this part of the district; but I have reason to believe that this kind of superstition still clings to an alarming extent to a certain class of people living in the outlying villages in our immediate locality, and this supposition is confirmed by the ludicrous episode (which is recorded in this morning's papers) that occurred at yesterday's meeting of the Lanchester Guardians. It will hardly be credited that in this nineteenth century, a presumably intelligent person, in full possession of his faculties, should appear before a body of gentlemen, and blandly inform them that, in consequence of having sustained some injuries to his shoulder, he had journeyed all the way from Burnhope Colliery to Leadgate for the purpose of consulting an individual whom he believed could, by means of "charms," effect a positive cure; and was actually persuaded to part with 3s 6d in order that certain mysterious devices should be performed, and the "subject" thereby healed and transformed into a new-made man altogether; yet such is a fact. By the way, I had no idea that we could boast of such an important personage as a "charmer" so close at hand. This is really a "charming" episode, and

AGRICULTURAL HALL, BENFIELDSIDE.

"THE HIDDEN GEM," ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 1883. Proceeds towards ERECTING NEW CLOCK in St. Mary's Church, Blackhill. See Bills. Tickets now ready. 290s

I sincerely trust that the worthy potentate will freely forgive me for inserting this gratuitous advertisement.

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I understand that early one morning during the present week four youths suddenly left their homes at Consett, without the knowledge or consent of their parents, and made tracks in the direction of Tyneside, from where, it is supposed, they have gone off to sea. Although a hue-and-cry was raised, and the fullest enquiries instituted, the whereabouts of the runaways is at present enveloped in mystery.

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It was with feelings of the deepest regret that I learnt of the decease of Mr James Eden, the respected and efficient master of Iveston Village School. The sad event occurred quite unexpectedly on Sunday, the 30th ult. A few weeks ago, Mr Eden took the opportunity afforded by the summer holidays of visiting his friends and relations at Darlington, and while staying there he was often heard to complain of pains in his stomach, but no serious notice appears to have been taken of the fact. At length, however, he was attacked by neuralgia in the kidneys, which resulted in his death in a sudden manner. The deceased gentleman, who was only twenty-two years of age, was a young man of great promise, and he was highly esteemed by the inhabitants of the village, who will doubtless feel his loss very much. His affable disposition, gentle demeanour, and social manner won for him the admiration and respect of a host of friends in this district. Since the beginning of the year, in consequence of the enlargement of the building at Iveston, Mr Eden has conducted his school under the most trying and disadvantageous circumstances; nevertheless, in spite of the many difficulties he had to contend against, he succeeded, by dint of perseverance and untiring energy, in raising the number of passes at the annual inspection in June last to, I believe, 97 per cent. Such conduct deserves the highest encomiums, I say!

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I noticed that harvesting operations were generally carried on by the farmers in the neighbourhood of Consett during the favourable weather that prevailed on Sunday last. Evidently they were fulfilling the old adage of "making hay while the sun shines."

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Now that the question of having an independent School Officer for the Consett Local Board district is receiving a great deal of attention, it may not be amiss to state that recent statistics shew that the average attendance at the various schools in Consett is (with the exception of a small country village) higher than any other place under the jurisdiction of the Lanchester Union Attendance Committee.

Local and District News.

CASTLESIDE CHURCH.—Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held in the above church on Sunday, 14th inst., morning, 10·30; evening, 6·30. Collections in aid of church expenses. 299s

A fruit banquet was held in Consett Baptist Chapel, on Tuesday evening last. The place was crowded, and an enjoyable time was spent.

TEMPERANCE AT WOLSINGHAM.—On Saturday night, the members of the Good Templars Lodge gave a fruit banquet and entertainment to a large company. Recitations, addresses, and songs were given, Bro. Darwin presiding.

A MAN DECAPITATED ON THE RAILWVY.—A platelayer, named Peter Johnson, in the employ of the N.E.R. Company, was killed by being run over at Stanley, on Monday last. Deceased was getting on to some waggons, when he fell, and the waggon passed over his head, death being instantaneous.

WESLEYAN FOREIGN MISSIONS AT WOLSINGHAM.—A meeting in connection with the above was held in the Wolsingham Wesleyan Chapel on Thursday se'nnight, Mr C. Bainbridge presiding. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. J. Lewis Manchester (deputation), and the Revs W. Henderson and Blair Allen (the circuit members). The contributions for the Wolsingham district last year were £48 9s 1d.

THE FAILURE OF A CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—A metting of the creditors of the West Wylam and Prudhoe Co-operative Society was held last Friday afternoon in the offices of the Northumberland and Durham Traders' Association, Grainger Street, Newcastle. The shareholders in the society offered a composition of 12s 6d in the pound, and after some discussion this was accepted—to be paid in three months.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL AT LANCHESTER.—We desire to remind our readers that the new Sunday school adjoining the Wesleyan Chapel, at Lanchester, will be opened on Wednesday next. The Rev H. W. Jackson, B.A. (Chairman of the district), will preach in the chapel at three p.m., after which tea will be provided in the school-room. At night, the Rev Richard Roberts, of London (who is well-known in this neighbourhood), will preach at 6·30.

BENFIELDSIDE STOCK AUCTION MART.—Messrs Nicholson and Murray sold at their mart on Monday 48 calving cows and heifers from £10 10s to £24; 6 fat cattle, £14 10s to £18 10s; 1 fat calf, £4; 36 grazing cattle, £6 to £11; 26 keeping calves, 12s to 34s; 150 fat sheep and lambs, 28s to 59s; 100 lambs, 20s to 26s; 2 foals, £9 to £16; 3 pigs, 50s to 60s. A large company present, and nearly the whole of the lots were disposed of; bidding brisk; a decided improvement on last week.

EDMONDBYERS WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Saturday evening, a concert of sacred music was given in the above place of worship, when there was a very good company present, the chair being occupied by Mr W. Robinson, of Medomsley. A number of solos, duets, and instrumental pieces were rendered by the choir in a highly creditable manner. A tea and coffee supper was provided after the close of the concert.—On the following day (Sunday) Mr Robinson preached twice (afternoon and evening) in the Wesleyan Chapel, collections being taken in aid of the chapel funds.

PRESENTATION AT NEWCASTLE.—Last week, a deputation of workmen from Consett waited upon Mr Pearson, the esteemed manager for Mr Taylor, auctioneer, who is now at Byker, Newcastle, and presented him with a handsome silver hammer and a beautifully illuminated address signed by Messrs Crawford, Welch, and Charlton, on behalf of the several workmen of Consett, as a token of esteem. Mr Crawford made the presentation in a neat speech, amidst loud applause from the large audience in the tent, where the handsome and useful presentation was made. Mr Pearson only recently was the recipient of a very handsome oil painting of himself and a large illuminated address from the working classes of Darlington. His high character and general sociability have won for him not only a large circle of friends in the county of Durham, but also on the banks of the Tyne, where he is now located.

Harvest thanksgiving services were held in Wolsingham Parish Church on Sunday last, the sermon in the morning being preached by the Vicar.

The Bearpark Coal and Coke Company have, we understand, resolved to erect 50 Simon-Carves cokeovens at the Bearpark colliery. The ovens are considered capable of producing the very large quantity of 670 tons each per annum.

The report of the Medical Officer of Health for the sub-district of Chester-le-Street shows that the death-rate sor the month of September was 13 per 1,000, the lowest of any previous month during the past year.

DURHAM MICHAELMAS SESSIONS.—These sessions will commence in the Assize Courts, Durham, on Monday morning next, before John L. Wharton, Esq. (chairman), and other magistrates. The calendar contains 69 cases, 6 of them relating to this locality.

Mrs Leach's *Practical Family Dressmaker* for October contains 50 illustrations, with plain descriptions how to cut out and make the neatest, most economical, and fashionable costumes, Dolmans, underclothing, &c. Instructions in cookery, and how to knit and crochet useful articles. The most practical book on home dressmaking.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.—The traffic return for the week ending October 6th, show an increase in only one department, that of £349 for dock dues. There is a decrease on passengers of £1,316, on merchandise and cattle of £562, and on minerals of £2,825, a total decrease of £4,354. The total increase to date is £23,364.

FASCINATED BY PRISON LIFE.—A singular incident occurred at Durham yesterday (Thursday). It appears that a man belonging South Shields had been incarcerated in the prison for some time, and he seems to becmo so enamoured of prison discipline and fare that at the expiration of the term yesterday he refused to leave the gaol. However, forcible means were resorted to, and a warder was despatched to see him to the station, and take the train for Shields. In the street the man's appearance was that of a wild, distracted being, and his resistance created considerable amusement to those who became acquainted with his object.

WATERHOUSES, HAMILTON, AND HEDLEY HILL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—The above society opened its winter campaign by holding a public meeting in the Wesleyan Chapel, Waterhouses, on Monday evening. Mr John Barrow presided. A large congregation was present, and listened most attentively to the stirring addresses delivered by Rev C. H. Barton, vicar, Rev M. P. Davison (Primitive), Rev R. W. Dobbie (Baptist), Ald. George Charlton, J.P., Gateshead; and Mr Thos. Binns, missionary. Resolutions were passed unanimously and enthusiastically in favour of local option and total Sunday closing.

PRESENTATION AND SUPPER AT TANFIELD.—The annual supper of the Tanfield Cricket Club was held at the Peacock Inn, Tanfield, on Saturday night. The president of the club (the Rev T. H. Archdale, M.A.), occupied the chair. After the usual toast were disposed of, the chairman presented the highest average scorer of of the season (Mr Wm. Taylor) with a handsome cricket bat suitably inscribed; the club also presented Mr W. T. Brown, with a cricket shirt as the second highest average scorer. Afterwards songs were sung by Messrs Dunden, Anderson, Taylor, Bowes, Swinburn, and others. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the evening's enjoyment.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Any dyspeptic sufferer aware of the purifying, regulating, and gently aperient powers af these Pills, should permit no one to cloud his judgement or to warp his course. With a box of Holloway's Pills, and attention to its accompanying "Directions," he may feel thoroughly satisfied that he can safely and effectually release himself from his miseries without impairing his appetite or weakening his digestion. This most excellent medicine acts as a nervine and bodily tonic by aiding nutrition, and banishes a thousand annoying forms of nervous complaints. An occasional resort to Holloway's remedy will prove highly salutary to all persons, whether well or ill, whose digestion is slow or imperfect, a condition usually evidenced by weariness, languor, listlessness, and despondency.

TOW LAW CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION.—On Monday evening, the members and their friends assembled in the Wesleyan Schools for the purpose of presenting Mr John Hughes, their conductor, with a silver mounted baton. The Rev T. C. Hughes took the chair, and after describing the constitution and objects of the society, called upon the Rev M. H. Simpson (vicar) to make the presentation, who in a neat speech, spoke in eulogistic terms of the qualifications of Mr Hughes as a teacher, having known him and watched his career almost from infancy. In presenting the baton he wished him long life, that he may be spared to use it, and to do good service to the musical world.—Mr Hughes in a pathetic speech suitably responded, after which the choir sung some choice glees and choruses.

DURHAM COUNTY PETTY SESSIONS.—On Wednesday, John Henry, miner, was charged with assaulting a boy named Richard Broughton, at Waterhouses, on the 28th ult.—Mr Heaviside represented the defendant.—The bench decided that Broughton had been teasing the half-witted man, and fined him 1s.—Thomas Forster, a boy employed at Bearpark Colliery, was charged with a breach of the rules of that colliery by riding on sets whilst at work, on the 1st inst.—Case dismissed on payment of costs.—Richard Fletcher, miner, was charged with assaulting a married woman named Mary Hansen, at the Boyne, on the 28th ult.—Bound over to keep the peace for three months.—Mary Ann Archer, a young woman, was charged with stealing £1, the monies of one Mark Coates, at Waterhouses, on the 25th ult.—Defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 25s, or go to gaol for one month.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST DEMONSTRATION AT CONSETT.—The annual demonstration of the various Primitive Methodist Societies included in the Shotley Bridge and Consett Circuit, took place at Consett on Saturday last. In the afternoon, after the usual circuit gathering in the Primitive Methodist Chapel (when a variety of topics were discussed), a conversazione was held in the schoolroom adjoining, which was followed by a tea party, all the gatherings being fairly attended. At night the members mustered in strong force at the Fountain, and after speaking and singing, marched to the chapel, where a public meeting took place. Mr Robert Telford, of Berry Edge Farm, the circuit steward, occupied the chair, and appropriate addresses were given by the local ministers—the Revs T. Elliott (Blackhill), C. Longstaff (Consett), and A. Campbell (Prudhoe)—Messrs D. Reed, Unsworth, Leadbitter, and others.

EPP'S COCOA,—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr Epps has provided our breakfast table with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a proper nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in Packets, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., (Homœopathic Chemists, London." — Also makers of Epps's Chocolate Essence.

THE HARVEST.—The farmers in the Annfield Plain district are now busy leading their corn into the stackyards. It is feared that some of the produce will turn out to be worthless in consequence of remaining wet so long and exposed to the wet weather. The harvest has proved very disastrous to most of the agriculturalists in this part, who have late growing crops, and yesterday (Thursday) a great quantity of corn might be seen standing in the "gating," which will have to stay out some days before it is fit to be taken away.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.—The ninth appropriation by ballot was held in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Blackhill, last night (Thursday), Mr M. Noble, one of the directors, presiding. After the chairman had explained the mode of ballot, Messrs J. Richley and W. Reed were appointed to act as scrutineers, and Master Davy to draw the balls. Number 111 was drawn, owned by Mrs Gibbinson, Shotley Bridge Station, who was therefore declared entitled to an advance of £300, free of interest, repayable during a term of 12½ years.

BENEFIT CONCERT AT WEST STANLEY.—On Saturday night, a concert of vocal and instrumental music was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, being held under the auspices of the Miner's Lodge, for the benefit of one of their fellow workmen. The chair was occupied by Mr Rutherford, colliery manager, Oakeys Cottage. There was a good audience, and the programme was well received by them. The Primitive Methodist choir rendered several pieces in a satisfactory manner, under the conductorship of Mr R. Pearson. Mr G. Forster's celebrated string band was also present, and performed suitable selections of music, and the "Piccolo Solos" of Mr G. Forster were well rendered and appreciated. Songs were given by Mr G. Wood, recitations and readings were well executed by Mr Edwards and Mr Robson; the rendering of "Farmer Hardy" by Mr Edwards was well received, and the "Bashful Man" by Mr Robson was greatly applauded. A vote of thanks to the chairman and performers was carried unanimously, and the evening was brought to a close by the singing of the doxology. The choir performed the "Hallelujah Chorus" (Handel) at the close.

LEEK SHOW AT THE SPEN.—The annual leek show open to the workmen and others who reside within a radius of two miles of the Spen and Victoria Garesfield Collieries was held on Saturday se'nnight at the house of Mr R. Browell, Miners' Arms, The Spen. The show was the best, both as regards quantity and quality, that has been held, and the judges had considerable difficulty in awarding the prizes, as the exhibits appeared about equal in merit; in fact the show was a credit to those who were in any way connected with it. The first prize was secured by Mr G. Errington, who received a valuable set of chamber ware, Mr H. Thompson obtaining second prize, which comprised a pair of blankets. The first-named gentleman won the teapot for the best leek in the show. All the exhibitors, 24 in number, received a prize according to merit. The following were amongst the principal prize-winners: Messrs G. Errington, Thompson, Coulthard, Rodham, Emmerson, Robson, Browell, Lee, Bewick, G. Wishart, T. Wells, Stonehouse, Parker, Elliott, C. Summersides, and Morland. The whole of the arrangements were as complete as possible, and the hon. secretary, Mr J. Elliott, did all in his power to make the exhibition a success. Mr W. Henderson, Blaydon Burn, and Mr J. Wishart, The Spen, acted as judges.

ANNFIELD PLAIN CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—This society held its 53rd quarterly meeting on Saturday, the president (Mr P. Reay) in the chair, who warmly congratulated the members on the very high position to which their society had attained.—Mr Wm. Bell read the balance sheet, which showed that the sales in all departments for the present quarter was £14,302 7s 4½d, producing a nett profit of £2,446 10s 1d, which is appropriated as follows:—£115 19s 6d invested in share capital; £1 13s 4d to interest on savings' bank capital; £130 0s 0d to reduction of building; £40 to reserve fund, £2,151 18s 9d dividend on members' checks at 3s in the £, and the balance of £6 18s 6d carried forward. The members had increased this quarter 140, making a total on the books of 1,520. The balance sheet was adopted. It was agreed to give 1d per member from this store towards the building of the new "Co-operative Life Boat," intended to be built by the various Co-operative Societies in this locality. Also that the society give two guineas worth of goods towards the aged and infirm people's tea next Christmas. Mr Thomas Carr was elected treasurer in the place of Mr Staatford, resigned, for three months, and Mr Collinson was elected a committee-man vice Mr T. Carr, for the same period. The members adopted a plan for the enlargement of the warehouse at the Central, at a cost of £178, and further agreed to take up nine shares in the Bath House Estate.

SUDDEN DEATH AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.—Last Saturday night, George Wells, an old man sixty years of age, residing at Annfield Plain, expired very suddenly in the street. It seems the deceased left his home about six p.m., to attend a meeting at the Co-operative Store, and on leaving the place he encountered two men named Thomas Thompson and Thomas Stobbart, and the three conversed together while proceeding along the street. On nearing the house of Mr Lumley, the Railway Inn, Wales complained of having a cold, and said he would go into the house and drink half-a-glass of whiskey. Immediately after deceased and his friends had parted, the latter heard a heavy thud on the ground as if someone had fallen, and on looking ronnd they beheld Wells lying motionless on his back. He was at once taken home, and attended by Mr Fall, assistant to Dr Benson, and that gentleman pronounced life to be extinct. No inquest was held. Mr Wales, who lived in Clavering Place, was a colliery mason for Mr R. Dickinson for about eleven years. He was a very sober, industrious, and good workman, of a quiet disposition, and was much respected by his employer and workmen alike. He leaves a wife and upgrown family to mourn his loss. The deceased was interred at Collierley Church on Wednesday afternoon, and his remains were followed to the place of interment by a number of people in the village.

I. U. O. MECHANICS: OPENING OF LODGE-ROOM AT BLACKHILL.—A dinner in connection with the Derwent Valley Lodge of the above Order was held at the house of Mrs Jameson, Commercial Inn, Blackhill, on Saturday night, the occasion being the opening of a new and spacious Lodge-room recently added to the premises. A numerous company sat down to a sumptuous repast, served up in the worthy hostess's best style. After dinner, Bro. R. Walton, D.G.M., was voted to the chair, and Mr Joseph Eltringham to the vice-chair. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been honoured, the Chairman proposed "Success to the Derwent Valley Lodge, and kindred societies," and in submitting this toast the Chairman made a few remarks on the Order of Mechanics, more especially referring to their sick pay being permanent, and not subject to any reduction during a member's sickness. Bro. J. Lovett, I.G., responding for the Derwent Valley Lodge, said that lodge was opened in 1864 with 11 members, and it at present numbered 136 members, with a sick fund balance of £550. Mr H. Lamb, in a long and able speech, responded on behalf of the "Kindred Societies," and gave some statistics showing the great amount of good these societies were doing, but affirmed that they were yet only in their infancy, and that the time would come when every working man—worthy of the name—would be a member of some Friendly Society. The night's proceedings were enlivened by some capital songs from Messrs Rogers, Dixon, Sheffield, and others, and a highly-successful meeting was brought to a close by the company singing "Auld Lang Syne."

FRUIT BANQUET AT BLACKHILL.

The annual fruit banquet in connection with the Highgate Baptist Church at Blackhill, took place on Monday evening, when the neat but commodious structure was filled in every part. The chair was occupied by the Rev E. W. Jenkins, the respected pastor, who was supported on the rostrum by the Revs G. Lord (Free Methodist Minister, Blackhill), and James Roach (Baptist Minister, Consett). The proceedings having been suitably opened by devotional exercises,

The CHAIRMAN rose, amid much enthusism, and made a lengthy, but most interesting speech. He expressed his thankfulness at seeing so large a company present, and said that such meetings ought to be made social and instructive and productive of much good. If carried out properly, these gatherings would make themselves better acquainted with one another, and unite members of the Christian church as one family bound together. He hoped, therefore, they would cultivate this sociability. Their Creator had accomplished great things for them during the past year, and he was now opening His hand and supplying their wants. It was true that some persons in this country did not believe in God's promise that the seasons would come and go as usual—that while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease. Certain people in this district have not deemed it necessary to trust God in his Paovidence, as on the preceding day (Sunday) he observed some of the farmers cutting and getting in their corn. He knew this had been a trying season for agriculturalists, as there had been a great number of wet days in succession; but they should remember that a quantity of rain had been sent down for their good. He thought it would have been much better for those farmers if, instead of gathering in their corn on the Lord's Day, they had waited for another favourable opportunity, and their produce would have been all the better for it. How easy it would be for God to shut His hand and leave them without the fruits of the earth! After some further observations, the Chairman called upon

The Rev G. LORD to address the meeting. The rev. gentleman, who was favourably received, pointed out that it was intended his remarks should embrace the subject—"The duty of the Young to the Church." He was to have been preceded by the Rev James Barker, of Jarrow, who would have dealt with the question of "The duty of the Church to the Young," but unfortunately, that gentleman was absent, otherwise they would have heard both sides of the question. He (the speaker) conceived that the duty of the church to the young was simply to give them the best religious education possible, in the most reasonable, rational, and Christian manner, and so prepare them for the responsible duties devolving upon them when they arrived at manhood and womanhood. The duty of the young was to receive and consider such instruction as he had just referred to, and be grateful in return for the religious training they were receiving. Whilst their elders and teachers were in good health and strength they had to prepare themselves in the best possible way, and give them every assistance, as they would probably have to fill those places in the years to come. He fervently hoped that when the young in the Church to-day had grown up, they would be better able to serve God than they were doing at the present day. He did not believe in the old-fashioned divisions beween sacred and secular work. They should be moving onwards, always sustaining the honour of the Church. They should be as regular in their attendance at the House of God, so far as circumstances would permit. (Applause).

The Rev JAMES ROACH who was heartly applauded on rising to speak, said he had obtained the impression, since his arrival in the county of Durham, that the gatherings were the most popular at which there was something to eat. (Laughter). He had found out that there was a vast amount of difference between his countrymen (the Welsh) and the people in this district; and it was curious to notice how the people in this part appeared to cling so tenaciously to the old customs. Mr Roach observed that there was one or two of the customs keep up in Durham which they ought to try somehow or other to break through, and he afterwards proceeded to speak at considerable lenghth on the manners and customs of the Welsh people.

At the close thereof, Mr JAMES EDWARDS, in a very amusing speech which produced much merriment, proposed that a hearty vote of thanks should be given to the Charman, the speakers, the choir, &c.

Mr A. E. TURNER, in seconding the proposition, spoke in a humourous strain, and kept the audience convulsed with laughter.

The resolution was carried by hearty acclamation.

Several rounds of fruit and tarts were distributed during the evening; and the proceedings were greatly enhanced by the choir singing at intervals a number of popular anthems, including "Consider the lilies," "O God my King," and "God be merciful," which were executed in an effective and accomplished manner, under the able leadership of Mr J. Mackey.

After the doxology had been pronounced, the company dispersed, a most enjoyable evening having been experienced by all present.

ENTERTAINMENT AT ALLENDALE COTTAGES.—On Monday evening, a public entertainment of an interesting character was given at the above place, under the auspices of the Primitive Methodist society. Instructive addresses were delivered by Messrs W. Jewitt, R. Stephenson, W. Clayton, and W. Richardson, the meeting being under the able presidency of Mr J. Clarke, of Westwood. A choice selection of music was effectively rendered by the choir, fruit being served at intervals. The meeting throughout was instructive and enjoyable. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman, speakers, and choir for their services, and after the singing of the doxology the meeting terminated, the company being evidently fully satisfied with the pleasurable evening spent.

RECOGNITION SERVICES AT WATERHOUSES.—The recognition services in connection with the settlement of the Rev R. W. Dobbie, from Rawdon College, Leeds, as pastor of the Baptist Church at Waterhouses, were held on Wednesday. An excellent tea was provided by the ladies of the congregation, and afterwards a public meeting was held, presided over by Mr J. Wilson, Darlington. There were also on the platform the Rev T. G. Rooke, B.A., Rawdon College, Rev J. M. Stephens, B.A., Newcastle, Rev R. C. Smythe, Rawdon College, Rev E. W. Jenkins, Blackhill, Rev James Roach, Consett, Rev J. R. Handford, Bishop Auckland, Rev J. Pring, Wolsingham, Rev M. P. Davison, Waterhouse, and others. After praise, the Rev E. W. Jenkins read the lesson, and the Rev R. Handford offered the ordination prayer. The Chairman then read several letters of apology from gentlemen who were not able to be present, and then opened the meeting in a very racy and cheering address.—Mr Dobbie gave an account of his conversion, of what induced him to enter the ministry, and his acceptation of the call from that church.—Professor Rooke gave the charge to the pastor, basing his remarks upon Col. iv., 17: "Take heed to the ministry," and the Rev J. M. Stephens, B.A., then delivered the charge to the Church, taking as the basis of his remarks I. Cor. xvi., 10: "That He may be with you without fear."—After other addresses, a collection was made, over £5 being contributed. In continuation of the recognition services a popular entertainment was subsequently given, when the chapel was not large enough to contain much more than half of those who sought admittance. The meeting was finally brought to a close shortly after ten o'clock.

THE EXTENSION OF THE DIACONATE.

The following paper on "The Extension of the Diaconate" was read by the Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin, vicar of Benfieldside, at the recent Diocesan Conference held at Durham:—

In considering the question before us—the extension of the Diaconate—we must bear in mind the providential position of the Church of England. She is called upon to provide for the ever varying needs of an enormous population, and yet, at the same time, must carefully avoid all innovations opposed to the ancient historical constitution of the Church of Christ. As our Lord full of compassion for the multitudes, yet waited for His appointed hour, so we must often expect to hear as He heard—the murmers of self-willed men—self-constituted revivalists, and self-constituted Church reformers, who would blot the fair escutcheon of the Church with the bar sinister of impatience. The Church of England is, we believe, the great witness in Christendom to the value of Church principles. When an able statesman—minister of Henry the IV. of France—visited the English court, and saw how our Church—when she repudiated the usurped jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rome—had retained the threefold order of the ministry and liturgical worship, he expressed his sorrow that the French Protestant body, of which he was an attached member, had not been equally wise. Three hundred years have passed away, and when we behold the miserable condition of Continental Protestantism, we see how terribly his forebodings have been realized. The rejection of the Catholic system of Church government has been followed in France, Germany, Holland, and Switzerland, by the rejection—in too many instances—of the Catholic faith. We dare not make any rash change in the constitution of our Church, or in her divinely-appointed threefold ministry, lest we disappoint the hopes of the members of the Roman and Presbyterian Communions, who have so candidly expressed their belief that the Church of England is the hope of Christendom.

"If ever," wrote Count Joseph De Maistre—one of the most able Roman Catholics of modern times—"Christians draw nearer to each other as everything invites them, it seems that the movement must start from the Church of England;" and a much respected Presbyterian Divine—whose name is a household word in Scotland—speaking of the utterless, hopeless efforts of some English Nonconformists to win the Italian people over to their opinions, said, that he desired for the Italians "A Church which will gather into its bosom old and new elements of life from the Catholic clergy and laity; a Church, which rooting itself in the historic past of Italy, may in its development follow more the type of the English than that of any other reformation.' We must maintain our double witness against Papal and Puritan innovation, and show that the old Church organization is sufficient to meet the needs of our time. We possess the threefold ministry of the Catholic Church. We honour our Bishops as successors of the Apostles, as successors in an unbroken line of Augustine and Aidan, Apostles of England; of Stephen Langton and William Laud, champions of the Church. We know that even the darkest ages of our national history were brightened by a Hugh, of Lincoln, or a Joseph Butler, of Durham. No one can deny that the Bishops of our own day are abundant in labours, and few honest men will question the value of those labours for the House of God.

We have, too, the second order of the ministry, and as a St. Jerome had his place among the Catholic Doctors, and St. Columba, a priest—but not a Bishop—won for himself the title of Apostle of the northern portion of our island, so now in our own day priests like John Keble and Dr Hook have occupied as high a place in the estimation of Churchmen as the best beloved of our Bishops. We have also the Diaconate, but here, alas! we note a very different state of things. Whatever view we may take of the very difficult question before us, I venture to assert that the sacred order of Deacons does not occupy its proper place in the Church of England. We know the names of the great Deacons of the early Church: St. Stephen, the first martyr, in whose steps followed St. Lawrence, St. Vincent, and others. A Deacon, St. Ephrem, seems to have been to the Syrian Church what St. Jerome and St. Augustine were to the Latin Church, and St. Chrysoston to the Greek. In the work of the conversion of our English forefathers, a Deacon occupied a most honourable position, for when the Bishop Paulinus found it necessary to abandon the Northumbrian mission, James, the Deacon, the first choirmaster of the English Church, manfully kept his post. I need not now endeavour to show how this sacred order became a mere stepping stone to the office of the priesthood, the change came with many changes for the worse in the polity of the Church. What work is the Diaconate now doing for the Church of England, we can distinguish between the work of Bishops and Priests. We can say with some accuracy, what part—under God—of the great revival of the present century, the greatest in Church history, as good Dr Osborne, late President of the Wesleyan Conference, maintains we owe to our Bishops, and what part to the Parish Priests of England. But is it so with the third order of the ministry? What does the ordinary Churchman know about the Deacons of his Church? He may have noticed that some young and inexperienced clergymen are not allowed to pronounce the Absolution in the daily offices, or celebrate the Holy Communion. He is told that it would be unfair to expect much from these young men, as their time must be much occupied by the stricter studies required for the priesthood. The presence in a parish of two orders, instead of one order of the ministry, is looked upon as an inconvenience, and it is a relief when the assistant curate can no longer be spoken of as "only a Deacon."

I venture to maintain, that so long as the office of the Deacon is only held for one year, while it is looked upon merely as the necessary preliminary for another distinct office, the third order of the ministry cannot have its proper place, cannot do its divinely-appointed work, and we so far fail in our witness to Catholic order. It is no light fault to hinder the work of a high and sacred office in Christ's Church. The Deacon cannot make full proof of his ministry in one year. Would the ablest of our Bishops or of our Parish Priests be able to do so? And yet our Deacons are compelled by the force of public opinion to begin, it may be, on the very morrow of their ordination to the glorious office of St. Stephen and St. Lawrence, their studies for the priesthood. The Deacon of more than a year or two's standing must expect to bear the reproach of being either lacking in learning, tainted with unbelief, or faulty in morals, and he is compelled to become a candidate for the priesthood in self-defence.

Surely it is our duty to make full use of each order of the threefold ministry with which the Church of England is endowed. It is an endowment which—thank God—our enemies cannot by any act of State legislation take away from us. "Don't suppose," said an able Nonconformist minister some years ago to his co-religionists—"Don't suppose that when you have disestablished and disendowed the Church of England you will have everything your own way. Churchmen will then entrench themselves on the high rocks of their Apostolical Succession." We all—high and low Churchmen alike—value this commission. What a comfort in our hours of dispondency to feel that when we minister the sacraments or preach the Word of God, we derive our authority to do so, not from the State, but through a long and unbroken line of spiritual ancestors, from the risen Lord when He met his disciples in the Upper Chamber at Jerusalem. Our sister Church in Scotland was deprived by the State, at the close of the seventeenth century of all her endowments, but this endowment—yet next year—the members of the great and flourishing Church of the United States of America, with about sixty Bishops, will commemorate the centenary of the gift by the Bishops of Scotland in a poor upper chamber at Aberdeen of the Episcopate to our kin beyond seas.

This commission ought not to be bestowed by our Bishops merely for the office of the parish priest. For why should the office of Incumbent of a parish be set before each candidate for the ministry as the object of his desire? The office of the Incumbent is a very difficult one, and many may well shrink from it, and yet the same force of public opinion, which compels each Deacon to become a Priest, seems to compel him after he has taken upon him this office to become a candidate for a benefice. Some, like a well-known curate of Leeds Parish Church, nephew of a Lord Chancellor of England, who served under four vicars—or like a south London clergyman who has spent from ten to twenty thousand pounds upon the Church of which he was assistant curate, have striven hard to break through this superstition, but alas! as yet in vain. I do not wonder that this being the case, that a man must either seek for the awful responsibility of the care of a parish, or else be deemed a failure in his profession, that many hesitate about taking holy orders. Extend the Diaconate, let it be known that it is honour enough for any Christian man, whatever his rank, to be a Deacon of the Church of God, a companion of St. Stephen, St. Lawrence, and St. Vincent. Make this third order of the ministry a reality, if not for the sake of the work, for the sake of the workers. Henry V. might rebuke Lord Westmorland for wishing for some of the ten thousand men in England, who, on the day of the battle of Agincourt, had no work to do. In our conflict with Satan, we dare not follow this counsel. In charity to the men of culture, social position, members of our Church, we ought not to do so. The great secret of the success of Dr. Arnold, of Rugby, was we are told, not so much his learning or his eloquence, as the power he possessed of making all with whom he came in contact feel, that there was a work for each, and that none need be—and that it would be his own fault if any should prove to be—a mere cumberer of God's earth. Our Church, as a tender mother, has this power. She has more than ten thousand sons who can sorrowfully assent to the awful truth of the poet's words—

> "The keenest pangs the wretched find
> Are rapture to the dreary void,
> The leafless desert of the mind,
> The waste of feelings unemployed."

Open for some of these the Diaconate. Tell them that their Church has an holy office, endowed with precious gifts of the Holy Ghost, which prints an indelible character on the soul of the recipient, which has a recognized place in the Church, and has given glorious saints to the Church calendar, with duties suited to each disposition, and I feel sure, my Lord Bishop, that it would be a message of life to many now weary of the burden of existence, who ask, "Is life worth living"? But we must not look only to the men of abundant leisure who stand idle in the market place of this world, because no one has called them into the Lord's Vineyard, for candidates for the office of the Diaconate. May we not also expect to find fit men for this sacred office among the hard working members of the medical profession, for although the work allows of little leisure, the work itself may be made a very real service of God. Our Lord is the great Priest of His Church. He was also while on earth a Deacon, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister but He was too the good Physician who went about doing good to the bodies as well as the souls of men. A Physician, St. Luke, has given us one of the Gospels, has also written the first chapter of Apostolic Church History.

St. Ephrem, the great Syrian Deacon, left his solitude to open an infirmary for his plague-stricken country-men. There are members of the medical profession, loyal sons of the Church of England, full of admiration for the sweet reasonableness of her teaching, who might do valuable work as Deacons of the Church.

I see no reason why the care of the sick and wounded should be a chief part of the work of a Deaconess, and yet have no place in that of a Deacon. I cannot see how any one can object to the employment of medical men in this office of the Diaconate who remember the sacredness of the work of those who care for the human body, exalted by our Lord's Incarnation, and made a temple of the Holy Ghost. The history of St. Stephen, the greatest of all Deacons, reminds us of one of the present needs of our Church. We need men able and willing to devote themselves to the important work of Church Defence, able to set forth the strong claims which their spiritual mother has upon all Englishmen. The course of the Church of England is a strong course. Bishop Coxe, of Western New York, in his most valuable work, *Apollos, or the way of God*, states that even in America the supporters of English Church principles in every fair and honourable controversy, have always gained the victory, and yet in our great towns and pit villages the crafty forgeries of the enemies of the Church are unblushingly promulgated, often without any attempt at reply. Surely the work done at Darlington where the opponents of the Church have been obliged, I believe, to give up to a great extent the platform utterance of their opinions, ought to show the value of an organized system of Church Defence. The Church of England knows nothing of party politics, still she ought to be able to make her power felt in that great assembly which meets in St. Stephen's, Westminster. It ought not to be difficult to find men fitted for this task. The opponents of the Church would not then be so ready to misrepresent the facts of history, to hold up for example those cruel persecutors, the New England Puritans, as apostles of liberty of conscience, while they denounce the Church of Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury, who gave us Magna Charta, and of the seven Bishops, as the enemy of liberty.

The history of the devout Deacon Nicholas Ferrar, with the exception of George Whitfield, the only Deacon of note in our Church during the last three hundred years, has been lately brought before the reading public by the author of "John Inglesant," and it may be necessary to remind some that the ingenious author of this romance, has in his account of Ferrar and the religious community founded by him, merely transcribed a half-forgotten page of English Church history. The unusual ability exhibited by Nicholas Ferrar, while a student at Cambridge early in the seventeenth century, often caused his tutor to say of him—"May God keep him in a right mind; for if he should turn schismatic or heretic, he would make work for all the world." The Church of England was able to find work for this remarkable man, who after taking a principal part in many important state offices, sought for Deacon's orders at the hands of Archbishop Laud, with the fixed determination to accept no higher office in the Church, but serve God continually in the office of a Deacon.

His lot was cast in "an age of light without love," but the work done by him at Little Gidding, shows how wide a field of usefulness there is for a permanent Deacon in the Church of England. I can but refer to a remarkable letter written in 1699 by Samuel Wesley, the father of that loyal priest of the Church of England, John Wesley, in which he insists upon the value of the work of Nicholas Ferrar. We can only lament that the rulers of the Church were not as ready to retain the valuable services of the followers of John Wesley, as the much abused Archbishop Laud was to retain those of the Deacon Ferrar.

PATTY'S LETTERS.

"We don't keep boarders," said Mrs. Farquahar looking in owlish fashion through her spectacle glasses at Mr. Stuart Waller. "We've got plenty to spare without the trouble of 'em. You'll find the tavern about three-quarters of a mile below. You must have come right past its doors."

"So I did," said Mr. Waller, who possessed the insinuating chivalric manner that made every lady whom he addressed feel herself for the time being the only feminine creature in all the universe; "but no amount of money would hire me to make my home in a place like that. Here it is like a glimpse of paradise," looking around admiringly at the shady lawns, the clematis-bordered porch, and the rose hedges all sprinkled over with pink buds. "I am sure, madam, you will reconsider your decision, and take me for a few days. I will promise to be no more trouble around the house than a kitten."

Mrs. Farquahar was but human, and the upshot of affairs was that Mr. Waller's trunk arrived the next day.

"Oh, mother," said Patty Farquahar, knitting her pretty eyebrows, "why did you let him in? And we so peaceful and comfortable here!"

"Child, why shouldn't I?" said the widow. "He's to pay two pounds a week board, and I have no use for the little three-cornered room over the parlour."

"I don't know," said Patty slowly, "but it seems to me I feel exactly as Eve must have felt when she saw the serpent writhing his way into Paradise."

"Nonsense!" exclaimed Mrs. Farquahar, almost angrily.

But Patty only laughed, and ran away under the shadow of the pink buds to meet her lover, Morris Newton.

"Little one," said Morris, imprisoning both her soft white hands in his, "I have got bad news for you."

"Bad news, Morris?"

"I've got to go to India next week to see about those silver mines that one of my clients has an interest in."

"Oh, dear," said Patty, pursing up her strawberry of a mouth.

"But if you say so, Patty," drawing her to his side, "we can be married first and make a wedding trip of it."

"The idea!" flashed back Patty, drawing herself out of his embrace. "And I without a single dress made!"

"We can buy the dresses afterward."

"That's all a man knows about it."

"You're sure it's impossible?" with a disappointed air.

"Oh, quite," asserted the little brunette

"Then," said Mr. Newton, with a sigh, "you must write very often, and be getting your fol-de-rolls ready to be married as soon as I come home."

"Yes," said Patty, gravely; "that's more reasonable."

And she went into the house utterly ignorant that, at the same time, Mr. Stuart Waller was laying a wager with a boon companion at the Easterworth Arms, that "he could cut out that conceited lawyer in less than four weeks."

Mrs. Farquahar came into Patty's room one afternoon, and found her crying as if her heart would break, and with an open letter in her lap.

"Heart alive, child! what's the matter?" cried the old lady.

"Nothing, nothing, nothing!" cried Patty, hurriedly wiping her eyes. "Only I have got a letter from Morris, and it makes me feel so glad and sorry."

"Folks didn't cry over love letters when I was a girl," said Mrs. Farquahar.

But the letter was more to Patty than her mother suspected.

Patty knew that almost unconsciously she had been led into what seemed to her an innocent flirtation with Stuart Waller. She had walked with him in the twilight, and she had written him two letters, when he was temporarily absent in London, careless girlish letters, which, although she had no thought of harm at the time, she would now give worlds to recall.

"I'll ask him to return them to me," said Patty.

But when Patty Farquahar preferred her innocent request, Mr. Waller laughed in her face.

"My dear Patty," said he, "do you take me for a fool?"

"My name is Miss Farquahar," said the girl, with flashing eyes.

"Excuse me; but when you say 'Dear Stuart—'"

"I never said such a thing!" interrupted Patty, with burning cheeks and eyes aflame.

"In the letter."

"I said 'Dear Mr. Waller,'" panted Patty.

"Excuse me once more. Your memory plays you false."

"Will you return me the letters?"

"Miss Farquahar," with a low bow, "they are a great deal too precious to me."

"You refuse?"

"I never refuse anything to a lady; but—"

Patty did not stay to hear the conclusion, but flashed out into the afternoon sunshine, with a large lump in her throat, and a curious sensation as if all her blood was turned to fire.

"I'll have them yet," said Patty.

Miss Farquahar was standing with clasped hands before the wide-opened door of the old-fashioned oven, built on the side of the kitchen chimney and extending a sort of hump-back excrescence out into the lilac bushes of the back garden when Mr. Waller came in with a string of speckled trout depending from his finger.

"*La Penserosa!*" said he lightly. "Pardon me, Patty, but why are you so grave?"

"My thimble," said she, "it has rolled down into the oven—my little gold thimble."

"And you can't reach it?"

"It is impossible."

"Nothing is impossible when a lady's behest spurs one on," said Mr. Waller, gallantly. "Stand aside one second, *Penserosa*."

And he sprang valliantly into the yawning depths of the old brick oven.

It was decidedly warm, for the fires had just been taken out; it was decidedly dark, but no sooner had he entered, than Patty, a brilliant inspiration lighting her heart and face alike, swung the massive iron door to, and fastened it with the sturdy bolt.

"Hello!" said Mr. Waller; "what are you doing, Patty?"

"I'm shutting the door," Patty breathlessly responded.

"But I can't find your thimble in this Egyptian darkness."

"I don't want my thimble."

"Patty—Miss Farquahar—what do you mean?"

"I mean to have those letters back," announced Patty.

"Do you want to roast me alive in this black hole of Calcutta?"

"I don't care much whether you roast or not," replied Patty.

"I shall shout for help."

"Shout away," said Patty with a laugh. "Dorcas is hanging out clothes by the river, and mother has gone to the village. Do shout!"

"Patty," imploringly said Waller.

"Well?"

"Am I to be prisoner here for life?"

"Until you give me those letters."

"I can't," said Waller, "I haven't got them with me."

"But you can tell me where they are, I suppose," rejoined Patty.

The oven was hot and dark—a sensation akin to suffocation stole over Stuart Waller.

"Let me out," said he, grinding his teeth, "and I will give them to you."

"That won't do," retorted Patty. "I must have them before you come out or not at all."

"Impossible!"

"Nothing is impossible when a lady's behest spurs one on," mimicked malicious Patty.

"I can't stand this broiling hole!" shouted he. "In the little summer house under the loose board of the table. Quick, or I shall be stifled to death!"

Patty flew off as if her tiny feet were garnished with wings. In the summer house, under the loose board of the table, lay the two letters, as Waller had said, wrapped in oiled silk and tied with a yellow cigar ribbon. Catching them up, she tore them hurriedly open.

"I knew it wasn't 'Dear Stuart,'" she exclaimed mockingly, and then tearing them into a shower of infinitesimal pieces, she flung them to the summer wind.

Half a minute later, Mr. Waller, crumpled as to linen, frowsy as to hair, and streaming with perspiration, crept out of his cell. Patty curtseyed low to greet his egress.

"Walk out," said she, "coward and liar"

Mr. Waller made no reply. What could he have said?

He [illegible] Farquahar cottage that evening. He said he had received a telegram. Perhaps he had, but Patty had her doubts on that subject. At all events he disappeared, and Patty Farquahar breathed free again.

Morris Newton came back in October, and Patty married him. But she never told any one, even her husband, of the episode of the old brick oven and the two letters.

WIT AND HUMOUR.

A Pattern Woman.—The dressmaker.

A Wooden Spoon.—A blockhead of a lover.

Temporary Insanity.—Time "out of mind."

Get gold if you can, young man; but beware of guilt.

Meteorological.—The umbrella and the rain are often mist.

To get rid of a bad friend, ask him for what you most need.

Never applaud with the feet. It is not the stamp of good society.

The man who is rooted to the spot looks green when he leaves.

A march is said to be the most *sole* stirring music ever yet composed.

Almost anybody can run into debt; but nearly everybody has to crawl out of it.

A raw recruit has to be oftened exposed to a hot fire before he becomes a seasoned soldier.

When one drowns a litter of kittens, it is no use for him to pretend that it does not hurt the old cat's felines.

Why is the letter "B" like a man sitting at the extremity of a branch of a tree?—Because it makes the end "bend."

Farmers generally take good care of their grain-crops, but it cannot be denied that barley is universally malt-treated.

If one should send water pitchers as a present to a friend, how should he sign the note accompanying them?—"Ewers truly."

Diner to waiter: This chop is very dry.—Waiter to diner: Perhaps, then, you had better order something to drink with it.

How paradoxical it is that an innkeeper's success depends on his inn ability—that, in fact, he must be thoroughly inn capable.

What is the most striking difference between mariners and showmen? Mariners like light houses and showmen detest them.

Now, these landscape-painters are not very argumentative fellows—you never see one who isn't willing to give up his views.

A young gentleman, who had just married a little undersized beauty, says she would have been taller, but she is made of such precious materials that Nature could not afford it.

"James, did you divide your paper of chocolate with your brother?"—"Yes, certainly, mamma; I ate the chocolate and gave him the motto—he is so fond of reading, you know."

A little boy, who overheard a conversation respecting a wedding that was soon to take place, asked: "Papa, what do they want to give the bride away for? Can't they sell her?"

The man who made a shoe for the foot of a mountain is now at work on a hat for the head of a ravine, and after finishing that he will manufacture a plume for General Intelligence.

German Charity.—Gretchen: Mamma, as I pass that old beggar, a deep compassion fills my soul. Mamma: Did you give the poor man anything? Gretchen: Certainly—a friendly smile.

A toper justifies himself in this manner: I am fond of long life. Joviality and good feeling promote long life. Whiskey engenders joviality and good feeling. Hence I cultivate whiskey.

Two young ladies recently agreed to read Shakespere together, and one said, "Let us begin with 'Romeo and Juliet.'" "Why," exclaimed the other, "we can't read both of them at once."

A lady noticed a boy sprinkling salt on the pavement to take off the ice, and remarked to a friend, pointing to the salt, "Now, that's benevolence."—"No, it ain't," said the boy, somewhat indignant; "it's salt."

Scene—A tailor's shop. Customer: I want you to make my coat as though I'd been square-built, to tone down this unfortunate rotundity of mine. Tailor: Just so, sir; in fact, you wish me to 'square the circle.'

Gloves will be worn as long as swallow-tailed coats are in fashion. What in the world would gilded youths in swallow-tails do with their hands if they could not keep buttoning and unbuttoning their gloves.

Scene—Oban. Tourist to native: "When does the steamer start for the South?" Native: "If she'll leave the hotel five minutes before she'll see the poat come round Dunolly Point, she'll pe in plenty of time."

It is a well-known fact that a grindstone sometimes explodes into fragments. Marble perhaps is hardly safe for sculptors to use, as a placard in an art-gallery, evidently intended to warn visitors of danger, reads—"Parian Marble Busts."

A little fellow lately asked his parents to take him to church with them. They said he must wait until he was older. "Well," was his shrewd suggestion in response, "you'd better take me now, for when I get bigger I may not want to go."

Nellie has a four-year-old sister Mary, who complained to her mamma that her "button shoes" were "hurting." "Why, Mattie, you've put them on the wrong feet." Puzzled and ready to cry, she made answer, "What'll I do, mamma? They's all the feet I've got!"

Drawing the Line.—Music-teacher: Oh, yes, Miss Clotilda likes playing tunes well enough; but she shudders at the very mention of the scales! Retired cheese-monger's wife, loftily: I should hope so indeed! You'll bear in mind, sir, that we have nothing to do with business now.

A lady who knows more than Ovid about love, says that a man is "not in earnest unless he gets so confused that he can't tell his hands from his feet." If, therefore, you want to prove your devotion, young man, put your hands on the fender and try to get your feet into your pockets.

"Annie," asked an ardent swain of a pretty girl, "Do you love your mother?" "Oh, indeed I do!" was the answer. "Well, then, will you give me a kiss for her sake?" the lover asked. "No, John, I can't do that; but you may kiss me for your mother's sake." And the young man did.

Told in a Friendly Way.—"It is not my intention to flatter you," said a visitor to the village gossip, "but, as you always want to hear the latest news, I don't mind telling you that Mrs. Bloggs says you remind her of the river Mersey." "Indeed!" said the hostess. "And why does she think I am like that noble stream?" "Because your mouth is always open."

"Sometimes," remarked Fogg, removing his cigar slowly, "I wish I had never been born, or that I had died in childhood. He puffed away for a moment or two, and then added, with something like customary cheerfulness: "Well, well, I have not altogether lived in vain. I have made a fairly good husband for Mrs. F., a woman who could never have got anybody else to marry her."

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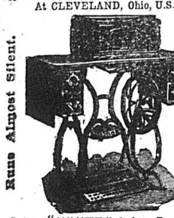
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[CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAMS.]

THE SPANISH MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

MADRID, FRIDAY.

Senor Posada Herrera, the President of the Chamber, has offered the Finance Ministry to Senor Camacho, who however has declined to accept it. The reason is that he is reluctant to attack the fortunes of the plan of financial reform which he has elaborated to the uncertain fortunes of a compromise Cabinet. Besides, he states that there are at present difficulties in the way of his carrying one particular financial proposal; and he prefers to wait upon opportunity. It is believed Senor Camacho's decision will cause considerable disappointment, and his evident fear that the Cabinet may be short-lived is not re-assuring to the public.

STATE FESTIVAL IN TURKEY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, FRIDAY.

The celebration of Kourban Bairan's festival began this morning. The Sultan went in State to the Mosque at daybreak, and afterwards held a reception.

Lord Dufferin will probably dine at the Palace on Sunday next.

LORD COLERIDGE IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, FRIDAY MORNING.

Lord Coleridge, last night, had a splendid reception by the New York Bar Associations. The Academy Hall was thronged by a brilliant crowd representing the most distinguished American society, and numbering about 2,500. Chief-Justice Roger, of the New York Court of Appeals, presided at the reception, and he and Mr Evarts gave the welcoming addresses. Lord Coleridge, in reply, expressed his gratitude for the honour conferred upon him and the country he represented. He wished that they received a worthier representative of the English Bar, which he felt that he only imperfectly represented. His lordship then rehearsed, in a pleasant conversational manner, the incidents of his tour. A splendid programme of music was performed. His lordship was entertained at supper.

THE LIVERPOOL POISONINGS.

INQUEST TO-DAY.

At Liverpool to-day, the inquest on the remains of Thos. Higgins, a bricklayer's labourer, who is supposed to have been poisoned by the woman Flannigan to obtain the insurance money, was resumed before Mr Clarke Aspinall.

The Coroner stated that after taking the evidence to-day he proposed adjourning the inquest for three weeks.

Dr Whiteford, sworn, said that he attended the deceased, and from the *post mortem* examination he believed that death had resulted from arsenical poisoning.

Dr Davies, analytical chemist at the Royal Institution, who analysed the contents of the deceased's stomach, stated that he found sufficient arsenic inside to cause death.

The enquiry was accordingly adjourned.

GOVERNMENT REWARD OFFERED.

A reward has been offered for the apprehension of Mrs Flannigan, who is suspected of wholesale poisoning. It appears that she had assured Patrick Higgins's life in various Insurance Societies for over £100. He was a strong, healthy man, and was only ill for four days. Mrs Flannigan prepared the stuff up for him. A daughter of the deceased died in a similar mysterious way some time ago; several neighbours whom Flannigan had assured, expired rather suddenly, exhibiting the same symptoms as Higgins.

THE PREMIER OF CANADA UNSEATED FOR BRIBERY.

MONTREAL, THURSDAY NIGHT.

Sir John Macdonald, Premier of the Dominion of Canada, has been unseated for the constituency of Lennox, owing to the bribery practised by his agents.

THE RUSSIAN CZAR IN DENMARK.

ST. PETERSBURG, FRIDAY.

It is stated that the Czar's stay in Denmark has greatly modified his prejudices against the constitutional Government.

DISTRESSING SUICIDE OF TWO GENTLEMEN.

Two young men, of high family, have just committed suicide, owing to their being unjustly suspected of serious political offences.

DEATH OF MARWCOD'S WIDOW.

[CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAM].

Mrs Marwood, widow of the late hangman, died at Horncastle this morning. Her death was hastened by her intemperate habits.

[PRESS ASSOCIATION TELEGRAM].

The death of Mrs Marwood, widow of the common hangman, at about five o'clock this morning, after a few day's illness. Marwood died so recently as the 4th of September last, and Mrs Marwood was one of the witnesses examined at the inquest which was held on the body of her husband.

NEWMARKET OCTOBER MEETING.

NEWMARKET, FRIDAY MORNING.

There is considerable falling off in the number of visitors in the town this morning, a very large proportion having taken their departure homeward last night, the remainder of the meeting having no further attractions for them.

LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this body was held in the (Board-room, Leadgate, on Wednesday afternoon, Mr R. W. Shaw presiding. There were also present—Messrs W. Brown, W. Keenleyside, W. H. Hedley, J. Davison, T. Lammonby, E. Todd, J. J. Hedley, J. H. Hudson, W. Robson, M. Coupland (clerk), and T. Longstaff (surveyor).

The minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

WILSON'S LAND.

Mr BROWN, convener of the Sanitary Committee, said that the supply of sewerage going on to Mr Wilson's and also Mr Longstaff's land, had been satisfactory to all concerned, and there had been no disagreement whatever between the two owners since the Board last sat.

The matter was then ordered to be taken off the books.

NEW BOARD BUILDINGS.

The Clerk stated that he had not received any communication from the Consett Iron Company with regard to the purchasing of a site for the proposed new Board Buildings.

The subject was allowed to stand over.

THE PROPOSED URINALS.

Mr BROWN said there had been nothing done as to the erection of the urinals at Leadgate, as ordered by the Board at last meeting, owing to their Clerk not receiving instructions to write for prices, &c. He thought that should be done at once, and the work commenced with as soon as possible.

Mr ROBSON: Would it not be as well to advertise for tenders, both for supplying and fitting them up?

Mr HUDSON: It would be awkward for men at so great a distance away.

Mr ROBSON: There are men in the district who can both supply and put them up.

Mr BROWN: The Clerk can ask the firm we decided on as to what the cost would be for both supplying them and putting them up. We can then see whether it is possible to get them erected cheaper by men in the district, and then decide.

This course was adopted.

PETITION FOR GAS.

A petition was received from the inhabitants of Iveston at last meeting, in which the petitioners prayed the Board to grant them a supply of gas lamps for Iveston village and the lane leading to Leadgate. This was referred to the Gas Committee for consideration, and who reported that if the Board acceded to the request of the petitioners, the number of lamps required would be 35. They, however, would not advise anything in the matter, but leave it for the Board to decide.

Mr DAVISON thought it would be a great expense to supply the gas as requested.

Mr HUDSON: It is highly necessary that lamps should be placed both along the lane and also in the village. The workmen at Iveston Colliery mostly reside at Leadgate, and they have to go to and from the pit with great risk to themselves, on account of it being such a dark road. I have no doubt it will be a great outlay, but still I think we ought to look at the requirements of the public.

Mr ROBSON: How much will the cost be if we put up the lamps required?

Mr J. J. HEDLEY: About £64.

Mr HUDSON: A 1½d rate will cover that.

Mr W. H. HEDLEY: What is the rateable value of Iveston?

The Clerk: £750 in round numbers, and that is excluding the colliery. About half of this is for land.

Mr HEDLEY: Well, seeing that the drift at Iveston will shortly be laid in, it will greatly diminish the rateable value, and I think the inhabitants of Iveston ask too much. If they had asked us to place lamps in the village it would have been something like reasonable; but to ask for lamps to be put up in such an isolated lane as the one in question, why it is beyond reason.

Mr BROWN (to Mr Hudson): At last meeting, did you not condemn the action of the ratepayers as being absurd in asking to light the lane as well as the village?

Mr HUDSON: I did; but since then I have changed my opinion. I do not think the Gas Company will go to the expense of laying pipes in only to light the village.

Mr BROWN: How many lamps will it take to light up the village.

The Surveyor: I calculate it would require 11.

Mr W. H. HEDLEY: There will also have to be one or two placed in the most dangerous parts of the lane, which will bring the cost up to about £23 a year.

Mr BROWN: That means a great increase in the rates. We must act judiciously, seeing that the rateable value is diminishing, or else we will be getting into a fix. I think if the village alone was lit up, that would be sufficient. The only question is, will the Gas Company do this.

The CHAIRMAN: I think they will.

Mr LAMMONBY pointed out that the other Local Boards had several lanes where there were no habitations at all, lit up with gas. This was quite proper, and they should follow the example. Iveston was part of the Local Board district, and the lane in question had a great deal of traffic; therefore, he thought it was only right that it should be lighted up. The people at Iveston had as much right to have light as those at Leadgate.

Mr W. H. HEDLEY contended that if the village of Iveston was a district in itself, the inhabitants thereof would not place lamps in the lane. They would think it unnecessary, as it certainly was. There was no doubt the village required light, there being so many dangerous places in it, but it would be absurd indeed to go to the expense of lighting the lane.

Mr HUDSON: I move that we light both village and lane.

Mr BROWN: Would it not be better to ascertain from the Gas Company if they will light the village up alone?

Mr LAMMONBY: I think that would be our best plan.

Mr BROWN: Then I propose we do so.

Mr HUDSON: I withdraw my motion and second Mr Brown's.

This was agreed to, and the matter dropped.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr Longstaff) read the subjoined report.

To the Chairman and Members of the Leadgate Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the month of September last your highways have had general attention, and the following work done and materials supplied, for which accounts will come before you for payment, viz:—

Durham Main Road.—Manual labour: Widening and excavating finished near the Leadgate Farm. Also part team labour done at the same place.

Iveston Bank has suffered greatly during the late heavy rains. I have had the conduits at the top of the bank opened and cleaned out. Also, have led on some new and larger covers, which will make it contain more water. I have likewise had some ashes carted on the footpath.

Brooms Lane.—Part guttering and levelling the bank near Stoney Heap has been done. Also, sixty tons of rough limestone brought and carted for Redwell Hills road.

I should like the Highway Committee, or the whole Board, after this day's meeting, to inspect the improvements near Leadgate Farm.

Annexed are the monthly pay bills:—

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Manual labour	4	15	4			
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				8	2	10
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Manual Labour	1	16	8			
Team do.	2	18	7			
Materials	10	15	4			
				15	10	7
Trdesmen's Bills				0	7	7
Total				£24	0	11

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

THOS. LONGSTAFF.

Leadgate, Oct. 10th, 1883.

THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector (Mr Longstaff) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Leadgate Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—Since your last monthly meeting, I have inspected your district several times and most of the ashpits and privies are well cleaned out.

The following work has been done:—Your Pont Settling Ponds well cleaned out, and a couple of days' work done to your irrigation scheme on Pont Head Farm.

Accounts will come before you for scavanger's quarterly salary, and other quarterly items.

I have had a trial with your fire brigade, and had the new reel cart out. The bill will come before you to-day for it, as well as for four new connecting ladders.

I have given leave to Messrs. William Wharton and Ambrose Usher that their new houses in Durham Road are fit for habitation.

Plans will come before you for a wooden cow-byre for Mr Robert Bell, behind the Commercial Inn, Watling Street. Also, for a wooden harness-room for Mr E. Kinleyside, in St. Ives Road.

Gas burnt in September—58 hours.

Total for your three month's account, £40 6s 7d.

I am, Gentlemen, your humble servant,

THOS. LONGSTAFF.

Leadgate, Oct. 10th, 1883

IVESTON WELL.

Mr HUDSON enquired if there had been anything done to this well?

The Surveyor said there had been a little improvement made to it, and he expected, with the assistance of Mr Hudson, to have it completed by next meeting.

LICENSING A SLAUGHTER-HOUSE.

The CHAIRMAN read a letter from Mr Blench, in which he requested the Board to grant him a license to his slaughter-house.

In answer to Mr Hudson, the Surveyor stated that the place was in every way adapted as a slaughter-house, and he recommended the Board to grant the license.

The CHAIRMAN moved, and Mr HUDSON seconded, that the necessary license be given, which was agreed to.

PLANS.

Plans were laid before the Board for a wooden cowbyre, to be erected behind the Commercial Inn, by Mr Robert Bell, and also a wooden harness-room for Mr E. Kinleyside in St. Ives Road.

The Building Committee examined the plans, and recommended Mr Bell's plan to be passed; but as Mr Kinleyside's proposed harness-room was going to adjoin a building that was an encroachment on what would be a back lane, they could not advise the Board to stamp it.

After the objection had been fully considered, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr HUDSON, seconded by Mr DAVISON, to stamp Mr Bell's plan; and Mr Kinleyside to erect his harness-room at his own risk.

NEW ACT.

Mr W. H. HEDLEY drew the attention of the Board to the fact that there had been a new Act passed that would greatly effect them. The Act was entitled, "Minerals Support for Sewers," in which it called upon each local authority to have a plan showing all their sewers; and mineral workers, before working underneath the same, must give notice to the local authority of their intention. They could then either make necessary agreements or let the sewers take their chance of being destroyed. He thought the Act would greatly effect them, and suggested that they procure a copy of the same.

All the members agreed to this, and the Clerk was instructed to get a copy of the Act.

FINANCE.

Cheques for various amounts were signed, and the Clerk reported the balance in hand to be £275.

The members then proceeded to Leadgate Farm to inspect the great improvement made by the Surveyor.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of this Board was held at Lanchester Union Workhouse, yesterday (Thursday) morning, under the presidency of Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P. There were also present—the Rev J. P. De Pledge, J.P., Messrs W. Jenkins, J.P., R. W. Shaw, W. H. Hedley, T. Pringle, J. Lax, J. Collinson, and W. H. Ritson (clerk).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

THE EFFECTS (?) OF "CHARMS."

During the transaction of the relief business, a rather amusing case cropped up. A middle-aged man, named Johnson Elliott, who keeps a beer-house at Burnhope Colliery, applied to the Board for a small weekly allowance on behalf of his mother, who is old and infirm. Elliott informed the Guardians that he used to work with a horse and cart, leading coals, &c., and at Christmas time he transacted a little butchering business on his own account. He had been supporting his mother until a short time ago, when he had the misfortune to dislocate his right shoulder, and being unable to follow his occupation, they were in straightened circumstances.

The CHAIRMAN: Has any doctor examined your shoulder?

Applicant: No; but I went to a bone-setter at Birtley, and I afterwards visited a "charmer" at Leadgate, to who I gave 3s 6d to have my shoulder "charmed." (Laughter).

The CHAIRMAN: And has that cured you?

Applicant (indignantly): No, sir, it hasn't. It's a regular piece of imposition. The man wants advertising, he does. (Great laughter).

Mr LAX (sarcastically): I should think the person who is so foolish as to believe such nonsense, and pay the money, ought to be advertised. (Renewed laughter.)

Applicant: It's the "charmer" that wants advertising, sir.

After the question had been fully considered, it was decided to allow the poor woman 2s per week out-relief until such time as Elliott was able to resume his employment.

ATTENDANCE OF GUARDIANS AT LOCAL CONFERENCES.

The Clerk read a circular issued by the Local Government Board sanctioning the attendance of Guardians at local Poor-Law Conference, &c., their expenses being paid out of the rates.

The CHAIRMAN thought it desirable for some of the Guardians to attend such conferences, as he believed these gatherings were the means of doing good.

Mr COLLINSON: What is the character of the expenses allowed—railway fare?

The Clerk said that 7s 6d per day was allowed, but if any Guardian stayed overnight for the next day's conference he would get 15s.

A NECESSARY ACQUISITION.

The Clerk stated that Mr Harrison, on behalf of the N.E.R. Company, had given the Board permission to fix a doorway in the wall around the Workhouse, so as to afford suitable means of communication with the railway station, on payment of an acknowledgement of 5s a year, and a promise that the door would be kept securely fastened.

The offer was gladly accepted.

INMATES OF THE WORKHOUSE.

Week ending Oct. 3rd	155
Corresponding week of last year	153
Week ending Oct. 10th	156
Corresponding week last year	153
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight..	16
" " corresponding fortnight last year	72

BALANCE IN HAND.

The treasurer (Mr W. Cummins) reported the balance in hand on October 10th to amount to £693 13s 6d.

This was all the business of interest.

Market Reports.

NEWCASTLE FRUIT AND POTATO, Saturday.—Scotch potatoes, 8d; onions, 1s to 1s 4d per stone; figs, 5d to 10d per lb; plums, 3d to 4d per quart; apples, 1s to 1s 6d per stone; pears, 1d to 2d per lb; blackberries, 6d per quart; cauliflowers, 2d to 4d each; cabbages, roots, and other classes at late rates.

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

NEWCASTLE MEAT AND POULTRY, Saturday.—

	s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.
Prime large beef	0	9	to	1	0	Pigeons, pr. couple	1	6	to	1	9
Prime mutton ...	0	11		1	9	Turkeys, per lb...	0	0		0	0
Small Pork..........	0	9		0	11	Turkeys, pults ...	1	2		0	0
Veal	0	8		0	11	Partridge, brace.	0	0		0	0
Lamb, per qr......	11	0		14	0	Pheasants	0	0		0	0
American beef ...	0	2½		0	8	Geese, per lb	0	0		0	0
" mutton	0	5		0	9	Goslings, each ...	1	0		0	0
" lamb ...	0	0		0	0	Hares, each	0	0		0	0
" veal ...	0	7		0	9½	Leverets	0	0		0	0
" pork ...	0	8		0	9	Rabbits, couple..	2	6		3	0
Hens, each.........	1	0		1	9	Ptarmigan, cuple	0	0		0	0
Ducks, each	0	0		0	0	Egyptian quail...	0	0		0	0
Ducklings, per cp.	6	0		7	0	English fresh butter, per lb...	1	0		1	2
Spring Chickens	6	0		7	0	Fresh eggs 12 for 1s					
Wild ducks, brace	0	0		0	0	Salmon, per lb....	0	0		0	0
Quails, per couple	1	6		0	0	Do. trout ..	0	0		0	0
Grouse, per cople	6	0		7	0						

HEXHAM PROVISION, Tuesday.—Butter, 1s 3d to 1s 4d per lb; eggs, 8 to 9 for 1s; grouse, 6s to 7s 6d; black game, 6s to 7s 6d per brace; hares, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; spring chickens, 2s to 2s 6d; ducks, 2s 6d to 3s 3d; rabbits, 3s 6d to 0s 0d per couple; potatoes, 8d per stone; apples, 1s 4d to 1s 6d per stone; carrots, 8d per bundle; peas, 10d per peck; plums, kitchen, 4d; dessert plums, 1s per lb; cucumbers, 4d to 1s; lemons, 1d; cabbages, 1d to 2d each; flour, extra superfines, 2s 2d; superfines, 2s 0d; fines, 1s 10d; maslin, 1s 8d; oatmeal, 2s 2d to 2s 4d per stone.

NEWCASTLE CORN, Tuesday.—Arrivals into Newcastle for week ending Oct. 8, 1883:—Coast and rail—Wheat, 1,017; maize, 45; barley, 305; malt, 335; oats, 622; rye, —; beans, 429; peas, 292; flour, 799 qrs. Foreign—Wheat, 921; maize, 3,087; barley, 604; malt, —; oats, —; rye, —; beans, —; peas, —; flour, 4,317 qrs.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE, Tuesday.—The arrivals from a distance consisted of 41 head of cattle, 85 sheep, and 520 pigs from Aberdeen and the districts in the North-East coast of Scotland; 1,453 beasts and 4,377 sheep and lambs from foreign.

30 head of cattle and 587 sheep went south yesterday.

The supply of beef comprised 2,366 head. The beef trade ruled steady, with a better finish.

The number of sheep and lambs was 10,110. The better class of wethers changed hands freely at extreme currencies, but there was a slow trade for the middling and inferior sorts, with a bad finish.

Pigs: 793 were shown. The pork trade ruled steady with a good clearance.

PRICES FOR THIS DAY SINKING THE OFFAL:

Beef, prime heifers, per stone	10s 3d	to	10s 6d
Secondary sorts........................	8s 9d	..	9s 3d
First-class oxen	10s 0d	..	10s 3d
Middling	8s 6d	..	9s 0d
Cows and inferior	6s 6d	..	7s 6d
Pigs	7s 0d	..	9s 0d
Sheep, small, per lb....................	8d	to	10d
" large fat, per lb.	—d	to	—d
Lambs, per lb...........................	9d	to	10d

Nos. shown:—2,366; sheep and lambs, 10,110; pigs, 793

CHARMS AND CHARMERS.

The *Newcastle Daily Chronicle*, in a leaderette in this morning's issue, remarks:—"It would be interesting to know what charm was brought to bear upon Johnson Elliott, whose extraordinary case came before the Lanchester Guardians yesterday, and is reported in our local column this morning. If it were akin to the amulet which Sir Walter Scott inherited, it consisted of feathers, nail parings, tufts of hair, a cat's tooth, and a weazel's claw, rolled up in a lump of clay. It may have been of the nature of the ancient phylacteries; though it is not likely to have been a *grigris*, which sort are omnipotent against thunderbolts, but are not spoken of as applied to dislocated shoulders. It is also interesting to note that, between the bone-setter and the charmer, there was no intervening step for Johnson. Yet others equally unfortunate can find a saving nostrum at every inch of the road. What with porous plasters and electric belts, chemical essences and blood mixtures, herbal embrocations and patent lozenges, pain-killers and alleviating powders, golden elixirs and world-famed balsams, never-failing liniments and soothing drops; and then the pills!—Widow Welch's antibilious, life, vegetable, renal, pectoral, petroleum, alga marina, spruce, steel, Bath, tonic—and so on, *ad infinitum!* But these had no charm for Johnson Elliott. So he went straight to the Charmer himself, thereby charming everybody who comes to know of the adventure."

THEFT FROM A DISCHARGED SOLDIER.—At the Durham City Police Court on Tuesday, *William Murphy*, a miner, was charged with stealing the sum of £11 1s from the person of Thomas Harrison on the 8th inst. Prosecutor, who resides at Tanfield Lea, had recently been discharged from the 39th Regiment of Foot (1st Dorsets). He arrived in Durham on Saturday, and on Monday he went to the Post Office and drew his deferred pay, amounting to between £11 and £12. He fell in with the prisoner, and they went to the Team Valley Inn, Framwellgate, where they had some drink, after which they engaged in wrestling in the back yard. Prosecutor found that he had been robbed, and immediately accused the prisoner of having picked his pocket, but the latter indignantly denied the accusation. The aid of the police was secured, and the missing money, consisting of eleven sovereigns and one shilling, was found concealed under a large stone in an adjoining garden. The prisoner pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to four months' imprisonment with hard labour.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN THE LANCHESTER UNION.—At a monthly meeting of the Lanchester Union School Attendance Committee, held yesterday (Thursday) afternoon—Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith in the chair—Mr W. Ward, school officer, in his report stated that during the last four weeks 40 absentees had been visited in Lanchester Parish, 225 in Tanfield, 142 in Conside and Knitsley, 51 in Iveston, 135 in Esh, 3 in Langley, 8 in Satley, 33 in Cornsay, 4 in Hedleyhope, and 6 in Ebchester. Total, 641. Of this number 427 were reported by the teachers and 214 were accosted in the streets during school hours; and of the latter number 71 were not attending any school, 62 have recently removed into the district, and 9 lately attained school age. 70 notices to attend school have been served, viz., 2 at Lanchester, 2 at Lintz Colliery, 3 at Middle Friarside, 4 at Burnopfield, 2 at Hobson Colliery, 15 at Consett, 1 at Clough Dene, 1 at Tantobie, 5 at Esh Winning, 1 at Rackwoodside, 6 at West Stanley, 2 at East Stanley, 1 at East Butsfield, 1 at Esh, 2 at White-le-Head, 1 at Burnhope Colliery, 5 at Cornsay Colliery, 1 at Square House, 1 at Hamsteels Colliery, 2 at Leadgate, 5 at Iveston, 1 at Sunniside, 1 at East Castle, and 1 at Ushaw Moor Colliery. Proceedings had been taken against 6 persons, all being fined in the full penalty. The two boys, John Malloy and James McQuiggan, reported last month to have been sent to an Industrial School, have returned home, and are now attending St. Patrick's School, Consett. The school at Ushaw Moor was re-opened on Monday, the 1st inst.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey or white, or falling off, use "The Mexican Hair Renewer," for it *will positively restore in every case Grey or White hair* to its original colour, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots, where the glands are not decayed. Ask your Chemist for "THE MEXICAN HAIR RENEWER," sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere at 3s. 6d. per Bottle. Wholesale depot removed to 33, Farringdon Road London.

MURDEROUS AFFRAY AT MARLEY HILL.

At the Gateshead County Police Court on Tuesday, *Patrick Rock* was charged with cutting and wounding Owen Kelly at Marley Hill, on the 29th ult.—Superintendent Harrison said the prosecutor was unable to attend court in consequence of the injuries he had received at the hands of the prisoner. The particulars of the case were shortly these: Kelly lodged at Rock's house, and on the night of Saturday, the 29th ult., an altercation took place between them, in consequence of which Rock took up the poker and assaulted Kelly violently with it. Kelly's shoulder bone was broken; his arm and shoulder were fearfully bruised, and he had also received injuries to his head.—Erysipelas had set in, and the man was now in a dangerous condition that he would be obliged to ask one of the magistrates to take his depositions that day. For the present he would call one witness to justify a remand.—A witness named John Coulson gave evidence of his having seen Rock putting Kelly out of his house on the night in question; and the prisoner was then remanded for a week.—After the rising of the Court Mr Richard Forster (magistrate), accompanied by the magistrate's clerk (Mr Harle), Supt. Harrison, and the prisoner, proceeded to Marley Hill, where Kelly is lying, for the purpose of taking his deposition. Kelly gave evidence to the effect that on Saturday night in question the prisoner, his wife, another man, and himself, were in the prisoner's house drinking whiskey, and remained till between twelve and one o'clock on the Sunday morning. About that time the prisoner and he had some words, but what took place after that he had no recollection except that he was badly used. Kelly is in a very critical condition, and doubt is expressed on the part of the medical gentleman in attendance upon him as to his recovery.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 10th.—Before Sir H. POTTINGER and Colonel FIFE-COOKSON.

DRUNKENNESS.

Matthew Laverick and *John Laverick* were charged by P.C. Ridley with having been drunk and incapable at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday evening last. The first-named defendant was fined 5s and costs, while John Laverick was fined 2s 6d and costs.

John Ritson was charged with having been drunk at Pelton, on the 22nd ult.—The offence was proved by P.C. Marshall, and a fine of 5s and costs was imposed.

P.C. Thompson charged *William Travers* with being drunk and incapable at Chester-le-Street, on the evening of the 6th inst.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

For having been drunk and disorderly at Eighton Banks, on the 15th ult., *Thomas Coulson* was fined 5s and costs, the charge being proved by P.C. Dodds.

P.C. Marshall charged *John Wardle* with having been drunk and disorderly at Pelton, on the 22nd ult.—Fined 5s and costs.

William Laverick was charged by P.C. Marshall with being drunk and disorderly at Pelton, on the night of September 22nd.—A fine of 10s and costs was imposed, with the alternative of fourteen days' imprisonment.

John Donnelly, *Robert Hall*, *Edward Collins*, *Patrick Fitzgerald*, and *Robert Partridge* were charged with being drunk and disorderly at Sunniside, on the night of the 22nd September.—P.C. Telfer proved the offences, and the defendants were each fined 5s and costs, with exception of Partridge, who was mulcted in the sum of 12s 6d and costs, having been previously convicted for drunkenness.

A RUFFIAN.

Stephen Ramshaw was brought up in custody charged with having been drunk at Chester-le-Street, on the 18th ult.—P.C. Thompson informed the Bench that shortly after eleven o'clock on the night in question, he was on duty near the Bridge, at Chester-le-Street, together with P.C. Marshall, when he heard shouts, which proved that a fight was going on near the Bourns. Witness and his companion proceeded to the spot, and saw a number of men in an excited state. On seeing the officers, Ramshaw endeavoured to incite the crowd to attack them, but fortunately they did not do so.—The prisoner was next charged by P.C. Crabb with being drunk and fighting at Pelton Fell, on the 11th ult. He was further charged with committing a breach of the peace by fighting at Handon Hole, on Saturday, August 25th.—P.C. Pank proved the latter charge, and, from the evidence given, it would appear that Ramshaw had been engaged in a set fight with a man named Coxon, who had since been bound over to keep the peace.—The prisoner very coolly admitted the charge, and for having been drunk he was fined 20s and costs. He was also bound over to keep the peace for a period of six months, and to find security in the sum of £10.

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BIRTHS.

CONSETT.—Delves Terrace, on the 7th inst., the wife of Mr Charles Telford, of a daughter.

WITTON GILBERT.—6th inst., the wife of William Hunter, Three Tuns Hotel, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

REGISTER OFFICE, LANCHESTER.—4th inst., Mr H. Knight, of North Shields, to Miss J. A. Burrows, of East Hedley Hope.—6th, Mr W. Hood, to Miss M. E. Davison, both of South Moor.—8th, Mr G. Cook, to Miss H. Wigham, both of Westwood.—Same day, Mr E. J. Brown, of Consett, to Miss M. A. Westgarth, of Annfield Plain.—9th, Mr S. Forster, to Miss J. Morgan, both of Dipton.

DEATHS.

LEADGATE.—Front Street, 12th inst., aged 24 years, Thomas, the youngest and much-respected son of Robert and Isabella Graham. To be interred at St. Ives, on Sunday, at Three p.m. Friends please accept this intimation. 298s

BLACKHILL.—Cutlers' Hall Road, 5th inst., Phœbe Bowman.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.—66, Clavering Cottages, 6th inst., aged 60, George, husband of Susannah M. Wells.

BYER MOOR.—10th inst., after a lingering illness, Mary Jane, wife of W. Settery.

MARLEY HILL.—5th inst., aged 61, Catherine, wife of Matthew Robson.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—8th inst., aged 87, Sarah, wife of Robert Barnes.

WATERHOUSES.—7th inst., aged 23, Ann, daughter of Thomas Morton, miner

NEW IVESLEY.—4th inst., aged 49, Elizabeth, wife of William Jackson, farm labourer.

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