

CORNWALLIS WES

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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, OCT. 17TH, 1879.

NOTES ON CURRENT TOPICS.

The superintendents of the various police divisions in the County of Durham have just forwarded their annual returns of crime to the Chief-Constable, Lieut.-Col. WHITE, from which it would appear that there is a slight increase in the number of indictable offences, but an extraordinary falling-off in the offences mentioned in the returns as "drunk and disorderly." In no district, perhaps, is the latter gratifying fact more strikingly marked than in our own. On referring to the police returns for the year ending 1875, we find that 3,727 persons were proceeded against, no fewer than 1,850 of the kind of the drunk and disorderly class. Last year, however, the total number of persons being proceeded against was 1,834, and of this number 718, or less than one-half the number proceeded against four years ago, were classified as drunk and disorderly. Four years ago, the number of indictable offences committed within the Petty Sessions Division was fifty-five, against sixty-two in the year 1871, which has just expired. Last year, eighty-nine persons were committed to prison; in 1875 the number was 103. There are, it appears, 114 public-houses in the division, two licenses having been added since 1875. Ten publicans were proceeded against; in 1875, nine of whom were committed. Last year, however, we find that only five were summoned, four being convicted.

The question of providing hospital accommodation for cases of infectious disease is occupying the attention of the sanitary authorities in the Lancaster union. There was a conference of legislators from the rural and urban sanitary authorities last month, and the joint-committee seems pretty unanimous in its opinion that hospitals are needed. Some time ago, the Local Government Board drew attention to the fact that infectious wards built by Boards of Guardians are not available for the reception of all cases of infectious disease, but were restricted to persons in need of poor-law relief, and they suggested that the three local boards of Consett, Benfieldside, and Leadgate should unite with the Rural Sanitary Authority of the Lancaster Union in the provision of a hospital, and that the cost should be equitably shared by the authorities concerned. Some years ago, we remember, small-pox raged with great virulence in several of the colliery villages in this district, and we doubt not many lives were then sacrificed for want of hospitals. We sincerely hope that the authorities concerned will embrace the present opportunity of promoting the sanitary interests of the union; by carrying out the Local Government Board's suggestion. The gentlemen who compose the joint-committee know the exact requirements of the union, and the taxpayers will have to find the money for the hospital, and we are assured that no needless expense will be incurred.

At the September meeting of the Benfield-Lane Local Board, it will be remembered, Mr. JOHN DICKINSON, who has faithfully discharged the duties of a public servant for a great number of years, was obliged, on account of continued ill-health, to resign his seat. The Board purposed appointing a successor last Wednesday, but, as will be seen from our report of the meeting, a hitch has occurred, and the present Mr. Dickinson's seat remains vacant. The vacancy has occurred through the retirement of Mr. HENRY ERMOR, another old public servant, who has removed to Lancaster, and we are glad to note that Mr. JERKINS has succeeded him on the Board. The Consett Iron Company, who are large ratepayers in the township, ought to have one seat at least on the Board, and they would not possibly have a better representative than their general

There seems to be a general agreement among the people of Shelly Bridge that the river Derwent is less polluted than it was a year or two ago. Settling ponds have been erected at the Paper Mills, and the sewer which now flows through Shelly Bridge is comparatively clear and wholesome. One of two tributary streams, however, still continue to pour in their filth, notably those at Backstone Burn and Howdon, but it is probable that the last-named open channel of filth, which has so long tainted the air in the district, will be diverted into the main drain, near the Mill, and thence conveyed down the road to the point near the Gas Works, where it will, for a time at least, be allowed to flow into the bed of the river.

Local and District News

The Autumn Assizes for Durham will be opened on the 30th inst.
Mr. R. L. MARHAM, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, Surgeon-Dentist, attends No. 12, Mount Pleasant, Consett, every Monday from Eleven a.m. to Three p.m. 154m
BEARPARK COLLIERY.—A large number of hands have been discharged at Bearpark Colliery. Over one-half of the pitmen's cottages are empty. There are upwards of 4,000 tons of coke in stock.
A Middlesbrough correspondent states that the three furnaces which belong to Lackenby Iron Company, having changed hands, will be blown

CORNBAY COLLIERY.—A most successful entertainment was given at the above place by the juvenile Good Templars last Monday evening. Every seat in the large chapel was occupied. The concert consisted of a number of very interesting temperance and other melodies, recitations, &c. The meeting was presided over by Mr. N. G. Gott. Appropriate temperance addresses were given by Messrs. John Barron and James, High Waterhouse. Mr. John Wallace presided at the harmonium.

EXTRAORDINARY LONGEVITY.—At Crook, there at present living a most interesting old lady, who will enter her 113th year about two months hence, having been born in the county of Westmeath, Ireland, on the 19th of December, 1767, the year in which the Jesuits were expelled from Ainst, Genoa, and Venice, and Wallace and Arterest—Cook's predecessors—made their discoveries in the South Seas. She was nearly seven years old when the American war commenced, and twelve-and-a-half at the time of the No-Popery riots in London, raised by Lord George Gordon. Her eldest son is 75 years or thereabouts. She is the possessor of all her faculties, and very feeble. She was photographed the other day, by Messrs. Jackson and Pliews, and might be mistaken in the print for a woman of sixty.

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TEMPERANCE ENTERTAINMENT AT TOWN LANE. C.

Thursday evening, in the Mechanics' Hall, Town Hall, there was held (under the auspices of the O.G.T.), a grand bell-ringing entertainment by the Silver Chime Temperance Carillonists of Loughborough. The hall was filled by a very respectable number of ladies, who, to enjoy the programme, which was of a varied and pleasing character.

QUOIT CLUB SUFFER AT BACCHICITE.—On Saturday evening, the annual supper of the quoit club which meets at Mr. Town's, Queen's, was held. The host had prepared an excellent spread, and after ample justice had been done to it, Mr. Walton was elected chairman, and Mr. H. Thompson vice-chairman. The chairman humorously proposed the toast of the evening, "Success to the quoit club." A most interesting and pleasant first-rate songs being sung by Messrs. T. H. Hough, Walton, Dixon, Hodgson, and Hanlon.

MARRIAGE. MISS S. L. DICKINSON.—The marriage of Miss Sarah Louisa Dickinson, second daughter of John Dickinson, Esq., of Belle Vue, Esch, Shotley Bridge, took place at Benfieldside Church, on Thursday morning. The bridegroom was Thomas Henry Good, Esq., of Esholt House, Leeds. A large company assembled to witness the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. G. P. Hall, who was assisted by the Rev. Henry Thomas. As soon as the interesting ceremony had terminated, the happy couple took their departure for the Continent. The wedding breakfast was prepared at the residence of the bride's father. In the day, the Church bells gave out merry peals in honour of the event.

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Local Police Courts.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

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OF PERMITTING DRUNKENNESS.—Hugh
Inkeeper, White-le-head, was summoned

attending Longstaff and Bain spoke to the confidential source. Longstaff, who was named Doolan—drunk, Mr. Wellford, the red head, said he was the one who told Doolan (who was convicted of drunk-driving's house a fortnight ago) that he was being bashed. Longstaff dismissed the case, but cautioned defense attorneys not to press the case.

AT LAY COLLEGE—J. Mary Charlton said with assailing Mary Ann Barendorf, 34, who was placed in the hospital. Barendorf prosecuted, and Mr. T. W. Wellford was the defense attorney. The parties are single women. Barendorf was found to be drunk. The women were standing together, when a man came in from the back of the bar. Barendorf was in her hand at the time, and she had struck complaint with it. Barendorf said that the man who had been laid up in bed for four weeks would be the one who had hit her. But complaint's illness had not re-duced the effects of the blow. He is, in turn, the one who has been hit. The man who was not a severe one—There was more than one man who was hit. The complaint in the first case, with a toe-put. For the assault, Mary Charlton and Barendorf were charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. Barendorf is, in damage in the other case, both parties' expenses in the case.

AT ASSAULT AT LAY—Joseph Allison, charged with assaulting Mary A. Sin-

a compromised.

Correspondence.

POISED GHOST AT RECHESTER.

The Editor of the *Consett Guardian*.

I live at a strange time; something odd daily appears. The inhabitants of Recheester, I will, I am sorry to say, are in a state of nervous point of a Ghost appearing, there and disbelievers of both those places for some time now. I don't know if I fear more of losing their life informed. Mister, that four young students took upon them and sat up one night to see the Ghost, for the purpose of ascertaining its truth, unfortunately, when it drew near they were sitting their heads close to them, and ake off with fear and trembling. At this time, a young woman came upon the scene, frightened, and with hard stragling the

to the poor woman was obliged to go to
ulted in the birth of a fine child. Im

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Yours Affectionately,
 JON HARRISON, Chimney Sweep.
 Oct. 14th 1872

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and ledgings. Plaintiff said in 1876, having had a dispute with her father, she went to live with Mrs.

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Court, John Surtees was committed to next Durham Assizes on the charge of unlawfully wounding

Wm. Holmes, a gamekeeper, near Hutton-le-Hole, on Thursday night, the 12th inst., was arrested on a charge of wilfully murdering John Sutherland. He was remanded for eight days to bail—himself in £50 and one surety in £25.

BIRTHS.

BLACKBURN—At 20, North Street, on the 12th inst. the wife of Mr. T. Mair, of a daughter.

LEWIS—Published on the 13th inst., the wife of Mr. J. A. of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

SHORTLY BEFORE—At St. Andrew's Church, on the 16th inst., by the Rev. G. P. Hall, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Thompson, Thomas, of the Victoria House, Clevedon, Leeds, to Sarah Louise (Lavinia), daughter of Mr. J. H. Thompson, of the Victoria House, Clevedon, Leeds.

LANCHESTER—At the Rectory Office, on the 6th inst. the Rev. J. H. Thompson, of the Victoria House, Clevedon, Leeds, to Miss E. O'Neil, of 38, York Terrace, Islington, N.

At the Rectory Office, on the 11th inst. Mr. M. Hamden, son, to Miss E. Davies.

DEATHS.

OSTON—At Dan Cox Lane, on the 7th inst., aged 7 years, William Madam.

TANFORD—At the residence of his son, in his 56th year, Thomas Blackmore, formerly of Bismpton, near Bismpton, on the 11th inst. He was the son of John, wife of Richard Whitehead.

CHESTER—On the 13th inst., aged 6 years and months, Lavinia Jane, daughter of William and Jane Gatt, aged 84 years.

LEAGH—At the 10th West Street, on the 13th inst., Ann Gatt, aged 84 years.

DEATH—On the 13th inst., George, Infant son of George and Isabella Simpin.

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