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FRIDAY, October 20th, 1882.

AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

With the last days of October excursion and tourist trains are usually withdrawn from the railway tables, and the last holiday-maker finds his way home. Many have had a holiday, longer or shorter, nearer or more distant, according to opportunity and length of purse. The English are a nomadic people, and, however ill they can afford it, rarely forego the annual flitting denominated "change of air." It generally proves a somewhat costly recreation. Whether its after-effects are sufficiently beneficial to warrant so much expense depends greatly on the disposition and frame of mind of the holiday-maker. There is a type of man familiar to most of us who, whilst perhaps commanding unlimited time and money, invariably returns wearied and disappointed from the vain pursuit of pleasure. He brings back no renewal of health or spirits in exchange for the sums he has squandered so lavishly. If he remains in England, he fails to find interest in the scenery or comfort in the hotels, complaining pathetically that "they manage these things so much better abroad." If he goes on the Continent, he finds no enjoyment on the castled Rhine or by the blue lakes and white snow-peaks of Switzerland. He is too lazy to work, much less climb, and is bored by picture-galleries and museums. He finds little to praise and much to blame, and comes home unsatisfied and displeased with everything and everybody, able to tell of nothing save the petty discomforts he has endured, and only to resume his avocation as an idle "man about town." The people who really know how to enjoy and appreciate a holiday are those—it may almost be said those only—who work to obtain it. These, whether they be boys or girls, men or woman, find happiness and profit in a few weeks' wholesome change of air and scene. Wherever they pitch their tent, by sea or mountain, hill or river, they extract pure and genuine pleasure from the beauties around them—pleasure sweetened—how much those who have tasted it can only know—by the consciousness that it has been well earned. To this class belong the most ardent and the best rowers, swimmers, and pedestrians; for, as one of our modern poets truely sings,

> "This of old was sure,
> That change of toil is toil's sufficient cure."

To such as these the foreign tour dreamt of perhaps through a year of anxious economy, is one long enchantment and delight. The rememberance of the crimson splendours of some Alpine sunrise, or the paler glory of the moonlight etherealizing some ruined castle, makes the daily toil easier, and fills the mind with a picture gallery time has no power to destroy. The money of these tourists is well spent if it yields such compensation as this. Then, too, how many a wearied, harassed paterfamilias, chained to office or counter for eleven months of the year, has come back braced and revived by the pleasant rest-time spent in some quiet rural retreat with his wife and little ones! And the children, how they revel in the change of scene and liberty to "run wild"! Their innocent enjoyment is perhaps the most perfect of all, because undimmed by that thought for the morrow which will obtrude itself into the purest pleasures of maturer life. Those who are making retrospect of their holiday should think seriously if it has benefited them mentally, and if they have brought home anything besides the mere animal sense of health and well-being that comes of out-door exercise and out-door idleness. Not only should the physical powers be strengthened, but a satisfactory answer found to the question. Is there any perceptible sign of a growth of intellectual vitality? The mind ought to be stored with much food for pleasant thought if we have spent our time well. The artist should bring back recollections by which he may show us Summer glories in the dark days of Winter, whilst the poet and journalist should have a store of material by means of which the tour which they have so enjoyed may be traversed by the thoughts of thousands of readers unable perhaps to travel themselves. If, however, conscience can only show us a time spent in amusements and amid society of which we plainly see the emptiness and unprofitableness in looking back, then has our holiday been worse than thrown away. It is bad enough for people getting on in years to pass their time in that most insane and mindless form of existence, the trivial and frivolous round of typical fashionable watering-place amusements: it is even worse for their sons and daughters. Let them amuse themselves by all means. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," is true enough; but all play and no work makes him duller. Perpetual smoking and billiard-playing on one hand and dressing and sensation novels on the other are fatal to mental activity—[illegible]. Those who thus fatally waste their summer are not likely to develope into hard-working, energetic men or capable women. The holiday-time passes away all too soon, but it leaves indelible traces on the mind for good or evil. Happy indeed are those who can look back on the past Summer as one of

> "Peaceful delights which bears not soil or fret
> As do the victories of toil, and yet
> Bear their own fruit exceeding fair:
> Renewal of the labouring mind.
> New hopes, new dawns; and carking care
> A bleak night left behind."

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

Sir Garnet Wolseley, it is now understood, will upon his return from Egypt assume the post of Commander in Chief of the Portsmouth district, in the place of Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar. The change will be appreciated by the troops and by the public. So would other changes in Commanderships in Chief.

It is said to have been resolved not to give Major Fitz-George the usual £500 gratuity presented to the bearer of despatches announcing a victory. In the old days, when the despatches did really announce the news, instead of merely certifying, in a formal manner, what every one already knows quite well, there was no wonder that the public acquiesced in a handsome present being made to the bringer of good tidings. To-day the thing is a costly absurdity, and in the present case would excite all the more criticism because the recipient of the £500 gratuity would be the favourite son of the Duke of Cambridge. It is only fair to say that the Commander in Chief has not done much to push the fortunes of Major Fitz-George. He has had to make his way like other men, and the fact that he has won a high place in the confidence of Sir Garnet Wolseley speaks well for his soldierly qualities.

The new judge, Mr Justice Pearson, is another example of the non-political character of modern judicial appointments. Mr Pearson has indeed contested one of the divisions of Sussex in the Liberal interest; but he has never sat in Parliament. He is known to fame in the Chancery Courts, where his strident voice and singular accent have persecuted several generations of Vice-Chancellors.

If Mr Alderman Knight is able to obtain his way, this year's Lord Mayor's Show will be indeed a novelty. In past years the 9th of November parade has been made allusive to current national events, as, for example, when an elephant walked in the procession out of compliment to India. But Mr Alderman Knight desires to turn the mimic show into something like a Roman triumph. He wishes to obtain the presence of representatives of all the forces engaged in Egypt, and particularly of the Indian Contingent. To make the thing complete, Sir Garnet Wolseley and Sir Beauchamp Seymour ought to grace the ceremony with their presence, riding in a triumphal car, and Arabi should be dragged in chains at their heels. All this might be very fine; but it is a little difficult to discern any connection between Egyptian victories and the election of a new City Magistrate.

The rather ludicrous question connected with the intricacies of the Lodger Franchise which was the subject of a decision by the Revising Barrister of Southwark will be heard more of on appeal, and will no doubt be ultimately decided by the Lords Justices themselves. The whole case turns on whether a proper estimate was formed by the Revision Court of the proportion in which an annual lump sum paid for rent and washing by a lodger should be distributed between those two items. The whole amount paid was so little in excess of £10 that in allowing the lodger's vote as upon a rent to that amount the Barrister indirectly apportioned so small a sum to the item of washing that his *obiter dictum* in praise of the man's cleanliness seems at once contradicted. In relation to the average cleanliness of the Borough, however, the presumptive narrowness of the laundry bill may not have been ill founded. The law of the lodger franchise has already been characterised by one eminent judge as full of absurdities. The disputed Southwark vote is only one more example of the truth of his description.

According to the returns of Turquand & Co., the eminent accountants, the *Standard* would appear to be actually beating the *Daily Telegraph* in circulation. The former is returned at 242,000 per diem, the latter at 241,000. I believe, however, that the *D. T.* still maintains its real claim to the "widest circulation." The *Standard* returns include both the Morning and Evening *Standard*.

"A public-house for sale, in a healthy beer-drinking locality." So runs an advertisement which has appeared in some of the leading London papers. It refers, I suppose, to some favoured spot where the influence of the Blue Ribbon Army is as yet unfelt, and with such attractions will doubtless meet with numerous applicants. Where this "el dorado" for the aspiring publican is situated I know not, but it cannot be anywhere in the neighbourhood of Bedford, which, if report speaks truly, is anything but profitable for the vendor of ale, wine, or spirits. It is said that the number of abstainers is so considerable in that town that the receipts for alcoholic liquor have decreased with surprising rapidity. The traveller for a large London firm of wine merchants instead of securing the usual number of orders on his last journey recently came away without a single commission. The "licensed victuallers" will certainly have cause to dread the Salvation Army if their visits are to leave such traces as these at every place they visit.

The success of the Press Club has far exceeded the anticipations of its most sanguine founders. Members continue to pour in, and—what is still more indicative of the *quality* of the popularity, so to speak—the culinary resources of the institution are taxed to the very utmost. It is the daily and nightly wonder of members of this excellent Club why such a resort for press men was not established many years ago. The Press Club begins its history on a sound pecuniary basis. It is solvent, and its furniture is its own. This is more than some institutions can plume themselves on. Although the situation of "the house" is admirable—in the most journalistic part of Fleet Street—the time cannot be far distant when more commodious premises will be required. By the way, I see that it is proposed to admit—without an entrance fee—as members of the new London Liberal Club members of existing Clubs whose annual subscription is not less than five guineas. This rule will have to be re-considered. Under it neither a member of the Savage nor the Press Club would save his fee.

Mr Gladstone's address to his followers to be in their places on Tuesday next points to the one object for which an Autumn Session is to be held at all. It is, in fact, little else than a Grand Committee of the whole House to regulate its own order of Procedure, and as such may be regarded as a necessary piece of house-cleaning and decorating which has been too long postponed already. It is satisfactory to know that, unless anything unforeseen occurs, the House may separate for its holidays about November 30th.

When the *Times* stated a few weeks ago "on authority" that Sir Garnet Wolseley had struck his finger on the map predicting the very place and the day in which he would scatter the Egyptian Army, this was regarded as a bit of newspaper tag. But it now turns out to be literally true. Lord Northbrook a few days ago at Liverpool told his audience that, so far from being an invention, he was present at the time, and, can bear witness to its truth.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of this body took place at Lanchester Union Workhouse on (Thursday) morning in last week under the presidency of the Chairman, Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., J.P. There were likewise present the following Guardians:—Rev. Canon Kearney, M. Kearney Esq, J.P., Messrs. W. M. Annandale, J. Wilkinson, Geo. Hotson, T. Siddell, T. J. Muse, J. Lax, R. Clark, W. Cummings, J. Fairley, Joseph Eltringham, T. Pringle, J. Collinson, W. Hornsby, J. Bowey, the Local Government Inspector Mr G. Culley) and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

After the minutes had been confirmed, the Guardians proceeded to consider the relief business.

THE VACCINATION STATION AT CONSETT.

A letter was read from Dr. Bolton, of Ebchester, complaining of the insuitable character of the room which he was compelled to use as a Vaccination Station at Consett. It was an outhouse too small, damp, badly ventilated, and was little better than a coalhouse. If the Guardians would therefore allow a small addition to his salary he would use his surgery at Consett as a Vaccination Station.

Mr Collinson was under the impression that the doctor had the use of the Local Board-room.

Mr Siddell: He uses the pantry the same as Mr Thompson, the registrar, and yet that is the place that the Consett Local Board wish to charge him £2 a year for.

The Chairman said the agreement between the Guardians and the Local Board was for the use of the Board-room twice a week at a rental of £13 per annum, which included the Vaccination Station, and also for the registrar until about two years ago, when the Board claimed £2 a year from Mr Thompson, but afterwards agreed to take £1 yearly. The Board did not interfere; but now that the Guardians only met once a month at Consett (instead of fortnightly) he thought that £13 was rather to much. They only paid £5 for the use of the room at Kyo. Surely they might get a suitable room in Consett for £6 10s—exactly half of what they were now paying—if they only had a mind.

Mr Collinson observed that with reference to Dr Bolton's complaint, he had a right to go into the Board-room. (Mr Siddell: Hear, hear).

Mr Wilkinson moved that Dr Bolton be allowed to use his surgery as a Vaccination Station at Consett.

This was agreed to.

Mr Eltringham pointed out that the Guardians originally took the Board-room upstairs at Consett, which was used at this moment as County Court Offices. The Consett Committee of Guardians now met in what was formerly a kitchen on the ground floor, and they never entered the Board-room which they primarily rented. It was merely a pantry he believed that was used as a Vaccination Office.

The Clerk observed that previous to January 1874, the Guardians had the use of the Town Hall at Consett for £9 a year; and since that time they had paid the Consett Local Board £13 per annum for their Board-room.

Mr Eltringham said that as the agreement between the Guardians and the Local Board had been broken it was not necessary for them to give six months to annul the contract.

The Chairman said it was only a formal agreement.

Mr Siddell thought if a communication was forwarded to the Consett Local Board they might probably agree to let the Guardians have the use of their present Board-room at a reduced rental.

Mr Lax did not see any objection in allowing Dr Bolton to use the old surgery as a Vaccination Station in future.

The Chairman inquired if the Consett Guardians were satisfied with the room they met in at present?

Canon Kearney replied that they were not. He objected to the cemented floor, and besides the place was very drafty and cold.

Mr Siddell said if the Guardians would only wait patiently for a few months, the Consett people would endeavour to make them comfortable in their new Town Hall rooms.

Eventually Mr Lax proposed that the Guardians offer the Consett Local Board £5 per annum for the use of the Board-room monthly; and in the event of it being refused, the Board shall give notice to vacate the premises.

Mr Wilkinson seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

It was likewise resolved that Dr Bolton be allowed an extra 30s per annum for the use of his surgery as a Vaccination Station at Consett.

VISIT TO THE ASYLUM AND TUDHOE HOMES.

The Chairman said that some of the members of the Board had visited the County Asylum at Sedgefield, and also the Tudhoe Homes. The Board had ten children in the last-named place.

PAUPERISM IN THE UNION.

Mr Culley, in calling the attention of the Board to the state of pauperism, said it was satisfactory to find that there has been throughout the district generally a considerable decrease in pauperism as compared with the increase of the population. In 1872, the figures were 27 per thousand of the population, but this had been reduced to 15 per thousand in 1882. This Union had had a rapid increase of population during the past few years, and it was due in a great measure to this circumstance that pauperism had been so far diminished. Now, however, that the Union was getting older, it would be very difficult to maintain the low percentage of pauperism that they had at present. There had been an increase of something like 100 out-door paupers during the past twelve months, but this was not caused by any laxity on the part of the Guardians, who were trying their utmost to keep down the rates. This fact was partly attributed to what was known as "American widowhood" (laughter) or wife desertion. He could only ask the Guardians to be as careful as they could in the future in the administration of out-door relief.

THE DIVIDED PARISHES ACT.

Mr Culley next detailed a lengthy and elaborate statement respecting the Divided Parishes Act of last Session, which he observed would come into operation on the 25th March next. The Act only deals with excessively small cases, and nothing more has been done to clear away the difficulties that arise out of the divided parts of parishes. He had hoped that a great deal more would have been effected by this Act, so that steps could have been taken which would have enabled the work to be done generally throughout the district, and not piece-meal, as it were, by the Inspectors of the Local Government Board. He thought that in the North of England would be found the most complicated cases anywhere in the United Kingdom. When they (the Guardians) made application, in the first instance, to the Local Government Board to carry out the provisions of the Divided Parishes Act of 1876, they really wished to recommend a thorough revision of the boundaries of the parishes generally. The Local Government Board, he thought, ought to have had powers for dealing with such matters under the Acts of 1879 and 1882. The point for them to consider now was, whether it would be better for them (the Guardians) to try their hand at this scheme, or whether they should wait and see how far the land is cleared by the Act of last Session. The Act says that parts or groups of parishes immediately surrounded by other parishes will be transferred in March next to the parishes that directly surrounds them. That, however, will leave behind one of the most serious difficulties. The Act was passed on account of the many large parishes in the North of England, in which the governing authorities are attempting to deal with the [illegible] way to that suggested by the Lanchester Guardians. The Act besides dealing with the Poor Law Guardians, also effects the Highway Boards, as well as the School Districts, under the Education Department authorities. After showing in what respect the several parishes in the contemplated scheme compiled by the Guardians some time ago would not be touched by the working of the Act, Mr Culley said he was not in a position at present to tell the Board to what extent the Act will affect this Union. If he held an official inquiry after that Act comes into force, and obtained the opinions of the overseers and assistant-overseers on the matter, then the recommendations that have been made could be laid before the Board of Guardians. There were always a great many questions to be considered before they could break through a parish boundary. In the meantime, he (Mr Culley) would try to ascertain how far the Act will take effect as regarding themselves.

The Guardians agreed with the suggestion that they should wait until the Act comes into force, and subsequently hold an inquiry into the matter.

THE REMOVAL OF A PAUPER LUNATIC.

Respecting the account presented by P.C. Longstaff, for payment of his expenses incurred in removing an escaped lunatic from Burnopfield to Lanchester in January last, it was resolved, after a sharp discussion, on the motion of Canon Kearney, seconded by Mr Clark, that the police-officer be paid his expenses incurred by the hire of the conveyance.

APPOINTMENT OF CONVENER FOR BUILDING COMMITTEE.

In consequence of the protracted illness of Mr W. Logan, the chairman and convener of the Building Committee, Canon Kearney proposed that Mr Eltringham be appointed convener of that Committee.

This was seconded and carried.

RESIGNATION OF INFIRMARY NURSE.

Mrs Collins, the infirmary nurse, tendered her resignation, which was accepted.

The Clerk was authorised to advertise for a successor, at the same salary—£25 per annum.

INMATES OF THE WORKHOUSE.

Week ending Oct. 4th	153
Corresponding week of last year	154
Week ending Oct. 11th	154
Corresponding week last year	163
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	72
" " corresponding fortnight last year	95

This was all the business before the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS CONCERT AT CASTLESIDE.

The members of the choral society established last winter in the village of Castleside, and who it will be remembered made their successful *debut* last Eastertide, gave a grand vocal and instrumental concert in the Board Schools on Tuesday evening last. The room was completely packed to the doors, and it would have been a matter of considerable difficulty to have found accommodation for half-a-dozen more persons. The concert was equally as successful as its predecessor, and, regarded from a musical standpoint, passed off with even greater *eclat*. The audience was a fashionable one, consisting chiefly, as it did, of the leading residents of Castleside and the surrounding locality. The following were the principal vocalists:—Mrs Muse, Mrs Duckworth, Miss Dent, Miss Leybourne, Mr Jackson, Mr Raine, and Mr Robinson; who were efficiently aided by a full orchestral band, the principal instrumentalists being—Solo violin, Mr A. Parker (Consett), solo cornet, Mr J. W. Ruddick (Blackhill); clarionette, Master Coulson; Northumberland pipes, Mr Clennel (Newcastle); accompanist, Miss Pescod (Consett). The whole were under the competent leadership of Mr J. Stephenson, of Blackhill. Mr T. J. Muse, of Castleside House, took the chair, and briefly introduced the programme.

Part I. was opened by the band, who executed the overture, "La Caravanne" (Gretry), in a highly satisfactory manner. One of Fawcett's choruses was next performed by the band and the members of the society, with powerful effect; and Mr Raine feelingly sang one of Sankey's melodies, "Where is my boy to-night?" the members assisting in the chorus. Miss Dent was enthusiastically cheered for her spirited and faultless rendition of Claribel's song, "Janet's choice," and eventually obtained an *encore*, which she gracefully acknowledged by repeating the last verse. We have not had the pleasure of hearing this young lady sing before, but she is undoubtedly gifted with a rich, sweet soprano voice, and, with proper training, her vocal powers will develop, and in course of time distinguish her as one of the finest musicians in this district. After a selection of five quadrilles (by D'Albert) had been performed by the band, Mrs Muse contributed the song, "I cannot sing the old song," which was effectively given, and she was accorded an outburst of applause at its termination. Mr Parker received quite an ovation on rising to execute on the violin, the air (from Mendelssohn's Elijah) "O rest in the Lord." The solo was performed in a masterly style, and its effect was not lost upon the company, who assigned to Mr Parker a hearty re-demand. In response, he gave "Auld Robin Grey," with equal merit. Mr Ruddick, of the Blackhill Teetotal Band fame, then gave, as a cornet solo, Arban's air, "Vane," in a manner which fairly enraptured the audience, who unanimously demanded an *encore*, which was acceded to. Some little amusement was occasioned by the appearance of Mr Clennell with his Northumberland pipes, which were apparently a novelty to many present. That gentleman cleverly performed on the pipes Peacock's "Holy ha'penny," and at the conclusion the company called for a repetition of the piece.

After a short interval, the second part of the programme was gone through, the choral society and band contributing, at the opening, and close, selections from Fawcett's choruses. A quartette, "Let us now go," was strikingly rendered by Mrs Muse, Miss Dent, Mr Robinson, and Mr Jackson. The principal pieces of the evening, however, were two overtures by the band, entitled "Le Calif de Bagdad" (Boieldieu), and "Guy Mannering" (Bishop), the performance of each fairly delighting the exultant assemblage. The opening bars of the first overture were very soft and sweet, and the piece was much admired. Mrs Thackworth sang, in a thoroughly effective manner, Wrighton's solo, "The wishing cap," which was well received; and being re-called she repeated the closing verse. Mr Ruddick skilfully played the cornet solo from "Zerlina" (Ettling), and being ultimately re-demanded, he favoured with "Home, sweet home." Miss Leybourne followed with the song "There's no home like my own" (Jeffrey); and Mr Clennell again amused the audience by performing on the pipes Niel Gow's "Farewell," and his efforts were so much appreciated that he was called back twice. The programme, it will be seen, was both extensive and varied, and throughout its performance continued to excite the passions of the company. A word of praise is due to Mr J. Stephenson, who (despite the many disadvantages and disappointments he has had to contend with) has succeeded in bringing the members of his band, in a very short space of time, to a fair state of efficiency. The performance passed off without the slightest hitch, the only drawback being that a harmonium (somewhat out of tune) was the only instrument allotted to Miss Pescod to accompany the several vocalists. It would, we think, be a good idea if the proper authorities were to secure a first-class pianaforte in connection with the schools, to be set apart only for use on special occasions.

Dr. Bardsley's Antibilious Pills.—For eradicating all impurities of the blood from the system they have no equal. They have never failed to effect a cure, giving tone and strength to the system debilitated by disease.—Sold by all Chemists in Boxes at 1s. 1½d. and 2s 9d. Box sent post free on receipt of 15 or 35 stamps. Wm. Mather, Wholesale Druggist Manchester

DURHAM SESSIONS.

The Michaelmas Quarter Sessions for the county of Durham were commenced on Monday in the Assize Courts at Durham, before John Lloyd Wharton, Esq. (chairman), and a full bench of magistrates. The following local gentlemen were sworn upon the Grand Jury:—Robert G. Barclay, Benfieldside; James Douglas, Winlaton; John East, Benfieldside.

The Chairman, in addressing the Grand Jury, regretted the fact that the calendar showed an increase of nine cases on that of the corresponding quarter of last year.

FIRST COURT.—Before Mr John Lloyd Wharton (Chairman), and other Justices.

FRAUDULENT BAILEES.

John Jones (45), watchmaker, was charged that he being bailee of a silver watch, the property of James Harrison, of Quebec, did fraudulently convert the same to his own use, at Lanchester on the 5th June; further charged that he being the bailee of a silver watch, the property of John Ward, also of Quebec, did fraudulently convert the same to his own use, at Lanchester, on June 16th. The above were not the first offences of the prisoner in the same line.—Prisoner, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to twelve calendar months' hard labour.

John Henderson (60), watchmaker, pleaded guilty to three charges of having appropriated to his own use three watches, belonging respectively to John Price, Robert Bainbridge Bowman, and Thomas Elliott, with intent to defraud, at Stanhope, on the 13th November, 10th June, and 3rd July last. He was sentenced to six months' hard labour for the first of these offences, and to one day for each of the others.

THE ALLEGED STABBING CASE AT BLACKHILL.

Ann Tomney (40), married, charged with unlawfully wounding Matthew Tomney, her husband, at Bottle Bank, Blackhill, by stabbing him in the stomach, on the 21st August. The Grand Jury ignored the bill.

"RINGING THE CHANGES" AT LEADGATE.

Mary Cochrane (43), widow, was charged with stealing 10d in money belonging to Henry Lee, grocer, Leadgate, on the 17th August. She was also charged with stealing 5d in money belonging to Christopher Waud, at Leadgate, on the 17th of August. Mr Granger prosecuted, and Mr Turton defended. The jury acquitted the second charge. The prisoner was proved to have lived for years by swindling tradesmen, and the chairman stated that since February she had been convicted of no less than 58 petty offences. The prisoner was sentenced to five years' penal servitude. Prisoner: "Thank God it's no worse." She was then hurried out of court.

LARCENY AT DIPTON.

Elizabeth Marley (17), servant, pleaded guilty to stealing one pair of elastic-side kid boots and two pairs of stockings, the property of Simon Spurr, at Hobson Colliery, on the 9th of August, and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

BURGLARY NEAR TOW LAW.

Sarah Donnaghy (39), widow, was charged with breaking and entering the dwelling-house of Patrick Kilbride, and stealing therefrom one cloak, value 6s., his property, near Tow Law, on the 18th September, 1882. Mr Shafto prosecuted. Prisoner was found not guilty.

BREAKING INTO A CARAVAN.

Henry James Baindley (19), potter, and *John Waterhouse*, (19), boatman, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering the caravan of James Kirk, and stealing therein £14 in gold, a cash-box, and other articles, at Wolsingham, on the 31st July. They were sentenced to four months' hard labour each.

ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE ON THE HIGHWAY NEAR CONSETT.

John McIver (23), pitman, and *Archibald McIver* (21), labourer, were charged with stealing 4s in money, a pair of boots, and other articles, from the person of James Simpson, on the highway between Consett and Medomsley, on June 30th. Dr Carr, for the defence, said there was only one point in the prosecution, and appealed to the jury as to whether it was worth while to enter into the defence. The prisoners were dismissed.

SECOND COURT.—Before the Rev G. P. Wilkinson, (Chairman), and M. Hedlam, Esq.

UNLAWFULLY WOUNDING AT BLACKHILL.

John McKenna, an old man, pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawfully wounding Thomas McKenna, by striking him over the head with a poker, in Owen Matthews's beerhouse in Durham Road, Blackhill, on the 24th June.—The prisoner was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

UNLAWFULLY WOUNDING AT CONSETT.

Charles O'Rourke (25), puddler, indicted for unlawfully wounding John Gilhespie, at Consett, on the 15th July, was found guilty of a common assault only, and sentenced to four months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Football

Prudhoe Rovers v. Newton.—These clubs met on Saturday on the Newton ground. The game resulted in a win for the Prudhoe Rovers by two goals to one.

Burnopfield v. Tantobie.—Played on Saturday at Tantobie, and ended in a victory for the visitors. Teams:—Burnopfield—Graham, goal; Benley and Allan, backs; Truick and Fisk, half backs; Watson and Wharton, left wing; Holmes and Bell, right wing; Cawthorn, centre. Tantobie—W. D. Rowell goal; N. Atthey and J. Atthey, backs; R. Haunent and T. Storey, half backs; J. Gedling, G. Wilkinson, W. Stoker, R. Stoker, W. Elliott, H. Scott, R. Atthey, and C. Atthey, hon. sec., forwards.

Derwent Rovers v. Alnwick.—Played on the ground of the former on Saturday, and resulted in a draw, each team gaining one goal. Teams:—Alnwick—H. Hume, goal; Dunns and Scott, backs; Pringle, Tucker, and Livingstone, half backs; Clark and Sullivan, left; Stuart and Patterson, right, forwards; Wm. Appleby, centre. Derwent Rovers—R. Nevins, goal; J. Nevins and W. Ferguson, half backs; R. Weedy, M. Fenwick, and John Smith, backs; Jas. O'Neil, T. Dent, left, Jas. Weedy and Wm. Hogarth, right, forwards; M. McGee, centre.

Tow Law v. Castleside.—Played on the ground of the latter on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by six tries to nil. Teams;—Tow Law—John Proud, back; W. G. Hall and R. B. Starkley, three-quarter backs; L. Parker and J. T. Turner, quarter backs; Alf Collingwood, Fred. Drummond, John Walton, Thomas Hall, Henry Hodgson, R. Weatherall, W. Emerson, Henry Slater, J. Coatman, and W. Hodgson, forwards. Castleside—W. Pattinson, back; G. S. Brown and R. G. Davison, three-quarter backs; G. Brown and R. Davison, quarter-backs; B. Joes, J. T. Hillary, W. C. Toward, T. Barker, G. Harker, R. Brownlee, R. Owles, E. Hall, J. Robinson, and T. Robinson, forwards.

Tow Law v. Stanley, 2nd Teams.—Played at Tow Law on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the home team by two goals, one disputed. The goals were kicked by Dixon. Teams:—Tow Law—Geo. Lowson, goal; Rev T. C. Hughes (captain) and N. Allison, backs; A. Carr and John Hood, half backs; A. Hillary and T. Trainor, left wing; G. Murray and W. Morgan, right wing; T. Dixon and W. A. Hillary, centre. Stanley—J. Powell, goal; W. Pouton and W. Peacock, backs; M. Dawson, J. Robinson, W. Crane, half backs; J. Lennit and R. Shevels left wing; J. Hughes and B. Race, right wing; J. Varley, centre.

WOLSINGHAM COUNTY COURT.

SATURDAY Oct. 14th—Before R. J. MEYNELL, Esq., Judge.

UNEQUALLY YOKED—ADVERTISING A WIFE.

WARD *v.* SMITH.—Ralph Ward, Frosterley, was sued for £1 15s, alleged to be due for groceries supplied by George Smith, the plaintiff, during the last few years.—Defendant, however, repudiated the debt on the strength of a newspaper advertisement in 1869 announcing that he would not be responsible for his wife's debts from that day forward. Defendant recounted the many devices to which his wife had resorted in order to get his money and saddle him with debt.—His Honour asked to see the advertisement.—Defendant had not brought it; and the case was adjourned for its production.

CURIOUS CROSS-ACTION RESPECTING A PUBLIC-HOUSE.

JOHNSON *v.* EMMERSON.—Thomas Johnson, now of Bishop Auckland—represented by Mr J. T. Proud—sued for £2 17s 6d balance due for money paid as ingoing for a Tow Law public-house belonging to Messrs Emerson and Son, Newcastle, who now put in a counter-claim for damage to and loss of, respectively, a yard door, glass kegs, taps, globes, bells, &c.—Plaintiff swore that he read an inventory of the house to the incoming tenant, that one or more articles went to another house belonging defendants, that the glass kegs were left, that the bells would not ring, &c.—Elizabeth Thirlway, a servant of Johnson, corroborated the latter's testimony, and eventually the Judge gave a verdict for the amount claimed by plaintiff, and for 7s 6d on the counter-claim, plaintiff thus getting a verdict for £2 10s. with costs.

A GROCER'S ACCOUNT.

HORNSBY *v.* YOUNG.—Mr T. Hornsby, grocer, Tow Law, sued John Young for £4 3s 6d., balance of an account due. The case was allowed to stand over for a month.

THE NORTHERN IRON TRADE.

RESULT OF THE BALLOT.

On Monday a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Board of Arbitration was held at Darlington. Mr William Whitwell, president of the Board, presiding. Mr T. Siddell represented the Consett Iron Company; whilst Mr C. Finn (Consett) and Mr A. McKean (Blackhill) appeared respectively for the Consett Iron and Tinmill Works.

THE VOTE OF THE IRONWORKERS.

The CHAIRMAN read the return of the voting on the question laid before the men, which was as follows:—

Name of Works.	Ayes.	Noes.	Did not vote.	No. of subs.	Majty.
Teesside	113	31	42	188	82
Ayrton	180	49	116	349	131
Newport	234	105	209	554	129
Thornaby	184	43	43	271	141
Bowesfield	174	146	56	403	28
Moor	269	87	364	722	182
West Stockton	194	58	477	749	136
Stockton Malleable	254	53	664	940	171
Stockton Rail Mill	141	56	262	458	91
Darlington	69	2	0	79	67
Skerne	217	70	116	405	147
Rise Carr	175	10	83	268	165
Auckland	105	9	42	156	96
Witton Park	667	29	65	779	638
Consett	1350	127	362	1846	1223
Park (J. Abbott & Co.)	174	11	0	166	163
Walker	77	61	94	232	16
Jarrow	426	173	110	716	253
Monkwearmouth (Tyzack & Co.)	120	56	41	219	64
Wear	212	51	248	508	171
Hartlepool	166	99	20	299	67
Totals	5841	1320	3393	10397	4161

The CHAIRMAN explained that at Park Works (Abbott and Co.) 25 more votes were recorded than there were there. There was a clear majority, and of those who did vote four out of every five were in favour of the continuance of the Board. A good many of the men had said they would not bother to vote; they would go with the majority.

The question of whether the men knew on what they were voting was considered. It was stated that most of the men believed it was whether they were for the Board or against the Board, and not as was the case upon the face of the resolution, that the issue was whether the men would be loyal to the Board, or to any arbitrator's decision which the Board might appoint to deal with the present wages question. It was stated that the voting had no reference to the future, but only to the present wages claim.

THE WAGES QUESTION.

The Secretary (Mr Winpenny) read the notice given by the employers and operatives, the first asking for a reduction of 7½ per cent in wages, and the men asking for an advance of 7½ per cent. The employers in their notice suggested the establishment of a satisfactory sliding scale, and the men claimed the advance because of the returns of Mr Waterhouse giving 2s per ton higher than the estimated returns upon which Sir J. W. Pease gave his award. They also pleaded the increased demand and improved prices of iron.

A discussion ensued, and the employers held that it was better to arbitrate on the question as there was no sliding scale, and they refused to modify their demand.

The CHAIRMAN said the 2s spoken of in connection with Mr Waterhouse's figures would be nearly wiped out by extras; that the Staffordshire men did not get an advance as had been done here; that the men here now were getting 5 per cent. more than those in other districts. With regard to the state of trade, he said he had been to the Birmingham quarterly meeting, and also visited Sheffield, and found that things were not bright there any more than they were here; that the advance of 10s per ton in marked bars had taken place to meet an increase of 10 per cent. in collier's wages. Trade had been dull before, and afterwards not a single transaction took place on Change in Staffordshire iron. Of those who produce marked bars one out of two works, and two out of three in some cases, were standing as they had no orders, and were the likely to sell more iron when prices were put up? In this district orders were more difficult to get, and he quoted figures to show that prices had been declining since Sir J. W. Pease's award rather than advancing.

Mr TROW replied on the part of the men, and said that from 1865 till a few weeks ago the men in the north were below the Staffordshire wages by 5 per cent. Referring to Sir J. W. Pease's award, he stated that he knew of no gentleman who as arbitrator had been more painstaking and who would go more fully into the question before him than Sir J. W. Pease. If the men were justified in asking for an advance, or the employers for a reduction, could only be shown by the contract prices on the employers' books.

It having been resolved that arbitration should be continued as the ironworkers were loyal, as shown by their votes, a minute was passed as follows:—"That Mr Waterhouse's figures be completed in the usual way as soon as possible and sent to Mr Trow, and that the sales on the books be taken out independently by Mr Waterhouse and checked by Mr Benson on the earliest possible date, when another meeting of the Board shall be held."

The meeting then separated.

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BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

A monthly meeting of this body took place in the Board-room of the Benfieldside Edge Schools last Friday afternoon, the Chairman (Mr Charles Wilson) presiding; there being also present the Rev Alexander Baillie, Messrs J. Priestman, H. Carss, W. Telford, and the clerk (Mr R. G. Barclay).

SCHOOL-ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the last ordinary meeting, and also of special meeting (at which Miss Harvey was appointed teacher of the infant department of the Benfieldside Schools, *vice* Miss Phillips, resigned), the Clerk read the report of the School-Attendance Officer, Mr J. Johnson. The only item of interest was to the effect that a parent named Moss had been summoned before the Consett Bench (according to instructions from the Board) for neglecting to send her child regularly to school. Mr Wylie, the master of the school at which the boy attended, gave his age as 10 years, but Mrs Moss, who appeared at the Court, asserted that her son was over 13 years, and the case was therefore dismissed. The members of the Board now thought that in order to put a stop to this practice, the School-Attendance Officer should obtain particulars from the registrar, in doubtful cases, as to the date of the birth of the children.

Mr Johnson explained to the Board that since the case was heard, he had left a proper form with Mrs Moss, requesting to be furnished with date of her son's birth. Mrs Moss had transmitted the form to Mr Thompson, of Lanchester, and it had been returned with the age of the boy set down as 13 years old.

The Board consequently cannot pursue further in the case.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee reported that having examined the vouchers and accounts for last month, they had found them all correct. The only bill presented this month was for £1 18s 6d, which was ordered to be paid.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

The annual statement of the Board's income and expenditure was submitted, and the Clerk explained that the results of the past twelve months were very satisfactory, the expenses having been reduced some £60 or £70 this year, which was equivalent to 1d in the £. The sum of £583 had been received from the rates. The amount of the Government grant of last year was £348, as against £302 two years ago. He expected the grant would be slightly increased this year also.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr PRIESTMAN, seconded by the Rev A. BAILLIE, that the statement of accounts be adopted and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Clerk reported that the fire-place in the schools had been altered and the chimney pots fixed as ordered, and appeared to give every satisfaction.

The Clerk read the letter of engagement between the Board and Miss Harvey, which was deemed suitable and adopted.

The rest of the business was purely formal.

HARVEST THANKSGIVINGS.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—The harvest festival for this parish was held on Sunday se'nnight. The decoration of the sacred edifice throughout was chaste and effective. The services for the day consisted of early communion at 11 a.m. In the afternoon a children's service was held attended by the scholars attending the parish schools. They were addressed by the rector, and the offertory will be given to the Broadstairs Convalescent Home, Kent. Service (fully choral) was held in the evening. Psalm 136 was sung as processional; Psalm 104 was chanted. The anthem was "O give thanks unto the Lord." The sermon was preached by the Rev G. A. Ormsby, M.A., vicar of West Rainton. The offertory was in aid of the National Schools.

SATLEY.—The harvest thanksgiving services in connection with this parish were held in the village church on Sunday last. The picturesque little edifice was tastefully decorated with wheat, barley, oats, and choice garden and hot-house flowers. A light floral screen, erected for the occasion, attracted special admiration, being entirely composed of gracefully mingled bunches of whin, ferns, and bright-coloured flowers. On the altar were arranged sheaves of wheat and barley, with offerings of fruit and vegetables standing out in relief against a background of artistically grouped scarlet flowers. The services were fully choral, and notwithstanding the unfavourable weather were well attended by a devout congregation. The offertories were made in aid of the funds of the Newcastle Infirmary and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

CASTLESIDE.—The harvest festival at this place commenced on Saturday last with a public tea meeting held in the Board Schools. An excellent tea was provided, the expense of which was borne by some of the ladies of the congregation. A public meeting followed which was to have been presided over by W. Jenkins, Esq., J.P., but a letter was read from him explaining his unavoidable absence. The Vicar then occupied the chair. Able and earnest addresses were given by the Revs— Baines, M.A., G. Thompson, B.A. (South Shields), H. W. Farrar, B.A. (Tyne Mission Ship), and the Vicar, and were received with hearty applause. The meeting was opened and closed with a hymn and prayer; pianoforte solo, anthem, glee, and duetts interspersed the several addresses. It may be described as one of the most hearty meetings of its kind, and was a pleasing introduction to the thanksgiving services the following day.—On Sunday, the Rev G. Thompson, B.A., preached in the morning from the text—"Lovest thou Me," and in the evening from "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." The sermons were marked with much earnestness, and were listened to with great interest by large congregations. In the evening the church was crowded, every available space being taken up with extra seats. The decorations were exceedingly beautiful and appropriate. The corn, fruit, and flowers were kindly given by parishioners and friends.

ST. THOMAS'S, COLLIERLEY.—Harvest thanksgiving services were held at Collierley Church on Sunday last. The preacher in the morning was the Rev J. Crennell, vicar of St. Andrew's, Beamish; and in the evening the Rev J. Stirrup, vicar of St. James's, Burnopfield. The interior of the church was beautifully decorated by the ladies of congregation. At both services the sacred edifice was crowded, and in the evening a large number of people were unable to obtain admission. Collections amounting to £3 13s 4d were made on behalf of the fund of the Sunday school and Choir of the church.

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THE CATHOLIC BISHOP OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE.

The consecration of Dr. Bewick as Roman Catholic Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle took place on Wednesday morning, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. The church at the appointed hour was crowded. A Pontifical High Mass was sung by the choir, and during the mass His Eminence, Cardinal Manning, performed the consecration rites.

The ceremony commenced with a grand procession from the vestry, down the west aisle, and up the nave, in the following order:—The clergy, the cathedral chapter, the monsignor prelates, the bishops and archbishops, each with chaplain; the ministers of the mass, and the cardinal archbishop. There were present three archbishops, seven bishops, two mitred abbots, several prelates, a number of canons, and about 120 clergy. Having arrived in the Sanctuary, the Cardinal Archbishop took his seat on a faldstool in the middle of the altar, and the Bishop-Elect was brought before him and examined. The oath having been already administered in the vestry, the Cardinal Archbishop proceeded to examine the Bishop-Elect concerning the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. The Bishop-elect then withdrew with his attendants to this altar, and having been there vested with the Pontifical vestments, he read the mass as far as the Gospel, inserting a collect appropriate for the service of consecration. After prayer was said and the Litanies of the Saints chanted, the newly consecrated Bishop received the kiss of peace from the Cardinal Archbishop. The Cardinal Archbishop having communicated, he administrated holy communion to the newly consecrated Bishop, in both kinds. After the mass the newly consecrated Bishop, accompanied by two Bishops, walked down the three aisles of the church, and blessed the congregation. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. W. Wickwair, and Gounod's "Messe Solennelle Mass" was sung by the choir, under the leadership of the Rev. Father Howe. Mr Leggat presided at the organ. The Archbishops present were His Eminence Cardinal Manning, Westminster, Archbishop Eyre, and Archbishop Strain, Edinburgh. The Bishops present were the Bishops Cornthwaite, Leeds; Bishop Vaughan, Salford; Bishop Lacy, Middlesbrough; Bishop Hedley, Newport; Bishop Riddell, Northampton; and Bishop MacLaughlan, Galloway.

After mass was said a sermon was preached by Bishop Hedley, of Newport. Immediately after the sermon, an address was presented to the newly consecrated Bishop by Provost Consitt.

The following local clergy were present at the ceremony:—Canon F. Kearney, Brooms, Leadgate; Revs. Thomas Smith, and Philip Piper, Blackhill; J. A. Wilson, Burnopfield; Matthew Toner, D.D., B.C.L., West Stanley; Wm. Taylor Smith, Tow Law; Samuel Harris, Esh; Philip C. Hortin, Newhouse, Waterhouses; Richard Hannan, Langley Moor; Monsignor Wm. Wrennall, D.D., (President), C. Gillow, H. Gillow, J. Felton (D.D.), Thomas Croskell, W. H. Brown, Robert Laing, J. Lennon, (D.D.), Henry Newton, George Philips, Thomas Tatlock, all of St. Cuthbert's College, Ushaw.

FIRST SHOTLEY BRIDGE 370TH STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.

FOURTH APPROPRIATION.

On Wednesday evening a public meeting in connection with the above Society was held in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Blackhill. There were about 50 members present. Mr. W. N. Shimmin was unanimously elected to the chair, while Mr. W. Simpson and Mr Worley were appointed scrutineers.

The SECRETARY (Mr Gibbinson) read the minutes of last appropriation, which was held on the 19th April, 1882, the fortunate member being Mr J. W. Davison, of Consett, who having four shares, got £400. He stated that the cash in bank was £626 7s 11½d. There were 353 members holding 726 shares, and there had been four appropriations during the eighteen months of its existence. He also explained that to show the appropriation was done uprightly, the balloting would be done by the members themselves, the officers taking no part in it whatever. He then handed to the scrutineers the articles used in the ballot.

After the minutes had been confirmed, the ballot was then proceeded with, and the figures drawn were 281, being the registered number of Mr Thomas Young, but as he had not paid up his subscriptions for some time, the ballot was lost. On the ballot being taken again, the lot fell to Mr Peter Surtees, who lost his appropriation, not having paid his subscription for two weeks. The lot finally fell to Mr Titus Dalton, Leadgate, he having paid his subscriptions up to that night. He had two shares, and his appropriation would therefore be £200.

The CHAIRMAN having congratulated the fortunate member, he said he never thought that he would be called to the chair or else he would have prepared a speech, but as he had not done so he might say that there was £520 back subscriptions, and if the members would make an effort and pay up their arrears they would soon have another appropriation. He said that if a working man wants to build a house for £200 in any other building society he would only get £160 and therefore would have to have £40 in hand as a security, and this very few working men could do. They would also have to pay it back with interest. In the Starr-Bowkett Society the working man could get by appropriation £200 without having any money as security, and he could pay it back without interest. This, he contended, made the Starr-Bowkett system far superior to any other Society for working-men. (Applause).

The SECRETARY endorsed the chairman's remarks in every particular and said that if the back-subscriptions—£52—had been paid, they might have had one or two more appropriations that night. He, therefore, urged upon the members to pay their arrears, which would not only benefit themselves by getting more appropriations, but would also bring the Society to a more speedy termination. They had £25 left over the appropriation that night, and if the members would use a little energy they might have another appropriation in about six weeks. He then gave a very lengthy address on "Thrift," in the course of which he pointed out various ways to save money. In one of the various illustrations he said that he at one time used to drink and smoke to the extent of 2s per week. He gave this up and put the 2s every week into a Society in London which accumulated to £11. Some time after this he was fortunate enough to get an appropriation, which he sold, and he was about £45 into pocket by the same! This was all through giving up smoking and drinking a few glasses of beer; and if he did it, it was equally possible for any other man to do so. (Applause). He would earnestly recommend the cause of temperance, and if they did want to save money, there were various places where it could be invested. The money would be safe in a savings' bank, but the interest thereon was too small for the working classes. It was all right for rich people who wanted their money keeping safe; but the working man wanted to invest where his money would soon enlarge. To do this he thought building societies were the best places for investment. He then enumerated various building societies and showed very graphically the ends gained by joining the same. He also set forth the defects of all permanent and other building societies, and explained that the Starr-Bowkett Building Society was best in every way to the working man. As the chairman had said a man could get £200 and pay it back without interest, while in other societies they would have to have security and also pay interest on the same. Also, if a working man was off work with illness they did not expect him to pay until he got better, and therefore he upheld that the Starr-Bowkett Building Society was the best place for a working man to avail himself of the opportunity of saving money by joining that Society.

Votes of thanks were then accorded to the chairman, the scrutineers, and the secretary, after which the meeting dispersed.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, October 16th—Before A. TOWN, Esq. (chairman), and R. DICKINSON, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

John Doran was summoned by P.C. Best for being drunk and incapable in Derwent Street, Blackhill, about eleven o'clock on Monday night, 2nd inst.—Defendant admitted the charge, and was fined 5s and the costs 7s 6d.

John Morton pleaded guilty to a charge, also preferred by P.C. Best, of being drunk in Foundry Row, Blackhill, on the same night, and was ordered to pay 12s 6d, including costs.—Defendant: As I have no money will your worships please give me time to pay it?—The Chairman: We have put an end to the practice of giving time. You must get the money at once, or go to prison for seven days.—Defendant went to gaol.

Owen Shovelin was found guilty on the evidence of P.C. Hadwin, of drunkenness in Durham Road, Blackhill, on Saturday night, October 7th, and was mulcted in a penalty of 5s and pay 9s 6d expenses.

Ralph Parker, charged by P.C. Armstrong with being intoxicated and guilty of disorderly conduct by fighting at Blackhall Mill, on the 7th inst., was likewise fined 5s and costs.

William Richardson was summoned by the last-named officer for being guilty of a similar offence, committed at Blackhall Mill on the same night.—As the defendant was unrepresented, a fine of 10s and 8s 6d costs was inflicted; in default of payment to be committed for seven days' hard labour.

James Donnolly failed to appear in answer to a charge of being drunk and disorderly near to Ebchester, on Monday, 9th inst.—P.C. Armstrong deposed that about 2 a.m. he found the defendant staggering about the highways, stripped of part of his clothing, which he had apparently lost on the road. Witness was mulcted in a penalty of 18s 6d, including costs.

James Howard also neglected to surrender to his bail on a charge of being drunk and riotous.—P.C. Hudson stated that on the Wednesday previous he found the defendant staggering about very drunk in Middle Street, Consett. Witness requested him three times to go home, but he always refused.—Defendant was fined 10s and costs; or seven days' imprisonment in default.—The defendant (who is in lodgings) was represented by his landlord, who desired time to pay the penalty.—The Chairman: The magistrates wish it to be distinctly understood that it is no use asking for time.—Defendant's substitute complained that it was somewhat unfair to him, when he was pleading for another man.—The Chairman: You go away. The summons is not against you. You are not charged with any offence.—The landlord then left the court.

George Walker, a tramp, was brought up by P.C. Wood for being drunk and disorderly in the streets at Consett last Saturday night.—P.C. Wood alleged that about 10 30 p.m. he found the defendant in Green Street in a beastly state of intoxication, and causing a great deal of disturbance. He was gesticulating in front of the lodging-house, and declared that if the landlady came out he would kill her.—Defendant had nothing to say in reply to the charge.—As he could not pay the fine of 5s and costs imposed, he was committed to prison for seven days.

DRUNK AND ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

Edward Jackson, labourer, of no fixed abode, was placed in the dock charged with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting the police whilst in the execution of his duty.—P.C. Wood deposed that about seven o'clock on Saturday night last, when in Newmarket Street, his attention was drawn to the defendant, who was indecently exposing himself and committing a public nuisance in front of a shop window. Witness took the defendant into custody, whereupon the latter flung himself down on the ground, and when the officer put the slips on his wrists, he snapped them off. The defendant then began to kick him on the legs, and witness had to obtain the assistance of three policemen to convey the defendant to the police station. The kicks were so violent that his legs were all discoloured.—In reply to the charge, the defendant admitted that he was the worse for drink. He had been abroad, and a little sup took effect upon him. He pleaded guilty the charge of being drunk and disorderly, but denied ever assaulting the police-officer. As he (defendant) had unfortunately hurt his hand, he asked the Bench to deal as lenient with him as they possibly could.—The Chairman said they had decided to resolve the two charges into one, and for assaulting the police, the defendant would be fined 10s and costs, with the alternative of fourteen days' hard labour.

INCREASED POSTAL FACILITIES FOR BURNOPFIELD, DIPTON, AND ANNFIELD PLAIN.—On the 1st November, the delivery of letters at Burnopfield, Dipton, and Annfield Plain, will be considerably accelerated, and a new mail to Newcastle will be despatched from each of those offices: leaving Annfield Plain at 11·25 a.m.; Dipton, 11·43 a.m.; Burnopfield, 12·10 p.m.; and Lintz Green, 12·45 p.m., arriving in Newcastle in time to be included in the 2·10 p.m. delivery throughout the city.

THE HEALTH OF TOW LAW.—At the recent meeting of the Tow Law Local Board, the following report of the health of the district was read:—"Tow Law, October, 1882.—Gentlemen,—The number of deaths for the quarter is 20; births 53. The death-rate per 1,000 is 15·0, not a large death-rate, but still somewhat larger than is common with us. Among this number we have three below one year, the others being above this age. In the month of July we had four deaths, occurring respectively from infantile debility, pneumonia, and phthisis. In the month of August we had eight deaths, from chronic gastric disease, heart disease (two cases), phthisis (two cases), diarrhœa, and one from puerperal fever. In the month of September, again, eight deaths; one from puerperal fever, one from scarlatina, one from diseased liver, two from infantile debility, one from cancer, and one from heart disease. On looking over these cases, I don't know that I have anything special to add; our mortality is somewhat larger, but not much above the mortality of the year.—GEORGE HOOD, M.D., Medical Officer of Health, Tow Law Local Board."

TRIAL OF TURNIP TOPPING AND TAILING MACHINE.—At the last show of the Beamish, Pontop and Consett Agricultural Society, the committee offered a medal for the best machine for topping and tailing turnips. The trial took place on Wednesday se'nnight on the Lambton Home Farm, Picktree. The weather was very unfavourable for the trial, rain falling, and the ground being soft, and causing the bulbs to come up coated with soil. This state of things, however, made the test of the machine a real one. The machine stands on four wheels, the front ones being lower than the hind ones. It is drawn by one horse. The instrument for cutting the root is of course fixed, whilst that for cutting the tops is self adjusting, and accommodates itself to the turnips, taking big and little in succession very readily. The defect experienced in the trial was the clogging of the instrument, which cut the root, but this the maker (Mr Gregory, of South Shields) can readily remove. The trial was, in the opinion of the judges, very satisfactory. The cost of topping and tailing an acre of turnips by the ordinary method is from 6 to 7s per acre, but from the work done by the machine on Wednesday, the cost is reduced to 2s per acre. There was a fair attendance of farmers, and the work was witnessed with much interest. The judges—Messrs Hall, Fatfield; Brewis, Waldridge; and Burnett, Washington—recommended that the prize medal should be awarded to Mr Gregory.

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A BALLAD.

An aged man and lady fair,
Sat in a garden bower,
A sweet perfume did load the air,
It was the evening hour.

Long had the old man gazed upon
That glorious evening sky,
Till Hope's bright halo round him shone
And glisten'd in each eye.

At length he did the silence break—
His voice was soft and low;
In angel tones he thus did speak,
His accents measured slow.

"Oh, lady bring thy winsome lute,
And sing a song to me,
To soothe my weary broken heart,
With thy sweet melody.

"Oh, sing some sweet and mournful lay,
Of days long since gone past,
Of happiness now far away,
Which was too bright to last.

"When faces bloom'd around us fair,
And joy was sparkling bright,
But now a blank is here—oh, where
Has fled that joyous sight.

"Hope, gladsome hope, still points beyond
This frail and barren clay,
Then lady break this gloomy spell,
With one soul-searching lay."

The lady raised her lute, a smile
Illuminated each sunken eye;
His days of anguish and of toil,
Fled like a phantom by.

She sung of beauty and of love,
She sung of childhood's glee,
Of little cherubs now above
That prattled on his knee.

Of one, whose beauty far outshone
The dames of eastern clime,
But like our flowers 'neath eastern sun,
She faded ere her prime.

He droop'd his head; he gasp'd for breath;
The lady ceased her strains;
She gazed—his eyes were closed in death,
Her lay had broke the chain.

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General News.

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THE SHOOTING ACCIDENT NEAR EDMONDBYERS.—The Hon. Frederick Bennett, younger son of Lord Tankerville, who was accidently shot in eye while near Harehope, Northumberland last week, has had the injured eye extracted, and Mr Bennett has since been going on well.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY TRAFFIC RETURNS.—Every department of the North-Eastern Railway is again on the side of increase. For the week ending the 14th inst., the several items of improvement are—passengers, £1,902; merchandise and cattle £3,265; minerals, £1,686; and dock dues, £304. The net increase on the week is thus £7,157; and the total increase up to date is £79,870.

THE WEARDALE GUARDIANS AND RELIGIOUS EQUALITY.—The Weardale Guardians had some observations before them on Friday last, made to the Workhouse Master by Mr Culley, Government Inspector, who insists that the inmates must have the utmost freedom in the matter of attendance at public worship. Mr Culley also says that Dissenters should have equal privileges with the Church of England as regards religious ministrations in the Workhouse, in order to avoid some disagreements that the matter occasioned in some other Unions. The Master told the Board that the inmates had free and unfettered choice, but for some inexplicable reason the Dissenters never offered their services to the Workhouse—a circumstance the Guardians were perplexed to understand.

THE MINERS PERMANENT RELIEF FUND.—The Board of management of the Northumberland and Durham Miners' Permanent Relief Fund, acknowledge the receipt of cheque valued £170 4s 5d from the Northern section of the Wholesale Co-operative Society, Limited, per Messrs. Rule and Bailey, chairman and secretary respectively. The above is independent of £20 that has been received from the Chester-le-Street Co-operative Society, Limited, and £25 from the Durham Co-operative Society, Limited; also £20 from the Blaydon Co-operative Society, Limited, and £5 from Seaham Harbour Co-operative Society, Limited. They also acknowledge the receipt of £4 7s 1d from the Rev. John Matheson, as the result of an offertory at the harvest thanksgiving in St. Paul's Church, West Pelton.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB.—TURNIP COMPETITION.—The annual competiton in connection with this club took place last Friday. The day was very wet. The judges were Mr J. Younger, jun., Burradon Farm, Northumberland; Mr G. Heppell, Newfield; and Mr R. Stoddard, Carr House, who gave their decisions as under:—Class 1, landlords and tenants, best six acres of Swede turnips, 1st, £4, Mr R. Redpath, Over-the-Hill Farm; 2nd, £2, Mr R. G. Forbes, Picktree. Class 2, tenants, best four acres of Swede turnips, 1st, £4, Mr James Brewis, Waldridge; 2nd, £2, Mr R. Richardson, Ouston. Class 3, tenants, best four acres of turnips of any sort except Swedes, 1st, £4, Mr J. Chrystal, Lumley West Farm; 2nd, £1 10s, Mr R. Richardson, Ouston. Sweepstakes for best general crop over the farm of 100 acres, Mr R. Redpath, Over-the-Hill Farm. Special prize for neatest stacks and best kept stackyard, guinea hat, given by Mr Pickering, of Chester-le-Street, Mr R. G. Forbes.

THE COAL TRADE CRISIS.—MR CRAWFORD AGAINST A NATIONAL STRIKE.—The monthly circular published by Mr Crawford, Secretary to the Durham Miners' National Union, was issued last Friday. After marking the difference of wages paid in various parts of the country, Mr Crawford admits that an advance of wages is required but deprecates a national strike in the face of the large number of non-union hands which exist, and which would render such a movement a failure. Two things were necessary to follow each other before such a strike could be a success:—First, a most complete national organisation, in order that direct and simultaneous action may be taken; secondly, a regulation of the output should exist in order to avoid a glutter market, which would run down prices. He urged working for reasonable hours as the best means of obtaining higher prices and advanced wages.

DURHAM COLLIERY MECHANICS' ASSOCIATION.—On Tuesday, the quarterly Council meeting of the above association was held in the Miners' Hall, Durham, Mr John Orr, Annfield Plain, presiding. The General Secretary (Mr Trotter, Durham) read the report, which showed that the association had considerably improved over the preceding quarter, both numerically and financially. The General Secretary gave a report from the Manchester Conference. The reports of the delegates confirmed the oft-repeated statements that the present means for the production of coal and the glutting of the markets is the cause of the crisis now raging in the coal trade of the country. He said the Conference agreed that an advance in wages would be very acceptable, but in Durham, Northumberland, and other districts the workmen, through being organised, had been enabled to make arrangements with their employers for the regulation of their wages. They therefore could not violate those sliding-scale agreements. The surest and safest way for ultimate and permanent success would be for those district where low wages were being paid, long hours worked, and where the conditions of labour were so deplorable, to organise, and thus endeavour to bring about a national means for the better regulation of labour and wages.

Business Announcements.

NINTH YEAR OF ATTENDING CONSETT.

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,
Mr. D. Lamont. WILLIAM CRAWFORD.

WEAKNESS AND PAINS IN THE KNEE.

51, Alfred Street, Murton Colliery, near Sunderland.
June 5th, 1882.

Sir,—It is more than nine months since I received one of your Knee Caps, and I am happy to tell you that after wearing it about three months the pains and weakness were all gone, and I am able to walk now as ever I did.—With many thanks for your kindness, I am, yours truly,
Mr D. Lamont. JOHN JOHNS.

CIATICA.

Delaval Street Colliery, Newcastle-on-Tyne,
February 4th, 1882.

Dear Sir,—On the 8th October last, while engaged at work, I had a violent attack of sciatica, which caused me to fall to the ground in an agony of pain. For three weeks I suffered intense pain in the hip and down the leg, and was confined most of the time to bed. Medicines, lotions, rubbing, everything we could think of was tried, but all without effect. I was no better, but rather worse. You were consulted, and advised a powerful magnetic belt. This was got, and two days after it was applied I had relief from the awful burning like pain, and was able to walk a little with the help of two sticks. On the Saturday, four days after I put on the belt, I was able to do without the sticks, and could walk nearly as well as ever I did. There was no pain either in hip or leg within a fortnight, and though I feel it a little weak if I walk much, it is gradually getting stronger.—Yours truly,
Mr. D. Lamont. BENJAMIN MASON.

FOOTBALL ACCIDENT.

4, South Avenue, Ryton-on-Tyne,
January 13th, 1882.

Dear Sir.—In October, 1880, I had an accident to my right knee, owing to which I was prevented from playing football all the season, and throughout the year I was unable to run on account of the stiffness of my knee, which was often accompanied with pain in cold weather. In September last I purchased one of your Magnetic Knee Caps, and am very glad to say that in October I was able to commence football again, which I consider is the greatest strain I could find for my leg, and have since played in several matches without feeling the least inconvenience from my knee. I can heartily recommend the use of your Magnetic Appliances in all cases of weak joints.—Yours truly,
Mr. D. Lamont. W. STOWELL.

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Contracts.

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE CONSETT LOCAL BOARD invite TENDERS for the FORMATION OF NEW STREETS near Foundry Row, Blackhill.

Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Office of the Local Board on and after Monday, October the 16th. Tenders addressed to the Consett Local Board will be received up to 12 o'clock on Wednesday, Nov. 1st, 1882.

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.—By order of the Board.

THOMAS WM. WELFORD, Jun., Clerk.
Local Board Offices, Parliament Street,
12th October, 1882. 10r

Public Notices.

TWO HE-GOATS on Hire.—Terms 2s.—Apply to William Lax, The Bantling. 35r

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LEADGATE AND DISTRICT LEEK SHOW will be held at Joseph Nobles, Commercial Inn, on Saturday, October 21st. Open at Two o'clock. 16r

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I, MARY WARD, of 15, Medomsley Road, Consett, deny most emphatically the disgusting language imputed to me by Mary Cannon, at the Consett Police Court, on Monday, the 9th inst.

Consett, October 19th, 1882. 26r

MUSIC!! MUSIC!!!

MR. W. T. DAGLISH has pleasure in announcing that he is prepared to give LESSONS ON THE HARMONIUM.—Terms on application.

South Medomsley Cottages, Dipton. 7r

NOTICE.

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

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THE SYCAMORES, ROWLEY.

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

January 2nd, 1882.

LANCHESTER COMMON SURFACE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING is held at Mr. George Brown's, Consett, every Thursday night, at Seven o'clock. All Property Owners are invited. 753q

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BLACK HORSE INN, BURNOPFIELD.

THIS well known and old-established HOSTELRY will be entered upon on Monday, the 2nd October, by MR. THOMAS TURNBULL of the Old George Inn, Cloth Market, Newcastle, with a FIRST-CLASS SELECTION OF WINES, SPIRITS, and ALES.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

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

M. RICHI[illegible], Secretary.
Gas Office, Shotley Bridge. 148q

BLACK HORSE BUILDINGS, BURNOPFIELD.

MR. THOMAS TURNBULL begs to inform the Inhabitants of Burnopfield and Neighbourhood that he intends commencing Business as a BUTCHER, at the above address, on the 5th October next, when he hopes by strict attention to business to merit a fair share of patronage.

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

September, 1882. 957q

DANCING DEPORTMENT AND MODERN CALISTHENICS.

ACADEMY—TOWN HALL, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

MR. WILLIAM NORMAN has the honour to announce that he will open classes as above, to commence shortly. There will be Classes for Junior and Adult Pupils, and families may be attended at their own residences.

Full particulars as to Terms, &c., may be had of Mr. Burton, Poplar House, Shotley Bridge; or enquiries addressed to Mr. Norman, 29, Clayton Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, will receive attention. 997q

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BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Consett Branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be held (D.V.) on Friday, October 27th, 1882, at Half-past Seven o'clock, in the National Infant School, Consett

WILLIAM JENKINS, Esq., in the Chair.

Rev. J. H. OUSTON, of Penrith, will attend as Deputation from the Parent Society, and several Ministers and Laymen are expected to take part in the proceedings.

A Collection will be made in aid of the funds of the Society. 27r

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TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY ON LANCHESTER COMMON.

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

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

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

We are, yours faithfully,
C. D. W. BALLENY, } Hon. Secrs.
R. G. BARCLAY, }
4th July, 1882.

Public Notices.

THE HISTORY OF WEST DURHAM,
By Geo. Neasham.
PART III NOW READY.

CONTAINS splendid Portrait Bust of Lough, the Sculptor, and full-page engraving of his First Great Work, "Milo"; Views of Shotley Bridge, &c.

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THE CENTRAL SHOP,
7, SHAKESPEARE STREET,
OPPOSITE THE POST OFFICE,
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THOMAS MILNER,
CHEMIST AND ASSOCIATE OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY BY EXAMINATION. 34r

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NATIONAL SCHOOL, HARELAW.

A GRAND AND FASHIONABLE
EVENING CONCERT
WILL BE GIVEN IN THE
NATIONAL SCHOOL, HARELAW,
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, 1882.
ARTISTES:—
MISS HOBSON.
MR. CHARLES STEPHENSON.
MISS SHIELD.
MR. WM. THIRLAWAY.
MISS ALLEN.
MISS MARY THIRLWELL.
MR. ARKLESS.
MISS THIRLAWAY.
AND
THE ORPHEUS GLEE PARTY.
MR. J. A. JOBLING, THE COMIQUE, IS COMING.

For Particulars see Programmes. Doors open at 7; to commence at 7·30. Carriages may be ordered for 10 p.m.

Prices of Admission:—Reserved Seats, 2s.; Unreserved Seats, 1s.; Back Seats, 6d.

The Proceeds of the Concert will be devoted to the Formation of a Reading Room. 19r

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DURHAM AUDIT DISTRICT.

LANCHESTER UNION, AND THE RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT IN THE SAID UNION.

AS Auditor of the above-named Audit District, I hereby give notice that I have appointed the Audit of the Accounts of the Lanchester Union, and of the Rural Sanitary District in the said Union, and of the several Parishes and Contributory Places contained in the said Union and District, or in the said Union solely, for the half-year ended 29th September last, to commence on Thursday, the 16th day of November next, at five o'clock in the afternoon, at the Union Board Room, Lanchester, when and where all persons why by law are bound to account at such Audit are required to attend, and to submit all Books, Documents, Bills, and Vouchers, containing or relating to the accounts, or to moneys assessed for, and applicable to the Relief of the Poor, or to Sanitary purposes.

Dated the 14th day of October, 1882.

JAMES RADFORD.
7. Collingwood Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 31r

SCHOOL BOARD ACCOUNTS.

I, THE undersigned Auditor of the Durham Audit District, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that, in pursuance to the Elementary Education Acts, I have appointed the AUDITS OF THE ACCOUNTS of the following SCHOOL BOARDS for the year ended 29th September last, severally to commence at the respective places and at the respective times specified below; at each of which several Audits all persons who by law are bound to account thereat, are required to attend, and to submit all Books, Documents, Bills, and Vouchers containing or relating to such Accounts.

Name of School Board.	Place at which Audit will be held.	Time appointed for Audit	
		Date.	Hour.
Collierley	Union Board Room, Lanchester	15th Nov., 1882	4 p.m.
Greencroft			5·30 p.m.
Healeyfield and Cold Rowley U.D.			9 a.m.
Muggleswick		16th Nov., 1882	10 a.m.
Kyo			11 a.m.
Medomsley			2 p.m.
Benfieldside			3·30 p.m

Dated this 14th day of October, 1882.

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THIRD DERWENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.

Shares, £120 each; Subscriptions, 10s. 6d. per Month. Half Shares, £60 each; Subscriptions, 5s. 3d. per Month.

Entrance Fee, 2s. per Share.

President—Mr. R. MURRAY.
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R. MARSHALL.
Inspecting Officers—Messrs. JNO. DIXON.
GEO. NICHOLSON.
JOS. ELTRINGHAM.
Solicitor—Mr. JOHN BOOTH.
Stewards—Messrs. J. PALLISER & A. E. TURNER.
Auditors—Messrs. M. RICHLEY and P. OSBORNE.

THE SECOND SUBSCRIPTION MEETING will be held at the Society's Room, Station Hotel, Blackhill, on Wednesday, October 25th, 1882, at Seven p.m. At Eight o'clock a Share will be sold, and the Rules submitted for the approval of the Members.

Above 120 Shares have already been subscribed for.

Any of the Officers of the Society will be glad to take the name of any persons wishing to become Members.

W. WILSON, Secretary.
Shotley Bridge, October 12th, 1882. 996

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Mr. JOHN JAMES THOMPSON, the REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS for the Sub-District of Lanchester, within the Superintendent Registrar's District of Lanchester, will attend at the following TIMES and PLACES for the REGISTRATION of BIRTHS and DEATHS within such Sub-District, with the approbation of the Registrar-General.]

Hill Top, Public House, Alternate Mondays, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Quebec, Public House, Alternate Mondays, from 12 Noon to 1 p.m.
Cornsay, Public House, Alternate Mondays, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Blackhill, Public House, Alternate Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Leadgate, Private House, Alternate Tuesdays, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Medomsley, Public House, Alternate Mondays, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Westwood Colliery, Private House, Alternate-Mondays, from 12 Noon to 2 p.m.
Ebchester Hill, Public House, Alternate Mondays, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Castleside, Public House, Alternate Tuesdays, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Satley, Public House, Alternate Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Cornsay, Public House, Alternate Thursdays, from 11 a.m. to 12 Noon.
Cowsley Cottages, Public House, Alternate Thursdays, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
East Hedleyhope, Public House, Alternate Thursdays, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Annfield Plain, Private House, Alternate Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Craghead, Public House, Alternate Wednesdays, from 12 Noon to 1 p.m.
Consett, Public Building, Tuesdays, from 12·30 p.m. to 2 p.m., also on Fridays, from 12·30 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Registrar's Office, Wednesdays, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Registrar's Office, Saturdays, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dated this Twenty-fifth Day of September, 1882,
18r GEORGE ALDER, Superintendent Registrar.

Public Notices.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

MISCELLANEOUS CONCERT
ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 1882,
IN THE
WESLEYAN SCHOOL-ROOM, CONSETT.

CHORUS OF FORTY VOICES. 17r

For further Particulars see Bills and Programmes.

EVENING CONCERT AT FLINT HILL.

AN EVENING CONCERT,
On behalf of the Sunday School Fund, will be given in the
NATIONAL SCHOOL,
At the above place,
ON MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 30th, 1882.

The Principal Performers will be
MR. WHITEHEAD AND MR. NUTTON
Principal Tenor and Bass Singers of Durham Cathedral Choir,

MISS HOBSON,	MRS. T. HOPE,
" THIRLAWAY,	MR. TELFORD,
" ALLAN,	" TODD,
" J. DAVISON,	" ARKLESS.

PIANIST - - - - - Mr. T. HOPE.

Admission to Concert:—Reserved Seats, 2s.; Front Seats, 1s.; Back Seats, 6d.

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

BENFIELDSIDE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

TOWN HALL, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

AN EVENING ENTERTAINMENT
Will be given
ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 1882,
By the Choir, assisted by other Ladies and Gentlemen.

VOCALISTS:—Mrs. Rounthwaite, Benfieldside; Miss Sneath, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Misses Featherstonehaugh, Edmondbyers; Miss Marian Erskine, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Miss Ridley, Benfieldside; Miss Sherritt, Chester-le-Street; Dr. Renton, Shotley Bridge; Mr. Thomas Whinney, Benfieldside; Mr. Charles Stephenson, Benfieldside.

Pianist and Harmoniumist, - Mr. G. H. Erskine.
Readers, - Dr. G. Renton and Mr. Joshua Lax.

Admission:—Reserved Seats, 2s.; Area, 1s.; Gallery, 6d. Tickets may be had from Mr. J. Collinson, Grove School, Mr. Joshua Lax, Shotley Bridge, and from the Members of the Choir.

Doors open at 7·30; to commence at 8: Carriages for 10 p.m. 50r

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

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

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed to Offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION in the Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 1882, the whole of the superior Stock of new LINEN and WOOLLEN DRAPERY of all kinds, including Flannels, Blankets, and other useful Goods for the Winter Season, together with Dress Goods and General Drapery, and a quantity of the best Floor Oilcloths, &c. Particulars in handbills. 999q

Sale to commence at Seven o'clock each Evening.

Benfieldside Station, Blackhill.—Valuable Dwelling-House for Sale.

MR. ADAM BRODIE respectfully intimates that the Substantial and Well-built DWELLING-HOUSE, near Benfieldside Station, as occupied by Mr. Jones, and containing 6 Rooms and every convenience, not having been disposed of at the Auction may be Treated for Privately on application at his Office, Town Hall, Consett. 48r

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TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

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

By Mr. J. Oley.

Freehold Land for Sale at Consett.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, instructed by Mr George Armstrong, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the house of Mr. George Brown, Railway Hotel, Consett, on Friday, October 27th, 1882, at Six for Seven o'clock p.m., subject to such Conditions as will be stated at the time of Sale, all that FREEHOLD FIELD or PARCELS OF LAND, containing 3 acres, 2 roods, 13 perches, situate between Mount Pleasant and Medomsley Road, and adjoining the proposed Park.

A plan of the above may be seen and full particulars obtained on application at the office of Messrs. Smith and Son, Architects, Shotley Bridge; Messrs. Allan and Davies, Solicitors, Newcastle-on-Tyne; and the Auctioneer, 10, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge.

Also, immediately afterwards,
A NEW FREEHOLD HOUSE

Containing 5 Rooms, Yard, and Conveniences belonging to Mr. J. Allison situate at Rose Mount, Medomsley Road, Consett. Conditions at the time of Sale. 22r

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View Field, Shotley Bridge.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, instructed by the Executors of the late Mr. A. Annandale, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge, at Half-past Two o'clock, on Tuesday, October 31st, 1882, all that Beautiful

COPYHOLD RESIDENCE AND GROUNDS CALLED VIEW FIELD,

Boundering on the Durham Road, about ten minutes walk from the picturesque village of Shotley Bridge, overlooking the beautiful Vale of the Derwent.

The Dwelling-house contains Underground Cellar, Drawing, Sitting, and Dining-rooms, Four Bed-rooms, China and Linen Closets, Two Kitchens, W.C., and Lumber Room.

In the Yard, Washhouse, Dog House, Piggery, and other Outbuildings, an excellent Two-stalled Stable, Harness Room, and Coach House, with Loft extending over the whole, Hay Shed, Hen and Pheasant Houses and runs.

The Grounds and Site contains 1a. 3r. 9p., or thereabouts.

The Grounds are tastefully laid out and well-stocked with healthy Fruit Trees. Adjoining are a well-stocked Peach House, Greenhouse, and Two large Forcing Frames.

Further particulars may be had on application to Messrs. Allan & Davies, Solicitors, 23, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne; or of the Auctioneer, 10, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge.

Permission to view may be obtained of Mr. Robert Henderson, who will be in daily attendance on the Premises. 44r

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

Mr. A. T. Crow,

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

THE NEXT SALE of HORSES, CARRIAGES, HARNESS, &c., will take place on Tuesday, October 24th, 1882.

SALES BY AUCTION EVERY TUESDAY.
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Public Notices.

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THE NEW BASIS FOR DURHAM COUNTY RATES.—Yesterday (Thursday) the new basis or standard for fair and equal county rate, prepared and finally corrected and approved by the County Rate Committee was laid before the meeting of the county magistrates at Durham. For Lanchester Union the amount is £256,594 0s 0d.

CHURCH MISSIONS, STANHOPE.—On Sunday two sermons were preached at Stanhope Church, by the Rev T. F. Hill, vicar of Coundon, on behalf of the Church Missionary Society, and the annual meeting in connection with the same was held on Monday evening at the Bank-room, when addresses were delivered by the Rev J. Coseby, Rev T. F. Hill, and Rev G. T. Winch.

GREENCROFT PRIMITIVE METHODIST PREACHING ROOM.—The Band of Hope in connection with the Primitive Methodist Sunday School at Annfield Plain, gave a temperance entertainment in the above place on Saturday evening last, when a good programme was gone through. Mr G. Bainbridge occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by Messrs J. Mordue, J. Graham, J. G. Murray, F. Blatchford, J. Hetherington, E. Reay, R. Pearson, J. Iceton, Miss H. Iceton and Miss H. J. Reay. Mr P. Reay (Annfield Plain), gave an earnest address on "Ambition" which was well received. Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman and those persons who took part in the programme; and the singing of the doxology brought a very interesting meeting to a close.

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PASSING NOTES.

By "RAMBLER."

The "grim monster" has made sad ravages amongst our neighbours recently. The Rev Earle McGowan, Mrs McGowan, Mr Andrew Annandale, Mr Wm. Vickerson Thirlwell, and Mr Archbold, all of whom were well known and highly respected have within a very short time been summoned to join the "great majority," and besides these many more, all of whom are missed by their respective families, although unknown to us, have "passed away" from this district. Mr Thirlwell, singular to say, died on the fifty-third anniversary of his birth-day.

The erection of Consett Town Hall promises to become an accomplished fact in the course of a few months. The builders have commenced to demolish the cottages where the Town Hall has to stand, and ere long the handsome structure will grace the end of Middle Street.

Coming events, it is said, cast their shadows before; there is some significance therefore in the report that in a short time we are to have a "Consett" Station on the Derwent Valley Railway. I am glad to note this, and to inform commercial men and travellers generally that in future they will be able to book to Consett, instead of tossing the time tables away in disgust when unable to find that station.

Already a very large number of shares have been taken up in the Third Derwent Building Society, and if what I hear be correct, the number of shareholders will be considerably increased within the next few weeks.

The Shotley Bridge and District Starr-Bowkett Building Society appears to be making headway—another appropriation took place on Wednesday evening.

The members of the Consett Local Board have, I see from the columns of the *Consett Guardian*, recently made an inspection of the town. I am glad to note that the sanitary state of the town is better than I anticipated. Could the members not arrange to do this more frequently? If they could they would confer a real benefit on the town.

It is a fact worthy of note that at the Lanchester Petty Sessions for the last two sittings (viz: the 5th and 19th of the present month) not a single person has been summoned for drunkenness or being drunk and disorderly. When it is remembered that this portion of the police division includes such populous places as Annfield Plain, West Stanley, Cornsay, Quebec, Burnhope, &c., we may fairly assume that this is a hopeful sign of the times. Unfortunately we cannot say the same of Consett and its surrounding neighbourhood, as the drunken list at the Consett Court continues to be very "heavy."

ECHOES FROM BLACKHILL.

[BY INCEDO.]

After having terrified a Consett woman into hysterics, soiled the milkman's panteloons, and appeared in sundry shapes and forms to the night-shift hands at the Ironworks, the ghost has gone a little further afield and taken to psalm singing. A very respectable occupation truly, especially for a ghost. It usually affords me an undefinable thrill of satisfaction to learn that people are getting on; nor is this midnight visitor outside the pale of my sympathy, but at the same time I hasten to declare that the movements of this or any other ghost shall never more be recorded by me. Scribbling means thinking, and I have registered a vow to guard well my thoughts with respect to ghostology. It is all very well to muse upon apparitions by the cosy ingle, but it is quite another thing to sally out alone into the night and trudge to Consett by way of Pasture Drift Road. There is not a man in a thousand will perform the journey without looking behind him "least bogles catch him unaware." Such at least is the experience of the present writer. It will be remembered that the week before last the weather was exceedingly foggy, and on the night to which I refer it was exceptionally so. Pocketing my "copy" I made tracks for Consett. It was rather late, but the street lamps were not extinguished. Passing the "Royal" I ascended the hill. It was horrid dark, and the wind moaned as if laden with the crimes of men. No other sounds were audable save an alternate groan from the big engine at the Ironworks. The lamps burned it is true, but that served to invest the scene with a wierd beauty which it could not otherwise have possessed. The fog was so dense that the lamps were next to useless, each being encircled by a nimbus similar to that seen around the moon when the old people used to prognosticate war, pestilence, or famine. I walked smartly, casting askance glances occasionally to the right and to the left. My friends sometimes flatter me about my quotations, how ready and apt they are, I am told. Well, it does seem strange that at the very time and place I was awfully pestered by a stranza from the "Ancient Mariner." I strove to drive it away, and essayed to hum a psalm of David, but some evil sprite seemed persistently to pipe in my ear the words:—

"Like one that on a lonesome road
Doth walk in fear and dread,
And having once turned round walks on,
And turns no more his head;
Because he knows a frightful fiend
Doth close behind him tread."

The large posters stuck on the wayside alarmed me much. The billposter ought to be flogged for this trick. If I live I will take steps to get a Bill brought before our local parliament to check this heathenish custom. But the paper-encased gate-posts were not the only bogles I saw that night. Suddenly I was conscious of what appeared to me to be an unearthly noise, proceeding from a point in the field within a few yards of me. I stood

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still and listened with bated breath. I thought of the murdered bairn found in this very field but a few days previous, and I was conscious of a strange indescribable sensation. My throat and tongue became parched in a moment, cold currents ran through my back and limbs as if every drop of blood was leaving my body; but this feeling, horrible as it undoubtedly was, was as nothing in comparison to he excruciating torture which fell to the share of my cranium. A hive of bees seemed for the time being to have taken up their abode with me. The scalping knife of the Red Indian would have been a blessed relief from the pricking of a thousand viewless spears. My first impulse was to dash madly from the spot, but then there are times when a fellow has to play the man, although no human eye may be scanning his movements, nor divining his motives. Thus it was that I found myself instinctively passing over the railing and approaching the spot from whence the sounds came. It was very dark yet the outlines of an object could be discerned a few yards ahead. There sure enough was a figure of colossal proportions. Sounds like direful groans were borne on the night winds. I was in mortal terror, and how I dared approach the thing is more than I can account for. Whether I walked or crawled I cannot tell, but I got near enough to make out what seemed to be a huge creature with no head, two tails, and a hump like a dromedary. This was my impression, when suddenly a mighty tongue of flame shot up into the dark heavens and lit up for a moment earth and sky. I breathed a sigh of relief for the lurid flame from Consett blast-furnaces revealed to my wondering eyes two pit ponies quietly enjoying a mutual scratch. They stood before me chest to chest, each scratching with his teeth the main of the other. The unearthly sounds which so terrified me was the grunts of satisfaction which the shaggy creatures gave vent to. A primitive method, doubtless of expressing the language of the heart. I wiped the perspiration and the night dew from my brow and left Mr Ghost alone in his glory.

The third part of Mr Neasham's book—the History and Biography of West Durham—is just out. The part before me is, I think, superior to its predecessors. Like them its pages teem with interesting matter which previous historions have not gone out of their way to secure, and in addition to the usual steel engraving the third part contains a beautiful full-page engraving of Milo, Lough's immortal work, which brought its author from penury and obscurity into the noontide of affluence and fame. The other illustrations are—the bridge at Shotley, Shotley Bridge fifty years ago, Shotley Spa, and the steel engraving, which is a portrait-bust of Lough, taken from the bust now standing in the vestibule of Elswick Hall. West Durham is rich in historic memories, and Mr Neasham knows it thoroughly and displays rare discrimination in the arrangement no less than in the choice of matter. The work is sure to command a ready sale, for besides the usual historic annals the author pauses by the way to sketch the lives of local celebrities and public men.

Local and District News.

A case of small-pox broke out at Oxhill on Sunday last.

A very successful missionary meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Lanchester, yesterday (Thursday) evening, particulars of which will appear next week.

THE TYNEMOUTH NAVAL EXHIBITION.—Saturday last being the closing day of this exhibition, a special excursion train was run from Benfieldside, &c., to Newcastle and Tynemouth, conveying a large number of passengers.

The annual meeting of the Consett Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society is announced to be held in the National Infants School on Friday evening next. The Rev J. Ouston, of Penrith, will attend as deputation from the Parent Society.

At the Durham Quarter Sessions, Mr T. W. Welford, solicitor, of Consett, prosecuted in the cases of John Innes, Mary Cochrane, John and Archibald McIver, and John McKenna.

VAGRANCY AT BLACKHILL.—At Consett Occasional Court on Tuesday, before A. Town, Esq., *William Woods*, who lives in this neighbourhood, was charged by P.C. Shaw with loitering about the streets at Blackhill, at a late hour on the preceding (Monday) night, without any visible means of sustenance.—The prisoner was committed for fourteen days' hard labour.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL, WATERHOUSES.—On Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, the anniversary services were held. On Saturday after a public tea, Mr J. Green, of Crook, gave his popular lecture, entitled "Wesley's hymns and their influence." On Sunday Mr Green preached two impressive sermons. In the afternoon a service of song was given by the chapel choir, entitled, "The pioneers of Primitive Methodism." On Monday night a concert was given by the choir, the programme consisting of anthems, songs, and solos. Mr Morras, of Esh Winning presided, Mr M. Davison conductor, Mr W. Harrison harmoniumist.

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS.—The Consett and District Choral Society intend giving a miscellaneous concert in the Wesleyan Schools, Gibson Street, Consett, on Tuesday night.—A grand and fashionable evening concert will be given in the National Schools, Harelaw, on Monday next, at which several first-class local *artistes* will assist. The object of the concert is to provide funds for establishing a reading-room.—A grand evening entertainment, in aid of St. Cuthbert's Church Restoration Fund, will be given in the Shotley Bridge Town Hall, next Friday night. As the concert is under the management of Mr C. Stephenson, the public may anticipate a capital treat in store for them.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Special services in connection with this Sunday School were held on Sunday last in the following order:—7 a.m., prayer meeting for teachers, elder scholars, and christian workers; 10 a.m., school services, special prayers and addresses by Mr R. Hall, Shotley Bridge; Mr W. Burrow, and Mr H. Thompson, Consett; 2 p.m., preaching service by Mr T. Hull; 5 p.m., prayer meeting; 6 p.m., preaching service conducted by Mr J. Leadbitter. On Monday, a special prayer meeting was held at one o'clock. The several gatherings have been fairly attended; and an earnest spirit pervaded the meetings.

EPPS'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 tables with a delicately-flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctor's 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 properly-nourished frame." *Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in packets labelled, "James Epps and Co., Homeopathic Chemists, London." Also makers of Epps's Chocolate Essence for afternoon use.

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SALE OF PROPERTY AT CONSETT.—We understand the house, No 5, Mount Pleasant, offered by auction recently at the sale at the Queen's Head Hotel, Consett, by Mr Adam Brodie, has been sold privately to Mr William Elliott, rate collector.

BAZAAR AT WITTON GILBERT.—On Wednesday last a bazaar for the sale of useful and ornamental articles was held in the old Wesleyan Chapel. The bazaar was opened by an appropriate address by Mr John Willan, Durham. The tables were presided over by Mrs Green and Mrs Hedley, Witton Gilbert, and Miss Burn, Broom House. A good number patronised the bazaar, notwithstanding the thoroughly inclement weather. The proceeds realised the handsome sum of £31.

ORANGEISM AT TOW LAW.—The members of No. 246, Loyal Orange Lodge, held a special meeting in the house of Bro. Jackson Slater, on Saturday night, for the purpose of initiating several members. The ceremony was conducted by Bros. O'Neill, Hall and Montgomery. After the business was concluded, Bro. O'Neill was called to the chair, when the following toasts were given:—"The Queen and all the Royal Family" and "The glorious, pious and immortal memory of great and good King William III." Great credit is due to Bros. Hopper and Eden for their admirable songs during the evening.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sure Relief.—The weak and enervated suffer severely from nervous affections when storms or atmospheric disturbances prevail. Neuralgia, gouty pangs, and rheumatic pains, very distressing to a delicate system, may be readily removed by rubbing this Ointment upon the affected and adjacent parts after they have been fomented with warm water. The Pills taken occasionally in the doses prescribed by the instructions, keep the digestion in order, excite a free flow of healthy bile, and regenerate the impoverished blood with richer materials, resulting from thoroughly assimilated food, wanting which, the strongest must inevitably soon sink into feebleness, and the delicate find it difficult to maintain existence. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible remedies.

WHITE-LE-HEAD MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT CLASS.—The White-le-Head mutual improvement class was re-organised on Saturday last, the Rev E. Phillipson being appointed president; Mr T. Huggup, vice-president; Mr J. Sanderson, secretary; and Mr W. Dawson, treasurer. A large number of young men were in attendance, which promises well for the future of the class. The subjects to be taken up cover a wide area, embracing theology, history, grammar, politics, &c. Last winter this class confined itself entirely to the bible; mostly lessons from St. John's Gospel. It will be seen this time it takes a step in advance, adopting itself for general improvement, but giving the bible the most prominent place. Over and above a splendid library, which has been formed for the local preachers and officials, and is situated at White-le-Head, the committee have bought a number of books and formed a local library for the young people in the place, and it is gratifying to know that these books are well read.

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Sunday and Monday last the anniversary in connection with the day schools was held, when sermons appropriate to the occasion were preached morning and evening by the Rev T. W. Johnstone, of Gateshead. Notwithstanding the inclement state of the weather there were large congregations; in the evening the sacred edifice being crowded. Liberal collections were taken in behalf of the day schools. On Monday evening the Rev Mr Johnson delivered his popular lecture on "The formation of character," to a large and appreciative audience. Mr John Routledge occupied the chair. The lecturer in the course of his opening remarks dwelt on the importance of the formation of character, addressing himself principally to the parents, dwelling earnestly and forcibly upon the importance of home influence; and especially that of mothers, quoting the Jesuit who said "Give me the education of youth up to twelve and he did not care who had them after." The lecturer then referred to the beautiful instruction as to the formation of a perfect character given by St. Peter, and for a great length of time engaged his hearers attention as he described the various parts necessary to the formation of a true character, his eloquence and wit entrancing the audience, who showed their appreciation by loud applause. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was moved to the lecturer by the Rev H. Smith, seconded by Mr J. W. Davison, which was carried with loud acclamation. A similar compliment having been paid to the chairman, the meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the doxology and pronouncing of the benediction.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT LEADGATE.—The annual thanksgiving services were celebrated in St. Ives Church, situate at Redwell Hills, on Sunday last. The interior of the sacred building had been tastefully adorned and embellished for the occasion with flowers, fruits, and cereals. Over the altar was placed the text, "O praise the Lord for his goodness," standing out in bold relief; and immediately beneath was a striking device. On the table itself were several vases of choice flowers, whilst the pulpit, gas standards and pendants were elaborately decorated. At the foot of the windows along each side of the building were placed a quantity of greens and vegetables. There was an early celebration of the Blessed Sacrament, at which a goodly number communicated; and at Matins the Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin, vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, delivered a thoughtful and eloquent sermon. In the afternoon the Litany was said, the preacher being the Rev J. W. Mitchell, the vicar, who gave an excellent address. At evensong, the Rev P. Hughes, vicar of Collierley, occupied the pulpit, and preached an earnest and appropriate discourse, from Acts xiv. 17—"Nevertheless, He left not himself without witness," &c. All the services were fully choral, and the singing of the choir has much improved of late. In the evening, the Rev J. Kirk, curate, also preached in the Iveston Village School. All the services were well attended, at night especially so, the church being comfortably filled. The offertories taken were in aid of the Society for the Propogation of the Gospel.

BAPTIST CHAPEL, CONSETT.—The annual fruit banquet in connection with this place of worship was held on Monday night, in the above sacred edifice. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a very large and respectable audience assembled at the chapel, it being comfortably filled at the time of commencement. The chair was occupied by Mr R. Evans, who gave a very brief and appropriate speech, which, there was no doubt, made a deep and lasting impression upon the minds of his hearers. Addresses full of vigour and sound advice were also delivered by the Revs R. Herries (North Shields), C. Longstaff (Consett), and E. W. Jenkins (Highgate), whose brilliant effusions were received with frequent outbursts of applause by the audience. Fruit of various discriptions was distributed among the company, which they seemed to thoroughly enjoy. The Highgate Baptist choir (under the leadership of Mr Mackey) was in attendance and enlivened the proceedings with choice selection of music, and in the rendition of which they fully sustained their reputation as being a first-class choir. The proceedings were considerably enhanced by the solos executed by Miss Wheatley (Consett) and Miss Bell (Leadgate), they being sung with such delectable grace and skill as to fairly enrapture the assemblage, they giving vent to their feelings by simultaneous cheering and re-calls. A duet was also rendered in a very pathetic manner by Mrs Ellis and Mr R. Williams. The accompanists were Miss Dick and Mr C. Stelling, who executed their parts in a highly creditable manner. After the usual votes of thanks had been accorded the enthusiastic audience dispersed.

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WITTON GILBERT.—On Saturday evening the Uncle's Club Vegetable Society held their annual supper at Mrs Scarborough's. There was a good muster, and ample justice was done to the good things provided. Some capital songs were sung by Messrs Walker, Maccallum, Johnson, Lawson, Iveson, and Wardman. The meeting broke up with the company joining in "Auld lang syne."

MISSIONARY MEETING AT BLANCHLAND.—On Wednesday evening a well attended meeting, in support of the Wesleyan Foreign Missions, was held in the village of Blanchland. The chair was occupied by Mr Wilson Bell (Baybridge), and the Rev G. H. Bellamy, of the Gateshead Bensham Circuit, was present as the deputation. Addresses were given by the Revs W. Hare, superintendent minister (Consett), H. Smith (Shotley Bridge), and others. The amount contributed by the Blanchland Society towards the mission funds is about £2 in excess of last year.

The proprietors of *The Pictorial World*, with great spirit and enterprise, have produced a portrait in colours of the Right Hon. William Ewart Gladstone, which is presented gratis with their issue for October 21st. The portrait is universally acknowledged to be the finest likeness of the Premier ever published, and an enormous sale for it is anticipated. It is a fact worthy of notice that the special reprint of No. 1 of the new series of this paper, containing the portrait in colours of Sir Garnet Wolseley, was entirely sold out by three o'clock on the day of publication. The demand for this number is still so great that a second reprint has been prepared, and is now to be had throughout the United Kingdom.

FATAL FALL DOWNSTAIRS AT BLACKHILL.—On Sunday last, an old woman, named Mary McCabe, residing at No. 60, Back Derwent Street, Blackhill, met with a shocking death. The deceased was a widow, and lived with her son-in-law, Michael Nugent, at the above address. About half-past three on the afternoon before-mentioned, she partook of tea as usual, and shortly afterwards proceeded to walk upstairs to bed. When Mrs McCabe had ascended about half-a-dozen steps, she slipped and fell to the bottom of the stairs. The unfortunate woman was picked up by her son-in-law and Catherine Nugent (her daughter), but expired immediately, before professional aid could be obtained. About three years ago the deceased was subject to fits, and was attended by Dr Geo. Renton, but since then she has enjoyed better health. The doctor is of opinion that heart disease is the cause of death, consequently no inquest was held.

GREENCROFT COURSING MEETING.—This coursing, kindly granted over the estate of Thomas Taylor Smith, Esq., of Greencroft Park, was held on Wednesday afternoon. The weather being fine, there was a large attendance of spectators, and a most enjoyable day was spent. Hares were very plentiful, and some exciting and close trials took place. The first brace of dogs were put in the slips shortly after ten o'clock. The contest was a small stake for eight puppies. Details:—First round: Meggie Bell beat Bonny Pat; Scamp beat Wasp; Fishwife beat Jenny; Lizzie Tynedale beat Gipsy Queen. Second round—Meggie Bell beat Scamp; Lizzie Tynedale beat Fishwife. Final round—Lizzie Tynedale beat Meggie Bell. Mr Henderson (Stanley) acted as judge, and Mr Wilkinson (Dipton) was slipper. The day's sport passed off without a single hitch, and gave the greatest satisfaction to all parties.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT WITTON GILBERT.—On Sunday harvest thanksgiving services were held in St Michael's Church. The attendance was not quite so large as usual. The sacred edifice was very tastefully decorated by the Misses Carr. Prayers were said in the morning and evening by the Rev E. W. Evans, the lessons by the Rev C. J. Carr and C. H. Fleetwood. The preacher in the morning was the Rev C. J. Carr. He gave an appropriate address from Corinthians iii. 6, "God gave the increase." The evening preacher was the Rev F. G. Wesley, vicar of Hamsteels, who took for his text St. Luke xi. 2, "Hallowed be Thy name," and pleaded the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the collection for which society amounted to £1 5s 6d. Suitable hymns (Ancient and Modern), were well sung by the choir, as well as the anthem "Praise God in His Holiness."

SPECIAL SERVICE AT CASTLESIDE.—Sunday last being the day set apart by the Wesleyan Conference for special prayer for children, the teachers, scholars, and friends in connection with the Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist schools of the above village met at the junction of the road leading from Castleside to Rowley, where they sang a hymn and walked in procession to the Wesleyan Chapel, where a united children's service was held, conducted by Mr R. Brown, of Consett. Addresses were given by Messrs J. Pattinson (Primitive), and T. Hutchinson (Wesleyan), while the children sang some appropriate hymns.—On Monday an interesting meeting was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, when addresses bearing upon the spiritual instruction of the young and the work of the Sabbath school, were given by Messrs J. Carruthers (Primitive), J. Henry (Wesleyan), W. Mitchell and W. Bunny (Primitives). The whole of the services were marked with much earnestness and were very successful.

ARE COLLIERY OWNERS LIABLE FOR DAMAGES?—At the Bishop Auckland County Court, on Tuesday, before E. J. Meynell, Esq., judge, John Gibbon, farmer, Gibbett Hill, sought to recover £35 from Messrs. Wooler, Chapman, and Morson. colliery owners, at Horgill Hill, Howden-le-Wear, for damages sustained by a horse being killed through falling into a pitfall on the farm which he (plaintiff) rented, and which he alleged was caused by the defendants' colliery workings. Mr Wooler, for the defence, informed his lordship that the part in question was part of an ancient common and part of a common of Witton-le-Wear and North Bedford, enclosed under the Enclosure Act of George III. Under this Act all minerals under the common are specially reserved to the lord of the manor. The Lord Bishop of Durham had full right to work the coal, but without paying any damage or compensation for so doing. Mr Wooler then cited a number of cases bearing on the point, and urged that they could not get damages, but only surface damages, and pleaded the Statute of Limitations, and said he could prove that the fall had existed over six years.—His Honour reserved judgment until December.

THE STRIKE AT USHAW MOOR COLLIERY.—On Thursday week, the treasurer, Mr Walter Jones, read letters containing upwards of £10 from Guerney Pit, Langley Park, North Hetton, and Auckland Park Collieries.—The secretary. Mr Henry Smith, on Monday morning announced the arrival of letters during Friday, Saturday and that morning, with contributions exceeding £36, from Ryehope, St. Hilda's, Spen, Peases, Stanley, Hedleyhope, and Adelaide Collieries, with the regular fortnightly contribution of £2; also from Wingate Grange, Philadelphia, Oxhill, and Harraton, Marley Hill, East Tanfield, Byer Moor and Silksworth.—At the meeting on Tuesday morning—Mr Jonh Lee in the chair—the assistant secretary, Mr Austin [Caulfield, gave the expenditure for the previous week, amounting to £54, £51 having been expended in paying 16s each to the unfinancial members, and 6s each to the financial. The accounts were passed as satisfactory, on the proposal of Mr George Maddox, seconded by Mr Geo. Patterson. Letters were read by the secretary advising the men to continue the struggle from Waterhouses, Pontop, Whickham, South Hetton, ane Tanfield Lea Collieries with contributions exceeding £4.—On Wednesday the secretary informed the men that he had received £3 from Hebburn Colliery, also £1 10s from Lintz Colliery. A vote of thanks to the donors brought the meeting to a close.

SERIOUS CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT AT LEADGATE.

At Lanchester Petty Sessions yesterday (Thursday), before Geo. G. Taylor Smith (chairman), and George Hedley, Esqs., a highly respectable middle-aged man, named *William Fiddler*, manager of the flour warehouse at the old Carrhouse, was brought up in custody on a charge of having on the 22nd day of August, 1882, when employed under the service of Messrs John Davidson and Sons, flour dealers, Newcastle-on-Tyne, embezzled and appropriated to his own use the sum of £3 12s; and within the space of six calendar months from that date did receive further sums—viz, on the 16th day of May £4 3s, and on the 22nd day of June £1 18s—of which he gave no account thereafter to his employers.

The prosecution was represented by Mr F. W. Dendy (of the firm of Watson and Dendy), Newcastle; whilst Mr W. Brignall, Durham, appeared on behalf of the prisoner.

William Morton, of 9, Peterborough Street, Gateshead, said he was a traveller for Messrs John Davidson and Sons, flour dealers, Newcastle-on-Tyne, said the firm had a warehouse at the old Carrhouse Crossing, between Consett and Leadgate at which the prisoner was engaged as warehouseman. Witness had charge of the district. Prisoner received 28s per week as wages, and had besides a free house. He was appointed warehouseman or manager of the branch some seven or eight years ago, and left at the beginning of September last. His duty was to execute all orders received from him. Prisoner might take in single orders and remit them to the firm. When an order was taken by the prisoner in that way, the invoice was sent out by the firm to the customer. The prisoner was also empowered to receive money from customers, and it was not an unusual thing for him to do so. In such cases, he should have sent word to the firm that he had received the money, and then pay it over to witness when he visited him on the subsequent Wednesday. Witness produced an invoice dated July, 1882, showing sale of goods to Mr Blench, to the amount of £3 2s., which is in the prisoner's hand-writing, and the words "Paid W. Fiddler, 2nd August," are written by him over a receipt stamp. He (witness) came round to see the prisoner on the 23rd August, and they met by appointment at Leadgate. The prisoner paid to him £94 19s 6d on that occasion, and gave him the items and names making up that amount, which he (witness) jotted down. The prisoner said he had no more money, and he never gave witness anything on Mr Blench's account. Witness gave the prisoner his wages. Prisoner had not paid that money to anybody else to his knowledge. He also produced the invoice to Mr C. Watson certifying sale of goods to the amount of £4 4s, the body of which is in the prisoner's handwriting. The words "Paid W. Fiddler" are across the stamp, and the figures showing the amount received as £4 3s. The date of the receipt is May 16th. The prisoner had never paid that sum to him or anyone else as far as he knew. Witness also submitted a third invoice on account of Mr J. Brown proving sale of goods to the amount of £1 18s 6d, and it is endorsed similarly to the other invoices, and shows that prisoner received £1 18s from Mr Brown on June 22nd. Witness had not received that money from the prisoner. The 23rd of August was the last time that the prisoner paid him any money. On his next journey (6th September) the prisoner had left the warehouse, and Henry Davidson was in charge.—To Mr Brignall: They did not keep a proper set of books, their accounts and orders being merely set down in an ordinary pocket book. All that was sent by the firm was a sheet specifying the orders received. Witness denied that the business was carried on in a somewhat loose manner. He had never checked the prisoner's stock during the past seven years, as it was not his place to do so. There was £2 12s wages due to prisoner when he left. On Friday, 1st September, Mr Billmer told the witness that prisoner had been down to the mills and said that he was short of stock. He never heard from any of the firm say that if prisoner would get the money they would "settle up." He believed that the prisoner had paid something like £12 to the prosecutor since the "revelation," that the stock was very low.

Anthony Blench, Low Brooms, Leadgate, farmer, said that in July, 1882, he purchased goods to the amount of £3 2s off Messrs Davidson and Sons, from the prisoner, and on August 22nd, he paid Fiddler the amount and got the receipt produced.

Since the defalcations it appears that the prisoner absconded, and he was apprehended at Middlesbro' on Monday last by Sergt. Thornton, and brought on to Lanchester.

At this point, the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr Granger), after consulting with the justices, said that the magistrates were satisfied there was sufficient evidence to justify sending the prisoner for trial. They thought, however, that under the circumstances, this was a case that might be dealt with summarily as prescribed by a certain section of the Act providing that the prisoner admits the charge. If he pleads not guilty of course, he must be committed for trial. The prisoner was then charged, and acting on the advice of his solicitor, pleaded guilty to the offences.

Mr Dendy said that the prosecutor did not wish to show any vindictive feeling towards the prisoner they simply thought it their duty to institute these proceedings.

Mr Bregnal, speaking in behalf of his client; said he saw from the outset that his task was a hopeless one, and he thought the Bench would allow that he had used proper discretion in advising the prisoner to plead guilty. He was glad to hear that the prosecution had no vindictive feeling against the prisoner, and, as he (prisoner) had held a responsible position for something like eight years without the less complaint being laid against him, he (Mr Brignal) thought that this was the best character he could give his client. Without wishing to say anything disparaging of any members of the firm, he must affirm that a somewhat loose way of doing business was carried on at Carrhouse. He would not cast the blame on any person; but still there was the fact. Under those circumstances, he trusted the Bench would deal as leniently as they possibly could with the prisoner, of course they were bound to administer justice, but still they could look upon this case as one of those which the law gives them power to use a certain amount of discretion, and show mercy towards the prisoner. If he had had the money about him at the time he would most willingly have paid it.

The Chairman informed the prisoner that he had pleaded guilty to serious charges of embezzlement. They had taken into consideration the previous stainless character borne by him but they felt that it was their bounden duty to protect the trading community of this district from frauds, and to pass severe sentences for offences of that sort. They could not do less than commit the prisoner to gaol for four calendar months with hard labour.

"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.

SOMETHING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

CURIOUS OLD ADVERTISEMENT.

The old fashioned people of 80 or 100 years ago had curious and sometimes very extraordinary methods of composing their advertisements, which were often not without considerable humour. This is the advertisement of a restaurant, from a Kentucky publication of the year 1815:—

To be sold by
Jonathan Hickumbotton
At his refectory, west end of the bridge, Providence,
Solid Arguments,
consisting of
Bread, Butter, Cheese, Ham, Eggs, Salmon, Neat tongues, Oysters, &c., ready cooked.
Agitations.
Cider, Vinegar, Salt, Pickles, Sweet Oil, &c.
Grievances.
Pepper, Sauce, Mustard, Black Pepper, Cayenne,
Punishments.
Wine, Brandy, Gin, Spirits, Bitters, Porters, &c.
Superfluities.
Snuff, Tobacco and Segars.
N.B.—Any of the above articles to be exchanged for Necessaries, viz.:
French Crowns, Spanish Dollars, Pistareens, Cents, Mills or Bank Bills.
Credit given for
Payments:
30, 60 and 90 seconds, or as long as a man can hold his breath.
Rudiments gratis, viz.:
Those indebted for .... Arguments
Must not be .... Agitated
Nor think it a .... Grievance
If they should meet .... Punishment
For calling for such .... Superfluities
And supposing it not .... Necessary
To make immediate .... Payment.

INTELLIGENCE IN ELEPHANTS.

It is questionable, perhaps, whether dogs or elephants display generally the greater sagacity; at any rate the intelligence possessed by both these species certainly exceeds that of any other class of animals that has existence. The following are three highly interesting anecdotes about elephants, illustrative both of their wisdom and their magnanimity:—

Many years ago, a gentleman kept a number of elephants in India. One of the animals became very much attached to its keeper. Soon after the keeper deserted from the camp, much to the disappointment of the elephant, who mourned after him very much. A new keeper was appointed till the deserter was brought back. The elephant did not like the new keeper, but waited for the old one coming back. In due time the deserter was brought back, and condemned to be shot. The day arrived for the execution. A number of elephants were present, and among them was the elephant who was so much attached to his late keeper. The soldiers raised their muskets to fire, but the elephant broke loose and ran to his old keeper, and caught him up and ran away with him to a place of safety.

An elephant was in the habit of passing over a small bridge leading from his master's house into the town of Gyah. He one day refused to go over it, and it was only by cruelly goring him with a spear that he could be induced to venture on to the bridge, the strength of which he first tried with his trunk, shewing that he suspected something. At last he went on, but before he could get over the bridge gave way, and both the elephant and his driver were cast into the ditch. The fall killed the driver and very much injured the elephant.

An elephant exhibited some years ago in New York was fed by a young girl with cakes and apples. While in the act of pulling an apple from her bag she drew out her ivory card-case, which fell unobserved in the sawdust of the ring. At the close of the performances the crowd opened to let the elephant pass out; but instead of proceeding as usual he turned aside and thrust his trunk in the midst of a group of ladies and gentleman, who, as might be supposed, were very much alarmed. The keeper at this moment discovered that the animal had something in his trunk. Upon examination it was found to be the young lady's card-case, which the elephant had picked up, and was now seeking out the fair owner.

WHAT THE BURDOCK WAS GOOD FOR.

"Good for nothing," the farmer said,
As he made a sweep at the burdock's head;
But then he thought, it was best, no doubt,
To come some day and root it out.
So he lowered his scythe, and went his way,
To see his corn or gather his hay;
And the weed grew safe and strong and tall,
Close by the side of the garden wall.

"Good for a home," cried the little toad,
As he hopped up out of the dusty road.
He had just been having a dreadful fright,
The boy who gave it was yet in sight.
Here it was cool and dark and green,
The safest kind of a leafy screen.
The toad was happy; "For," said he,
"The burdock was plainly meant for me."

"Good for a prop," the spider thought,
And to and fro with care he wrought,
Till he fastened it well to an evergreen,
And spun his cables fine between.
'Twas a beautiful bridge—a triumph of skill;
The flies came round as idlers will;
The spider lurked in his corner dim,
The more that came, the better for him.

"Good for play," said a child, perplext
To know what frolic was coming next.
So she gathered the burrs that all despised,
And her city playmate was quite surprised
To see what a beautiful basket or chair
Could be made with a little time and care.
They ranged their treasures about with pride
And played all day by the burdock's side.

Nothing is lost in this world of ours;
Honey comes from the idle flowers;
The weed which we pass in utter scorn,
May save a life by another morn.
Wonders await us at every turn.
We must be silent, and gladly learn,
No room for recklessness or abuse,
Since even a burdock has its use.

NUTS TO CRACK.

1.—My *first* is a word which you must unfold,
It means an animal worn out and old,
For *next* a letter, a consonant, see,
Perhaps I should say that's it to a T;
My *whole* is often used to punish the bad,
Of crime 'tis the end, tho' shocking and sad.

2.—The words of which I am composed, consisting altogether of 76 letters, were spoken a long time ago concerning a useful trade. My 25, 68, 9 is an old [illegible] measure. My 64, 44 is an interjection. My 33, [illegible], 52, 38 is part of a ship. My 47, 41, 53, 74 is a grub. My 56, 42, 75 is to hasten. My 22, 32 is a pronoun. My 10, 5, 58, 55, 72, 76, 71, 51, 60, 50 is a mineral. My 14, 73, 35, 7, 44, 20 is an East Indian fruit. My 40, 36, 29, 28, 16, 31 is a bird. My 61, [illegible], 54, 18, 2 is a fish. My 43, 62, 13, 1, 34, 37, 74, is [illegible]. My 46, 48, 66, 69, 8, 6 is a weed. My 17, 11, [illegible], 49, 23, 9, 27, 4 is a European language. My 21, [illegible], 65, 62, 25, 3, 12 is a small noise. My 70, 59, 29, [illegible] is a reward. My 19, 24, 15 was a chief man of the [illegible]elites.

3.—Behead exalted and leave tardy; terror and leave to peruse; an animal and leave hearty; imaginary and leave to distribute; lower and leave a volatile fluid; to strengthen and leave a breed; estimated and leave to shackle; leaving out and leave act of sending; to journey and leave to untwist; to consecrate and leave to grant. The decapitated letters, read downward, name a noted actor.

4.—Complete, I am very useful to those persons who have become me beheaded.

5.—HIDDEN AMERICAN CITIES: That man has been at a royal feast. I will not allow Ellis to go in bad company. Will your servant, Anna, polish the stove. By two's we go to school.

6.—DIAMOND.—A consonant; a sort of manufacture; endeavours; the iris; a musical instrument among the Hebrews; a name for the sun; a consonant.

7.—CROSS PUZZLE.—The central word reads downwards and across, and means a room. Altogether I am made up of part of the body: a native of Barbary: [illegible] but not useful; a snare; an insect; an abbreviation of mountains.

8.—DIAMOND.—A vowel; a poem; a fruit; conductors; [illegible]; before; a consonant.

LAST WEEK'S KERNELS.

1.—Chatham. 2. Nil desperandum.
3.— MARSH
[illegible]
4. Nightfall. 5. Headsman. 6. Carouse, arouse, rouse, ouse, use.

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UNDER THE TERROR.

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CHAPTER LVIII.

"Ah," he said, heaving a long breath of relief, mingled possibly with admiration, for not in the springtide of his passion for her had her beauty seemed to him so dazzling as now. "That was what glittered so!"

"Perhaps," and she shrugged her magnificent shoulders in a sort of half assent. "Do you think I look well?"

"Well? You are a goddess, Eloise."

"Nay, no. Only a woman, Gervais," she said, a faint flush transfusing the ivory whiteness of her neck and face, and wakening the statuesque loveliness to life. "Your eyes read mine, down, down into my heart, where you live—my king—Ah, mon Dieu! Well, representatives may do for nations," she went on with a sigh, "but hearts know only kings, tyrants, despots, or," and withdrawing her left hand, she clenched it on her bosom, "or nothing."

"Diable!" said Crassus, all the fire of the passion, which some say dies never to live again, burning in his veins like a St. Martin's summer. "You are a sorceress," and sinking down among the silken cushions of the couch, he drew her beside him. "And this mighty favour. I think I guess—Hark! What the devil's that noise?" and he sat up and listened.

"The hail upon the window panes. You can guess?" she said eagerly, sinking on her knees beside him.

"Eloise," he murmured, drawing her closer, "I am no match for you. You know it. You—Hark! Hark!" And his eyes fixed staringly. "That is no rain nor hail."

"No, no," she said smilingly. "No, it is the howling of the wind. An awful night. And you will do this, Gervais?"

"Is it not granted already?" he said. "I tell you the girl shall die to-morrow."

"Gervais," she said, "I came here to beg her life—life for her and Maurice de Ravignac." And she flung herself at his feet. "Oh love, love, by your dead love for me. By my love that cannot die, and lives in torment for you—Life and freedom for these two."

"Fool!" he said. "How is it possible? Their safety would be my ruin."

"Ay, perhaps, in this world."

"My good woman, when you can assure another to me, I'll think about your request. Meanwhile I prefer substance here. I like being the adored of the sans-culottes."

"They shall never touch you, Gervais," she said.

He seized her hand. "My brave Eloise; my saving angel—Hush! Even now we may be watched;" and he glanced fearfully towards the doors. "That double dyed Satan's imp, Yeri——"

"Yeri?" she said, wonderingly.

"The spy. The creature who—who helped that business at the Old Black Wolf. He's in Robespierre's pay. They told me so at Charenton this morning. Yesterday he was in mine. Eloise, give him—give them all the lie. You can do it. They'll believe you."

"What would you have me say?"

"Swear that you know me to be the true wedlocked-born son——"

"Ay, ay," she interrupted. "Swear false witness."

"Morbleu! You've done as nice things as that before now. If you're so squeamish, hold your tongue then. Even your silence is more with these people than a thousand other women's tongues."

"You delude yourself," she said. "The very sound of my voice is unknown to them."

"Exactly. There lies your power. They hate these viragos of the dagger. These men-women with the mill-clapper tongues. The sight of you in the clubs—your frown or your smiles—sways them like reeds. Eloise, if they thought you were my betrothed wife——"

"You would be Citizen Crassus still," she said, letting her eyes dwell on the ashen-pale craven face, with a strange mingling of love and pity and contempt.

"There is time yet," she murmured out of her thoughts.

"Time?"

"Ay," she said. "Promise me this man's life, and——"

"Never!" he shrieked, bounding to his feet. "Let them come. Let them do their worst then. Have I played this game to be checkmated at last? Not quite. Let these meddlers between me and the vengeance of the Republic see to their own heads as well as this aristocrat's. This insolent stealer of my rights. He must see sunrise once more, but he shall not see it set. He or I, which is it to be? He or—— Why do you look at me like that?" he shrieked. "Choose. This fine gentleman or —— Eh, Citizeness Eloise," and he stopped short, darting a look of fiendish malice and suspicion at the stern impenetrable face, and then breaking into a loud laugh as he bowed low again and again to the ground. "Have I found you out at last, you and your pasteboard patriotism? Ha! ha! ha! No. It is no wonder poor sans-culottes of deputies and such canaille have no chance with you. No; Madame Eloise Daumas is too nice. She has aristocrat tastes. How came I not to see it sooner? Peste! It is then my dear brother Maurice who has the excessive happiness of—ha! ha! ha!—of pleasing her fancy. Monsieur le Marquis De Ravignac who is to wear her favours, and play old tales over again when—ha! ha!—when he gets out of his cage. It is——

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There are men who have gone hence with a murmur of hope and peace. There had been few such words on this man's tongue in his life; and the malediction that broke from his convulsed lips as they froze into eternal stillness under the knife thrust of the one creature who had loved him, need not be recorded against him.

And so when the night was far spent, and the storm sank, and the moon's light parting the clouds stole in through the blue silken hangings, and mingled with the flare of the dying tapers, shedding a strange ghastly effulgence through the chamber, they found her alone with her love. That savage, hooting, yelling mob, pouring in like blackened scum, burst from its barriers, hungering to wreak its worst upon its idol, fell back, shrieks and curses frozen on every lip, and with amazement on every blanched face fixed in appalled silence on the dead man folded in the white arms of the woman whose face was hidden on his breast.

But their supense was momentary; and ere they had scarcely recognised the stately figure, she had lifted her head, and turned her dark eyes on them through the tangle of black hair all escaped from its golden fillet and straying on his breast.

"Yes," she said, pointing down to the [illegible] little poniard at her feet. "I did it. You come [illegible]. Keep off," she shrieked, as one, apparently their leader, a red-cropped, thick-shouldered young giant, made a step forward.

"I wish to see Citizeness Louche," she said then with the old imperious manner none had ever dared to disobey. "Louche, the jailor's wife. She will not refuse to come to me. She knows me well," and the woman came.

CHAPTER LIX.

THE prison clock had told De Ravignac hour by hour the passing of the day. The sun rose to its chilly dazzling meridian, and declined westward, till only its memory lingered a fast fading purple reddish haze upon his prison bars; and still the summons he awaited had not come.

With the first patter of the rain drops on the leaden roof of his cell, Louche entered and placed some food on the table and lit the evil-smelling lamp, and then paused for an instant, as if he almost anticipated being questioned, and finding no word forthcoming, sulkily withdrew. The pale lightning lit up at long intervals the darkness visible. The wind moaned in loud fitful gusts, and the rain pattered on in maddening monotony, but no human sound penetrated the thickness of the old walls. "They are waiting till the storm is past," he said. And throwing himself on the pallet bed, he drew the ample folds of his coat about him, and slept calmly, as often doomed men have been known to sleep through their last hours, to waken again as the clock struck midnight's first stroke.

It broke some blessed dreaming of sunlit leaves and the ripple of gentle waters, and of a voice more gentle still, murmuring of the love that death could not kill; and ere the dream voice died came the clash of keys and slamming of iron doors, and the shuffling tread of feet, and then through absolute silence, for the wind and the rain were still, and feeble moonbeams streamed in through the grating, a voice:

"No. 23!"

He started up in haste. Had he then slept through the hideous roll-call of twenty-two doomed creatures? Already two days had rendered him familiar with the hideous prison formula of the summons of the condemned; but his pride revolted against this last insult, and as the door was thrust back, he passed silently out into the corridor.

"This way—quick," said one of the group of men which drew back to let him pass. "They're getting impatient," and seizing him more firmly than roughly by the arm, he dragged him down a narrow, filthy, winding staircase, terminated by a low, iron-clamped door, which, however, yielded to the vigorous push of his foot, and still maintaining his grip, he dragged him on through the semi-obscurity of some vast chamber, amid a surging, swaying multitude, whose voices, eager yet subdued, sounded like the roar of the sea, and whose eyes glittered on him from the place's uttermost recesses like countless stars.

Dreaming still? And yet surely not so. Those sphinx-supported tables, those grave-featured men wearing the sable-plumed hats, those ghastly busts of martyred patriotism bracketed on the fly-blown and dingy walls, the iron hanging lamps, all told him he was once more in the judgment hall of the Abbaye.

Dreaming? No, no. Tangible enough the clasp of hands seeking his. Hands of old friends he had never in this life hoped to see again, and other kind faces he only gradually recalled the memory of, and others still he seemed to know for the first time. And then all faded in the glory of one face, fair and radiant, and glad as a lily at dawn; all lost in the consciousness of one gracious form clasped close—close to his breast—and the music of one voice: "Maurice, never to be parted again."

He gazed round. "Yes, you are free. Justice has been meted to you at last," said one, standing foremost amid the throng; and at the sound of his voice, all others hushed to utter stillness. "Your sentence is reversed, and life is your award. Stand aside!" and the speaker whose blue coat and spotless linen gleamed out conspicuously in the semi-obscurity, waved his thin hand authoritatively. "Make way. Let them pass, lest Liberty seem to them too only a name."

And so they went out from the darkness and the murk of that dread place—out under the clear starlit sky—and away for evermore from the shadow of the TERROR.

The everlasting waves that beat upon the rock, crested by the grey walls of the Castle of Ravignac, no longer thunder in hollow reverberation through the darkness of desolation. There is life in the old chateau once more—life that spreads itself among the homesteads around, and diffuses love and content.

For time gave back his heritage to Maurice De Ravignac, and henceforth Ravignac was his world. A believer always in the philosophy teaching that work well done lying nearest to hand may as materially lighten the world's weight of suffering as labour in broader fields, he never accepted the high dignities which the men of the Directory and later on of the Empire would have pressed on him. In the first dawning that broke on the long night of the Terror, he watched for a fuller and more perfect day; but that hope faded all in the smoke and flare of Napoleon's "triumphs," and Paris, the old scene of so much happiness, so much suffering, rarely saw him. The house in the Rue de Richelieu, was restored to its lawful owner by the nation, but formally made over to it again by its owner, on condition of its being devoted to some more cheerful charitable end than the one assigned to it by the rule of sans-culottism.

The revulsion from long suffering to gladness brought Père Mathieu a new lease of life; and the old work of beneficence—never dropped since he took the yoke upon him half a century earlier—was only laid down when the Master called him to rest—after years of peaceful labour among the good people of Ravignac. And labour, however much he loved it, the work was still; for fair and peaceful as another paradise that little Norman village might look, sorrow and sickness and sin lurked there, and called for his charity and consolation.

But he did not make the chateau his home, though Maurice and Marcelle would fain have had his gentle presence with them always. He said the people would never find him handy in the vast place, and that the small priest's cottage was more suited to his ways—and Tobi's.

Jolyot is married now—not, in accordance with his registered vow, to the aforementioned establishment's pretty waitress; but to a grandniece of Madame Pomard's, beside whose beauty, that heartless Hebe's outward attractions would shrivel to powder, and whose heart is as warm and generous as her husband's.

Angélique and her Blaise rule at Ravignac in the capacity they filled so long in the Rue de Richelieu, and it would be a sinecure but for their self-imposed care of monsieur, with madame to weigh the onerous charge still more, exercised with all the tyranny of the days of the old régime.

Trigot, who mysteriously disappeared after a drive "monsieur le marquis" took in the glass coach to call on the baker's wife, came to the surface again one fine day, and is never more content than when he gets his chance of prevailing on madame la marquise to make a state progress with a beautiful, thoughtful-faced boy, and a sunny-haired girl in the cumbersome vehicle through the neighbourhood of Ravignac; and Marcelle, without any extravagant tax upon her nerves, is compliant, for the roads are in excellent condition, and the road-menders do not curse them as they go.

Years, in the estimation of Marcelle's little world, do but make lovelier the "Lady of Ravignac," as by a time-honoured custom of the place it proudly calls her, and her people looking from her and my lord to the [illegible] stone on the castle keep, asking if husband and wife are not worthily mated?

A few hastily-written pencil lines in Eloise's handwriting, found on opening the pocket-book, told how her own hand had searched her dead lover's body for the marriage certificate she doubted not he was in possession of. And there in an innermost pocket it lay, enclosing another packet from which, as Marcelle opened it, fell a shower of torn shreds of paper, and when patience had pieced them together, and Marcelle's eyes had glanced over the faded written characters, the one cloudlet fled from her content, and blushingly the young wife pleaded guilty to having believed that the valet's forged letter had been penned by Maurice from his sick bed.

"My child," said he, smiling, "they must have cut off my hand and my head too, before I could have written that." And then, as he flung the forgery into the fire, he showed her how his own torn letter had been addressed by Dr. Savary. This original manuscript is one of madame la marquise's treasures of treasures, and lies locked with a tress of Marie Antoinette's hair in a silver reliquary; while monsieur le marquis sets quite equal store by a broken, painted old enamel cloisonné watch, whose hands came to a dead standstill one midnight of the very week in which the burning of the Bastille took place. Bastien Didier, who offered it for his acceptance sometime after his marriage, was, on his part, not sorry to be rid of it, since, beside causing him a night's detention in La Force on suspicion, not of stealing it, but of being in league with aristocrats, the contention it had bred, domestically, was not altogether a thing you could forget in an instant.

In a corner of the churchyard at Ravignac stands a little Calvary cross, bearing one name "Eloise," and on its reverse side "Brumaire '93," and there, when Marcelle comes to hang her cypress wreaths—for the gay hues of flowers seem to have no place about it—she lingers, dreaming over the old days in the Rue Guénégaud, and the boundless love and charity of that dead friend's heart; and so her imagination conjures to her the picture of that journey in the fatal cart, that utter loneliness and friendlessness of the blood-stained hands, from which her companion victims must have shrunk in horror, and then to the distant falling of the waves, rises the drama enacted within the memory of aged village folks, and with a prayer for all things living, she turns from the mystery of good and evil, only to confront it again when she hears the world around her hurl insult and execration on the name of Maximilien Robespierre. Demigod of a fickle multitude, flung down to lie lower than the lowest; whose death agonies no hand was found among all the fawning lot of his triumph time to assuage by a drink of water; and though the lips were cold which alone could have told her and Maurice the true extent of their debt towards him, it was still surely no wonder that they found it a hard matter to understand how the sins of many were heaped together, and thrust upon this man to bear with the load of his own; and when they were silent, and joined not in the shrieks the mere mention of his name evoked, people would jestingly declare that Monsieur and Madame De Ravignac were at heart the rankest of radicals; for you must never pick a hole in a certain person's blue coat, if you wanted to keep favour in their eyes. But the lives of these two had been tried in the fire as few had been tried, and their judgment could not be the surface summing up of men and women who knew not the burden and heat of the day of the TERROR.

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[CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAMS.]

"GUARDIAN" OFFICE, FRIDAY, 4 P.M.

THE CHARGES AGAINST SIR E. MALET.

(FROM THE CENTRAL NEWS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

CAIRO, FRIDAY, 11 A.M.

I have been formally requested by Mr Broadley and his colleagues to absolutely repudiate the charges made by Mr Blunt against Sir E. Malet, respecting Arabi's defence, as unjustifiable and wholly untrue. The Egyptian authorities are now considering the details of arrangements for Arabi's trial.

BRITISH COUNSEL ALLOWED ACCESS TO ARABI.

CAIRO, FRIDAY, 12 30 P.M.

A Conference took place this morning between Sir E. Malet, Cherif Pacha, and Mr Broadley, with the results that the English Counsel will be allowed access to Arabi. They will probably have an interview with their client this afternoon.

DEPARTURE OF THE PREMIER FOR LONDON.

The Premier left Hawarden this morning for London.

ROYAL VISIT TO CHATHAM.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh are expected to visit Chatham on Monday, when the Marines arrive there from Egypt.

THE IRISH PARLIAMENTARY PARTY.

The *Freeman's Journal* of this morning contains a letter from Mr Parnell requesting the presence of the members of the Irish Parliamentary party at the re-assembling of the House on Tuesday next. A meeting will be held previously in the conference room, when the question of Mr Gray's imprisonment will be discussed.

ARRIVAL OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Prince of Wales arrived in London from the Continent early this morning.

THE BRIDPORT LIBERALS' CANDIDATE.

Mr Ralli, M.P. for Wallingford, was last night unanimously adopted by the Bridport Liberals as their candidate for the borough at the General Election.

WELCOME AT HOME.

The Household Cavalry disembarked at the West India Docks early this morning and began preparations for marching to respective quarters. Bands of the First Life Guards and Blues arrived at nine o'clock, and troops then began their triumphant entry into the City, the bands playing and enormous crowds cheering enthusiastically. Many of the streets were gaily decorated with flags, and every window had groups of occupants waving a welcome.

Weather warm and spring-like. Sun shining brilliantly.

SHOOTING FATALITY IN IRELAND.

The constable who accidently shot himself recently at Medrescourt, County Westmeath, died in the infirmary at Mullingar this morning. An inquest will be held.

MILITARY RECEPTION AT WINDSOR.

Preparations are being made completed at Windsor for the reception of the Second Life Guards who are expected to arrive about one o'clock today. The streets are gaily decorated, and will be kept by volunteers. The Mayor will present an address.

The Assyrian Monarch with a second portion of Household Cavalry arrived at Spithead this morning an proceeded to Gravesend.

THE LATE BISHOP STEERE.

The Committee of the Central African Mission have received letters from the Foreign Office expressing regret at Bishop Steere's death as a loss to the cause of freedom and Christianity.

THE ARRIVAL OF TROOPS IN ENGLAND.

The Press Association learns that the following transports are expected at Portsmouth:—The Oxenholme, with the Pontoon Royal Engineers, on October 19th; the Marathon, with invalids on the 19th; the Holland with the (J) Third Royal Artillery, on the 19th; the Viking with invalids, on the 20th; the Greece with part of the Fourth Dragoon Guards, on the 20th, the City of New York with part of the Dragoons on the 21st; the Calabria, N.A. Royal Horse Artillery, on the 21st; the City Paris, with marines, at Plymouth on the 21st, and Portsmouth on the 22nd; the Californian with the 24th Company of the Royal Engineers, on the 22nd; the Arab, with invalids, on the 24th; the Bolivar, with the Marine Artillery, on the 25th; the Prussian, unknown, on the 25th; the Pelican, with ammunition and Reserve on the 27th. Some of these may however go first to Southampton and come on to Portsmouth, according to the amount of disposable berthing accommodation.

BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

This Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon, in the Town Hall Buildings, Shotley Bridge, the Chairman (Mr James Annandale, J.P.), presiding. The following members were present—Messrs R. Murray, J. Lax, J. Eltringham, H. Carss, W. Wilson, and A. E. Turner.

The minutes of last ordinary meeting were read and ordered to be signed by the Chairman.

THE HIGHWAY LIGHTING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Reported that they had examined last month's vouchers, and found them all correct. The accounts for the present month recommended to be paid were—Surveyor's monthly pay bill, £82 7s 3½d; Messrs Christopher and Branaghan, £13 18s 9d.

Cheques were ordered to be signed in payment of these amounts.

BRAY'S PATENT LAMPS.

The same committee further recommended the Board to defer the erection of the new lamps until another season. They found the same to be expensive, and before they could be erected the present season would be far advanced.

In reply to a Member, the Surveyor said that the cost per lamp was £7, and a new meter £1.

The CHAIRMAN remarked, with regard to the electric light, that at Chesterfield, the only place where that system of public lighting had been adopted, it had not succeeded. The ark light answered pretty well, but the incandescent light was a failure.

It was decided, on the proposition of Mr MURRAY, that the recommendation of the Lighting Committee respecting the erection of Bray's patent lamps be carried out.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Appended is Mr Dixon's monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month the workmen have been employed on the several highways and streets in your district, scraping and dressing-up. During the last fortnight there has been a large amount of scraping done. I have received during the month 100 tons of whinstone, and the stonebreakers are preparing the same for the ensuing season. Several of the footpaths have been repaired with coke ashes, and the footpath leading to the Paper Mills has been bottomed with stone about half the length of this road. I expect to have the other half completed by next meeting. The Gas Company have erected several globe lamps on the Benfieldside Edge Road during the month. The new water trough has been erected at Blackhill as directed.

As instructed at last meeting, I attended the Sanitary Congress held at Newcastle. I was present at the opening address, and also attended the sectional lectures held in the Free Library in New Bridge Street. These lectures were very instructive, and many very able discussions took place upon them with regard to the construction and ventilation of drains, dwelling-houses, &c. I also attended the Sanitary Exhibition in Bath Lane, where the latest improved and new sanitary appliances are to be seen, also the best disinfecting powders. There was a disinfectant know as the "Sanitas" very highly spoken of at the Congress. I would suggest that the Board give it a trial, when required, as it is considered far superior and may be purchased at less cost than the powder generally used. I have also obtained a copy of the lecture given at the Congress, and I would recommend that a few copies be bought for the use of the Board.

I beg to remain, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
JOHN DIXON.

THE WATER TROUGH IN DURHAM ROAD.

Mr CARSS said the Surveyor had made a good job in erecting the new trough, and it was a really useful place now.

THE NEW DISINFECTANTS.

Mr ELTRINGHAM remarked that if the Board were going to try experiments with new disinfectants, there was another besides "Sanitas" that was worthy of a trial at the same time—viz., "Jeye's Fluid." He thought that their Surveyor should not be confined to one disinfectant only, but whenever he saw anything better and cheaper than the article then in use he should give it a trial.

Mr CARSS said that "Jeye's fluid" was a most marvellous thing.

The Surveyor thought that the latter would be very useful in sick rooms.

Mr LAX inquired what was the difference in price between "Sanitas" and the disinfectant now used by the Board.

The Surveyor replied that "Sanitas" was £2 a ton cheaper.

Eventually it was resolved, on the motion of Mr LAX, seconded by Mr ELTRINGHAM, that the Surveyor be instructed to obtain a dozen copies of the addresses given at the late Sanitary Congress at Newcastle-on-Tyne; and that the new disinfectants, "Sanitas" and "Jeye's Fluid" be tried in future in the place of the disinfectant now used by the Board.

THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month I have made several inspections around your district, and I find it on the whole in a good condition. Your main drains are in perfect working order, and I consider your district in a good sanitary state. The agent for Billygoat House has commenced with the alterations to this property, and I expect to be able to report this work as completed shortly. According to your instructions, I stamped Mr Patterson's plans, which were passed at the last Board.

During the month I have collected and paid into the bank £227 4s 7d.

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
JOHN DIXON.

Benfieldside, October 18th.

This report was adopted.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

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

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

GENTLEMEN,—With reference to the several tenements in Mill Street and the adjacent property in Wood Street, which at your request I have recently inspected, I beg to report as follows:—

Mill Street No. 1 was condemned two years ago, and subsequently closed for several months. It has however, been recently been re-inhabited by two families, occupying respectively the lower and upper storey. It will be remembered that I reported three cases of enteric fever in the family occupying the upper storey in the summer quarter of the present year. Although I cannot be certain that the character of the house, on the escape of sewer gas from the untrapped grate in the street (which has since been replaced by a trapped grate), was the cause of the fever, it is undesirable from the situation, defective ventilation, darkness, dampness, and general ricketiness of the property, that you should permit its further occupation.

Mill Street No. 2 I found closed and uninhabited, but know it from previous inspections to be unfit for habitation. There are no conveniences whatever connected with it.

Mill Street No. 3 has been much improved of late by the addition of a back entrance, but to make the house fairly habitable, the yard must be extensively excavated and the offices (which are in a most disgraceful state) re-constructed.

Wood Street Nos. 57 and 58.—These houses are mainly defective in the almost complete absence of yard and office accommodation, and which can only be made in the least degree efficient by the entire removal of the back premises, the introduction of a water closet, and a back entrance made from Mill Street. The yards, when thus enlarged, must be either closely paved with bricks, or cemented.

The number of scattered cases of enteric fever occurring in your district in the summer months made me apprehensive of a general epidemic in the autumn. My fears have happily been groundless, as, with the exception of a single instance in a child of five years old at 24, Roger Street, Blackhill, the quarter just ended has been marked by its absence.

Diarrhoea has been more than usually prevalent throughout the quarter, causing two deaths.

Measles has contributed 12 cases, and erysipelas 6 cases to the zymotic list during the quarter.

The general death-rate has been 14·6 per thousand, which is 5 below the rate of the previous quarter, and 5 below the corresponding quarter of last year. On the whole the health of your district during the quarter ending September 30th has been fairly satisfactory.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
W. M. RENTON, M.D.

Shotley Bridge, Oct. 18th.

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

42 births, representing an annual rate of 29·2 per 1,000—23 males and 19 females. 21 deaths, representing 14·6 per 1,000—13 males and 8 females.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Measles	12	0
Diarhoea	0	2
Erysipelas	6	0
Enteric Fever	1	0
Pulmonary Consumption		2
Bronchitis, Pneumonia, and Pleurisy		2
Tubercular Disease other than Pulmonary Consumption		1
Diseases of the heart		2
Diseases of the Brain and Spinal Cord		1
Diseases of the abdominal viscera		5
Inquest Cases		1
Other Diseases not named		5

(Signed) W. M. RENTON.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the death-rate seemed to be very favourable.

THE DILAPIDATED PROPERTY IN WOOD STREET AND MILL STREET.

With regard to these houses, Mr CARSS held that the Inspector would have to give the proprietors due notice to abate the nuisances or else take magisterial proceedings against them.

The CHAIRMAN said it would not do to proceed too hastily in the matter. He thought it would be better to refer the report to the Sanitary Committee, who would consider it at their leisure.

Mr LAX believed that was the course usually pursued.

Mr MURRAY proposed that the matter be referred to the Sanitary Committee.

Mr LAX seconded the proposition.

The CHAIRMAN hoped that the Committee would report definitely at the next meeting what they would like to have done with these premises.

Mr ELTRINGHAM explained that when the Sanitary Committee were inspecting that locality, they thought, judging from the outward appearance of the buildings, that it was a case that demanded the attention of the Medical Officer, and they made such recommendation at a subsequent Board meeting.

The resolution was put and carried.

A REJECTED COMMUNICATION.

The CHAIRMAN read the communication from the Lord Mayor and Corporation of Dublin, asking the Board to memoralise Parliament with a view of obtaining the law as regards committal and punishment for contempt of court amended and modified.

The CHAIRMAN did not think they were sent by the ratepayers to sit on the Local Board to deal with such matters. He moved that the letter lie upon the table.

Mr LAX: Yes, for several months.

This was agreed to.

The rest of the business was unimportant.

LANCHESTER AND CONSETT POLICE STATISTICS.

A YEAR'S CRIME.

The return of police statistics for the Lanchester and Consett Petty Sessional Division, for the year ended 29th September last, has just been compiled, from which we gather the annexed interesting items:—

	TOTAL.
INDICTABLE OFFENCES.	
Indictable offences committed	54
Persons apprehended for the same (26 males and 10 females.)	36
Discharged for want of evidence	9
Committed for trial	27
SUMMARY OFFENCES.	
Offenders dealt with summarily	2195
No. discharged	223
" Fined	1897
" Committed to prison	83
Otherwise punished	192
Public-houses in the Division	114
Proceeded against	10
Convicted	9
License endorsed	1
Beerhouses licensed to be consumed on the premises	33
Proceeded against and convicted	2
Beerhouses licensed for consumption off the premises only	26
Proceeded against and convicted	1

The offences above mentioned are classed under the following heads:—Offences under the Food and Drugs Acts—5 persons convicted, 4 fined, 1 sentenced to other punishment. Assaults on the police—27 persons proceeded against, 1 discharged, 26 convicted, 3 imprisoned, 22 fined, and 1 to provide sureties. Common assaults—154 males and 32 females proceeded against; 95 males and 18 females were convicted; 7 offenders committed to prison, 91 were fined, and 15 awarded other punishments. Breaches of the peace—78 proceeded against; 64 males and 6 females were convicted; 59 were bound over; and 11 otherwise punished. Contagious Diseases (animals) Act—1 proceeded against and fined. Cruelty to animals—5 persons proceeded against, 4 convicted, 1 imprisoned, and 3 fined. Breaches of the Elementary Education Act—178 parents proceeded against, 156 convicted and fined; 10 otherwise punished. Employers' and Workmen's Act—25 proceeded against; 21 were convicted and punished. Game trespass—8 persons proceeded against, 4 were convicted and fined. Night poaching and destroying game—2 persons proceeded against, both convicted and imprisoned. Drunkenness and drunk and disorderly—1,000 persons summoned; 940 males and 30 females convicted and fined. Permitting drunkenness on licensed premises—5 landlords proceeded against, 4 were convicted and fined. Illegally selling intoxicating liquors—5 were proceeded against and fined. Other offences under the Licensing Acts—39 proceeded against and 35 were convicted. Local cases under Borough byelaws—person convicted. Wilful damage and trespass—207 persons summoned; 169 were convicted and fined. Army deserters—3 summoned and punished. Public Health Act—7 persons proceeded against, and 6 were convicted. Deserting and neglecting to support families—19 persons proceeded against; 16 convicted or imprisoned. Excise cases—16 persons proceeded against; 14 convicted and fined. Larceny (simple)—40 persons proceeded against; 22 males and 7 females were convicted. Stealing fruit, vegetables, &c. —4 were proceeded against and convicted. Offences under the Vagrant Act—211 persons summoned, and 199 were convicted and imprisoned. Vaccination Act—2 persons proceeded against, and 1 convicted. Highway Act—42 persons summoned, and 24 convicted. Weights and Measures Act—1 proceeded against and convicted. Keeping dogs without licenses—16 persons proceeded against and 13 fined. Other offences not included above—24 persons proceeded against, and 16 convicted and fined. Total of summary offences—2067 males proceeded against and 128 females; 188 males and 35 females were discharged; 1879 males and 93 females were convicted. Punishments—4 offenders were imprisoned for three months; 10 for two months; 19 for one month; 48 for fourteen days; 2 sent to Reformatory School; 1692 were fined; 61 ordered to find sureties; 3 delivered up to the army; and 133 awarded other punishments.

The estimated value of property reported to have been stolen was £80 19s 4d; of which £23 12s 6d has been recovered; the total loss being £59 3s 3d.

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"THE PIONEERS OF PRIMITIVE METHODISM."

This was the title of a service of song which was rendered with much acceptance by the choir of the Shotley Bridge Primitive Methodist Chapel, in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Blackhill, on Wednesday evening. Mr Urwin, who has ably led this talented choir for many years, acted as conductor, and Mr John Brodie, of Shotley Bridge, read the connective readings with marked taste and expression. Mr Leyburne Urwin presided at the harmonium, and executed the accompaniments in a masterly style. Mr Telford, of Shotley Bridge, occupied the chair, and with him on the platform were the Rev W. Baitey and the Rev C. Longstaff. The audience, although not large, was thoroughly representative, several of the leading tradesmen of the town being present.

The proceedings were opened by the singing of the opening hymn, "Let earth and heaven agree," the audience joining heartily, after which the Rev W. Baitey engaged in prayer.

The CHAIRMAN, in his introductory remarks, observed that he could hardly understand why he had been called upon to preside at that meeting; especially was he surprised when he noticed that beside him on the platform were two ministers. (Laughter). They had come together that evening to listen to a service of song illustrating of the old hymns, and tunes as sung by the Primitive Methodists of former times. Some of those present would doubtless remember something of the zeal and spirit which marked the camp meetings about thirty years ago. He did not know what the critics of to-day might say regarding the manner in which those tunes were rendered. Things were done differently now-a-days, and many changes had taken place since his boyhood, when great pastries were baked in anticipation of the camp meetings; but God never changed, and while those fine old tunes were being sung again that evening let them all try and get into the spirit of them. (Applause). The choir which was going to entertain them that evening required no introduction—its fame was long since established. Nor was it necessary that he should touch particularly on the merits of the gentleman who had kindly undertaken to read the prose divisions of the piece. Mr John Brodie was known and respected by every one of them. (Hear, hear). He understood that it would take an-hour-and-a-half to go through the piece, and he would not, therefore, take up the time further, but would at once call upon the choir to give the first musical illustration.

The choir responded promptly by singing with much point and finish the fine old piece, "Come and taste along with me." Numerous selections of a similar character followed for the subject matter of the song-lecture—if we are allowed the expression—which heads this notice is, in fine, a graphic history —first of Methodism proper, then of Primitive Methodism, which at a latter epoch in history made for itself something more than "a local habitation and a name." The compiler has shown considerable skill in the arrangement of this interesting and instructive service of song. Full justice is done to the memory of the men, who, rising superior to the exigencies by which they were environed, strove successfully, by precept and example, to lead their fellows to a higher and a nobler conception of life. The leading incidents in this ennobling story are linked together by snatches of sacred song, which the music of other years cannot fail to charm. Moreover, in justice to the leader of the Shotley Bridge Primitive Methodist choir, it must be said that the singing was of more than average merit; with the vigour and dash that characterised the singing of the Methodist pioneers, Mr Urwin has blended the refining influence of modern times.

The Rev W. BAITEY, in moving a vote of thanks to the chairman, the reader, and the choir, spoke in complimentary terms of the chairman, his influence and liberality.

The Rev C. LONGSTAFF seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation. The choir then rendered an anthem by request, after which Mr Longstaff pronounced the benediction which brought the meeting to a close.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, Oct. 19th.—Before GEO. G. TAYLOR SMITH, Esq. (chairman), and GEORGE HEDLEY, Esq.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Three girls, named *Mary Webster, Harriet Webster*, and *Jane Robinson*, were summoned by Sergt. Kendrew for doing wilful damage to a grass field near Cornsay Colliery, belonging to Messrs Ferens and Love. The defendants, who pleaded guilty, were gathering blackberries on the 2nd of the present month, damaging the field to the amount of 1d each.—The Chairman (to the officer): What sort of a field is it?—The Officer: A pasture field.—The Chairman: And the grass is eaten off?—The Officer: Yes, sir. But the damage was done to the fences.—The defendants were fined 1s each, and ordered to pay 1d damage, and 5s costs.

Richard Thompson and *John Ritchie* were charged with gathering blackberries in a field near Cornsay Colliery (doing damage thereby to the amount of 1d each) on the 2nd of October.—The defendants were fined 1s each, and ordered to pay damage and costs (8s 6d in all).

Robert Farrar pleaded guilty to a charge, preferred by Sergt. Nicholson, of committing wilful damage to certain property belonging to the Rev C. Gillow, on the 7th inst.—The police-officer stated about 8.30 a.m. he was in the wood near Cornsay Colliery, when he saw the defendant picking blackberries. The damage was assessed at 3d. —The defendant accused Sergeant Nicholson of having used him very roughly.—The Chairman: You are fined 1s, 3d damage, and 7s 6d costs—8s 9d altogether. As the defendant could not pay, a distress warrant was levied.—The Chairman (to Sergeant Nicholson): Can you answer the charge this man makes against you?—The Sergeant: Yes. He refused to give me his name, and I held him across my legs and threatened to lock him up. I also took the can of blackberries from him.—The defendant repeated the allegation that the officer used him very badly.—The Chairman: You have been here several times before. You are a bad character.

THE EDUCATION ACT.

The undermentioned persons were summoned by Mr W. Ward, on behalf of the Lanchester Union School Attendance Committee, for failing to send their several children to school:—*Ralph Ridley*, Low Friarside, near Burnopfield, fined 5s including costs; *John Clark*, Kyo, 5s; *William Humphrey*, Quebec, 5s; and *William Jenkins*, Consett, 5s.—In the case of Clark, the defendant's wife appeared, and said that her husband had not been at work in consequence of illness for the past five years.—Mr Ward replied that the Guardians were paying the school fees, and the defendant's children would not attend at all, although they lived within fifty yards of the school. It was true that Clark had not followed his employment for the past five years, but his opinion was that the man refuses to work.

GAME TRESPASS NEAR HEDLEYHOPE.

John Tomlinson and *George Makepeace*, two rough-looking individuals, were charged with trespassing in pursuit of game on land belonging to Mr Septemis Harrison. Both defendants admitted the offence.—Wm. Grove, a farm servant to Mr George Wall, alleged that on Tuesday, 10th inst., he was proceeding down the garth at Hedleyhope (accompanied by another lad), for the purpose of getting a rabbit, when he observed the two defendants at the holes with a ferret. On seeing witness the defendants took to their heels, and although he called upon them to stop, they still kept running in the direction of Sunniside. Witness gave chase, and catching up to the defendants, told them that it was a "fair catch."—He saw that Makepeace carried the ferret, and Tomlinson had some nets hanging out of his pockets.—The Chairman read a long list of convictions against both the defendants, for game trespass and other offences, and they were fined 40s each and 8s costs.

THEFT OF HARNESS BRASSES AT ESH.

William Gibson, a farm servant, was brought up accused of stealing three pieces of harness and brasses, the property of Thomas Dennis. Mr Malcolm (Durham) was for the prosecution; and Mr Oliver (also of Durham), appeared for the defence. —Prosecutor, who is farm servant to Mr John Suddees, Blackburn Farm, near Esh, spoke to leaving the articles in his master's stable early in the morning of Sunday, 1st inst., and on entering the place the same evening he missed them. The articles were valued at 10s 6d. The prisoner had the brasses in his hands on the Sunday previous. He give information of the theft on the following morning to P.C. Forster.—To Mr Oliver: The articles would be worth 15s when new.—Annie Moon, servant at the farm, saw the prisoner at the back kitchen door between two and three o'clock on the day in question and spoke to him.—P.C. Forster said that from information he received from the prosecutor, he proceeded to Esh where Gibson resided, and saw him in the yard. On interrogating the prisoner respecting the brasses, the latter led witness into the stable and showed him some articles which he said he had bought off a man as he was coming from Blackburn Farm on the Sunday previous, giving him 2s for them. Witness told Gibson that he suspected him of stealing the harness brasses, and he (prisoner) replied that he had seen them on some of Suddees horses. He then charged the prisoner with stealing them, but he made no reply.—Prisoner pleaded not guilty in Court.—Mr Oliver having spoken at length in his behalf, called George Cant, a driver, who swore that he saw the prisoner with some brasses in his possession besides a blacksmith shop, on that particular Sunday. He could not recognise the brasses again.—Henry Hampton, putter, adduced similar testimony.—John Mallabar, shoemaker, Esh, saw the defendant on the night in question between Quebec and the Roman Catholic Chapel.—Michael Stephenson, the prisoner's employer, said that Gibson left his farm at six o'clock and returned home at eight o'clock on the Sunday night referred to, and did not leave the premises till seven o'clock on the preceding morning. He give the prisoner an excellent character.—The Chairman pointed out that the magistrates had taken into consideration the previous good character berne by the prisoner, and they would merely impose for this offence a fine of 20s, including costs.

TRESPASSING ON THE RAILWAY.

A young man, named *John Coalfield*, was summoned for trespassing on the North-Eastern Railway near Ushaw Moor, on the 17th September. Inspector Darrell, of Newcastle, who preferred the charge, said that in consequence of facts which had recently come to their knowledge, the Company wished to withdraw the case against the defendant, and his father was willing to pay the costs.

BREACH OF THE MINES' REGULATION ACT.

Thomas Brown, a coal hewer, pleaded guilty to a charge of committing a breach of the Mines' Regulation Act at Burnhope Colliery, and also violating the special rules of the colliery, by riding on a set of tubs when running down the incline. The offence, which was committed on the 5th of the present month, was proved by the overman, but the case was not pressed.—A fine of 18s 6d (including the costs) was imposed.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

James Wray and *William Huthart* were accused by Sergt. Kendrew of breaking the peace by fighting at Quebec, on the 7th October.—Wray admitted the offence, and was bound over in £5 to keep the peace for six months. The other defendant (Huthart) failed to appear, and the charge against him was adjourned for a fortnight.

ASSAULT AT CORNSAY.

George Heslop was charged with assaulting Mary Brown, at Cornsay Colliery, on the 4th October, by striking at her.—Complainant informed the Court that the defendant had expressed sorrow for what he had done, and she would like to withdraw the charge.—This was agreed to, on complainant paying 7s costs.

USING THREATENING LANGUAGE.

Thomas Embleton was brought up charged with threatening to kill his sister, Elizabeth Cheetham, at Shield Row, on October 7th.—The Bench dismissed the case, on the defendant promising to defray the Court expenses, 8s 6d, but cautioned him not to appear there again.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER.—At the Registrar Office, on the 14th inst., Mr T. Nicholson to Miss B. E. Atkinson, both of Greencroft Cottages.—On the same day, Mr W. Mullineux to Miss T. Teasder, both of Cornsay Colliery.—On the same day, Mr T. Moor to Miss M. A. Minchin, both of Cornsay Colliery.—On the same day, Mr C. S. Wardle, Ebchester, to Miss M. T. Simpson, Medomsley.—On the 17th inst., Mr T. Reed, Blackhill, to Miss R. Gillead, Shotley Bridge.

GATESHEAD.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, Bensham, on the 16th inst., by the Rev C. E. Osborne Griffith, Edward Tweddell, Dunston Bank, Whickham, to Isabella Margaret (Bella), only surviving daughter of the late Henry Atkinson, Gateshead.

At the Wesleyan Chapel, Bensham, on the 16th inst., by the Rev J. Bellamy, Mr Robert Mason, to Mary Corrie, both of Burnopfield.

DEATHS.

CONSETT.—At Derwent Street, 20th inst., Margaret, beloved daughter of Mr Adam Scott, aged 25 years. Interment at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Sunday at Two p.m.

BLACKHILL.—At Derwent Street, on the 16th inst., aged 2½ years, Thomas Thompson, son of William and Mary Ann Siddell.

At 36, Durham Road, on the 20th inst., aged 42 years, Samuel Walker. Interment at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Sunday, at Three p.m. Friends please accept this only intimation.

SHOTLEY LODGE.—On the 14th inst., James Archbold Pears Archbold, Esq.

LANGLEY BRIDGE.—On the 16th inst., aged 45 years, Mr Thomas Charlton.

LANGLEY MOOR.—On the 15th inst., Maggie, infant daughter of Mr Wm. Robinson.

WATERHOUSES.—On the 13th inst., Jane Lizzie, daughter of Mr Thomas D. Raine, aged 1½ years.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On the 10th inst., aged 29 years, John, third son of John Brewis, Tanfield Lea.

GATESHEAD.—On the 18th inst., aged 49, Mr G. F. Gibson, late of White-le-Head, now at 49, Walker Street.

MOUNTSETT.—Plough Inn, on the 13th inst., aged 40 years, Elizabeth Armstrong.

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