The Consett Guardian

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Business Announcements.

JOSEPH OLEY,
AUCTIONEER AND APPRAISER,
10, WOOD STREET,
SHOTLEY BRIDGE. 228c

J. BATES
HOUSE CARPENTER, JOINER, UNDERTAKER, HARDWAREMAN,
HARVEY STREET, CONSETT. 6758

A. PHILLIPSON,
AUCTIONEER AND APPRAISER,
DIPTON,
IS prepared to undertake Auction Sales, and, by strict attention and efficiency in this business, hopes to share public patronage. 255k

FURNITURE, HARMONIUMS, PIANOS, SEWING MACHINES, &c., supplied, and payment taken by easy instalments to suit the convenience of all classes.—For prospectus, enclose addressed envelope to Hire Company (Limited), Strawberry House, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 81k

JAMES FROSDICK,
50, FRONT STREET, CONSETT,
BELLMAN AND BILL POSTER FOR CONSETT AND DISTRICT.
LESSEE of all the Principal and Largest Posting Stations in the District, upon which no one else is allowed to stick Bills. 917h

JOHN JENKINS,
AUCTIONEER,
HOUSE AGENT, AND APPRAISER,
TRAFALGAR STREET, CONSETT.
PARTIES leaving the Neighbourhood can have their Furniture, &c., turned into Cash on the shortest notice. 660a

MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS.
GEORGE HOPE,
SCULPTOR, GENERAL CARVER, AND MARBLE MASON,
BURNOPFIELD.
MONUMENTS, TOMBS, HEAD STONES, AND TABLETS
EXECUTED IN MARBLE, STONE, OR GRANITE.

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, without first obtaining the said Company's permission, will be prosecuted according to Law.
By order of the Directors,
August 21st, 1875. M RICHLEY, Secretary.

HENRY AMOS
RESPECTFULLY intimates to the Public that he has commenced Business as HORSESHOER and GENERAL SMITH in the old-established Shop at the foot of Church Bank, Shotley Bridge, where he hopes, by strict attention to Business, to merit a share of their patronage. 156k

D. DOVER,
RESPECTFULLY intimates to his Friends and the Public that he has Opened a New Shop, near to Dr. BENSON'S Surgery, Wesley Terrace, Dipton. Jewellery, Watches, and Clocks sold, cleaned, or repaired. Dealer in Hardware, Books, and Stationery. Agent for "Stokes on Memory."

BUY SCOTTER'S BOOTS.
ADMITTED by thousands to be the Cheapest and Best Boots ever offered to the Public. To be had only at his own Shops,
3, SHAKESPEARE STREET, CONSETT;
28 and 14, Nun Street, and 46, Dean Street, Newcastle; 103, High Street, Gateshead; 121, Bedford Street, and 13, Union Street, North Shields; Station Road, South Shields; 58, Ormonde Street, Jarrow; 7, South Street, Middlesbrough; and Bridge Street, Morpeth. 32k

JOHN STREET AND PITT STREET WINE, ALE, AND SPIRIT STORE.
WINES.
Old Port from 1s. 6d., 2s. 7d., and 3s. 10d. Finest Sherry, 1s. 10d., 3s., and 3s. 10d.
Sparkling Champagne.
Edinburgh and Burton Ales, in Sparkling Condition.
Matured Malt and Glenlivet Whiskeys.
Dunville and Co's Fine Old Irish Whiskey.
H. NICHOLSON,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER. 231k

IMPORTANT NOTICE.
CHARLES D. SCOTT,
PLUMBER AND BRASS FOUNDER,
NEWCASTLE,
HAVING been requested by some of the leading business men of this locality to OPEN A BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT in Consett. He has now much pleasure in stating that he has taken the Shop,
10, NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT,
Where all orders entrusted to his care will receive his best attention and will be executed by competent workmen. 240k

FOR NEWSPAPERS AND STATIONERY,
TRY
J. COCKBURN
(Successor to Mr. T. BATEY),
STATIONER, NEWSAGENT, BOOKSELLER, AND PRINTER,
FRONT STREET, CONSETT.
ORDERS for the Daily Delivery of Newspapers punctually attended to
PICTURES FRAMED AND BOOKS BOUND
At reasonable charges. 452h

THOMAS RAINE,
JOINER AND CABINET-MAKER,
DERWENT STREET, BLACKHILL,
BEGS to to thank his Friends for their support during the past Three Years, and wishes to intimate that he has taken his brother CUTHBERT into Partnership.
T. and C. RAINE have also pleasure in announcing to the Public that they have secured the commodious workshops lately occupied by Mr. A. Richardson, where they intend to carry on the business of Contracting, Joinering, and Cabinet-making. Furniture of every description always on hand, or made to order. Orders will be thankfully received, and promptly executed. Workshops immediately behind the Post-office, Durham Road. Show-rooms, Derwent Street. 835h

WILLIAM MOSLEY,
JOINER AND UNDERTAKER,
DIPTON,
RESPECTFULLY intimates to the inhabitants of Dipton and surrounding district that he is now prepared to supply COFFINS at little more than half the usual price paid in the district, viz.:—
Children's Coffins, in Deal, from 2s. 6d.
Adults' do. do. 22s.
Children's Coffins, covered with Black Cloth, from 6s.
Adults' do. do. do. 40s.
Designs on application.
☞ FURNITURE REPAIRED AND REPOLISHED.
Note the Address—
WILLIAM MOSLEY
(Next Door to Mr. J. A. CURRY, Butcher),
HIGH END OF DIPTON. 341k

Business Announcements.

B. MOODY,
WATCHMAKER, EBCHESTER.

JOSEPH HARRISON,
CHIMNEY SWEEP,
SHOTLEY BRIDGE.
All Orders punctually attended to.

W. WILKINSON,
11, TRAFALGAR STREET, CONSETT,
BILLPOSTER, Distributor, and General Advertiser for Consett and District. Lessee of all the Principal and Largest Posting Stations in the District.
FURNITURE REMOVED. 730h

MRS. I. ELSDON,
RESPECTFULLY intimates to her Friends and the Public that she has commenced business as GENERAL PROVISION DEALER, in VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT, and has always on hand HOME-MADE BREAD, TEA CAKES, &c.
SOUP and BROTH ready every day.
TEA, COFFEE, and other Refreshments provided on the shortest notice. 177g

NOTICE.
WILLIAM KNOX
HAS much pleasure in announcing that he has entered upon his NEW PREMISES, at MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, where he intends carrying on Business as HOUSE CARPENTER, JOINER, &c., and trusts, by strict attention thereto and keeping a staff of good Workmen, to merit a share of Public support.
N.B.—Estimates given for general Repairs, Shop Fronts, &c. 6178

GOOD NEWS
FOR THE
INHABITANTS OF CONSETT AND DISTRICT.

A GREAT WANT SUPPLIED.

OPENING OF A GOOD
FAMILY BOOT AND
SHOE WAREHOUSE
IN MIDDLE STREET,
CONSETT.

R. LONGSTAFF, the PEOPLE'S CHEAP BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTURER, has OPENED a BRANCH SHOP, in MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT, with the Largest and Handsomest Stock in the neighbourhood of every description of LADIES', GENTLEMEN'S, and CHILDREN'S Fashionable BOOTS and SHOES.

The Inhabitants of Consett and District will now be able to select from a large and well-assorted Stock, and purchase the best quality of BOOTS and SHOES at lower prices than are usually charged for very inferior Goods.

LONGSTAFF'S
FAMILY SHOE WAREHOUSE,
4, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT,
Next Door to Mr. W. AYNSLEY, the Tea Dealer;
and at
18, NEWGATE STREET, BISHOP AUCKLAND;
22, MARKET PLACE, DURHAM;
CHURCH STREET, CROOK;
And
HIGH STREET, SPENNYMOOR.

NOTICE TO FARMERS AND OTHERS.
GEORGE HOBSON
TAKES this opportunity of thanking his numerous Friends for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him during the many years he has been in business, and begs to inform them that he has now got his Mill under thorough repair, and, with the addition of extra CRUSHING and SPLITTING MILLS, he is now in a position to fully meet the requirements of his Friends and the Public. Particular attention will be paid to Grinding, Crushing, or Splitting Grain for Farmers and the Trade.

Try G. H.'s CRUSHED OATS and BEANS for Horses.
Try G. H.'s CRUSHED MIXED HORSE FEED.
Try G. H.'s MIXED COW FEED.
Try G. H.'s MIXED PIG FEED.
Pure BARLEY MEAL, PEA MEAL, INDIAN MEAL, and every other Article in the Trade on the most reasonable terms.

HARPERLEY STEAM AND WATER CORN MILLS
(Warehouse, Catchgate),
NEAR ANNFIELD PLAIN.
ESTABLISHED, 1817. 238g

Business Announcements.

THE QUICKEST PASSAGE ON RECORD.

ON May 28th, the celebrated steamers, "Loudoun Castle" and "Gleneagle," steamed off together with upwards of six million pounds of NEW SEASON'S TEA from the Hankow district. After a desperate race of thirty-eight days, the "Loudoun Castle" arrived in the London Docks one day before the "Gleneagle," this being the quickest passage on record. At six in the morning she arrived, at eight her hatches were opened, at ten the teas were offered on the market. The importers expected high prices; the dealers prudently refused to buy except in small lots. While the importers halted, five other steamers arrived with fifteen million of new tea. Steamer after steamer followed each other, until not less than thirty million pounds of new tea was thrown on the market. This, with the large stock of last season's teas on hand, produced a panic in the market. Down came the old seasons teas to a price unknown in the history of the tea trade. We, like prudent dealers, have been watching the market, and secured large lots at the lowest point, and hasten to offer you a GOOD USEFUL TEA AT 1s. 8D. PER POUND. Don't doubt its quality on account of the price. We recommend it with the greatest of confidence as the most wonderful tea ever sold at the money.

Another word about INDIAN TEA:—For many years we have directed the attention of our friends to the wonderful power and quality of this new groweth of tea. It is a pleasure for us to report that this year the Indian tea planters have far surpassed other years in the perfection of groweth. We have to inform you that we have secured, regardless of cost, the early picking of the finest gardens in India. We stake our reputation on our opinion. Finer and more perfect growth of teas have never been offered. You cannot make a mistake if you ask for Indian tea at any of our establishments. WE KEEP ONLY THE FINEST QUALITY! We would like you to test the correctness of our judgment, well knowing you will thank us for our opinion.

WILLIAM STEWART AND SON, THE TEA DEALERS,
NEWCASTLE, 33, GRAINGER STREET; 32, MOSLEY STREET; 33, SANDHILL.
SUNDERLAND, CORNER OF FREDERICK ROAD, HIGH STREET. 254h

MARBLE CHIMNEY PIECES. KITCHEN RANGES.
REGISTER, GILL, HALL, AND SHOP STOVES.
GAS COOKERS, HEARTH TILES, &c.

DINNING AND COOKE, HOT WATER ENGINEERS,
91, 93, AND 95, PERCY STREET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. 689h

THIRTEEN GOLD AND SILVER MEDALS.

"EN AVANT" FRENCH YEAST.

THE production of YEASTS is daily becoming a matter of increasing importance. The constant demand for a strong and perfect fermenting power, and the great commercial value of such an article, have resulted in the expenditure of 3,000,000 francs, or £120,000, in the erection in France of the most perfect manufactory for its production. The YEAST thus produced is pronounced by all competent judges as the best YEAST in the world; and it may consistently thus be called, for whereas all other YEASTS are spontaneous effects of ordinary distilleries, the production of the FRENCH YEAST is the principal object of the Manufactory upon which so large a sum has been expended.

Ordinary YEASTS, such as Crown, German, Beer, and Patent, cannot vie with the FRENCH YEAST, either for strength, flavour, colour, or for the length of time of retaining fermenting qualities.

The FRENCH YEAST will rise three or four times, and being perfectly pure, requires a smaller quantity to the sack of flour, and thus secures efficient fermentation with economy.

The YEAST is not a new article, there having existed a similar manufactory at Vienna, where, for a period of twenty-five years, it has been without a rival. Its success has thus warranted its introduction into France and other countries.

There is no difficulty in keeping the YEAST good for three weeks or a month, and of such value is this virtue, that the YEAST is in general use on ships running to America, as it is found to remain good the entire voyage.

The YEAST is packed in 14lb. and 28lb. bags, and can be obtained of

WILLIAM AYNSLEY,
GROCER AND YEAST DEALER,
3, MIDDLE STREET, 11, NELSON STREET, CONSETT; AND FRONT STREET, LEADGATE.

W & A GILBEY'S WINES & SPIRITS—The seals and labels on all WINES and SPIRITS bottled by W & A GILBEY may be accepted as an absolute guarantee of their purity and genuineness. Under the Act of Parliament 38 & 39 Vic., Cap. 63, the purity of any Wine or Spirit can be verified on application to the Local Government Analyst.

From W & A GILBEY'S List of 200 varieties two descriptions of each class of WINES and SPIRITS are quoted below, the first on account of its moderate price, and the second for its fine quality combined with greater age.

AGENT—
W. AYNSLEY, *Grocer*, CONSETT and LEADGATE

PRICES THE SAME AS AT HEAD ESTABLISHMENTS

WINES

		Per Bottle	Per Dozen
Castle 1A **PORT** *from Portugal* A good-bodied well-matured Wine. 4 years old		1/9	21/
Castle B **PORT** *from Portugal* A fine full-flavored fruity Wine. 8 years old		2/4	28/
Castle 1 **SPANISH PORT** *from Spain* A full-bodied fruity Wine. 2 years old		1/3	15/
Castle 4 **SPANISH PORT** *from Spain* The finest Spanish Port produced. 10 years old		1/10	22/
Castle 1A *Pale* **SHERRY** *from Spain* A pure Spanish Sherry. 3 years old		1/6	18/
Castle C *Pale* **SHERRY** *from Spain* A good type of nutty Sherry. 6 years old		2/4	28/
Castle VP *Pale* **MARSALA** *from Sicily* A delicate Dinner Wine. 3 years old		1/4	16/
Castle C *Pale* **MARSALA** *from Sicily* The finest Marsala produced. 7 years old		1/8	20/
Castle A **CLARET** *from France* A pure Medoc Wine. Upwards of a year in bottle		1/	12/
Castle C **CLARET** *from France* A fine flavored and well-matured Medoc Wine		1/6	18/
Castle 1 **CHAMPAGNE** A pure Sparkling Wine for ordinary use	Quarts	2/2	26/
	Pints	1/3	15/
Castle 3 **CHAMPAGNE** A high class delicate Champagne	Quarts	3/6	42/
	Pints	1/11	23/
Castle **SAUMUR** *Silver Foil* A fine dry Sparkling Wine	Quarts	2/1	25/
	Pints	1/3	14/6
Castle **SAUMUR** *Gold Foil* A fine old dry Sparkling Wine	Quarts	2/6	30/
	Pints	1/5	17/

SPIRITS

	Per Bottle	Per Dozen
Castle UP **GIN** Highly rectified at W & A Gilbey's own Distillery. 33 per cent. under proof	2/	24/
Castle PROOF **GIN** Highly rectified at W & A Gilbey's own Distillery. Strength, proof	2/10	34/
Castle UP **IRISH WHISKEY** Distilled from fine Malt. 33 per cent. under proof	2/3	27/
Castle DO **IRISH WHISKEY** Finest old Dublin Whiskey. Strength, proof	3/3	39/
Castle UP **SCOTCH WHISKEY** Distilled from fine Malt. 33 per cent. under proof	2/3	27/
Castle SO **SCOTCH WHISKEY** Finest old Scotch Whiskey. Strength, proof	3/3	39/
Castle UP **BRANDY** Has much of the fine flavor of Cognac. 33 per cent. under proof	2/3	27/
Castle PROOF **BRANDY** Has much of the fine flavor of Cognac. Strength, proof	3/	36/
Castle D **COGNAC** An excellent Cognac Brandy of fine flavor. 33 under proof	3/	36/
Castle FO **COGNAC** The finest old Champagne Brandy. Strength, proof	4/9	57/
Castle UP **JAMAICA RUM** A well-matured Jamaica Rum. 33 per cent. under proof	2/3	27/
Castle JO **JAMAICA RUM** The finest old Jamaica Rum. Strength, proof	3/3	39/
Castle 1 **HOLLANDS** A pure Dutch Spirit from Rye Wheat. 14 per cent. under proof	2/4	28/
HOLLANDS (*Silver Stream*) A fine old Dutch Spirit, bottled abroad. 14 under proof	2/8	32/

RE-INTRODUCTION OF MADEIRAS AT MODERATE PRICES

Large stocks of old Wines, estimated at Five Million gallons, having accumulated in Madeira, growers have been compelled to submit to a considerable diminution in prices, and there appears therefore every prospect of these Wines, of which W & A Gilbey have recently made important shipments, coming again into general use, especially as from their full body and nutty character they are particularly suitable for consumption in this country.

	Per Bottle	Per Dozen
Castle **MADEIRA** A full-flavored nutty Wine from the Island. 3 years old	2/1	25/
Castle **GRAND MADEIRA** An excellent nutty Wine from the Island. 5 years old	2/6	30/

All Bottles (except for Sparkling Wines) are charged 1d. each, which is allowed when returned.

Business Announcements.

FRESH RABBITS from Greencroft Park every morning, at J. S. WATCHMAN'S, Annfield Plain. Stubble Geese supplied to order. 368k

THOMAS ROWE, BAKER & CONFECTIONER, LEADGATE AND CONSETT.
☞ PIC-NICS AND TEA PARTIES SUPPLIED OR CONTRACTED FOR.

ROBERT SEWELL,
AUCTIONEER AND APPRAISER,
1, TRAFALGAR STREET, CONSETT.

J. PARKER,
JEWELLER, &c.,
2, FRONT STREET, CONSETT.
CLOCKS and WATCHES Cleaned and Repaired.
Country Orders attended to.

WEDDING RINGS! WEDDING RINGS!!
WEDDING RINGS!!!
A PRESENT to each Purchaser of our GUINEA GOLD RING.
F. A. AND E. WELCH,
WATCHMAKERS AND JEWELLERS,
ANNFIELD PLAIN. 318k

THOMAS ROBINSON,
CONSETT CARRIER,
RESPECTFULLY informs the Public that he has obtained the CARRYING BUSINESS, lately pursued by Mr. MICHAEL HARRISON, Dipton. Orders left at Mr. SKELTON'S, Commercial Inn, Consett, will receive his careful and prompt attention. Time—Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. 416k

A. PHILLIPSON,
AUCTIONEER AND APPRAISER,
WILL be happy to supply Household Furniture, Ironmongery, Paper Hangings, Mangles, Music and Musical Instruments, of all kinds, of the best quality, and at prices which will recommend them to all who will make an inspection at his Show Rooms, Front Street, Dipton.
Pianos tuned, Harmoniums, Concertinas, Watches, Clocks, &c., neatly repaired.
A Liberal Discount for Ready Cash. 235k

VALUABLE AND DESIRABLE
VILLA AND OTHER BUILDING SITES
FOR SALE,
IN LARGE OR SMALL PLOTS,
ON THE BENFIELDSIDE ESTATE.
APPLY TO
WILLIAM RAW,
AUCTIONEER, VALUER, SURVEYOR AND COMMISSION AGENT,
BLACKHILL,
178g CO. DURHAM.

PERFECTION IN ARTIFICIAL TEETH AND PAINLESS DENTISTRY AT MODERATE CHARGES.
MR. T. F. WATSON, DENTIST,
36, CLAYTON STREET (Corner of Newgate Street), NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
RESPECTFULLY calls attention to the Superiority of his Rugosite Suction Palate and Dental Coral.
☞ TEETH STOPPED OR EXTRACTED. 55h

QUEENSLAND EMIGRATION.
SAILINGS FROM GREAT BRITAIN.
The next Ship, the "Scottish Knight," will sail from London for Brisbane, Queensland, on the 21st Nov.
Female Domestic Servants free.
Apply to the Local Agents, Mr. Adam Brodie, Public Accountant, Town Hall, Consett, or Mr. J. T. Appleton, Auctioneer, Spennymoor; or to the Agent-General for Queensland, 32, Charing Cross, London, S.W. 844h

BLACKETT STREET TEA AND GROCERY WAREHOUSE,
91 & 93, BLACKETT STREET,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
JAMES JOHNSON, Family Grocer and Tea Dealer. Teas, Coffees, and Spices of the Choicest quality. Good Useful Teas from 2s. per pound. Coffees, 1s. per pound. Household Soaps from 3d. per pound. All kinds of Drysaltery Goods cheap and of the best quality. Hotels and families supplied at wholesale prices.
TERMS—CASH. 879a

LADIES' SCHOOL, WEAR TERRACE, BISHOP AUCKLAND.
PRINCIPAL:—MRS. CLEMINSON.
SEVERAL of the Pupils have passed the Local Examinations of the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, and Durham. The result of this year's examinations—Six passed the various English subjects, one in first-class honours; five passed in French, four University Prizes gained; and four passed South Kensington Science and Art Department, one Prize gained. 180h

GREAT REDUCTION IN FURNITURE.
PARTIES NOW FURNISHING will do well to visit W. WILKINSON'S Establishment, Catchgate, where they will find a well-selected Stock of Household Furniture; also, Flocks, Feathers, and Rabbit-down, Ready-made Ticks, Brass and Iron Bedsteads (very cheap), Washing and Wringing Machines, and Paper-hangings, in newest designs.
Wholesale Agent for Hardy and Bury's Patent Picks.
Travellers in the Trade supplied with Clocks, Watches, Hardware, Jewellery, Spectacles, Telescopes, and Field and Opera Glasses at Wholesale Prices.

JOHN BRADBURN & CO.,
DYERS,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
GOODS entrusted to us are Dyed and done-up in the most skilful manner, and give universal satisfaction.
Agents in Consett—CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.
Agent in Blackhill—Mr. A. TURNER, Tailor and Draper.
Agent in Leadgate—Mrs. BELLERBY.
Agent in Shotley Bridge—Miss TELFORD.
N.B.—Goods are forwarded to Newcastle every Friday, and are returned within fourteen days. 437k

JOHN W. DAVISON,
CABINETMAKER, FURNITURE BROKER, IRONMONGER, &c.,
FRONT STREET, CONSETT,
AND CATCHGATE,
HAS now on hand the largest and best made Stock of FURNITURE in the district.
IRON BEDSTEADS in great variety.
MATTRESSES, FEATHERS, FLOCKS, RABBIT DOWN.
A large Stock of New Patterns in PAPER HANGINGS.
PERAMBULATORS. HARDWARE.
Agent for the HOME WASHER and MANGLING MACHINES.
BURY'S and HARDY'S PATENT PICKS and SHAFTS.
Licensed Dealer in SPORTING and BLASTING POWDER. 6735

DREADFUL COLLIERY EXPLOSION IN SCOTLAND.

LOSS OF UPWARDS OF 200 LIVES.

A terrible explosion, resulting in the destruction of upwards of 200 lives, occurred on Tuesday morning at the coal pits of William Dixon, Limited, Upper Blantyre, near Glasgow. There are three pits within a distance of about a quarter of a mile, connected with each other underground, and it was in No. 3 pit—the farthest east—that the accident took place. The men went down in the morning as usual about six o'clock, and at that time, and for some time afterwards, everything appears to have been right. The overman went over the whole workings with a naked light, and there was no indication of the presence of fire damp. About a quarter to 9 o'clock, however, a sharp explosion was heard, and from the mouth of No. 3 pit a stream of fire and a large quantity of *débris*, clouds of dust, boards, and coals were shot into the air. Among the rubbish was found a man's leg. The greatest consternation everywhere prevailed, and for some time nothing could be done. Bands of rescuers were soon formed, and everybody seemed more anxious than another to get something done for the safety of the men below. It was utterly impossible to proceed down the shaft of No. 3 pit in the face of the volumes of choke-damp which came rolling up. Every effort was made to restore the ventilation which the explosion stagnated, but more than an hour had elapsed before the current of air was flowing as it should do from No. 3 pit along to No. 2. Before this time a party of explorers had succeeded, after great difficulty, in getting some distance down into No. 1 pit; but the choke-damp was too overpowering to admit of their remaining long down, and they were forced to return without having ascertained anything. They called as loudly as they could, but no answer was returned to their cries, and they were unable to proceed any distance into the workings. In No. 2 pit more definite information was obtained, and the rescuers, when they returned, had one dead body with them. Several times they returned, at great risk to themselves, and on each occasion they managed to bring up a dead body. The choke-damp eventually became so bad that they had to desist. Some of the party, indeed, very narrowly escaped; and so overcome were they all, that they had to be covered with earth too free them from the choke-damp ere they recovered full consciousness. To promote a current of air, streams of water were poured down the shafts; but a long time elapsed before there was much improvement in the atmosphere below. The bodies that were recovered were terribly scorched and blackened and the men who were down stated that there was every appearance of the explosion having been a terrible one. Dead bodies were strewn about, and everything was in a mass of confusion.

The explosion was something like a salvo of artillery, succeeded by a rumbling noise like that of distant thunder. The report was heard over a wide district of country, and gave warning to only too many households of an event which was to prove so disastrous and create so many desolate hearths. In a very short time streams of women and children were seen issuing from the "rows" adjacent to the colliery, while from the village of High Blantyre and further afield groups of men and maidens, old women and youths, many but scantily attired, and all with blanched, scared faces, came with hurrying footsteps towards the pits. According to the knowledge of the whereabouts of their friends and relations, these groups and streams wended their sorrowful way to No. 2 or No. 3 pits, surrounded the shafts, and inquired for fathers and brothers, sons and husbands. Though those at the pit head assumed a cheerfulness which found but a hollow echo in their own hearts, and bade the anxious petitioners wait with patient expectation of the happy arrival in life of those they held dear, hope seemed from the first to be crushed within these poor souls. Often piercing shrieks were heard of "Oh, my puir faither, let me hae my faither;" "My man, my bonnie man, bring him to me;" "My dear wee laddies, what am I tae dee without them?" "My John, will ye no bring John," and so on. Strong men shed tears or wrung their hands in silent agony. Others looked round silent, with faces bearing traces of internal agony. Women there were, too, whose looks of stolid misery betrayed inexpressible emotion. In the course of the early hours of the afternoon the harrowing spectacle acquired its most mournful and melancholy aspect, for then the efforts of the exploring parties in No. 3 pit were beginning to have some result. The tow rope moved, and in slow succession the cage was drawn to the surface, bearing as its freight the mangled or bruised remains of some poor wretch, who but a few hours before had descended to his hard task in the pride of life and fulness of hope. The sharp-breathing and excited groups pressed round the shaft mouth, anxious to be relieved from suspense, yet fearful that their worst anticipations would be realised, and when one after another of the limp, blackened, and muddy corpses, covered by a coarse blanket for decency's sake, was borne from the cage to the weigh-house, a hundred yards distant, it was painful to hear the shriek of agonised recognition from wife or mother in the crowd. The wright's shop was converted into a morgue, and there the bodies were conveyed and laid upon straw for identification. There too, were a number of medical men, with every appliance known to science, ready to use the utmost efforts for the recovery of anyone who might still exhibit signs of life. But only in one case could even the faintest trace of a struggling spirit be recognised, the case of a man named Burns, but every effort made to bring him back to life failed. Throughout the afternoon small groups assembled round the offices, and hung about the plain hearse or straw-covered carts provided for the removal of the dead, anxious to learn if friends had been recovered or had been brought to the surface, and there despite rain and hail, they waited—a pitiful scene. The few bodies conveyed to the morgue were dressed as decently as the circumstances would permit, and then handed over to the care of friends. It is to be noted that the bodies recovered almost all present marks of injury by burning. Some were contorted in the most dreadful manner, with the faces as black as the coal which they had been excavating. Others were torn and bruised, with dark crimson streams of blood trickling through their mud-covered and dust-begrimed clothes. A few had shreds of their pit suits torn away, while one or two were battered and bruised in a shocking manner. The small remnant who apparently had succumbed to the choke-damp wore a peaceful expression, as if in sleep, and those when found were discovered lying on their faces in the levels, as if they had been making haste to the pit bottom when overtaken by the deadly, suffocating gas.

During the removal of the dead the scene was most affecting. The men seemed subdued and awe-struck, and the women sobbed pitifully. One woman kept crying out as each body was taken from the cage, "Oh, it's Johnny." She was always loath to believe that the next would be that of her son. All the bodies were blackened and bruised in a frightful manner, rendering identification very difficult. Among them was that of the boy who was alive when discovered at the bottom of the shaft. He was believed to have been a pony driver, and was found beside his dead horse. He was sensible when discovered, and said plaintively to the man who relieved him, "Man, I've wearied, for I've been here three days."

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

During the early hours of this morning the operations at No. 2 Pit for the recovery of the bodies were carried on with untiring energy. Thirty explorers were in the workings, and after a diligent search for upwards of two hours one of the parties came upon the dead bodies of three men and a boy, lying in one of the main passages, at a place known as the "Casey Brae." A little further on, the bodies of other three men were also discovered. The bodies were as speedily as possible conveyed to the bottom of the shaft, where they were prepared for being raised to the surface. While this was being done, another body was found in the somewhat large pool of water which stands at the foot of the shaft. All the bodies, eight in number, were afterwards drawn up to the bank, the scenes at the pit mouth being of the most heart-piercing description. Anxious fathers and mothers, and wives and children watched each ascent of the cage, in the eager expectation that it would contain some of their relatives. On reaching the top the bodies were removed to the smithy, where they were afterwards coffined, previous to being taken to their respective homes. Shortly after six o'clock the exploring of No. 2 Pit was discontinued on account of the accumulation in the workings of large quantities of foul air. At the shaft of No. 3 Pit the operations in connection with the clearing away of the debris, which is obstructing the passage of the current of air into the workings, were carried on vigorously during the night and the greater part of the day; but it is not expected that any appreciable progress will be made for some considerable time. At noon, a large number of miners, who had been discussing amongst themselves the reasons which prompted the delay in resuming the search for the recovery of the bodies from the pits, determined to hold a meeting to strengthen their demand for further exploration; but the meeting was forestalled by an announcement from Mr. Moore, Government Inspector, to the effect that he desired a committee to be appointed to confer with him as to the cause of the disaster. A large number responded to this invitation, and an interview took place. Very strong statements were made with reference to the negligence exercised in the workings of the pit. Several men declared that naked lamps were freely used, and others affirmed that it was common for shots to be fired at the "stoops." In general terms they said that the dangerous condition of the mine was well known amongst the men. It was considered, however, that this question required to be solved by an official inquiry, and was not one with which the men should interfere. The men met by themselves afterwards, and seemed to be most solicitous about the recovery of the bodies in the pit. A deputation of their number waited upon Mr. Moore, and urged him to send a relieving party down No. 2 shaft. Mr. Moore answered the deputation that it would be highly dangerous for any man to be sent down the pit at present, in consequence of the large quantity of foul air in the mine, and that in the event of another explosion taking place—an occurence which was by no means improbable—the Government would certainly hold him responsible for the loss of life. He thought the best plan, seeing all hope was abandoned of any one being alive in the mine, was to continue the operations at No. 3 shaft. He held out strong hopes of obtaining a good communication between the two pits through that shaft in the course of some hours. The deputation reported that to the men, who expressed their satisfaction with this decision, and agreed to abide by it. A number of the dead bodies were buried to-day, in the common ground of the Blantyre Cemetery, where a couple of trenches, about seventy yards in length, had been excavated for their reception. Considerable excitement was caused amongst the large number of spectators by the attempt on the part of a supposed Glasgow thief to pick the pockets of the clothes of the men who had been found dead. The clothes were stored in a shed, and when he was discovered a shout was raised, and the man ran as if for his very life. The fugitive got out of sight, but was caught shoving coals into a boiler fire, pretending to be the fireman. So great was the indignation of the crowd that it would have fared ill with him had not the police interfered, and conveyed him safely to the lock-up. Several large subscriptions have been made, and to-day, in Glasgow there was a meeting of the iron and coal masters of Scotland, at which it was resolved to organise a fund for the relief of the sufferers. There are now supposed to be 139 men still in the pits. It is proposed to send the balance of unappropriated money left over from the subscription in aid of the Tynewydd sufferers to Blantyre for the benefit of the sufferers by the explosion.

ADULTERATION OF GIN.

IMPORTANT APPEAL CASE.

At the Guildhall, Westminster, on Saturday, the hearing of the appeal by Mr. Birrell against a conviction for selling adulterated gin was resumed.

Mr. Besley sustained the appeal at some length with arguments which have already been before the public.

Witnesses were then called, including the appellant, to show that when the house was taken by the latter the gin in question was then of the precise strength sold to the person who caused the prosecution and conviction. The appellant said he often "sweetened" and lowered the gin himself after getting it from the refiners. He put to it what he thought was acceptable to his customers, who would't buy it unless it were "sweetened."

The Assistant-Judge: You said last Saturday that the bottle of so-called gin, which you sold in this case, was perfectly clean when you made it up, that you put upon it two labels, one of an ornamental character, describing the contents as being "Cordial Gin," and the other giving your name and that o your house. Look at this bottle (which was impounded last week), and you will see that yon have pasted your label over one which bears the words "Old Tom."

The witness looking at it, said that was so, but he could not account for it.

Another witness, Alexander Johnson, an expert in matters of public-house merchandise, said in reply to the Assistant-Judge, that the profit derived from the sale of ordinary tap gin by publicans to the public ranged between 33 and 35 per cent. From 15 to 32 per cent. would be, in witness's opinion, about a reasonable profit on bottled gin.

Mr. Besley contended that the appellant was protected by the 25th section of the Act, which freed a man in such a position from legal responsibility when he sold an article of the "nature, substance, and quality," guaranteed to him by his predecessor in the business.

The Assistant-Judge, in giving judgment, said: We think this conviction should be confirmed. With regard to the questions raised by Mr. Besley as to the construction of the sixth section of the Act, we have before us the accordant decisions of the Supreme Court upholding the convictions in two cases on which the facts were substantially the same as in the present case. It appears that it is the practice of rectifiers to add water to the rectified spirit or compound after its manufacture, so as to reduce its alcoholic strength to the degree below proof desired by the purchaser, and thus there is no precise limit to the dilution it my undergo before it leaves the distillery, although practically 35 per cent. below proof is the lowest strength for which there is any demand; but, then, there is no room for fraud or deception in this practice or mode of dealing, inasmuch as the manufacturer is bound to specify, in the permit which the Excise law requires him to give to the purchaser at the time of the sale, the actual strength of the spirit or compound sold, and, of course, the price charged varies according to the strength. There is no such obligation, however, upon the seller of a less quantity than two gallons, and if, in order to increase the quantity, he adds water, and reduces his gin below the strength at which the commercial article, so-called, is ordinarily sold, and which it may be reasonably expected to possess, he must be careful not to sell the diluted compound for such article, to the prejudice of the buyer, as, by so doing, he may incur the penalty imposed by this enactment. The evidence has satisfied us that the appellant was rightly convicted. There will, therefore, be judgment for the respondent with costs.

STOCK SALE AT WOODLANDS.

On Monday afternoon, Mr. William Nicholson, auctioneer, offered for competition at Woodlands, a quantity of fat stock, shorthorns, draught, saddle, and harness horses, the property of Mr. W. B. Van Haansbergen. The first lot of 20 fat cattle averaged £10 18s. 6d., the 20 bringing a total of £218 10s. A number of second-class grazing cattle, about two years old, and suitable for wintering, were next submitted for competition, but the auctioneer failed to induce a spirited competition, and after ten lots had been sold at a price ranging from £7 to £7 15s. per head, Mr. Van Haansbergen announced from the rostrum that no more lots in that class would be offered for sale, the remaining six being withdrawn. In this class the sole purchasers were Mr. Brownless, of Waterhouses, and Mr. Wilkinson, of Tow Law. A lot of small Irish grazing heifers brought from £5 to £5 17s. 6d. each, and were, with the exception of two, knocked down to Mr. J. Nicholson, brother of the auctioneer, the other purchaser being Mr. Murray, of Consett. A little more spirit characterised the competition for a fine, thickly-set Alderney cow in calf, which was ultimately knocked down to Mr. Oliver Angus, of Durham, for £20 10s. Incalving cows, heifers, and stirks realised from £6 15s. to £13 17s. 6d. The short-horns, which were considered to be the great feature of the sale, were shorn of their prominence by being withdrawn after a very short and languid bidding, the highest price offered being 18gs., made by Mr. Wilkinson, of Tow Law, for "Red Cherry," calved August 19th, 1873, and bearing a most illustrious pedigree. A lot of sixteen half-fattened, first-class grazing cattle, about two and a half years old, were withdrawn by the owner after the first pair were knocked down to Mr. Hodgson, of Lanchester, for £11 each, who without a doubt got a bargain. The horses were next submitted. A powerful bay colt, by "All Glory," was sold to Mr. Lawson, of Langley Park, for £37. A second brown colt, by "Dainty Davy," brought £41, the purchaser being Mr. Robson; and the other lots in the draught horse class were withdrawn. Several cart and harness horses were sold at prices ranging from £4 10s. to £12. The sale altogether realised £624 13s. 6d. The following is a list of buyers, and the amount realized for each lot:—

	£	s.	d.
FAT CATTLE.			
Fat heifer, Mr. Whitfield, Wolsingham	11	7	6
Do., Mr. Shearer, Iveston	12	5	0
Do., Mr. Nelson, Durham	10	12	6
Do., Do., Do.	12	0	0
Do., Mr. Rodham, Durham,	12	12	6
Do., Mr. Kirkup, Pelton	11	10	0
Do., Mr. Green, Lanchester	10	10	0
Do., Mr. Pallister, Lanchester	11	7	6
Do., Mr. Green, Tantobie	12	10	0
Do., Mr. Kirkup, Pelton	11	15	0
Do., Mr. Wilkinson, Tow Law	10	10	0
Do., Do., do.	11	12	6
Do., Mr. Green, Lanchester	11	10	0
Do., Mr. Dolphin, Delves Farm	10	10	0
Do., Mr. Whitfield, Wolsingham	10	15	0
Do., Mr. Fell, Crook	9	10	0
Do., Mr. Nelson, Durham	9	10	0
Do., Mr. Dolphin, Delves Farm	9	15	0
Do., Mr. Fell, Crook	9	5	0
Do., Do., Do.	9	2	6
SECOND-CLASS GRAZING CATTLE.			
Heifer, Brownless, Waterhouses	7	10	0
Do., Do., Do.	7	10	0
Do., Wilkinson, Tow Law	7	5	0
Do., Do., Do.	7	5	0
Do., Brownless, Waterhouses	7	0	0
Do., Do., Do.	7	0	0
Do., Do., Do.	7	12	6
Do., Do., Do.	7	12	6
Do., Do., Do.	7	15	0
Do., Do., Do.	7	15	0
SMALL IRISH GRAZING HEIFERS.			
Brindle heifer, J. Nicholson, Broomshields	5	0	0
Black and white heifer, Do., Do.	5	0	0
Red and white heifer, Do., Do.	5	12	6
Do., Do., Do.	5	12	6
Do., Do., Do.	5	17	6
Do., Do., Do.	5	17	6
Brindle heifer, Do., Do.	5	15	0
Do., Do., Do.	5	15	0
Red heifer, Mr. Murray, Consett	5	7	6
Do., Do., Do.	5	7	6
INCALVING COWS AND HEIFERS.			
Alderney cow, Mr. Angus, Durham,	20	10	0
Incalving heifer, Mr. Milburn, Colepike Mill	12	0	0
Do., Mr. Lowe, Butsfield	12	0	0
Do., Mr. Thompson, Waskerley	13	17	6
Do., Mr. Ward, Iveston	9	10	0
Do., Mr. Nicholson, Broomshield	8	10	6
Do., Mr. Potts, The Flatts, Chester-le-Street	7	0	0
Red and white heifer, Mr. John Nicholson, Broomshield	7	0	0
Do., Mr. Henderson, Tow Law	7	15	0
Roan heifer, Mr. Sadler, Lanchester	7	5	0
White heifer, Mr. Ward, Iveston	6	15	0
FIRST-CLASS GRAZING CATTLE.			
Roan heifer, Mr. Hodgson, Lanchester	11	0	0
Red do., Do., Do.	11	0	0
DRAUGHT HORSES.			
Bay colt, by "All Glory," Mr. Lawson, Langley Park	37	0	0
Brown colt, by "Dainty Davy," Mr. Robson	41	0	0
SADDLE AND HARNESS HORSES.			
Brown filly, three years old, Mr. Hunter, Sacriston	12	0	0
Yearling filly, Mr. Kay, Wolsingham	7	12	6
Brown yearling filly, by "Idus," Mr. Armstrong, Hamsteels	11	10	0
CART MARES.			
Bay mare, covered by "Honest Tom," Mr. Robson	8	10	0
Black mare, covered by "All Glory," Mr. Oxley, Holmside	4	10	0
PIGS.			
Sow and 7 pigs, Mr. Fell, Crook	6	10	0
Sow, Mr. Shann, Satley	5	0	0
Do., Mr. Fell, Crook	3	10	6
Do., Mr. Hodgson, Lanchester	3	0	0
Boar, Mr. Milburn, Colepike Mill	2	8	0

CONSETT WATER COMPANY'S WORKS.

No better evidence of the prosperity and growth of any place can be afforded than the establishment and continued success of a water company in the midst of its population. Consett is no exception to the rule. When the ironworks were first established there, the number of inhabitants was exceedingly small. It rapidly increased, however, and by 1860 there would not be less than 20,000 people residing in and about the town. Previous to that year, the system of supplying the people of this district with water, a principal necessary of life, as well as a great sanitary agent, was of the most wretched description. Their only source of supply was from carts, by which water was gathered in the neighbourhood, and led from door to door. This wretched condition of things became unbearable; and Mr. John Calvert, Mr. John Gledstone, and a few other public-spirited gentlemen residing in the vicinity, bestirred themselves in the matter. In 1859, they determined to bring a supply of water to the town, and in order to give effect to that determination, they caused a series of investigations to be made on the fells to the west of Consett. The water on these high-grounds was found to be of a quality almost approaching that of distilled water. The examinations made proving in every way satisfactory, a company was formed, and Parliamentary powers obtained. With their Smiddy Shaw Reservoir, a costly work, and miles of pipes, they are at present in a position to supply Consett, Leadgate, Blackhill, East Stanley (in the township of Chester-le-Street), and Burnopfield, in a northerly direction. They started with a small capital, but now they have from £170,000 to £180,000, and a yearly revenue of over £12,000. The average dividend they have paid during the period they have been in existence as a company has been 5½ per cent. The directors are Mr. John Watson, Durham (chairman); Mr. John Burdon, Durham; Dr. Boyd, Durham; Colonel Joicey, Newton Hall; Mr. John Calvert, Consett; Mr. Arthur Hill Talmage, Burnopside Hall; and Mr. Robert Walton Shaw, Villa Real; with Mr. John Gledstone as secretary. These gentlemen, as managers of the property in their charge, are not ceasing that policy of enterprise and extension which has marked their proceedings in the past. They are at present spending a considerable sum of money on the construction of a reservoir at Loud for the purpose of supplying the large population beyond that point. The entire work, including its execution, and the drawing of the plans and specifications, has been entrusted to Mr. Lambton, C.E., of Newcastle, a gentleman who has had considerable experience in the laying out of waterworks. The reservoir occupies the summit of the southern spur of Pontop Pike, commanding a view of the surrounding country for many miles, and is 932 feet above the level of the sea. The work is rapidly approaching completion. The reservoir runs from north to south, and is nearly square in shape, the only exception being that it is slightly narrower at the south end than at the north end. It has an area of six acres. The land out of which it is being formed was covered with heather; and in the bleak weather of November, Mr. George Hunter, of Newcastle, the contractor, was put in possession of the ground to make what he could of it. He turned his plant on to the site, and he soon, under the direct superintendance of Mr. Lambton, altered the features of the landscape. It is needless to say that the grand desideratum in reservoir-making is to have it perfectly water-tight. First a square hole, of the size required, is dug out of the ground, and the material excavated is used to form the four embankments of the reservoir. It is in the disposition of this excavated material, however, that the whole secret lies. Clay is the real water holder. Dividing the embankment lengthwise on each side of the square, is what is termed a "puddle dyke." This has its foundation in the clay, and is itself formed of layers of wet clay, which are thoroughly well amalgamated and flattened down so as to afford great resisting power. It is protected by two sides of the embankment, which are so inclined as to press it together with great force. The floor of the reservoir is also covered with clay puddle, over which a hard concrete surface is placed; while the sloping embankments are "penned," with rough, durable stone to prevent the action of the water affecting them. This is the plan which Mr. Lambton has pursued at Loud. The clay, which is of poor quality, at first presented a difficulty which cost some consideration. The partially formed "puddle-dyke," it was discovered, cracked and opened under the influence of wind and heat, and the problem was how to overcome this undesirable state of things. By good chance the engineer accidently discovered that the clay underneath some shale which had been deposited was in an excellently damp condition, and he, therefore, caused the dyke to be covered with this shale, excavated from the middle of the reservoir, to the depth of a few inches. This plan has been found to answer admirably. The clay is in good condition, and shows no disposition to yield to the influences of the weather. The "puddle-dyke," on which really depends the whole strength of the work, is 22 feet deep and 8 feet thick, and its foundations are let into the natural clay bed in such a manner as to form a homogeneous mass. The top of the embankment is two feet above high-water mark, but in case of pressure, ample provision has been made for carrying off the overflow. This system of pipes is at the north end of the reservoir. In the centre of the embankment at that side is the inflow pipe (12 inches in diameter), which is connected with the Smiddy Shaw main running underneath the turnpike by the side of the reservoir. In the north-east corner is the outflow pipe, and in the north-west corner the "sludge pipe." To facilitate the out-flow, the bottom of the reservoir, when finished, will slightly decline to the north, and in its centre, formed by a slight dip of the floor from each side, will be a channel six inches deep, in which to gather any sediment that may accumulate. This sediment, when the reservoir is being cleaned, will be swept along the channel and through the sludge-pipe. As already indicated, the water to be impounded will be obtained from the Smiddy Shaw main. At the end of the inflow pipe is a self-acting flap-valve, which is opened by the pressure of the incoming water, and which closes as soon as the pressure is removed, effectually holding the water admitted. Ample provision has been made for mishaps. Should a pipe burst or an accident occur in the company's works between Consett and the Smddy Shaw reservoir, the Loud reservoir, by an arrangement which the engineer has adopted, could be made available for supplying the district lying to the west of it. He effects this by attaching a junction pipe to the sludge pipe, which is eighteen inches in diameter, and the Smiddy Shaw main. The reservoir under notice is considered a service reservoir, and the water which it will contain will have previously deposited what sediment there might be in it at Smiddy Shaw. To insure as nearly perfect purity as possible, however, the end of the out-flow pipe in the Loud reservoir will be incased in a copper-wire cage, square in shape, and having 1,500 meshes to the square inch. Through this the water will be strained before it is distributed, and there will be no chance of any impurities getting into it. The operations of the contractor have been considerably delayed by the wet season, but the continuous rains of September did much to consolidate and settle the embankments. On the other side of the turnpike road is a culster of houses. They are above the level of the reservoir, and at first the engineer was puzzled about getting them supplied. He did not remain long in doubt, however. He caused a tank, or what is actually a miniature reservoir, to be constructed, and it is now being worked from Smiddy Shaw main, having its inflow, outflow, and sludge-pipes just as they are possessed by its big neighbour. By means of valves, it can be filled from the Smiddy Shaw main, and can maintain a constant pressure of water. The whole work is being executed in a most substantial manner, and when it is completed, it will, with its wicket gates, broad path and shrubs, have an attractive appearance. Overlooking every part of it is a strong, neatly-designed residence of stone, intended for the keeper of the reservoir. The entire area will be enclosed by a high fence-wall. Application has, we understand, been made to the company to extend their system of pipes to Chester-le-Street, Birtley, Pelton, and Washington. Langley Colliery and other places in the neighbourhood might also be served. The engineer states that even the highest parts of Gateshead could be reached, the elevation of the Loud reservoir being such as to enable the company to send a volume of water at very high pressure to the highest points in the district, whether north or south.

Near the General Post Office, Newcastle, is the St. Nicholas' Square Fire-proof Safe Depot, where there is the largest assortment of Fire-proof Safes (from £3 to £30), Deed Boxes, Cash Boxes, &c.; also Wringing and Washing Machines. Send for price lists to J. R. HALL, above address.

STEALING TURNIPS AT CONSETT.—At the Police Court, on Monday, before Mr. Town, an ironworker, named John Cotton, was charged with stealing turnips belonging to the Consett Co-operative Society. On Saturday night, Sergt. Stamper was near Consett Old Station when he observed a couple of men in a turnip field adjoining the railway. The men, after pulling a quantity of turnips, carried them across the fence on to the Iron Company's waggon-way. Sergt. Stamper went around by the bridge, but was perceived by the men, who made off, leaving the turnips on the railway. They were chased for about half-a-mile, Cotton being caught, but the other man, who is known to the police, escaped. Sergt. Stamper then returned to the spot where he surprised the prisoner and his companion, and found several stones of turnips. Defendant was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

STREATHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

THE NEW PASTOR.

On Sunday the Rev. J. P. Gledstone commenced his pastorate in connection with the Streatham Hill Congregational Church. The reverend gentleman has entered upon this sphere of ministerial labour at the unanimous invitation of deacons, church, and congregation, and judging by the masterly discourses which he delivered on Sunday, we may congratulate them upon their choice. In Mr. Gledstone, South London has secured an able and zealous Nonconformist minister—one who evidently recognizes the importance of logic and research as aids to the proper exposition of the Scriptures, and whose delivery is at once pleasing and effective.

At the morning service, Mr. Gledstone's discourse was of a purely theological character, and was intended, as he explained, to strike the key-note of his ministry amongst them. It was therefore confined to a careful and loving consideration of that passage of Scripture which speaks of "The glorious Gospel of the Blessed Lord." He said he would fain preach among them the gospel of the glory of the blessed God, but preach it with a conviction growing clearer and a truthfulness growing stronger upon them and him from week to week. He wished not to bring them thoughts of his own, nor other men's thoughts, but God's thoughts—His person as the result of their being and doing. In this delightful but most difficult service they might give him most efficient aid by being themselves diligent and prayerful students of this gospel.

As there was a collection at each service in aid of the Indian Famine Fund, Mr. Gledstone was induced to allude to the duty of this country in regard to relieving the sufferings of the poor creatures in the famine districts, and also to make some remarks with respect to the adoption of measures for preventing such wide-spread distress in future. His main argument was intended to show, upon the authority of those who have studied the wants of India, and know its magnificent resources, that famines really ought not to be known, and that the greatest duty of England in regard to India is to make use of its plentiful supply of water to irrigate the land. It has been calculated that ten times as much is running down Indian rivers into the sea as would make all India as fruitful as a garden, enable her to feed all her own people, and even then send to England as much as we want for home consumption beyond what we are growing. He further entered into the question as to the expediency of providing canals for transit (steamboats), for irrigation, and for drinking water for the people. To enforce what he had stated he read extracts from Miss Nightingale's pamphlet, "Life or Death in India." One of these passages had relation to works carried out in the Godavey district:

In 1843, when the first sketch of the Godavey Delta Irrigation and Navigation Works was made by Sir Arthur Cotton, he and Lady Cotton took up their abode in tents and rough sheds on the banks of the river, or rather on the side of the river-bed; for only a narrow thread of water was flowing down the middle of that bed, and on each side of that thread was a mile and a half at least, of hot, deep sand. The want and filth and need of every kind around were a continual pressing sorrow. The weary faces of the women, toiling through the dry river-bed with their water-pots to bring the family supply of water between one and two miles, their naked feet sinking at every step in burning sand, were most distressing, and the thought how insufficient the supply, after all the labour, is painful to look back upon even now. Sir Arthur and Lady Cotton remained in that district some years, till the works were fairly set on foot. In 1861 they visited the district again, and described the happiness of that visit. Instead of dry sand the river-bed was covered full with abundant water; instead of parched, perishing attempts at cultivation, there were rich crops of many kinds, and trees that seemed to have sprung up as if by magic; instead of filthy, waterless villages, there were channels well filled flowing everywhere; and, instead of the weary, overworked women, almost all looked well fed, well washed, and comfortable. One great obstacle to religious civilization thus removed, the strength of mind and body need be no longer taken up with the daily drudgery which before absorbed every power, ... The works in the Godavey essentially altered the condition of the whole body of labourers almost immediately. The employers found that their most energetic men would leave them for the works if not better treated, and thus the employment of 30,000 people at good wages, with thoroughly good treatment, affected the welfare of a million.

After furnishing interesting statistical information, Mr. Gledstone contended that to irrigate India out of its own copious and numerous rivers was a work in harmony with the spirit and example of our Lord, who fed the multitudes. It was likewise a duty which we owed to our fellow subjects and residents in that country, and it was a method by which we ought to more than make up for the loss of the opium trade, and the salt tax, were they abolished; whilst it would be a commendation of Christianity to the minds of the natives.

There was a good attendance of both of the services, and the collections in aid of the Famine Fund amounted to £55.—*South London Press*, Oct. 13.

QUEENSLAND EMIGRATION.—A Lloyd's telegram advises the safe arrival at Brisbane of the ship "Roxburghshire," which left the Clyde on July 5th, with 292 passengers on board. The voyage accupied about 90 days.

GAME TRESPASS AT STANLEY.—At Lanchester Police Court, on Monday, before J. Clavering, Esq., George Clarke, and Joseph Bains, of Pelton Fell, miners, were charged with trespassing in search of game on the lands belonging to J. H. Burns, Esq., at Stanley, on the 20th inst. The defendants were in the act of taking rabbits with a ferret and nets when they were discovered by the keeper (Henry Forster) and Sergt. Frazer. They were fined 20s. and costs each.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CASTLESIDE.—Harvest thanksgiving services were held in this church on Sunday last. There was a good congregation in the morning, and in the evening every available space was crowded. The sacred edifice was beautifully decorated for the occasion, all of which had been designed by the Rev. F. W. Barker (curate in charge), and carried out by him and his elder Sunday-school scholars. In noticing the decorations, one could not help being struck by the beautiful appearance the chancel end of the church presented. Just over the step leading into the chancel was an arch, tastefully constructed of corn intermixed with flowers and ferns. On the wall over the communion table, in large white capitals, on a green ground, was the appropriate text, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof;" and on the table itself were to be seen three miniature sheaves of corn, the centre one being wheat, and from which were suspended several bunches of grapes, emblematical of the "bread and wine," besides a collection of other fruits and flowers very tastefully arranged. The pulpit, which needs little adornment, had neat wreaths composed of corn, ferns, and flowers, around the lower and upper portions of it. In the windows were placed miniature sheaves of corn, with a base of moss and flowers. The font was also a most pleasing sight, with its wreaths of ivy intermixed with corn and flowers. There was no lack of produce for decorations, the farmers and others giving such quantities that enabled the decorators to carry out the designs without a break. The preacher at both services was the Rev. J. W. Mitchell, M.A., Vicar of St. Ive's, Leadgate. The sermons were appropriate and impressive, especially that of the evening, founded on the text, "Thrust in the sickle and reap, for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe."—Rev. xiv, 15. The collections amounted to £8 1s., and will go towards church expenses.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Consett Branch of the of the above Society was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, on Thursday evening. The Vicar of Consett occupied the chair. The proceedings having been opened in the usual way, and the Secretary (Mr. Douglas) having read his report, George T. Edwards, Esq., who attended as a deputation from the Parent Society, was introduced to the meeting.

Mr. Edwards said he was glad to meet them once more on what he hoped they all felt to be an interesting occasion. He supposed there were not many meetings of a religous character at Consett where people were asked to attend simply as christians. He confessed that there was too much sectarianism amongst them, but on such an occasion as that they ought to go there, not as Methodists, Independents, Churchmen, and Baptists, but as christian people; they ought to leave their names where they often left their umbrellas—in the porch. (Laughter and applause). There ought, he said, to be a disposition amongst christian people to rally round the Word of God. Men of science, he was sorry to say, were using their great gifts and acquirements in trying to shake men's confidence in God's Word. Some of those men told us we were only organised matter, that there was no future life, no world beyond, no heaven, no bliss, no glory, and also told us that recent discoveries upset the books of Moses. He believed, however, that the reason man clung to life was the hope of a better world, and with regard to the discoveries of scientific men he believed that the time would come when no well-established fact of science would contradict the Bible rightly understood and rightly interpreted. They were not to deal unkindly with those who did not believe the Word of God. There were sceptics for whom he had great sympathy—men who were seeking the truth, which, by God's help, he hoped they would find. If they, by God's infinite mercy, had reached the foothold of faith, let them reach out their hand to their brethren who were struggling to reach the same blessed foothold. There was a class of sceptics, however, for whom he had no sympathy whatever. There were shallow, irreverent doubters, who did not want to get rid of their doubts, and who would not if they could. The way to deal with such men as these was to adopt Solomon's advice, and answer a fool according to his folly. It was easy for a man who had no love for the Bible to cull passages of Scripture, and by piecing them together, say that the Book contradicted itself. For instance, they might go to the Romans and the Epistle of St. James, and they would find that one passage spoke of justification before God, while another spoke of justification before their fellow men. There might be a seeming contradiction, but it was in the reading and not in the Book. To show the absurdity of quoting passages without giving the context the speaker remarked that on one occasion an unbeliever having delivered what he was pleased to call a lecture on the contradictions of the Bible, one of his hearers remarked that "Judas went out and hanged himself," and immediately afterwards turning to the blasphemer, said "Go thou and do likewise." (Laughter and applause.) Although the Bible was a subject of constant attack, there had never been such a demand for it as at the present time, and he held that this was God's answer to the attacks and blasphemies of His enemies. The speaker then gave some interesting statistics concerning the operations of the Bible Society. Eighty million copies of God's Word had been sent out since the formation of the Society; 2,600,000 copies were sent out last year alone, or, in other words, five copies were being sent out every minute both day and night, this number being exclusive of those circulated by the American and other Bible Societies; 44,000 copies were sold in Rome last year; 100,000 copies were sold in France; 300,000 in Germany; and they had sold 50,000 in Spain. They would also rejoice to hear that the Society had distributed 80,000 New Testaments amongst the Russian soldiers, and they were prepared to send their agents into the Turkish army if they had an opportunity. (Applause)

A collection in aid of the funds of the Society was made at the close of Mr. Edwards' address.

THE LOUGH MODELS.

In our obituary notice of John Graham Lough, published a day or two after his death, which took place on Saturday, the 8th of April of last year, we wrote: "That Lough had not forgotten Newcastle—that he had indeed a tender remembrance of it—there are many proofs, but none more convincing than is contained in the fact that shortly before the death of the late Ald. Dodds, who was intimately acquainted with the great sculptor, he generously offered to present the whole contents of his valuable studio to the town of Newcastle provided that a suitable place were given for their reception. The illness and death of Ald. Dodds prevented this acquisition, and all lovers of art in the north may be pardoned if they indulge a hope that the deceased sculptor has made provision for carrying out an intention which he had probably formed for the sake of old and dear associations." The expectation thus expressed was soon to be realised. Three months after his disease, the widow of the eminent sculptor made known to the Corporation, through Mr. Joseph Cowen, M.P., her anxious desire that the frequently expressed wish of her husband as to the disposal of the models of his chief works should be carried out. It was known that the collection was exceedingly large, and that it contained models of nearly all the works by which Lough had acquired fame and maintained his reputation, and therefore, by all lovers of art, and by those who saw the many advantages that were certain to accrue from so valuable a possession, the gift was regarded as one which should be readily and gratefully accepted. If the Corporation did not exhibit the alacrity and eagerness in receiving the treasure that some may have expected to be shown, it must be remembered that the bulk of the collection was so great that the difficulty of finding a safe and fitting place for its reception was sufficient to suggest a serious responsibility in undertaking to preserve so many valuable works of art. A special committee was appointed to make arrangements for the reception of the models, and meanwhile Mrs. Lough was thanked for the offer she had made in accordance with the desire of her late husband. There were various good reasons why there should be as little delay as possible in bringing the collection to its destination; but the question of where it was to be placed remained for some time unanswered. Suggestions were made as to the advisability of making it a department of the prospective Free Library, and of associating with it a School of Art, but the realisation of these schemes was too distant to afford any assistance in deciding a matter requiring immediate settlement. Several months elapsed, and Newcastle seemed no nearer the actual possession of an art treasure which many towns would have accepted with enthusiasm. The Corporation, however, had not by any means lost sight of the gift; it had been inspected by several of the committee during the autumn, and two or three gentlemen who had an anxious interest in the conveyance and proper reception of the models, were doing their utmost to make suitable arrangements for placing them in Newcastle. At length a means of postponing, though not solving, the difficulty was found; towards the end of the year Mr. W. H. Stephenson, for himself and other owners, offered Elswick Hall as a place for the temporary reception of the models, and it was agreed that for the present—and until a permanent building was found for them—they should be arranged in the house in Elswick Park. Arrangements were soon afterwards made for their careful package and transit; they were all safely conveyed and lodged in Elswick Hall; for some weeks capable hands have been engaged in disposing them in the large rooms in the ground floor; they are now ready for the public view; and to-day the valuable gift will be accepted and formal possession taken of the treasure with becoming ceremony and (it is expected) in the presence of Mrs. Lough and several friends of the deceased sculptor.

The Lough collection which now belongs to Newcastle, includes, as we have indicated, models of nearly all the principal works wrought during a long, busy, and distinguished career by one who, by a perseverance and self-denial which amounted almost to heroism, obtained for his genius early recognition. One of the most conspicuous of the models, and one to which people in this neighbourhood will most readily give an interested attention—not only because it has been made familiar by the cast in the Library of the Literary and Philosophical Society, but because it is the model of the statue that first proved Lough to be a highly endowned artist—is that of Milo. Nor will the circumstances under which it was executed be forgotten. He Had two or three years before come to London, had studied the Elgin Marbles, and had produced and exhibited at the Royal Academy, a bas-relief of "The Death of Turnus," a work which, though it gave promise of higher things, was not regarded as possessing remarkable merit. He had had many disappointments, but he was not discouraged; and in the year following the failure of his first considerable work—namely, in 1827—he commenced, under difficulties and hardships which only a man with a noble spirit and confident in his own powers could have sustained, the execution of a collossal statue of Milo. His abode at this time was in a lodging in an obscure first floor in Burleigh Street, and he was so poor as to be scarcely able to command the necessaries of subsistence. "He declared solemnly to me," says his friend Haydon, "that he had not ate meat for three months and began the fourth. He said every day at dinner that he felt the want, and used to lie down till it passed. He felt weak—at least faint—giddy continually, and latterly began to perceive he thought sillily, and was growing idiotic. He had only 1 bushel and a half of coals the whole winter, and used to lie down by the side of his clay model of this immortal figure, damp as it was, and shiver for hours together till he fell asleep." Peter Coxe found him one day tearing up his shirt to make wet rags, with which to keep the clay moist; and when the height of the statue reached that of his humble room, he removed the roof in order to make way for Milo's head. Haydon, who was amongst the first to discover the genius of the struggling artist, was in raptures over the Milo statue, and spoke of it and of the sculptor in terms of praise, which, though perhaps rather exaggerated, were fully justified by the circumstances. With little educaton in his art beyond what he had by his own exertions acquired, depending chiefly upon his own intuitive powers, and unaided by technical tuition, young Lough, doing daily battle with poverty and sustained by the love of the art which he had delighted to practice in those youthful days when he "followed the plough and sheared the corn," had patiently wrought out a work of which a sculptor of experience and fame might well have been proud. "Here is a young man from the country who has come to London," said the painter to Chantrey, "and he is doing precisely what you have been so long dreaming of doing." "Milo" created a great sensation in the world of art; the artist had triumphed, and he received his reward in the encomiums of competent critics, and in the assurance of further work in the art to which he had applied himself with extraordinary devotion. Those who are able to appreciate the value of the treasure which Lough has bequeathed to the people of the north speak gratefully of the lessons which the art student may learn, and the encouragement he may derive from the models of Lough's works. The single statue of Milo can teach a higher lesson to all; and however great may be the admiration of the artistic merits of the work, it is insignificant to that which is inspired by the remembrance of the obstacles which the young sculptor had to encounter and surmount ere he had a full assurance of his own powers, and his position was established in the eyes of the world. The critic may have a learned appreciatiln of the meritorious points of the Milo statue; to the ordinary onlooker the history of its execution will possess the most interest. Another colossal figure which will attract special observation is "Sampson." This work was executed as a companion to "Milo," and was the first production of the artist after he had became known to fame. Both were wrought in marble for the late Duke of Wellington. A splendid piece of sculpture is "Duncan's Mad Horses," produced in 1832. It is unquestionably one of his finest works, and with it the sculptor's name is in the minds of many most securely identified. Among the larger works is one which was exhibited at Westminster Hall in 1844—"The Mourners"—representing a knight slain in battle, his horse standing over him, and a female kneeling by his side. Amongst the most noticeable of the colossal statues are "Michael" (after he has subdued Satan), Milton's "Satan" and "Comus." There are also statues of Prince Albert, executed for Lloyd's; of the Queen, placed in the Royal Exchange in 1845; of the Marquis of Hastings, erected over his grave at Malta; of Dr. Broughton, late Bishop of Sidney, in Canterbury Cathedral; of George Stephenson, in Newcastle; of Lord Collingwood, at Tynemouth; of Southey, in Keswick Church; of Dr. Gilly, at Durham, &c., &c. One of the most beautiful of the works is "The Expulsion," representing Adam and Eve leaving the place of their former happiness.

> "The world was all before them, where to choose
> Their place of rest, and Providence their guide.
> They, hand in hand, with wand'ring steps and slow,
> Through Eden took their solitary way."

The strength of Lough's powers was shown in the numerous colossal works which he wrought; their sweetness is evidenced in the smaller and more more imaginative creation. Lough was richly gifted with poetic feeling, which is specially manifest in not a few original fancies which he embodied in stone. He illustrated successfully many of the characters belonging to ancient and modern poets, and the fabled gods and goddesses were also often the subject of his chisel; but he was equally fortunate in original efforts, such as "The Lost Pleiad," a charming work, of which there is a model in the collection now in Elswick Hall. It is intended to symbolise the fall from her high position in the constellation of modern poets of that bright particular star once known to the literary world as L. E. L.—Letitia Elizabeth Landon. The idea was a happy one, and artistically carried out. A female figure rests upon a sphere encircled by the Hours; in her hand she lightly holds, as if it were to be instantly cast away, a starry crown newly taken from the brow; and the whole attitude is expressive of sorrow. This beautiful statue was executed in marble, and has never been publicly exhibited. A most interesting portion of the collection are the models of the series of Shaksperian characters executed full length in marble for the late Sir Matthew White Ridley, who was one of the sculptor's warmest friends and most generous patrons. The series includes, "Hamlet," "Orphelia," "Macbeth," "Lady Macbeth," "Iago," "Edgar" (Mad Tom), and "Ariel." Besides the marble statues, the models of some of which are in the collection, Lough, it may be mentioned, also executed for the late Sir Matthew White Ridley a series of elaborate *bassi-relievi* in marble, from "Macbeth" and "The Tempest," and several groups in bronze also from Shakspere. In addition to those we have named there are numerous specimens of Lough's beautiful studies in lyric sculpture. There is also a large collection of monumental sculpture and busts. The following is a complete list of the models:—

Ideal or Imaginative Works.—Milo, Sampson, Comus, Satan, Michael, Descent of Satan, Duncan's Mad Horset, The Mourners, Figure of Victory, Statue of Peace, Portrait Statue of Girl and Dog, Roman Fruit Girl, The Expulsion, Musidora, David, Hebe, Boy and Bull, Ganymede, Capid and Psyche, Jacques, Group with Cerebus, The Lost Pleiad, Cupid in the Nest, Bacchanalian Group, Somnus, Wine Crusher, Portia, Titania on the Ass's Head, Female Captive, Boy and Heron, Bas-relief of Shakspere, Shield of Milton, Fall of Phaeton, Groups of Horses and Tigers, Bat Slayer, Roman Fruit Girl, Ariel on the Bat's Back, Titania, Boy and Mermaid; four groups executed in marble for the late Lord Sudeley, namely, Boar Slayer, Deer Stalker, Woman and Ram, Woman and Goat; six of the Shaksperian series executed for the late Sir Matthew White Ridley, namely, Hamlet, Ophelia, Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, Iago, Mad Tom, Morn and The Spirit (from Comus), both executed in marble for the late Sir M. W. Ridley; Boar Hunter, Deer Stalker, Man and Ram, and Man and Dogs, also executed in marble for Sir Matthew White Ridley; Knight Banneret; Mountain Nymph; Jeannie Deans.

Statues and Monumental Works.—Prince Consort, The Queen, Sir Henry Lawrence, Mrs. Sewell, Lady Diana Beauclere, Admiral Collingwood, Lord Sudeley, Lady Sudeley, Bishop Broughton, George Stephenson, Southey, Dr. Gilly, Marquis of Hastings, Nelson's Monument, Lord Lawrence's Infant Son, Lough's Grandson, Lord Methune's Daughter, Son of Mr. Charles Mannigg, Infant Son of Mr. Dowles.

Busts.—Mr. Lough, Mrs. Lough, Sir M. White Ridley, Lady Ridley, Sir James Paget, Sir Proby Courtley, Professor Forbes, Judge Knox, Mr. Blaine, Mrs. Crawshay, James Sewel White, Mrs. Joseph Hume, Mrs. Edward James, Mrs. Wardlaw, Lord Lawrence, Mr. Alexander Sim, Mrs. A. Sim, Mrs. John Sim, Mr. Pope, Lady Diana Beauclere, Lady Clementina Villiers, Mrs. Powell, Mr. Joshua Watson, Rev. Mr. Monro, Dr. Gilly, Mr. Twining, Mr. Vaughan (one of the original founders of savings' banks), Lord Sudeley, Lady Sudeley, Dr. Southey, Col. Beresford.—*Newcastle Daily Journal.*

On Wednesday afternoon, the interesting ceremony of formally receiving the models took place in the Elswick Hall. The company present included Mrs. Lough, the Mayor (Mr. John O. Scott), the Mayoress, several of the aldermen and councillors, Mr. Joseph Cowen, M.P., Mr. C. F. Hamond, M.P., the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, the Vicar of Newcastle, and several ladies and gentlemen whose presence had been invited.

AUNT MAGGIE'S VERDICT.

BY EDWIN BOTT.

Chapter V.

I did not see Phœbe above once or twice during the next fortnight, as, to oblige the man who worked the off turn against me, I was on nights for two weeks together, and had no opportunity of having any conversation with her. Indeed, I am by no means sure that, had the best opportunity imaginable presented itself, I could yet have availed myself of it, in spite of the courage I fancied I drew from the continual repetition of the lines—

> He either fears his fate too much
> Or his deserts too small,
> Who dares not put it to the touch
> To win or lose it all.

And there is no knowing how long I should have gone on repeating this verse, and promising myself I would seize the very next opportunity, but for a circumstance which, by raising my jealousy determined me to hear my fate forthwith.

One evening, after leaving Uncle Rory in happy company with the 'Three Ravens,' I found the 'Bear' waiting for me at the corner, evidently somewhat the worse for liquor.

'Well, Jonty!' I said, as he came and walked alengside me.

'Well!' he responded gruffly, and went on puffing away at his short cutty pipe, as though sadly out of sorts, and highly dissatisfied with the consolation generally derived from the inhalation of the precious weed.

'What's gone wrong, Jonty?'

'Luk yer, John, lots is wrung; hae's bin agen, t'neight; hae was thear last neight; hae was thear th' night afore; hae's awlis thear, nai!'

'Who is there? where are you speaking of?'

'Thear yer are. Hanner it been understood aw alung as hai yo won fer have her? An' here yo are trying fer ketch th' brid in yore wey, without aeven throwin' yer cap at it, whael a dandy chap o' th' other side o' th' 'edge 'ull whissell it into th' cage, like sticks a breakin', whether he wull or neu. I dunner like him; I whopped him at th' ox roasting' when th' Prince Albert pleasure graínds won opened five years agoo, and I'm sartin sure I con do it nai. Mun I do it, John?' and he put himself into fighting attitude.

'What! young lawyer Oakley! has he been visiting Rennie's.'

'Ah, that hae has, whael you, like a fou (I conner help it, John), han bin lettin' the gress grow under yer feight. Mun I do it, John; *Mun* I do it?'

'Oh, nonsense, Jonty, there can be nothing in it, at least no harm,' I said as quietly as possible, though at the thoughts of the possibility of such a dashing rival as Frank Oakley my heart sank, and I began to feel very far indeed from comfortable.

'But it inner reight that the likes o' him should step in and turn Miss Phœ's yed wi' his fine weys. Yo'll come to short odds yet, John, if yo dunner mind, mark mae. Shall I give him a bit o' my mind? *Mun* I mump him?'

With some difficulty I persuaded the 'Bear' of the inexpediency of resorting to the 'mumping' process, 'at least for the present,' a proviso which raised his despondent spirits immensely, for to have forbidden him positively and for ever to forego the contemplation of that luxury, would have been, in his estimation, rank distrust of his abilities in that respect, and unmerited ingratitude on my part. For, so delighted was he with the prospect of an enconnter at fisticuffs, that I several times very nearly made a mortal enemy of him by prohibiting his indulgence in that exercise on my behalf. And I do not think I could at any time have pleased him better than by expressing a desire, say, for a lock of Mr. Charley Flaxen's hair, which, I verily believe, he would have secured from the close-cropped head of that then declining, but still notorious pugilist, and presented it me with all the pride which accompanies a highly meritorious action.

Though I did not consider there was such cause for apprehension as the 'Bear' represented, I was sufficiently alarmed at the remotest possibility of losing her, that I resolved that the very next day, it being Sunday, I would ask her to promise to become my wife. And I remember that I spent all the time during service that evening in preparing a set speech on the subject, which I went through to my own satisfaction several times, but which I suddenly forgot when I stood outside with her under my umbrella, and her little hand pressed against my palpitating heart. And, as we walked slowly along, I stumbled out a few awkward, such awkward, broken sentences, but full of my deep, lasting, life-long love! and she turned her face up to mine, and her sweet eyes looked the love I was thirsting for, as she said,

'You know, John, I love you dearly, and will all my life through!'

'All your life, Phœ dear?'

'Yes, John, all my life through!'

And then, somehow, the umbrella was brought lower than is the usual custom of carrying one, and, when it was raised, somebody's eyes were moist with happy tears, such as, let us hope, you, my friends, who are getting on in life now, may remember under similar circumstances—how many years ago?

Then followed that short silence of happiness, the intensity of which joy is too great for speech to find utterance, for, until that moment, the soul never having experienced, or in its highest imaginings pictured the like of it, hesitates enraptured on the threshold of the new existence.

And then I began to draw pictures of our future life, and, in my enthusiasm, was at one time very nearly prospecting a carriage for Phœ's special use at some distant and happy period; but, not seeing my way very clearly on this point, I lothfully abandoned propounding the idea.

She listened to all I had to say, apparently amused at the way I was carrying on, and then, with a considerable amount of archness, said,—

'Now, John, I have a secret for you. Can you keep one?'

'Certainly, Phœ; what is it?'

'Well, sir, are you aware that I am a little heiress?'

'I understand that your grandfather has saved a little money. But I don't want to hear anything of that. It is yourself I want and not that.'

'There now, do give over, *do*. I mean I am a *real* heiress. When I came of age, a month ago you know, grandfather told me that father had left me £1,000, which, at the advice of Mr. Oakley, he has invested in some mining shares, the Blairgerries, I believe; so that you see we shall be nearly as well off as you have been picturing, young Mr. Hopeful.'

I never learned how the 'Bear' made the discovery, but before that week was half gone, he met me in the entry, and throwing up his cap with a mighty '*Hoo-reigh!*' poked me in the ribs with his left thumb, and, with a face beaming like a brass knocker in the sunshine, added, 'Somedody 'ud better look ait nai, I guess, ur moi eye and Betty Martin, wonner there be a case o' mumpin', by gum!'

Chapter VI.

Mr. Frank Oakley was one of those men whose very appearance bespoke a superiority much above the ordinary genus of even well-educated gentlemen. He was always elegantly dressed and exceedingly gentlemanly in his manner, and had a fund of ready wit and general information, which, to me, seemed marvellous; and he would sit and talk to Phœ of poets and novelists and famous Grecian heroes by the hour, while I sat bewildered outside the circle as it were, but trying, for her sake, to assume an interest I was far, very far, from feeling.

How I used to envy that man! How I used almost to hate him for being so clever! And yet it was amusing, too, how much I found myself as far as possible imitating him. When I heard him talking of any one book which more than another interested Phœ, I would never rest until I had procured it, when I would sit up at night many a time until the daylight came peeping in at the windows, and I had mastered its contents. And then I would talk to Phœ myself about it, when she would be so pleased, that I more than ever regretted I was only a common forgeman, and resented the circumstances which had made Frank Oakley so wise and clever.

By this means I ran through a large amount of light literature, and gradually contracted a habit of heavy reading after the family were gone to bed at night, a proceeding which so injured my previously weak health, that Aunt Maggie begged me to discontinue it, and for a short time, I did so.

I also began to take pattern of Frank Oakley for my dress to a degree that was wonderful, considering the feelings I entertained towards him.

At this time he occasionally appeared in a short stand-up collar, and a handsome mauve scarf, which, with gloves of a similar colour, I thought became him immensely. And one Sunday morning I made my appearance downstairs similarly arrayed, and with my hair, which was thick and long, after much protesting on its part, successfully parted down the centre, in further imitation of that gentleman. At which Aunt Maggie, who was washing up the breakfast things, stared with an immense astonishment; while the 'Bear, who was engaged peeling the potatoes, came instantly to a dead lock, and, with a look of petrified horror, in the most sepulchural of voices exclaimed, '*Hey-the-*VERY! !' whereupon I retired discomfited, and altered the last named adornment to its previous natural condition.

Christmas came and went, and Midsummer had gone, and with the approach of winter my old chest affection set in, and for some weeks I was unable to follow my work at the forge. It was arranged that we should be married towards the Midsummer following. About Christmas I resumed work, and, though far from well, I was able to attend regularly night or morning as the case might be, though it was often a severe task for me to get to the forge on those cold winter mornings.

Uncle Rory, who had been informed by Mr. Rennie of the Blairgerry mining investment, had given me repeatedly a little more of his 'adviee,' and could not, for the life of him, see anything to delay the marriage; to which opinion Mr. Rennie, as he smoked his pipe with Rory one evening when it was broached to him, offered no opposition, as Rory himself informed me the next day. And the possibility is that we should, almost in spite of ourselves, have been married considerably before the time arranged, but for a circumstance which precluded any such arrangements from being carried out for an indefinite period.

I had returned from the forge one morni shortly after Christmas, and after washing and taking breakfast, was sitting dozing by the fire, when all at once I was startled by a great cry, which, followed by the sound of a heavy fall, seemed to come from the workshop, into which, followed by Aunt Maggie, I rushed, and found Mr. Rennie lying on the floor with a countenance of death, while beside him knelt the 'Bear,' chafing his hands, and calling upon his old master piteously.

'O! John, John,' he cried, 'My owd mester's killed,—an' its aw his doin'!' and he pointed to Frank Oakley, who lay with his head buried in his hands on the bench with that morning's newspaper underneath them.

Chapter VII.

I and the 'Bear' carried the old man into the house, Mr. Oakley following us in silence; and when we had laid him on the sofa, he still stood with his eyes fixed on the white face before him, and neither moved nor spoke a word. The eyes of the 'Bear' wandered savagely from him, in sorrow to his kind old master, and uneasily back again; and at length he broke out,—

'Didner I tell yer aw along as hae 'ud may mischief, 'anner I always said thear was nu good in him. An' its aw come gospel true!—and hae's killed my owd mester, hae has! —— him!'

I looked from one to the other for some explanation of what had occurred, and Mr. Oakley recovering himself somewhat, gave me the paper which he still held crumpled in his hand, and said sadly, 'The Blairgerry investment has been a great mistake, John; the company has failed, and I have been unwittingly the ruin of the old man, and Miss Phœ,' and he dropped his head dejectedly on his chest. I could not help experiencing a feeling of suspicion of his good faith and honesty. He seemed to divine what was passing through my mind, for presently he looked up, and taking my hand in his said perplexedly, 'John, you really cannot for one moment think!—well, we shall see—the case may not be so bad after all—something may be done,' and then he added slowly, 'Yes, John Graham, you shall see!'

And as he spoke there came over his face an expression which I never forgot, and came to understand quite clearly one day, though it puzzled me sorely at the time, and for monts afterwards.

When the doctor came he pronounced the case one of paralysis, and it was midsummer before Mr. Rennie was able to get about the house with the aid of a stick. And during all the time of that illness next to Phœ herself he had no more faithful, tender nurse than was the 'Bear,' who, while he kept to the business in the daytime, would run in to look at the invalid half-a-dozen times a day; and at night would sit up and watch by his bedside as attentive and tender as any woman. And at such times it was only when Mr. Oakley came in, or the name was mentioned, that his old uncouth nature reasserted itself, and he would scowl and mutter vengeance upon the head of him whom he firmly believed the premeditated author of the calamities which had befallen Phœ and his beloved master.

Mr. Oakley left the town the day following the announcement of the Blairgerry failure, and after being away little over a week returned, and seemed to have almost forgotten the sad events which had occurred, for he appeared as cheerful as ever, and spoke of things having 'turned out better than had been anticipated,' that 'a good sum would be realised out of the estate,' and that Mr. Rennie and Mr. Phœ had no need to be uneasy upon that score!' When he first made this announcement the face of the 'Bear' for a little space lighted up with wondering pleasure, but suddenly resumed its old look of dislike and distrust of the speaker; while I, who was standing directly in front of him, again noticed that expression which had puzzled me when he dropped my hand in the middle of his remarks on the day of the catastrophe.

About the end of January of that year, and the week following the Blairgerry collapse, commenced the long strike and lock out, which will long remain a marked epoch in the iron trade of the country generally.

The North Staffordshire men were the first to go out, and for over sixteen weeks, assisted more or less by other districts, they maintained the struggle. During a great part of this time I was away from home on one mission or other in connection with the trade, much to the annoyance of Uncle Rory who, if he could have had his way, would have carried matters with the men with a high hand, and 'the growing presumption of the working classes, particularly of forgemen,' and 'the tyranny of trades unions,' as he expressed it, were the texts upon which, for some weeks he aired his oratory, and consumed his gin and water in fellowship with the 'Three Ravens,' who, as usual, perfectly agreed with his sentiments on these, as on every other subject. And when I returned from the last of my journeys, with the news confirmed that the men in the North of England had given their employers a written guarantee not to assist us with funds, he read me quite an anti-union lecture, and hinted that it would be better for some folk to stay at home and look after their own affairs, and added certain inuendoes of a vague and discomfiting nature.

That evening when I called at Mr. Rennie's, Phœ informed me that the first dividend of 5s. in the £ had been paid that week on the Blairgerry shares. 'And we must get you John, to make friends of Mr. Oakley and Jonathan here, now that you have come back. Jonathan cannot bear with him, though it was no fault of his that caused grandfather's misfortune.'

'That hae wunner, Miss Phœ, I'm sure,' said the 'Bear,' 'nu body 'ull may us two friends,' and he got up and left the house looking quite black and surly.

Be the end of May the strike was over, and I was working at the forge again, and visited Mr. Rennie's as usual. I do not know when the thought first entered my head, but somehow of late I had begun to fancy there was something different in Phœ than there had hitherto been, which I could not at all account for or understand. It was not that I doubted her love (I could not do that!)—but I fancied there was something against which she was struggling without being herself conscious of the nature of it; and half the former light of her eyes seemed to me at times dulled in consequence. It was, as I said only at times that this was noticeable, and then at a word from me she would brighten up and chat away as lively and merrily as ever, thus upbraiding me, I felt, for my unkind speculations regarding her.

Autumn had come and the Blairgerry shares had yielded another dividend, and Mr. Rennie seemed almost reconciled to his affliction, and would sit in his easy chair in the corner in a brown paper cap he had worn in the workshop, and smoke his Brosely by the hour, leaving his business to the care of the 'Bear,' whose behaviour under the altered circumstances was one continual source of intense bewilderment to the old mans who consumed many extra pipes in cogitation thereon, from which he always arrived at the same invariable conclusion, namely, that the 'Bear' had turned out a 'regular stunner,' and must be trusted and honoured accordingly.

That vague, uncertain feeling which I mentioned above as at times having possession of me, in spite of myself now I found, was slowly taking a definite shape, and developing into jealousy. True, Phœ was as kind and affectionate as ever, and at times exceeded her former self in little acts of tenderness; but I could not help thinking that her manner was not so natural, and that her liveliness seemed forced, and I became daily convinced that a change was coming over her, which she struggled against, but was as powerless to overcome, as I the jealously which had taken possession of me. And one night when Mr. Oakley came into the house and I saw Phœ's face show the faintest of blushes and her eyes light up with pleasure, I felt quite desperate, and tortured myself by twisting every little attention on his part into covert love making; and when I rose to leave on pretended important business an hour before the usual time, and Phœ only seemed the least bit surprised and omitted to see me to the door, I made up my mind that Mr. Oakley had won her love from me and all was over. In which frame of mind I entered the bar of the 'Three Ravens,' outstayed Uncle Rory, and with the 'Bear' at my elbow, who had 'saen it aw th' whael, didner I tell yer!' got maudlin drunk. And when the 'Bear' got me home, at I know not what o'clock in the morning, he laid me on the sofa, from which I rose the next morning with a fearful pain in the right side, and was ordered to bed, which, after months of illness I left, with the knowledge acquired by overhearing a conversation between Aunt Maggie and the doctor, that if I valued life I must not spend another winter in England.

(To be Continued).

Business Announcements.

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ARTIFICIAL TEETH.

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Attendance every Monday, from Eleven until Three o'clock, at the Surgery, Mount Pleasant, Consett, and at 40, Northumberland Street, Newcastle, where Mr. W. MARKHAM has been established 47 Years. 126k

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DERWENT
LEAD MINING AND SMELTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, £48,000,
IN 12,000 FULLY PAID-UP SHARES OF £4 EACH,
ALL OF WHICH WERE SUBSCRIBED FOR LAST AUTUMN.

IN the Northern Counties are situate a number of large LEAD MINES that have been in operation for very many years. Among them are those of the LONDON LEAD COMPANY, which for nearly two centuries have scarcely been a year without paying a Dividend, besides accumulating a large Reserve Fund; while Mr. BEAUMONT's celebrated Mines, in the same district, have been at work several hundred years, and have giving immense profits estimated at above £4,000,000. The GREENSIDE MINE has been in operation fifty years, and has divided £300,000, while the STONYCROFT, with a capital of only £1,800, has divided about £200,000 since 1855, besides paying for a valuable plant, and opening extensively underground, out of the Returns. In Yorkshire, Wales, and elsewhere, there are a number of Lead Mines that have been in operation fifty years and upwards, paying well most of the time.

From a minute calculation, it appears that the total amount of capital invested in a Dividend and Non-Dividend Public Lead Mines is about £2,150,000, and the total Dividends paid by the former being about £150,000 per annum, it gives an average return of 7 per cent. on the whole amount, including the Non-dividend; while some Companies pay as high as 50 to 100 per cent. (against only 3 to 13 respectively in Railways, which have all the advantage of unlimited capital to carry out their works in the cheapest manner.) If there existed the means of including the numerous private Lead Mines, the result would be still more favourable, for they also yield an annual profit of at least £150,000.

The price of Lead Ore continues good and steady; the same quality which in 1870 realised £11 13s. 6d. to £13 10s. 6d. per ton now fetches abou £14 10s. 6d., notwithstanding the general cry of depressed trade and business generally. Whether during times of peace or war Lead is an article which maintains its value, either for commercial or social requirments or for destructive purposes; while as a metal it is comparatively cheap, and more cheaply and easily raised than any other.

In the County of Durham, and on the borders of Northumberland (the richest Lead District in the kingdom) are the DERWENT LEAD MINES, which till lately have been carried on by a small Company, with little or no capital, and yet are said to have sold Lead Ore to the amount or £1,000,000, and made a large profit. They are situated about nine miles by carriage road from Stanhope Station, which is two hours drive by rail from Darlington.

Notwithstanding these immense returns, the Mine is yet only down to the top of the Great Limestone, which is the stratum in which the other large Mines in the district are the richest, while there is a great extent of ground on the course of the lodes untouched to surface. It is the opinon of CAPTAIN A. WATERS (the Manager of TANKERVILLE and ROMAN GRAVELS) that DERWENT is a "splendid property—is just deep enough to enter the first of the series of richer sills, and will ultimately be developed into a very great and lasting property. Magnificent runs of Ore (he says) hundreds of fathoms in length, have been the rule in DERWENT above the said limestone, and my opinion is that as the Mine is deepened, and you get down to the Great Whin Sill, the lodes will be found more productive than at any previous period in the working of the Mines.

CAPTAIN WATERS gives his views as to the mode to be adopted in working the Mine, which, if carried out with vigour, he says, "is sure to bring the celebrated Old Mine again forward into high rank in the district;" and he looks on "this property as a prize, especially if worked vigorously and with judgment." He further remarks that no Mine he has visited in the North of England is so well supplied with machinery as the DERWENT.

A most useful and important feature in the undertaking is, that the Company has purchased the *Freehold* of the royalties on very moderate terms. The purchase of the mineral rights in fee not only secures to the Company the immense advantage of the non-payment of any dead rent or royalties of any kind, but what is even more important in mining, the freedom from any covenants of any kind as to working the Mines, and from any penalties or litigation for breaches of covenants or dilapidations. *The Company in fact hold the Mines free in perpetuity.*

The present Company is in 12,000 Shares of £4 each, all of which were SUBSCRIBED FOR LAST AUTUMN. More vigorous operations were commenced some months ago, which are being gradually extended, and already improvements in the Mine are taking place. Important objects are being actively carried out, several of which will shortly be reached, and the results are likely to be valuable discoveries. *Already the monthly sales of Lead are meeting a large portion of the cost, including much dead work, leading to points of great importance; while the reserves of Ore are being largely increased as though 90 fathoms of Ore ground are opened up monthly, so far the Ore from only 35 fathoms is taken away, dressed, and smelted monthly.* The returns for June were 28 *Tons Pig Lead*, value about £600, but as drivings on the *Sun Vein, lately cut rich in the Little Limestone* are just commenced, the returns *will at once be greatly increased, resulting in profits and early dividends.* THERE IS AMPLE UNEXPENDED WORKING CAPITAL.

The following figures will show the results of the five principal public Lead Mining Companies in the last few years. It may be added that when GREAT LAXEY was purchased, the total profits divided from the commencement (on a capital of £2,000) had been £28,000, now they are paying £30,000 a year; VAN profits were about £8,000 a year, now they are £48,000 a year; TANKERVILLE profits were about £1,000 a year, now £12,000 a year; ROMAN GRAVELS then about £3,000 a year, now about £15,000 a year; WEST CHIVERTON was making little or no profit, but is now paying at the rate of £5,000 a year. These five mines are held under leases for 21 or 30 years, and are subject to a considerable annual payment for royalties, FROM BOTH OF WHICH DERWENT IS EXEMPT.

Name of Company.	Year Established.	Nominal Capital; Purchase and Capital since expended.	Dividends paid.	Highest Market Value.	Present Market Value.
West Chiverton	1863	£30,000	£161,500	£240,000	£51,000
Great Laxey	1863	60,000	295,650	300,000	300,000
Van	1869	58,800	275,625	960,000	570,000
Tankerville	1870	72,000	55,400	300,000	125,000
Roman Gravels	1871	90,000	74,700	264,000	144,000
TOTALS		£310,000	£862,675	£2,064,000	£1,190,000
Add Dividends				862,675	862,675
				£2,926,675	£2,052,675
Deduct the Nominal Capital, including the Purchase and Capital since expended				310,000	310,000
Profit to the original Purchasers, after returning them their whole outlay for Purchase and Working Capital				£2,616,675	£1,742,675

It will be seen that, irrespective of the enormous increase in the market value, the amount paid in Dividends is already nearly *three times* the whole of the DERWENT MINE will be at least as good, particularly with the specially favourable terms on which it is held. It may also be observed that, *including the purchase of the Freehold of the Minerals as well as the Mine and valuable Plant, about £13,000 of Working Capital, and the promotion and preliminary expenses, the whole Capital* (£48,000) *of the DERWENT is less than four out of five of the above Mines, all of which are only leasehold.*

Fully three-fourths of the Shares in the DERWENT MINES are said to be held for permanent investment, while of the rest the greater part are held for very high prices. *Subject to prompt application one Thousand Shares, or any less number, can now be had at £6 5s. each, but not at any less price. Applications with remittance must be addressed to* MESSRS. HORNSBY & CO., 40, HANOVER STREET, LIVERPOOL, *on receipt of which Transfers will at once be forwarded.* In the event of applications exceeding the limited number of Shares on sale, or only a portion of those applied for being on hand, the remittance will be at once returned, or such portion of it as is in excess of the Shares so purchased. 345k

Business Announcements.

ONE TRIAL WILL PROVE,
AS IS DAILY THE CASE, THAT PARTIES WISHING TO BUY
DRAPERY OR READY-MADE CLOTHING,
CAN BUY CHEAPER THAN BY GOING TO NEWCASTLE, AT
J. M. BEAVAN'S,
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6th—Because they will receive their Machine, carriage free, to their own door.
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8th—Because W. H. depends on his customers for increasing his business by recommending him to their friends and acquaintances.
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11th—Because W. H. keeps a good supply of Needles, Oil, Oil Cans, Screws, Screw-drivers, Cottons, and all kinds of Fittings.

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THE Ninth Triennial Cash Bonus just paid. The Tenth Bonus will be declared in 1879. Prospectuses, Reports, Balance Sheets, and any information to be had of

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Public Notices.

EVENING SCHOOL, BLACKHILL,
J. C. WYLIE, MASTER,

COMMENCING October 8th, 1877. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Wednesday and Friday, Languages. 401k

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EVENING SCHOOL.

THE MASTER of Shotley Grove School has opened an Evening School for the Winter months.
Terms quarterly; but anyone who wishes to join the classes, can do so at any time. 452k

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NOTICE.

ANY Person or Persons found TRESPASSING or KILLING GAME upon Derwent Grange Farm, near Castleside, will be Prosecuted according to Law.
By order,
372g WILLIAM R. DICKINSON.

NOTICE! NOTICE!!

ANY Person found Trespassing in pursuit of Game, gathering Mushrooms, Brambles, &c., on Middle Heads, Oliverford, Middles, Knitsley Grange, Alles Heads Lyerdeen, Rowley, Dean Houl, and Healeyfield Farms will be Prosecuted as the Law directs.
July, 1875. 7132

GLEDSTONE TESTIMONIAL FUND.

SUBSCRIPTION LISTS are now open in Contett at the following places:—Mr. GEORGE BROWN's, Railway Hotel; Mr. WILLIAM WHITTAKER'S, Wheat Sheaf Inn; Mr. THOMAS RAWES's, Turf Hotel; Mr. PHILIP BENNISON, Victoria Hotel; Mr. JOHN W. DAVISON'S, Front Street; and at the Office, Town Hall, at any of which places contributions will be received.

JOHN W. DAVISON, Treasurer.
ROBERT HEDLEY, } Hon. Secs.
383k ADAM BRODIE, }

THE LICENSING ACTS, 1872—1874.

ADDITIONAL EXCISE LICENSE,—BEER OFF.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Conside and Knitsley, in the County of Durham, and to the Superintendent of Police of the West Division of Chester Ward, in the said County of Durham, and to all whom it may concern.

I, CHARLES DOCHERTY, now residing at Consett, in the Township of Conside and Knitsley, in the County of Durham, strong beer dealer, do Hereby Give Notice, that it is my intention to apply at the Special Sessions for Licensing purposes, to be holden at the Justice-room, Lanchester, on the 8th day of November next, for an additional Excise License, to Sell, by Retail, at a house situate at Consett aforesaid, Beer to be consumed off the Premises, in pursuance of the Acts, 26th and 27th Vic., cap. 33, sec. 1, and 37th and 38th Vic., cap. 49, sec. 31, of which premises OWEN MCMAHON, of Blackhill, is the Owner, and which said premises are now in my occupation.

Given under my hand this 4th day of October, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-seven.
420k CHARLES DOCHERTY.

Public Notices.

LOOK OUT for Leadgate Primitive Methodist Choir Concert. 458k

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A LEEK SHOW will be held at the Earl Grey Inn, Kyo, on Saturday, October 27th, 1877. Open—Two Miles. 433k

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES at Benfieldside Church, on Sunday, Oct. 28th, 1877. Anthem at Evening Service—"Ye shall dwell in the land," by Dr. Stainer. Hymns—360, 373, 223, 232, and 370.

A Collection will be made at each service in aid of the Medical Charities, Newcastle, and the Durham County Infirmary, the proceeds of which will be divided between them. 450k

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BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

NAMING OF STREETS.

THE Benfieldside Local Board Hereby Give Public Notice that the Occupiers of Houses and other Buildings in the Streets within the District of the said Board, and not already Numbered, are forthwith required to Number the same under the direction of the Board's Surveyor.
By order,
446k JOHN HESLOP, Surveyor.

TOWN HALL, NEWCASTLE.

INFIRMARY CONCERTS, NOVEMBER 5TH, 6TH, 7TH, 8TH, 9TH, AND 10TH, 1877.

Works to be performed—
Monday, November 5, HANDEL'S
MESSIAH.
Tuesday, November 6, HENRY SMART'S
BRIDE OF DUNKERRON
(First time of performance in Newcastle),
AND MISCELLANEOUS CONCERT.
Wednesday, November 7, ROSSINI'S
STABAT MATER AND MISCELLANEOUS CONCERT.
Thursday, November 8, MENDELSSOHN'S
ELIJAH.
Friday, November 9, Dr. ARMES' New Sacred Cantata,
HEZEKIAH,
(Expressly composed for these Concerts),
And MISCELLANEOUS CONCERT, including
"FINALE TO LORELEY."
Saturday, November 16, last night,
GRAND MISCELLANEOUS CONCERT.

BAND AND CHORUS OF 250 PERFORMERS.

Prices, &c.:—Secured Seat for the series, £2 2s.; Family Tickets (for secured Seats), admitting three to Single Concert, 21s.; secured Seat for Single Concert, 10s. 6d.; Unsecured Seat whole Series (Area), 21s.; Unsecured Single Seat, 5s.; Gallery, 2s. 6d. Tickets for Concert, and full particulars at Mr. J. COCKBURN'S, 12, Front Street, Consett.

Doors open at 6·30, but no money taken at the doors till 7 o'clock.

SPECIAL TRAIN to Consett and intermediate Stations on Saturday Evening, November 10th, after the Concert.

Railway Tickets can be purchased by Concert Ticket Holders at Single Fare for the Double Journey.

Ticket Office: St. Nicholas' Buildings, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Open Daily from 11 to 3. 455k

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. J. Oley.

MARLEY HILL.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, instructed by Mr. THOMAS WEST, who is leaving the neighbourhood, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at High Row, Marley Hill, on Saturday, November 3rd, 1877, the whole of his Valuable FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS. For particulars, see Handbills.

Sale-office, 10, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge. 445k

MEDOMSLEY COLLIERY.

MR. J. OLEY, instructed by Mr. W. WALTON, who is leaving the above place, will SELL BY AUCTION, at his Residence, near the Colliery, on Monday, October 29th, 1877, part of his Valuable HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS and Effects, comprising Mahogany Press; Mahogany Book-case; 6 Birch Chairs; Long-settle; elegant Four-poled Bedstead and Mattress; Set of Crimson Harrateen Bed Hangings; Camp Bedstead and Mattress; Iron Tudor Bedstead and Mattress; Birch Desk Bedstead; Mahogany Centre Table; Mahogany Cornice Poles and Rings; 2 Birch Chairs in Hair-seating; number of Pictures; Kitchen Table and Form; 6 Kitchen Chairs; Arm Chair; Dressing Table and Washstand; Brass-mounted Fender and Ash Pan; Kitchen Fender and Fire Irons; 2 Water Filters; Dinner, Tea, and other Ware; Poss Tub and Staff; Pails, &c. Also, 6 Beeskeps; large Ferret Cage; Riding Pad, nearly new; lot of Garden Tools; excellent Double-barreled Gun; Barrel Churn; 4 Pokes of Potatoes; number of Hens, &c. 426k

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

By Mr. A. Brodie.

VICTORIA SALE-ROOMS, CONSETT.

ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Valuer, and Public Accountant, undertakes the SALE by AUCTION, or otherwise, of House Property, Furniture, Stocks-in-Trade, &c., on advantageous terms. Cash advanced on Goods for absolute Sale. Fire, Life, Accident, and Plate-glass Assurances promptly effected, Queensland Emigration Agency; Free and Assisted Passages granted.

Office: Town Hall, Consett. 402k

VICTORIA SALE-ROOMS, CONSETT.

Three Days' Sale of superior DRAPERY, comprising Dress Goods, Linens and Hollands, Shawls, Hosiery and Gloves, Sheets and Sheetings, Shirts and Shirtings, Worsteds and Fingerings, Buttons and Trimmings, Ready-made Clothing, and Sundries.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed to SELL BY AUCTION, as above, for the benefit of Creditors, on Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, October 27th, 29th, and 30th, 1877.

Sale at Seven o'clock each Evening. 453k

CEMENT ROW, MEDOMSLEY EDGE.

Sale of superior Mahogany and other HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Fine-toned COTTAGE PIANOFORTE, FEATHER BEDS and BEDDING, and Miscellaneous Effects.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mr. JOSEPH ILLINGWORTH, who is about to Emigrate to Queensland, to SELL BY AUCTION, on the Premises Cement Row, Medomsley Edge, on Monday, October 29th, 1877, the whole of the superior Mahogany and other HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, as follows:—Mahogany Chest of Drawers; Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating; Mahogany Card Table; 2 Hair-seated Mahogany Chairs; 6 Cane Chairs; 2 Kitchen Chairs; Windsor Arm Chair; Painted Chest of Drawers; Half-tester Iron Bedstead; French Bedstead; Kitchen Table; Washstand and Dressing Table; Feather Beds; 2 Flock Do.; Bolsters and Pillows; 2 Mattresses; 2 Swing Glasses; Fenders and Fire Irons; 3 Hearthrugs; Alarum Clock; together with the whole of the Kitchen and Cooking Utensils, Pots, Pans, Earthenware, &c. Also, fine Full-toned Cottage Pianoforte; Taylor's Patent Domestic Sewing Machine, of the best make and nearly new; Wringing and Washing Machine; 2 antique and valuable Pictures on Glass.

Sale to commence at One o'clock, exact time.

The Pianoforte, which is a fine rich-toned Instrument will be Sold at Three o'clock. 457k

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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

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Sales by Auctio
By Mr. Sutton.
SALE OF STOCK AT MR. WM.
STATION HOTEL, EBCHES
DAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1877.
MR. SUTTON will offer for SALE
as above, from 30 to 40 head
cluding Cows and Fat Stock, Store
Horses, 2 useful Hacks, Implements, &
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By Mr. P. Osborn
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FOR SALE
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MR. P. OSBORNE has been favo
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W. TODD, the present tenant, will show
For further particulars, apply to H.
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THE Committee of the Young Men
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Ask your Chemist for "THE MEXICA
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SALE OF STOCK AT MR. WM. CHARLTON'S, STATION HOTEL, EBCHESTER, ON MONDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1877.

MR. SUTTON will offer for SALE BY AUCTION, as above, from 30 to 40 head of CATTLE, including Cows and Fat Stock, Store Pigs, 3 Young Horses, 2 useful Hacks, Implements, &c. For full particulars, see Posters, and further information obtained of Mr. CHARLTON, at Ebchester.
Train leaves Newcastle at 12·30.
Sale to take place at 1·30 p.m. 448k

By Mr. P. Osborne.

VALUABLE COPYHOLD PROPERTY FOR SALE.

CROOK HILL FARM, in the Township of Iveston and Parish of Lanchester.

MR. P. OSBORNE has been favoured with instructions to SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday, October 29th, 1877, at Half-past Four o'clock prompt, at the House of Mr. G. BROWN, Railway Hotel, Middle Street, Consett, all that desirable COPYHOLD FARM, containing 13 Acres and 36 Perches or thereabouts, together with substantial Dwelling-house, containing large Parlour, Three Bed-rooms, Kitchen, Dairy, and excellent Cellar; also, Cow-byre, Stable, Piggeries, and usual Conveniences.

The Land is all in Grass, in a high state of cultivation, and well watered, as that small river, named Stockerley Burn, runs through it. The situation is very healthy and every way adapted for Building Sites. Part of it would make an excellent Market Garden, being only one-and-a-half mile from the thriving town of Consett, and about half a mile from Knitsley Station, on the Consett Branch of the North-Eastern Railway. Mr. W. TODD, the present tenant, will show the premises.

For further particulars, apply to H. J. MARSHALL, Esq., Solicitor, Durham; JOHN PATRICK, Esq., Solicitor, Durham; Mr. THOS. HALL, the owner, Foundry Row, Blackhill; or to the Auctioneer, Front Street, Shotley Bridge. 427k

For Sale.

FOR SALE, a good SPRING ROLLEY.—Apply to JOHN ALDERSON, Old Foundry, Leadgate.

FOR SALE, a little IN-CALVING COW (time up).—Apply to JOSEPH ANDERSON, China Hall Farm, Castleside. 441k

FOR SALE, either in one lot or separately, Two SOWS, and Sixteen PIGS Eight Weeks old.—Apply to THOMASIN ELLIOTT, Front Street, Leadgate.

STRAW (in Bales).—Large lots of Wheat and Barley Straw always held at Newcastle and Ebchester Station.—For price, apply to JOHN G. EAST, 7, Side, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 371k

FOR SALE, New and Second-hand CONVEYANCES of every description.—Apply to Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Consett, or to JOHN BRODIE, Jun., Shotley Bridge. 811g

STRAW FOR SALE.

DUTCH STRAW in pressed bales, WHEAT, OAT, RYE, or BARLEY.—Apply to VAN HAANSBERGEN and USHER, 8 Lombard Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 307k

To Let.

TO LET, or SELL, a HOUSE, containing Seven Rooms, situate in Harvey Street, Consett.—Apply to J. BATES. 434k

TO LET, a Butcher's SHOP and HOUSE, situate at the foot of Front Street, Consett.—Apply at the *Guardian* Office. 644h

TO LET, for Entertainments, the Co-operative Hall, Dipton.—Applications to be addressed to the SECRETARY. 350h

TO LET, a HOUSE and SHOP, situate in Victoria Street, Consett.—Apply to M. McGURK, Duke of Wellington Inn, Consett. 23k

TO LET, at Templetown, Two Five-roomed HOUSES, on favourable terms.—Apply to GEORGE HARDY, Farmer, Knitsley. 447k

TO LET, a comfortable and convenient HOUSE, containing Six Rooms, Scullery, &c., situate in Durham Road, Blackhill. Entry on 11th November next.—Apply to WM. RAW, Auctioneer, Blackhill. 382k

TO LET, in Newmarket Street, Consett, a SHOP, with Plate-glass Front, good House and large Cellars, lately in the occupation of Mr. JAMES LAKE.—Apply to Mr. A. BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett.

Contracts.

TO BE LET, the THINNING of a Young Plantation, near Castleside. JOHN CANT, of Allansford, will show the same, and further particulars may be known on application to M. COUPLAND, Westwood House, Shotley Bridge, by whom Tenders in Writing will be received up to November 5th, 1877. 456k

TO BUILDERS.

TO BE LET, the BUILDING of a Five-roomed HOUSE, at Blackhill, for Mr. HENRY RITSON.
Plans may be seen, and particulars ascertained, by applying to T. McADAM, Shotley Bridge.
Tenders to be sent to Mr. RITSON, on or before the 1st of November, 1877. 451k

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association Cricket Club invite Tenders for the RETURFING of 3,600 square yards at their Field adjoining Cemetery Road, Benfieldside.
Plans and Specifications may be seen on application to Mr. DIXON, Local Board Rooms, Consett, by whom Tenders will be received up to 1st November, 1877.
The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender. 419k

THROAT IRRITATION.—Soreness and dryness, tickling and irritation, inducing cough and affecting the voice. For these symptoms use Epps's Glycerine Jujubes. Only in boxes, labelled "JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London." 247k

THE INVALID'S FRIEND.—TODD'S QUININE WINE.—Dr. Wheatley, writing from the Crescent, Carlisle, says:—"I have much pleasure in giving my testimony to the efficacy of Mr. Todd's Quinine Wine. I consider it a valuable and pleasant mode of taking quinine." This valuable and renowned preparation of genuine English quinine is the most pleasant and certain remedy known for indigestion and all derangements of the stomach. The genuine is manufactured only by Joe Todd, chemist, Carlisle, and bears his name on the Government stamp.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey or white, or falling off, use "The Mexican Hair Renewer," for it *will positively restore in every case, Grey or White hair* to its original colour, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots, where the glands are not decayed. Ask your Chemist for "THE MEXICAN HAIR RENEWER," prepared by HENRY C. GALLUP, 493, Oxford Street, London, and sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere at 3s. 6d. per bottle.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Diseases of Women.—Medical science in all ages has been directed to alleviate the many maladies incident to females; but Professor Holloway, by diligent study and attentive observation, was induced to believe that nature had provided a remedy for those special diseases. He has, after vast research, succeeded in compounding his celebrated Pills and Ointment, which embody the principle naturally designed for the relief and cure of disorders peculiar to women of all ages and constitutions, whether residing in warm or cold climates. They have repeatedly corrected disordered functions which have defied the usual drugs prescribed for such cases; and still more satisfactory is it, that the malady is relieved completely and peamanently.

TO OUR READERS.

A sketch of the life of the late Thomas Lough (popularly called "Tom Lough"), by a local gentleman, will appear in our next issue.

The Consett Guardian.

SATURDAY, OCT. 27TH, 1877.

THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

IT is a fortunate thing for France that the elections should have resulted neither in victory nor defeat. Nay, more; it is fortunate for Europe generally. A thunder-cloud has been hanging over the Continent ever since MARSHAL MACMAHON dispersed the Assembly, and none knew how extensively the effects of the storm might spread. A decided defeat of either party would have produced consequences affecting more than one nation. France is not the arbitress of Europe in the sense that she used to be; nevertheless, she still commands the strings of influences which could soon embroil the nations. It is no secret that Germany has been watching events lately with considerable anxiety. A principle was at stake touching her interests most closely, a principle she was bound to protect. A decided triumph on the part of the President would have meant designs on Italy, either immediate or remote, of a kind to upset the present happy relationship between the two countries. It would have meant, moreover, much mistrust on the part of Governments only too anxious to preserve a friendly attitude towards France. But if these probabilities were strong outside the threatened vortex, how much more apparent were the chances of disquietude in internal French politics while the suspense existed. It has been a fair stand-up fight, and both sides have reason for congratulation. GAMBETTA will not find himself amongst four hundred adherents, and the MARSHAL will be able to count more supporters by, at fewest, forty. The next question will be, who shall constitute the Government? A JULES SIMON will still be an impossibility; so, also, will be a DUC DE BROGLIE. The MARSHAL, if he be sincerely desirous of appeasing party passions, will have to select his Ministers from the least extreme sections of the Assembly. We shall not be surprised if he call to his council men altogether unacquainted with party management and intrigue. Up to the present moment much self-sacrifice has been exhibited; but there is, no doubt, much more will have to be shown. The French people, like ourselves, will have to forego sensational legislation for some time to come; they will also have to surrender both dynastic and partisan predilections. GAMBETTA must be satisfied with the great incontestable fact that the country is growing in Republican conviction. The Orleanists will have to submit to the announcement that their cause is sleeping, if not dead, while the Bonapartists must bow to a decree they were utterly powerless to avert. An opportunity is now afforded for all parties to accept a compromise. Hitherto, the great question has been, what party shall govern? May we not hope that henceforth measures rather than men will be first thought of. There must be national as well as dynastic interests, patriotic as well as personal needs. The MARSHAL may still render his term of office beneficial by recalling French politicians to the ordinary duty of serving their country, and he can do this the more effectually if he himself exhibit a desire to govern, not as a Royalist or an Imperialist, but as the First Magistrate of a free people.

LOCAL NOTES BY "PHIZ."

The harvest, like the hay crop, has turned out badly, and the season, as a whole, will have been a trying one to farmers. Owing to the lateness of the season much of the crop was cut green, and where corn was allowed to ripen, it has in many places been caught by the heavy rains of the past few days. Turnips are much below the average, and in some parts of the county the crop is a total failure. I am afraid the winter will be an anxious one for stock farmers. Potatoes are largely affected by disease. I was at Old Durham Gardens one day this week, and found that a farmer named Hopps was selling his crop at 10s. a rope.

The people of Dipton are about to lose the services of Sergt. Morland, who is to retire from the force on a pension of £50 a-year. Sergt. Morland, it will be remembered, was seriously assaulted about two years ago. On that occasion one of his arms was severely injured with a poker, and has since been partially disabled. Few officers have served the county more diligently and faithfully than Sergt. Morland. He has been in the force upwards of twenty-one years, and has during that period resided in various parts of the county. He has always been a painstaking, truthful officer, and it is to be hoped he will live many years to enjoy his well-earned pension.

The tide of emigration from this district to Queensland seems to have fairly set in, the Government of that Colony having, through their agent, Mr. Adam Brodie, of Consett, granted thirty-eight free and assisted passages to intending emigrants by the ship "Stirlingshire," which sails from Glasgow on the 6th of next month.

Mr. William W. Brown, of Howdon Bank, near Lanchester, has a wonderful, and, I should fancy, profitable hen. It is of the Spanish breed, and has, during the past summer, laid some remarkable eggs. One I recently saw weighed 4¼oz., measured 8¼in. lengthways, and had a circumference of 6⅝in. The same fowl has laid its owner six similar eggs during the season, and on seven different occasions has laid two eggs at one sitting.

Apropos of the Lough Models which were formally accepted by the town of Newcastle this week, it may not be generally known that "Tom Lough," brother of the deceased sculptor, died at Lanchester Workhouse recently. Tom and his eccentricities will be long held in remembrance by the people of this district. A sketch of his life would be interesting, and it is with pleasure I learn that the necessary materials for a sketch have been gathered, and will be presented to the readers of the *Guardian* next week.

The Vicar of Consett, to whose exertions we owe the National Schools, is thinking of building more school accommodation. The present building is already filled to overflowing, and it has been found necessary to refuse a number of applications for admission. The Vicar, I believe, intends to provide accommodation for some 150 extra children, and thinks that a suitable building might be put up for a thousand pounds.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

Whether it be, as Mr. Gladstone says, that London is behind the provinces in political education, or whether it be owing to the astonishing influence of the *Daily Telegraph* in the Metropolis, it certainly is a fact that Londoners are for the most part decidedly pro-Turkish in their sympathies. The news of Ghazi Mouktar's defeat caused an unmistakable depression of feeling. There was as much surprise at hearing of a Turkish reverse as there would have been a few months ago at hearing of a Turkish victory, and almost as much regret expressed as though some national humiliation had happened. I suppose there is no foundation for the strange rumour of the return of Viscount Fitz Gibbon, who was supposed to have been killed at Inkerman. It is incredible that the Russians would have condemned a prisoner of war to twenty years' exile, in Siberia, whatever might have been his offence. And, if they had done so, they would not have been so mad as to release him just at the present juncture, when the story of his treatment would arouse the animosity of a whole nation. The *canard* is, however, ingeniously constructed and opportunely put into circulation. It is, no doubt, a *chef-d'œuvre* of some wag among newsmongers. What is not a mere rumour, but a very serious fact, is the threatening attitude of Affghanistan. It is, perhaps, lucky for us that we shall not have to put the Czar's professed indifference to Indian affairs to the test. However, he has enough on his hands with Turkey now, without troubling about India.

The news from Paris is far from satisfactory. Editors and press hands, who have been over to witness the election of last week, all return impressed with the fear that we are on the brink of another attempt to set up Imperialism. The Republican party are aware of their danger, and are determined to hold out no excuse to the Marshal for saying that order is endangered. But they cannot be answerable for their more fanatical followers of the Extreme Left, and an incautious word, an arrest, or an attempted rescue, might lead to a scuffle, the consequences of which no one can foresee.

Old Mother Hubbard, if I remember rightly, went to the baker's to get her dog some bread, and when she came back she found the unfortunate animal dead. Whereupon, she proceeded—rather unnecessarily, as it always struck my infantile imagination—to buy her poor dog a coffin. And upon her return from this second expedition, she is reported to have found her poor dog a-laughing. Our minds have been exercised somewhat in the same way as Old Mother Hubbard's by the widely different telegrams which so rapidly followed one another with regard to "The Cleopatra." We were fighting over the site in which to place the precious obelisk when we heard that she had been abandoned to the ocean, and abandoned without hope of recovery. Every newspaper uttered its Jeremiah, and the air was "filled with theories and sad accents." Scarcely had our lamentations left our lips when it was announced that the lost was found. We have, however, obtained all the moral advantages which can be derived from a few hours' practical application of such wise saws as "There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," "Don't hollo till you are out of the wood," "Don't count your chickens before they are hatched." If the Needle had gone to the bottom of the Bay of Biscay, as half the Elgin Marbles did to the bottom of the Ægean Sea, I suppose it would have been a national disaster; but it would, at least, have spared us from any more of an apparently endless squabble about a site and from a good deal of "spread-eagleism" and "high falutin."

Mr. Gladstone has so far kept his word, and his visit to Ireland has hitherto been entirely private. I hope, for his own sake, he will not be tempted to depart from his wise resolution of being swift to hear and slow to speak. He will have much to see, and may learn many things in that land of anomalies. As to the reports of his going to Belfast, they were quite premature, and, perhaps, there is no part of the island where he would meet a more scurvy reception. The Orange party there are quite prepared to reverse a Charivari around any unfortunate English Liberal who approaches the old haunts of ascendancy. The Secretary of the Liberation Society was foolish enough to try to commend the cause of Disestablishment there; but the boys were too much for him. He was hooted down with Kentish fire and party cries; and Mr. Gladstone, if he visit Belfast at all, had better go there incognito.—By the way, an excellent photograph of our ex-Premier is now on sale in the shops. I thought this was a squib at first. He is *en costume*, seated on the stump of a tree in his shirt sleeves, axe in hand, with nothing but chips around him. Is it in this character, as the political woodcutter, that Mr. Gladstone wishes to go down to history?

Bradford has been already beyond any other town in the kingdom the theatre of vacation oratory; but it is not yet satisfied. Bradfordian Conservatism has surprised itself at the revelation of its own strength during the Indian Secretary's visit; and it is now thought well that the effect produced should be followed up with the Secretary for War. Mr. Gathorne Hardy is descended from an old Yorkshire family, long resident in Horsforth, a large straggling village between Bradford and Leeds. The Bradfordians may, therefore, reckon him one of themselves.

Considerable surprise has been caused by the resignation of Mr. Pierrepoint, the United States Minister. He has been much more of a general favourite in Society than most American Ministers. His name will not associate itself in history with any remarkable diplomatic intercourse between the two countries; and so much the better for its popularity. There is just a rumour that Mr. Pierrepoint's resignation is owing to pique at real or fancied slights done to him during his recent visit to Balmoral. If this be the fact, Mr. Francis Train will, no doubt, take occasion to pour out new vials of wrath upon a court which paid no attention to his telegrams, and which kept the ex-President of the great Republic waiting a quarter of an hour. After the end of next month the American Embassy in London will be left in the hands of a subordinate until the new Ambassador be selected. Perhaps, the Yankees would be glad to send us General Clay, their ex-Minister at St. Petersburg. That gallant officer and diplomatist has just deliberately killed a negro for an act of disobedience. He gave himself up to justice, but the jury unanimously acquitted him. Nigger-killing is not reckoned a great crime in the Southern States.

Audi alteram partem. The humanitarians have had their say, and now that the popular suspense has been appeased by the reprieve of the Penge convicts, the sterner sort are heard in conversation and lenghty in print. These gentlemen, however, in most cases, only clamour for the extreme penalty of the law because they are sure it will not be inflicted. Their Draconian severity is only skin deep; it marks a reaction in favour of the weak and helpless; and as such, it is hardly inopportune just now, when popular sympathy is all on the side of those who shamefully neglected, if they did not actually murder, a half imbecile woman and her infant. The objectors to the reprieve imagine that a part of the agitation which has prevailed has been owing to a vulgar feeling that it was rather hard to put four sane people to death to avenge the blood of one poor half-witted creature. The meeting in the Freemasons' Hall was a disreputable affair. The only redeeming feature about it was the paucity of the attendance. It is a pity that the Press should have thought it worth while to report the proceedings. Some men who have managed to obtain a few days notoriety by agitation, are like tigers which have tasted blood, they have acquired an inappeasable appetite for more. It is in this way that fanatics are created. If the gentlemen of the Freemasons' Hall could have their way, and obtain a fresh investigation of the Penge case, no doubt the Stauntons would soon have a large and devoted party at their back as the prisoner—*par excellence the* prisoner at Portland, whither he has just been deported from Dartmoor. Speaking of the quondam "Sir Roger," reminds me that his wife is living in Doughty Street, which forms part of the Tichborne estate, in order that she and her children may feel that they are upon the hereditary property of the family. She lets lodgings, and, I believe, is largely partronised by members of the Magna Charta Association. She still refuses to pay rates, &c., under the name of Mrs. Orton. She rejects with equal contumely the more neutral name of Castro, and I fear she will put the authorities to the trouble of distraining her furniture periodically, rather than submit to have herself addressed otherwise than as Lady Tichborne.

Here is a complete list of contributors to Mr. H. J. Byron's forthcoming magazine devoted to fun and joviality, entitled *Mirth*; and, perhaps, such a lot of men have never been got together since the old days of the *Comic News*. Mr. (Editor) H. J. Byron, who, it is whispered, will contribute a highly comic sketch of an important theatrical personage at home, and Messrs. G. A. Sala, John Hollingshead, Henry S. Leigh, Godfrey Turner, Moy Thomas, W. S. Gilbert, Robert Reece, J. B. Planche, and James Albery Planche's verses are in his very best manner. It is expected that a first edition of 50,000 copies of *Mirth* will be called for.

Local and District News.

LANCHESTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.—Only two of the members (the Chairman and Mr. N. Clark) of this Committee attending at the Board-room on Tuesday, no business was transacted.

MISSIONARY SERVICES.—Primitive Methodist missionary services have been held during the present week at Consett, Bradley Cottages, Lanchester, Castleside, and Muggleswick, the Revs. T. Brodie (Stanley) and J. D. Thompson (Sunderland) attending as the deputation. The circuit ministers also took part in the proceedings. According to the report, which was read by the secretary, Rev. J. Welford, the missionary work is steadily and surely progressing.

DR. CHADWICK AND USHAW COLLEGE.—In a few days the Right Rev. Dr. Chadwick, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, will arrive at Ushaw to undertake, in addition to his other duties, the Presidency of the College. Dr. Chadwick will act as President until the appointment of a suitable gentleman to that position.

SOUTH PONTOP YOUNG MEN'S IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.—The second quarterly meeting in connection with the above was held on Saturday last. The following gentlemen were re-elected:—Mr. Henry Greener, president; Mr. Geo. Swan, vice-president; Mr. W. Robson, secretary; Mr. Robert Coulthard, treasurer. Other business having been transacted, the members repaired to the residence of Mr. Greener, where an excellent supper had been prepared by Mrs. Greener and Miss Metcalf.

THE GROCERS' LICENSE COMMISSION.—Mr. Alexander Macdonald, M.P., in giving evidence before the Grocers' License Commission in Scotland on Saturday, said it was an infamous slander to maintain that the large consumption of drink was due to increased drunkenness among the working classes. Drunkenness was decreasing among them. The increased consumption of liquor was among the middle classes. He thought, however, that grocers' spirit licenses should be abolished, as they encouraged drinking among women.

THE PENGE CONVICTS.—The special addition of the *Globe*, of Wednesday night, contained the following:—Although no official information has yet reached us respecting the commuted sentences of the four prisoners now in Maidstone Gaol, we have some grounds for believing that Alice Rhodes will be granted a free pardon, and that the other three Stauntons will be sentenced to penal servitude, most probably for life. Up to the hour of going to press, no intimation respecting the Penge convicts had been received from the Home Office.

NEWCASTLE INFIRMARY CONCERTS.—Those of our readers who appreciate good music will have rare opportunities of gratifying their taste by listening to the concerts about to be held in Newcastle in aid of the funds of the Infirmary. Several of our most talented artistes are engaged to take part, and while those who patronise the concerts are certain of a great treat, their patronage will afford valuable assistance to one of the most deserving of our public institutions. A special train will leave for Benfieldside, calling at all intermediate stations, after the concert on Saturday night, the 10th proximo.

DEARNESS VALLEY LINE.—The people of Cornsay, Waterhouses, Quebec, and the other villages in the Dearness Valley will be glad to hear that there is a probability of the above line being opened out for passenger traffic in the course of a few days.

ACCIDENT AT THE IRONWORKS.—An accident, which will result in between 400 and 500 men being thrown out of employment, took place at the Shotley Bridge or Tin Mill Ironworks this week. It appears that on Tuesday night, about eleven o'clock, the fly-wheel which drives No. 6 and 7 Plate Mills suddenly stopped, and on an examination being made it was found that the main driving shaft had snapped. The fly-wheel, with the spur wheel attached, weighing altogether about thirty tons, fell into the fly pit, the fall breaking three or four of the fly-wheel arms. It is expected that a fortnight will elapse before the shaft can be replaced and the injury done to the fly-wheel repaired. About 100 furnacemen have been idle this week, and as the puddling furnaces are to stop this (Saturday) morning, other 400 hands will be thrown out of work.

WESLEYAN METHODIST MISSIONARY MEETINGS.—On Monday evening, the annual meeting of the Blanchland Branch of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society was held in the Providence Wesleyan Chapel, Baybridge. The chair was occupied by Mr. Wilson Bell, and addresses were given by the Revs. W. H. Milward and T. Henwood, having special reference to the mission cause.—A similar meeting was held at Edmondbyers on the same evening, which was presided over by Mr. H. Surtees. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. S. Lock and Mr. J. Batey.—On Tuesday evening, a missionary meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Blackhill. Mr. Joshua Lax, of Shotley Bridge, occupied the chair, and, after the chairman's introductory remarks, the Revs. W. H. Milward and S. Lock addressed the asssembly.—A similar meeting was held at Lanchester on Wednesday evening.—A collection was made at each meeting in aid of the mission fund.

BEAMISH AND PONTOP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The annual turnip competition of this society was held on Wednesday last. The judges were—Mr. Henderson, Horsley Hill; Mr. Cleasby, Durham; and Mr. John Lyall, Bywell Hall Farm. The awards were as follows:—Class 1, for the best four acres of swedes, 1st, £4, Mr. G. Little, Picktree, Chester-le-Street; 2nd, £2, Mr. Crofton, Chester-le-Street; h.c., Mr. Bell, Hedley Hall. Class 2, for the best four acres of any sort except swedes, 1st, £4, Mr. Bell, Hedley Hall; 2nd, £2, Mr. G. Little, Picktree, Chester-le-Street. Class 3, for the best three acres of swedes and three acres of any other sort, open to tenant farmers, 1st, £5, Mr. Bell, Hedley Hall; 2nd, £2, Mr. Howdon, Pockerly, Chester-le-Street. The dinner was held at the Shepherds' Inn, Beamish, Mr. Clark of Beamish Park, in the chair. The judges reported the turnip crops they have seen to be very much better than they expected to find them, and very creditable to the growers.

THE STATE OF TRADE.—The depression of trade is affecting all classes in this neighbourhood, and affords a striking contrast to the prosperous years when the coal trade was flourishing. The pitmen generally are earning less then half the wages they then received, and the various tradesmen in the district are feeling the dullness in full force. Public-house property went up to an almost fabulous price, and rents rose accordingly, carrying necessarily with them increased sums for licenses and heavier rates. Rents have varied from two to even five times the amount at which they stood five or six years ago, and no portion of the community is feeling the present dullness of trade and small wages more than the licensed victuallers. With not a few it will be a hard task to take out the licenses for the ensuing year. Now that the colliery owners have obtained a reduction varying from 30 to 50 per cent. in the local rates, it is only reasonable that the case of the innkeepers should be similarly dealt with.—*Durham Advertiser*.

CONSETT SCIENCE CLASS.—The re-opening meeting and distribution of prizes, in connection with the above class, took place in the National School-room, on Saturday evening last. Mr. Curry presided, and distributed the prizes which had been earned in the past year. The government examination had been highly satisfactory, the percentage of passes being greater than the average percentage of the United Kingdom. Out of sixteen students examined in machine construction and drawing, ten obtained a second-class certificate, two a first-class, and one a Queen's prize, four having failed. Out of fifteen students examined in practical, plain, and solid geometry, one obtained a first-class certificate, and ten a second-class, four having failed. The following were the successful students:—

	Geometrical drawing.	Machine construction.
H. Muncaster	1st	1st
W. Russell	2nd	1st
W. Hopper	2nd	2nd
D. Oswald	2nd	2nd
W. Best	2nd	2nd
C. Knifton	2nd	2nd
E. Campbell	2nd	2nd
E. Wardhaugh	2nd	2nd
A. Carr	2nd	
W. Moir	2nd	
J. Ridley	2nd	
R. Heymer		2nd
G. Bennison		2nd

There was a good attendance of students, and at the close of the proceedings they passed a hearty vote of thanks to their tutor, Mr. W. N. Clark.

TANFIELD LIBRARY.—On Friday evening last, a concert was held in the Infant School-room, Tanfield, in aid of the funds of the library. The Rev. T. H. Archdall presided. Notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the weather, there was a good company present. On account of the length of the programme, it was intended to allow no encores but this had to be set aside, owing to the hearty approval of the pieces. The following songs were sung in reply to rapturous encores:—

"Juanita" ... Miss Oswald
"I am dreaming" ... Mr. Dundas and others
"Simon the cellarer" ... Mr. G. Chaytor
"Poor old Joe" ... Mr. Gibbons
"Sweet Alice, Ben Bolt" ... Mr. T. Wilson
"Close the shutters, Willie's dead" ... Miss Hunter
"Jessie at the railway bar" ... Mr. Yorke
"What are the wild waves saying" Misses Oswald and Smith
"Rustic young beauty" ... Mr. Curry

There were other songs requested, but owing to the lateness of the hour, they could not possibly be granted. The very appreciative manner in which the whole of the songs, duets, &c., were received by the audience, makes any comment on the programme, and the rendering of it, entirely superfluous, as it shows of itself the high esteem in which the various performers are held in the district. After according the usual votes of thanks, the company dispersed, having been much delighted with the evening's entertainment. Subjoined is the programme:—

PART I.

Overture ... Messrs. Chaytor
Song ... "Four jolly smiths" ... Rev. R. Tuson
Song ... "I cannot sing the old songs" ... Miss Hunter
Duet ... "The Gipsy Countess" ... Mr. and Miss Penn
Song ... "Sweet spirit, hear my prayer" ... Miss Oswald
Part Song ... "The Alpine herdsman" ... Mr. Dundas and others
Song ... "Under the British flag" ... Mr. G. Chaytor
Song ... "Belle Mahone" ... Miss Wilson
Song ... "Footsteps on the stairs" ... Miss Smith
Clarionett Solo ... "Blue bells of Scotland" ... Mr. H. Chaytor
Song ... "Old Adam was a gentleman" ... Mr. Gibbons

PART II.

Overture ... Messrs. Chaytor
Song ... "Down by the old mill stream" ... Mr. T. Wilson
Song "'Tis for him that mother's weeping" Miss Hunter
Duet ... "The cousins" ... Misses Smith and Oswald
Song ... "My old grey mare" ... Mr. Yorke
Song ... "The brook" ... Miss Penn
Song ... "Shabby genteel" ... Mr. R. Curry
Part-Song "Come now, 'tis early springtime" Mr. Dundas and others
Song ... "The vacant chair" ... Miss Wilson
Song ... "The village blacksmith" ... Mr. G. Chaytor
Song ... "Mother kissed me in my dream" ... Mr. Gibson
National anthem ... Company.

Railway Time Table.

CONSETT BRANCH

TRAINS.—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS.	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	,2,G P.M.
Newcastle ....dep.	5·45	9·40	12·30	2·30	5·35
Scotswood .... „	5·52	9·47	12·37	2·37	5·42
Swalwell .... „	5·59	9·54	12·43	2·43	5.49
Rowland's Gill .... „	6·9	10·4	12·53	2·53	5.59
Lintz Green ...... „	6·15	10·10	12·59	2·59	6·5
Ebchester .... „	6·28	10·23	1·12	3·12	6·18
Shotley Bridge.... „	6·34	10·29	1·18	3·18	6·24
			1·25	3·25	
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) arr.				4·40	6·35
dep	6·42	10·37		4·52	6·47
Knitsley.......... „	6·54	10·49		5·1	6·56
Lanchester........ „	7·3	10·58		5·12	7·7
Witton Gilbert .... „	7.14	11·9		5·25	7·20
Durham ....arr.	7·25	11.20			

DOWN TRAINS—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2 G. A.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G P.M
Durham ....dep.	7·30		11·45	3·45	8·0
Witton Gilbert .... „	7·42		11·57	3·57	8·12
Lanchester .... „	7·55		12·10	4·10	8·25
Knitsley .... „	8·7		12·22	4·20	8·36
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) arr.				4·30	
dep	8·20	9·10	12·35	3·35	8·50
Shotley Bridge .... „	8·25	9·15	12.40	3·40	8·55
Ebchester .... „	8·29	9·19	12·44	3·44	8·59
Lintz Green ...... „	8·39	9·29	12·54	3.54	9.9
Rowland's Gill .... „	8·44	9·34	12·59	4·0	9·14
Swalwell .... „	8·52	9·42	1·7	4·7	9·22
Scotswood .... „	8·59	9·49	1·14	4·14	9·29
Newcastle ....arr.	9·10	10·0	1·25	4·25	9·40

MARKET TRAINS ON SATURDAYS.

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

STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.		
Newcastle ....dep.	7·10	4·0	5·25	7·30
Scotswood.......... „	7·17	4·9	5·32	7·37
Swalwell .... „	7·24	4·15	5.39	7·45
Rowland's Gill ...... „	7·34	4·25	5·49	8·54
Lintz Green.......... „	7·40	4·29	5·55	8·2
Ebchester.......... „	7·53	4·42	6·8	8·16
Shotley Bridge ...... „	7·59	4·47	6·14	8·23
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill) arr.	8·5	4·56	6·20	8·30
dep.	9·20	5·10		
Knitsley	9·32	5·22	..	
Lanchester	9·41	5·31	..	
Witton Gilbert	9.52	5·44	..	
Durham ....arr.	10·5	5·55	..	

STATIONS.	A.M.		P.M.
Durham ....dep.		......	4·0
Witton Gilbert ...... „	8·5	......	4·12
Lanchester .... „	8·18	......	4·25
Knitsley .... „	8·30	......	4.37
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill) arr.	8·45	......	4·48
dep.	8·50	......	5·30
Shotley Bridge ...... „	8·55	......	5·35
Ebchester .... „	8·59	......	5·39
Lintz Green .... „	9·9	12·59	5·49
Rowland's Gill .... „	9·15	12·44	5·55
Swalwell .... „	9·22	12·52	6·2
Scotswood.......... „	9·29	12·59	6·9
Newcastle..........arr.	9·40	1.10	6 20

SUNDAYS.

LEAVE	a.m.	p.m.	LEAVE	a.m.	p.m
Newcastle......	7·30	7·15	Benfieldside	8·35	8·20
Scotswood	7·37	7·22	Shotley Bridge..	8·40	8·25
Swalwell	7·44	7·29	Ebchester......	8·44	8·29
Rowland's Gill..	7·54	7·38	Lintz Green....	8·54	8·39
Lintz Green....	8·0	7·45	Rowland's Gill	8·59	8·44
Ebchester......	8·13	7·58	Swalwell	9·8	8·53
Shotley Bridge..	8·19	8·4	Scotswood	9·14	8·59
Benfieldside (arr)	8·25	8·10	Newcastle (arr).	9·25	9·10

STOCKTON AND DARLINGTON RAILWAY

GOING EAST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Newcastle ....dep.	5·45	12·30	2·30
Benfieldside .... „	6·50	1·30	4·30
Rowley .... „	7·0	1·40	4·40
Burnhill Junction.... „	7·10	1·50	4·50
Tow Law .... „	7·23	2·3	5·3
Crook .... arr.	7·35	2·15	5.15
dep.	7.38	2·26	5·25
Bishop Auckland .. „	8·7	2·53	5·56
Darlington	8·35	3·35	6·25
Stockton .... „	9·25	4·5	7·15
Middlesbro' .... „	9·35	4·15	7·30
Saltburn .... „	10·10	4·50	8·50

GOING WEST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Saltburn ....dep.	5·45	11·10	2·30
Middlesbro' .... „	6·22	11·45	3·7
Stockton .... „	6·34	11·55	3·17
Darlington .... „	7·15	12·30	5·5
Bishop Auckland.. „	7·48	1·15	5·30
Crook .... arr.	8·12	1·40	5·55
dep.	8·15	2·20	6·0
Tow Law .... „	8·27	2·32	6·15
Burnhill Junction .. „	8·42	2·45	6·30
Rowley .... „	8·52	2·55	6·40
Benfieldside....arr.	9·5	3·5	6·50
Newcastle ....arr.	10·0	4·25	9·40

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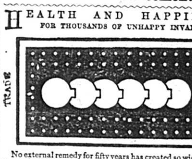
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Weston Lodge, Plymouth, Oct. 17th, 1877.

DEAR FRIENDS AND FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE BAND OF HOPE,—It gives us great pleasure to hear that your perseverance and industry have been rewarded with success, and that you intend to re-open the Temperance Hall, on Saturday. We should very much like to be present on this important occasion, and to enjoy with you the pleasant sight of the brightly lighted Hall, filled, as we hope it will be, with a good company. The Band of Hope may well accept congratulations on the courage, determination, and patience which have been shown in restoring this building, and we hope that these virtues will continue to characterise our Band, and now that the Hall is re-opened, they will be exercised to make it attractive and useful, so that the evenings spent here during the coming winter will prove how cheerful and happy social gatherings may be without the intoxicating glass. We cannot close this note without saying a word about the sorrow which we all feel in the sudden removal of one of our best and firmest members. This loss will be very much felt at this time, and you will be continually missing him. May these remembrances stimulate us to renewed energy and zeal, that we also may with ready cheerfulness do heartily and with our might whatever we find to do. Mrs. Bragg and Mrs. Phillips unite with us in sympathy in your present interests, and in best wishes for your success in this and all future efforts.—Yours very sincerely,

MARGARET BRAGG, SUSAN ANNA BRAGG.

The Misses Bragg, we may add, have always taken a warm interest in the Hall, and very general regret was expressed at their absence. The entertainment consisted of a couple of dialogues, and several pieces were rendered by the choir. Mr. R. Pallister and Mr. Nicholson alternately presided at the harmonium.

TANFIELD CHURCH.—At the half-yearly meeting of the Durham Diocesan Church Societies, in St. Nicholas' Vestry, Newcastle, on Thursday, a grant of £55 was voted towards the restoration of Tanfield Church. The estimated cost of restoring the edifice is £3,000, of which £1,555 has already been subscribed.

CONCERT AT BURNOPFIELD.—The committee of the Burnopfield flower show held a successful concert in the Temperance Hall, at the above place, on Monday evening last—the Rev. J. Stirrup in the chair. The singers were the Misses Unsworth, of Blackhill, who received prolonged applause each time they sung. Miss Harrison sung, among others, "Caller Herrin'," in first-rate style. Miss Stead was greatly applauded on singing "Come, birdie, come." A company from Newcastle, under the leadership of Mr. R. M. Craig, also received applause, having sung some duets and trios in a very pleasing manner. Messrs. Renwick, Sopwith, Curry, and others also contributed to the evening's enjoyment. The proceeding closed by the audience singing the national anthem.—*Correspondent.*

ACTION FOR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY AT CORNSAY.—At Durham County Court, on Monday, before E. J. Meynell, Esq., Judge, Mr. Wherley sought to recover from Mr. John Potts, draper, Consett, the sum of £19 5s., for damage to property.—Mr. Chambers appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Granger for the defence.—Mr. Wherley said he was the owner of a house aud shop in Cornsay. In May, 1875, he let the house to Mr. Potts, and the shop in August. At the time the premises were let there were in good repair. The defendant had a manager named John Wilson, who lived in the house. The defendant kept the house and shop till May of this year, when he left. Plaintiff then examined the premises, and found them quite different to what they were when he let them to Mr. Potts. The revolving shutters of the shop were broken, and likewise a number of paraffin lamps, two double lamp pendants, and two perfumed lamps. The fire-place, oven, and a number of other articles were also damaged and distroyed.—The defence was that the premises were in a dirty, dilapidated state when taken, and that Mr. Wherley undertook to put them into a good state of repair, but failed to do so.—A number of witnesses were called, but the evidence was of a very contradictory character, and the case was adjourned for a month, the Judge remarking that he would look over the evidence and see who was speaking the truth.

THE MANAGEMENT OF HIGHWAYS. — A special meeting of the members of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Farmer's Club took place on Saturday in the Club-room, Town Hall Buildings, Newcastle, for discussing the subject of the management of highways. Mr. Clark, Lintz Green House, moved "That the formation of highway districts should be compulsory." This, he said, was with reference to the new bill which they expected would come before Parliament next Session. He himself earnestly hoped that these highway districts would be formed, and that they would embrace all the roads within these areas. He knew several roads which lie between populous colliery districts, and although these collieries created perhaps nine-tenths of the traffic, the occupiers of the land were held responsible for the repairing of these roads. He therefore thought that all the members would agree that the formation of these highway districts ought to be compulsory.—Mr. Grey, Wylam Hills, seconded the resolution.—Mr. Wood said he objected to the highway districts being compulsory. They had a very good trial at Hexham; and certainly the result was not what they would have desired. In the first place, the rates were doubled; and in the second place, the roads instead of being improved were made worse; and it never was satisfactorily made out what came of the extra expenditure. He thought that by adopting the resolution they would be voting for a repetition of the same disorder. The Secretary (Mr. T. Bell, Hedley Hall) said the expense of the district with which he was connected, contrasted very favourably. Before he went to the place the roads were in an extremely bad condition under the township management. They were so bad that it was impossible to drive a conveyance; and the rates were from 4d. to 6d. in the pound. The highway districts were formed, and, as a natural consequence, the highway rates were multiplied, he should think by four, until the roads were made good; but as soon as they were made good, the maintenance did not cost any more than previously, and now they had good roads, efficiently managed, and at no more expense than when there were no roads at all.—Mr. Robert Wood said he lived in the same highway district as Mr. Bell, and could corroborate exactly what he had said.—The resolution was carried unanimously.—Mr. Robert Wood proposed, "That the management and classification of highways be carried out by the proposed County Boards."—Mr. McLaren, West House, seconded the resolution, which was carried.—Mr. Wood, Brocks Bushes, moved, "That the expense of managing and maintaining turnpike roads be defrayed from the county rate."—The motion was seconded by Mr. Grey, Wylam Hills, and carried unanimously.—A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.

COLLIERY EXPLOSION IN SCOTLAND.

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THURSDAY.

There is little to add to what has already been said as to the operations for recovering the bodies of the imprisoned miners. Hopes were entertained that by midnight the obstruction which exists in No. 3 shaft might be removed, aud preparations were made for commencing the work of exploration, squads of men being kept in readiness to descend the mine so soon as the shaft was re-opened. But the report still is that the workmen employed in the shaft are about 25 fathoms from the splint seam, and that it is impossible to fix with any degree of definiteness when the service of the explorers may be called into requisition. As has already been explained, the obstacles which blocks the way consists of a large mass of *debris*, some 20 feet in thickness, which has accumulated in the upcast or mid-compartment of the shaft. By the downcast the men have been able to descend to the level of the bottom of the obstructing mass, and through an opening in the mid-wall a plumb line has been dropped to within a few feet of the pit bottom—a distance of upwards of twenty fathoms. The practical men in charge have come to the conclusion that once fairly passed the ell seam the way is clear before them. When this may be accomplished, however, no one can say with certainty. The mass may be hanging on a single plank, the removal of which might cause the whole to fall to the bottom of the pit. Some disatisfaction still exists among the men, who continue to congregate to a late hour in the neighbourhood of the mines, that the bodies of the killed are allowed to remain so long underground. Bereaved relatives refuse to accept the assurance that no exertion is being spared to expedite the preliminary work; and opinions are freely offered in favour of carrying on the search from No. 2 pit. But the experienced mining engineers on the ground have resolved to abandon all attempts to do this, and to concentrate their attention on No. 3 pit. By adopting this course they consider that they will avoid the risk of sacrificing more valuable lives for the sake of recovering the bodies of the dead. The appearance of the neighbouring villages as the night advanced proved that the majority acquiesce in the wisdom of this decision. Lights which had been burning in almost every house during both Monday and Tuesday night were extinguished, and inmates retired to take greatly needed rest. In the meanwhile arrangements are being completed for receiving the bodies when they are brought to the surface. A platform has been erected at the pit-mouth, screened off from the public eye, and lanterns have been fitted up all around. On this platform the corpses will be laid down, washed, and coffined. They will then be taken to the building at the offices of the company, which has been converted into a dead-house, and here they lie for identification.

It has been ascertained that fourteen men, who were supposed to be in the pit and dead, are alive and all right, having left the mouth of No. 2 pit in the confusion consequent at first, and failed to report themselves. This leaves the number of dead bodies in the pit at 172, and the loss of life at 204. It is also expected that several others reported as dead will turn up.

Local Police Courts.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, Oct. 25.—Before M. KEARNEY, Esq. (chairman), E. T. SMITH, Esq., J. CLAVERING, Esq., and the Rev. J. P. DE PLEDGE.

DRUNK.—Thomas McGurk, labourer, Greencroft Cottages, and Miles Batey, Oxhill, miners, were summoned by P.C. Nicholson for being drunk, the former on the 21st and the latter on the 13th of the present month. They were fined 5s. and costs each.——John Scott, joiner, Thomas Hayes, and Thomas Mason, labourers, all of Cornsay Colliery, were charged by Sergt. Nattress with a similar offence, on the 20th inst. Hayes and Scott were fined 10s. and Mason 5s. and costs.——Richard Fawcett, of Langley Park, and Jos. Jobling, Waterhouses, miners, were summoned by P.C. Straker for being drunk, the former on the 14th and the latter on the 20th inst.—The offence was proved and defendants were fined 5s. and costs.——Jas. McCormack, of Stanley, miner, summoned by P.C. Kendrew for a similar offence on the 13th inst., was fined 5s. and the expenses.——Ann Muse, married woman, Greencroft Cottages, was charged by P.C. Nicholson with a similar offence on the 19th October. She was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.——James Martin and Thomas Quinn, labourers, Cornsay Colliery, were summoned by Sergt. Nattress for being drunk and disorderly at the above place on the 19th inst. Fined 5s. each and costs.——Hugh Glancey, labourer, was fined 10s. and costs, and Richard Fawcett, miner, was fined 5s. and costs for being drunk and disorderly at Langley Park. The cases were proved by P.C. Foster.——Joseph Suddes, of Springwell, labourer, charged by Inspector Scott with being drunk on the 18th inst., was fined 5s. and the expenses.

WILFUL DAMAGE.—John Churchill and Hugh Spark, pit boys, Catchgate, were summoned for trespassing in a turnip field belonging to Mrs. Humphrey, at Annfield Plain, on the 14th inst. They were ordered to pay the damage, 3d. each, and costs.——William Whitfield, miner, Quebec, for trespassing in a turnip field belonging to Mr. Johnson, and doing damage to the amount of 1s., was ordered to pay the damage and expenses.——George Blackett and John Bradley, of Hamsteels Colliery, were charged with trespassing in a field belonging to the same complainant, on the 8th October. Fined 1s. each, and ordered to pay the damage and costs.——Robert Anderson and George Jackson, of Pit Hill, miners, were charged with damaging underwood at the above place, on the 9th inst. Ordered to pay the damage and costs.——John Lee, of Cement Houses, miner, was summoned by P.C. Curren for trespassing in a grass field belonging to Messrs. Hedley and Co., on the 5th October. The officer said defendant was looking for rabbit "smouts" in a hedge.—Defendant said he was employed by Messrs. Hedley, and thought he had a right to go where he chose.—P.C. Curren said he was authorised by Messrs. Hedley to summon people who trespassed.—Defendant remarked that he was merely seeking herbs.—He was fined 2s. 6d. and the damage and costs.

GAME TRESPASS.—Robert Anderson, of Oxhill, miner, was summoned for trespassing in search of conies on land belonging to Robert Dickinson, Esq., on the 4th inst. The case was proved and defendant was fined 20s. and costs.——Andrew York, of Shield Row, miner, charged with trespassing in pursuit of conies on land belonging to Mr. John Peacock, on the 10th inst., was ordered to pay a fine of 10s. and costs.——William Askew, miner, Stanley, was fined 10s. and costs for trespassing in pursuit of conies on land belonging to Mr. Thomas Turnbull, on the same date.——John Pearson, William James, and George Wheatley, miners, Tow Law, were summoned for trespassing in search of conies on land in the occupation of Mr. John Nicholson, on the 14th October. Wheatley was discharged; the other defendants were fined 10s. and costs each.

ASSAULT NEAR "THE MONKEY'S NEST."—Three brothers named James, Lawrence, and Thomas Halfpenny, all of Cornsay Colliery, were summoned for an assault on James Martin. Mr. Dickinson defended. The evidence showed that on the 20th October complainant was going along the Tow Law road with a couple of companions. On reaching a public-house known as "The Monkey's Nest," one of Martin's companions went in for some beer, and while complainant was standing on the road Lawrence Halfpenny struck him on the face. Thomas and James also attacked him, the latter kicking him and the former hitting him with a stone.—Mr. Dickinson cross-examined complainant at great length, but failed to shake his testimony.—The magistrates considered that an assault had been committed, and fined each defendant 10s. and costs.

HIGHWAY ACT.—William Wilson, of Satley, innkeeper, was summoned for allowing two cows to stray on the highway. P.C. Best, who proved the case, said he had cautioned defendant about allowing his cattle to stray.—Defendant was fined 9s. 6d., including costs.——John Young, of Salter's Gate, was also summoned for allowing two cows to stray. P.C. Best said he found the cattle between Drover House and Salter's Gate. Fined 9s. 6d. inclusive of costs.——George Storey, of Cowsley, was summoned for allowing cattle to stray. P.C. Best said he found five of defendant's cattle on the highway between Satley and Broomshields. They very frequently strayed in that way.—Defendant said the cattle grazed on the common, and there was no protection.—The magistrates told him he had no right to allow them to go on to the highway.—A fine of 12s. 6d., including costs, was imposed.——Arthur Little, of West Butsfield, was summoned by P.C. Best for a similar offence. The officer said he found two cows, which belonged to the defendant, straying on the road between Woodlands and Butsfield. It was only a few weeks since defendant was fined at Consett for a similar offence.—Mrs. Little said the cows were going for a drink when the officer found them.—P.C. Best said the cows were two miles from where the defendant lived. Defendant was ordered to pay 10s., including fine and costs.——Thomas Brownlow, of Ushaw Moor, miner, charged by P.C. Straker with allowing a horse to stray on the highway, on the 17th inst., was fined 9s., including costs.

DISOBEYING JUSTICES' ORDER.—Edward and Jas. Rook, brothers, of Mountsett, were charged with disobeying an order of the justices. Mr. Ritson, Clerk to the Union, said on the 18th July defendants were ordered to pay 1s. 3d. each weakly to the maintenance of their mother, Mary Rook. James was owing 15s. to the Union, and there was 8s. 9d. due from Edward.—Defendants pleaded poverty, and said they could not maintain their own families. One stated he had a wife and four children and had not received more than 16s. a-week for the past four months.—They were ordered to pay the amount due.

PERMITTING DRUNKENNESS AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.—Catherine Dodds, innkeeper, Annfield Plain, was summoned for permitting drunkenness. P.C. Nicholson said on the 28th September, about half-past ten o'clock at night, he was on duty at Annfield Plain, and saw a woman named Mary Errington standing in Mrs. Dodds' passage with a glass in her hand. She was drunk and two men were standing in front of her. A man named Smith, of Greencroft Cottages, came out of a room and asked Mrs. Errington to have a glass with him. Witness and P.C. Curren went into a back room a few minutes afterwards and found Mrs. Errington with a fresh glass in her hand. Mrs. Errington was led away shortly afterwards by two men.—Mrs. Dodds said she was at Tynemouth at the time. She understood that the man who gave Mrs. Errington the liquor was her brother. The woman, she said, was not supplied with drink by those in charge of the house.—The Chairman remarked that the fact of Mrs. Dodds being at Tynemouth did not clear her of responsibility. When she left home she ought to have left a qualified person in charge. Mrs. Dodds was fined 40s. and costs in 1873 for an offence against her license. As a considerable time had elapsed since that conviction, and in the hope that Mrs. Dodds would be more careful in future, they would only fine her 40s. and costs, and the licence would not be endorsed.

REFUSING TO MAINTAIN PARENTS.—Robert Scott, innkeeper, Dunstan, was summoned by Mr. Ritson, clerk to the Union, for neglecting to contribute to the support of his parents, who at present reside at Tantobie. Mr. Walton, relieving-officer, said James Scott and his wife, father and mother of the defendant, had been chargeable to the Union since the 20th September.—Mr. William Halcro, solicitor, Sunderland, who appeared for the defence, said the defendant had for many years maintained his father, and at the present time was willing to do so. The old man was living with defendant up to three months ago, and for seven years prior to that the defendant had kept his father. He left of his own accord, and Scott was now willing to take him back.—The Clerk Mr. Watson) said the magistrates could make an order, but it would cease if the father went to live with the defendant.—Mr. Ritson said he believed the father refused to live with defendant.—The Clerk said he had a right to refuse if he chose.—Defendant said he had a house with thirteen rooms in it, and could accommodate his father.—The Clerk remarked there was no law to compel a father to live with his son against his will.—Defendant said if his father refused to live with him he should have to go to the Workhouse.—The Chairman (to Mr. Halcro): This man might make it disagreeable to his father.—Mr. Halcro: I believe there is nothing of that sort.—Mr. Walton, in answer to the Bench, said defendant's father was 82 years old, and the mother was 73. They were receiving 5s. a-week.—The magistrates made an order for 5s. a-week.

PEDLARS' ACT.—Ann Riley, aged 15, was charged with hawking without a license. P.C. Reay stated on the 10th inst. defendant was at Hamsteels Colliery. She had a basket containing brooches and other small articles, which she was hawking from door to door.—Defendant's father here stepped forward and produced a license.—The Clerk said the license was for the father and did not authorise the daughter to hawk.—Riley said it was a "family" license. He was suffering from rheumatism and his wife and daughter went about with the cart. Riley added that the Supervisor at Durham could prove that the liense he held authorised his daughter to hawk. He would stop the court (putting a shilling on the table) and call the Supervisor as a witness.—The Chairman: Take up your shilling. There is no such thing as stopping the court. (Laughter).—The Clerk said the girl could not hawk without a separate license.—The Chairman said it might seem a hard case, but they were obliged to carry out the law. The smallest penalty they could inflict was 1s. and costs.

CHARGE AGAINST A SHIELD ROW INNKEEPER.—John Peacock, innkeeper, Shield Row, was summoned for being drunk on licensed premises. From the evidence it appeared that about half-past seven o'clock in the evening, P.C. Kendrew visited Peacock's house and found defendant standing in the passage. He was drunk, and had a pot in his hand, which he was swinging about. As soon as Peacock saw the officer he commenced to swear, said he (defendant) was drunk, and the officer could summons him.—Defendant, in answer to the Bench, said he did not remember whether he was drunk or not. Sergeant Fraser, he said, called at his house at nine o'clock the same evening, and he was not then drunk.—The Clerk: Do you want the Sergeant called as a witness?—Defendant: Yes.—Sergt. Fraser was then called, and said when he went to Peacock's house defendant "was not incapable, but was the worse for drink."—The magistrates found that defendant had been drunk, and fined him 10s. and costs.

POOR LAW ACT.—Samuel Bant, of South Derwent Colliery, James Bant and John Bant, of Hetton Colliery, miners, were summoned for allowing their father to become chargeable to the Lanchester Poor Law Union. Samuel and John were ordered to pay 2s. per week each, and James 1s. a-week.——Edward Crinson, of Garesfield Colliery, was summoned for allowing his father to become chargeable to the Union. Mr. Ritson asked for an order for 2s. a-week against the defendant. They were already receiving 3s. per week from another son. Defendant was ordered to contribute 2s. a-week.

A DRUNKEN MAN'S FREAK.—A young man named John Mains was placed in the dock to answer a charge of housebreaking. The prosecutor was Allen McPherson, who said he was an engineman, and was also the proprietor of a photographic studio at Tantobie. A little after ten o'clock on Monday night he was told that a man had broken into his studio. On going out he found that the door had been forced open. Defendant was inside, and on seeing prosecutor he pretended to be drunk. He had smashed eight panes of glass before prosecutor arrived. The studio contained several articles of value, among other things being a silver bath and a quantity of chemicals, but nothing had been removed. He did not know the defendant, except by eyesight.—P.C. Dawson spoke to apprehending defendant shortly after being discovered by Mr. McPherson. Defendant had had some drink, but was not drunk. The officer added that defendant lived with an uncle at White-le-Head, which was about a quarter of a mile from the studio, and worked at the Delight Pit.—Defendant said he was drunk, and did not know what he was doing. On the night in question he had eight or ten glasses of whisky, and could not tell how he got into the studio.—McPherson said when he first saw defendant the latter told him two men had chased him into the studio. That was not true, however, as his (prosecutor's) sister saw defendant force his way into the studio. Prosecutor added that defendant had left his dog outside, and it was the noise it made at the door that first attracted attention. At the time prosecutor entered the studio defendant was attempting to get out of the window.—In answer to the Bench, McPherson said it would cost 7s. 6d. to repair the window and door.—The magistrates said if defendant would pay the damage and costs he would be discharged. They did not think he intended to steal anything.—Defendant at once paid the money and left the court.

USING A GUN WITHOUT A LICENSE.—John Barker, a young man in the employment of Mr. Walburn, of Square House Farm, near Lanchester, was summoned for using a gun without a license. P.C. Reay said on the 21st of August he was on duty near Square House Farm, and heard the report of a gun. Immediatley afterwards he saw the defendant with gun, and he also had a rabbit, which he admitted having shot. Defendant had no license. Two days afterwards witness was in the same neighbourhood, and again saw defendant with a gun, and he also had a rabbit in his possession.—Mr. Walburn said the farm which he held belonged to Mr. Kearney, and he had leave to kill rabbits. The defendant asked him (Mr. Walburn) if he could kill rabbits, and witness, thinking that he did not require a license for shooting on his own farm, gave him leave to shoot rabbits and crows. Mr. Walburn added that the rabbits had done him £15 or £20 worth of damage this year, and he thought it was hard if his crops had to be destroyed by such vermin.—The Clerk said rabbits were not vermin.— Mr. Walburn: I was under the impression I could destroy them without a license.—The Clerk: You must have a license before you can shoot them.—P.C. Reay said it was true that Mr. Walburn had leave to distroy the rabbits, but he was not to kill them with firearms.—The Chairman said the penalty was £10, but they would reduce it to one-fourth.—Defendant was then fined £2 10s., including costs. The money was paid by Mr. Walburn.

AN UNHAPPY COUPLE.—Thomas Pordam, of Consett, was summoned to show cause why an order should not be made on him for the maintenance of his wife, Ann Pordam, who had become chargeable to the Union.—Defendant said his wife left his house of her own accord, and he thought it was a hard case that he should be called on to make her a separate allowance. He was a widower at the time he married her, with two daughters, and his wife had behaved very badly both to himself and his children.—The magistrates ordered defendant to allow his wife 7s. 6d. a-week.

REFUSING TO QUIT.—Peter Crain, miner, Shield Row, was charged with refusing to quit the licensed premises of John Clarkson, at Stanley. A fine of 10s. and costs was imposed.

THREATENING LANGUAGE.—Cuthbert Robinson, an elderly man, was charged with using threatening language to Mary Coxon, at Langley Park, on the 20th inst. Defendant was bound over in his own recognisance of £5 to keep the peace for three months, and also ordered to pay the costs.

Correspondence.

☞ *We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

PRIVATE ADVENTURE SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I should not have deemed it necessary to reply to an anonymous letter signed "The Dame," which appeared in your paper last week, had it not been for the misleading report of the proceedings of the School Attendance Committee the previous week, as furnished by your reporter. That report conveys the idea that the business of the meeting commenced with an attack upon the Dame School at Lanchester, whereas the discusion arose out of a letter upon the subject received by our Clerk from the Education Department, of which your reporter took no notice. Personally, I can have no feelings of "hostility" towards "The Dame," but, in common with the other members of the Committee, with whom I have the honour and pleasure to work, I am anxious to see the Education Act carried out in its integrity, with the greatest delicacy and consideration, but without fear or favour, and it is our duty to do so. "The Dame" must be aware of the fact that the Local Government Board, through the report of their Inspector, did not consider that the children at the Union Workhouse received efficient elementary education under her care, and they were consequently removed to the very excellent National Schools in Lanchester. Previous to their removal I satisfied myself by a personal inspection and examination as to the real state of the case, the results of which she cannot have forgotten. I have no wish to be hard on "The Dame," and I shall only be too glad to hear that since that time much improvement has taken place in many respects, and that now the children are efficiently instructed in all the branches of a sound elementary education. Mine, Sir, has been a varied experience extending over upwards of 27 years, and I come to the conclusion that parents—who not unfrequently have neither time, nor ability, nor inclination to test their progress—have a better guarantee in our National Schools that their children are properly taught under a trained teacher, than they possibly can be at any private venture school which is conducted, regardless of all sanitary considerations, for the sole benefit of the teacher, whose work is never tested by an independent examiner, and who is not responsible to any constituted authority for the manner in which the work is done, or for the results. I have now finished with "The Dame," as I shall not waste time by condescending to notice the irrelevant personal remarks to which she (?) gave expression. They doubtless were a great relief to the mind that conceived them, but they are as incorrect and inaccurate as they are illogical and vulgar. I must not lose this opportunity of thanking your other correspondent, "An Old Dame," for her letter, which, tho' disfigured by the tone in which it is written, will do good service for the School Attendance Committee, inasmuch as her quotations from the various Education Acts bring before the public exactly what we wish to be known. I think, however, she can have little knowledge of the working of elementary schools, or she would not regard it as such a light and easy matter to do justice to 60 children, by passing them in the various standards up to the fourth. If, as she says, "any old dame almost" can do that, what is the use of our training colleges? Why should there have been any legislation for the improvement of popular education?—I have the honour to remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. P. DE PLEDGE.

Satley Vicarage, Oct. 23, 1877.

[We are sorry if the Chairman's views were misrepresented in our report. With regard to the main point at issue, it is perhaps only fair that we should give the following extract from a letter sent to the Guardians in April, 1876, by the Local Government Board, after a visit paid to "The Dame" School by one of their Inspectors. "The girls," the Inspector reports, "who attend a dame's school in the village are most inefficiently taught. No arithmetic is taught in this school, though from an entry of Mr. Cully in the Visitors' Book in February, 1874, I see that he was then informed to the contrary effect, but all the girls now affirm that they are not taught any, and the Schoolmistress whom I saw scarcely denied this. Of 20 girls who attend the school, four of whom are twelve years of age, only two use slates (except that two more said that a slate was sometimes given them to write their names on). No dictation is given to any of the girls, and their knowledge of spelling was very moderate. Twelve wrote in copybooks, which were very clean; the writing was moderately good. No secular reading book was used in the School. Five of the elder girls read the minor Prophets; they were not, however, competent to read anything so difficult, and of some of the most elementary facts of Bible history they were absolutely ignorant. Nine other girls read, but by no means well, some extracts from the Psalms. The sewing was much praised by the Master of the Workhouse. The specimen shown me was pretty fairly done, but by no means remarkably well. The Schoolmistress, however, was uncertain which child, or how old a child, had done it, so that not much stress either way can be laid on this point." The Inspector adds—"I think the desirability of either appointing a Schoolmistress, or of sending the girls to the National School, instead of the Private Adventure School to which they are now sent, cannot be doubted."—Ed. *C. G*].

THE LAND QUESTION.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—No farmer will have a tillage farm if a grass farm is to be obtained, as he has no security given if he invests his capital, but the State must interfere to secure food for the people. The land question in England is yet to become a battle question, serious in character, and uncertain as to its method of solution. Food is becoming scarce, and the land is not made to produce as it ought to do. Only one thing is certain, viz., that thousands must not be allowed to continue to grow poor and wretched in order that a few dozen persons may become unfairly, as well as enormously rich, that pauperism has become more permanent and more widespread, and that consequently certain classes of crime and misery have become more complete. The land in England is in too few hands, and will have to be more equally divided. It is impossible for the student of our history not to observe how the landed aristocracy have utilised their possession of political powers for the transference from their own shoulders to the shoulders of the people the bulk of the local and imperial taxation. The land is constantly increasing in value, or at any rate, a higher rental is exacted by the freeholder, and yet there is no corresponding contribution from the landowner towards imperial burdens. On the contrary, the landowner shifts the fiscal burdens on to the labourer. The farmer's crops are eaten up with game, without any compensation, and he has no security given for investing his capital. Out of the taxation in this country less than one-seventieth portion of the burdens falls on the land. The great rent-takers have been the opponents of progress, they have hindered reform, they have kept the taxes on knowledge, they have passed combination laws, they made the machinery of parliamentary elections costly and complicated so as to bar out the people, they have prevented education, and they have sneered at the ignorance of the masses. All progress in the producing powers of labour has added to the value of land. Thousands ask by prayer for their daily bread, and what answer do they receive? Results show at this moment more than half a million able-bodied paupers, that is, men able to work who cannot get work, in a country where millions of acres of land fit for cultivation lie untilled. This state of things must be altered and our laws amended.

X.Y.Z.

Consett, Oct. 23rd, 1877.

INDIAN FAMINE FUND.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Mr. U. A. Ritson requests that a mistake which occurred in my letter last week, viz., "From South Medomsley Colliery more than £9 has been sent through Mr. U. A. R.," be corrected thus—"£9 3s. 6d. has been handed over to the Mayor's Fund by Mr. Ritson, as collected from the workmen employed at South Pontop Colliery." The Manager of the Annfield Plain Co-operative Society also requests that the 10s. acknowledged by me be entered as from "the men engaged as workmen in the above society," so that, "being such a mere trifle," people may not get the idea that it was given by the Society as a whole. I omitted to state that I had received £1 10s. from South Medomsley Colliery through Mr. Fenwick, jun. The present week has brought me the following sums:—South Moor (collection in Wesleyan Chapel), 17s. 8d.; Blanchland, £4 12s.; total £5 9s. 8d. Please insert this, and oblige yours truly,

W. H. MILWARD.

Shotley Bridge, Oct. 24, 1877.

Markets.

NEWCASTLE CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—At this day's market there was a small supply of wheat from the country, but a good coasting and foreign arrival. The trade ruled very dull at about the rates of this day week for old and fine new white, but 1s lower for all other descriptions. Barley firm, with a good demand for malting. Malt, beans, and peas unchanged. Maize 1s higher. Oats rather dearer. Flour 6d to 1s lower.

HEXHAM CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—At our market this morning samples of wheat fit for seed met a fair inquiry, but other sorts sold slowly. An average supply of barley, mostly of a secondary description, and met a fair sale at from 20s to 22s per Hexham boll. Oats were a meagre show at late values.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE MARKET, Tuesday.—The show of stock presented for sale exhibited an increase of 508 beasts and 2,898 sheep as compared with that of last week. Respecting quality, both cattle and sheep generally speaking were inferior. The supply of beef comprised 2,074 head. The number of sheep was 10,608. Pigs: 1,510 were shown. Beasts, prime heifers, per stone, 8s 9d to 9s 0d; secondary sorts, 7s 0d to 7s 6d; good oxen, 9s 9d to 9s 0d; middling, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; cows and inferior, 5s 9d to 6s 0d; pork, large, 4s 9d to 6s 0d; do. small, 7s 3d to 8s 3d; sheep, good vendable wedders, per lb., 8½d to 9d; middling, 7½d to 8d.

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW, Tuesday.—Old land hay, 100s to 130s; this year's growth, 95s to 120s; new land hay, 110s to 140s; this year's growth, 90s to 125s: wheat straw, 2s 9d to 3s 10d; barley straw, 2s 6d to 3s 0d; oat straw, 2s 8d to 3s 6d per thrave.

DURHAM PROVISION, Saturday.—Oats, 7s 0d to 9s 0d; barley, 8s 6d to 9s 3d; Indian corn, 7s 3d; beans, 9s 6d to 11s 0d; peas, 10s to 11s 0d per boll. Beef, 8d to 10½d; mutton, 8d to 11d; veal, 9d to 10d; bacon, 5½d to 6½d; hams, 6½d to 8d; cheese, 7d to 8d per lb. Chickens, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; ducks, 2s 6d to 3s 3d; hens, 1s 6d to 2s 0d each; butter, 1s 6d to 1s 9d per lb.; eggs, 6 to 7 for 1s; pigeons, 1s 3d to 1s 6d per couple. Grapes, 10d and 1s per lb. Plums, 6d and 8d per quart. Apples, 2s 0d to 3s 0d; beans, 8d per peck. Onions, 1s to 1s 4d per stone.

NEWCASTLE POTATO, Saturday.—Scotch potatoes, 18s to 20s per load of 20 stones.

DURHAM POTATO, Saturday.—Potatoes, 10d to 1s per stone.

MEDOMSLEY TEMPERANCE CRUSADERS.—A successful public meeting was held under the auspices of the Medomsley Temperance Crusaders Society, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Derwent Cottages, on Monday evening last, which was ably presided over by Mr. James Henderson, of Derwent Cottages. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. John Weddle and J. Armstrong. Readings and melodies were also given by Messrs. J. Milburn, J. Pearson, and Nathaniel Houston. Votes of thanks were given to the Chairman and others after which the meeting closed.

CONCERT AT MEDOMSLEY.—A concert, under the auspices of the "Star of Medomsley" Lodge of Good Templars, was held in the Temperance Hall, on Saturday night last. The Rev. Mr. Cockin presided. The programme consisted of songs, recitations, &c. The melody given by Mr. Alex. Barras, "Aw cannot had me jaw," received an encore. The singing of Master and Misses Unsworth was excellent. Mr. Lax recited the "Northern Farmer" in his usual efficient manner, and also received an encore. The other performers were Mr. McKie, Mr. Stelling, and Mr. Chapman.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

The insertion of anything beyond the simple announcement of Births, Marriages, or Deaths, will be charged as Advertisements.

BIRTHS.

LEADGATE—In Front Street, on the 14th inst., Mrs. Graham, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER—At the Register Office, on the 18th inst., John Bateman to Isabella Barlow, both of Burnhope.
Same day, N. J. Bulman to Isabella Smiles, both of South Pontop Colliery.
On the 20th inst., John Whitfield to Hannah Maxwell, both of Consett.
On the 22nd inst., George Golding, Consett, to Jane Hunter, North Farm, Esh.
Same day, David Jobling, Cornsay, to Isabella Hunter, Lanchester.

MANCHESTER—At Higher Broughton Wesleyan Chapel, on the 17th inst., by the Rev. W. J. Tweddle, assisted by the Rev. F. Law, the Rev. Alban Sayer, United Methodist Free Church Minister, to Miss E. Fielding, of Lower Broughton, Manchester.

DEATHS.

BLACKHILL—At 1, Cort Street, on the 22nd inst. Thompson, infant son of Thompson and Sarah Siddell.
SOUTH MOOR—On the 22nd inst., aged 35, Jane Morton.
BROWNEY COLLIERY—On the 24th inst., Elizabeth Ann Arkless.
LANGLEY MOOR—On the 23rd inst., aged 8 years, Margaret Boal.
HARROGATE—On the 20th inst., in his 78th year, the Rev. James Parsons, Congregational Minister, of York.

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