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FRIDAY, OCT. 27TH, 1882.

PARLIAMENTARY PROSPECTS.

WE are likely to have in the autumn sittings which began on Tuesday a rather exciting epilogue to a regular Parliamentary session which was by no means destitute of sensations, little as some of them may now be remembered. The Government, no doubt, would like the House of Commons to give all its time and energy to the Procedure resolutions, or at least so much as can be spared from some other necessary business that has to be done, and would be well content if the House of Lords would adjourn from day to day after meeting for prayers. But there are a good many members of both Houses who will demur to this arrangement. On two subjects, at least, which have been already much discussed, but whose kalcidascopic changes are continually presenting some new phase to the view, there is pretty sure to be a good deal of talk. We refer, of course, to the Irish and the Egyptian question. With respect to the first, the punishment of Mr GRAY offered the Home Rule party an apparently very available peg on which to hang a good deal of oratory. That the matter was viewed in this light was shown by Mr PARNELL's summons to his Parliamentary followers to be in their places on the 24th in readiness for important business, among which this affair was specially mentioned, as well as the Rules of Procedure, alleged to be primarily directed against the Home Rulers. It would seem, therefore, that Mr GLADSTONE's supposed Irish allies have returned to Westminster prepared to obstruct the special business for which Parliament is called together, and to occupy with another matter as much as possible of the time of the House of Commons. In regard to Mr GRAY's punishment, the Premier will probably have cut the ground to some extent from under the Home Rulers by himself moving for a Select Committee on the question of privilege. If this were an affair in which Englishmen or Scotchmen were specially interested, the complainants would probably be quite satisfied with the reference to a Select Committee, and would not trouble the House with much discussion. But it will be strange if Hibernian patriots do not make an occasion for indulging their oratorical powers both in reference to the question itself and to the appointment and subsequent report of the committee. The resolve of the Parnellites to obstruct the Procedure resolutions will give the Conservatives some ill-assorted allies, if the Opposition leaders resolve to make a party fight over the Resolutions, as we may expect from their recent speeches in public. Of course, Mr GLADSTONE has a considerable nominal majority over these two sections of opponents taken in conjunction; but it may perhaps be doubted whether the Section of Radicals who now want to declaim against the Ministerial military and aggrandising policy as often and as much as they possibly can, will be ready to assist the Government in closing their mouths. When the Procedure question was first introduced into the House, the anti-war Radicals had no grievance except that the Conservatives and the Home Rulers would not remain quiescent while Mr GLADSTONE carried out his programme of heroic legislation. They have now a grievance of a more tangible character in regard to Ministerial foreign policy, and it remains to be seen whether this will have any effect on their partisan allegiance in the Procedure question. But, even if there be no defection in this quarter, it will be unsatisfactory for Ministers to depend on a mere party majority for so radical a change of the rules of the House. It would be more agreeable to the public, and would promise better for the future operation of the new Rules, if the majority on both sides of the House could come to an understanding on this matter. It would not redound to the credit of the Liberal party to impose Parliamentary restrictions now which the Conservatives will feel bound to make a point of relaxing when they happen to get a majority again. On the other hand, the Conservative leaders can have no genuine interest in supporting the rights of the Home Rulers to waste the time of Parliament. On the Egyptian Question, the motion for a vote of thanks to the forces, and probably an application for a fresh money vote, to say nothing of other occasions that will doubtless be made, will afford opportunity for Conservative, Home Rule, and Radical criticism; but the censure or admonition will here be of such a conflicting character that the Government can have little to fear from it except absorption of time.

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[illegible] LONDON CORRESPONDENCE.

American [illegible] passing through a phase at present which [illegible] not without instruction and warning to parties in our own country. The case is this: Ever since the suppression of slavery and secession the Republican party has had the course to itself, and twenty years' monopoly of power has so demoralized the party that it has fallen under the dominion of wire-pullers, [illegible], and that which for want of a better name are called "bosses." But the boss tyranny has become insupportable, and there is a revolt along the whole line. It is the old story; success has demoralized the party, and it is now felt that the Democrats must have their turn. It is fast coming to the same pass in this country. As the centre of power shifts from the middle to the lower classes, they will be counted by both, and the Conservative party of the future has a career not unlike that of the American Democrats.

Whether ladies are ever to be eligible for election to Parliament, it is not easy to prophesy. Nor are opinions at all accordant as to their fitness for the duties of Parliamentary representation. But there ought to be no two opinions as to the propriety of ladies being elected to the position of Guardians of the Poor. There in all, I believe, twelve Lady Guardians, the majority of whom are connected with London Unions. I have had the pleasure of meeting three of these ladies in society. Neither of them bears the smallest resemblance of Mrs Jellaby—indeed, the type unkindly selected by Charles Dickens is not commonly found amongst the philanthropic ladies of the present day. The lady Guardians with whom I am acquainted are without domestic ties. They are at once womanly and business-like, sympathetic and yet intellectual. No one could suspect them of entering upon public duties from a craving after notoriety. They are evidently earnest in their desire to understand the problems of poverty and to aid the helpless. I have good authority for saying that in London their presence upon the Boards has been found invaluable. As visitors of workhouses and schools a thousand details are observed by them which uninstructed males would pass by unnoticed. Moreover, they are able to give all their time to their duties, and to spend hours where gentlemen could only spend minutes. Male Guardians are, indeed, mostly men engaged in business, and therefore compelled to perform their duties in a perfunctory manner. It is most earnestly to be wished that gentlemen who have retired from business would come forward for election to an office which is too often confided to unfit hands or to hands which are already full. In the meantime the lady Guardians are rapidly becoming recognised as the most efficient members of the Metropolitan Union Boards.

Eastbourne must be looking up, and intends to leave behind its old rival, Brighton, since no less than two rival schemes are before the public for a direct line to Eastbourne through Mid-Sussex. One is promoted by the Midland and is to go by Brestley and Willingdon. The other route, which is to go through Pevensey, Dallington, Burwash, and Freshurst Road to Tunbridge and so to London, is by the South-Eastern line. Considering that the Brighton line are already constructing a direct line from Croydon to Lewes to relieve the main, it is a question whether direct traffic to Eastbourne may not be overdone.

The Horn Exhibition on view at the Mansion House differs from trade exhibitions held at the Agricultural Hall and the Crystal Palace very much as a dead language differs from a living one. There was once a distinct craft of "horning," and Horner derived its right to be a modern family name by being anciently the name of a class of artisans. The Horn Exhibition is much more of antiquarian interest than of benefit to any modern trade. Modern horn work is essentially plain and uninteresting. Even the Swiss, always laborious and elegant in their work, and who still practise horn-carving, are very far behind the old masters of the art. There is nothing in their exhibits which nearly approaches the beauty of the rare old medieval drinking-horns, which are the finest feature in the Mansion House collection.

For those who frequent *cafés chantants* it may be a sensation to know that Miss Clara Gambetta, the niece of the great Dictator, is to appear at the Christmas entertainment of the Oxford Music Hall. She belongs to a branch of the family which failed to get on; but considering the position in life of Gambetta's father as a little grocer in a third-rate provincial town, I cannot see any such loss of dignity. It is not greater than in M. Thiers' case, whose sister kept a small cook's shop.

An amusing story is told in one of the French newspapers of Madlle. Montaland, a young and popular actress, who recently sustained a severe accident from a toy thrown at her in play by her little son. She is said to have made her first appearance when a very young girl herself as a toy, taking the part of a talking doll. She had to sing a little verse, and she performed her part with such pretty *naïvette* that the audience were delighted, and all Paris fell in love with the charming little Eugenie. So numerous were her admirers that on the New Year's Day which succeeded this veritable "baby's debut" hundreds of the most beautiful toys Paris could produce were sent to the child-actress, and one of the chief actors of the day exclaimed on seeing her, "If you work, you will be the first *ingénue* in Paris." Unlike most prodigies, Madlle. Montaland has realized the highest expectations formed of her.

The day of the re-assembling of Parliament will be long remembered as the day of the great storm. Like that 3rd of September, 1658, in which the soul of the great Protector rode off as if in a whirlwind, like another Romulus passing away in a tempest, so it seems as if we are to meet for this Autumn Recess amid tempest, storm, and rain. Let us hope that this is not a weather gauge of the temper in which the House is going to meet, and of the tempest which are to spring up over the Procedure Bill. There are not a few indications of a compromise, and it is not probable that Mr Gladstone has kept his council and has waited till the last moment on account of differences in the Cabinet which have been kept back from the public.

Now that the war is well over, it is asked generally whether Mr Bright will return to the Cabinet. His place has been practically kept open for him. Mr Gladstone is known to desire his powerful voice in favour of his great domestic reforms which are impending. But the prevailing belief is that the Tribune of the People will never again assume the trammels of office. He is not a robust health, and he cannot but feel that his voice is more powerful as a private member than as Vice-Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Mr Edward Clarke, Q.C., has made a sensation amongst his party by his strictures upon the leadership. The learned gentleman has never been suspected of entertaining mutinous sentiments. He has never shared in the vagaries of the Fourth Party. No speech of his in Parliament has ever betrayed a symptom of revolt from Sir Stafford Northcote. It is quite phenomenal for a lawyer "upon his promotion" to pronounce strictures upon the chiefs of his party. Mr Clarke has, indeed, told his constituents, with a quite unusual ostentation of independence, that he "wants nothing from his party." But every one knows he wants the Solicitor-Generalship—and probably will get it.

There is some absurd talk of a Government intention to abandon Cyprus to the Turks. So far from this being the case, all arrangements are being made for a permanent occupation. Three or four young men in the Temple have had their hearts rejoiced by appointments to the Bench of the High Courts of Cyprus.

Mr Tracy Turnerelli is [illegible]. He [illegible] breath at Lord Beaconsfield's feet, [illegible] for his pains [illegible], failing to [illegible] Premier, he has undertaken to [illegible] Supreme Being. [illegible] out [illegible] "National anti-Atheistical Association for the detection and prosecution of the disseminators of blasphemous and obscene publications." These are brave words, and ought to help the people of Southampton to find a candidate to run against Bradlaugh. It is a pity that Mr Turnerelli has to turn and turn again, and yet, unlike Whittington and his Cat, is not yet Lord Mayor of London.

CASTLESIDE MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

The second session of this society was inaugurated on Saturday evening, with a public meeting, held in the Board Schools. The chair was occupied by Mr T. J. Muse, of Castleside House, and there was a large audience, comprised chiefly of members of the artisan class. The choir of the Primitive Methodist Chapel, under the able leadership of Mr Raine, was present, and opened the meeting by singing an appropriate hymn, after which the Rev Wesley Farrar (Vicar of Castleside) engaged in prayer.

The CHAIRMAN in his prefatory observations, urged upon all the young people of the village and especially the members of their local cricket and football clubs to join this class, pointing out the absolute necessity there was—besides indulging in healthy out-door pursuits—of improving and cultivating their intellectual capacities. The terms of subscriptions were very low, and every inducement was offered for young men to join. He thought it would be a good idea if a reading-room, well supplied with daily and weekly newspapers and periodicals, was established in connection with the class. (Loud applause). He would subscribe to such an object, and he had no doubt that the other residents of the village would give the movement their heartiest support. (Applause).

The choir now rendered Sankey's hymn "Bringing in the sheaves," and then Mr J. W. Golightly gave a reading entitled "A rare airs."

The Rev JAMES ROACH, Baptist Minister, Consett, who attended on behalf of the Rev E. W. Jenkins, of Highgate, who had been prevented from being present through indisposition, said that although he (the speaker) would not be able to entertain them so well as Mr Jenkins would have done, yet he was willing to do his best, and he hoped they would receive him kindly. He had always taken great interest in Sunday school work, and so long as he remained in Consett he would strive to do all that lay in his power for the young. He was not a very clever man, being only a young spring fresh from college. They must not judge a man's mind however by the standard of his height; and because he was short in stature, they must not suppose that he was always quoting that suggestive saying of Watts. They ought to give the most important part of their time in order to cultivate their minds. Rowley was a little place and Bethlehem was a small place—one of the least among the Princess of Judah—yet she became one of the greatest cities, because out of her came forth the Saviour of Mankind. Out of Rowley there might arise men who would shine as bright stars in the world in connection with the cause of the Master. Although man is weak and feeble, nevertheless he is able to make the elements pay tribute to him—able to invent the steam engine, the telegraph, and the telephone. The day-schools to be seen everywhere afforded greater facilities for learning and proved that education was more widely diffused now than in the days of their ancestors. By the University Extension Lectures, high privileges are offered to working people to obtain a first-class education. They had as clever men at the present day as they could boast of in past generations. In the Mutual Improvment Classes they wanted everybody to push forward and endeavour also to help one another. They found that the great men in days gone by had sprung out of small villages like Castleside and Rowley, therefore they need not be disheartened because they did not live in either Newcastle or Manchester. If they wished to be recognised and to get on in the world they must work hard—they must transform Cold Rowley into Warm Rowley. (Laughter) Let the banner of Christ be unfurled, and His Kingdom go on for ever rolling in Rowley. (Laughter and applause).

The CHAIRMAN informed Mr Roach that some wonderful men had gone forth from Castleside and made a name for themselves in the Antipodes and America. He mentioned a recent instance of a boatrace having been rowed in Melbourne where the first man in the winning boat and the second man in the next boat were both natives of Castleside (applause). Both gentlemen were well known to them,—viz., Mr Ward and Mr Stout (loud cheers.)

After a reading by Mr Elliott, the Rev W. FARRAR followed with a most interesting and eloquent address. He said he felt sorry he had not come before them as a substitute, as he might then be pardoned for any little defects (laughter). The Chairman had called him the "vicar," which of course meant a "substitute," therefore he suppose he must be a substitute for Mr Farrar (renewed laughter). It was 40 years since he preached his first sermon, and he supposed that he must be getting an old man now. He had preached in Castleside over 30 years since, when many of those he now saw before him were—nowhere (laughter). He rejoiced in this Mutual Improvement Association, which was prospering and augured well of Castleside. For this they were highly indebted to Mr Duckworth. They had some first-rate young men in Castleside—he knew them well; and if he was not mistaken they would hear something more of the young people of this village. They had heard of them filling the pulpits in places round about with great success; and he hoped they would have tidings of them in a higher sense in the world, as noble, manly Christians, doing great things for God and their Saviour (hear, hear). He (the rev gentleman) did not believe in pining about former days. There was an incident touching this in the late Egyptian War, which would serve as an illustration. At the battle of Sadowar the Prussians won the victory by the aid of telescopes and their powerful needle guns. They (the Prussians) marked out and shot the officers and when the men became tumultous, the victory was easy. In the Franco-German War, the victory achieved was not so great as it might have been. No historian, however, could faithfully speak of the brilliant victory gained at Tel-el-Kebir. That battle was won at the point of the bayonet with British pluck and vigour rushing to the front and taking all before it (loud cheers). Europeans thought that the victory was due to England's splendid armament, but it was British pluck and valour that won the battle in twenty-five minutes (renewed cheering). The rev gentleman then delivered an elaborate peroration on man's responsibility and duties in this world, and then described their probable relationship one to another in the heavenly sphere beyond the skies.

The CHAIRMAN now sang "The Wanderer's Farewell," and Mr DUCKWORTH read a humourous piece known as "The Bashful Man" which caused some little merriment.

Mr DUCKWORTH subsequently gave a *resume* of the work accomplished last session by the class, and sketched an outline of subjects proposed to be dealt with during this session. He likewise called upon all the young men and women present to join the class, and so make it a greater success than it had hitherto been.

Mr JAMES ELLISON proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the speakers, and the choir.

Mr PATTINSON seconded the proposal, which was carried by acclamation.

The Benediction having been pronounced by Mr FARRAR, the meeting terminated.

THE [illegible] OF MINSTERACRES.

(From the Newcastle Weekly Chronicle).

[illegible], in his treatise on [illegible] Surnames, says "Silver, with which corresponds a German Silber, is probably an ancient name. There are many names of places in the Lake Districts compounded with it, as Silver How at Grasmere (Old Norse haugr, a grave-mound), Silverside ('side,' a possession or location), Silverdale, &c. Here it appears to be a man's name, and probably of Scandinavian origin. There is a Solvar in the Landnamabok, but his name is not derived from the metal." In Mark Anthony Lower's list of English Surnames, we find Silversides, Silverlock, and Silverspoon, but not Silvertop. Silver Hill in Pembrokeshire, is probably the burial-place of Solvar, one of the Vikings who founded a little Scandinavian colony round the shores of Milford Haven. We have no definite information under what circumstances, or at what period, the Silvertops became located in Northumberland. The authorities we have consulted trace them no further back than to the first half of the seventeenth century; but it is morally certain that they were here long before that. They have always adhered steadfastly to the old Catholic faith, and the families they have intermarried with have been almost exclusively Roman Catholic.

William Silvertop, Esq., of Stella, in the parish of Ryton, and county Durham, married a lady named Galley, belonging to the same county, and left two sons at his decease. He had the misfortune to be drowned in the River Tyne, and was buried at Ryton. The younger of his sons, William, settled at Blyth, and died in 1722, leaving behind him a son and heir, named Robert, of whom we can give no further account. The elder, Albert, designated of Stella, born in February, 1667, married on the 23rd May, 1703, Mary daughter of Joseph Dunn, Esq., of Blaydon-on-Tyne, and by her had issue—George, his successor; Joseph, of Gateshead, who married Mary Whittingham, daughter of Henry Whittingham, Esq., of Whittingham Hall, county Lancaster, and died in 1768, leaving a daughter, Elizabeth, who became the wife of another gentleman of the name of Dunn; Albert, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, who died unmarried in 1790; Dorothy, married to James Gibson, Esq., of Stagshaw Close, Northumberland; Mary; Helen; and Anne, who died unmarried in 1784. He was succeeded at his decease (will dated 21st June, 1734, proved 27th February, 1738-9) by his eldest son,

George Silvertop, Esq., of Minsteracres, born 22nd February, 1705, who married, first, Bridget Whittingham, his brother Joseph's wife's sister, and had by her one son and two daughters, viz., John, his heir; Mary, married at Bywell, in 1764, to Sir Thomas Haggerson, Bart., to whom she bore three sons and two daughters; and Winifred, married, in 1762, to John Wright, Esq., of Kelvedon, Essex, to whom she bore two sons and a daughter. Lady Haggerson died on the 22nd May, 1773, and Mrs Wright on the 11th August, 1780. Their father married, secondly, a widow lady of the name of Pearson, but had no other issue. He died at Stella Hall on the 11th March, 1789, in his 85th year, and was succeeded by his only son.

John Silvertop, Esq., of Minsteracres, born at Stella in 1748, who married at St. Georges's, Bloomsbury, in June, 1772, Catherine, second daughter of Sir Henry Lawson, Bart., of Brough Hall, county York, by Anastasia, daughter of Thomas Maire, Esq., of Lartington Hall, near Barnard Castle, and his lady bore him four sons and a daughter, viz:—

1. George, his heir.
2. John, born 3rd August, 1777; died young.
3. Henry-Thomas-Maire, born 28th May, 1779; married Eliza, daughter of Thomas Witham, Esq., of Headlam, in the county palatine of Durham, and niece and heiress of William Witham, Esq., of Cliffe, in Yorkshire. Mr Henry Silvertop, in consequence, assumed the surname of "Witham," and had a numerous offspring, of whom hereafter.
4. Charles, born 16th January, 1781, some time a colonel in the Spanish service.
5. Mary, who died young.

Mr John Silvertop died in 1801. His will was proved on the 14th January, 1802. He was succeeded by his elder surviving son,

George Silvertop, Esq., of Minsteracres, born 6th January, 1774-5, who lived and died a bachelor. Like most Roman Catholic gentlemen of the last century, he was educated at Douai, in France, at the English College, where he acquired keen literary tastes. At the outbreak of the French Revolution, when the establishment at Douai was broken up for a time, he returned to this country. He succeeded to his paternal estates in 1814. In the same year he became captain of the Bywell Volunteers, by whom he was presented with a sword, value one hundred guineas. Making another trip to the Continent, he visited the ex-Emperor of the French, then at Elba, and printed, on his return, an account of his interview with the fallen hero, which, we are told, was received with great approbation. The following interesting record of this visit is preserved in Barry E. O'Meara's "Voice from St. Helena":—

He (Mr Silvertop) visited Napoleon at Elba, and in the course of conversation, related that he had dined a *few weeks before* with the Duke de Fleury [Pierre Alexandre Edward Fleury de Chaboulon, who joined Bonaparte at Lyons on his return from Elba, and was employed by him in negotiations with Austria, which were put an end to by the battle of Waterloo], with whom he had a conversation relative to the sum of money to be allowed the exile annually by France, according to the agreement that had been signed by the ministers of the allied powers. The Duke laughed at him for supposing for a moment that it would be complied with, and said they were not such fools. "This," said that extraordinary man, Napoleon, "was one of the reasons that induced me to quit Elba."

Mr Silvertop was subsequently selected by Lord Liverpool, who was a special adept in the art of choosing able men, as the medium of private communication between Great Britain and the Holy See, in which capacity he acquitted himself with much address. He was appointed High Sheriff of Northumberland in 1830, and was the first Roman Catholic who had filled that office since the reign of James II. He was likewise a deputy-lieutenant of the county. He had an excellent library, and amused himself with literary pursuits. He was the first to notice and to foster the genius of the celebrated sculptor, John Lough, who was born near Minsteracres. Indeed, his purse was ever open to merit struggling with difficulty or misfortune. He died in his seventy-fifth year, at his paternal seat, on the 20th February, 1849, and was succeeded by his grand-nephew, Henry Charles Englefield, who took the name of Silvertop, in accordance with the will of his deceased relative.

The Withams of Lartington, thus brought into the Silvertop line, were originally settled in Lincolnshire, and probably derive their surname from Witham Common, in the neighbourhood of Grantham, or from the river Witham, in the same county. Sir Robert Wytham, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Grey St. Philebert, was grandfather of Robert Wytham, of Grantham, whose will bears date 30th December, 1440. The fifth son of Robert, John Wytham, was ancestor of the eminent and highly-allied family of Witham of Cliffe, the representative of which, at the opening of the eighteenth century, was William Witham, Esq., of Cliffe whose will is dated 6th July, 1723. He married, in 1707, Annie, daughter of Sir Henry Lawson, Bart., of Brough, county York, and had, with junior issue, Henry his heir, and Thomas, of Durham M.D., who married one of the Meynells of Aldborough and Dalton, and died in 1786, leaving behind him a family of sons and daughters. Henry Witham, who succeeded his father, married Catharine, daughter and co-heir of Anthony Meynell, Esq., of Hunton, county Durham, and by her two sons and six daughters, he died 1776, and his widow survived him twenty-seven years. His eldest son and heir, William Witham, Esq., died without issue on the [illegible] August, 1802, and devised his estates at Cliffe to his neice Eliza, the daughter of his brother Thomas, of Neasham, county Durham, by his wife Mary, daughter of James Thornton, Esq., of Nether Witton, county Northumberland. Eliza Witham had a brother, William, who died childless in 1831, and six sisters, two of whom, we believe, died unmarried, while the others were wedded respectively to Philip Howard, Esq., of Corby Castle, Gualterio de Strozzi, a Swede, and Charles Mostyn-Browne, Esq.

Eliza Witham became, as stated above, the wife of Henry Thomas Maire-Silvertop, third son of John Silvertop, Esq., of Minsteracres, who assumed, as we have said, the surname of Witham, and had issue.

1. Henry John, D.L., county York, born 17th July, 1802, died 20th August, 1835.
2. William Lawrence, D.L., born 18th September, 1804, married Anna Maria, daughter of William Salvin, Esq., of Croxdale, county Durham, and died without issue in 1841.
3. George, of Lartington Hall, J.P. and D.L., captain 68th Light Infantry, born October, 1805, died unmarried.
4. Thomas Edward, who succeeded him.
5. Catherine, married, in 1823, Henry Englefield, Esq., and had issue—Henry Charles Silvertop, of Minsteracres; Charles, Louis, Joseph, Lawrence, Seraphina; Mary, Agnes—married in May, 1856, to Signor Corrie—and Philomena.
6. Emma Seraphina, married, in 1841, to William Dunn, Esq., of Hedgefield, near Newcastle.
7. Elizabeth Mary, a nun, deceased.
8. Winnifred Mary Anne, married, 23rd September, 1834, to Gerard Salvin, Esq., of Croxdale, county Durham, and had issue—Henry Thomas Thornton, Esq., of Croxdale Wood House, born 23rd January, 1838, and others. She died last year in Bede Terrace, Barnard Castle.

Mr Witham, who was High Sheriff of the county of Durham in 1844, died on the 28th November in that year.

Henry Charles Englefield, who took the name of Silvertop on succeeding his great uncle in his Minsteracres property, was born on the 12th October, 1826, and married, on the 24th August, 1852, at Stonor, Oxfordshire, the Hon. Eliza Stonor, third daughter of Lord Camoys. He is a justice of the peace for the counties of Northumberland and Durham, and a deputy lieutenant of the latter county.

On the 13th of September, 1852, the foundation-stone of a Catholic church was laid at Minsteracres by the Hon. Mrs Silvertop. It is dedicated to St. Elizabeth, and was opened on the 24th August, 1854, on which occasion Dr Hogarth, Bishop of Hexham, officiated. It is, says Whellan, "a beautiful Gothic structure in the decorated style, consisting of a nave, from which the sanctuary is railed off, and is lighted by six windows filled with excellent specimens of stained glass, representing the patron saints of the various members of the Silvertop family. On the right of the altar is the sacristy, and over it, forming a kind of tribune, the organ and choir gallery. A cloister or triforium, opens to the church, running along the north side, and connecting the private gallery at the west end with the house. The church is adorned with a beautiful clock turret and spire, and will accommodate about 200 persons."

The Silvertop arms are:—

Argent, a fesse, gules, charged with a plate, between three bombshells, sable, bursting and inflamed, proper.

Crest.—A wolf's head, erased, argent, langued, gules, pierced with a broken spear, cruented, proper.

The family seat, Minsteracres, is situated in the township of Espershields and parish of Bywell St Peter's. The hall, which is a substantial stone building, is delightfully situated in an extensive park, with a lake covering an area of four acres, surrounded by large and flourishing plantations, tastefully disposed, and forming a striking contrast with the heathy hills by which they are enclosed. It lies on the left hand side of the road leading from the Derwent to the Tyne, about half-way between Allansford and Riding Mill, and nearly due west from Shotley.

Mr Silvertop is lord of the manors of Fotherley Bywell, and part of Bolbeck, as well as Minsteracres; and a well-informed and highly-valued correspondent tells us his ancestors formerly held the Ponteland estate, consisting of several good farms. "These were sold," he says, "when my uncle was a lad, and he remembers the country people expressing surprise at the family selling the rich lands of their Ponteland estate, and buying the poor land of Minsteracres."

A METHODIST MINISTER PREACHING IN AN ANGLICAN CHURCH.

(SPECIALLY CONTRIBUTED).

Everybody has heard of the Niger River Mission of the English Church Missionary Society, superintended by the colored prelate, Bishop Crowther, Lokoja, at the confluence of the Kwora and the Binue, once the residence of a British Consul, and the site of a "Model Farm" is an important station in this diocese, and has been blessed with the Gospel for seventeen years past, during which time the Rev. T. C. John has been the resident Native Clergyman and Missionary. Mr John is of Hausa and Kanuri descent and speaks the Hausa language readily as well as English. The Niger Mission having up to the present been worked entirely by Natives—from the Bishop downwards—it is not altogether strange that the morning of Sunday, August 20th, the pulpit of Lokoja Church was *for the first time* occupied by a white man, and he the clergyman of another Church. The Rev M. J. Elliott, late of Consett, and now Superintendent of Wesleyan Missions in the Nupe and Hausa countries, Central Africa, while proceeding to his district in the Upper Niger, was detained at Lakoja through an unaccountably low state of the river, which was this year considerably later than usual in rising to navigable height. Being obliged to spend two Sundays—the 20th and 27th of August—in Lokoja; at the request of the Native Clergyman he preached on the morning of each in English, the sermon on both occasions being interpreted, almost sentence by sentence, first into *Hausa* by the Rev T. C. John; and then into *Nupe* by the Schoolmaster. In the same Church sometimes *four* languages are employed, *Yoruba* (when the Venerable Archdeacon Johnson, Native, preaches) being added to the other three. This necessarily makes the sermon very short or the service very long. On these mornings there was no departure from the usual order or form of service. The Minister of the Church, who read the Church of England Morning Service, wore his surplice, and the preacher wore the black gown, customary among Evangelical Clergy at home. About three years ago we recorded the fact of the Venerable Bishop of this territory having preached for the Rev. M. J. Elliott in the Fagi Wesleyan Church in Lagos. It would afford us much pleasure to be able to report similar interchanges of pulpits in this country. A *white* clergyman (the Rev Mr Phillips, B.A.), has recently been appointed by the Church Missionary Society as Secretary to the Niger Mission, to reside at Lakoja, which is one of the most charming localities on the Niger. It will therefore soon be no novelty to see a white face in Lakoja pulpit.

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

Local Police Courts.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, October 16th.—Before A. TOWN, Esq. (Chairman), J. PRIESTMAN, Esq., ROBERT DICKINSON, Esq., and JAMES ANNANDALE, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

Matthew Burns was summoned by Sergt. Nattrass for being drunk and incapable at Dipton, on Wednesday 4th inst.—The defendant, it seems, was so inebriated that he was turned out of three or four public-houses on that day.—As he failed to appear, a fine of 10s and costs, with the alternative of seven days' imprisonment, was imposed.

John Drummond pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness, preferred against him by the last-named officer, committed at Dipton on the same date, and was fined 5s and 7s 6d costs.

Ralph Stobbs, who was summoned by Sergt. Nattrass, for being drunk at Dipton, on Saturday night, 7th inst., also admitted the charge, and was similarly dealt with.

John Graham pleaded guilty to being drunk at Dipton on the 7th October, and was likewise fine 5s and pay the expenses.

Richard Armstrong, who appears to be respectably connected, was accused by P.C. Cummins of having been drunk and incapable at Medomsley, on October 7th.—The officer alleged that he found the defendant very intoxicated, and indulging in exceedingly vulgar and profane language.—The defendant, who admitted his guilt, was mulcted in a fine of 5s and the costs.

William Williams failed to answer a charge of drunkenness.—P.C. Cummins deposed that about 11·45 p.m. on the 7th of this month, he found the defendant in a beastly state of intoxication between Medomsley and Derwent Cottages. It was a very wet night, and had the defendant remained lying on the ground until the morning, he would probably have been found almost dead.—The defendant, who has since absconded, was now ordered to pay a fine of 10s and 8s 6d costs; in default thereof, to undergo fourteen days' hard labour.

George Hunter was found guilty of a charge, instituted by P.C. Cummins, of being drunk and using disgusting and obscene language at Medomsley, on the night of the 7th inst., and was fined 5s and pay the court expenses.

Patrick McMahon, who was brought up by P.C. Shaw for being drunk and incapable in Foundry Row, Blackhill, on Thursday, 12th inst., pleaded guilty the charge, and a penalty of 5s and costs was inflicted.

James Green pleaded guilty to being drunk and riotous at Consett, on Saturday night last.—P.C. Hudson said that at 6·45 p.m. he saw the defendant running about in a very excited state, in Medomsley Road, with a sweeping brush in his hand. Witness requested him to go home, but as he refused, he locked him up.—Fined 5s, with the costs.

Patric Muckian, charged by P.C. Crabb with being drunk and incapable in the Consett streets, on the previous Saturday night, also pleaded guilty, and was mulcted in the same penalty.

John Kirkup was brought up by P.C. Foster for being drunk and guilty of riotous conduct in Church Street, Consett, last Saturday night.—The usual fine of 5s and costs was imposed—10s 8d in all.—Defendant: I have only 8s now.—The Chairman: When can you get the other 2s 8d?—Defendant: Next Monday.—The Chairman: Very well, pay 8s.

Robert Smith was convicted, on the testimony of P.C. Wood, of being drunk and incapable in John Street, Consett, on Saturday evening last, and was ordered to pay 10s 8d inclusive of costs.

Felix Fox a young man, who appeared in the dock with a couple of black eyes, was brought up by P.C. Crabb for being very drunk and disorderly at Consett, on the preceding Saturday night.—The officer deposed that about half-past nine o'clock he saw the defendant in John Street stripped off most of his clothes, and fighting in the midst of a large crowd of people.—The Chairman: Who is the other man he was fighting with?—The officer: The defendant in the last case.—Fined 5s and costs.

Foster Scott having been found by P.C. Hudson, in Delves Lane, Consett, at eleven o'clock on Saturday night previous, in a beastly state of intoxication, was fined 5s and costs.

Francis McGlen pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly at Consett.—P.C. Hudson adduced that about one o'clock on the previous Sunday morning, he came across the defendant in Princess Street very drunk and creating a great disturbance.—Defendant was let off with a fine of 5s and 8s 6d costs.

John King, an ironworker, likewise pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness.—P.C. Hadwin deposed that at twelve o'clock the preceding night (Sunday) he was called into the Tinmill Works to eject the defendant, who was under the influence of liquor and very much agitated. When witness got the defendant on to the road he refused to proceed any further, and he was obliged to lock him up.—After a brief consultation with his colleagues, the Chairman said to the defendant: You will have to be careful what you are about and not come here again. You can go this time.—Defendant: Thank you, sir.

John McClear forfeited his recognisances in failing to answer a charge of being drunk and riotous at Leadgate, on Saturday night.—P.C. Roper stated that he discovered the defendant lying on the middle of the road between Leadgate and Redwell Hills, in a very drunken state. He conveyed the defendant to the Consett lock-up, but he was subsequently bailed out in his own recognisances and also bound over in sureties.—The defendant was fined 10s and costs, or fourteen days hard labour in default.

DRUNK AND REFUSING TO QUIT.

Mark Hood was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the house kept by Mr Wm. Charlton, the Station Inn, Broomhill, near Ebchester, on the 7th of the present month.—The facts having been stated by the landlord, the defendant admitted the charge, and was fined 5s and ordered to pay the costs.

DRUNK AND ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

James Fegan was placed in the dock charged with being drunk and disorderly, and also with assaulting P.C. James Roper whilst in the discharge of his duty. Prisoner pleaded guilty to the charge of drunkenness only.—P.C. Roper, testified that about eleven o'clock on Saturday night he was conveying a prisoner past Ward's Commercial Hotel, Consett, when Fegan (who was influenced by drink) rushed round the corner and struck him (witness) in the chest. He caught hold of Fegan, and got him down, and was in the act of putting on the cuffs, when the latter kicked him in a severe manner about the legs.—Sergeant McClymont said the prisoner (Fegan) was fined by Mr James Annandale for drunkenness on the same morning.—The prisoner denied ever assaulting the police-officer, and bursting into tears, concocted a very effective yarn.—The Bench treated the two offences as one, and let the prisoner off with a fine of 5s and costs for the assault; with the option of seven days in Durham gaol.

Patrick Kelly was likewise summoned for being drunk and assaulting the police.—P.C. Roper deposed that about two o'clock on Sunday morning, he observed the defendant in Tin Street, Leadgate, in a very drunken condition. Witness told him to go into the house, whereupon the defendant set up his impudence, and when he (the officer got hold of him, the defendant attacked him by kicking his legs. Witness had to trail him all the way to Consett Police Station, and the defendant laid down on the road once and pulled all the clothes off his back. P.C. Crabb also spoke to witnessing the defendant kick at P.C. Roper.—P.C. Turner affirmed that he saw the defendant earlier, in the evening drunk and staggering about the streets.—Both cases were resolved into one charge; and for committing the assault, the defendant had to pay a fine of 10s and bear the expenses; or be committed to hard labour for fourteen days.

ASSAULT AND WILFUL DAMAGE.

Robert Grant was charged with wilfully damaging a pantry door, the property of William Spedding, to the extent of 2s 6d, at Leadgate, on the 12th October; and was further accused of having assaulted Sarah Spedding on the same occasion.—From the evidence of the complainant, it seems that the defendant and his wife threw a number of coals (picked from off a heap standing opposite the complainant's house) at the pantry door, breaking in the panels. Subsequently as the complainant was going into the house with a scuttleful of coals, the defendant hit her across the head with some pieces of coals.—The defence was that the complainant (Mrs Spedding) and the defendant's wife were quarrelling and pitching coals at one another, and if the door was damaged, it was done by themselves. The defendant, hearing the disturbance came out of his house, and seeing his wife wrangling with the complainant, he dragged her by the hair of the head into the house, the complainant firing a volley of coals at him in the meantime.—The Chairman said that neither of the charges had been proven, therefore the cases were dismissed. The costs, which the complainant was ordered to bear, amounted to 20s.

USING THREATENING LANGUAGE.

Ellen Amos and Mary [illegible] were summoned for having threatened to kill Mary Swinburne, at the Hobson Colliery, on October 12th.—Mr W. Dickinson, of Consett, appeared in defence.—On Friday, the prosecutrix alleged that the defendants (who are sisters) came to her house and threatened to do away with her; and one of the defendants had since then been seen running past the house with a pot of scalding water on purpose to throw over her. She was "afeared" of her life.—The charge of using threats was repudiated by both defendants. It was shown that the prosecutrix had used some very obscene language towards an orphan girl living with the defendant Amos, and that she merely remonstrated with the prosecutrix and called her a coward.—This case was also dismissed.

"TOMMY DODD" IN TROUBLE.

Charles Hall, better known as "Tommy Dodd," who carries on business in Havelock Street, Consett, was summoned under the Lord's Day Act for unlawfully opening his shop for the sale of sweetmeats, botanic beer, &c, on Sunday afternoon, 8th inst.—P.C. Watson adduced that on the day referred to he saw a large crowd of lads around the defendant's door completely blocking up the footpath, going in and out of the shop for botanic beer, ice cream, &c.—Several complaints had been made respecting this Sunday trading in consequence of the great disturbance caused in the street.—The defendant, who failed to put in an appearance, was fined 5s and 8s 6d costs.

ASSAULTS AT BLACKHILL.

Elizabeth Britton (whose husband is now in America) was summoned for having assaulted Annie Beckwith, at Blackhill, on Thursday the 12th inst.—It transpired that during a quarrel between the parties, the defendant struck at the complainant, dragged her by the hair of the head down some stone steps into the yard, dashed her down, and finally kicked her in the stomach.—This statement was corroborated by two witnesses.—The defendant denied committing the assault; alleging that the place where they were standing being slippery through the wet, they both fell and rolled to the bottom.—A fine of 5s (including the costs) was imposed.—The defendant said she had five children to keep and begged for time to pay the money which was allowed. She also asked if she might take a summons out against the complainant for assaulting her.—The Chairman: We do not want to hear anything more of this assault. Go away home.—Defendant (excitedly): I would rather go to goal than have myself disgraced by this woman (pointing to the complainant).

James McCarling was charged with assaulting James Ferrel, at Blackhill, on Sunday, 13th October.—The complainant was on his way to a neighbour's house, when he asserts that the defendant seized hold of him by the neck and deliberately knocked him down twice, causing his ear to bleed. He gave the defendant no provocation, and he was quite sober.—Michael McNally, who gave corroborative testimony as regards the assault, also affirmed that he heard the complainant first challenge the defendant out to fight.—Sergt. Cruickshank also spoke to seeing complainant's ear bleeding profusely on the before-mentioned day.—The defendant, who admitted that the assault was committed on account of provocation received, said it all occurred through gambling. The complainant gave him 2s to put on the Cesarewitch and the horse having won, he paid over the money to the complainant. Subsequently the latter used some very abusive language towards his (defendant's) wife, and when he met the complainant on the Sunday following he merely "shoved" him off the door step, and he fell into the channel and cut his ear.—The defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 5s and costs, 22s 6d altogether. The chairman remarked that there appeared to have been some provocation given, or the Bench would have inflicted a much heavier penalty.

KEEPING A FEROCIOUS DOG.

Robinson Curry was summoned by Anthony Surtees, for being the owner of a ferocious dog, and neglecting to keep it under proper control.—It seems that on Friday, the 6th October, the animal furiously attacked the prosecutor and tore his coat.—Sergt. McClymont informed the Bench that the dog had been destroyed, and the case was consequently dismissed, the magistrates advising the prosecutor if he wished for compensation and damages to sue in the County Court.

"PEEPIN' TOM" ON LOKILL TOPICKS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

THE NU TOON HALL.

MISTOR EDDITOR, DEEOR SOR,—Noo that a start hes fairlee been meyde to demolish the awd hooses that's to meyke room for the Toon Hall, an it falls in wi the generill run ove things thit the ewarinill and the horse trow will heve te be shifted. Aw wad offor a suggestin tiv all consarned, and that is, te ereckt a eworinill on a much largor skale then the ones noo in euse, as they are uttorlee inaddequate for the rekwirements ove the districkt.

THE HORSE TROW

Wad be all the bettor appreciated if thor wis a constant flow ove fresh wattor throo it. As it is noo it is a receptible for all sorts ove filth thrown in amang the wattor witch stands thare fra week's end to week's end, an aone indeevidewal, an ownor ove horse-flesh, remarked to me nee man that thowt owt at all ove thor annimalls wad let them smell the stuff, letallinyne drink it, an aw think it is intirelee within the province ove wor lokill athorittees te remidee thease too evils te the satisfackshun ove ivorebody.

THE HOARDIN

At the end ove Middle Street hes takein up pairt ove the futpath an pebpill hes te cum off the flags ontiv the cairt road. Wad it be ower much te ask that a kairt load or too ove reed ashes be laid doon te form a futpath from were the hoardin commences in Front Street te the crossin at the end ove Middle Street or mebees sum ove the and floorin bords wad answor the seyme porpis, and the big lamp at the foontin wad be ove greet sarviss if lit up ivoree neet as it is rather a dangerus corner noo sor, for horses and traps turnin sharp roond are on top ove ye affor ye can get oot ove thor wey, so they may take a bit mair care for the fewtor.

THE PASTURE DRIFT ROAD

Is a varry dangorus place for bits ove lasses te travell thease dark neets, sor, as was the case last Sunday neet. Between eite and nine o'clock aw wis nagivatein that dark and dowly road aw cam ocross too bits ove lasses on the middle ove the road clinging tiv each other, and one ove them wis cryin, and on interrogatin them as to the cause ove thor greef, said they had been insulted by sum lads wiv masks on thor fayces. Be this time thor cam two matronly bodies ontiv the scene, an kindly undortook to see them safely doon the remainder ove the road. Noo, sor, this is the sekind or thord time thit the seyme thing hes hapened te maw knowledge, an aw think its a disgracefull state ove affairs te say thit peeceiblee-disposed persins cannit get walked in wor publick streets wiyoot been insulted bin a lot ove yung jackinneyps. If a pollisman was te patroll the Pastor Drift Road in plain claes, he wad seun nab a few on them witch mite be the meens ove putin a stop to such disgraceful gannins on, so if a Bray's Patent Lamp was orekted aboot the middle ove the bauk it wad be ove sum sorviss if kept lighted. See aw pass on doon the road to

DERWENT STREET

In the Benfeeldside Lokill Bord districkt witch stands greetlee in need ove a krossin or two beein put doon. Its simplee redickilise te think a bodee cannit get akross the street dry-footed unless they heve the pressince of mind te kross owor at the Rose and Croon or gan doon tiv the Durham Road end. Effter a deel ove coaksin we got the futpath cemented, and we mite get a krossin or two laid doon if we gan the reet way aboot it. Fra Derwent Street aw pass on te wat is comminlee knawn as

RITSON'S ROAD

Were aw see a lot ove clay hes been laid doon te form a futway, an it's in a kumpleet puddle the south side ove the awd Saw Mill Yard, wile a little farthor on is the foondashun ove what will be a gud futpath if it is proporlee managed, an aw think we mun safelee leeve that job in the hands ove the sorvaor, whe, aw hevent the slightest doot, will attend tiv the other porshin ove the road when it is conveeneant for him to did.—Yors troolee,

"PEEPIN TOM."

HEALEYFIELD LEAD MINING COMPANY.

The first general meeting of the shareholders of the Healeyfield Lead Mining Company, Limited, was held on Tuesday in the Company's Offices, 22, Westgate Road, Newcastle. Mr Wm. Whitwell, of Kendal, chairman of the board of directors, presided. The company was formed only three or four months ago, with a capital of £30,000 in 30,000 shares of £1 each, to work the Healeyfield Lead Mines, situate on the Southern Hills of the river Derwent, in the parish of Muggleswick. The grant which the company acquired has a run of three miles in length on the course of the lodes from north to south, and in depth the lodes are in a similar geographical formation as that of the adjoining one, viz., Weardale, where the celebrated lead mines, owned by Mr W. B. Beaumont, have produced enormous quantities of ore. Most favourable reports have been made by Mr Bewick, Haydon Bridge, the consulting engineer, and by practical miners, and good results are confidently anticipated from the company's operations.

The Chairman said the directors and old proprietors of the mine had entire confidence in it, as was evidenced by their holding half of the property and by taking one-fifth of the new shares. He hoped the idea they had always entertained would be carried out, namely, that after a while they should sink down to the real lead levels of the district and be amply repaid. The only business before the meeting was the election of directors, and the whole of those retiring were re-elected, namely, Mr W. Whitwell, of Kendal; Mr James Blenkiron, mining agent, Arkendale; Lieut.-Col. Monks, merchant, Durham; Mr Henry Pritchard, clothier, Newcastle; Mr Edward Reid, merchant, Newcastle. The sum of £150 per annum was allotted as the remuneration of the directors.

Mr F. G. Lane, of London; Mr Bewick, consulting engineer of the company; Capt. Treleuse, manager; and Mr James Blenkiron, managing director, of Arkendale, addressed the meeting upon the condition and prospects of the mine, and were unanimous in believing that when they got down to the real lead measures they would be found very productive.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

FASHIONABLE CONCERT AT HARELAW.

An evening concert of a high-class character was given in the National School-room, Harelaw, on the evening of Monday last. There was a very large audience, the antique edifice being filled in every part, the passage, entrance porch, and every available corner being crammed, and many were unable to obtain admission. The room, which was brilliantly lighted, presented a very interesting appearance, the lofty walls being adorned with festoons of flowers and ripened grain. An excellent programme was gone through, the promoters of the entertainment having happily secured the services of several vocalists well-known in the musical world.

The proceeds of the venture are, we understand, to be devoted to a very laudable object—the formation of a reading-room for the district. The leading spirits in this commendable undertaking are Messrs Lumley, Telford, and Arkless, and their efforts have been ably supported by the young men of Harelaw Colliery Church Choir, whilst the inhabitants of the surrounding district have given ample testimony of their appreciation of the object by the hearty manner in which they responded to the appeal just made to them.

The concert was opened by a pianoforte duet, "Sleigh bells," by Misses Thirlaway and Hobson, which was executed in a brilliant manner. Messrs Chatt, Telford, Hope, and Arkless, followed with the amusing quartet, "The Chafers," which was well taken with. Miss Allen next gave the charming song, "Somebody's coming," in a manner worthy of the highest commendation. Nothing could be more natural than the style in which this song was rendered. It is rarely indeed that one hears it so well accomplished in a rural district. Mr Thirlaway sang the popular comic song, "John Malone" splendidly, whilst the rendering of the duet, "I've wandered in dreams," by Mr Charles Stephenson and Miss Shield, was deservedly admired. Mr Arkless sang the song, "In Cellar Cool" very tastefully. Miss Mary Thirlwell, a very young lady, next sang the "Legend of the Crossbill," in a manner which elicited from the audience a rapturous *encore*. Responding to the compliment, she sang "Children's home," very sweetly. This young lady is at present, we understand, undergoing a course of professional training, and the manner in which she acquitted herself on Monday evening is creditable alike to herself and tutors. The next piece on the programme was a quartet, "Sweet and low," by Misses Allen and Thirlaway, and Messrs Chatt and Arkless, which was gone through with much feeling. Mr C. Stephenson then sang the stirring song "Draw the sword, Scotland," in such a manner as to educe from the audience spontaneous outbursts of well-merited applause. Mr Stephenson has begun the work of the season in splendid form, as the rich tone and marked intelligence observable in all his efforts conclusively prove. Miss Shield, a vocalist of great promise, then came with the splendid song, "The miller and the maid," to which she did full justice, her singing being much admired. This lady has a voice of excellent quality and finish, as well as singular clearance of expression. Mr J. A. Jobling (Newcastle), not having put in an appearance, this brought the first part of the programme to a close. After an interval of a few minutes, Misses Thirlaway and Hobson struck the key-note to the entertainment by the rendering in grand style of the pianoforte duet, "Qui Vive." We cannot, however, touch upon each piece in detail, suffice to say that the artistes, each and all, excelled themselves (and that's saying something) in the pieces devolving upon them. The audience caught the infection and became demonstrative, hence the second part was characterised by more life and vigour than the first. This may have been due to a certain degree to the infusion of the comic element which predominated largely. Mr Thirlaway received an *encore* for his rendering of "The parson and the clerk," and replied by giving "Ginger," much to the amusement and delight of the audience from reasons known to those who were present. Miss Shield, Miss Allen, and Miss Mary Thirlwell, were all recalled and promptly responded. Ultimately Mr J. A. Jobling arrived and sang "The schoolmaster," and in response to rapturous encores gave, "On Monday night I met Mary Ann," "The bloated young aristocrat," "Nancy Green," and "Six jelly bricks." Mr Jobling is a comic singer of the first order; his efforts well nigh convulsed the audience. He is quite a host in himself. The singing of the "National anthem" by the company concluded the programme. Miss Thirlaway presided at the pianoforte with much taste and ability, and she was ably assisted by Mr Lumley.

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THE WAGES QUESTION IN THE IRON TRADE.

APPOINTMENT OF AN ARBITRATOR.

On Monday afternoon a meeting of the Board of Arbitration and Conciliation for the Manufactured Iron Trade of the North of England was held at the Central Buildings, Darlington. Mr William Whitwell presiding, Mr Cullen in the vice-chair. There was a good attendance. Mr Winpenny, the employers' secretary, read the minutes of last meeting, which were passed.—The business was opened by Mr Trow, who drew attention to the fact that no account was taken of the prices of iron in the actual deliveries between the 1st and 18th of October. He thought they should have these prices, as they might have improved during that time.—After some discussion this suggestion was agreed to.

The Chairman then introduced the question of arbitration on the wages dispute. He stated that as at last meeting neither side would withdraw the claim of 7½ per cent. which each preferred, the employers for a reduction and the men for an advance, the general feeling then being that the matter should go to arbitration subject to the figures of Mr Waterhouse, whose return had been received.

Mr Cullen, the vice-chairman, said the men had considered the matter that morning. They were not prepared to withdraw, but were ready to consider a favourable offer from the employers.—Mr Trow added that the operators were in favour of arbitration.—Mr Jeremiah Head then moved, and Mr Siddell seconded—"That the question in dispute go before an arbitrator."—Carried unanimously.

The Chairman said the employers, as such, had made no definite arrangement as to the appointment of an arbitrator.—The Vice-President said that the men had decided to refer the matter for decision to Sir Joseph Whitwell Pease, if that gentleman would undertake it.—The employers then withdrew to consider the question of an arbitrator, and, after being absent but two or three minutes, returned to the room; and the chairman stated that the employers had resolved unanimously to accept the operatives' suggestion that Sir Joseph Pease be asked to act as arbitrator. (Applause.)—The Chairman said that he thought the Board could not convey a greater compliment to the hon. baronet than in selecting him again as arbitrator. It evidenced the greatest faith in his integrity and judgment in the future question to be put before him.

Some discussion then took place as to the date from which the award should be given. At length the following resolution, moved by Mr J. Head, seconded by Mr Mallin, was carried unanimously:—"That in view of the improbability of the arbitrator's decision being published by the termination of the present wages agreement on the 28th inst., the present rate of wages shall continue to be paid until the said decision shall be given, and that the arbitrator shall have power to fix the date when any change he may make in wages shall take effect, provided that such date be not earlier than the 28th inst."

The question was then discussed as to whether any limit as to time should be fixed which the award of the arbitrator should cover. Some suggested six months, but it was ultimately decided to leave the matter to the arbitrator. It was decided that Sir Joseph Whitwell Pease, who is away from the district, should be communicated with at once.

The question of an attempt being made to renew a sliding scale was also considered, but it was determined that no steps should be taken in that direction until after the forthcoming settlement of wages, especially as Mr Trow remarked there would have to be a new election of operative delegates shortly.

Mr Waterhouse (accountant to the Board) attended, and was asked some questions relative to the way that the net average prices were taken out of the employers' books, and the way they were verified, which he answered satisfactorily. The following communication from that gentleman was read by the chairman:—

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with the request of your joint secretaries the various firms and companies belonging to your Board have sent me statements of the unexecuted contracts on their books on the 18th inst. I have verified the same by an examination of the books of each firm, and found the total to be as follows:—

UNEXECUTED CONTRACTS, 18TH OCTOBER, 1882.

Description.	Tons Weight	Percentage of Total	Average Net Selling Price per Ton.
Rails	326	0·13	£6 1s 4·19d.
Plates	193,779	74·02	£6 10s 1·25d.
Bars	10,113	3·86	£6 6s 9·37d.
Angles	57,578	21·99	£5 19s 3·18d.
Totals ...	261,796	100·00	£6 7s 7·60d.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
EDWIN WATERHOUSE.
44, Gresham St., London, 23rd Oct., 1882.

Mr Waterhouse added that as bars were taken on short contracts, if a proportionate allowance were made the average would be brought up to about £6 7s 10d., instead of £6 7s 7½d.—The Chairman said that practically the unexecuted contracts would last six months.—The thanks of the Board were given to Mr Waterhouse, and the proceedings terminated.

On Tuesday night a large meeting of ironworker was held at Middlesbrough, for the purpose of considering the action of the delegates at the recent conference, at Darlington, on the subject of the wages question. Mr. W. Flynn presided. It was remarked that considerable dissatisfaction had been occasioned in certain quarters as to the appointment Sir J. W. Pease as arbitrator, but after an explanation by Mr Henry McGee, delegate, who stated that at the Darlington meeting the fullest confidence was expressed in the ability and impartiality of Sir Joseph, this explanation was cordially received and accepted by all present, and a resolution was passed in favour of the action which had been taken by Mr McGee and the other delegates of the district. A discussion then arose as to the necessity of the puddlers of Messrs. Fox, Head, and Co.'s works following in the footsteps of the millmen, and joining the Ironworkers' Association, and it was ultimately resolved that they do so.

Football

WOLSINGHAM (SCRATCH TEAM) v. CASTLESIDE.—Played on Saturday at Wolsingham and resulted in a victory for the home team by one goal and five tries to nil. Castleside played with three men short. Teams:—Wolsingham—Full back, W. C. Dowson; three-quarter backs, R. W. Wraith, J. D. Muschamp, and R. Bainbridge; half-backs, W. Thwaites and F. M. Love; forwards, T. Barningham, C. E. Hughes, J. C. Love, C. Morgan, P. Burke, S. Johnson, J. Vasey, T. Wilson, and E. Sanderson. Castleside—Full back, G. S. Brown; three-quarter backs, R. C. Davison and J. Robinson; half-backs, R. Davison and George Brown; forwards, W. Pattinson, T. Robinson, W. C. Toward, G. Hall, J. T. Hillary, G. Harker, and W. Jamieson.

BURNOPFIELD WANDERERS v. HAMSTERLEY RANGERS.—Played on Saturday on the ground of the former, and ended in favour of the home team by one goal to Hamsterley's one disputed goal. Teams:—Burnopfield—Goal, J. Graham; backs, T. Curry and G. Strong; half-backs, S. Trewick and W. Allan; left wing, G. Green and J. Watson; centres, J. H. Brown and J. Rodham; right wing, G. Holmes and R. Wharton. Hamsterley—Goal, G. Weedy; backs, Heppel and Newgent; half-backs Heenan and Hume; left wing, Brown and Bilcliff; centres, Hamilton and Raine; right wing, Stubbs and Richardson.

DARLINGTON A TEAM v. TOW LAW.—Played on the ground of the latter on Saturday in two twenties and two fifteens, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by one try and two touches-down. The try was obtained by Hughes in the last quarter. Teams:—Darlington—Back, Brunskill; three-quarter-backs, G. W. Watson and H. A. Hughes; half-backs, Stephenson (captain) and R. Thornton; forwards, F. E. Pease, W. French, C. O. Morrell, W. H. Walker, Lucas, Bowman, Badcock, and J. Blumer. Tow Law—Back, J. Proud; three-quarter-backs, N. James Hall and R. B. Stankley; half-backs, E. Parker and A. Drummond; forwards, F. Drummond (captain), A. Collingwood, T. Hall, R. Weatherall, W. Emerson, H. Slater, J. T. Turner, J. Wilkinson, J. Walton, and H. Hodgson.

TOW LAW AND STANLEY 2ND TEAMS, ASSOCIATION.—Played on the ground of the latter on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by three goals against one, accidentally kicked by one of the Tow Law men. The goals for Tow Law were kicked by L. Smith (2) and T. Dixon (1). Teams:—Tow Law—Goal, N. Allison; backs, T. Best and J. Spreates; half-backs, A. Carr and J. Higginson; left wing, N. Little and E. Trainor; centre, L. Smith and N. A. Hillary; right wing, T. E. Dixon and Thomas Horn. Stanley—Goal, J. Pool; backs, N. Peacock and M. Dawson; half-backs, J. Butterfield, N. Crane, and J. Robinson; left wing, N. Beeton and G. Lennett; centre, John Hughes; right wing, T. Crooks and Shevels.

STANLEY STAR v. MILKWELL BURN ROYAL BLUES.—These two clubs met at Stanley on Saturday, and in very inclement weather played a game of two thirties. When time was called the game stood in favour of Stanley by two goals to *nil*. The captain of Milkwell Burn (W. Tomlinson) played a good form.

CONSETT v. RYTON.—This match was played on Ryton Willows on Saturday last, in miserable weather, and resulted in a victory for the visitors, after a very exciting and well-contested game, by one poster, one try, one touch-down, to one touch-down. For the victors, Jameson and Struthers played splendidly, while Appleby and Miller played well for Ryton. Team:—Consett—Backs, J. Mills; three quarter-backs, M. Hobday, C. Routledge, (captain) and J. Struthers; quarter-backs, T. Jameson and W. Kempster; forwards, B. Giles, J. Robson, F. Perkins, Saburn, J. Evens, R. Stafford, W. Beldon, and T. Kirkup. The tries were obtained by Perkins and Kirkup.

MR. A. PEASE, M.P., AT CROOK.—Speaking at the distribution of prizes in connection with art classes at Crook, on Friday, Mr Arthur Pease, M.P., said it would become harder in the future for the uneducated to gain positions of trust, and if we meant to retain our commercial supremacy we must educate our working men. Want of education was to blame for the agitations which resulted in workmen going against the wishes and counsels of their leaders.

THE "WYLAM DILLY" FROM CRAGHEAD.—The director of the Government Museum of Science and Art in Edinburgh (Professor T. C. Archer) having offered a place in that building for the reception of this old locomotive, Messrs. Hedley have consented to the proposal, and the engine will be forwarded direct from Tynemouth to Edinburgh. It will be remembered that Messrs. Hedley's other existing locomotive is in the South Kensington Museum.

PAUPERISM IN THE LANCHESTER UNION.—Official papers have just been issued, distinguishing the average cost for the maintenance of paupers from the average cost of the out-relief, together with the total cost of each (exclusive of establishment charges), during the year ended Lady Day, 1882, against the year ended Lady Day, 1881.—In the Lanchester Union the average cost for the in-maintenance of paupers was £9 3s 3d, total £1,823; against £9 6s 3, total £1742; and the out-relief £4 3s 2d, total £3,283; against £4 10 2d, total £3,541.

THE DURHAM MINERS AND THE GENERAL STRIKE.—The delegates from the Durham Miners' Association to the Manchester Conference presented to the Council meeting held on Saturday in the Miners' Hall, North Road, Durham, their report of the proceedings at that gathering, including the facts of the discussion which took place over the resolution for a general strike in default of obtaining an advance of wages.—The report had been printed, and was handed to the various delegates for presentation and discussion at the meetings of the various lodges, and no discussion whatever took place at the Council meeting.

A CANDIDATE FOR THE BLUE RIBBON ARMY.—James Lang, of Pelton Fell, was brought before D. H. Goddard, Esq., at Chester-le-Street, on Monday week, charged with being drunk and disorderly, on the 14th inst. It appears that about twelve o'clock on Saturday night P.C.'s Crabb and Simpson, when near Pelton Fell, heard groans coming from the direction of the Bourns. The officers discovered the defendant lying in the stream, the water of which completely covered him up to his head. The defendant had rolled down a distance of eight or nine feet, and being fully six feet in height, the policemen had considerable difficulty in rescuing him from his dangerous position. After being brought to the bank he became very violent, and lay on the ground kicking and plunging. Fortunately Inspector Collins came up, and with the assistance of a fourth party the defendant was taken to the police-station. Before this was accomplished, it was found necessary to treat the prisoner to the "frog march," *i.e.*, carried face downwards.—Mr Goddard informed Lang that he ought to feel very thankful to the policeman, who had undoubtedly been the means of saving his life; and advised him, at the same time, to join the Blue Ribbon Army.—This the defendant promised to do, and in consideration of the fact that he had suffered severely from the effects of his immersion, a fine of 2s 6d only and costs was inflicted.

THE DEVIL AT A QUAKERS' MEETING.—A.D. 1654. A grave minister, at the earnest desire of some Friends, went with John Ward and Anthony Hunter to a meeting of the Quakers, at the house of John Hunter, in Benfieldside, in the county of Durham, where he found about twenty persons sitting all silent. And after we had sate a while (saith the minister that gave this relation under his hand), all being mute, the Lord moved me to arise and call upon His name by prayer; I was no sooner up, but my legs trembled greatly, so that it was some difficulty to me to stand; but after I had prayed a short space the trembling ceased. While I prayed to God as a Creator, there was but little disturbance; but when I cryed in the name of Jesus Christ my Mediator, God in my nature in the highest glory appearing, and interceding for His saints, then the devil roared in the deceived souls, in a most strange and dreadful manner, some howling, some screeching, yelling, roaring, and some had strange confused kind of humming and singing noise. Such a representation of hell I never heard of; there was nothing but horror and confusion. After I had none praying (not opening mine eyes before), I was amazed to see about the one-half of those miserable creatures so terribly shaken, with such strange, violent, various motions, that I wondered how it was possible for some of them to live. In the midst of this confusion one of them asked me if I was not come to torment them; to whom I applyed that Word, Mat. 8, 29, where the devils asked Christ the same question. And whilst I spake something of faith, they declared that they were come to the faith of devils, Jam 2, 19, who believe and tremble; be he said that we were not attained to such a faith. After two hours as we were departing out of the house, one of them cursed me with these words, "All the plagues of God be upon thee;" whereupon I returned and prayed for such of them as had not committed the unpardonable sin.—*From Neasham's History of West Durham.*

Business Announcements.

NINTH YEAR OF ATTENDING CONSETT.

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

BRONCHITIS.

Hodgson's Mills, Blyth, September 22nd, 1882.

DEAR SIR,—In October last, on the recommendation of a friend who had tried your appliances, I purchased a Magnetic Chest Protector for my wife. She had been a frequent sufferer from Bronchitis, and was then ill with a severe attack. In less than a week the Magnetism had greatly relieved her breathing, and every day afterwards there was a gradual improvement until she was fairly well. In addition to the good it did at that time, she has worn it since as a protection against another attack, and I am glad to say it has proved most effective.—Yours, &c.,
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Prudhoe-on-Tyne, September 19th, 1882.

SIR,—I am happy to say that I have received a great amount of good from the Lung Invigorator I got from you last year. I suffered from bronchitis and a severe cough. This brought on spitting of blood, which continued for some time, and left me very weak. It was at that time I began to wear the Invigorator and feel its good effects. It relieved the sore cough and eased my breathing. My chest and back used to have a cold feeling, but now I am quite warm and comfortable, even if the day is cold and damp. I feel confident that it has benefited me in many ways, and I take every opportunity in recommending your appliances.—Yours truly,
Mr. D. Lamont. W. R. SIMPSON, Newsagent.

The MAGNETIC WAIST BELT exercises a beneficial influence on the Liver and Digestive Organs, stimulating them to more vigorous action, and thus aiding in the formation of healthier blood, purifies and invigorates the entire system. It cures Lumbago, Rheumatic Pains in the back, Sciatica, Debility, &c.

LIVER COMPLAINT.

Whitehall Road, Gateshead, September 21st, 1882.

DEAR SIR,—Something like two years ago I suffered very much from my liver, and tried everything that was recommended to get relief, but all to no purpose. I might get momentary relief after a dose or two, but only for a time. I resolved to try one of your belts as a last resource, and am happy to say after about a fortnight's wear I found relief. I may state that my symptoms were general depression and severe pain in the stomach, which the belt effectually removed. You are quite at liberty to use this in any way calculated to benefit others suffering from the same complaint.—Yours, &c.,
Mr D. Lamont. THOMAS FOSTER.

The MAGNETIC KNEE CAP has proved to be of immense service in removing and relieving Rheumatic and other affections of the Knee-joint, Weakness, Stiffness, Swelling, &c., &c.

PAIN IN THE KNEE.

Orchard Field, Blackhill, September 23rd, 1882.

DEAR SIR,—The Knee Cap I got from you nine months ago has done my knee a deal of good. It was injured many years ago. A small bone displaced caused me much pain, and nothing relieved me till I got the knee cap. It has removed the pain and greatly strengthened the knee.—Yours truly,
Mr. D. Lamont. ANDREW DARRIE.

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Mr. WILLIAM CRAWFORD, Secretary of the Miners' National Union writes:—

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

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

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THE SYCAMORES, ROWLEY.

NOTICE !—The GAME upon this Estate is now strictly preserved.
January 2nd, 1882.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WILLIAM ELLIOTT, Assistant Overseer, has REMOVED to No. 5, MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, where he continues to do Insurance, Building Society, and General Commission Business.

BLACK HORSE BUILDINGS, BURNOPFIELD.

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

Orders sent by post will be promptly attended to. A trial is solicited.
September, 1882. 957q

Public Notices.

REMEMBER the SECOND MEETING of the Third Derwent Building Society, at Mr. W. TURNER's, Station Hotel, Blackhill, on Wednesday Evening next, November 1st, at Seven o'clock. 65r

LANCHESTER COMMON SURFACE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

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

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

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

THE INAUGURAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the Wesleyan School, Gibson Street, Consett, on Monday Evening next, October 30th, 1882, for the Election of Officers for the ensuing year, and other Business. Meeting to commence at Half-past Seven. 71r

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

THE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES OF CONSETT intend holding their ANNUAL PROCESSION and SPECIAL SERVICE in the Wesleyan Chapel, Consett, on Sunday, October 29th, 1882, at 2·30 p.m. SERMON by Rev. V. TYAS. All are earnestly invited to attend.

A Collection at the close of the Service in aid of the Hospital Fund. 57r

A MEETING of the SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS, will be held (D.V.) in St. Cuthbert's Sunday School, Benfieldside, on Friday, November 3rd, at 8 p.m. Rev. C. CROUCHER, of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and others, will Address the Meeting.

A Collection in aid of the Society.

N.B.—The S.P.G. is the oldest English Missionary Society. 51r

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VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

ON

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 1882.

SPLENDID CHORUS OF 50 VOICES.

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

For further particulars see Programmes. 54r

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

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

TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY ON LANCHESTER COMMON.

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

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

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

We are, yours faithfully,
C. D. W. BALLENY, } Hon. Secs.
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4th July, 1882.

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THE SECOND SUBSCRIPTION MEETING will be held at the Society's Room, Station Hotel, Blackhill, on Wednesday, November 1st, 1882, at Seven p.m. At Eight o'clock a Share will be sold, and the Rules submitted for the approval of the Members.

Above 120 Shares have already been subscribed for.

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

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

Sales by Auction.

Mr. A. T. Crow.

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

THE NEXT SALE of HORSES, CARRIAGES, HARNESS, &c., will take place on Tuesday, October 31st, 1882.

SALES BY AUCTION EVERY TUESDAY.
740q JOHN PEEL, Proprietor

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A THRILLING TALE OF IRISH LIFE

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

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

Continuance of Sale.

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

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed to Offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION in the Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett, on Monday and Tuesday, October 30th, and 31st, 1882, the whole of the superior Stock of new LINEN and WOOLLEN DRAPERY of all kinds, including Flannels, Blankets, and other useful Goods for the Winter Season, together with Dress Goods and General Drapery, and a quantity of the best Floor Oilcloths, &c. Particulars in handbills. 999q

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By Mr. J. Oley.

Miners' Arms, Highgate.

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

Parties may dispose of their surplus Furniture at this Sale.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock in the Afternoon.
Particulars given in Handbills. 67r

View Field, Shotley Bridge.

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

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

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

By Mr. William Raw.

Durham Road, Blackhill.—Household Furniture for Sale.

MR. WILLIAM RAW (having been instructed) will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, the whole of the Household FURNITURE belonging to the late SAMUEL WALKER, on Friday, November 3rd, 1882, comprising—Mahogany Couch; Mahogany Easy Chair, 6 Mahogany Chairs; Harmonium; Clock; Sewing Machine; 2 Iron Bedsteads and Mattresses; Feather Bed; Rabbit Down Bed; Tables; Chairs; Tubs; Ware; Fenders; Mahogany Drawers; and all the other requisite articles.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock precisely.
Sale Office Blackhill, Co. Durham. 66r

Valuable Property at Dipton and Iveston for Sale.

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

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By Mr. J. Jenkins.

Freehold Property for Sale at Consett.

MR. JOHN JENKINS has received instructions from the Mortgagee, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, November 1st, 1882, at Seven o'clock p.m., at the house of Mr. G. BROWN, Railway Hotel, Consett, all that

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Situate and being No. 2, Front Street, Consett, now in the occupation of Mr. Samuel Burn Carter, containing spacious Shop, Kitchen, and Washhouse, on the Ground Floor, Sitting-room, and Two Bed-rooms above, together with Yard and Out-Offices.

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By Mr. A. Phillipson.

Lintz Colliery.—Monday, October 30th, 1882.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. JOHN URRN, will SELL BY AUCTION, all his Valuable Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS See Bills.

Sale to begin at Half-past One o'clock. 40r

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THE NEXT FORTNIGHTLY SALE of CATTLE, MILK COWS, HORSES, CONVEYANCES, HARNESS, &c., will be held on Monday, November 6th, 1882, at Two o'clock.
69r NICHOLSON and MURRAY.

By Mr. J. Crawford.

Consett Auction Mart.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 1882.

ECHOES FROM BLACKHILL.

[BY INCEDO.]

The Presbyterians of this town and district have determined to erect a mural tablet to the memory of the late Mr James and Mr Andrew Annandale, in consideration of the princely support which for a long course of years those gentlemen rendered to the Presbyterian Church here. Possessed of the world's wealth, the Messrs Annandale did not—

"——hide it in a hedge,
Nor for a train-attendant;"

but large of heart, and gifted with a goodly share of the sagacity characteristic of their countrymen, they gave largely to the noblest of all causes—the propagation of the everlasting Gospel. Of course that chaste edifice—St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church—built a few years ago at a cost of something like £2,500, is itself, and will long remain, a lasting monument of the beneficence of the Annandale family; but at the same time if the members of the congregation are desirous to raise a stone in sweet memoriam of those good men, no one will find fault with them. Indeed, the act serves to show that the virtue—gratitude—is still a power in the earth. A committee has, I believe, been formed to work the congregation. No outside help will be asked—the matter rests purely with the members and adherents of the church.

Hospital Sunday Fund has this year been brought very prominently before the general public. Mr R. H. Holmes, honorary secretary to the Fund, has communicated with the secretaries of the Friendly Societies in Consett and district, and instructions have been issued for a general muster of the various Orders. It is announced that the members will march in procession to one of our local chapels, where a special sermon will be preached, after which a collection will be made in aid of the Fund. As Consett is one of the most prosperous centres of industry in the wide, wide world, it is to be hoped that the collection will be alike in keeping with the prosperity and the intelligence of the district. "Cast thy bread upon the waters," it has been said, "for thou shalt find it after many days," and even so shall it be with the freewill offerings of the members of the Friendly Societies on this occasion.

Now that the short days are upon us, the concerts come thick and fast. The Consett and District Choral Society gave a classic entertainment in the Wesleyan School-room on Tuesday evening. This is, I believe, the fourteenth concert given by this Society since its formation five years ago. Mr Stelling labours most assiduously in the work; two meetings being held weekly, one devoted exclusively to the teaching of elementary music, the other to the advanced class. The charge made is only nominal, hence the project is very far from being a paying concern; but a grand scheme is in contemplation which, if it will not fill the coffers, will at least turn the balance to the winning side. It is announced that a high-class concert will be given in the Central Hall here on Tuesday evening by Mr J. Stephenson's Ochestral Band, and a splendid chorus of fifty voices. The public may, therefore, expect a musical treat of the first water.

Appropos to the concerts is a fact worth mentioning. Complaints reach me from divers quarters touching the huge proportions of the headgear worn by the lady of the period; and it does seem strange that the opposite sex do almost invariably claim the lion's share of earth and sky. When crinolines were the order of the day woman surely had her share of *terra firma*, but those broad-brimmed hats, surmounted perhaps by a sable plume, are an intolerable nuisance, especially if the wearer of such a possession happens to sit before you at a public entertainment. Fancy a fellow with an eye for the beautiful so circumstanced. The platform is entirely hidden from him; he is literally under the cloud. It would be a boon to mankind if the ladies would take to wearing the Turkish fez. To doff their hats in church and hall would not mend matters, those frizled can-cans rise erect like the war plume of the savage.

NAMEBOARDS ON RAILWAY TRAINS.—All the passenger carriages of the trains between Saltburn and Crook, Benfieldside, and Stanhope, are now surmounted by painted boards signifying the route the trains travel.

Local and District News.

CONCERT AT LANGLEY PARK.—On Saturday night last, the Wesleyan New Connexion choir, of Cornsay, gave a most successful concert in the New Wesleyan Chapel, Langley Park, on behalf of the trust funds.

DEATH OF MR JOHN FITZPATRICK.—By the death of Mr John Fitzpatrick the inhabitants of Catchgate lose an old and much esteemed neighbour. Deceased came from Liverpool several years ago and established himself in business at Catchgate, as tailor and draper. He died on Saturday last at the advanced age of 78 years.

THIRD DERWENT BUILDING SOCIETY.—The Second Subscription Meeting of the Third Derwent Building Society, will be held at Mr W. Turner's, Station Hotel, Blackfine, Blackhill, on Wednesday evening next, November 1st, when the Secretary will be glad to enter the names of those wishful to become members.

S.P.G.—A meeting in support of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (the oldest Church Missionary Society in existence) will take place in St. Cuthbert's School-room, Benfieldside, on Friday evening next, at eight o'clock. The Rev C. Croucher, of Cape Breton, Novia Scotia, will attend as deputation.

DURHAM ASSIZES.—The commission of the Durham autumn gaol delivery will be opened at the Court House, Durham, on Monday next, before Mr Justice Hawkins, one of the judges of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice. At present the calendar contains the names of twelve prisoners for trial, charged with eleven offences. There is no charge of murder, and none of the cases of an exceptionally important character.

THE CHRISTIAN GLOBE SAYS:—Until Mrs Leach produced her Family Dressmaker, with its accompanying cheap Paper Patterns, mothers and daughters were unable to manufacture their own and children's dresses. Now, however, any moderately clever needle-woman, by the aid of Mrs Leach's Paper Patterns, can produce all the articles required by the household, at considerable saving.—Vide *Christian Globe.*

CONSETT OCCASIONAL COURT.—On Wednesday, *John Brodie* was taken before A. Town, Esq., charged by P.C. Hudson with sleeping in the brick flats belonging to Mr R. Dickinson, at Consett, at two o'clock, on that (Wednesday) morning. The defendant was committed to hard labour for fourteen days.—On Tuesday, *Thomas Stewart* was brought up by P.C. Foster before A. Town, Esq., charged with being drunk and incapable at Consett on the 23rd inst., and was fined 5s and costs.

ESH, I.O.G.T.—On Saturday, an entertainment was given by the members of the "Triumph of Esh Lodge," No. 53, kindly assisted by Messrs W. Gray (Boyne), Wm. Thompson (Willington), R. Minn (Quebec), and H. Yates (Waterhouses). Mr R. Bottoms presided. An interesting programme, consisting of songs, recitations, &c., was rendered in a creditable manner. Bro. Bland moved, and Bro. M. D. Elliott seconded, a vote of thanks to the chairman, and to friends for their assistance, and this brought a pleasant gathering to a close.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE WALL.—We regret to record the death of Mr George Wall, farmer, of Satley, which occurred last week after a very brief illness. The deceased gentleman was esteemed and respected by all persons in his immediate locality, where he was well-known. He was a member of the Lanchester Board of Guardians and the Rural Sanitary Authority, being elected for the township of Satley, and also represented Butsfield as way-warden on the Lanchester Highway Board, and was a most regular attender at all the meetings. Among the other offices, he held the post of overseer of the poor and was a churchwarden for Satley.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.—Messrs. Nicholson and Murray sold at their mart on Monday last 25 Leicester tup lambs from 31s to 55s; 6 Leicester shearling tups, from 45s to £6 10s; 30 calving cows, from £12 10s to £22 10s; 10 geld cows, from £10 10s to £17; 10 fat cattle, from £10 to £17; 6 three-year-old grazing bullocks, from £14 to £16 10s; 30 stirks, from £5 10s to £11 10s; 100 fat sheep from 32s to 59s; 60 lambs, from 24s 6d to 38s; 50 black-faced ewes, from 24s 6d to 27s; 20 horses of various ages, prices ranging from £5 to £30. There was a good company present, but prices were a little easier than last sale. The whole of the cattle and sheep sold at fair, good prices, but a few of the horses remain unsold.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT MARLEY HILL.—Harvest thanksgiving services were held in St. Cuthbert's Church, Marley Hill, on Sunday last. The church was tastefully decorated with ferns, fruit, flowers, &c. Eloquent and touching sermons were preached, morning and evening, by the Rev S. Beal, rector of Wark-on-Tyne, and Professor of Chinese in University College, London. The church was crowded in every part, and numbers could not obtain admission. The musical portion of the services was ably and heartily led by the choir, under Mr Franklin's tuition. Prayers were read by the Rev S. White, vicar of the parish. The offertory was given to enlarge the church school.

DEATH OF ARCHDEACON PREST.—We have to announce with deep regret the decease of the Ven. Edward Prest, D.D., Rector of Ryton, Archdeacon and Canon of Durham, which took place yesterday (Thursday) morning at Ryton Rectory. The Archdeacon's death has occurred very suddenly, for he was present last week at a meeting in the Town Hall, Gateshead, at the distribution of prizes in connection with the Gateshead School Board science and art classes. The Archdeacon had caught cold when preaching at Gateshead a short time ago, and it brought on a congestion of the lungs, which was the immediate cause of his death. Archdeacon Prest had attained the age of 56 years, and although of late years his health had not been very good, he fulfilled the many onerous and responsible duties of his position with an energy and ability that few are able to display.

WESLEYAN SERVICE OF SONG.—The fourteenth annual service of Song of the Wesleyan Methodist choirs of Northumberland and Durham took place on Wednesday in the Town Hall, Newcastle, the Mayor of Sunderland presiding. The chairman, in his opening remarks, referred to the origin of the service in 1869, and said that Methodist psalmody was much indebted to the efforts of the conductors and the secretaries and assistants forwarding up the choirs to the present state of efficiency. He also spoke of the benefit which these services were to the cause of Methodism generally. The soloists were Miss Tomlinson, of Leeds, and Mr Whitehead, of Durham. There were nearly forty choirs present, giving a total of 1,052 voices, divided in 438 trebles, 173 altos, 193 tenors, and 243 basses. Mr Rea was the organist, and Mr. J. B. Bowes conducted. The hall was crowded to the doors, and the service was a great success.

A BOY KILLED AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.—An inquest was held on Monday last, at the house of Mr Joseph Lumley, Railway Inn, Annfield Plain, before Mr John Graham, district coroner, on the body of a boy named Robert Hetherington, who was instantaneously killed by a fall of stone whilst following his employment as driver at the South Derwent Colliery. At the time of the catastrophe (about half-past three on Friday afternoon) the deceased was standing on the rolley-way, and a man named Thomas Pearson, who was only a few yards away from him, escaped unhurt. The deputy, John Richardson, heard the fall, and on hastening to the spot, saw only the boy's head protruding from underneath the stone. With assistance the body was recovered, but life was extinct.—The jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally killed."—The interment of deceased took place on Monday at Collierley Churchyard, and his remains were followed to the grave by a large number of the inhabitants of Annfield Plain, and also by the scholars of the Primitive Methodist Sabbath-school, who sang select pieces on their road to the last resting place of their late comrade.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.—North Durham Foxhounds—Wednesday, November 1st, Newton Hall, 10·30; Friday, November 3rd, Witton Gilbert, for Langley, 10·45.

GEESE WORRIED BY FOXES NEAR TOW LAW.—Mr Rutter, of Bowden House, near Tow Law, has had eleven fine geese devoured by foxes last week. A correspondent from the locality writes to ask whether any compensation can be claimed for such depredations, and if not, what must be done to stop the practice? Being an old fox-hunter himself, he say he has no desire to poison the foxes.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY TRAFFIC RETURNS.—Improvement in all departments is again the burden of the North-Eastern Railway traffic return. For the week ending the 21st inst., there is a net increase of £8,516, distributed as follows:—Passengers, £167; merchandise and cattle, £3,950; minerals, £4,072; and dock dues, £327. The total increase up to the present date has reached the large sum of £85,543.

THE REPRESENTATION OF NORTH DURHAM.—At a meeting of Liberals at Jarrow on Wednesday last the following resolution was carried:—"That having heard of the probable retirement of Sir George Elliot from the representation of North Durham at the close of this Parliament, requests the leaders of the Liberal party to secure, as early as possible, a second candidate who will in their judgment command the allegiance and invoke the enthusiasm of the Liberal electors in the constituency."

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. JOHN FAWCETT.—The remains of the late Mr John Fawcett, of Durham, were interred at noon yesterday (Thursday), in St. Margaret's Churchyard, in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives, friends, and of the general public. The funeral *cortege* was formed at the residence of the deceased, a little beyond the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, in the North Bailey, at half-past eleven o'clock, and it reached the corner of Elvet Bridge (Bailes's Corner) just as the Freemasons (about 200 of whom were present) debouched from the opposite end of Saddler Street into Market Street. The funeral procession proceeded by way of the North Road, Sutton Street, and Alergate to St. Margaret's Church, a large number of people being assembled along the line of streets. The Rev Canon Cundill, the vicar, read prayers, and the choral portions of the service were most effectively rendered.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Hour of Danger.—Disease commonly comes on with slight symptoms, which if neglected, increase in severity, and thus become dangerous—a condition which betrays the grossest remissness—when these Pills, taken in accordance with their accompanying directions, would not only have checked, but conquered the incipient disorder. Patients daily forward details of the most remarkable and instructive cases in which timely attention to Holloway's advice has undoubtedly saved them from severe illness. These Pills act primarily on the digestive organs, which they stimulate when slow and imperfect; and secondly, upon the blood, which is thoroughly purified by them, whence is derived the general tone they impart, and their power of subjugating hypochondriacism, dyspepsia, and nervous complaints.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUBS.—The annual dinner in connection with this club took place at Mr R. Murray's, Royal Hotel, Benfieldside, on Tuesday night. There was a very good company of members and friends present, and the proceedings passed off satisfactorily, and a pleasant and harmonious evening being spent. About forty having partaken of the dinner, Mr G. T. Hyden (president of the club) was called upon to take the chair, and Mr W. Ramsey (honorary secretary) occupied the vice-chair. The Chairman having submitted "The health of the Queen and the Royal Family," Mr T. Whinney proposed "Success to the Consett and District Cricket Club," a toast which was enthusiastically received and acknowledged by the Vice-chairman. Mr W. Dickinson next gave "The health of the eleven," linking with the toast the names of the Chairman and Dr O'Donnell, both of whom suitably responded. The next toast "The Working Committee," having been duly honoured, Mr George Freak, the vice-captain, replied to it. Several other toasts were submitted, and the mirth of the evening was greatly enhanced by songs contributed by the Chairman, Dr George Renton, Dr O'Donnell, and others.

LEEK AND VEGETABLE SHOW AT LEADGATE.—The first annual show, promoted by the Leadgate and District Leek Society, was held on Saturday and Monday last, at the house of Mr Joseph Noble, Commercial Inn, Leadgate. There was a good display of both leeks and vegetables, some magnificent cabbages being exhibited, and the competition was keen. For the best bunch of leeks, the first prize, a pair of blankets (value £1) was awarded to Joseph Noble, Leadgate; 2nd prize, silver stand (value 18s 6d)—George Hunter, Medomsly; 3rd, silver cruet (value 16s)—Robert Heslop, Leadgate; 4th, timepiece (value 16s)—Geo. Walton, Leadgate; 5th, set of knives and forks (value 12s)—Andrew Shearer, Allendale Cottages; 6th, copper kettle (value 10s)—John Graham, Allendale Cottages; 7th, teapot (value 8s 6d)—John Minto, Leadgate; 8th, brass kettle (value 7s)—Thos. Watson, Leadgate; 9th, spade and gripe (value 7s)—Wm. Browell, Crookhall; 10th, dozen knives, (value 7s)—Thomas Brown, Medomsley; 11th, timepiece (value 6s)—John Forster, Medomsley; 12th, half-a-dozen knives, (value 6s 6d)—Thomas Swinburne, Ebchester; 13th, half-a-dozen table knives (value 5s)—Thos. Cookson, Medomsley; 14th, pound of tobacco and meerschaum pipe (value 7s)—Matthew Greener, Leadgate. For the best collection of vegetables, 6 varities, the first prize of 5s was carried off by Robert Heslop, Leadgate; 2nd, 3s 6d, John Minto, Medomsley; 3rd, 2s 6d, Geo. Walton, Leadgate. Some splendid collections of leeks and vegetables were exhibited (but not for competition) by John Anderson, and Geo. Walton, Leadgate. The judges were Messrs. Wm. Browell, and Wm. Collingwood of Crookhall. The show was well patronised on both days.

ACTION AGAINST THE MINERS' PERMANENT FUND.—At the Durham County Court, on Tuesday (before Mr E. J. Meynell, judge), William Fishburn, miner, sued the representatives of the Northumberland and Durham Miners' Permanent Relief Fund, to recover a sum of £22, which he claimed for allowances from its funds, which had not been paid. Mr Geo. Maw, jun., was for the plaintiff, whilst Mr Strachan, barrister, instructed by Mr Radford, was for the Association.—The plaintiff, who had been for eighteen years a member of the fund, sustained injuries in Trimdon Grange Colliery, in 1875, which rendered him incapable of working in the mines again. He received an allowance of 8s a week from that time up to August last year, at which time he had received from the funds of the association a sum amounting to £128, but on Saturday night, the 19th August, 1881, the secretary, Thomas Bickwell, entered a shop which his wife carried on as general dealer, accused plaintiff of doing the work of the shop, and thus breaking the rules of the fund, and his allowance was stopped from that time. Negotiations were opened with him to compound his claim by payment of a lump sum, but these eventually fell through, and the present action was brought, the plaintiff alleging that he had been made a victim of the local secretary, who carried on a shop as a general dealer on the opposite side of the street.—The defence set up was that the plaintiff regularly performed work of a laborious character in connection with his shop, and witnesses were called in support of this argument.—His Honour, however, stated that although he had no doubt the plaintiff occasionally assisted his wife in the shop, he did not think it amounted to an infriction of the rules of the fund. He, therefore, found for the plaintiff for the full amount claimed.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A fortnightly meeting of this body was held in the Board-room at the Union Workhouse yesterday (Thursday) morning, the chairman (Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., J.P.) presiding. There were present George Hedley, Esq., J.P., Revs Canon Kearney and C. Gillow, Messrs Wm. Logan, J. Wilkinson, T. Siddell, W. H. Hedley, G. Hobson, T. Pringle, T. Hornsby, John Bowey, J. Collinson, J. W. Hodgson, R. Mitchinson, Jos. Eltringham, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed by the Chairman, and the Guardians subsequently proceeded to deal with the relief business.

FINANCE.

The Clerk announced that the Local Government Board had forwarded the sum of £75 towards defraying the salaries of the Union Medical Officers. The Treasurer (Mr Cummins) reported that the balance in hand on October 26th was £2,025 0s 10d.

INMATES OF THE WORKHOUSE.

Week ending Oct. 18th	150
Corresponding week of last year	160
Week ending Oct. 24th	149
Corresponding week last year	167
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	82
" " corresponding fortnight last year	101

APPLICATION FROM WEARDALE UNION.

The Clerk read a communication from the Clerk of the Weardale Guardians informing the Board that a tramp had been burnt to death in a coke oven near Tow Law last week. The body was found by a policeman, who removed it out of the Lanchester Union into the Weardale Union to await a coroner's enquiry, but no inquest was held. The body was afterwards interred by the Weardale Guardians, and they now applied to the Lanchester Board for the sum of £2 4s, the expenses incurred.

The members expressed an opinion that the police ought to have communicated with the Lanchester relieving officer in the first instance, and he would have attended to the matter, and seen that the body was interred. It was, moreover, thought that the item of 14s set down as expenses in travelling to and from Lanchester to obtain the registrar's certificate was exorbitant.

It was resolved to pay the account, less the 14s referred to.

THE SALARY OF THE SCHOOL-ATTENDANCE OFFICER.

In accordance with notice given at last meeting, Canon KEARNEY proposed that the salary of Mr Wm. Ward, the school-attendance and enquiry officer for the Lanchester Union, be increased £20 per annum. He pointed out that Mr Ward had a very extensive area to travel (some eleven parishes in all), and he was doing his work very efficiently, and as chairman of the School Attendance Committee, he (the Canon) could testify to his ability as an earnest and zealous officer. Mr Ward had complained that the large area he had to travel was taxing his energies and telling upon his constitution; and he thought if he had an advance of £20 a year it would enable him to keep a pony. In other places he had ascertained that they paid more for a less amount of work. Mr Ward's present stipend was £100 a year—£50 as school officer, and £50 as enquiry officer. He would remind the Board that although they paid their relieving officers £150 a year, the work of Mr Ward was far more laborious, and everybody acquainted with the working of the Education Act knew this fact. In order to prove the efficient manner in which Mr Ward performed his duties, the rev gentleman explained that in Birmingham, the head centre of the educational movement, where they had thirty-two school officers, the average attendance reached seventy-four per cent; and in this Union in the year 1881 the average attendance was seventy-eight per cent. That figure might probably be slightly reduced this year, because the Ushaw Moor Schools were closed. Furthermore he thought the small advance given to Mr Ward would prove in the end beneficial to the Union.

Mr HOBSON said everybody would agree that Mr Ward was a hard-working and energetic official.

Mr SIDDELL understood that when Mr Ward was originally appointed, it was stipulated that he should devote his whole time to the service of the Board. Since then, however, he believed the Guardians had allowed Mr Ward to fulfil the office of clerk to the Kyo School Board.

Mr ELTRINGHAM, in seconding the motion, was rather surprised to hear Mr Siddell make the observations he had, because when the subject was broached at the last meeting he cordially agreed with the proposal. He thought it somewhat strange that a member should support a motion at one meeting and then condemn it at the next. All the Guardians present at the last Board quite agreed that Mr Ward deserved an additional £20 a year.

Mr SIDDELL begged to remind his friend that there was no discussion on the question at the last meeting. Canon Kearney simply gave notice to bring the motion forward on that day, and he neither said whether he would support or oppose the proposal.

Canon KEARNEY explained that the appointment at Kyo, which was approved by the Guardians, was merely as attendance officer to the Board, and would not interfere in the least with other duties.

Mr HEDLEY wished to know if it would be advantageous for Mr Ward to have a pony, and if it was understood that if he obtained this £20 it was to be applied solely to that purpose?

Canon KEARNEY replied in the affirmative, and said he was willing to add that as a rider to his motion.

Mr HEDLEY pointed out there was no comparison between the responsibilities of the relieving officers and the attendance officer.

Canon KEARNEY explained that he did not allude to the responsibilities of the officials, but to the amount of extra labour Mr Ward had to perform. He was thoroughly acquainted with the duties and responsibilities of each class of officials, and he had no hesitation in saying that the work of the Attendance Officer were physically heavier than that of the relieving officers.

Mr HEDLEY suggested that if the work was too much for one man to perform, they should divide the district, and pay two men say £80 or £90 a year as attendance officers.

The CHAIRMAN reminded the Board that the appointment of Mr Ward was an annual one.

Mr LOGAN, whilst admitting that Mr Ward had efficiently performed his duties in his part of the district, believed at the same time that the Guardians were paying him liberally for the office that he holds. It was not a position of trust, and did not require a great amount of skill. Moreover nothing had been urged that morning to justify any increase of salary being given to Mr Ward.

Mr GILLOW affirmed that £20 a year was not sufficient to keep a pony.

Mr SIDDELL said the Board had nothing to do with the question as to whether Mr Ward should keep pony or not. All they had to determine was whether he was amply paid for fulfilling his duties.

The resolution was put to the meeting, and on the votes being counted, it was ascertained that six voted for and six against the proposal. The Chairman, who had not recorded his vote either one way or another, gave his casting vote in favour of the motion, which was therefore carried.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Reported that plans for hot-water apparatus for heating the vagrant wards, Board-room, hospital and men's wards had been received, and they recommended the Board to allow the same to remain in their hands for another fortnight in order to have them examined. The yards were inspected, and the cement work of the boy's and girls' wards have been completed. The Committee recommend that no more cementing be done until April next. The piggery yards required to be levelled with stone to be ready for cementing in spring, as they are in a very dirty state at the present. The buildings in connection with the piggeries have been completed, with the exception of a small portion of spouting to be fixed. The number of men employed on the works was six bricklayers and two masons.

The report was adopted.

THE INFIRMARY NURSE.

The Clerk intimated that seven applications had been received for the post of infirmary nurse, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mrs Collins.

After considering the various applications, three of the most suitable were selected to appear personally before the Guardians at the next meeting.

MR CULLY'S REPORT ON THE WORKHOUSE.

A report was read from Mr Geo. Culley, Government Inspector, stating that after his conference with the Guardians at the last meeting, he had inspected the interior of the Workhouse buildings, and found everything in splendid order. Although a large amount of money had been expended on the Workhouse, it had been prudently and well spent, and it gave him the utmost pleasure and satisfaction to inspect such a place.

This report was also accepted.

DEATH OF A GUARDIAN.

The Clerk reported that by the death of a Guardian, Mr George Wall, a vacancy had occurred in the township of Satley.

A vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the deceased in their bereavement.

The Clerk was instructed to inform the Local Government Board that a vacancy had arisen on the Board.

THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

The members of the Board now adjourned into the open-air to witness experiments with a portable chemical fire engine from the establishment of Messrs Geo. Angus and Co., of Grainger Street, Newcastle. A large pile of wood, saturated with paraffin, was lighted in one of the wards of the house, the flames were soon got under, and the fire was extinguished in the space of one minute.

The Board decided to purchase one of the extinguishers for the Workhouse.

This was all the business transacted.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, in the Board-room, under the presidency of the Vice-chairman, Mr J. A. Curry. There were also present Mr J. Collinson, the Clerk (Mr W. W. Thompson), and the Attendance-officer (Mr Bullerwell).

As there was not sufficient members present to make a quorum, the business that was executed would be subject to the approval to the next monthly meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL CLEANER.

The Clerk said, as instructed at last meeting, he had advertised in the *Consett Guardian* for a school cleaner at the salary of £25 per annum. He had received eighteen applications which he read to the Board.

Mr COLLINSON: Before appointing a cleaner, I would ask how long will you engage her for?

The Clerk: I would say, engage her for three months, and it would give her chance to give her notice in if she did not like the duties; or if the Board thought she would not give satisfaction, to dismiss her at that time.

The CHAIRMAN quite agreed with this, and it was resolved to do the same.

The applications were then considered, and after some deliberation, it was agreed to appoint Mary Lambert, of Dipton, to the post vacated by the late school cleaner, for a period of three months.

A NUISANCE.

Mr COLLINSON drew the attention of the Board to the urinals in the school-yards, which, he said, were in a very filthy condition. He thought if taps were put to run into the sinks in the same, it would abate the nuisance. It was the school cleaner's duty to clean those out, but it was very rare they were done so, she having not sufficient facilities.

The Clerk said this was very requisite, as the urinals had been in a bad state for some time. He thought they ought to engage Mr Mordue, of Dipton, to do the work as soon as possible.

This was agreed to on the CHAIRMAN assenting to the same.

A HOPELESS CASE.

The Attendance-officer reported that two boys named Litchford (aged ten and eight respectively), residing at Hill Top, had not been attending school for some time. He had served several notices on the mother, but it was of no use—she either would not send them, or they would not come for her. He awaited instructions on the same.

Mr COLLINSON: Is their father not living?

The Attendance-officer: Yes; but he left his wife a long while ago.

The Clerk said their only course was to summon the mother at the Petty Sessions, and if she did not send them, then apply for an order to send them to an industrial school.

Mr COLLINSON: It is ridiculous how these children are being brought up. The Lanchester Guardians are paying the school-fees, and I think it is a shame that money is to be wasted in such a manner. They must be educated, and if they will not come to these schools, I am afraid sending them to a reformatory will be our only course.

The CHAIRMAN: I think we are quite justified in sending them to a reformatory, after appealing to them so long; it will give them a lesson, and also be a warning to others.

Instructions were then given to the Attendance-officer to summons the mother before the magistrates, and failing to get thier attendance by this, to apply for an order to send them to a reformatory.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

The following statistics for the month were submitted by the master (Mr Prevell).

	Boys	Girls	Infts.	Total
No. of children on school books	238	231	203	672
Average No. of children in attendance	202	168	128	498
Cash banked, £23 15s.				

THE SCHOOL CHIMNEYS.

In the master's report there was a complaint entered with regard to the school chimneys, which had not for some time, being drawing the smoke away from the fires, and sometimes the school-rooms were filled with that noxious vapour. He (the Master) wished the Board to look into the matter, as it was a nuisance to both teacher and scholars, and it was also disfiguring the schools, after having just been painted. They would have to be renovated again if there was not something done to stop the same.

Mr COLLINSON: It would be a pity to let the schools be disfigured for the want of the chimneys cleaning and he suggested that the Clerk engage someone to clean them out, under the supervision of the Attendance-officer.

On the CHAIRMAN acquiescing to this, the suggestion was agreed to.

THE LATE DRAWING EXAMINATION.

In the awards of the late drawing examination a splendid set of drawing instruments together with an illuminated certificate, were given by the Science and Art Department to Mr R. R. Herdman, a pupil teacher; while drawing boards and T squares were presented to Thomas Beatham, John Armstrong, William Taylor, and Alice Beatham. Several certificates were also awarded to other scholars.

These having been laid on the tables, they were examined by the members, who expressed their utmost satisfaction for the same, Mr COLLINSON suggesting that Mr Curry present them to the different recipients on Friday next, which he thought would act as a stimulus to the children who had not been so fortunate as their fellow-scholars.

This was agreed to, and the Board adjourned.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY.

A concert of sacred and secular music was given by the members of the Consett and District Choral Society, in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, on Tuesday evening. There was a large audience, the spacious room being comfortably filled. Mr C. Stelling, the leader of the society, weilded the baton. Mr John Surtees presided at the piano, and Mr M. Fawell at the harmonium. The first part of the programme was opened by the Russian air, "God the All-terrible," (Chorus) which was performed with delicacy and point. A solo, "He shall feed His flock" (Handel) by Misses Lumsden and Wheatley was next given and was well taken with. Mr P. Surtees then gave the solo, "Arm! arm! ye brave," with becoming expression and spirit. The choir afterwards gave the famous anthem, "Awake, awake," by which it will be remembered they won for themselves second honours at the singing contest at Stanhope during the past summer. The quartette, "God is a spirit," by Misses Wheatley and Ridley, and Messrs Hutchinson and Allison was well received. A solo "Angels ever bright and fair," by Miss Harwood, was splendidly sung, a professional vocalist could hardly have done it better. The audience testified their appreciation of this lady's singing by an *encore*. The conductor rose at this juncture and explained that as the programme was rather long, and as they were anxious to get through within a reasonable time, he trusted that the audience would forgive them if they did not respond to the favours conferred upon the vocalists by returning and thereby lengthening out the programme. "Come ever smiling liberty," a duet by Misses Wheatley and Harwood, was very prettily rendered, as also was the solo: "O rest in the Lord," by Miss Ridley, although we have often seen the same lady appear to better advantage than she did in the piece under notice. Miss Wheatley sang the beautiful song: "The better land," with much pathos, and was rapturously applauded and re-demanded, but bearing in mind the observations previously made by the conductor the lady simply rose and bowed her acknowledgements. The chorus "Hallelujah," brought the first part of the programme to a close, and was, in common with the whole of the pieces in which the company took part, splendidly gone through, and well deserved the applause accorded to it. After a short interval the company again favoured by giving, with splendid effect, the part-song, "Now let us make the welkin ring." Miss Smith then sang the well-known song: "Oh, give me back those early flowers," with much taste. Mr W. Davison next sang, in a voice of great compass and power, the by no means easily rendered song: "I fear no foe," in such a manner as to call forth loud and prolonged outbursts of applause. Mr Davison, to the inexpressible delight of the audience, responded to the compliment by returning and repeating the piece. "Colin and Patty," an amusing duet by Miss Wheatley and Mr P. Surtees, was rendered with much spirit. Miss Lumsden then sang the magnificent song "Killarney," in a manner which could not fail to please the most critical of the audience. Miss Lumsden is certainly one of the best amateur vocalists in the district; to a rich melodious voice is linked a commendable modesty of manner and graceful style, which never fails to lend a charm to womanhood. Next on the programme was the splendid piece, "Strike the Lyre." Nothing could be finer than the effect produced by the execution of this masterpiece, and in none of the choruses is the careful and judicious training through which the members of the Consett and District Choral Society have passed so perceptible as in the last-named. Mr P. Surtees sang "The White Squall" with his usual ability, the piece being peculiarly adapted to his voice. A trio, "Up, quit thy bower," by Miss Wheatley and Messrs Stelling and Surtees, was much admired. Miss Harwood sang the fine old song "Auld Robin Grey," remarkably well for a native of this side the Tweed. The feeling and expression were faultless. The song: "Somebody's coming," by Miss Wheatley, and the duet "The flower gatherers," by Misses Harwood and Smith—both excellent singers—exhausts the bill of fare, but we should be wanting not only in courtesy, but in common sense, did we omit to accord a word of praise to Mr Stelling, not only for the rare musical talent which his training of the society, of which he is the acknowledged head, unmistakably displays, but for the general tenor of the work in which he is engaged. His usefulness in this respect cannot be over estimated. Music to the masses is one of the questions which the leading minds of the nation have already begun to grapple, and Mr Stelling, and such as he, are slowly but surely laying the foundation of the superstructure. The singing of the National Anthem by the company terminated the proceedings.

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SUDDEN DEATH AT DURHAM.

Shortly after eight o'clock this (Friday) morning, a plumber named Frank Bell, who is employed by Mr James Lailder, New Elvet, entered Durham Railway Station, to take the 8·20 train to Croxdale. As he reached the barrier he dropped down, and expired directly, disease of the heart being apparently the cause of his death. The body was afterwards identified by his brother, who stated that deceased was 47 years of age, resided in Gilesgate, and was a widower with four children.

STRANGE INCIDENT IN NEWCASTLE

This morning about ten o'clock a person—apparently a working man—dropped down in a fit or some sort of illness near St. Nicholas' Church, Newcastle. The man was helped up a little by some person who noticed the occurrence, and an effort was made to induce the cabmen who were at the Stand with their cabs to remove him to the Infirmary. This, however, they persistently refused to do, despite the indignant remarks of the people who gathered round, and the entreaties of two policemen, who, failing to remove them, took their names. In the meantime the man lay deadly pale and apparently unconscious in the midst of the rain which during all the time had descended. The painful scene was eventually finished by the man's removal, after an interval of twenty minutes, from the spot.

A GIRL KILLED ON THE RAILWAY NEAR DURHAM.

A girl named Ann Hope, aged 17, was killed last night at Billy Junction, near Durham. Deceased was the daughter of John Hope, platelayer, residing at Browney Cottages, a mile south of Durham Station, and had just returned home from her employment. Having divested herself of her upper clothing, she went down to the narrow footpath to reach the line, in order to look for her father, whom she expected from Durham. Placing herself beside the down-line, she saw a goods train appear on the up-line, but did not perceive the fast train, due in Newcastle at nine, coming up at full speed behind her, and the noise of the goods prevented her from hearing it. She was struck on the back of the head and left side by the engine buffer and knocked clear of the line, but was terribly injured and killed on the spot. The back of the head was completely smashed in.

Original Poetry.

MIRIAM'S SONG.

The wild cry of death from the mighty resounding
Had died into silence o'er all the wide sea;
The king of the tyrants with thousands surrounding
Proclaimed by his death gasp that Jacob was free:
In loud exultation
The water-freed nation
Sang praise to Jehovah the God of the Sea.

We see Thee, most mighty, amid the commotion,
Half hid by the darkness and rage of the storm,
The wrath of the tempest rules wide o'er the ocean,
But foam-clouds reveal us Thy chariot's form.
O ride on for ever, o'er each raging mountain
Which lifts thine Ark higher where wild waters foam;
Old Ocean below Thee has loosened each fountain,
And moans from the depths of his watery home:
We hail Thee, for ever
Our Strength and Life-giver,
Who high o'er thine empire in glory dost roam.

A halo of brightness is rolling before thee,
Where waves rush to northward with terrible sweep;
The clouds of the ev'ning their mantle cast o'er thee,
And lone is thy path o'er the thundering deep.
O where is the monarch who rides like Elohim,
Supreme on his throne o'er the vast heaving sea?
Stern, wild is the force of the ocean below him;
Around and above him the lightnings flash free
With chaos around him,
Peace, peace doth surround him,
And calmly he smiles on the sons of the free!

O praise him ye nations with timbrels and dances,
For who can show wonders of mercy as he?
Behold where his glory o'er ocean advances!
Behold, where the storm clouds in terror do flee:
O praise him for ever,
Our Strength and Life-giver,
Elohim Jehovah, Lord God of the Sea.

HAMILTON HENDERSON.

Stobb House, Dipton.

DEATH OF MR JOHN FAWCETT, OF DURHAM.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr John Fawcett, of Durham, which took place at at the residence of that gentleman, No. 18, North Bailey, on Saturday night last. Mr Fawcett had been indisposed for some time past, and Dr. Barron, of Durham, had been in attendance upon him, but his ailment did not always confine him to the house, and as late as Tuesday afternoon he visited the Courts at Durham Quarter Sessions, and was for a short time on the Bench in the first Court. Dr. Barron visited him at ten o'clock on Saturday morning, and did not deem it necessary to see him again that day. An attack of apoplexy, however, prostrated Mr Fawcett on Saturday evening and although Dr. Barron and his assistant, Mr Oliver, were quickly in attendance, he died as above recorded very shortly after being struck down by the attack. Mr Fawcett was one of the best known and most influential residents in the North, and his sudden and unexpected demise will be learnt with widespread feelings of regret throughout the district. He was born in the year 1800, and was the son of the Rev John Fawcett by his wife Mary Ann, fifth daughter of Ralph Bates, Esq., of Newcastle. He was representative of an old county family, who a couple of centuries ago were located at Boldon, at which place and in Sunderland they had extensive landed property. The Rev John Fawcett, at the beginning of the present century, was the occupant of Newton Hall, near Durham, and although of independent means and discharging the duties of a country gentleman, he used frequently to officiate at the services held in St. Margaret's Church, Crossgate, Durham, which was the nearest church to his residence. The subject of our present memoir, although holding large properties in Sunderland and Lanchester—latterly in Northumberland, where about ten years ago he purchased an estate near Broom Park—resided nearly wholly in his Durham mansion, where his liberality and charity were proverbial. He took a leading part in the administration of the affairs of the Durham County Hospital, where for some years he filled the post of chairman, from which he retired some three years ago. He also interested himself in the affairs of Sherburn Hospital, being rarely absent from the meetings of the governors, and in a number of other institutions in different parts of the county, whilst his name figures as patron in the Durham Mechanics' Institute. In fact no deserving object ever appealed to him in vain for advice or monetary help, whilst from his house in the North Bailey a large amount of private charity was dispensed which will be missed by a great number of the poor inhibitants of Durham. Mr Fawcett was a justice of the peace in the county of Northumberland, and a deputy-lieutenant and a justice of the peace in his native county. He was chairman of the Durham Division Bench and also a member of the Lanchester Bench. Notwithstanding his advanced age, he was an active member of both these bodies, whilst at Quarter Sessions and upon the various committees on which his name figured he was a most zealous worker. He was also a member of the River Wear Commission. Fawcett Street Sunderland is called after the family. It is, perhaps, as a member of the Masonic body that Mr Fawcett will be best known beyond the confines of his own county. He was first connected with the craft as a member of the Lambton Lodge, held at Chester-le-Street, where he was associated with the Earls of Durham. Afterwards he became a member of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, held in Durham, and subsequently he was made Provincial Grand Master. At the great Masonic gathering which took place at the Royal Albert Hall, at South Kensington, on the occasion of the installation of the Prince of Wales to the highest honours of the craft it fell to the lot of Mr Fawcett, as the oldest Provincial Grand Master in England, to "pass" his Royal Highness past the chair. Mr Fawcett resigned his post as Grand Master of the Province of Durham in October 1880, and he was succeeded by the present Grand Master, the Marquis of Londonderry, the Lord-Lieutenant of the county of Durham. Notwithstanding Mr Fawcett's retirement from the post of honour he had held so long he took the keenest interest in masonic affairs to the last, and rarely missed being present at the chief gatherings of the Durham brethren. In politics Mr Fawcett was a staunch Liberal, and whilst at the outset of his public career he took his place in the front rank of the supporters of his personal friend, John George Lambton, the first Earl of Durham, he rarely failed to sally in the field with the Liberal Candidates, both in Durham City and North Durham, in subsequent contests. On more than one occasion he stood forth on the hustings as one of the nominators of the representatives of his party. Mr Fawcett was quiet and urbane in his bearing, easily accessible, and always ready to give a courteous hearing to all. As a magistrate he displayed an almost painful care in inquiring into the most minute details of the cases brought before him, and his decisions were only arrived at after the closest investigation. His knowledge of law was extensive, and indicated the legal training which had evidently prominently marked his collegiate life, and either as chairman at Durham Petty Sessions, as a member of the Lanchester Bench, or in his place besides the chairman at Durham Quarter Sessions, his assistance was always invaluable. Mr Fawcett was never married, and his heir-at-law is his nephew, Mr C. F. Fawcett, barrister of the North-Eastern Circuit. Of a somewhat numerous family Mr Fawcett is only survived by one member, viz., Mr Ralph Fawcett, who when in England was a frequent visitor to his brother in Durham. A sister of Mr. Fawcett was the late Mrs Trotter, wife of Dr. Trotter, of Durham, of whose family, Mrs F Greenwell, of the South Bailey, Durham, and Mrs Stoker, the wife of Dr. Stoker, of Old Elvet were members.

Markets.

NEWCASTLE MEAT AND POULTRY, Saturday.

	s	d		s	d		s	d		s	d
Prime large beef	0	8 to	0	11		Grouse, per couple	5	0 to	7	0
Prime mutton	0	9	0	11		Pigeons, per couple	1	0	2	0
Small pork	0	9	0	11		Turkeys, per lb	0	0	0	0
Veal	0	8	0	11		Turkeys, poults	1	0	2	2
Lamb, per lb	1	0	0	0		Partridges, brace	3	6	3	0
American beef	0	3	0	10		Pheasants	0	0	0	0
Do. mutton	0	5	0	9		Geese, per lb	0	0	0	0
Do. lamb	0	10	0	11		Goslings, each	6	0	8	0
Do. veal	0	7	0	9		Hares, each	3	6	4	0
Do. pork	0	0	0	0		Leverets	3	0	5	0
Hens, each	1	0	1	9		Rabbits, couple	2	6	3	6
Ducks, each	0	0	0	0		Egyptian Quails	2	3	0	0
Ducklings	8	0	0	0		English fresh butter, per lb	1	4	0	0
Wild Ducks	6	0	0	0		Fresh eggs, 9 for 1s.				
Chickens	6	0	7	0		Salmon, per lb	0	0	0	0
Quails, per couple	0	0	0	0						

NEWCASTLE FRUIT AND POTATOES, Saturday.—Scotch potatoes, 8d to 10d per stone; foreign cucumbers, 2d each; English cucumbers, 4d to 8d each; onions, 10d per stone; blackberries, 8d per quart; figs, 4d to 6d per lb; plums, 2d per quart; pears, 3d per lb; grapes, 8d per lb; cooking apples, 1s 6d to 2s 0d per stone; dessert apples, 4d per lb, cauliflowers, cabbages, rhubarb, lettuce, and other vegetables, cheap.

DURHAM PROVISION, Saturday.—Beef, 8d to 10½d; mutton, 8d to 10½d; veal, 9d to 10d; lamb, 9d to 0d; pork, 9d to 10d; bacon, 8d to 9d; ham, 9d to 9½d; cheese, 7d to 8d; lard, 8d per lb; chickens, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; ducks, 2s 0d to 2s 9d; hens, 1s 6d to 2s 0d each; geese, 6s 6d to 10s 0d; turkeys, 7s 0d to 10s 6d; per couple; hares, 4s 0d; leverets, 2s 6d each; rabbits, 2s 6d to 3s 4d per couple; pigeons, 1s 4d to 1s 6d per couple, partridges, 2s 6d to 3s 0d per brace, pheasants, 7s 6d to 8s 6d per brace; butter, 1s 5d to 1s 7d; ditto salt, 1s to 1s 2d per lb; eggs, 7 to 8 for 1s; grapes, 8d to 10d per lb; pears, 3d to 4d per lb; damsons, 6d per quart; apples, 2s 6d per peck; onions, 10d to 2s 0d per peck; potatoes, 8d to 7d per stone.

HEXHAM PROVISION, Tuesday.—Butter 1s 5d to 1s 6d per lb; eggs, 8 for 1s; chickens, 2s 3d to 2s 9d; ducks, 2s 6d to 3s each; hares, 3s 0d to 4s 6d each; rabbits, 2s 9d to 3s per couple; grouse, 4s 6d to 6s 9d per brace; black game, 4s to 5s 6d per brace: potatoes, 6d per stone; onions, 1s to 1s 3d per stone; apples, 2s 6d to 3s per stone; carrots, 3d per bundle; lemons, 3d each; cabbage, 1d each; cucumbers, 6d to 9d each; tomatoes, 1½d to 2d each; grapes, 8d to 2s 0d per lb; plums, 2d per quart; melons, 6d to 10d each; marrows, 6d to 9d each; French beans, 4d per lb; flour, extra superfines, 2s 7d; superfines. 2s 0d; fines, 1s 10d; maslin, 1s 8d; oatmeal, 2s 1 - 2s 4d per stone.

NEWCASTLE COW, Saturday.—Prices:—Half-breds, £12 to £17; shorthorns, £17 to £30. The supply limited, the demand good, and prices better than before.

NEWCASTLE CORN, Saturday.—At our market this morning we had a fair supply of local wheat in middling condition, which sold quickly at about late rates. A fair quantity of home-grown barley was offered, and prices ruled steady for selected lots, but dull for common. From the stands factors demanded an advance of 1s to 2s on foreign and South-country samples, but the sale was not extensive. Fine malting barleys sold fairly well at late prices, but the demand for inferior parcels was dull at a slight decline. Foreign oats were held for 6d advance, but without attracting attention. Scotch parcels made about late rates. Beans were held for 1s and peas for 6d advance. The flour trade ruled steady, and in some cases fine marks were per sack higher.

	BRITISH.	PER QR.	
Wheat	Northumberland and Durham, White	40 to	48
—	Do. do. Red	40	48
—	South Country, White	46	47
—	Do. Red	42	44
Barley		37	40
Oats	Scotch Potato	22	30
—	Scotch Common	20	28
Malt		40	50
Peas		36	46
Beans		34	42
Flour	Northumberland and Durham, per sack (280 lbs.)	31	34
—	Norfolk and Suffolk Whites	30	33
—	Scotch	28	32
	FOREIGN.		
Wheat	Lower and Upper Baltic	43	48
—	American	44	47
—	Russian	39	42
Barley	Saal	41	50
—	Californian	46	50
—	French	34	38
—	Danish and Swedish	30	40
Oats		18	3
Peas		35	40
Beans	Alexandrian	42	43
Flour	Hungarian	42	50
—	American	36	51
—	Baltic	34	36
—	French	38	44

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

NEWCASTLE CATTLE, Tuesday.—The arrivals from a distance consisted of 5 head of cattle, 44 sheep, and 456 pigs from Aberdeen and the counties of the north-east coast of Scotland; 1,130 beasts, 2,838 sheep, and 37 calves from foreign; and 020 beasts and 124 pigs from Ireland.

The show of stock presented for sale exhibited an increase of 1 beast, and 1,020 sheep as compared with that of last week.

Respecting quality, there was no change to notice.

Twenty-five head of cattle and 850 sheep left Newcastle by rail yesterday for the South.

The supply of beef comprised 2,213 head. The number of sheep was 6,840. Pigs; 1,039 were shown.

PRICES FOR THIS DAY, SINKING THE OFFAL:—

Beef, prime heifers, per stone	10s 0d to	10s 3d
Secondary sorts	8s 6d	9s 3d
First-class oxen	9s 9d	10s 0d
Middling	7s 9d	9s 0d
Foreign Bulls and Cows	7s 0d	7s 6d
Pork	7s 3d	9s 3d
Sheep (good vendable wedders, out of wool), per lb	10½d to	10¾d
Middling	9½d	10¼d

NUMBERS AND PRICES OF THE CORRESPONDING WEEK IN THE LAST THREE YEARS:—

	Beasts.	Sheep.	Lambs.
1879	1,428...5s 6d to 8s 6d	7,300...6d to 8¾d	0d to 0d
1880	2,998...4s 9d to 8s 9d	10,160...7½d to 9½d	0d to 0d
1881	2,568...6s 9d to 9s 3d	10,870...7d to 8¾d	0d to 0d

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW, Tuesday.—Old land hay, £5 0s 0d to £6 7s; this year's growth £3 15s to £4 8s; new land hay, £5 10s to £6 10s; this year's growth, £4 0s to £5 0s; wheat straw, 2s 4d to 3s 2d; barley straw, 2s 0d to 2s 5d; oat straw, 2s 0d to 2s 8d per threve Carts of hay at market, 121; carts of straw at market, 34.

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PRIMITIVE METHODIST MISSIONS AT ROWLANDS GILL, &c.—A course of annual meetings in connection with the above society was held at Blaydon, Walbottle, Hedgefield, and Rowlands Gill, and concluded last week end, the proceeds amounting to £19 10s 2d. The Rev J. G. Binney attended as a deputation from the General Missionary Society, and was assisted by the circuit ministers, the Revs T. Southron and W. Saul. From the report it appeared that there are 65 home stations, 176 colonial, and 4 foreign, employing 311 missionaries; the income last year being £35,223 12s 8d., which was £215 11s 9d. in advance of the previous year. The increase of members on the stations was 1,252.

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

SOMETHING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

HOW THE SUNDAY STONE WAS MADE.

In an Oxford museum may be seen a strange stone. It is composed of carbonate of lime. The stone consists of alternate layers of black and white, so that it has a striped appearance. This was caused in the following way:—

When the miners in a certain colliery were at work, the drain-water which ran through a pipe placed for the purpose, contained a good deal of coal-dust, and so left a black deposit in the pipe. But, when no work was going on—as, for instance, in the night—the water was clean, and so a white layer was formed. In time these deposits quite filled the pipe, and it was therefore taken up. Then it was found that the black and white layers formed quite a calendar. Small streaks, alternately black and white, showed a week; and then came a white streak of twice the usual size. This was Sabbath, during which there was of course no work for twenty-four hours. But in the middle of one week there came a white streak of twice the usual size. On inquiry it was found that on that day a large fair had been held in the neighbourhood, and no work had been done at the colliery. Every change in the ordinary course of work had left its mark on this strange stone, to which has been given the title of "The Sunday Stone."

BIRTHDAY VERSES.

The following pretty lines were written in a child's album by Mr. James Russell Lowell, the ambassador from America to England, who is well known both in his own country and in this as a writer of pleasing poetry:—

'Twas sung of old in hut and hall
How once a king in evil hour
Hung musing o'er his castle wall,
And, lost in idle dreams, let fall
Into the sea his ring of power.
Then, let him sorrow as he might,
And pledge his daughter and his throne
To who restored the jewel bright,
The broken spell would ne'er unite;
The grim old ocean held his own.
Those awful powers on man that wait,
On man, the beggar or the king,
To hovel bare or hall of state,
A magic ring that masters fate
With each succeeding birthday bring.
Therein are set four jewels rare;
Pearl winter, summer's ruby blaze,
Spring's emerald, and, than all more fair,
Fall's pensive opal, doomed to bear
A heart of fire bedreamed with haze.
To him the simple spell who knows
The spirit of the ring to sway,
Fresh power with every sunrise flows,
And royal pursuivants are those
That fly his mandates to obey.
But he that with a slackened will
Dreams of things past or things to be,
From him the charm is slipping still,
And drops ere he suspects the ill,
Into the inexorable sea.

SOMETHING ABOUT TEETH.

You have heard it said in joke, "As scarce as hens' teeth." But hens' teeth are really the most common things in the world. They are small gravel stones, and they grind food in the gizzard instead of in the mouth. Birds pick up their teeth anywhere when needed, and never have toothache. An ostrich has been known to swallow a stone weighing more than a pound, and in his stomach were found as many things as in a boy's pocket—"nuts, cords, stones, glass, brass, iron, tin, copper, lead, and wood." An ostrich in London died from swallowing part of a parasol. He thought he needed a very long tooth, but he was mistaken. His parasol ache we might call toothache.

The lower animals, such as sponges, coral-polyps, jellyfish, clams, and oysters, what teeth have they? The books say none. But they have tremendous teeth—the waves and rocks that grind up food for them. Besides living on little invisible plants and animals, they take in any food dissolved in the water. Sea-urchins have a circle of teeth, pointing towards the centre of the mouth, like the spokes of a wheel. The higher shell-fish, such as snails, have a long tongue coiled up, something longer than the whole animal, and on it are rows of very curiously-shaped teeth, made of "silica," which is the same thing as quartz. A large slug has 160 rows of teeth, and 180 in each row, making nearly 3,000. Such tongues are like long files or rasps. It would be hard for a snail-doctor to find the particular tooth that aches.

Crabs and lobsters, besides the horny teeth on several pairs of jaws, use a number of their many legs as jaws, and these are called foot-jaws. If a boy were as plentifully supplied with mouth-parts as that, to say nothing of many claws, what havoc he would make in an orchard! The twelve legs of a horse-shoe crab have rows of teeth all along the thigh; he could at once eat twelve pieces of pie, perhaps. Certain insects, such as the grasshopper family and some beetles, have a gizzard, with horny teeth growing in it. But most insects have to depend on a good assortment of knives, needles, brushes, combs, and tubes, with which their mouths are furnished.

Coming to fish, you will find that the most of them have teeth growing anywhere inside the mouth; these are sharp and pointed backward, like those of snakes, and are useful in holding and swallowing more than cutting. Common sharks have rows of these ever growing, and turning upwards as fast as the outer ones are worn off. Some sharks have a pavement of teeth, like cobble-stones, to break and grind clams and oysters.

In the highest class of animals the differences in teeth are very curious. In general, the front teeth are chisels for cutting; the "eye-teeth," when long as in a lion, are like claws for holding; and the other teeth are either shears for cutting flesh, as in the lion, dog, cat, or millstones for grinding grass, corn, &c., as in the horse and cow. The top of an elephant's grinders look much like the rough surface of a mill-stone; and animals with grinding teeth can move their jaws around and around, like a mill, as you may have noticed in a cow. The elephant's tusks are his upper front teeth. Those of a walrus are the eye-teeth, and are used not only in fighting, but also to help to climb on the ice or rocks. An elephant not now living had the lower front teeth as tusks, probably as pick-axes for digging up roots.

The gnawing animals—squirrels, rats, mice, rabbits—have their front teeth soft on the side toward the mouth, and hard on the outside, so that gnawing wears away the soft side and keeps the tooth sharp. And the tooth is always growing, if not used enough it would become too long, and the animal could not get its own proper food. In museums may be seen skulls in which these teeth have grown very long, curved over, and pierced the forehead. The rats and mice must gnaw or die. So do not blame them for that, even when you kill them or drive them away.

God has made every creature for its place and its life. He has made us to eat various food, just as he has made our minds for all knowledge, and our souls for all heavenly good.

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3.—My *first* is very old and grand,
Yet, not so old, quite, as the land;
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But, as a child you first see me;
My *whole*, as one of four is known,
But, this, I'm sure, at once you'll own,
That I am present with you now,
At day and night I make my bow.

4.—Up my *first*
My *second* shot;
The two combined,
My total's what?

5.—HIDDEN AMERICAN STATES.—(*a*) Why, ma, I never spoke to him in my life. (*b*) Will the ore go nine ounces to the ton. (*c*) Oh, I only promised a hundred you know. (*d*) Will some one put a halter round his neck. (*e*) Can Eva dance as nicely as Nora? (*f*) I'll never marry that exasperating man.

6.—DIAMOND.—A consonant; a vehicle; to beat (also a term used in cookery); a relative; to be upright; the conclusion; the end of the end.

7.—SQUARE WORD.—A fish; an image; mouth of an English river; mirth.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS.

1. Globe. 2. The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes. 3. B-lain, d-read, W-hale, F-leet, d-ether, b-race, o-pinion, o-mission, t-ravel, h-allow—Edwin Drood. 4. Gold, old. 5. Troy, Lowell, Annapolis, Oswego.

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OUR LADIES' COLUMN.

The Sanitary Congress has concluded its labours. Once more the poor ladies have been a boon, a mine of wealth to these self-constituted teachers. The terrible subject of drains, and the wholesome necessity for breathing pure air, would never have carried the sanitarians through the week had not so fertile a theme been available as ladies' dress. Once more these gentlemen have trodden the familiar well-worn paths, once more have they pointed the same moral and adorned the same tale. The dismal diatribe against corsets and high-heeled boots has been again greeted with sympathising applause. Details of our toilettes which we had hitherto supposed were for discussion in the dressing-room, have been rudely handled, and dragged forward not even with the courtesy of the drawing-room. In vain has the Legislature passed a Married Woman's Property Act, for the wardrobe of every woman, be she married or single, is looked upon as public property, or, at least, as Congress property. Hitherto no one has condescended to reply to these self-certificated teachers, nor would it be at all necessary, for they beat the air, and the world will go round much as usual, though these gentlemen have once more uttered certain platitudes concerning our clothing. It is understood that at all congresses a good deal of nonsense may be talked. It is a question whether the Sanitary Congress does not go much farther in this direction than public tolerance and easy good nature permits. We are all sick of the Venus di Medici. We have no desire to deprive her of the full meed of admiration which the artists of all ages and nations have bestowed upon her, but may we respectfully remark that we are not Greeks. Certain English lecturers have conveyed, or tried to convey, the impression that every woman who is slight, with a slender waist and moulded form, is so by reason of corsets unduly compressed. Anatomical diagrams hang in the background at every platform acclamation. In general principle these are right; in detail they are wrong. Too much reliance is placed on the ignorance of the audience, who have not the same familiarity with physiology as the teacher to make rash assertions. Our grandmothers would have gone off in a dead faint at the mention of such a word as hips, and they were quite right, but we are vulgarly modern. The English nation is derived from many sources, and there are types of the original progenitors as numerous and varied as are the languages and dialects of Europe. Hundreds and thousands of women, graceful, willowy women, whose bodies represent a series of gentle curves, exist, yet who never drew a stay lace tight, and never did aught to deform the Maker's work. The Teuton type, it is true, prevails largely in England, with those strongly marked characteristics of bulky bodies and prominent hips; but quite as large a number of women exist who are graceful and lithe, of Italian type. The Celtic race is unlike the Saxon in form as in feature, in body as in mind. The rabid lecturers see only bulky German women, with waist and trunk maltreated by corsets, in all whom they meet. Even the Madonnas of the old masters differed from each other considerably. Who would compare the Flemish woman of Rubens' canvasses with the Italian of Raphael's? Yet each had perfections especially her own, as they had bodies of distinct types. No sensible woman laces tightly, for it brings a red nose and other ills, into which it is unnecessary to enter, in its train; but the ultra-sanitarian charges all alike. As to the raid upon the custom of fastening garments round the waist, and the injunctions to allow every article of clothing to fall from the shoulders, will some kind, good preacher remember that we have spines, and some of them weak ones, which can ill support the weight of garments slung from the shoulders? Has one of these theorists ever experienced the fatigue of a weight upon the shoulders and arms all day long, and the relief it is to share it with the waist? As to the annual attack which Dr. Richardson makes upon the chimney-pot hat, beyond being considerably bored by the repetition of the same stale comments, we have no objection to what he says. It is much like the plea of tolerance which the big man brought forward for his little wife beating him—it amused her and did him no harm. For some years past the tall hat has been libelled persistently, yet Lincoln and Bennett do not sell one the less for all the arguments. We are not the least nearer to the adoption of the Leonardo da Vinci flat crowned velvet hat than we are to the waist of the Venus di Medici. Society frames its laws to suit itself, and though the tall hat may be ugly (no one asserts that it is beautiful), it is the national head covering of the nineteenth century, and the twentieth will provide for itself. To touch the chimney-pot is like impugning Magna Charta, or slighting the Hanoverian succession. A story is current in London circles of a gentleman whose memory occasionally played him so false that he ordered innumerable suits of clothes, forgetting previous visits to his tailor. Walking-sticks also were sent home in great numbers, but it was not till 40 hats were delivered at the house that his friends looked grave, and the story began to be whispered about in the club. It was felt that an Englishman might make mistakes about coats and waistcoats, be utterly irresponsible as to umbrellas and walking-sticks; but to make a mistake about tall hats, and overdo the worship of external respectability, was not to be excused or forgotten.

How much more graceful are the fur pelerines of this season than last. Since our ladies' maids invested in capes closely resembling our own, it became time to make a change. The new departure is in the direction of costliness, the only line in which social distinction can be achieved in the present day. It was the cheap materials in which æsthetic dresses were made that proved their ruin. The possibility of meeting a copy in sixpenny serge of one's best dress at the Grosvenor private view drove ladies to Paris, to Worth and Félix, for some costume of ruinous costliness. The new fur cape is long behind, at least to touch the bow of the back draperies, which everyone is aware is about two inches below the waist. But instead of being a shapeless half-circle, the cape is well fitted to the shoulders and taken in with curved seams to suit the back. The higher class pelerines have ends in front, and the very highest have little sleeves, so that the new muffle is the perfection of comfort. The stole ends in front admit of a little pocket in the lining for the purse, which in these days of accomplished burglars and finished pickpockets is an inestimable boon. These same ends can also be made to do duty as a muff by having a little ante-room at the back for the hands. The advantage of these fur tippets for wearing when going to afternoon tea in very much heated drawing-rooms, is obvious. To abandon a Newmarket coat temporarily is impossible, to get into the garment once a day being quite enough, for the aid of a servant is indispensable, while the fur tippet can almost t... care of itself.

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THIS DAY'S NEWS.

[CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAMS.]

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

REFORMS IN EGYPT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, FRIDAY.

The Sultan has just appointed three Commissions of Reform, one to investigate the financial affairs, another for judicial procedure, and a third for public works. The Financial Commission, which includes two German functionaries, is an especially strong one.

DASTARDLY OUTRAGE IN IRELAND.

LONDONDERRY, FRIDAY.

Two men named Byrne and Arnold were walking from Stranorlar, County Donegal, yesterday, when the former it is alleged shot Arnold with a revolver. The bullet has been extracted, and Byrne was arrested.

GREAT JEWEL ROBBERY IN LONDON

Benjamin Miller was charged at Bow Street today with obtaining over £300 worth of jewellery from Messrs Welby's, Strand, under circumstances already made known. The prisoner was remanded for a week.

A VESSEL FOUNDERED IN THE GALE.

Two sole survivors of the Rostock Barque Victoria from Dantzic, were landed at Yarmouth to-day, their vessel having foundered in Tuesday's gale.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT IN LANCASHIRE

Early this morning a pilot engine ran into an empty train at Heap Bridge, Lancashire, smashing two carriages. The fireman, named Hunt, was killed, and the driver and guard injured.

MINISTERIAL CRISIS IN FRANCE.

LYONS, FRIDAY, 9 A.M.

The situation here is most critical. A panic has seized hold of the population, who look upon an outbreak as inevitable. The theatres last night were empty, and the banks and public buildings are threatened by the mob. Precautionary measures are being taken.

PARIS, FRIDAY, 10 A.M.

The alarming news received from Lyons adds to the difficulties of the French Government. A Ministerial crisis on the re-assembling of the Chamber is considered probable. The *Figaro* of to-day says that the resignation of President Grevy may be expected.

LORDS DUFFERIN AND GRANVILLE ON THE CONVENTION.

Further Egyptian papers published to-day contain long dispatches from Lord Dufferin to Lord Granville giving the history of the negociations respecting the Convention. He says successive delays were occasioned simply by the Sultan's desire to modify what had already been settled, and that so far back as August 29th. Every clause had been accepted and initialled by himself from first to last; he has used every means a his disposal to induce the Sultan to settle matters quickly.

THE GERMAN PRESS AND THE ENGLISH GOVERMENT.

BERLIN, FRIDAY.

An inspired leader in this morning's *Norddeutsche Allegermeme Zeitung* declares that the German Government energetically condemns the inimical attitude towards England adopted by a large section of the German Press, and especially the *Colonge Gazette*. Such an attitude tends to frustrate the policy of the Government, which has been throughout the Egyptian trouble one of friendship to England.

Consols are one-sixteenth better. Wheat unaltered.

THE TRIAL AND DEFENCE OF ARABI.

IMPLICATION OF THE SULTAN.

ARREST OF AN OFFICIAL DEMANDED.

("STANDARD" TELEGRAM.)

CAIRO, Thursday Evening.

Among the papers already translated is a letter to Arabi from the private Inman, which directly anp most seriously implicated the Sultan in the course which Arabi pursued.

A translation hasbeen made of the minutes of the Cabinet Council held at Alexandra, where, in the presence of Dervish Pacha, it was decided to meet English intervention with armed resistence.

The official organs of the Egyptian Government continu strenuously to deny the story of the maltreatment of prisoners.

Mr Broadley intends to demand the arrest of, and frame on indi tment against, the chief offender, Ibrahim Agha Futunji, who occupies the post of pipe-bearer to the Khedive, an important position in Oriental courts. He took a personal part in the outrages on the prisoners.

Arabi's family appears to have escaped maltreatment, but the female relations of the other prisoners are coming forward with tales of miserable prosecutions, which they allege to have been devised in the harems of men of the Khedive's party.

("TIMES" TELEGRAM.)

CAIRO, Thursday, 8 p.m.

Messrs. Broadley and Napier will defend all the three colonels who first commenced the movement. The Egyptian Government sanctioned their nomination, and Mr Broadley had to-day a long interview with Ali Fehmi and Abdelal.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Cairo correspondent telegraphs on Thursday:—Both Arabi and Ali Fehmi complain of the gross cruelty and insults offered them. They say that some persons entered the cells, spat down their throats, and tore their clothes. Mr Broadley assures me that this is true, and that he has issue criminal proceeding against Ibrahim Tungeh, the chief offender.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Consett and Shotley Bridge District Conservative Association took place at the house of Mr Richard Murray, Queen's Head Inn, Consett, on Wednesday evening. Over sixty persons sat down to a most *recherche* repast, served up by the hostess, Mrs Cummings, but an unfortunate circumstance, however, arose from the fact of the attendance of friends being so numerous, that inadequate provision had been made to accomodate the influx of visitors at one sitting down. Nevertheless an ample supply of provisions and eatables were spread on the tables, and all present appeared to satiate their appetites. After the cloths had been removed, Mr John Booth (president of the association), occupied the chair; whilst Mr Richard Murray filled the vice-chair. The undermentioned gentlemen were present:—The Rev F. Steggall, Messrs W. Dickinson, J. W. Davison, Wm. Raw, Wm. Shell, H. Nicholson, T. Whinney (secretary of the association), J. Morgan, George Brown, J. Whitfield (Bishop Auckland), John Lough, Joseph Whitfield, J. S. Murray, George Christopher, J. Dolphin, J. Fegan, J. Clark, Geo. Moody, Joseph Temperley, John Tait, J. Harker, A. Frazer, Eli Burton, J. Muse, Robert Sewell, N. Ward, N. Eledon, J. J. Thompson (Lanchester), William Richardson, P. Osborne, J. Lovatt, J. Freak, Wm. Temperley, Geo. Siddell, Geo. Freak, Robt. Hall (Butsfield), D. Dobson, Jas. Noble, R. Christopher, P. A. Day, J. Christopher, E. Sloane, G. T. Hyden, Edward Shearer, G. Schellenberg, T. Heslop, G. Taylor, P. Matthew, John Heslop, J. Hutchinson, S. Temperley, &c.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the toasts of "The health of the Queen," and "The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," both being duly honoured.

The CHAIRMAN, in submitting "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese and Ministers of other Denominations," remarked that it would be within the memory of some present that the Bishop of Durham was formerly not only a spiritual peer but also an extensive landed proprietor in the county of Durham. The enormous estates which belonged to the See of Durham have now, however, passed into other hands, it being thought that the spiritual functions of the Bishop were enough to tax any one man's energies, and the late Bishop found that even tending to the spiritual welfare of this Diocese was more than one person could perform alone, and a movement was set on foot which had resulted in the division of the See of Durham. What had taken place with regard to the See of Durham, was quite true of the other large Dioceses and parishes throughout the length and breadth of the land. In their own neighbourhood, for instance, whereas the Lanchester parish a quarter of a century ago extended over a large tract of land, it had now been split up to make new parishes, in order to meet with the growing requirements of a rapidly-increasing population. They would all agree with him that the way in which not only the clergy of the Church of England but likewise the ministers of other denominations were fulfilling their duties in this locality was a matter of congratulation to all who desired to see the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. He coupled with the toast the name of their worthy vicar, Rev F. Steggall.

The Rev F. STEGGALL, on rising to respond, was cordially received. He had much pleasure and felt it a very great honour to be called upon to acknowledge this toast. He hoped for his own part, as well as on the part of those who had invited this toast, that the Clergy and Ministers deserved all the kind things that the Chairman had said regarding them, and he trusted they would follow the excellent advice tendered by Mr Booth. He (the rev speaker) was happy to say that he was on terms of amity with all the ministers of other denominations in Consett—not merely in a simple nod of recognition in the streets and highways, but as true and staunch friends. (Applause). He expressed at the same time his regret that no other ministers were present to respond to the toast. He would, however, tender to the company their united thanks for their kind and expressive sympathy, and hoped that ministers generally would continue to deserve the trust and confidence they had hitherto reposed in them. Before resuming his seat he would just say that he fervently trusted this toast would never be absent from a list of their social gatherings so long as Conservative Associations existed in the county. (Loud cheers).

The VICE-CHAIRMAN offered "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," and in so doing said that England expected every man to do his duty, and he thought all present would join with him when he said that both the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces were willing to do their utmost for their Queen and country. (Cheers). He was afraid that after the defeat in the Transvaal, many people thought that the British Lion could not bite, although he might bark; but the circumstances of the last few months would serve to show that he was still able to bite. (Applause). Nevertheless he hoped the Lion would not bite unless he was perfectly justified in doing so. Their troops in Egypt had done their duty like the true old British soldiers they were, and their Navy had shown them that they were not merely a phantom navy as many supposed. Long might England be the Queen of the seas, and uphold her priestage as she had hitherto done. (Cheers). Their Reserve Forces—the Yeomanry, Militia, and Volunteers—had proved themselves a gallant set of men.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, the names of Mr George Brown and Mr James J. Thompson being connected with it.

Mr BROWN said that England need not be afraid so long as she had the Yeomanry, Militiamen, and her Volunteers at hand.

Mr JAMES THOMPSON in responding, pointed out that he was placed in a somewhat analogous position, as he was neither a soldier or a volunteer. He coincided with Mr Brown that they had nothing to fear when they had such an able set of men in their reserve forces. Touching the victories in the East, but as far as Egypt was concerned there was no army to fight against. The only notable feature in the war was getting the soldiers in readiness for a lengthened campaign, but when the combat begun they found that Arabi and his poor men could not fight! (Laughter).

Mr W. RAW proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "Success to the Consett Conservative Association, and the Conservative cause," coupling with it the name of Mr J. Tait. There was one circumstance, he said, that had highly pleased him that night, and another thing had somewhat annoyed him. He was glad to see so many persons present, but he was not so pleased when he found that they could not all sit down together. This fact, however, showed that things were looking better for the Conservative cause in Consett. (Cheers). He was present so far as regards his duty as an Englishman, and there was no man who had a higher opinion of the Conservative party than he had. After having pointed out in what respects the present Government had shown themselves utterly incapable of managing the affairs of the nation, the speaker proceeded to contrast the work achieved by the Liberals under Mr Gladstone since the year 1854 up to the present, side by side with what had been accomplished during the same period by the Tories under Lord Beaconsfield's *regime* greatly to the advantage of the latter. They might read history from the time of Moses and they would not find such another statesman and leader as Lord Beaconsfield. In Midlothian Mr Gladstone made a lot of promises, especially with respect to Ireland, which was then a peaceful and contented nation. These promises, which he never intended to fulfil, made the people restless, yet in spite of all this the very first thing that Mr Gladstone did when he got into office was to pass one of the most stringent Coercion Acts for Ireland ever known. It was through the blundering of the Prime Minister that culminated in the Egyptian revolt, and things eventually came to such a pass that the Government had no other alternative than to go to war. The only reason that France and England rushed into war was because they would not allow the Egyptian Parliament to say anything with regard to local taxation. They blew down the forts and destroyed the beautiful city of Alexandria, and a Liberal M.P.,—Mr C. M. Palmer—expressed a wish the other day that the British ought to have something better than battering down the forts at Alexandria to test their new guns. What, he asked, would be recorded in history, say if a dozen stalwart men from that gathering, armed with thick sticks, were to rush out into Middle Street, and thrash as many raw-boned lads! (Laughter). If they had a proper Government there would have been no war—not even a sword drawn—in Egypt. As regards the tumult in Ireland, all this was caused by Mr Gladstone making promises which he knew he could not perform, thus sowing the seed of discontent and disorder. If they had a good Government passing sound and thorough measures and carrying them out to the letter, and not endeavouring to bamboozle the country, then the nation might be proud of itself. He was glad to note that the people were returning to their true senses, and as the next General Election was not far distant the Tories would without the shadow of a doubt be again entrusted with the reins of the Government.

The toast having been drunk in a bumper, Mr TAIT, an old pioneer in the Conservative ranks, responded at length. He said that although they might be a new association, they were old associates. He then proceeded to examine, criticise, and condemn in strong terms the home and foreign policy of the Liberal Governments for the past quarter of a century, and pointed out the innumerable blessings conferred upon the people whenever the Conservatives were in power. He referred to the sacred gospel of "Liberalism and Free Trade," and concluded an elaborate speech by expressing his unbounded delight at meeting such a highly-influential and respectable company gathered together.

At this point, Mr HYDEN sung, with much vigour, "The Friar of Orders Grey."

The Rev F. STEGGALL subsequently gave "The health of the Chairman" and in so doing, observed that no toast could be received with more enthusiasm. There were many gentlemen who were perhaps better fitted to speak of this toast than himself—("No"). Some had known Mr Booth as clients and others had come into contact with him in his judicial capacity, and in both of these cases they might speak of his character in a practical way, which he of course was unable to do. He (the rev speaker) had not had the advantage of being a solicitor's client (laughter), but he would say there was no gentleman in the profession to whom he would entrust his interests more freely than to their Chairman. He quite appreciated Mr Booth's kindness in coming to preside over this large gathering, and he was sure had he not been present there would undoubtedly have been a great drawback. Although he could not speak of the toast in a general way, yet he would ask them to drink it with all honours—musical if they liked—and he hoped that Mr Booth would long continue to take an interest in the Consett Conservative Association. (Loud and prolonged cheers).

The toast was most enthusiastically honoured, the company merrily singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

The CHAIRMAN, in acknowledging the compliment, felt very much gratified at the kind way in which they had received the toast. It was a very great pleasure to him to meet them on that occasion. The feelings which marred Mr Raw's pleasure did not in the least affect him. The fact that there was too large a company present to sit down at once was the most gratifying incident he had experienced (applause), and he hoped the little inconvenience suffered would be more than compensated by the success attending the gathering. Mr Raw had a double-barrelled gun alloted him to let off, and he had fired the second barrel without even snapping the first. (Laughter.) He thought a little more might have been said touching the work done by the Consett Conservative Association during the recent contests. He was proud to know that the efforts of this and kindred Associations in the western portion of North Durham were largely instrumental in securing the return of Sir George Elliott last year (loud cheers), all the work being done without costing the hon. baronet a single farthing for canvassing. He should be glad to see the system of paid canvassing abolished. This was enacted in the Bill introduced last Session by the Attorney-General, but unfortunately it was not passed. The Consett Association had done good work in the past, and he was sure that when needed they would accomplish a great deal more in the future. (Cheers.) Social gatherings like that would tend to create a much livelier interest being taken in that Association. Hitherto they had been a working and not a festive society, but he trusted that these social evenings would become more frequent hereafter, and then the Association would gain in strength. He read some time ago that the definition of "Liberalism" was given as "Social and political freedom." If that was the political creed of the Liberals, he did not think that they differed very much from the Conservatives. If they examined the statute book for the past few years they would see that the Conservative Governments had given the people both social and political freedom. Take the land question: they were told by some Radicals that the whole of the landlords ought to be swept away; entail should be abolished; and land pass from one to another as easily as a bank-note. He did not say that these were undesirable objects, but what, he inquired, had been done in the shape of legislation in that respect by the Liberals? Absolutely nothing. What has been done by the Conservatives? Numerous measures were passed by the late Conservative Government. The effect of the Act introduced in the last session of Earl Cairn's Administration would render the cry of abolishing the law of entail now unnecessary, because the land was no longer tied up in the hands of one particular family. The system of conveyancing has also been altered and amended by another Act introduced by Earl Cairns, which had considerably facilitated the mode of transferring of land. Among the other measures passed by the Conservatives he would mention the Act passed for the improvement of the dwellings of the artisan classes in large centres of the populations (loud cheers), the laws preventing defective and unseaworthy ships being sent out to sea. The laws relating to Public Health were consolidated and amended by the Conservative Government of 1875, and a host of other bills had been passed which had promoted the political and social welfare of this country. (Applause.) He thanked them heartily for the kind manner in which they had honoured the toast.

Mr J. FREEK now favoured the company with the song "Poor Old Joe."

Mr DICKINSON, in rising to propose "The health of the Vice-chairman," said he was perfectly sure it would be accorded with as much enthusiasim as any yet honoured. Mr Murray as a man of business was both thorough and practical, and as a leader of a staunch Conservative family in this neighbourhood, he always laboured in an earnest and zealous manner on behalf of the cause. (Applause). It was unnessary for him to add anything more, except to ask them to drink very cordially Mr Murray's health.

The toast was heartily received, and in reply thereto Mr MURRAY said he did not think he deserved such flattering remarks, but in case he did, he was exceedingly proud to receive them. (Hear, hear, and applause). He was happy to say that he was the head of a family of Conservatives, and they were no disgrace to the toast. It was his wish to uphold the constitution in whatever station or circumstances of life he might be placed. Had he known that sixty persons instead of forty were going to be present at that festive gathering, he should have been most happy to offer them every accommodation, and he hoped the dinners would become frequent in the future. Whilst thanking them sincerely for selecting his house for holding the gathering, he would remind them that there were other members of the Association quite as capable as he was of supplying their annual dinner. The speaker expressed his gratitude at the cordial manner in which they honoured his health, and he trusted that the Conservative cause would go on and prosper. (Prolonged cheers).

The CHAIRMAN submitted "The Trade and Agricultural Interest of the Town and District," and observed that because the toast had no connection whatever with politics, he was sure it would be none the less welcome. He expressed his regret that his good friend Mr Jenkins was not present either to propose or respond to the toast. The iron trade was very old in this locality, its origin dating back into the Roman period. Some of them might be aware that iron was extensively smelted in this district in the time of the Romans. Then there was a cessation of the industry, until the sixteenth century, when the Germans discovered valuable ore in this neighbourhood, which was used extensively in the manufacture of iron in this country. Out of this sprung up their ironworks—the largest in the world. Their welfare was entirely linked with the enterprise of those works, and he hoped that the prosperity which they had hitherto enjoyed in the district of Consett would long continue. (Cheers). The Agricultural interest was one of the most important in this district. He was glad to be able to say that the long depression which had been experienced by the farmers was clearing away, and he trusted that a series of good seasons were in store for the agriculturalists. They might give a little political colouring to a toast of that description. Referring to the Agricultural Holding's Act passed by the Conservative Government, the speaker said that although the Bill was not compulsory, nevertheless it was good in itself. It had for its object the payment of those tenants, who had improved their land, the money they had expended in effecting such improvement. Their Liberal friends found much fault because the measure was not compulsory, but since Mr Gladstone came into power what steps had he taken to make the Act binding? None whatever. It would have been a very simple matter to have brought in a bill making the act compulsory and this could have been accomplished in one-twentieth part of the time that it would take to discuss the measure now before the House known as "The Gag." (Hear hear). No such step has however been taken, therefore one could hardly believe and their Liberal allies were altogether sincere when they found fault because the Act was not compulsory. (Loud applause).

The name of Mr J. S. MURRAY was coupled with that toast, and that gentlemen in response, said he was sorry that Mr Jenkins was not there to reply to it, but unfortunately Mr Jenkins was on the wrong side. (Laughter). He also regretted that Mr Geo. Nicholson, of Leadgate, was not present to speak to the toast. There was no doubt that this was one of the most important iron manufacturing districts in the world and he was glad to see that it was flourishing. As regards the other industries, he believed that the tradesmen in this district generally were able to hold their own with any other class in similar districts. (Hear hear). At the presen moment trade was as good, if not better, than ever it was in the memory of any man present. That wa partly due to the enterprising and pushing manner on which the local tradespeople conducted their businesses. He was only connected in a small way with the agricultural interest, which he regarded as the mos important in this part of the country. (Applause).

Mr WHINNEY very effectively sang the sentimental piece, "The old Arm Chair," his efforts being duly appreciated.

Mr RAW next rose to propose "The health of our worthy member, Sir George Elliot," and affirmed in conferring the knighthood upon their able Parliamentary representative, it was one of the greatest and noblest acts the late Lord Beaconsfield ever performed. Long might Sir George enjoy this distinction, and long might he continue to represent them in North Durham! (Cheers). Touching his sin of omission in failing to refer to the excellent work accomplished by the Consett Conservative Association during its existence, the speaker said it was from no lack of sympathy that he omitted to speak upon the subject, but because time was pressing.

The toast was enravishly honured, and after "The health of the hostess" had been proposed and acknowledged, the company broke up at a late hour, with cheers for "Our next merry meeting."

We might mention that this the first public dinner given under the auspices of this Association. Some years ago, it may be rembered, Mr R. Frazer, postmaster, gave a semi-private dinner to the members to commemorate the return of Sir George Elliot for North Durham.

WESLEYAN FOREIGN MISSIONS AT LANCHESTER.

The annual sermons in behalf of the Wesleyan Foreign Missionary Society were preached in the Wesleyan Chapel of this village on the afternoon and evening of Sunday last, by the Rev Vetranio Tyas, of Annfield Plain. There were very good congregations present, and collections were taken for the Society's funds.

The annual public meeting was held on Thursday se'nnight, and despite the inclement state of the weather, the chapel was well filled, the attendance being even larger than on the previous occasion. Mr John Buckham, the circuit steward, occupied the chair, and after the meeting had been duly opened with prayer and praise, he called upon

The Rev H. SMITH, of Shotley Bridge, to present his annual financial statement. He said they had held two or three successful missionary gatherings already this year. At Blackhill the attendance was fair, the receipts for the year being £2 in excess of the preceding twelve months; and the same might be also said of Lanchester, one box already sent in containing 8s in advance of last year. After reading several extracts from the Wesleyan Missionary report, the rev gentleman intimated that the amount forwarded to the Parent Society from the Consett and Shotley Bridge Circuit amounted last year to £195 19s 4d. The exact sum was a little over that figure, because there two or three items accidentally omitted from the report. The receipts received at Lanchester this year were—Miss Dixon's box, £3 6s 9d; Mrs Sadler's box, £2 16s 2d; public collection, £8 2s 11d. (Applause.)

The Rev W. HARE, of Consett, next delivered an interesting address on missionary work in general, and he was followed by the Rev V. TYAS, who gave a graphic account of his labours as a missionary in South Africa.

A collection having been taken in aid of the funds of the Society, the assembly dispersed after the usual expression of thanks had been tendered to the Chairman, speakers, and collectors.

There was a young servant of Fife,
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For boots she wore "master's," but with Alcock's Corn Plaster
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ALTERATION OF LOCAL PASSENGER TRAINS FOR NOVEMBER.

On and after Wednesday next, November 1st, the following alterations and additions will be made in our local passenger train service, and will be published in the ensuing time tables, the name of Benfieldside Station being changed into Consett:—

CONSETT BRANCH.—NEWCASTLE TO DURHAM.

Depart from Newcastle	Arrive at Consett	Depart from Consett	Arrive at Durham
5 45 a.m.	6 40	7 10	7 50
9 40 a.m.	10 35	10 37	11 20
11 0 a.m.	11 50	1 12	1 52
12 20 p.m.	1 10	2 35	4 15
2 40 p.m.	3 33	4 50	5 30
5 35 p.m.	6 30	6 33	7 15
7 30 p.m.	8 25*	—	—

DURHAM TO NEWCASTLE.

Depart from Durham	Arrive at Consett	Depart from Consett	Arrive at Newcastle
7 25 a.m.	8 12	8 15	9 5
11 45 a.m.	12 29	9 10	10 0
2 45 p.m.	3 28	12 30	1 15
3 50 p.m.	4 35*	3 45	4 35
5 0 p.m.	5 45	5 48	6 35
8 0 p.m.	8 47	8 50	9 40

(* These trains run no further than Consett).

The Market train leaving Consett for Newcastle at 6-30 p.m. on Saturdays will be discontinued. The Sunday trains will run as heretofore.

MAIN LINE.—SALTBURN, DARLINGTON AND CONSETT.

A new train will leave for Tow Law and Crook at 11 50 a.m. The train now leaving Consett for Darlington at 2 5 p.m. will be discontinued.

Correspondence.

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

GOD, FREEWILL, AND DESTINY.

"Our talk grew somewhat serious, as may be
Concerning God, Freewill, and Destiny."
SHELLEY (in Julian and Maddalo).

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

DEAR MR EDITOR,—A short time ago in chatting with a friend, anent the inexhaustible and interrelated subjects of "God, Freewill, and Destiny," an argument used by Dugald Stewart, occurred to me. Should any of your readers look up and carefully read Dugald Stewart's prefatory dissertations on the progress of Philosophy during the 18th century, he will readily find it. It is there used especially against the doctrine of Philosophical Necessity (or *unfreedom*) as then taught by the French philosophers, and by William Godwin and Dr Joseph Priestley in England. I may here observe for the sake of political students, that Godwin's work on "Political Justice," is perhaps the best work of the kind ever published in Europe, far surpassing Rousseau, or, indeed, any political work that I have ever met with. But to my argument. In relation to the impossibility of the *finite* reason, harmonising or unifying the Divine *fore*knowledge with man's freewill, the syllogism is generally put in this form—1st, All actions that are really foreknown, must necessarily and unavoidably come to pass. 2nd, All human actions are really *fore*known by God. 3rd Ergo, All human actions necessarily and unavoidably come to pass. Corollary. Human freewill is impossible. Precisely so, in their finite aspects, the syllogism and corollary seem perfect. But let us apply this same inferential logic to the Divine Will itself, and we will find that it will annihilate the Freedom of the Divine Will equally so. Thus 1st All Divine actions mental or physical that are eternally foreknown, must of necessity and unavoidably come to pass. 2nd, All Divine actions *are eternally* foreknown by God himself. 3rd Ergo, Every Divine action necessarily and unavoidably comes to pass. Corollary. The Divine *Freewill is impossible.* Exactly so. But then you see, universal intuition tells us that we *are* Free; and universal *cultured* consciousness proclaims the same fact. Now which is most to be relied on? the God-given intuition, the equally God-and-humanity given *cultured* consciousness; or the merely human, and therefore necessarily fallible Logic of Inference.—Au revoir. Yours truly,

JON. C. WYLIE.

Grammar School, Blackhill, Oct. 11th, 1882.

A regular traveller on the lines between Tynemouth and Consett writes to suggest to the railway company that the 7 p.m. train from Tynemouth should catch the 7 30 p.m. on the Consett line. He says:—"It would only need the one to leave Tynemouth about three minutes sooner, or the Consett to leave about three minutes later."

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

CONSETT.—3, Raglan Street, 26th inst., the wife of M John Allison, of a son, stillborn.

WALERHOUSES.—At Esh Villa, 17th inst., the wife of Mr J. G. Crofton, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER.—At the Wesleyan Chapel, 26th inst., Mr George Finlay, to Esther, youngest daughter of Mr George Lumley, both of Consett.

At the Register Office, on the 21st inst., Mr W. Cooker to Miss M. J. Crossman, both of Langley Park.—Same day, Mr A. McDougall to Miss I. J. Easton, both of Blackhill.—Same day, Mr J. Anderson to Miss J. Bell, both of Leadgate.—Same day, Mr T. Robinson, of Edmondbyers, to Miss A. Garbutt, of Waskerley Park.—23rd inst., Mr A. Thompson, Consett, to Miss H. Turnbull, of Delves Lane, Consett.—25th inst., Mr John Raine to Miss I. J. Henderson, both of Waskerley Park.

NEWCASTLE.—St. Stephen's, 25th inst., by the Rev. John Lintott, vicar of the parish, assisted by the Rev. Canon Martin, Archdeacon-elect of Lindisfarne, John Loxley, eldest son of Edward Firth, Esq., of Tapton Edge, Sheffield, to Winifred Margaret, third daughter of H. W. Watson, Esq., of Burnopfield.

DEATHS.

CONSETT.—Delves Lane, on the 25th inst., Hannah, wife of Robinson Curry. Interment at St. Ive's, Leadgate, on Sunday First, leaving the house at half-past one o'clock p.m.

LEADGATE.—At 231, Green Street, on the 23rd inst., aged 79 years, James Colvin.

Iveston Lane, 18th inst., aged 33 years, Margaret Ellen, wife of John Barrow.

CATCHGATE.—21st inst., aged 78 years, Mr John Fitzpatrick, formerly of Liverpool.

PELTON FELL.—20th inst., aged 23 years, Mr Joseph Maughan.

BURNOPFIELD.—At Busty Bank, 23rd inst., aged 57 years, Mr James Allan.

WINLATON.—25th inst., Sarah Ann, wife of Mr Christopher Whitefield.

RYTON-ON-TYNE.—At the Rectory, 26th inst., the Venerable Edward Prest, Archdeacon and Canon of Durham, and Rector of Ryton, aged 56 years.

KIBBLESWORTH.—20th inst., aged 21 years, Jane, daughter of Mr Robert Boucher.

SWALWELL.—20th inst, in her 20th year, Mary Ann, fourth daughter of the late Edward Spencer.

PRUDHOE.—26th inst., aged 6 years, John David Bevan, only son of J. M. Bevan, draper.

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