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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, October 28th, 1881.

ANGLO-AMERICAN CORDIALITY.

Some persons will regard as a mere manifestation of idle sentiment the honour which was paid to the British flag at the close of the Yorktown celebration in the United States; and a few cynical individuals may perhaps look upon the proceeding as an incongruous farce tacked on to the end of a performance. When the proposal was first mooted, indeed, that our flag should be so saluted, not a few persons thought such a demonstration would be quite out of keeping with the occasion. The Yorktown anniversary is held to celebrate triumph on the side of the Americans over the British troops in the War of Independence; and it seemed almost as preposterous to salute the British flag on such an occasion as to have given the French flag the place of honour at one of the Waterloo banquets which used to be held at Apsley House. It will be remembered that this latter annual celebration was discontinued out of consideration for French susceptibility at a time when the *entente cordiale* subsisted between that country and the Second Empire. The simple course of discontinuance was the only one that occurred to matter-of-fact Britons; but our Yankee cousins conceived a more positive mode of showing their good will. They kept their celebration; but, while commemorating the old, adopted a device for showing their emphatic recognition of the new. The preamble to President Arthur's official order for the salute states that it was made "in recognition of the friendly relations so long and so happily existing between Great Britain and the United States, in trust and confidence of peace and good will between the two countries for all centuries to come, and especially as a mark of the profound respect entertained by the American people for the illustrious Sovereign and gracious Lady who sits upon the British throne." Felicitously chosen as this language is, and complimentary to the Sovereign and people of this country, it would have only an inconsiderable significance as the utterance of an absolute ruler; but the American President represented a general popular feeling in speaking thus, for we are informed, in regard to the salute, that "the whole country commends the act with enthusiastic unanimity." Of course, this is an ebullition of sentiment; and we can quite understand that it should be depreciated by people who have no sentiment in their nature. To them it is all mere frothy verbiage and empty demonstration. But such persons should consider that the great majority of humanity is not only susceptible of sentimental feeling, but greatly influenced by it. War for a sentiment has, from the siege of Troy downwards, been of frequent occurrence in the world, being much the same thing that the third Napoleon designated "war for an idea." If sentiment may be powerful in arousing hostility, it may also be effective in consolidating and preserving peace. We do not mean to say that the mere act of firing guns in honour of the British flag would be any safeguard against their hostile attack upon it at a future time. But the actual salute has been only the outward and visible sign of a strong inward feeling. It is for what it proves as to the present friendship of the two countries, and for what it suggests as to their future amity, that the Yorktown compliment is valuable even to practical politicians. If we would thoroughly appreciate the importance of cordial good-feeling between the two great English-speaking peoples, we have only to imagine what injury to them and to civilisation throughout the world, would result from enmity, resulting in actual hostilities. The negative reassurance is much; but we may hope also for some good effects in the near future from the present Anglo-American effusion of friendship. We are not going to dictate to our American cousins in what particular modes they can show their good will. We rather leave this to display itself in spontaneous acts as occasion may arise; while they may trust us not to be backward in reciprocating their good services.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

The members of the Cabinet have been requested by the Premier to be within easy reach of London, as it is supposed that there is something important in the wind, and there may be another extraordinary meeting at no distant date. This is unusual, and it is not thought that it is upon Irish affairs, as Mr. Forster has gone over to Dublin with full power, and to use his own discretion. It is thought that it may have reference to the Premier's health, which is far from satisfactory. He is still suffering from severe nervous exhaustion, and two such efforts in one week as that at Leeds, and that in London, are quite enough to account for it.

The Farmers' Alliance of England and Scotland have good grounds for expecting to receive attention to their demands. Their draft Bill cannot be called revolutionary. It is more moderate than the Irish Land Act, though drawn somewhat on the same grounds. If the English farmers do not substantially obtain the speedy passing of the measure, it will be small encouragement to the law-abiding population of this country. The proposed Bill has been drafted by Professor Hunter, who ably holds the Chair of Jurisprudence at London University College, and whose work on Roman Law is by far the best treatise on that subject in our language. Professor Hunter is singularly versed in the simpler systems of land tenure which prevailed under the Empire, and the draft Bill he has prepared bears marks of his jurisprudence scholarship. The state of English landowners is indeed deplorable in many quarters. An estate agent in the City a few days ago was seen rubbing his hands and smiling in a very satisfied way. "What is it?" asked an acquaintance. "Why," said he, "I have succeeded in finding men to take a couple of farms on such and such an estate." "Well, have you got good rents?" "Rents! No. The men go in for nothing, and we are only too glad to get them. There has not been an occupant for a couple of years, and the places are going to ruin!"

Professor Goldwin Smith—"my old friend, Mr. Goldwin Smith," as the Prince of Wales called him at the Swansea Banquet (the Prince knew him at Oxford); a person whose independent judgment, though sometimes erratic, is always valuable—was rather out of it in charging modern Royalty with indifference to the social and commercial movements of the age. Amongst accusations which might be brought fairly against the Queen's sons and daughters that is certainly not one, and no wonder the Prince deviated from his habitual silence under newspaper criticism to reply to the Professor's letter in the *Pall Mall Gazette*. The Prince is said to entertain the idea—perhaps not a wise one—of enduring attacks which are made upon him in certain quarters less patiently. The license assumed by the "Society" papers has reached an extreme of indecency which makes the Royal "worm" inclined to turn.

King's College Chapel, which enjoys the advantages of good music, and the able preaching of Canon Barry, has just been restored in so artistic a manner as to make it afford a treat to the eye as well as to the ear and the intellect. As restored, this beautiful little place of worship deserves to become more populer amongst visitors to London than it has hitherto.

Electricity is king; it has conquered along the whole line, and gas has now to yield its place. Lucifer, son of the morning, has fallen from his place, and has now to descend from the higher stage of an illuminant to the subordinate post of producing the heat which ultimately produces the light. All light is from heat—we must produce heat first and light afterwards. This the Gas Companies are now coming to recognise. Gas as a source of light is a wasteful and costly production; but as a heat-producer it is unrivalled. The Faure accumulator has solved the difficulty, and as it is now exhibited in operation opposite the Charing-Cross Station, I feel that it is now only a question of a few months to see the electric light in operation and the gas engine doing its useful work as donkey to the machine of the future.

Old houses not unfrequently have short-lived tenants. The antiquity of occupants is often in inverse ratio to that of their residences. Building on sanitary principles is only now beginning to be thoroughly understood; and even when old houses are "seen to" from time to time by modern architects and builders the danger is rather increased than diminished. The Deanery at Westminster Abbey looks a delightful place to live in; but delightful old places are not always the most free from sewer gas. There is a strong suspicion that the late Dean Stanley died a victim to the bad drainage of his beloved and beautiful house. Dr. Bradley will not go into the residence until everything has been done to remedy existing defects, and the work will take some time yet to accomplish.

The scene outside *Drury Lane* on Wednesday last, when, in answer to advertisement, lady applicants for the position of ballet dancers in the Christmas Pantomime came, like misfortune, in troops, has not by any means been exaggerated in the newspaper reports. Besides the lady applicants there were a considerable number of young men, who had seen the advertisement, and who were, not unnaturally, curious to see a collection of candidates with whom youth, beauty, and good figure were to be indispensable qualifications. The assemblage had its melancholy side; the poverty of the hundreds who were eager to do so much hard work for so little pay; the indifference in their mind to a public display of charms which stricter modesty would rather keep concealed. These and other more saddening reflections would have occurred momentarily to the moralist, but the comic humour of the scene was irresistible, and the rough banter of the would-be elfs and fairies upon their respective attractions were intensely ludicrous.

THE HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY OF WEST DURHAM.

The first part of this highly interesting work is now before the public. This is an age of literature, and a million books, it is said, emanate from the press in the course of a year; hence at no period in the history of the world, do the masses seem to have been so sensible of the truth of the axiom

"Man shall not live by bread alone."

This is the fruit of civilization; the first glimmering of an unquenchable light whose beams are destined to shed a nimbus around the lives of men.

"T'is the mind that makes the body rich,"

says Shakspeare; men ought therefore to hail with delight the advent of every new book calculated to fill the minds of their fellows with useful and reliable information. The "History and Biography of West Durham" may well lay claim to this honour, for among the many books which crowd our library shelves there are few indeed which can compare in point of excellence with that under review.

Neither labour nor expense have been spared by the author to make the work what all along he intended it should be—an exhaustive history, ancient and modern, of the locality of which he proposes to treat. And in carrying out his object, Mr Neasham has travelled over a very extensive field and presents the fruits of his research in a very attractive form indeed. It may not be generally known that the author has in his possession many valuable charters and other documents, which have never come before the public, which throw considerable light upon the manners and customs of

"The rude forefathers of the hamlet."

Notably among those papers are the "Halmote Court Rolls" the history of which cannot be better told than by the author himself—

"In the Public Record Office, London, is preserved a series of parchment books called "The Halmote Court Rolls of the See of Durham," which have been little known or used by the historians of the county; and yet, considered in connection with the surveys of Bishop Pudsey and Bishop Hatfield, it is impossible to overestimate their interest and importance, both as illustrating the manners and customs of the farming class, and as giving a complete picture of village life in the county of Durham five centuries ago. They cover, as it were, with flesh and sinew the dead bones of the surveys. These books contain the proceedings of the halmotes or courts held in the several manors which belonged to the bishops of Durham in right of their See, and, with those now kept in the Office of the Steward of the Halmote Courts in Durham, form an almost unbroken series from the fourth year of Bishop Hatfield (1349) to the present time."

"The term halmote (hall meeting) may be explained by the fact that in most of these manors the bishop had a manor house, and the court would originally no doubt be held in the hall. The steward of the halmote courts made his circuit of the manors twice a-year, holding his court usually in the village or township which gave the name to the manor, and at this court all the tenants within the manor were bound to attend. The Steward was assisted by a jury from each village, whose names were recorded under the place they represented, and they were expected to make presentments of all matters affecting the interests of the lord or his tenants. Each village had also its greeve or bailiff, its pounder and collector."

These records contain a vast amount of very interesting matter which will be read with zest.

Mankind seem to have been subject to the same faults and failings then as now. For instance we are told:—

"The village scolds were well looked after, and probably over them the stocks would have salutary *in terrorem* effect. At Sedgefield, with common consent, a bye-law was ordained among all the tenants at the Cross that if any woman should cause strife, or unlawfully intermeddle in her neighbours' affairs, she should pay to the lord half a mark. At Wickham, too, a penalty was imposed "that they make no strife." In Wearmouth (1354) Agnes Fouler was fined for speaking disrespectfully of the greeve and jury, and calling them false. The anger of disappointed suitors finds frequent record on the Court Rolls."

So much for "rapture giving woman."

In these days of Land Bills, and agricultural depression, the following extract, illustrative of the early system of cultivation in Durham, will be read with more than a passing interest:—

"The appearance which the country now presents, with its fields and enclosures, is so familiar to us as to be somewhat misleading to those who are unacquainted with the system of cultivation which generally prevailed throughout the Bishop's manors from the earliest period covered by the records we are considering.

In each village or township there was a common field, which was parcelled out among the tenants (using this term in the sense of holders of the land, without regard to their interest in the soil), but only held as separate property while the crops were growing: consequently, there were no fences. The only mark of separation between the holding of one tenant and his neighbour was a strip of turf called a balk. As soon as the crop was carried, the whole of the common field was thrown open for pasturage.

Beyond the common field were the moors or wastes of the manor. In the Manor of Lanchester they were of vast extent. Unlike the common field, where the extent of pasturage was limited, and each tenant was confined to a certain head of cattle in proportion to his ploughland, the right of depasturing cattle on the moors and wastes extended to all the tenants of the villages or townships of the manor, whether bondage tenants, exchequer tenants, or freeholders; and in some cases the right of pasturage was enjoyed by the tenants who held under a different lord.

When the moors and wastes within the manor of Lanchester, in the year 1773, were divided, no fewer than 20,000 acres were allotted among those who had common rights; and the freeholders, copyholders and leaseholders of the townships of Iveston and Greencroft, which never belonged to the group of villages that constituted the Manor of Lanchester, were admitted to share in the allotments, they having previously had common rights thereon. The rights of the tenants as among themselves were preserved to them by the village greeve and pounder, acting under the bye-laws or regulations ordained from time to time by the village, which the records of the Halmote Courts show were frequently made in court by the steward and jury of the village. That such was the system of cultivation in other parts of England is clear from the old text writers and early law reports."

It is said that history repeats itself; it would be singular, if as a sequel to the pending agitation, we should find ourselves drifting into the ancient system of land tenure.

The following description of a Durham village five hundred years ago throws a flood of light upon the condition of the country at that time:—

"In the 8th year of Bishop Langley (1414), a lease is recorded of the township of Cassop, from which some idea may be formed of the appearance of the village at that period. The houses capable of being sustained were, on the south side of the village, le fremanplace, containing 1 fire-house, 1 byre; at the east end of the same, 1 grange in the garth (*gardino*), with 1 stable at the east end of the same, 1 ancient pigeon-house and 1 piggery; next the same, 1 grange belonging the tenure of John Kyowe. On the same same side of the vill, 1 grange belonging the tenure formerly of Hugh Gilleson. At the west end of the village, 1 fire-house with 1 grange, late in the tenure of John Kyowe; on the north side 1 sheep-fold belonging the tenure of William Hutchinson, and 1 tenement formerly in the tenure of Hugh Gilleson, containing 1 fire-house, 1 byre-house, 1 grange on the garth of the said tenement. On the same side of the village, 1 tenement, late in the tenure of William Hutchinson; 1 fire-house, 1 byre-house at the east end of the same, and 1 grange on the garth. Also, a fire-house with 1 grange on the garth, late in the tenure of John Huetsonland, junior, deceased. Also, on the same side of the village, 1 cottage in the east end of the village, late in the tenure of John Thompson. The fire-houses, the byre-houses, and the granges or barns arranged in some such fashion around the village green, with the bake-house, smithy or forge, and pigeon house, would be the order, brobably, of most of the villages within the Bishop's manors."

The origin of the name Consett seems to be a vexed question. Mr Neasham, taking every advantage of the resources at his disposal, enters into the subject fully, and places the various hypothesis before his readers in a very attractive garb:—

"Consett is also known as Berry Edge. This name, so the popular story goes, was given it because of a man named Berry having built a house on the edge of the common there. We are inclined to think that the name comes from *beria* or *berry*, which anciently was any wide campaign or other open ground that lay adjoining to any vill or farm. Berry Edge, however, was not applied to that portion of the common on which the town of Consett stands, but to that part of it known as Berry Edge Farm, which, as is shown by a plan and survey made of the Iveston and Greencroft Commons in 1752, in the author's possession, formed the extreme boundary of Lanchester Fell: hence the name Berry Edge, or edge of the *beria*."

The prefix *Con* and the suffix *sheved*, or *cheved*, have unquestionably a signification. Tradition says that Corbridge, Benfieldside, and Consett were founded by three giants, brothers, *Cor*, *Ben*, and *Con*, who are stated to have had a huge hammer in common, which each could throw nine miles."

In elder time, Giants uprear'd
Their heads, and affronted the skies;
Cor, Ben, Con, terrific appear'd,
With names of anomalous size.

A hammer in common they had,
And the use of it easy to all;
Each whistled, each brother was glad
To throw it three leagues at his call.

When Con was approaching his end,
Deaf, blind, and beginning to rave,
With a ploughman he begg'd as a friend,
To converse at the mouth of his cave.

This ploughman, as prudent men do,
Held his ploughshare himself to escape;
Blind Con pinched his ploughshare in two,
And pronounc'd it the arm of an ape.

The author is equally at home in his treatment of "modern Consett." We notice historical sketches of schools, churches, and chapels, and the work being biographical as well as historical, racy memoirs are furnished of local worthies and public men. One extract will suffice to show how faithfully the character and career of a really able man can be delineated by a few vigorous sentences:—

"There is also a Private School, taught by Mr John Tait, a certificated master. Mr Tait was, when a young man, intended for the Church of Scotland. Circumstances, however, made his academic course of short duration, and he adopted the profession of a schoolmaster, in which he has been engaged for fifty years. He has studied the whole routine of mathematics, and is able to read his Bible fluently in five languages. Mr Tait is a remarkable man in many respects. At the age of sixty-four he commenced to learn phonography and obtained his certificate in 1878. In polotics, he is a staunch Conservative, and has rendered signal assistance to the cause in North Durham. Mr Tait is an enthusiastic sportsman, and he is as active still at sixty-nine as he was forty years ago."

Such is an epitome of the book upon which Mr Neasham has been engaged for a number of years, and since he resigned his post on this journal in January last he has applied himself closely to the work, it being his intention, we understand, to devote himself exclusively to this class of literature viz:—History and biography.

Each part will be embellished with one or more engravings on steel. That accompanying the first is from a water colour, in the possession of Canon Kearney, and one in the Ushaw College collection, representing Crook Hall, formerly the seat of the Baker family, built in 1716. This department of the work is performed by the firm of Messrs Layton Brothers, Fleet Street, London; while the paper, which is of first-class quality, is manufactured by the well-known firm of Messrs J. Annandale Sons, Shotley Bridge. The printing and publishing is performed by the author himself, on his own premises at Consett. The expense entailed in bringing such a work before the public is necessarily very great. Hitherto, however, the author has met with much encouragement, many of the influential families of the county having become subscribers.

It remains now for the public to testify, by their patronage and support, their appreciation of an undertaking which few had either the ability or the enterprize to attempt.

THE IRISH CRISIS.

SPEECH BY MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

A great Liberal meeting was held in Hengler's Circus, at Liverpool, on Tuesday night, and was attended by the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P. Mr R. D. Holt, president of the Liverpool Liberal Association, occupied the chair.

The Chairman gave a cordial welcome to Mr. Chamberlain, and went on to express great regret that the Irish electors in Liverpool should have decided to desert the Liberal party and vote for the Tories in the coming municipal elections. The course adopted by the Goverament in the present crisis, however much on some grounds it was to be regretted, was justifiable. (Loud cheers.)

Mr H. F. Pease moved the following resolution:—

That this meeting hereby expresses its thorough confidence in Her Majesty's Ministers, trusting to their ability to effect much-needed reforms, and to their determination to maintain the unity, the honour, and the liberties of the nation. (Cheers.)

Mr Wm. Crosfield seconded the resolution, which was carried with acclamation.

Mr Chamberlain, in rising to acknowledge the resolution, was received with enthusiastic cheers, and after referring to other matters, he said:—Mr Chairman, I hope I may take the cordiality with which the resolution which you have put from the chair has just been carried, and the presence in such vast numbers of this great audience here to-night, as indications that the Liberals of Liverpool and the representatives of Liberalism gathered here from so many neighbouring places are prepared to support the Government—(loud cheers)—in the measures which they have deemed it necessary to take in the interests of public safety in Ireland. If I were addressing an audience of Conservatives I should expect at least as much as this—(hear, hear)—but from you, gentlemen, before I sit down, I shall venture to ask for more. (Hear, hear.) I ask from you not only a patriotic acquiescence in a pressing necessity, before which party spirit is silent, and party rancour itself stands ashamed—(cheers)—but I ask you to go with me in an examination of what has happened before, of what has still to come, and to consider the whole course and policy of the Government of which the present situation is only one, and a very partial manifestation. (Hear, hear.) I read in an article in a Tory newspaper the other day that the recent action of the Government is to be considered as a triumph of sound Conservative doctrines—(laughter)—over Radical theories in the Cabinet. (Laughter.) Well, I need only say to you that if that were the case I don't think I should to-night have the honour of addressing you as a member of Her Majesty's Government. (Cheers.) Our political opponents are in too great haste to be glad. (Hear, hear.) There is one cardinal distinction between them and us to which I should like to call your attention at the outset. With them coercion is a policy—(loud cheers)—they have no other. With us it is only a hateful incident. (Renewed cheers.) We have arrived at a point at which the two opinions meet, but we have travelled along very different roads, and I hope we shall soon part company again. (Loud cheers.) For the moment we stand shoulder to shoulder to resist any danger—(hear, hear)—but we differ altogether as to the past and future means of prevention and of cure. (Cheers.) We, Liberal and Radical, are alike prepared, if the necessity arises, to put down rebellion—(cheers—but we do not quarrel with reform. (Hear.) Suppression of disorder is, I think Mr Pease told us, the first duty of a Government. I do not say that, but I say that it is an urgent and sacred duty, and I know no Liberal or Radical will venture to dispute it. (Hear, hear.) Law is the guarantee of liberty, and it appears to me, therefore, that there may be times when it is the highest duty of a Liberal to support and assert the law. (Hear, hear.) On the other hand, there is another duty which I regard as at least as urgent, and even more sacred, and that is to search out the cause of the disorder—(hear, hear)—and, where possible, remove it. (Cheers.) Well, now, it is because the Government have performed this other, and, in my opinion, this greater duty, that we find our quarrel just, that I am entitled to stand before you to-night to challenge your judgment and hold myself permitted to defend the law—(hear)—which I and my colleagues have done our best to purge from oppression and from wrong. (Loud cheers.) Thus, Mr Chairman, you will see that in the judgment which you are called upon to give time is an essential element in the question. I have to show you, if I may, that we have not acted either too soon or too late. (Hear, hear.) If we have delayed too long I admit we have made an error which may be fatal. If we have acted too soon we have committed what I do not hesitate to say is a political crime. I think you will see that I have endeavoured to put before you a plain issue, and that I don't shirk the reponsibility which rests upon every member of the Government and upon everybody who pretends to support them. (Applause.) Now, in meeting charges which are made against us from opposite quarters I shall have to ask you to bear with me while I once more, for I know not how many times, go over the conditions of this hard problem, with which we have to deal. It is not a new problem this Irish question. Once in ten years, once in twenty years it may be, sometimes with sufficient warning, sometimes without the slightest preparation, like a bolt from the blue, the Irish question is upon us. Every generation in turn for four hundred years has had to deal with it, (Hear, hear.) Each has disposed of it for the time according to its fashion, and each has had to bequeath it still unsettled to its successor. It is all very well for Lord Salisbury—(hisses)—with that historical accuracy for which he is famous—(laughter)—to pretend that the present situation is the fault of Mr Gladstone or of Mr Gladstone's Ministry. Lord Salisbury's memory is notorious. (Laughter.) He cannot recollect the plain terms of a pulbic document to which he has set his hand a few weeks before. (Renewed laughter.) How is it to be epected that he should remember facts of Irish history. (Hear, hear.) But we know that for the whole time to which he referred the Irish people have been constantly dissatisfied. There has not been, I am afraid, one single year during which the removal of the English garrison would not have been the signal for an instant uprising of the people, and a declaration of their independence.

Throat Irritation.—Soreness and dryness, tickling and irritation, inducing cough and affecting the voice. For these symptoms use Epps's Glycerine Jujubes. Glycerine, in these agreeable confections, being in proximity to the glands at the moment they are excited by the act of sucking, becomes actively healing. Sold only in boxes, 7½d. and 1s. 1½d., labelled "James Epps & Co., Homoeopathic Chemists, London." A letter received: "Gentlemen,—It may perhaps, interest you to know that, after an extended trial, I have found your Glycerine Jujubes of considerable benefit (with or without medical treatment) in almost all forms of throat disease. They soften and clear the voice. In no case can they do any harm.—Yours faithfully, Gordon Holmes, L. R. C. P. E., Senior Physician to the Municipal Throat and Ear Infirmary." 8180

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THE MYSTERY OF MOOR FARM,

BY

HENRY FRITH.

AUTHOR OF

"*A Race for Life,*" "*Through Flood through Fire,*" "*On the Wings of the Wind,*" &c., &c.

CHAPTER XXIX.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

"Love rules the Camp, the Court, the Grove."

Having reached Melbourne in safety, Augustus Skelton, without in any way communicating with his agent, for fear of being detained and discovered by the miners, hastened on board a vessel bound for England. There were few passengers, and Augustus had no difficulty in securing good accommodation.

The few months he had passed in the colony had greatly changed him. He was stouter, browner, and more bearded. He looked like a real colonist returning to his native land; and no one on board troubled themselves about Mr. Rundle, for so Augustus still called himself.

There were not many passengers, but Skelton managed to pick up an acquaintance with a man who had lately married, and was with his wife and a daughter returning to England after many years' absence. The ladies did not at first appear, for the sea was somewhat rough and the wind boisterous; but Mr. Addleston and Skelton (or Rundle), who was a good-looking young man enough, got into conversation as people, particularly on board ship, will do, and after a few days became quite companions. They walked about the deck, played cards, and smoked together, and although Mr. Addleston mentioned the fact that he was a married man, and that his ward was also on board, he made no overtures towards introducing them to Augustus. He thought this singular, and the glimpse he one day obtained of the younger lady prepossessed him very much. Skelton, as we know, was of a rather inflammable disposition; a pretty face and trim shape, allied to pleasant manners, would easily make him a captive *pro tem*, at any rate, or finally if the girl played her cards properly.

But he would not have been so much astonished that Miss Addleston did not appear had he known that she was an invalid. The tempestuous voyage had not improved the health of either of the ladies—both somewhat delicate; and it was not for some few weeks that Augustus encountered Miss Addleston. By that time his curiosity was whetted, and had she been a designing, instead of, as she actually was, as innocent of intrigue as a baby, she could not have played a matrimonial game with more certainty of winning. One morning Skelton was on deck reading, when the young lady carefully emerged from the cabin, but being unaccustomed to the hatchway ledge (the raised rim of the companion) she tripped against it, and would have fallen probably if Skelton, who had been watching her, had not sprung up and caught her extended hand.

A pleasant smile and a few words of thanks completed the introduction. Augustus replied, and before long the young people were chatting very pleasantly. The usual topics of the voyage were touched upon—the weather, the rate of progress, and the land they had left behind them.

"That was a dreadful fire," said Augustus at last. "I lost some relatives in the bush—poor people. They must have suffered."

"We lost a good deal, but none of our friends perished. I can quite sympathise with you," she continued. Then fearing she had said too much, she changed the conversation.

Mr. Addleston soon came on deck, and, addressing the girl as Laura, sent her below to her mother, and then entered amiably into conversation with Augustus. But he was thinking of the voice he had heard, and wondering whether Ellen's last accents were ever to be ringing in his ears. Was this the vengeance of heaven? Was this his punishment? Was it possible that women to whom he spoke should remind—by voice, or word, or reference—to some fact passed away; of the girl he had believed he loved a year ago, and whose memory he still cherished affectionately in the heart of hearts?

The sad circumstances still weighed upon him. The restlessness of crime was upon Augustus. He felt he could now never be happy until he had atoned, so far as he could atone, for his father's misdeeds, and his own wild, if not criminal, acts. His return to England was with this end in view, and when a man of Augustus Skelton's impulsive temperament has made up his mind to atone, to apologise, or to restore anything, the atonement, the apology, and the restoration, whatever it might be, will always be complete and full. No half measures would thus suit Augustus. He was on his way to do justice, and justice he would do, be the cost to himself what it might. So he argued with himself. So far he had endeavoured to act up to his determination. Whether the counter attractions of this young lady on board the homeward-bound clipper would serve to undermine all his good resolutions remained to be seen.

It will not surprise anyone to learn that, under the peculiarly favourable circumstances, and the fascination which possessed Augustus as he day by day fancied he could detect a still more marked resemblance to the lost Ellen, Skelton and Miss Addleston became attached to each other. There is no place for flirting or for making love as a ship on a long voyage. The number of opportunities which a young man, if he only plays his cards with ordinary care, can obtain for the science of flirtation are practically unbounded. This is for many reasons. One is undoubtedly that so many others are similarly engaged, and do not notice the rest. Another great assistant of Cupid is Idleness. If it be true, and we think it is, that

"Satan finds some mischief still
For idle hands to do,"

then it is undoubtedly the fact that Cupid finds some lovers still (very quiet, indeed, sometimes), and love-making for them to do in the numerous comfortable nooks and corners of a well-equipped ship. There are boats and little secluded spots which, even in rainy weather, can be converted by a tarpaulin into a waterproof tent, wherein much sweet converse can be enjoyed in that low, confidential tone, supplemented, when actual words are perhaps as yet too direct, and might be premature, by quiet hand-pressure, or perhaps a chaste kiss in the twilight of the tropics. Oh! those tropics! They have a great deal to answer for, although there are people who will flirt seriously before the ship is well in the Bay of Biscay on her outward voyage. But this kind of coquetry does not last. Malta generally sees it out, because your long-trip passenger will make his choice of a companion, and hesitate ere Gib be reached (I am now speaking of the Indian service) to commit himself to a flirtation with a lady who may go ashore to-morrow.

However, none of the considerations troubled Augustus and Miss Addleston. He had already learnt her name was Laura, and the pair walked and talked all the way up Channel, speculating upon future meetings, and day by day rivetting their bonds more firmly. Augustus had made up his mind to propose to Laura, and she, on her part, while being very careful not to give him any reason to leap to conclusions as to her feelings, was certainly disposed to accept him should he make an offer. Her mother's delicate health kept Laura a good deal in attendance upon her, and much anxiety was manifested concerning the old lady, whom Skelton had never seen.

At length the English coast was sighted, and that evening, while awaiting the arrival of a pilot, Augustus and Laura found themselves on the deck almost alone. She was leaning on his arm—not now at all an unusual action on her part—and with him was gazing out over the gently swelling sea. He was the first to break the silence between them.

"We are near home at last, Laura," said Skelton, as he gently laid his right hand upon her left; "and

here, within sight of Old England, I have something to tell you."

Laura felt what was coming, and made no answer. She felt that but one answer would be possible when the question had been asked, but till that question was put it was her duty to be silent. She did not withdraw her hand from the contact, and Augustus proceeded.

"Laura, you remind me very much of one who was for a short time very dear to me, and—may I tell you?—I loved her I believe for that little time. I never fancied I should care for any other woman in quite the same way; but I find how mistaken I have been. I love you, Laura, even more devotedly than I did her, whom you in many ways so strangely resemble. She did not love me."

He paused as if expecting a reply, but he was disappointed. Laura said nothing; indeed, what could she say? It was scarcely to hear another woman compared to herself that she had come to the side of the vessel that night.

Augustus, in his nervous way, was determined to deceive no one. He would tell the truth, and nothing but the truth; whether he would tell the whole truth remained to be seen.

"Dearest Laura,—I *fancied* I loved. I was carried away. I was repulsed—rejected. Now, I love you devotedly, I believe. We have been great friends on board. Shall our friendship cease? shall all these happy days be forgotten and pass away? Can you consent to prolong them as my wife? Laura, speak."

"Yes," she replied. "The days *have* been very, very happy. It would make me very happy still to be your wife."

So, for the time, all Skelton's doubts and fears were set at rest. He clasped his beautiful intended wife in his arms, and vowed reverently to love and cherish her during his life.

"Here, darling," he said, as they were parting for the night. "Here is the only trinket I possess, and it has hitherto escaped my memory. It belonged to one who loved not me. Will you accept it as a pledge of my affection, and my honesty and trust till I can replace it with a better?"

"Yes, Augustus," she replied. "I trust you all in all. *She* is dead then?"

"Oh yes, dead to me, and dead indeed. But," he added, with an effort, "we must not part thus dolefully. Let me put the locket over your neck, darling, and wish you good night. I will see your father and explain."

Laura smiled merrily, and, with a pretty maidenly kiss, disappeared.

But Augustus did not tell Mr. Addleston that he was engaged to his daughter that evening, because he didn't see him, and Laura did not tell her mother of the great change in her prospects, because her mother was ill, and just then asleep, and could not be disturbed. Next day all was bustle and confusion—packing up, and making things ready for port. Mr. and Mrs. Addleston scarcely appeared when Augustus was below; but Laura had told her mother, and had been kissed, and told to wait. Augustus had told Mr. Addleston his intentions towards Laura, and had been informed that until some explanation of his means, &c., had been entered upon, and that now was impossible, he could only assent provisionally. This was quite enough for Skelton. He and Laura had one long *tête-à-tête* up the river to Gravesend, where the Addlestons left the ship, and their address with Skelton, who promised to call next day at their hotel.

Then the vessel came up to the docks, and Augustus landed. A number of people were wandering about looking at the shipping. Augustus looked about him, and, starting back, turned pale. As the vessel came up he had passed close to a spectre. A ghost! "Ellen" Richards was gazing steadily into his eyes! Judgment!

CHAPTER XXX.

RETRIBUTION.

"*Thou art the Man!*"

AUGUSTUS could scarcely credit his senses. Ellen was alive and well. She had not apparently recognised him, and Augustus looked again. Yes, there she was leaning fondly on a man's arm, and that man Amos!—Amos, Ellen's husband. Could it be? Augustus had run away, having, as he fancied, put an insuperable barrier — a grim bar indeed — between Ellen and the world. Yet here she is before him, happy and laughing, clinging to the arm of her husband—Amos Bartram. It was too much. Such a termination to the voyage he certainly did not expect.

Suppose Ellen had recognised him. No doubt she had told Amos all about the "accident," and her husband would doubtless take summary vengeance. Then all the country would hear how he, the young farmer, who once had a reputation for courage, had permitted a girl to drown sooner than see her married to his rival. Now she was alive. She had married that rival. How could Augustus ever show his face at Beechycombe? What good were the estates in Australia or their proceeds now to him? He must leave the Moor to strangers. He must quit Cannonleigh. The dread mystery still hanging over the farm could not now be cleared up by him. His friend the vicar would shrink from him, and—worst of all—Laura! Laura would despise him. Her young life would be blighted. Her parents would curse him and denounce him. There was no escape. He must bear his burthen, heavy though it was, and almost unbearable.

But, bad as things looked, Augustus still had a sort of confidence in Ellen. He had used her vilely and cruelly. He had not helped her. He had behaved like a cur and a coward, and yet his faith in Ellen was not shaken. He had some vague sense of security in her kind and generous heart that she would rather shield than accuse him. Bad as he was at times, we know Skelton had not really a bad heart. He was impulsive, undisciplined, cowardly, but not beyond hope of reformation; and, as we have seen, his repentance, if newly entered on, was sincere as far as it went. Contradictory as all men and women are, Augustus only wanted firmness and a little more moral courage. He felt what he lacked, and endeavoured, if not too late, to retrieve his errors.

"Thank God, she's alive!" was his inward feeling. "I'm not a murderer, and need not fear." There spoke the true Skelton. "Self" uppermost, even when he had escaped a great danger. There was something wanting still.

Augustus had been recognised at once by Amos and partially by Ellen. She had again expressed a wish to come to London and see about ships and owners with a view to recall her scattered recollections; and partly to please her and partly to amuse himself, Amos had come down to the docks to see the Australian and other vessels, and to ponder upon Ellen's curious pertinacity respecting the *Wolverine*.

They made many inquiries concerning the *Wolverine* and the *Queen of the South*. The ships belonged to different owners, but both had sailed two years before and both had been wrecked. Could any information be obtained concerning the passengers? No, unless from the captain's papers, or perhaps the records of the agent in Melbourne. The captain and all his papers were then at the bottom of the sea; and the agent at Melbourne? Well, he *was* at Melbourne, and that was all about it.

So Amos and Ellen determined to cease their investigation. What good is it," said Amos; "who will ever trouble about it? You are now Mrs. Amos Bartram, and won't change your name unless we comes in for a fortune, which isn't likely; or unless some man who's plenty of money wants an heir to it, and then we'll swap names. You're mine, lass, and mine you'll ever be, name or no name, for all the Wolverines that ever raged, or all the Southern Queens that ever reigned. That's the tack!"

"But I *should* like to remember it all, dear, and mother and father and sister. I'm sure I shall some day."

"Well, don't worry about it, my pet. It will all come right. Now I'm tired of this river-built place. Let's go back to the sea, Nell!"

Thus it happened that they turned towards home again. Augustus Skelton, however much he had been frightened, was not disposed to relinquish Laura Addleston, so next day he betook himself to the hotel in the city where Mr. Addlesto had taken up his abode. He was shown into a private oom, and waited.

In a few minutes the door opened, and Skelton rose to clasp his affianced in his arms. But instead of Laura's somewhat pale but beautiful face, an elderly lady, Mrs. Addleston, as he judged, entered.

"Mr. Rundle, I believe?" she said, in an agitated voice.

Then it occurred to Augustus that he had never spoken to her before, and that his name was not Rundle. But he only bowed, being too much taken aback to speak.

"Mr. Rundle," continued Mrs. Addleston, "I am glad to see you for my daughter's sake, because some explanation is due to me. In the first place, may I inquire how you became possessed of this locket?"

As she spoke she produced the trinket which Augustus had so thoughtfully given to Laura. It was Ellen's locket; the same that had become unloosed from her neck when she had fallen or been pushed into the sea.

What could Skelton answer? He had he felt already committed himself. He had already confessed to Laura the former existence of an attachment. He could not confess his share in the horrible business, although Ellen were alive; for that very reason indeed he could not confess.

"Well, Mr. Rundle, will you please tell me? I am very, very anxious about this. Much may depend upon it—a great deal more may be depending upon it than you imagine."

Augustus was quite at loss. He muttered something, and then thought he would brave it out ambiguously. "The fact is," he said, "that belonged to a former flame of mine. We had a quarrel, and as she—well I snatched the locket from her. You know, as a woman of the world, these things will occur. I liked her, and she didn't care about me then. So——"

"Stop, sir!" exclaimed Mrs. Addleston. "The poor girl is—dead—I believe. But if I could be assured, Mr. Rundle. Where did you last meet the young woman you spoke of? We will not say more about her, poor thing. But how did you become possessed of this locket?" Why was the lady so moved?

"It was hers."

"The young lady's?"

"Yes, certainly. She was quite a girl."

"And did you ever see the original of the picture with her? Oh, Mr. Rundle, pardon me; forgive my terrible anxiety; tell me, in mercy tell me, did you ever see the original of this likeness?"

Skelton began to fancy that Mrs. Addleston was deranged. The circumstances was so clear to him that he hastily concluded they must have been sufficiently evident to her. But he put her anxiety and derangement to a wrong cause.

"Why, my dear madam, I often saw the original. She was it herself. The girl I speak of, whom I supposed to be dead, was the original of that likeness. Great heaven, what have I done!"

Skelton might well exclaim. Mrs. Addleston had fainted.

Assistance was quickly procured, and after a long interval the lady recovered consciousness. She looked doubtfully at Skelton, and made more than one effort to speak. He did not dare to retire, for it was evident she wished him to remain, and yet he did not know how things would turn up for him. So he seated himself at the window and waited till the servants had withdrawn.

Then approaching the sofa upon which the lady lay, he said, "Dear Mrs. Addleston, I am afraid I have caused you some annoyance and much pain. I can explain all. I gave this locket to Laura as my pledge of affection. I took it—by accident (he felt he was getting involved)—by accident from the neck of the girl who——"

"Where is she?" cried Mrs. Addleston. "Give her back to me! She is my daughter—my eldest child!"

"Your—eldest—child! Merciful Powers! That girl your eldest child—Ellen?"

"No, no: not Ellen. But when my child, Florence, left us for England she wore that locket with her likeness. The ship was wrecked—(Augustus started)—foundered at sea—the *Wolverine*, from Melbourne. That was the name. All perished. How could the locket have been preserved? The child was my child—Laura's sister."

"Laura's sister!" exclaimed Augustus. "*Florence*—not—oh God!—not FLORENCE SKELTON?"

"How did you learn that?" exclaimed the distracted mother. "Yes, yes. I was Mrs. Skelton before I married Mr. Addleston. Laura is still Laura Skelton. Florence came to England to see her uncle——"

"John Skelton. Oh, retribution!" exclaimed Augustus. "I deserve it all."

"Yes, John Skelton. But *who are you?* Speak—speak—quick!" implored Mrs. Addleston.

Augustus knelt down, and, burying his face in his hands, sobbed out:

"Your unhappy nephew, Augustus Skelton!"

(To be continued.)

MARY MARSTON,

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CHAPTER XLIX.—*(continued.)*

It added to Godfrey's rage that he had not a doubt that Mary knew what had passed between Letty and him. That, he reasoned, was at the root of it all; she wanted to bring them together yet; it would be a fine thing for her to have her bosom-friend mistress of Thornwick! What a cursed thing he should ever have been civil to her! And what a cursed fool he was ever to have cared a straw for such a low-minded creature as that Letty! Thank heaven, he was cured of that!

Cured?—He had fallen away from love—that was all the cure!

Like the Knight of the Red Cross, he was punished for abandoning Una, by falling in love with Duessa. His rage against Letty, just becaue of her faithfulness, had cast him an easy prey into the arms of the clinging Sepia.

And now what more could Mary do? Just one thing was left—Mr Redmain could satisfy Mr Wardour of the fact he would not hear from her, so, at least, thought Mary yet. If Mr Redmain would take the trouble to speak to him, Mr Wardour must be convinced. However true it might be what Mr Wardour had said about Mr Redmain, fact remained fact about Sepia.

She sat down and wrote the following letter:—

SIR.—I hardly know how to address you without seeming to take a liberty; at the same time I cannot help hoping you trust me enough to believe that I would not venture such a request as I am about to make, without good reason. Should you kindly judge me not to presume, and should you be well enough in health, which I fear may not be the case, would you mind coming to see me here in my shop? I think you must know it—it used to be Turnbull and Marston—the Marston was my father. You will see my name over the door. Any hour from morning to night will do for me; only please let it be as soon as you can make it convenient.

"I am, Sir,
"Your humble and grateful servant,
"MARY MARSTON."

"What the deuce is she grateful to me for?" grumbled Mr Redmain when he read it. "I never did anything for her! By Jove, the gipsy herself wouldn't let me! I vow she's got more brains of her own than any half-dozen women I ever had to do with before!"

The least thing bearing the look of plot, or intrigue, or secret to be discovered or heard, was enough for Mr Redmain. What he had of pride was not of the same sort as Wardour's: it made no pretence to dignity, and was less antagonistic, so long at least as there was no talk of good motive or righteous purpose. Far from being offended with Mary's request, he got up at once, though, indeed, he was rather unwell and dreading an attack, ordered his brougham, and drove to Testbridge, There, careful of secrecy, he went to several shops, and bought something at each, but pretended not to find the thing he wanted.

He then said he would lunch at the inn, and told his coachman to put up, and while his meal was getting ready, went to Mary's shop which was but a few doors off. There he asked for a certain outlandish stuff, and insisted on looking over a bale not yet unpacked. Mary understood him, and whispering Letty to take him to the parlour, followed a minute after.

As soon as she entered.—

"Come now, what's it all about?" he said.

Mary began at once to tell him, as directly as she could, that she was under obligation to Mr Wardour of Thornwick, and that she had reason to fear Miss Yolland was trying to get hold of him—"and you know what that would be for any man!" she said.

"No, by Jove! I don't," he answered. "What would it be?"

"Utter ruin" replied Mary.

"Then go and tell him so, if you want to save him."

"I have told him. But he does not like me, and won't believe me."

"Then let him take his own course, and be ruined."

"But I have just told you sir, I am under obligation to him—great obligation!"

"Oh! I see! you want him yourself!—Well, as you wish it, I would rather you have him than that she-devil. But come now, you must be open with me."

"I am. I will be."

"You say so, of course. Women do.—But you confess you want him yourself?"

Mary saw it would be the worst possible policy to be angry with him, especially as she had given him the trouble to come to her, and she must not lose this her last chance.

"I do not want him," she answered with a smile; "and if I did, he would never look at one in my position. He would as soon think of marrying the daughter of one of his labourers—and quite right too—for the one might just be as good as the other."

"Well now that a is pity. I would have done a good deal for *you*—I don't know why, for you're a little humbug if ever there was one! But if you don't care about the fellow, I don't see why I should take the trouble. Confess you're a little bit in love with him—ain't you now? Confess to that, and I will do what I can."

"I can't confess to a lie. I owe Mr Wardour a debt of gratitude—that is all—but no light thing you will allow, sir!"

"I don't know: I never tried its weight. Anyhow I should make haste to be rid of it."

"I have tried to make him this return, but he only fancies me a calumniator. Miss Yolland has been before with me."

"Then, by Jove! I don't see but you're quits with him. If he behaves like that to you, don't you see, it wipes all out. Upon my soul! I don't see why you should trouble your head about him. Let him take his way, and go to—Sepia."

"But, sir, what a dreadful thing it would be, knowing what she is, to let a man like him throw himself away on her!"

"I don't see it. I've no doubt he's just as bad as she is. We all are; we're all the same. And if he waren't it would be the better joke. Besides, you oughtn't to keep up a grudge, don't you know: you ought to let the—the *woman* have a chance, if he marries her—and that must be her game this time—she'll grow decent, and be respectable ever after, you may be sure—go to church, as you would have her, all that—never miss a Sunday, I lay you a thousand."

"He is of a good old family!" said Mary foolishly, thinking that would weigh with him.

"Good old fiddlestick! Damned old worn-out broom-end! *She's* of a good old family—quite good enough for his, you may take your oath! Why, my girl! the thing's not worth burning your fingers with. You've brought me here on a goose-errand. I'll go and have my lunch."

He rose.

"I'm sorry to have vexed you, sir," said Mary, greatly disappointed.

"Never mind.—I'm horribly sold," he said with a tight grin. "I thought you must have some good thing in hand to make it worth your while to send for me."

"Then I must try something else," reflected Mary aloud.

"I wouldn't advise you. The man's only the surer to hate you and stick to her. Let him alone. If he's a stuck-up fellow like that, it will take him down a bit—when the truth comes out, that is, as come out it must. There's one good thing in it, my wife'll get rid of her. But I don't know! there's an enemy, as the Bible says, that sticketh closer than a brother. And they'll be next door when Durnmelling is mine! But I can sell it."

"If he *should* come to you, will you tell him the truth?"

"I don't know that. It might spoil my own little game."

"Will you let him think me a liar and slanderer?"

"No, by Jove! I won't do that. I don't promise to tell him all the truth, or even that what I do tell him shall be exactly true; but I won't let him think ill of my little puritan: that would spoil *your* game. Ta, ta!"

He went out, with his curious grin, amused, and enjoying the idea of a proud fellow like that being taken in with Sepia.

"I hope devoutly he'll marry her!" he said to himself as he went to his luncheon. "Then I shall hold a rod over them both, and perhaps buy that miserable little Thornwick, Mortimer would give the skin off his back for it."

The thing that ought to be done had to be done, and Mary had done it—alas! to no purpose for the end desired: what was left her to do further? She could think of nothing. Sepia, like a moral hyena, must range her night. She went to bed, and dreamed she was pursued by a crowd, hooting after her, and calling her all the terrible names of those who spread evil reports. She woke in misery, and slept no more.

CHAPTER L.

A SUMMONS.

One hot Saturday afternoon, in the sleepiest time of the day, when nothing was doing, and nobody in the shop, except a poor boy who had come begging for some string to help him to fly his kite, though for the last month wind had been more scarce than string, Jemima came in from Durnmelling, and greeting Mary with the warmth of the friendship that had always been true between them gave her a letter.

"Who is this from?" asked Mary, with usual human waste of inquiry, seeing she held the surest answer in her hand.

"Mr Mewks gave it me," said Jemima. "He didn't say who it was from."

Mary made haste to open it; she had an instinctive distrust of everything that passed through Mewk's hands, and greatly feared, much as his master trusted him, he was not true to him. She found the following note from Mr Redmain:—

"Dear Miss Marston,—Come and see me as soon as you can; I have something to talk to you about, Send word by the bearer when I look for you. I am not well.—Yours truly,

"F. G. REDMAIN."

Mary went to her desk, and wrote a reply, saying she would be with him the next morning, about eleven o'clock. She would have gone that same night, she said, but, as it was Saturday, she could not, because of country customers, close in time to go so far.

"Give it into Mr Redmain's own hand, if you can Jemima," she said.

"I will try; but I doubt if I can, miss," answered the girl.

"Between ourselves, Jemima," said Mary, "I do not trust that man Mewks."

"Nobody does, miss, except the master and Miss Yolland."

"Then," thought Mary, "the thing is worse than I had supposed."

"I'll do what I can, miss," Jemima went on. "But he's so sharp!—Mr Mewks, I mean."

After she was gone, Mary wished she had given a verbal message; that she might have insisted on delivering in person.

Jemima with circumspection, managed to reach Mr Redmain's room unencountered, but just as she knocked at the door, Mewks came behind her from somewhere, and snatching the letter out of her hand for she carried it ready to justify her entrance to the first glance of her irritable master, pushed her rudely away, and immediately went in. But as he did so he put the letter in his pocket.

"Who took the note?" asked his master.

"The girl at the lodge, sir."

"No, sir, not yet. She'll be in a minute, though, I saw her coming up the avenue.

"Go and bring her here."

"Yes, sir."

Mewks went, and in two minutes, returned with the letter, and the messenger that Miss Marston had not time to direct it.

"You damned rascal! I told you to bring the messenger here."

"She ran the whole way, sir, and, not being very strong, was that tired, that, the moment she got in, the poor thing dropped in a dead faint. They ain't got her to yet."

His master gave him one look straight in the eyes, then opened the letter and read it.

"Miss Marston will call here to-morrow morning," he said; "see that she is shown up at once—here, to my sitting-room. I hope I am explicit."

When the man was gone, Mr Redmain nodded his head three times, and grinned the skin tight as a drumhead over his cheek-bones.

"There isn't a damned soul of them to be trusted!" he said to himself, and sat silently thoughtful.

Perhaps he was thinking how often he had come short of the hope placed in him; times of reflection arrive to most men; and a threatened attack of the illness he believed must one day carry him off, might well have disposed him to think.

In the evening he was worse.

By midnight he was in agony, and Lady Margaret was up with him all night. In the morning came a lull, and Lady Margaret went to bed. His wife had not come near him. But Sepia might have been seen, more than once or twice, hovering about his door.

Both she and Mewks thought, after such a night, he must have forgotten his appointment with Mary.

When he had had some chocolate, he fell into a doze. But his sleep was far from profound. Often he woke and again dozed off.

The clock in the dressing-room struck eleven.

"Show Miss Marston up the moment she arrives," he said—and his voice was almost like that of a man in health.

"Yes sir," replied the startled Mewks, and felt he must obey.

So Mary was at once shown to the chamber of the sick man.

To her surprise, for Mewks had given her no warning, he was in bed, and looking as ill as ever she had seen him. His small head was like a skull covered with parchment. He made the slightest of signs to her to come nearer—and again. She went close to the bed. Mewks sat down at the foot of it, out of sight. It was a great four-post bed, with curtains.

"I'm glad you're come," he said, with a feeble grin, all he had for a smile. "I want to have a little talk with you. But I can't while that brute is sitting there. I have been suffering horribly. Look at me, and tell me if you think I am going to die—not that I take your opinion for worth anything. That's not what I wanted you for, though. I wasn't so ill then. But I want you the more to talk to now. *You* have a bit of heart, even for people that don't deserve it—at least I'm going to believe you have; and if I am wrong, I almost think I would rather not know it till I'm dead and gone!—Good God! where shall I be then?"

"Mewks!" he called suddenly, and his tone was loud and angry.

Mewks was by his bedside instantly.

"Get out with you. If I find you in this room again without having been called, I will kill you. I am strong enough for that, even without this pain. They won't hang a dying man, and where I am going they will rather like it."

Mewks vanished.

"You need not mind, my girl," he went on to Mary. "Everybody knows I am ill—very ill. Sit down there on the foot of the bed, only take care you don't shake it, and let me talk to you. People, you know, say now-a-days there ain't any hell—or perhaps none to speak of?"

"I should think the former more likely than the latter," said Mary.

"You dont believe there is any? I *am* glad of that! for you are a good girl, and ought to know."

"You mistake me, sir. How can I imagine there is no hell, when *He* said there was?"

"Who is *he*?"

"The man who knows all about it, and means to put a stop to it some day."

"Oh, yes; I see! Him!—But I don't for the life of me see what a fellow is to make of it all—don't you know? Those parsons! They will have it there's no way out of it but theirs, and I never could see a handle anywhere to that door!"

"I don't see what the parsons have got to do with it, or at least what you have got to do with the parsons If a thing is true, you have as much to do with it as any parson in England; if it is not true, neither you nor they have anything to do with it."

"But I tell you, if it be all as true as—as—that we are all sinners, I don't know what to do with it!"

"It seems to me a simple thing. *That* man as much as said he knew all about it, and came to find men that were lost and take them home."

"He can't well find one more lost than I am! But how am I to believe it! How *can* it be true! It's ages since he was here, if ever he was here at all, and there hasn't been a sign of him ever since, all the time!"

Mary told him about being a disciple and knowing Jesus.

Towards evening, when she had just rendered him one of the many attentions he required and which there was no one that day but herself to render, for he would scarcely allow Mewks to enter the room, he said to her.—

"Thank you; you are very good to me. I shall remember you. Not that I think I'm going to die just yet: I've often been as bad as this, and got well again. Besides, I want to show that I have turned over a new leaf. Don't you think God will give me one more chance, now that I really mean it? I never did before."

"God can tell whether you mean it without that,' she answered, not daring to encourage him where she knew nothing. "But you said you would remember me, Mr Redmain: I hope you didn't mean in your will."

"I did mean in my will,' he answered, but in a tone of displeasure. "I must say, however, I would have preferred you had not *shown* quite such an anxiety about it. I shan't be in my coffin to-morrow; and I am not in the way of forgetting things."

"I *beg* you," returned Mary, flushing, "to do nothing of the sort. I have plenty of money' and don't care about more. I would much rather not have any from you."

"But think how much good you might do with it!" said Mr Redmain satirically. "It was come by honestly—so far as I know."

"Money can't do half the good people think. It is stubborn stuff to turn to any good. And in this case it would be directly against good."

"Nobody as a right to refuse what comes honestly in his way. There's no end to the good that may be done with money—to judge, at least, by the harm I've done with mine," said Mr Redmain this time with seriousness.

"It is not in it," persisted Mary. "If it had been, our Lord would have used it, and he never did."

"Oh, but he was all an exception."

"On the contrary, He is the only man who is no exception. We are the exceptions. Everyone but Him is more or less out of the straight. Do you not see?—He is the very one we must all come to be the same as or perish!—No Mr Redmain! don't leave me any money, or I shall be altogether bewildered what to do with it. Mrs Redmain would not take it from me. Miss Yolland might, but I dared not give it to her. And for societies, I have small faith in them."

"I can't think where on earth you got such a sackful of extravagant notions," Mr Redmain added.

"I told you before, sir, I had a father who set me thinking," answered Mary.

The latter part of the conversation, Sepia listening heard, and misunderstood utterly.

All the rest of the day Mary was with Mr Redmain, mostly by his bedside, sitting in silent watchfulness when he was unable to talk with her. Nobody entered the room except Mewks, who, when he did, seemed to watch everything and try to hear everything, and once Lady Margaret. When she saw Mary seated by the bed, though she must have known well enough she was there, she drew herself up with grand English repellence, and looked scandalized. Mary rose and was about to retire. But Mr Redmain motioned her to sit still.

"This is my spiritual adviser, Lady Margaret," he said.

Her ladyship cast a second look on Mary, such as few but her could cast, and left the room.

On into the gloom of the evening Mary sat. No one brought her anything to eat or drink, and Mr Redmain was too much taken up with himself, soul and body, to think of her. She was now past hunger, and growing faint, when, through the settled darkness, the words came to her from the bed:—

"I should like to have you near me when I am dying, Mary."

The voice was softer than she had yet heard from Mr Redmain, and its tone went to her heart.

"I will certainly be with you, if God please,', she answered.

"There's no fear of God," returned Mr Redmain: "it's the devil that will try to keep you away. But never you heed what any one may do or say to prevent you. Do your very best to be with me. By that time I may not be having my own way any more. Be sure, the first moment they can get the better of me they will. And you musn't place confidence in a single soul in this house, I don't say my wife would play me false so long as I was able to swear at her, but I wouldn't trust her one moment longer. You come and be with me in spite of the whole *posse* of them."

"I will try, Mr Redmain," she answered faintly. "But indeed you must let me go now, else I may be unable to come to-morrow."

"What's the matter?" he asked hurriedly, half lifting his head with a look of alarm. "There's no knowing," he went on muttering to himself, "what may happen in this cursed house."

"Nothing," replied Mary, "but that I have not had anything to eat since I left home. I feel rather faint."

"They've given you nothing to eat!" cried Mr Redmain, but in a tone that seemed rather of satisfaction than displeasure. "Ring—no, don't."

"Indeed, I would rather not have anything now till I get home," said Mary. "I don't feel inclined to eat where I am not welcome."

"Right! right! right!" said Mr Redmain. "Stick to that. Never eat where you are not welcome. Go home directly. Only say when you will come to-morrow."

"I can't very well during the day," answered Mary. "There is so much to be done, and I have so little help. But if you should want me, I would rather shut up the shop than not come."

"There is no need for that! Indeed I would much rather have you in the evening. The first of the night is worst of all. It's then the devils are out,—Look here," he added, after a short pause, during which Mary, for as unfit as she felt, hesitated to leave him, "being in business, you've got a lawyer, I suppose?"

"Yes," she answered.

"Then you go to him to-night, the first thing, and tell him to come to me to-morrow, about noon. Tell him I am ill, and in bed, and particularly want to see him; and he musn't let anything they say keep him from me, not even if they tell him I am dead."

"I will," said Mary, and, stroking the thin hand that lay outside the counterpane, turned and left him.

"Don't tell any one you are gone," he called after her, with a voice far from feeble. "I don t want any of their damned company."

(To be continued.)

A tailor named Williams has attempted to murder his mother-in-law at Ashton-under-Lyne, and afterwards committed suicide.

Burnley tramways have only been used six weeks, but already six accidents have occurred, four of them terminating fatally.

The Austrian Protestants and Jews have been celebrating in a number of places the centenary of Edict of Toleration issued by Joseph II.

The National Liberal Federation held its annual meeting in Liverpool on Tuesday. A conference of delegates from various Liberal associations in the country was held in the afternoon, Mr. Jesse Collings, M.P., presiding. A special fund of £10,000 is being raised to promulgate sound information on needful amendments in the land laws and the attack upon the principles of Free Trade. Mr. Richard Tangye, of Birmingham, and Mr. Hugh Mason, M.P., have promised donations of £1,000 each, Mr. F. T. Mappin, M.P., a sum of £500, the amount already offered being £3,000. Mr. H. F. Pease, Darlington, was elected president for the ensuing year, and resolutions were passed in favour of land-law reform, extension of the franchise, and an equitable redistribution of electoral power.

Sir William Harcourt and Lord Rosebery, who are guests of Mr. Tennant, M.P., were entertained to luncheon it the Council Hall, Glasgow, on Tuesday. The Lord Provost and magistrates and councillors of Glasgow, the Lord Advocate, Sir Owen Lanyon, C.B., late Administrator of the Transvaal, and several members of Parliament were among the guests. The proceedings were strictly private. Sir William Harcourt afterwards drove to the City Hall to receive the freedom of the city. His reception was of a very enthusiastic character. Having been presented by the Lord Provost with the burgess ticket, Sir William expressed the pride which it afforded him to become a citizen of a no mean city, a city which commanded half the carrying trade of England, while England commanded half the carrying trade of the world. He took the occasion to remind those who espoused an old friend under the name of "Fair Trade" that the vast increase in the carrying trade of the country showed that our commercial system was founded on a sound basis, and was a monument of the wisdom of Free Trade principles. The right hon. gentleman addressed a great public meeting in the evening on the policy of the late and present Governments.

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THE TRADESMEN of Consett, together with a few Friends, whose names are subjonied, beg most respectfully to congratulate Miss JENKINS on her approaching marriage, and to ask her acceptance of a small token of their personal regard.

In wishing Miss JENKINS every blessing in her new home, they recall the numerous acts of kindness to which the public of Consett have been indebted to the family at Consett Hall, ever since Miss JENKINS'S esteemed father became the Manager of Consett Iron Works, and a resident in Consett.

Whilst sincerely regretting that they can no longer expect Miss JENKINS to bear the same part in the varied interests of Consett as she has done in times past, they are happy in believing that she will win the same influence and affection in whatever sphere her future life may call her.

Signed on behalf of the Tradesmen and Friends,
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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 1881.

ECHOES FROM BLACKHILL.

[BY INCEDO.]

These are stirring times, changes crowd thick and fast on the social as well as the political horizon. The people here have this week been marching to the time of a fine old quick step: 'Fie! let us a' to the bridal." There has been quite an ebullition of public feeling over this affair; presents rich and costly have flowed spontaneously from various sources. More than one "thing of beauty" has come under my own observation, and if one may take such as a specimen, then the presents are grand indeed. I refer to the timepiece and four vases presented by the agents of the Consett Iron Company, and the chaste walnut cabinet containing a complete set (four courses, 170 articles in all) of plated cutlery for the dinner table. The latter is the gift of the Catholics of the neighbourhood, and it is one of which any bride might well be proud. I almost struck a dash at this juncture which would have been tantamount to the word "finis." I hardly think I am in the spirit to-night (Thursday) having seen so many strange sights, prancing chargers, gay ladies——

"A thousand hearts beat happily; and when
Music arose with its voluptuous swell,
Soft eyes looked love to eyes which spake again,
And all went merry as a marriage bell."

Don't ask me to 'continue the quotation, reader, and yet it seems to flow unbidden:

"But, hush! hark! a deep sound strikes like a rising knell."

Well now there was many "a rising knell." The iron works continued to vomit smoke and flame as usual, and to make matters worse every cloud of smoke seemed but to mask a battery. Banners danced from every point of vantage, and engines, decked with pennons, dashed in every direction, while invisable gunners blazed away with right good will. Turn from this scene to the Church (which, by the way, might have sported a flag on such a day). See the ficinating nymphs handed from the carriages by gallants gay: how gracefully they trip beneath the canopy and flower-decked arch. I don't mingle amid scenes like these every day, hence my observation about not being in the spirit. One ought to go to sleep early on the eve of such a day and dream of fairy elves sporting under the greenwood tree. But then I fear my dreams would be disturbed by excruciating pains arising from bruised corns, for the people of Consett are a very excitable class of individuals. Verily I will think twice ere I risk my living body in a crowd of Consett folk again. And then what a shocking mess they made of the church—scrambling indiscriminately over seats and desks with clay-laden feet. There is one thing which this marriage, and the attendant train of circumstances in connection with it, very forcibly demonstrates, viz:—the position which Mr. Jenkins and his family occupy in the estimation of the people of this neighbourhood. Whatever sphere a man may occupy, it matters little so far as humanity is concerned, he will walk along the journey of life with a firmer step when he hears the whisper, it may be of a solitary voice, "well done." An approving smile will gladden the heart of the child. A token of public appreciation will invigorate the man.

The offertories in West Pelton Church in aid of the Newcastle Bishopric Fund amounted to £5

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE AT CONSETT.

A long-looked for event, and one in which considerable interest has been manifested by the inhabitants of Consett, Blackhill, Leadgate, and Shotley Bridge, came off yesterday (Thursday) morning, and the whole proceedings were characterised by the greatest *eclat*. We refer to the marriage of Dr. Thomas Oliver, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, with Miss Edith Rosina Jenkins, eldest daughter of Wm. Jenkins, Esq., J.P., of Consett Hall, the respected and esteemed manager of the Consett Iron Works. The ceremony was performed in Christ Church, Consett, by the Rev. Thos. Williams, M.A., vicar of Llanidloes, Wales (cousin of the bride), who was assisted by Rev. F. Steggall, vicar of Consett. The streets of the town were thronged with pedestrians early in the morning, a large crowd of persons having congregated in the vicinity of the church, and the interior of the sacred edefice was filled by spectators nearly an hour before the commencement of the ceremony. The service was fully chorale, the choir of the church being in attendance. At the conclusion of the interesting ceremony, the organist (Mr. J. Surtees) performed the "Wedding March" and the "Marche aux Flambeaux" in a brilliant style. As the bridal party left the church, robed in their beautiful dresses, the sun shone in all her resplendent rays, vividly enhancing the magnificence of the spectacle. The bride herself wore a beautiful cream-coloured satin dress, and white lace fall, with frills and flounces decked with orange blossoms. A wreath of flowers covered her head, and she carried in her hand a splendid bouquet. The bridesmaids were Miss Constance Jenkins, Miss Bertha Jenkins, Miss Alexandra Jenkins, Miss A. Williams (Rhonda Valley), Miss Nora Oliver (Ayr), and Miss Maggie Oliver (Ayr). They were robed in Cambridge blue llama, trimmed in front with pink and blue stripes, and white plush hats, trimmed with white silk and pink chrysanthemums to match the dresses. Each carried a basket of flowers. Mrs. Jenkins was habited in Cardinal plush. No special decoration had been made in the interior of the sacred edifice. A carpet was laid from the church gates up the steps and along the principal aisle to the chancel. Over the gateway was erected a triumphal arch of evergreens, the handiwork of the Rev D. Bryson (curate) and Mr. Grant. The motto—"Long may you live"—was placed over the doorway, being executed by Mr. Nicholas Siddle. An awning, stretching from the church door partially over the road was also erected. After the wedding party left the church they returned in carriages back to the Hall, where they were met with a shower of rice. A most sumptuous breakfast was provided, and was partaken of by a large number of guests, amongst whom were Mr E. Williams, of Middlesbro'; Mr Wm. Hedley, general manager of the Bowling Ironworks; Mr Belk and Mr J. Hedley, of Middlesbro'; Mr John Pattinson, of Newcastle; Mr and Mrs Snellis, of Workington; Mr and Mrs Ritson, of Hexham, and others. The usual toasts were proposed, and the health of the bridegroom was drunk. Several addresses were made, in which the speakers principally referred to the progress in the iron manufacture during the last forty years. Suitable music was discoursed by the members of the Blackhill Teetotal Brass Band. The bride and bridegroom subsequently left for Durham, from which city they will proceed to London prior to spending their honeymoon on the continent. The wedding gifts received by the bride are exceedingly numerous and of a very elegent, useful, and costly character. Having seen the various articles for ourselves, we can only say that it would be a most ardous if not impossable task for anyone to particularise or enumerate the different presents; suffice it to say that they are principally contributed by the chief agents of the Consett Iron Company; the clerks and draughtsmen and subagents of the Consett Iron Company; the Catholic friends of Blackhill and Father Smith; the schoolmasters, schoolmistresses, and children of the Consett British Schools; the Consett tradesmen; the Leadgate tradesmen, &c. At Consett a number of flags and banners were exhibited at the several establishments in Middle Street, Front Street, and Newmarket Street, as well as at the Vicarage, the Infirmary, and several private residences. As we stated last week the whole of the shops in Consett (with two or three exception) were closed at twelve o'clock in the morning. The various parts of the Iron Works were studded here and there with flags of all descriptions, whilst in Bessemer Street, Blackhill, a tremendous "Union Jack" was floating. A string of bannerettes hung across the road in front of the Royal Hotel, and in Cort Street was exhibited two flags, one bearing the motto—"God make them happy," and the other—"Success to the Iron Trade," with a device in the centre, and the initials "W.J." inscribed on either side. Altogether the town and neighbourhood presented a lively and animated appearance.

Last (Thursday) evening a grand ball took place in the Boys' National Schoolroom, Consett, the floor of which had been laid with a white cover specially for the occasion. At one end of the room hung a large "Union Jack" and several smaller flags, and the windows were shaded by long curtains. About 150 persons were present, comprising the most important personages in the town and neighbourhood. The magnificent costumes o the ladies contributed in a great measure to make the scene one of attractiveness and brilliancy. Dancing commenced shortly after eight o'clock, and was continued until the "wee sma' hours of morning." The following was the programme of dances and music:—Glee—"God bless the Prince of Wales;" quadrille, polka, lancers, waltz; glee—"Christmas Madrigal;" galop, polka, quadrille, waltz, schottische, waltz; glee—"Tell me, Mary, how to woo thee;" lancers, waltz, galop, polka; quartette—"Come where my love lies dreaming;" waltz, polka, quadrille, polka, waltz; glee—"Life's a bumper;" polka, lancers, waltz, and Sir Roger de Coverley. The glees were sung by Messrs Chas. Stephenson, G. T. Hyden, Chas. Davidson, C. Stelling, and others. An excellent quadrille band was also present.

Towards the middle of the programme the company adjourned into the Infants' Schoolroom, where a cold collation, finishing up with desert, was generously provided by Mr and Mrs Jenkins, and it is needless to add that full justice was done to their liberal hospitality.

After the supper, the Rev F. STEGGALL rose, and in suitable terms asked the company to drink the "health of the bride and bridegroom." He said that his remarks would be necessarily brief, but he knew they would one and all wish the greatest possible happiness to the newly-married pair. (Applause). He was certain that they would drink their health with pleasure, and he was also sure they would drink with that toast "The health of their host and hostess—Mr and Mrs Jenkins." (Loud and prolonged cheers).

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, three cheers being given for the bride and bridegroom, and three more for Mr and Mrs Jenkins, the whole company in the meantime singing with much gusto "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Mr JENKINS feelingly responded to the compliment. He remarked that it gave him the greatest pleasure to be present that evening, and he would have been much pleased to see many more of his old friends there as well. Some of them might, however, complain that they had never been invited, but he hoped they would be like sensible men and women and consider that the room would not hold them all. He hoped at some future time they would again meet on such another occasion as this. (Loud cheers). Twelve years ago that day he came amongst them as a perfect stranger and he was not aware until that day that he had made such an impression upon the minds of the people of the district. He believed that the popularity had arisen chiefly from the occasion of the marriage of his daughter (cries of "No, no") but he nevertheless hoped that he had endeavoured to merit their confidence in some way or other. This was the first gathering of the kind he had ever seen in Consett, but he trusted that they would be frequently held in future, not necessarily under similar circumstances, however. He believed such gatherings were desirable, as they brought together socially all classes of workmen, with their wives, and sons and daughters. He thanked them most heartily on behalf of himself and wife and family for the kind way in which they had drunk their healths, and he assured the company that it had given them all the greatest pleasure to be amongst them that evening. (Loud cheers).

The company then resumed dancing, and the festivities did not finally conclude until between two and three o'clock this (Friday) morning. Everybody present seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves, and the gathering will not soon be forgotten in Consett.

Further particulars respecting the Consett tradespeoples' presentation, together with a list of subscribers, will be found in our advertising columns.

Local and District News.

A branch of the Irish National Land League has recently been formed at the Spen.

DIPTON WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—We beg to draw attention to the fact that the Rev. Samuel T. House, a highly popular minister, lately appointed to the Newcastle Circiut, will preach in the above chapel on Tuesday afternoon next, and deliver his very interesting and instructive lecture on "Happy Homes" the same evening. The proceeds are in aid of the chapel trusts funds, on which a debt of something like £300 still remains. We trust to see large audiences.

THE STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.—A public meeting in connection with the 370th Starr-Bowkett Building Society for Shotley Bridge and district will be held on Thursday evening in the National School-room, Consett. Messrs Adams and Wilson, of Stockton-on-Tees, will address the meeting, and explain the principles and working of these deservedly-popular societies. We trust that there will be a large audience, and that the replies to questions asked at the meeting will be the means of increasing the number of members.

CORNSAY COLLIERY.—The famons Brandon Jubilee Band gave one of their interesting concerts at the above place, on Saturday evening last, under the leadership of Mr J. Thompson. Mr W. Laws presided at the organ. Notwithstanding the extreme inclemency of the weather, there was a large audience present, and frequent applause was given to the performers. Mr H. Stott presided, and during the interval gave a thoughtful address on "The use and abuse of money."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—With darkening days and changing temperatures the digestion becomes impaired, the liver disordered, and the mind despondent, unless the cause of the irregularity be expelled from the blood and body by such an alterative as these Pills. They directly attack the source of the evil, thrust out all impurities from the circulation, restore the distempered organs to their natural state, and correct all defective or contaminated secretions. Such an easy means of instituting health, strength, and cheerfulness should be applied by all whose stomachs are weak, whose mind are much harassed, or whose brains are overworked. Holloway's is essentially a blood tempering medicine, whereby its influence reaches the remotest fibre of the frame and effects a universal good.

LEADGATE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—This society had 404 members at the end of its 45th quarter, 16 having joined and 14 left during the quarter. The share capital of this society, £3,272, is of two kinds, withdrawable and non-withdrawable, the latter meaning saleable and transferable. The reserve fund amounts to £386, and nett profit realised for the quarter is £393, which enables a divident of 2s in the pound to be declared to members. The quarter's trade has been £3,967. The expenses amount to £268, and are equal to 1s 4d per pound on sales. Since the society commenced in 1870 the sales have been £131,327; dividends paid, £12,491; and interest, £1,455.

DEATH THROUGH EXCESSIVE DRINKING AT CONSETT.—On Tuesday afternoon, Mr John Graham, district coroner, held an inquest at Mr P. Benison's, Victoria Hotel, Victoria Street, Consett, on the body of Mary Jane Donnelly, aged 53 years, who resided in No 1, Thomas Street, Consett. It appears that deceased, who has been drinking somewhat heavily of late, was found dead in her house at about seven o'clock on the Saturday night previous. The medical testimony was to the effect that death had resulted from congestion of the brain and epilepsy, caused by excessive drinking, and the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the above evidence. The remains of deceased were interred in the Benfieldside Cemetery immediately at the conclusion of the inquiry.

ENTERTAINMENT AT CASTLESIDE.—Last Saturday evening the teachers and scholars of the Blackhill United Methodist Sunday School gave a popular, instructive, and amusing entertainment in the Board Schools, Castleside. Although the weather was exceedingly unfavourable there was nevertheless a very good audience. Mr Macdonald, of Blackhill, occupied the chair. The programme consisted of solos by the Misses Johnson, the Misses Little and Norton, Mr W. Davison, and Mr R Frankland, jun. Duetts by the Misses Little and Miss Johnson. Recitations by Mr R. Frankland, sen. Mr W. Davison, Mr W. Morgan, and Master Jas. Morgan. A Welsh piece was also sung by Mr R Williams and party. The proceedings were considerably enlivened by the highly amusing and instructive dialogue—"The Two Thompsons."—in which Messrs W. Davison, R. Frankland, sen., W. Morgan, and R. Frankland, jun., took part. The accompanists were Messrs, R. Frankland and E. Williams.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR J. CATHERALL, OF HEXHAM.—On Tuesday last, Mr J. Catherall, proprietor of the *Hexham Courant*, died very suddenly at Hexham. He had left his residence between ten and eleven o'clock in the forenoon, on his way to his business premises, but had not proceeded many yards before he was taken suddenly ill, and died within a few minutes of being carried back into his house. In August of 1864 he commenced the first newspaper printed and published at Hexham—the *Hexham Courant*. The deceased was formerly a member of the Hexham Local Board of Health; he was also for many years a Freemason, and was one of the founders af the Albert Edward Lodge at Hexham. Latterly he has taken a deep interest in the work of the Salvation Army, and both by his life and his pen had strengthened the cause in the district. He was 42 years of age, and leaves a son and two daughters to mourn his loss.

CORNSAY COLLIERY.—The fortnightly popular concerts in the British School-room at the above place continue to be attended with enormous success. The large school-room was crowded last Monday evening, when an excellent programme was gone through. The principal performers were Misses Malcolm, Walton, Allpert, Brown, Genner, and Browell; also Messrs Craig, Raine, Monsey, Gibson, Peverley, W. Rickaby, and R. Brown. Mr Jacob Hodgson was chairman, and Mr T. L. Rickaby presided in good style at the harmonium. A duet by Miss Macloolm and Mr Craig received special attention, being exceedingly well rendered; and Mr H. Raine (Durham) created quite a *furore* with his budget of comicalities. "The Whistling Farmer Boy" was given in a pleasing manner by a chorus of eight boys under the leadership of Mr C. Davison. A brass and string band was in attendance, and played several good selections conducted by Mr Thos. Tallentyre.

A BUILDER FINED FOR OBSTRUCTING THE FOOTPATH.

At the Consett Police Court on Monday, before A. Town, Esq. (chairman), and R. Dickinson, Esq., William Knox, builder and contractor, of Mount Pleasant, Consett, was summoned for "that on the 27th day of August last he was duly served with a notice from the Local Board for the Consett district, where the said William Knox, as builder of certain premises situate in the Sherburn Terrace, in the parish of Lanchester, in the county of Durham, was in pursuance of the statutes in that behalf which requires forthwith from the service of the said notice to make provisions for the safety and convenience of foot passengers; and the said William Knox hath failed and neglected to comply with the said notice, contrary to the statute in such case made and provided."

Mr. T. W. Welford, jun., who appeared on behalf of the Consett Local Board, stated at the outset that the proceedings were instituted under The Public Health Act, section 80, which enacted that "Every person intending to build or take down any building within the limits of the special act, or to cause the same to be done, or to alter or repair the outward part of any such building, or to cause the same to be done, where any street or footway will be obstructed or rendered inconvenient by means of such work, shall before taking the same, cause sufficient hordes or fences to be put up, in order to separate the building where such works are being carried on from the street, with a convenient platform and handrail if there be room enough to serve as a footway for passengers, or fence with such platform and handrail, as aforesaid, standing and in good condition to the satisfaction of the commissioners during such time as the public safety or convenience requires, and which in all cases in which it is necessary in order to prevent accidents, cause the same to be sufficiently lighted during the night:—And every person who fails to put up such fence or horde or platform, or such handrail as aforesaid, or to continue the same respectively standing and in good condition as aforesaid, during the whole time aforesaid, or who does not while the said horde or fence is standing keep the same sufficently lighted at night, or who does not remove the same when directed by the commissioners, or within a reasonable time afterwards, shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding £5, and a further penalty not exceeding 40s. for every day while such default is continued."

Mr. Welford said that defendant had the usual notice served upon him on the 27th August, but three weeks after that date it had not been complied with. He then called upon

Mr. Wm. Rippon, surveyor to the Local Board, who said that he was instructed to take these proceedings in consequence of a complaint made to him by Mr. Tait. He caused a copy of the notice to be served upon Mr. Knox, on the 27th August last, calling his attention to the fact that the scaffolding poles, &c., in Sherburn Terrace, were dangerous to the public. He (witness) had previously told defendant to horde and fence this place in, but he had not done so. When he sent the notice the walls were up. The stones were taken up on a ladder.

Defendant: Will you swear that the stones were taken up by the ladder?

Witness: I will swear that they were not taken up in the usual way—by a rope.

Defendant: Do you remember any conversation that we had about the matter in the Bath Hotel?

Witness: I remember some conversation which we had about the obstruction upon the highway. You told me twice that you would fence the place in.

Defendant: Did not I say to you that if any more noise was made about the stones being on the footpath I would ran it in.

Witness: I cannot remember that now.

Mr. J. Tait, schoolmaster, living in Sherburn Terrace, said that one night in August—he could not exactly remember now what date it was—after having dismissed some young men, he went for a walk, and when near the new buildings erected by defendant, he fell over a heap of stones. Some men were standing near the waterworks, and one of them cried out "It's a shame," and asked him if he was any worse. The next morning he went down and found a heap of stones lying upon the footpath. The cartman had apparently laid the stones down and left them there. He sent a letter to the newspaper about it, and thought that would draw the attention of the builder to the fact. There was only about six inches of the footpath clear. The stones were left just as they had been tipped out of the cart, and were right beside the building. He took no harm from the scaffold poles—he could see them. There was no man at the building. It might be about half-past nine o'clock at night towards the end of August.

Defendant: It would be almost daylight at that time?

Witness: No; it was pitch dark that night.

Defendant said that he would be able to prove that he kept the footpath perfectly clear. He started with the building on the 13th July. He told the Surveyor that he was willing to rail or fence it in, but he would prove to them that he would not let him do so. The Surveyor said that if he left the footpath clear there was no necessity to board the place in, as people would not care about crossing on to the road in dirty weather to get past.

Mr. Rippon said that he always insisted on the place being boarded in, and as defendant neglected to do so that was the reason they were there that day.

Mr. Davison, joiner, called by defendant, said that on the first day that they commenced to pull down the old building some stones fell down in consequence of some lads getting in and playing inside the buildings.

The Chairman: There is the danger at once; somebody might have been killed had they been passing at the time. That just shows the more necessity for fencing the place off.

Witness (continuing) said that Mr. Rippon came the next day and said that they had better let the place remain as it was, because people would not be agreeable to go right round to the other side of the road; if they kept the footpath clear that was all they need do. They wanted to hoarde it in, but the Surveyor said if they did so they would have to keep a fire lighted. He (witness) remarked that it was very hard upon the builder, as such a thing had never been done in Consett before. The Surveyor replied that that would have to be done now, and then walked away.

Mr. Calvert, a member of the Local Board, said he lived beside the new buildings and went past them three or four times every day. With regard to the poles he never thought they were the slightest obstruction on the footpath.

Cross-examined: He thought they were no more obstruction than an ordinary lamp-post. He could not say if anybody was walking down in wet weather with an umbrella up whether they would be an obstruction then.

Defendant said that he had another witness to prove that there was no obstruction, but the Bench remarked that they had heard enough.

The Chairman said there were two points in connection with this case—first the obstruction of the footpath, and the other the great danger arising from the stones falling from the building. Defendant would therefore be fined 10s. and costs, £1 1s. 6d. in all.

PROPERTY SALE AT CUTLERS' HALL ROAD, BLACKHILL.—The sale of three cottages which was conducted by Mr W. Raw, auctioneer, at Mr Turner's, Station Hotel, Blackhill, on Monday last, resulted in the following manner:—The sale commenced by Mr Hodliston, Shotley Bridge, offering £150, when Messrs Todd, Rochester, and Thirlwell, took part in the bidding and ultimately Mr Edward Todd, butcher, Leadgate, became the purchaser at £280. Mr Robert Dickinson, of the Royal Arcade, Newcastle-on-Tyne, was solicitor for the vendor.

Poetry.

HYMN OF PRAISE.

God is good in all His ways,
And deserves our highest praise;
For his kindness, love, and care,
Which we every moment share.

He to us at first did give,
Breath to breathe and life to live;
By His bounty we are fed,
And receive our needful bread.

When in ways of sin we trod,
And our heart was far from God;
He to us revealed His Son,
And our heart to Him was won.

Trials fierce have pressed us sore,
Like the waves when tempests roar;
Troubles long and sorrows deep,
Oft have given cause to weep.

Enemies betide our path
Full of malice and of wrath,
Dared to hurl their fiery dart,
Near our terror-stricken heart.

But through all the way along,
God has been our strength and song;
He has kept us from all harm,
With His own Almighty arm.

He has helped us in the past,
He will help while life shall last;
Then receive us to His breast,
To enjoy eternal rest.

BLACKHILL.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.—Ed. C. G.)

CHURCH AND STATE.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to correct a statement made by "A Dissenter" in his letter which appeared in last Friday's *Guardian.* The leaflets offered by me have not been "supplied by the Church Defence Association." I am a Liberationist, and the leaflets I sent out were in favour of Disestablishment. I thought it only fair, however, that the other side of the question should be read, therefore, I gave the address of the Secretary of the Church Defence Institution, of whom leaflets dealing with the matter from a Church point of view would be obtained. With "Dissenter's" remarks about the correspondence which appeared in the *Manchester Examiner and Times* I thoroughly agree. I read the correspondence at the time of its appearance in July, and was much interested in it. It ought to be re-printed in a handy form and widely circulated. In conclusion, I may mention that I still have a number of leaflets on hand, which I shall be glad to forward to any of your readers who will apply for them, enclosing a stamp for postage.—Yours, &c.,

A. HARRISON.

27, Clement Street, York.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I am not about to go the length of your correspondent "Lucker-on" in your issue of the 14th inst. anent Collierley School Board Election, by pretending to express an opinion as to the relative positions—after the election—of the numerous candidates for the five seats on the above Board, lest my calculations should end as disastriously as his. It is not of vital importance who is *highest* or *lowest* of the five elected, but it is a matter of some consequence *who* the five are, their qualifications, knowledge, experience, &c. Let me glance over the doings of the late Board and their claims or otherwise to re-election. The chairman (Mr Humble) has been most regular and attentive to his duties, and makes a fitting representative of the largest ratepaying concern in the township. Mr Ridley has rarely missed any of the meetings—he is possessed of a wide knowledge on educational matters, and this, coupled with a good deal of shrewd common sense, makes him a valuable acquisition to any public body. Mr Hobson and Mr Lamb come next in attendance, and both make good representatives of the smaller ratepayers. Mr Mitchinson is a good educationalist, but from some cause or other has failed to attend the meetings for a long time. As a Board they have worked harmoniously and successfully. In support of this statement, I only need point out that they have supplied the Township with sufficient school accommodation at a very low rate—they have three good schools, with a staff of teachers second to none in the kingdom—witness the report of Her Majesty's Inspector and the balance sheets; and they have kept clear of the religious difficulty. So far, so good; but a voice from behind me complains that the working man is not directly represented. Well, I decidedly think he ought to be, and I would submit that to gain this end, and at the same time avoid the foolish expense of a contested election, Mr M——— who is already on two Boards in the neighbourhood, should retire, and a working man representative take his place. The latter would have an opportunity of seeing the working of the Board, and report to his fellow-men at the end of three years, when, if thought necessary or advisable, other representatives of the class might be elected, and in the meantime he would be gaining an insight and acquiring valuable information for his future guidance. An additional reason for advocating such an arrangement as the above is, because I can see rocks ahead for the new Board, from the needless closing of the National School at Hare Law. If some arrangement cannot be made for the re-opening of this school, then the Board will have to provide additional accommodation for some 100 children, and this will involve a considerable outlay. This difficulty will likely prove a very knotty one, and will not be easily settled (not from any want of good intentions), but may be from lack of tact and experience, particularly if too much new blood should just now be imported into the Board.—Yours truly,

PONTOP PIKE.

19th October, 1881.

STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETIES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

DEAR SIR,—In your issue of the 21st inst., my writing was not very clear, or there was an error in type, as I find the word non-popular instead of *now popular* inserted. And now a word or two, for it seems clear by your correspondents that more are in ignorance of the benefits to be derived from S.-B. Socie ies than "Awd Willie Brown." Voltaire's fame may be quoted, and insinuations thrown at a venture. The question is, Can those that are so knowing place their finger on one of the rules and prove it not workable? or prove any thing to the contrary of what has been said by the advocates of the Starr-Bowketts? Some may sneer against them because they do not answer their purpose, or through their wilful inability to understand; for Starr-Bowkett Building Sotieties have been now sufficiently long in existence to enable us to judge from every-day experience whether they are a few *fortunate*, and many *blanks*. As I said before, all will be, not a few fortunate speculating investors do not generally become members, as they cannot pick the plums out of the pudding, therefore they say with the fox, the grapes are sour. The poorest member has the same chance as his rich neighbour, therefore the main cause of condemnation by some. They are the best building societies for small investors as is proved by the following calculations, for "Awd Willie Brown's" greater enlightenment. Compare a man investing 1s 6d a week in a Saving's Bank, and getting 5 per cent. compound interest for it, with another who pays 1s 6d a week into our Starr-Bowkett Building Society:—

	£	s.	d.
In 21 years the former would have paid ..	81	18	0
Compound Interest, at 5 per cent., for 21 years	65	17	6
	£147	15	6

This remaining in the bank at 5 per cent. compound interest would in 14 years double itself, viz., £295 11s. Total time, 35 years.

	£	s.	d.
In 21 years in a Starr-Bowkett Building Society he would have paid......	81	18	0
If he should be the last and worst of members he would then have an advance of £300			
In seven years he would have paid as per rule	210	0	0
Credit in subscriptions..................	81	18	0
Profit would more than cover the balance..	8	2	0
	£300	0	0

Total time, 28 years.

The above shows that a member investing 1s 6d a week in a Starr-Bowkett Building Society would realise the sum of £300 in 28 years, or seven years less than investing the same payments in the same manner in a Saving's Bank under the most favourable circumstances; in addition to which the member of the S.B.S. would have lived rent free for seven years, and this is taking the extreme case of the last and worst off member. It should also be borne in mind that the member of the Starr-Bowkett Building Society continues to live rent free, and, therefore, to put each investment on an equal footing, the number of the Starr-Bowkett Building Society should be credited with a further 14 years' interest on £300, say at 5 per cent. simple interest, £210, which will give a difference in favour of the Starr-Bowkett Building Society of about £215. Co-operate, and become your own landlords, those that are anxious.—Yours faithfully,

J. G.

Shotley Bridge, 26th Oct., 1881.

Transatlantic Humour.

"When a man's money is gone," says the Boston Globe, "his friends drop off like buttons from a pair of ready-made pants."

A witness being interrogated as to whether the defendant in the case was under the influence of liquor, replied, "Well, I can't say that exactly; but I saw him sitting in the middle of the floor making grabs in the air, and saying he'd be whipped if he did not catch the bed the next time it ran round him."

Why is wine that has been bottled for years like an unmarried lady of advanced age? Because it is old made, and none the worse for it.

How to prevent snoring. Go to bed at half-past twelve o'clock and get up at thirty minutes before one.

A little girl was eating an apple, when she said: "This apple tastes like a fool." "Ah," said her smiling sister, "I guess you bit your tongue."

A Reporter of a California free-fight says—"Colonel Bagges was shot once in the left side, once in the right shoulder, and once in the drinking-saloon adjacent."

"So I see someone has returned the twenty francs you lost." "Yes, queer thing about that. I offered ten francs reward, but my money did'nt turn up then I offered thirty francs, and at least a dozen fellows brought it to me."

An old bachelor recently gave the following toast:—"Woman—the morning star of infancy, the day star of manhood, the evening star of age. Bless our stars, and may they always be kept at telescopic distance."

A dear friend's consolation:—"I'm sorry to have to say it of a woman at her time of life, Mr. Brudderley, but as we're talking confidently now I'll confess that my wife uses powder." "Lucky man," innocently returned Mr. B., "if Mrs. Brudderley ever felt that way towards me she'd use dynamite."

Turks had a French Banquet.—Toward the conclusion of the feast a Frenchman selected a toothpick from a tray lying near him, and politely passed the receptable to his neighbour, who declined his offer, exclaiming, "No, thank you; I have already eaten two of those things, and I want no more."

"Why, how odd you look with your hair parted in the middle!" exclaimed Mrs. Brown. "I used to part mine on the side," said Mrs. Jones. Then the conversation became general. Each lady had to tell how she parted her hair—all but little Edith's mother. She said nothing. Suddenly little Edith's voice was heard. She evidently did not like her mother ignored. She said "My mamma parts her hair in her lap."

A LACONIC FEMALE.—A McGregor man walked up street the other evening after suffering all day at the rate of 100 in the shade. "It has been very warm to-day," he said to a woman with a broom in her hand. "Yes, so a little boy told me this afternoon," said the woman. The man thought this cool and struggled hard to come to the surface with an appropriate remark. "Children and fools always tell the truth," he said, moving off. "I have never had any reason to doubt your veracity," said the relentless female.—MORAL—Never joke with a woman when she is a-sweeping.

A DROUGHT STORY.—"Folks talk about this being a dry time," observed Mr. Smiley as he wiped his lips after his morning bitter. "Taint nothin' to what I've seen. When it gets so dry that shingles follows the sun an' curl right up so you can see through the roof, an' every time a hen steps on the blistering side-walk she holds up her foot and blows it cool, an' every time a dog sits in the shade he jumps up like a school boy getting away from a tack nail, then you can talk about its being hot an' dry. Why I recollect one summer I drove cows five miles for water 'an' then had to give 'em their own milk to drink. There was'nt any water in them days an' we used to catch the dew—" Just then a collector walked up the front steps to "catch the due," and chabod skinned out at the back door with his wonderful dry story half told.

WANTED QUIET.—A nervous-looking man went into a store the other day and sat down for half an hour or so, when a clerk asked if there was anything she could do for him, he said no, he didn't want anything. She went away and he sat there half an hour longer, when the proprietor went to him and asked if he wanted to be shown anything. "No," said the nervous man, "I just want to sit around. My physican has recommended perfect quiet for me, and says above all things I must avoid being in crowds. Noticing that you did not advertise, I thought that this would be as quiet a place as I could find, so I just dropped in for a few hours of isolation." The merchant picked up a bolt of cambric to brain him, but the man went out. He said all he wanted was a quiet life.

COMETS AND BALD HEADS.—Wriggles had some teeth pulled lately, and took cold in his jaw, which swelled until it looked like a prize water-melon. He poulticed it and bandaged it all to no purpose, and walked the floor several nights with it, quoting choice extracts from Bob Ingersoll's lectures but without effect; it kept swelling. The other morning he remarked to his wife that he'd give fifty dollars to anyone who would hit him a tremendous thump on it suddenly without expecting it, to see if it would not burst the swelliug. The dear woman smiling to herself went and gathered a bootjack, and stepping up quietly behind the old man as he was trying to strain some coffee through his teeth, lovingly inquired: "Where does it pain you most, Wrig?" "Oh Lor', right here!" replied he, as he turned his jaw up and pointed to the protuberance. Taking a step back the dear woman raised the bootjack on high and hit him a regular bungstarter right in the centre of the calamity, and smilingly stepped back to await results. The old man's knees flew up to his chin as he shut up like a patent rat-trap, and with a hollow groan he rolled off the chair on the floor. But he was up in a moment, and as he danced the can-can, with original variations, his wife smilingly asked, "Did it relieve you, dear?" And as he tried to howl out an answer, old Mrs. Pry, who had just dropped in, beat a hasty retreat. And now the whole neighbourhood has it that Wriggles has got 'em again. And as Mrs. Pry remarked: "That 'ere comet will be the death o'some o' these old bald heads yet, setting up to watch it.

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

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Football.

LOCAL FIXTURES.

Oct. 29.—Elswick Leather Works v. Burnopfield, at Elswick.
29.—Derwent Rovers (1st team) v. Sunderland, at Sunderland.
29.—Derwent Rovers (2nd team) v. Hobson, at Burnopfield.
Nov. 5.—Consett v. Tow Law, at Tow Law.
5.—Derwent Rovers (1st team) v. Newcastle, at Burnopfield.
12.—Wallsend Wanderers v. Consett, at Wallsend.
12.—Consett v. Wallsend, at Consett.
19.—Elswick Leather Works v. Burnopfield, at Burnopfield.
Dec. 3.—Elswick Leather Works v. Derwent Rovers, on Rovers' ground.
3.—Consett v. Crook, at Consett.
3.—Elswick Leather Works (2nd) v. Derwent Rovers (2nd), at Elswick.
10.—Consett v. Tow Law, at Consett.
10.—Rangers v. Derwent Rovers, on Rovers' ground.
17.—Tyne v. Derwent, on Derwent ground.
17.—Tyne (2nd) v. Derwent (2nd), on Tyne ground.
Jan. 15.—Consett v. Crook, at Crook.
Feb. 3.—Consett v. St. Luke's, at Sunderland.
4.—Tyne v. Derwent, on Tyne ground.
4.—Tyne (2nd) v. Derwent (2nd), on Derwent ground.
11.—Consett v. South Shields, at Consett.
25.—Consett v. Wallsend, at Wallsend.

CASTLESIDE v. CONSETT.—A match was played between the above Rugby clubs, on the ground of the latter at Blackfine, on Saturday last, and resulted in a draw. The game was played under most deplorable circumstances, and it was impossible to determine who showed the best form on either side. A high wind was blowing, the whole time, accompanied by a drenching rain, and whenever the ball came out of a scrimmage it was blown into touch on the lee side, so that the back men were, practically speaking, out of the game. A little rivalry exists between the above clubs, and it is hoped that they will be favoured with better weather the next time they meet.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION.—CHESTER-LE-STREET v. DERWENT ROVERS (BURNOPFIELD).—The first tie between the above clubs was played at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday last. The game was played in two thirty-fives, at the end of which time the "Rovers" had won by two goals to one goal. The wind being very strong told sadly against the play, and made long shots at the goal useless. Up to half-time nothing was scored on either side, but shortly after change of ends, Chester scored the first goal. This seemed to put the "Rovers" on their "mettle," who now came with tremendous rush, and with combined play soon gained a goal, thus equalising matters. With excitement to fever pitch, Chester now commenced to play in a most determined manner, but they could not withstand the heavy onslaught of their plucky opponents who came with tremendous rushes, during which they added another goal to the score. Nothing daunted Chester came again with renewed vigour, but all their attempts to score proved fruitless, thanks to the tackling and powerful kicking of the "Rovers'" backs, who defended their goal till time was called in a way that was a treat to witness. The following composed the "Derwent Rovers" team:—Goal, R. Armstrong; backs, J. and R. Nevins; half-backs, G. E. Glendinning and R. Weedy; left wing, J. Smith and W. F. Clark; right wing, T. Dent and J. Weedy; centre, J. G. Maguire (capt.) and M. Magee.

Frances Costello, of Willington Quay, whose death took place on the 17th inst., is stated to have been in her 102nd year.

The Land League sent by post on Wednesday from Dublin to every branch throughout the country copies of the manifesto, and placards for publication containing only the words "No rents," signed by the chief executive officials, all of whom are in prison. It is thought that the Government will everywhere prohibit

The annual gatherings in connection with the Vegetarian Society were held on Wednesday in the Association Hall, Peter-street, in this city. At the afternoon conference a number of questions of interest were considered, and at a soiree in the evening addresses were delived by Mrs. Algernon Kingsford, M.D., who presided; Mr. E. Maitland, the Rev. J. N. Loughborough, Mr. T. A. Hanson, and others.

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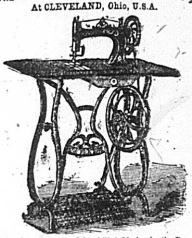
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LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, Oct. 20th.—Before E. T. Smith, Esq., (chairman), George G. Taylor Smith, Esq., and Capt. Leadbitter Smith.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Francis Gibbons was charged with trespassing on property belonging to Mr. Wm. Hedley, at Holmside.—P.C. Scaley said that on the 28th September he saw the defendant getting nuts. The amount of damage done was 1d.—Fined 1s and costs.

Wm. Kell was also charged with trespass on the 2nd of October.—The gamekeeper to Mr. Wm. Hedley said that he saw the defendant in the wood, thereby doing damage to the underwood to the amount of 1d. He had been instructed by Mr. Hedley to say that the game was preserved in the wood, and that it was his intention to proceed against trespassers. Defendant, who did not appear, was fined 2s 6d and 10s costs; or in default seven days' imprisonment.

John Rolands and *John Stark* were summoned for trespass and wilful damage.—P.C. Scaley stated that on the 2nd of October he found defendants seeking for blackberries on the property of Mr. Hedley.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

James Mason and *James Costello*, both of Burnhope, pleaded guilty to doing wilful damage to the amount of 3d, in the wood belonging to Mr. Geo. Hedley, of Burnopside, on the 2nd of October.—Mason, who did not appear, was fined 2s 6d; and Costello 1s and costs.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

John Foster was charged with being drunk at South Moor, on the 8th inst.—P.C. Garbutt having proved the charge, defendant was fined 2s 6d and costs.

Isaac Kinnan, for being drunk at West Stanley, on the 7th inst., and also on the following day, was fined 10s and costs.

Wm. Nicholson was summoned for being drunk at Stanley on the 7th October.—Sergeant Fraser said that he found defendant so drunk that his money was falling out of his pockets on the road, and he would have been robbed had he not taken defendant home.—Defendant was fined 2s 6d and costs.

John Mason was fined 5s and costs for being drunk and disorderly at Annfield Plain on the 24th last month.—P.C. Nicholson said that he found defendant drunk and wanting to fight.

John Foster pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly at Annfield Plain on the 24th September, and was similarly dealt with.

Wm. Wilkinson was charged with having committed the above offence at South Moor, on Sunday, the 9th October, and was also fined 5s. and costs.

Patrick Sheridan having been found by P.C. Bain very drunk and disorderly at Stanley, on Sunday evening, the 8th inst., was fined 10s. 6d. including the costs.

John Blakey, for the same offence, at Stanley, was fined 5s. with costs.

John Morrison was summoned for being drunk and disorderly near Burnhope, on the 8th October.—P.C. Hawley said that on the day named he found defendant very drunk and noisy between Burnhope Colliery and Lanchester, with about forty people following him,—Fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

Geo. Oakley, Philip Brown, and *John Gair* were also summoned for having committed a similar offence as the last defendant, at the same time and place, and were each fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

DRUNK AND REFUSING TO QUIT.

Wm. Thompson, of Happy Land, was summoned for being drunk and refusing to quit licensed premises on the 17th inst.—Mr. Robson, landlord of the public-house at Annfield Plain, said that defendant came into his house drunk. He ordered him off home, but he refused to go until he got a policeman to turn him out.—P.C. Nicholson said that he went to the house as requested, and found defendant very drunk and fighting. He turned him out.—Fined 5s. and costs.

DRUNK WHILST IN CHARGE OF A CONVEYANCE.

Wm. Welsh was summoned for being drunk whilst in charge of a conveyance on the 14th inst.—Sergeant Collins deposed that he was on duty in Cornsay Colliery on the day in question when he found defendant drunk whilst driving a horse and cart. He had to take charge of them for some time, as defendant was perfectly incapable of managing the animal.—The Bench imposed a penalty of 7s 6d and costs.

OFFENCES UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

Wm. Stratford, living at South Shields, was summoned at the instance of the Rural Sanitary Authority for an offence against the above act.—Mr. J. W. Rounthwaite, who appeared to support the charge, said that the ordinary notice was served upon the defendant on the 30th June last to abate a nuisance existing at an unfinished outbuilding at Dipton, and as he had paid no notice whatever to the request the authority ordered this summons to be taken out. The proceedings were taken under the 94th section of the Public Health Act.—Defendant was ordered to abate the nuisance in seven days, and to pay a fine of 5s. and costs.

Joseph Suddees, of No. 1, Gibson Street, Sunderland, was also summoned for an offence under the above act.—Mr. Rounthwaite said that said that defendant was owner of a farm near Cornsay—the Greenfield Farm. He had no privy accommodation, ashpit, or other conveniences, and the house was in a very dirty state. The usual notice had been given on the 23rd June, that the nuisances should be abated within fourteen days, but nothing had been done. The farm was occupied, but he had his attention first drawn to the state of it by an anonymous letter.—The wife of defendant, who appeared, said that no notice had been received by them. They knew nothing about the matter until they got the summons. Her husband was willing to do all that was required.—The Bench ordered the erection of a privy and proper ashpit, and to lay down a sink or drain within twenty-eight days.

John Moor was also summoned for an offence under that act.—Mr. Rounthwaite said that defendant was the owner of a house named "The Middles," near Knitaley. The roof of the house required repairing and the erection of proper ashpit accommodation. The ordinary notice was served on the 25th June, requesting that the work be done within twenty-one days. On the 2nd August he examined the place and found that nothing had been done.—The Magistrates made an order for the work to be done in twenty-eight days.

ALLOWING CATTLE TO STRAY.

Ralph Pickering, farmer, was brought up charged with having permitted thirteen cattle to stray on the public highway.—P.C. Rogan said that on the 13th inst. he saw a quantity of beasts on the Wood side near the road, in the parish of Lanchester.—Defendant, who was very excited in court, called the officer a "liar" and a "villain," and said that the gate of the field in which the cattle were in was a public gate, and consequently he could not keep it fastened.—The Bench dismissed the charge on defendant promising to pay the costs.

DESERTING HIS WIFE.

James Lawther, living at Ushaw Moor, was brought up charged with having neglected to support his wife, thus rendering her chargeable to the Guardians of Lanchester Union.—Mr. Brotherhood (workhouse master) stated that defendant's wife became chargeable to the Union Authorities on the 29th September last, and she was still an inmate of the workhouse. Defendant had turned her out of his house once or twice.—Defendant alleged that his wife left him. The home was there if she had a mind to go to it, but he did not think it was right that he should be called upon to support her wherever she had a mind to go.—Committed to prison for one month with hard labour.

ASSAULTS.

George Terry, was charged with assaulting Mary Dawson on the 8th inst.—Mr Oliver appeared for the defence.—Prosecutor stated that on the above mentioned date, defendant came to her house and said that he would finish all the b——s that were inside. She told defendant that there was no one in except herself and a little child. He attempted to strike her on the face, but she saved herself by putting up her hand and the blow fell on her wrist. He then began to drag her about the house, pulling a quantity of hair out of her head. The neighbours came to her assistance, and when she was free she went for a policeman.—Cross-examined: She perhaps did call him "a monkey-faced b——." She did not try to strike anybody with the long brush—she merely took hold of it to defend herself.—A large number of witnesses were called both to support and also to deny the charge, and their statements were so conflicting, that the magistrates said they could not convict with the evidence they had before them, and after cautioning the defendant, they dismissed the case, complainant to pay costs.

Mary Dawson was charged with assaulting Sarah Ann Bennison, on the 8th inst.—Complainant adduced that while she was in the defendant's house fetching her brother away defendant struck her with a long brush. Defendant's daughter said—"Now, mother, she has long wanted a hammering and she has got it now."—Case dismissed.

ASSAULTING A LANDLORD.

Miles McGowan (who did not appear) was summoned for assaulting John Ridley, on the 3rd inst.—Prosecutor deposed that about eight o'clock on that evening defendant with some others were in his beerhouse drinking. Defendant called for a quart of beer but refused to pay for it. He then assaulted both him and his brother. They put defendant out, and then sent to Marley Hill for a police officer.—Sergt. Fraser said that he was on duty near the "Causing" when he found McGowan in the road who was "fresh" with drunk, but not drunk.—Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith (to prosecutor): You have brought all this trouble upon yourself by giving the defendant drink when he was rather "fresh."—Prosecutor denied that he was drunk.—The Bench imposed a fine of 10s and costs.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, October 24th—Before A. TOWN, Esq. (chairman), and R. DICKINSON, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

Joseph Hutchinson pleaded guilty to being drunk at White-le-Head on the 3rd inst, and was fined 5s. and costs.

Patrick Smith also pleaded guilty to having committed the same offence in Derwent Street, Blackhill, on the 10th October.—Fined 5s. and costs.

For being drunk in Foundry Row, Blackhill, on the 10th inst., *William Wheatley* was fined in a similar amount.

John Mitchinson (who did not appear) was charged with being drunk and disorderly.—P.C. Armstrong said that on the 11th inst., defendant was very drunk in Middle Street, Consett. He had to take him home.—Fined 10s. and costs; in default, 14 days' imprisonment.

Ann Caine, a married woman, was summoned for being drunk.—P.C. Davison deposed that on the 9th October he found defendant drunk at Kip Hill. She was a hawker, living at Gateshead.—Fined 5s. and costs.

Francis Slaine pleaded guilty to being drunk in Consett, on the 15th October, and was also fined 5s. with the costs.

James Campbell was summoned for being drunk and disorderly and making a great noise in Derwent Street, Blackhill, at half-past ten o'clock on Sunday night, the 16th inst.—He was fined 5s. and costs.

Thos. Storey pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly at Consett, on the 12th of October, and was ordered by the Bench to pay a similar fine.

George Harrison was fined 5s. and costs for being drunk and disorderly at Blackhill, about half-past eleven o'clock on Saturday evening, the 15th inst.

Adam Storey was brought up for the same offence.—Sergt. Nattrass deposed that on Saturday night, the 15th inst., he found the defendant with two other men drunk and fighting in the street near to his house.—Fined 10s. including the costs.

James Whittaker and *John White* each pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly and fighting in the streets at Blackhill, and were fined 10s. and costs each.

Parker Jackson was summoned for this offence.—P.C. Bain said that on the 7th of the present month he saw the defendant coming from the direction of Catchgate in a very drunken state. When near Flint Hill he stopped and commenced to use some bad language towards the girls who were harvesting in the fields.—The Bench imposed a penalty of 10s. and costs.

Thomas Nelson was found by P.C. Bain drunk and disorderly near White-le-Head on the 17th inst., and was fined 10s. and 7s. 6d. costs.

IRREGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Henry Nelson was summoned by the School Attendance Committee of the Lanchester Union for not causing his son John to attend St. Mary's Roman Catholic school regularly.—Mr J. Johnson, who appeared to support the charge, stated that during the eight weeks preceding the 30th September, the school had been open 76 times and this child had only attended 21 times.—Defendant: Did not my wife tell you when you called on the 29th that he was very ill? Witness: No, she told me he was playing truant.—Defendant handed the Bench a certificate from Dr George Renton which stated that the child had not been in a fit state to attend school during the last three months, and for the past month he had stayed at home by his orders.—The magistrates dismissed the case.

Edward Smith, for neglecting to send his two children, Charles and Margaret, to St. Mary's schools regularly, was fined 2s. 6d. in each case.—Mr Johnson said that out of 76 times the school had been open Charles had attended 39, and Margaret 37 times.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

A lad of eleven years, named *William Crossing*, was charged with doing damage to a certain dam belonging to Messrs. J. Bowest and Company, of Hobson Colliery, to the amount of 3d.—P.C. Longstaff adduced that at 5·45 p.m. on the day named, he was on duty near Hobson Colliery, when he saw the defendant pulling clay from the dam, and was using the same to plug up the water pipe. When he got within five yards of the defendant he ran away.—The manager of the colliery said that if the defendant had carried his design into effect without being observed the damage to the colliery would have been considerable.—Defendant's mother, who was present in Court, wished to know how it was that five other boys, all older than her son, who were with him at the time, were not summoned?—The officer replied that he did not see any other boys there at the time.—Fined 1s., damage 3d., and costs 7s. 6d.

ASSAULTS.

Thos. Storey pleaded guilty to the charge of having assaulted a married woman named Mariar Inkin.—Complainant stated that on the 12th October defendant came to Mrs Jones's house and threatened to kick "her (complainant's) b—— face out." No sooner were the words spoken than defendant struck her on the face several times. He was intoxicated with drink. She did not give him the slightest provocation—she never even spoke to him.—Annie Jones said that when defendant came to her house he knocked complainant down on the stairs. After that he got hold of her by the neck and struck her on the face. If she (witness) had not been there complainant would have beaten her considerably more.—Defendant said that he was drunk at the time and did not know what he was doing. He was very sorry for what he had done, therefore he went and apologised to complainant the next morning and she slapped the door in his face.—The magistrates fined defendant 20s. and 12s. 6d. costs.

John McGurk, pitman, living at Blackhill, was placed in the dock on a charge of having assaulted his wife, Eliza McGurk. Mr Dickinson appeared for the defendant.—Complainant said that on Saturday night, the 15th inst., defendant kicked her and turned her and her four children out of the house. After seeing Sergt. Nattrass she went back again and defendant called her all the bad and wicked names he could think of, and threatened to murder her if she did not get out of the house. He had taken the whole of the furniture on the previous Wednesday and sold it by auction, leaving her not even a bed to lie upon. She paid for all the furniture herself. This was the fourth time he had turned her and the children out of the house. He was not drunk at the time.—Cross-examined by Mr Dickinson: She took all defendant's and his son's wages that Saturday. He did not subsequently ask her for a shilling. He stopped in the house till seven o'clock and then went to bed. Sometime after she asked him to get up and take some tea. He replied "you go to hell, both you and your tea." She did not hear Sergt. Nattrass say when he came into the house that there was nothing the matter; all was quiet. She did not go to sleep at Mrs Heslop's with the children on the Saturday night. She did not sleep in her own house that night—she slept in a stable. She went to Mrs Heslop's on the following (Sunday) night to sleep. She was forced to go when he had taken all the furniture—there was nothing to lie on. She did not break open the door and remove the furniture remaining to another house. Defendant came and took the last part of the furniture. She had never lived happily with her husband in her life.—Mr Dickinson, in defence, said that there had been repeated quarrels between defendant and his wife. On the day in question she took the whole of defendant's and his boy's earnings. Afterwards defendant asked her for a shilling and she refused to give him one, and would not even cook anything for him at all that day. She went along the street to see the Sergt. and laid a complaint before him. When the Sergt. came he said he could not find traces of any disturbance, and the defendant was lying quietly in the bed. Complainant had removed the whole of the furniture herself, and defendant did not know where it had gone. His client denied having assaulted her.—Sergt. Nattrass, called, said that defendant had been drinking ever since the night in question, but he was perfectly sober then. Mrs McGurk complained to him that he had assaulted her. When he went to defendant's house he was lying still in bed. Defendant was a very quiet man when he was sober.—The Bench believed an assault had been committed and defendant would be fined 10s. and costs.—In reply to complainant, the magistrates informed her that she would have to apply to the relieving officer for relief for herself and children.

ERRATUM.—In the report of a drunk and disorderly case tried at this Court on the 16th inst., we inadvertently gave the name of John Winter for *John Windsor*. The latter name must be substituted for the former in a subsequent case also.

TRIAL OF THE "BRUSH" ELECTRIC LIGHT AT CONSETT IRON WORKS.

Interesting experiments have been made this week in the plate mill department of the Consett Iron Works with the "Brush" system of electric lighting. The apparatus employed is what is called the sixteen-light machine, but six lights only were brought into operation, three with globes, being in exposed positions, and three without. Large numbers of people, attracted by this novel method of artificial illumination, visited the works during the evenings, as did also several of the Company's agents, among whom was Mr. Thomas Siddell, manager of the department in which the electric light has been introduced, who was not slow to perceive the immense advantage which would accrue from the adoption by the Company of the "Brush" system of lighting. The floor on which the night-shift men were employed was lit up by a brilliant, unfluctuating light, which enabled the workmen to detect the smallest lamination on the plates before shearing. The value of this important point can be appreciated only by those who know the risk incurred during the long nights and short days of winter by defective plates being passed by even the most vigilant inspecter. The "Brush" electric light has already been used to great advantage in many public works in the United Kingdom and in America, and is said to be the cheapest that can be obtained from any known source, while its safe character is universally admitted. The naked hand may be held within an inch of the spot from which the light of the lamps is emanating without any danger of burning it. It radiates far less heat than an ordinary gas-burner, while giving light equal to a hundred gas-burners. The beauty and steadiness of the light is at once apparent, being cooler and cleaner, and admitting of no comparison whatever with that of gas. We understand that should the present trial prove satisfactory to the Iron Company they intend to extend its use through the whole of their plate mills and forges.

The machine now in operation at Consett Iron Works is, as already stated, what is called the sixteen-light normal size of the Brush generator, the armature ring is 20 inch in diameter, and is wound with eight radial coils of cotton-covered copper wire of No. 14 B.W.G., whose middle planes radiate from the axis of rotation, being distributed round the ring at equal angular distances apart of 45 deg. Each coil contains about 900 ft. of wire weighing about twenty pounds, and is wound in rectangular groves or spaces.

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An electrician (Mr. James A. Selby) has been sent to superintend the working of the concern, who, besides having a thorough knowledge of his business, seems to be gifted with singular equanimiaty of temper, replying to the numerous queries of the curious with commendable good nature.

PRESENTATION TO MR. MATTHEW JEWITT.—A coffee supper was held in the United Methodist Free Church, Leadgate, on Monday evening, when a presentation was made to Mr Matthew Jewitt, on his leaving the district for America, of a handsome Bible, supplied by Mr Wm. Goudie, Consett, also a purse of gold by the members and choir of the above Church, as a token of respect and esteem of his labours among them as leader of their choir. Mr James Ridley ably presided at the harmonium, and the choir rendered several select pieces of music. The presentation was made by Mr Wm. Rowe, on behalf of the subscribers.

Markets.

DURHAM PROVISION, Saturday.—Beef, 8d to 10d; mutton, 8d to 10d; veal, 9d to 10d; pork 9d to 10d; bacon, 6d to 7d; ham, 7d to 7½d; cheese, 7d to 8d per lb; chickens, 1s 3d to 2s 0d; ducks, 2s to 2s 6d; hens, 1s 6d to 2s; turkeys, 7s 6d to 10s; geese, 6s 6d to 11s hares, 4s to 4s 6d each; rabbits, 3s to 3s 4d; pigeons, 1s 3d to 1s 4d per couple; butter, 1s 6d to 1s 8d; ditto salt, 1s to 1s 2d lb; eggs, 6 to 7 for 1s; plums, 3d per quart; grapes, 8d to 10d; pears, 1½d to 2d per lb; apples, 1s 8d to 2s 0d onions, 1s 4d to 2s 0d per peck; potatoes, 6d to 8d per stone.

NEWCASTLE MEAT AND POULTRY, Saturday.—

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Prime large beef	0 8 to	0 11	Pigeons, pr couple	1 6 to	2 0
Prime mutton...	0 9	0 11	Turkeys, per lb....	0 0	0 0
Small pork	0 9	0 11	Turkeys, pults	6 0	7 0
Veal..............	0 8	0 11	Partridges, brace.	3 0	4 0
Lamb, per lb......	0 9	0 11	Pheasants	9 0	0 0
American beef...	0 2½	0 8	Geese, per lb......	0 10	0 0
Do. mutton.	0 5	0 8	Goslings, each	6 0	8 0
Do. lamb ...	0 0	0 0	Hares, each.........	5 0	0 0
Do. veal.....	0 7	0 9	Leverets	4 0	0 0
Do. pork ...	0 7	0 8	Rabbits, couple....	2 0	3 0
Hens, each.........	1 0	1 9	Ptarmigan, couple	0 0	0 0
Ducks, each	2 9	3 9	English fresh butter, per lb...	1 7	0 0
Ducklings	0 0	0 0			
Chickens	2 6	3 6	Fresh eggs, 7 for 1s.		
Quails, per couple	0 0	0 0	Salmon, per lb....	0 0	0 0
Grouse, per couple	6 0	7 0			

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

NEWCASTLE FRUIT AND POTATO, Saturday.—Grapes 6d per lb; cabbages, 1½d each; apples, 10d to 1s 4d; Scotch potatoes, 6d to 8d; large onions, 1s 0d to 2s 0d; small onions, 10d to 1s 0d per stone; carrots, 3s 0d to 3s 6d per cwt; cauliflowers, 2d to 3d each; pears, 2d to 3d per lb; plums, 2d to 6d per quart; blackberries, 8d per quart.

NEWCASTLE CORN, Saturday.—At our market this morning we had a rather better supply of wheat, the condition of which was slightly improved, and the prices obtained were rather higher than last week. American parcels were held at about late rates, but south country and Baltic grades were offered at 1s decline. Malting barley rather quieter, finest parcels being 6d and inferior 1s lower; several local samples were offered, but quality was very inferior. Not much business passing in feeding stuffs, and maize closed 6d, oats 3d lower. Beans and peas steady. The flour trade closed very quiet, finest grades being unaltered, and inferior 1s lower to sell.

	BRITISH.	PER QR.	
Wheat	Northumberland and Durham, White	36 to	44
—	Do. do. Red	36	44
—	South Country, White	55	58
—	Do. Red	50	56
Barley		30	42
Oats	Scotch Potato	24	30
—	Scotch Common	20	27
Malt		41	50
Peas		37	46
Beans		34	42
Flour	Northumberland and Durham, per sack (280 lbs.)	40	43
—	Norfolk and Suffolk Whites	38	41
—	Scotch	36	40
	FOREIGN.		
Wheat	Lower and Upper Baltic	56	59
—	American	58	60
—	Russian	52	55
Barley	Saal	42	48
—	Californian	—	—
—	French	40	44
—	Danish and Swedish	33	44
Oats		22	26
Peas		38	41
Beans	Alexandrian	43	44
Flour	Hungarian	44	54
—	American	40	51
—	Baltic	40	46
—	French	40	49

NEWCASTLE COW, Saturday.—Only about forty animals were offered for sale this morning, and trade was slow. The prices realized were:—Half-breds, from £11 to £18; and shorthorns, from £18 to £24. In one case, however, £27 10s was made, but that was an exceptional case.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE, Sunday.—Arrivals for Tuesday's market to-day (Sunday):—Foreign cattle, 1400; sheep, 4000; pigs, —; Scotch cattle, 24; sheep, —; pigs, 380; Irish cattle, 160; pigs, 180.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE, Tuesday.—The arrivals from a distance consisted of 24 head of cattle and 30 sheep from Aberdeen and the counties of the north-east coast of Scotland; 1,650 beasts, 4,480 sheep, and 72 calves, and 100 pigs from foreign; 270 beasts and 307 pigs from Ireland. The show of stock presented for sale exhibited an increase of 458 beasts and of 2,620 sheep as compared with that of last week. Respecting quality, cattle, the Scotch and Irish excepted, were again very inferior, while sheep were middling.—The supply of beef comprised 2,568 head. The beef trade, generally speaking, was in a slow sluggish state, yet the better qualities commanded attention, the top figure being 8d per lb, but for the middling and inferior sorts sales were very irregular, and prices were scarcely quotable, with part left over for the fair to-morrow.—The number of sheep was 10,870. The mutton trade was in an exceedingly sluggish state. Prices receded from ½d to ½d per lb from Tuesday last, and part remained unsold.—Pigs: 670 were shown. There was a change to note in the pork trade to-day, and prices were 6d per stone lower than last week.—The day was tolerably unfavourable for holding the market, but the weather was both wet and cold for the time of year, with a very unsettled aspect.

PRICES FOR THIS DAY, SINKING THE OFFAL:—

Beasts, prime heifers, per stone	9s 0d to	9s 3d
Secondary sorts	7s 3d	7s 9d
First-class oxen	8s 9d	9s 0d
Middling	7s 0d	7s 3d
Cows and inferior	6s 9d	7s 0d
Sheep (good vendable wedders, out of wool), per lb	8d to	8½d
Middling	7d	7½d
Lambs	0d	0d

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

	Beasts.	Sheep.	Lambs.
1878	1,304...5s 6d to 9s 3d	6,320... 7½d to 9½d	0d to 0d
1879	1,428...5s 6d to 8s 6d	7,300... 6d to 8½d	0d to 0d
1880	2,098...4s 9d to 8s 9d	10,150... 7½d to 9½d	0d to 0d

HEXHAM CORN, Tuesday.—At to-day's market we had an average supply of barley, and thin show of oats, which met a dull sale, and little business doing. Only two samples of wheat on offer, which sold for seed.

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW, Tuesday.—Old land hay, £6 5s to £7 5s; this year's growth, £6 0s to £7 0s 0d; new land hay, £7 10s to £8 10s; this year's growth, £6 10s to £8 5s; clover hay, £0 0s per ton; wheat straw, 3s 3d to 4s 3d; barley straw, 2s 0d to 3s 0d; oat straw, 2s 9d to 3s 6d per thrave. Carts of hay at market, 105; carts of straw, 49.

HEXHAM PROVISION, Tuesday.—Butter, 1s 5d to 1s 6d per lb; eggs, 8 to 10 for 1s; geese, 8d to 9d per lb; chickens, 2s 0d to 2s 6d; ducks, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; hares, 3s 6d to 4s 6d each; rabbits, 2s 9d to 3s 0d per couple; potatoes, 6d; onions, 1s to 2s; apples, 1s to 1s 6d per stone; lemons, 1½d to 2d; red cabbage, 1½d to 2d each; flour—extra superfines, 2s 8d; superfines, 2s 0d; fines, 2s 4d; maslin, 2s 2d; oatmeal, 2s 2d to 2s 4d per stone.

NEWCASTLE CORN, Tuesday.—Arrivals into Newcastle for the week ending 24th October, 1881:—Coast and rail—Wheat, 1,177 qrs; maize, — qrs; barley, 407 qrs; malt, 550 qrs; oats, 1,383 qrs; rye, — qrs; beans, 78 qrs; peas, — qrs; flour, 373 sacks. Foreign—Wheat, 3,062 qrs; maize, — qrs; barley, 5,746 qrs; malt, — qrs; oats, 637 qrs; rye, — qrs; beans, — qrs; peas, — qrs; flour, 7,794 barrels. At this day's market there was a very limited supply of wheat, and for red American last week's prices were barely maintained. Millers are giving more attention to fine dry south country and Baltic red wheats, now offering on rather better terms. Malting barley a steady sale for finest parcels, but damp and inferior samples are completely neglected, though offered at 1s to 2s reduction. Maize dull and 6d lower. Old oats more inquired for, but buyers offer too little money to induce much business, new coming in in bad condition are somewhat neglected. Beans and peas quiet. Flour 6d per sack cheaper, at which reduction a fair business was done.

CASTLESIDE WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—We have been asked to mention that the trustees of the above chapel have received since the bazaar the sum of £14 from subscriptions and goods sold, making altogether (with the £66 14s 11½d realised by the bazaar) a grand total of £80 14s 11½d. They only now require about £20 to clear their beautiful chapel from debt.

CHRISTIAN LAY CHURCH, SHIELD ROW CIRCUIT.—The quarterly meeting of this circuit was held on Wednesday, Oct. 19th, at Shield Row. Representatives were present from each church. The reports given showed the circuit to be in a prosperous state considering the inconvenient places in which they have to worship. After the business of the day, which was very satisfactory, a social tea was held, at which about fifty persons sat down. After tea, Mr Wm. Whitfield, of Kip Hill Terrace, preached a very touching and impressive sermon. We understand that the Lay Church movement which commenced in this district about a year ago is spreading with steady pace, there being overflowing congregations at Shield Row and Catchgate.

BLACKHILL MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The first of a series of debates intended to be holden during the winter months in connection with the above Institute, was commenced on Friday night last, under the presidency of Mr John Heymer, by an interesting and animated discussion on "The Sunday opening of museums." Mr Wm. Raw sustained the affirmative, and Mr Wm. Hoe the negative. The following gentlemen took part in the discussion: Mr Sheridan, Mr Richley, Mr Inglis, Mr Joseph Eltringham, Rev. F. Wood, Mr Hoe, Mr J. Palliser, and Mr J. Parkins. The chairman then put the meeting to the test, when it was decided by a small majority "that the Sunday opening of museums would be morally and constitutionally benefiting to society at large." There was a very large attendance, which conclusively proves that the establishment of a debating society for the healthy discussion of popular and absorbing subjects, is a step in the right direction. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the evening's proceedings to a close.

MEDOMSLEY WESLEYAN CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY.—In celebration of the anniversary of the above chapel a fruit banquet was held on Saturday night last, when there was a good audience presided over by Mr J. Humble, of Annfield Plain. Having opened the proceedings with singing and prayer the Chairman called upon Mr John Teasdale to read the report of the finances, which stated that a bazaar was held in August, 1880, and raised a sum of about £50. A subscription list had been opened during the past three weeks realising £13 7s 8d. The total amount received during the year from various sources was £27 1s 10d, and the expenditure during the period £56 5s 6d, leaving a deficiency of £29 5s 4d, which after adding the amount of subscriptions (£13 7s 8d) brought that sum down to £15 18s 4d.—Several anthems were rendered by the choir; a solo by Miss A Robinson, Medomsley; and a song given by Mr T. Harker and his son. Short addresses were also delivered by Mr T. Harker, of Bishop Auckland, and Mr W. Robinson. Mr John Eggleston, of Medomsley Edge, ably presided at the harmonium. Three rounds of fruit were served at intervals, and altogether a very pleasant and happy evening was spent.—On Saturday afternoon, Ma Harker preached to a large congregation in the chapel, and in the evening the service was held in the Templars Hall, when the same gentleman preached a very striking sermon before a crowded congregation. The collections made in aid of the chapel trust fund were slightly below those of last year.

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Sunday last, two sermons were preached in the above chapel by Ald. Dowsing (Hull), in aid of the building fund of the Wesleyan Sunday and Day Schools; and on Monday night a lecture was given by Mr Dowsing on "My recent Tour in the East." The chair was taken by T. Siddell, Esq., of Tinmill House, who, in introducing the lecturer, gave some highly interesting statistics, showing the growth and development of schools in Consett during the last few years.—The Lecturer prefaced his remarks by saying it was not going to be a lecture but just a fireside chat on what he had seen, and heard, and thought; and then in an interesting narrative, transported his hearers from Hull, by easy stages, through London, Paris, and the Mediterranean, to Alexandria, where he became very humorous in his description of donkey boys, Arabs, mosquitoes, &c. From thence by way of Grand Cairo to the Pyramids, where the difficulties encountered by a stout man in either ascending the great Pyramid or penetrating into its interior, were described so graphically as to cause roars of laughter. The adventures with horses and mules of one wholly unaccustomed to riding, enlivened the journey through Palestine, and the lecturer indicated with a humour peculiarly his own, the difficulty in believing the places shown by the guides are really those mentioned in Scripture. An allusion to the immense amount of good being done by the schools established by Miss Whately and others brought the lecture, which was throughout both amusing and instructive, to a close.—A coffee supper followed, to which about 230 persons sat down.

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BIRTHS.

TOW LAW.—At Station House, on the 24th inst., the wife of John Dodd, of a daughter.

CLOUGH DENE.—On the 23rd inst., the wife of E. Ridley, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

CONSETT.—At Christ Church, 27th inst., by the Rev. Thos. Williams, M.A., Vicar of Llanidloes, cousin of the bride, assisted by the Rev. F. Steggall, Vicar of Consett, Thomas Oliver, M.D., Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Edith Rosina, eldest daughter of William Jenkins, Esq., J.P., Consett Hall.

LANCHESTER.—At the Register Office, on the 22nd inst., Mr J. Dawson, South Pontop, to Miss Jane Wardle, Leadgate.—Same day, Mr J. H. Wayper, to Miss M. J. Turpin, both of Quebec.—Same day, Mr J. Elliott, to Miss M. Maddison, both of Greencroft Cottages.—Same day, Mr. J. Wilkinson, Leadgate, to Miss M. A. Marron, Medomsley.—24th inst., Mr J. Bulmer, Catchgate, to Miss M. Wade, West Stanley.

HAMSTEELS.—At the Parish Church, on the 17th inst., by the Rev. F. G. Wesley, Mr. John Wilson, to Miss Jane Turnbull, both of Hamsteels.

DEATHS.

CONSETT.—On the 26th inst., at 11, Queen Street, aged 22 years, Annie Forster, daughter of George Smith. Interment at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Sunday, at Two o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation.

BLACKHILL.—At Derwent Street, on the 22nd inst., aged 36, Mary Jane, wife of Mr Samuel Walker.

EBCHESTER.—At the Station Hotel, on the 26th inst., aged 46, Isabella Wilson.

BURNOPFIELD.—On the 24th inst., aged 38, Hannah, wife of Mr John Wilson.

TANFIELD LEA.—On the 23rd inst., in her 66th year, after a long and painful illness, born with christian fortitude, Ann, wife of Mr James Armstrong. Her end was peace.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On the 26th inst., aged 32 years, Sarah, wife of Robinson Stirling, late of Consett.

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