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ENTERED UPON HIS DUTIES

as the general manager of the Consett Iron Company, and in order to signalise the completion of 21 years' connection with the social, commercial, and religious life of the district, it was resolved by the community at large to present him with some

SUITABLE AND TANGIBLE TOKEN

in recognition and appreciation of that gentleman's remarkable services rendered to Consett and the towns and villages immediately surrounding it. Various schemes were propounded, but the form of testimonial mostly in accordance with Mr Jenkins's wishes was an illuminated address and a

LIFE-SIZED PORTRAIT

of himself. The portrait, which will probably cost something like £500, will be executed by an eminent Royal Academician, but it will be some time yet before the picture will be completed. The other gift consisted of

A SPLENDID ALBUM,

containing views of Consett Iron and Steel works, and of places in the neighbourhood, and an elegantly illuminated address on the frontispiece. The circumstances leading up to the presentation are tolerably well-known to our readers, therefore, it will not be necessary to recapitulate these facts; suffice it to say that three or four months ago the idea was incepted and brought to the forefront. Accordingly, at a preliminary meeting of representatives of all classes of the district, held at Consett, it was unanimously resolved to celebrate, in some shape or other, the attainment of

MR JENKINS'S MAJORITY

with the industrial and social career of Consett. Mr Wm. Aynsley was chosen as chairman, and Messrs Geo. Ainsworth and T. L. Gledstone hon. secretaries to the testimonial fund. It is superfluous to add that these gentlemen, with the active co-operation and assistance of an energetic and influential committee, deserve a word of praise for the admirable manner in which they have brought the movement to such a

BRILLIANT AND SUCCESSFUL ISSUE.

Monday's proceedings consisted of a complimentary banquet in the afternoon, and a meeting in the evening, when the album and address were presented. Before attempting to describe more fully the festive proceedings it may not be deemed out of place if we give a history of the Consett Iron Company, together with a brief sketch of the life of Ald. Jenkins. The principal information is obtained from "Neasham's History of West Durham," with additional particulars written up to date.

THE CONSETT IRON COMPANY'S

Career during a period of nearly half-a-century, has been an eventful one. No romancist could imagine more wonderful things than the Company have achieved, nor could the caprice of fiction dictate more remarkable facts than those which make up the annuals of this

GREAT AND EXTENSIVE UNDERTAKING,

whose effect on the townships comprised within the Lanchester Union has been marked and vast. The establishment of iron works at Consett was first contemplated in 1839, in which year a plentiful supply of

IRONSTONE WAS DISCOVERED

in the neighbourhood. Several shafts were sunk, and the ironstone obtained having been subjected to analysis, a company was started the following year under the title of the Derwent Iron Company. Most of the ironstone in the district was leased, as were also several

LARGE ROYALTIES OF COAL.

After a time, however, it was found that the ironstone in the district was expensive to work, and eventually the Company had to resort to Cleveland for supplies. In 1857, the Northumberland and Durham District Bank, to which the Company were indebted to the tune of £800,000, stopped payment, and this unfortunate affair—which was the cause of much misery in the North—brought about a crisis in their affairs. Subsequently the

WORKS WERE DISPOSED OF

to a number of shareholders of the bank, who formed themselves into a company, whose registered title was the Derwent and Consett Iron Company, Limited. The Company, however, found themselves unable to complete the purchase as they had projected, and in the course of a couple of years, the

PROPERTY WAS AGAIN UP FOR SALE,

and was purchased by the present Consett Iron Company, Limited, for £295,318. The date of the formation of this Company was April, 1864. Amongst the property purchased were the works at Consett, Crookhall, and Bradley, consisting of eighteen blastfurnaces, with all the needful appliances, extensive plate, angle, and bar mills, with puddling forges and every adjunct, capable of

PRODUCING 60,000 TONS OF PIG IRON

per annum, and from 40,000 to 50,000 tons of finished iron. Five hundred acres of freehold land attached to the works, and more than 1,000 freehold cottages, with managers' houses and offices, were included in the purchase, which also embraced the transference of large coal royalties, peculiarly well adapted for iron making, at a low cost. The capital of the Company was £400,000, divided into 40,000 shares at £10 each. The

ORIGINAL DIRECTORS

were:—Messrs H. Fenwick, M.P., Chester-le-Street; John Henderson, M.P., Durham; J. E. Coleman, Tokenhouse Yard, London; J. W. Pease, Darlington; J. Fogg-Elliot, Durham; T. Spencer, Ryton; J. Norman Wilson, Sunderland; J. Priestman, Shotley Bridge; and David Dale, Darlington. A recapitulatory sketch of the Company's history will show how really successful they have been, and it is but just to observe that the success which has attended them is due as much to prudent and enterprising management as to good fortune. Two years after the formation of the Company, they purchased the

SHOTLEY BRIDGE WORKS

(locally known as the Tinmill), which, besides three plate-mills and a puddling mill, included a valuable colliery, the Blackhill Drift, much nearer to the works than their own pits were. With a view to still further the position of the Company, the Directors were the following year authorised to

ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL COAL ROYALTIES.

None of the eighteen blastfurnaces acquired in the original purchase was adapted to the modern requirements of the trade. They were all of small size, and otherwise unsuited to the smelting of the ironstone of Cleveland. It became necessary, therefore, to re-construct the blastfurnace plant, and in 1870 the directors reported that the

WHOLE OF THE SMALL BLASTFURNACES

originally erected at Consett had been pulled down, that three modern furnaces had been erected, that two more blastfurnaces of similar construction had been built, and that on the completion of the re-construction scheme, the two small furnaces at Crookhall would be blown out. Meanwhile, with a view to centralisation, the Bradley blastfurnaces were dismantled, and the blast engines removed to Consett for the purpose of blowing the new furnaces. In 1869, the year that

ALD. JENKINS ASSUMED THE MANAGEMENT

of the works, the net profits of the Company mounted to £37,040; but the profits for the year following reached the exceedingly large sum of £101,790. The revenue account showed that this unprecedentedly large profit was made up of £72,114 for rails, plates, puddled bars, pig iron, and castings; £10,643 for coke; £17,092 for coals; £3,853 for house and cottage rents; £2,417 for royalities, and several smaller sums for fire-clay, rents of land, &c. In 1871, the directors reported that the Company had made £101,208 during the 12 months. The

IMMENSE REVENUE

of £195,444 was reached in 1871-2, and the Company occupied an unequal position in the North of England. Out of this enormous profit the directors might have paid a dividend of 40 or even 50 per cent., but they adopted a more safe and prudent course. They paid an interim dividend of 7s 6d per share in February, and a further dividend of 20s per share in September. One-third of the profits were thus absorbed. Another went to the creation of 9,200 shares of £10 each, and these were allotted, or rather presented, to the shareholders in the proportion of one share to every four old ones. A further sum of £29,284 was expended on

BLASTFURNACE RE-CONSTRUCTION

account, and a reserve was carried forward amounting to £83,910. The great resources now at the disposal of the Company suggested to the directors the desirability of obtaining a supply of hematite ore of their own, and they amalgamated with the Dowlais Iron Company, Herr Krupp, of Essen, and Messrs Ybarra in the acquisition of

HEMATITE MINES AT BILBOA,

in Spain, at a cost of £200,000. In this way, they were enabled to procure a cheaper and less precarious supply than they had previously obtained from Cumberland and Lancashire. In 1872-3, which was probably the best year the trade has ever seen, the net profits of the Company reached the astonishing sum of £302,000; yet even that

MAGNIFICENT INCOME WAS OUTSTRIPPED

in 1874, when the revenue was £304,000. In September, 1873, the directors expended £138,000 in dividend, applied £32,000 on the blastfurnace re-construction account, and carried £10,000 to the reserve fund, leaving after all a balance of undivided profit amounting to £73,585. In February, 1874, another interim dividend absorbed £110,400, leaving on the profits of the year a surplus of £193,727. This sum was applied in the payment of a dividend of £2 10s per share on the 7th September, in expending £23,109 on blastfurnace re-construction and colliery brickwork extension, in setting aside £20,414 for the reserve fund (which now stood at £100,000) and, carrying forward an undivided profit of £6,204. The summit was expected to be now reached, yet on the 30th June, 1875, the

VERY HANDSOME PROFIT OF £215,101

was realised. From this point, the profits of the Company, like all other concerns similarly employed, were retrogressive till a few years since, although they have been enabled to declare dividends which many companies would consider satisfactory at any time. In fact, the prosperity of the Company has gradually developed, and the year ending 30th June last was certainly the most successful ever experienced in the history of the firm. The accounts exhibited a

PROFIT OF £366,409 14s,

or rather more than an average of £1,000 per day. The actual dividends declared are at an average rate of exactly 19½ per cent. per annum, viz.—1887, 11¼ per cent.; 1888, 13¾ per cent.; 1889, 20 per cent.; 1890, 33⅓ per cent.

The extraordinary results described above indicate the vigour with which the Company have prosecuted the

WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION AND EXTENSION

of the iron-making plant. The 18 old-fashioned furnaces were swept away, and from 1869-70 the additions to the pig-iron plant were considerable. The present seven modern furnaces are very complete, and are admirably equipped with brick stoves of the Whitwell type, and with blowing power of great capacity—viz., eight beam engines, four of which were supplied by the Lilleshall Iron Company, Salop. The furnaces are all 55 feet high, and about 21 feet bosh, and nearly all of them have seven tuyeres, the produce thereby being largely increased, with much saving in fuel. In America,

EXTRAORDINARY RESULTS

have been achieved in furnace produce, but in no works in England has the output per furnace been greater than at Consett, where the furnaces are adapted for the varied qualities of pig iron required for the malleable iron trade, for foundry purposes, and for the higher qualities of hematite pig iron required for Bessemer and Siemen's steel-making, of which latter quality of pig iron

LARGE QUANTITIES ARE FORWARDED

to Sheffield, and exported to the Continent and to America. For many months, a single furnace has produced a weekly average of more than 800 tons of high quality Bessemer iron, with a consumption of 19¾ cwt. of coke per ton of pig iron, the largest make in one week being 885 tons. The capacity of these seven furnaces, when at full work on the ordinary requirements of the trade, has proved to be equal to more than a

QUARTER OF A MILLION OF "PIGS" ANNUALLY.

To ensure this large output, the extensions and improvements have been pursued on a large scale for the last 18 years. High level embankments, new railways, and bridges have been made, new calcining kilns erected—all bearing evidence of enormous expenditure. While this increased produce of pig iron was going on, the Company were

INCREASING THE CONSUMPTION

of pig iron in their own forges on the spot. Prior to 1864-70, the output of malleable iron in rails, and plates for shipbuilding, amounted to about 900 tons weekly. During the continuance of the demand for iron rails, the output of the latter was increased for America and our colonies, and up to about 1876 the total output of rails was doubled, in some weeks nearly 2,000 tons of finished iron being manufactured. To attain this, increased powers and considerable changes were effected in

EXTENDING THE MALLEABLE IRON DEPARTMENTS.

About 1876 came the extinction of the iron rail trade, and the substitution of steel. This at once crippled the malleable iron trade in the North of England, and reduced the output from about 600,000 tons to 300,000 tons per annum. At Consett, the

OUTPUT WAS REDUCED FULLY ONE-THIRD

of its previous standard. The manufacture of steel rails attracted an enormous amount of capital for the erection of steel rail works, and predictions were freely made as to the immediate substitution of steel for the construction of the merchant ships of this and foreign countries. Some few millions were spent upon plant for the manufacture of steel plates for shipbuilding, and at the outset, in the North of England—the great centre of the ship-plate trade, and where iron plates were formerly being made at the rate of 400,000 tons per annum—

THE STEEL PLATE TRADE

did not find much favour; but Consett took the lead in this matter in the north, and the Company, at considerable expense, laid down about the year 1883 plant, furnaces, and machinery for the manufacture of steel plates by the Siemens-Martin process. In the course of a year or two, in order to cope with the requirements of the shipbuilders, the steelworks were considerably enlarged, and now there are 18 steel melting furnaces in constant operation, capable of producing 4,000 tons of steel ingots per week. A portion of the iron works had to be converted into steel plate mills, for finishing the plates. During the

SERIOUS DEPRESSION OF 1876 TO 1879,

Consett directed its entire powers on iron plates. The forges and mills were strengthened, the rail mill demolished and adapted for plate making, and up to 1882 the firm turned out nearly 1,900 tons of ship plates weekly. To produce this large quantity, there were 170 puddling furnaces, with ten steam hammers, and suitable rolling power, and seven plate rolling mills. The larger proportion of these mills are now utilised for the steel process. The present weekly output averages as follows:—

Coke	10,000	tons
"Pigs"	4,500	,,
Steel plates	2,500	,,
Iron plates	500	,,

Three or four years ago, a

LARGE COGGING MILL

was constructed at the Consett Works. At the present moment, the Company are laying down, at very great cost, a

STEEL ANGLE MILL,

with the necessary steel melting furnaces, in which they will roll angles, girders, and other descriptions of steel, and thus be enabled to supply all the requirements of a shipbuilder, and when this necessary plant and machinery are in operation, the works will be one of the most complete in this country. With the object of acquiring a suitable site in close proximity to the works, it was found expedient to

DIVERT THE TINMILL ROAD

from Blackhill right to the new offices—a palatial building erected but a few years since. The whole of this work is being carried out by Messrs Ridley, contractors, of Redcar. Considerable difficulty having been experienced in getting in the raw material and taking away the manufactured article from the North-Eastern system to the works, the Consett Company, in conjunction with the Railway Company, are effecting alterations and improvements at the entrance to the works at Consett Junction. The embankment between the two bridges on the road to Castleside is being cut away, and it is intended to span the hiatus with

A MASSIVE BRIDGE,

which will allow of a series of rails being laid direct from the North-Eastern system to the works. This work is also being performed by Messrs Ridley, and will mean a very large outlay when completed.

THE COLLIERIES OF THE COMPANY FORM

a very important part, the firm possessing pits at Consett, Blackhill, Leadgate, Medomsley, Iveston, Langley Park, Westwood, and Spen—the latter having only lately been purchased from the Marquis of Bute, at a price of £100,000. In the recent history of the Company, the extension of the colliery operations has been very great, the firm possessing the royalties at the places mentioned, besides acquiring extensive minerals in the direction of Blackhall Mill. During the twelve years preceding 1882, the output of the coal and coke had nearly doubled, and it has been steadily increasing up to the present time.

THE COMPANY NOW RAISE

one million tons of coal per annum, and produce about half a million tons of coke. About half the latter is consumed at Consett, and the other half is sent to Cumberland, Cleveland, and other centres. The Company have a dozen collieries at work, and are still acquiring important royalties for continuing their large and increasing trade. There are likewise

EXTENSIVE BRICK WORKS

erected at great cost at Delves Lane, Consett, where coke-ovens are attached for utilising the waste heat, with which the superior fire bricks are dried and burned, with practically no raw fuel used. The Company moreover possess about

3,000 WORKMEN'S COTTAGES

at Consett, Blackhill, Leadgate, and the various outlying districts of Medomsley, Westwood, Allendale Cottages, Spen, Langley Park, &c. They employ some 9,000 hands, and have depending upon their operations probably a

POPULATION OF OVER 35,000 PERSONS.

The wages paid at present amount to £12,000 per week. The mineral traffic on their own lines is very extensive. Miles of private railways are owned by the Company, together with 30 locomotive engines, and rolling stock in waggons, trucks, &c., and in addition to this they contribute to the North-Eastern Railway Company in dues the

LARGE SUM OF NEARLY £200,000 ANNUALLY.

Consett steel is known all over the face of the globe, and has become famed by reason of its durability and strength, and is of superior make to the steel turned out at any other works. It is favourably spoken of by Lloyd's committee and the members of the various Iron and Steel Associations, shipbuilding bodies, &c.



ALD. WM. JENKINS, J.P.

of Consett Hall, who succeeded the late Mr Jon Priestman, J.P., of Shotley Bridge, to the Consett Iron Works exactly 21 years since, was born at Merthyr Tydvil, Glamorganshire, about 58 years ago. His father, Mr Thomas Jenkins, a much-esteemed, God-fearing man, was a native of the old town of Llantrisant, in the same country—where the family had lived for generations—and won celebrity by his contributions to Welsh Literary Societies, and by his general knowledge of ancient Welsh subjects. For many years, the father was

HEAD-MASTER OF THE DOWLAIS SCHOOLS,

established by Sir John Guest, long before the general movement in favour of education in the manufacturing districts of the country. How efficient Dowlais Schools were under his management is well-known in the principality. They still rank with the best, much to the credit of the capitalists who established them, and provided for their efficient continuance in the future. It is reasonable to assume that

NO INCONSIDERABLE PART OF THE PROSPERITY

of the Dowlais works is due to the good training, under Mr Jenkins, of a large number of the staff who were his pupils. In 1851, Mr Wm. Jenkins married Rosina, youngest daughter of Mr George Kirkhouse, who for nearly 40 years was the chief engineer to the Dowlais Iron Company.

THE KIRKHOUSE FAMILY

were widely known in South Wales as mining engineers for more than a century. The great grandfather of Mr Jenkins's wife, Mr Geo. Kirkhouse, who was married to Elizabeth Bedlington, left Gateshead about the middle of last century, and became located in the

COAL DISTRICTS OF THE SWANSEA VALLEY.

The Kirkhouses and the Bedlingtons were some of the earliest engineers who sank deep pits, and introduced furnace ventilation in the South Wales coalfields. One branch of the family resided at Cyfartha works with Crawshays for about 100 years, the survivor, Mr Bedlington Kirkhouse, having died in 1880, at the age of 75, in the house in which he was born at Merthyr Tydvil. These two families, the Kirkhouses and the Bedlingtons, were

WELL-KNOWN AS COLLIERY ENGINEERS

in the neighbourhood of Gateshead, Killingworth Moor, Birtley, Chester-le-Street, Cramlington, &c., as is evidenced by the local records so far back as 1716, and by letters dated in 1761, which relate to incidents in those districts and current events of that period. John Kirkhouse, a brother of the George Kirkhouse previously mentioned, and Matthew, his son, for many years resided at Rainton. They were freemen of the City of Durham, and voted for General Lambton at the memorable general election in 1761, when 215 occasional or "mushroom" freemen were created and admitted to vote for Major Gowland, the opposing candidate. It is thus

REMARKABLE THAT MRS JENKINS

being a descendant of those families, should come, after the lapse of so long a period, to reside at Consett Hall, in the locality of her old kinsfolk. Contrary to the tastes and inclinations of his father, Mr Jenkins had a

STRONG DESIRE FOR COMMERCIAL LIFE,

and at a very early age he was employed by one of the partners at the Dowlais Iron Works, at the large collieries and blastfurnaces, and subsequently went through all the commercial departments of the iron manufacture at Dowlais, in which he advanced by means of steady industry and efficiency, and where he had

LONG EXPERIENCE AND INTERCOURSE

with large bodies of men. Sir John Guest who for many years had been the sole owner of the works, died in 1852, and the trustees, Mr Clark and Lord Aberdare, appointed

MR JENKINS TO THE ENTIRE CHARGE

of the commercial business of the firm, which position he maintained till he removed to the North. During his long service at Dowlais, the iron rail trade grew from small beginnings to an enormous industry, and came down again to small dimensions, giving way to steel rails, the first of which was rolled at Dowlais in 1858, by Mr Jenkins's old friends, Mr Menelaws and Mr Ed. Williams. In [illegible]

MR JENKINS'S EARLY DAYS,

there was no communication by rail between the Welsh iron works and the sea, and there were no docks worthy of the name on the British Channel, nor was the stream coal trade at Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, and other ports at all developed. Now, however, railways connect the Welsh iron and coal works on the hill with all the outlets on the Channel, and with all the important ports and towns in England, and no locality is better served with railway accommodation. The

COAL TRADE OF CARDIFF

and the adjacent ports is scarcely second to the ancient coal shipping port on the Tyne. In this enormous development Sir J. J. Guest, Bart., was among the foremost, if not the leader. He was the prince of practical ironmakers of his time, with a remarkable power for governing men. His family were ironmasters in Staffordshire, and in company with Mr Lewis, the head of an ancient Glamorganshire family, became the lessees under Lord Bute of a

VERY LARGE MINERAL FIELD

containing coal and ironstone of the finest quality. The original lease dates from 1748, and expired in 1848, when a new lease with much increase in acreage was entered into. The widow of one of the Lewis family became Lady Beaconsfield. Lord Wimborne is now sole owner of Dowlais works. From the Dowlais mills

JOHN VAUGHAN CAME TO THE NORTH,

and became manager of the rolling mills of Messrs Losh, Wilson, and Bell at Walker. By his discovery of Cleveland ironstone and his skill in the making of malleable iron, he gave the great impetus to the trade of the North. There also came from Dowlais the family of Evans, now represented by Mr Wm. Evans, manager of the rolling works; Mr T. Evans, Government Inspector of Mines; likewise the Richards family still represented at Dowlais, and also at Middlesbrough by Mr E. W. Richards, manager for Messrs Bolckow, Vaughan, and Co.; likewise Mr Edward Williams, proprietor of the Linthorpe Iron Works, and past president of the Iron and Steel Institute. This gentleman and Mr Jenkins grew up together. A great many of the

LEADING MEN IN THE IRON AND STEEL TRADE

grew out of the Dowlais works, and Mr Jenkins was not the least illustrous of the group. He had heard of the resources and failures of Consett as an iron-producing district in 1857, and of its subsequent struggles. Early in 1869, he considered the question of taking the management of the

CONSETT IRON WORKS.

The prospects at that moment were not then encouraging. An eminent authority in the iron trade reported against further efforts to produce iron successfully at Consett, and its isolated position was alleged to be fatal to its being any other than an ordinary

COAL-PRODUCING AND COKE-MAKING

establishment. Having visited the place, and studied its natural resources and statistics, Mr Jenkins concluded that these, combined with the courage of the directors, warranted a further diligent trial, and he entered into an agreement to manage the works. This brought about his

REMOVAL TO CONSETT IN OCTOBER, 1869,

after he had spent uninterruptedly a period of 34 years at Dowlais works. He left his old home with substantial proofs of the goodwill of his employers, and of the kindness of the friends of a life-time. As for the progress of Consett for the past 21 years, this is best told by the remarkable success of the works.

MR JENKINS IS BY NATURE

humane and kind, and does his very utmost for the workmen, consistently with the interests of his employers, the owners of the works, whose rights are of course paramount. When there happens to be a comparative or temporary slackness of orders, superfluous men are not dismissed from the place, as is generally the case, but are allowed to remain, if they choose it, with as

MUCH EMPLOYMENT AS CAN BE GIVEN

to them. Even should a dispute arise which causes a partial or temporary stoppage of the works, the men on strike or locked out are not replaced by "blacklegs," but all endeavours are made for an amicable settlement. To have resuscitated the Consett works shows the highest ability. Mr Jenkins has met with the suffrages of the good and the wise. He wishes to aid the cause of the good. To relate one instance, out of many others, showing how

MR JENKINS'S KINDNESS IS APPRECIATED,

the members of the Consett and District Friendly Societies, consisting of Oddfellows (M.U. and B.U.), Foresters, Sons of Temperance, Free Gardners, Mechanics, and Catholic United Brethren, forming a large body of the men under his management, presented him with a handsome illuminated address, couched in eulogistic terms, in November, 1877. Whilst his exertions have been untiringly directed to the development of this great industry at Consett, Mr Jenkins has not neglected the

IMPORTANT DUTIES OF LIFE.

His daily toil being over, nearly every moment is vigorously devoted to a constant exercise of good offices for the benefit of those around him. Of late years, however, owing to the rapid extensions of the works Mr Jenkins has not been enabled to spare a great amount of time to public affairs. He aids and countenances every good and worthy object, and takes the lead in everything which has a tendency to advance the neighbourhood in which he lives. Being

AN ATTRACTIVE FLUENT SPEAKER,

his services are in great request, and no meeting of a public nature in the immediate district is considered complete without his presence.

PUBLIC OFFICES.

He has been a useful member of the Benfieldside and Leadgate Local Boards, and has for about 17 years acted as chairman of the Consett Local Board. During his term of office, handsome Local Board premises were erected. In 1888, he was elected by an overwhelming majority the first Councillor for Consett, and was afterwards elected to the position of an alderman. He displayed an active interest in the creation of the Parliamentary division of North-West Durham five years ago, and strongly advocated the desirability of calling it the Consett division. In politics, he is a

THOROUGH LIBERAL,

and is president of the North-West Durham Liberal Association, and one of the warmest supporters of the sitting member, Mr Atherley-Jones. Indeed, it is an open secret that Mr Jenkins was invited to stand for the constituency, but declined the honour. Ald. Jenkins is a manager of the Consett British Schools, and takes a lively interest in all educational matters. He was placed on the Commission of the Peace for the county of Durham in 1876, and it was through his instrumentality that the

PETTY SESSIONS AND COUNTY COURT

were removed from Shotley Bridge to Consett. From his constant intercourse with large bodies of the population, Mr Jenkins has been led to study their wants, and the thoroughness of his knowledge in this respect, his extensive and intimate acquaintance with sanitary matters, his strong common sense and

COMPREHENSIVE GRASP OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS,

and above all the conscientious and independent manner in which he works out his convictions, eminently fit him as a representative of the people at all the governing bodies of the district. It was largely through his instrumentality that the streets of the town have been improved, and a better class of houses provided for the workmen in the district. He is strongly in favour of the huge sewerage scheme now being carried out at a cost of about £17,000, and some years ago warmly advocated a covered-in market, more commodious post-office, County Court offices, &c., for Consett. About ten years since, through the efforts of Mr Jenkins, a series of lectures in connection with Cambridge and Durham Universities extension scheme were delivered at Consett, but they were not so largely patronised as they deserved. In the periods of depression, Mr Jenkins assisted in the establishment of a soup kitchen for Consett, and he evinced much sympathy with the starving populace. Another object which he repeatedly strove to attain was to secure better

RAILWAY FACILITIES AT CONSETT,

improvement in the station accommodation, and the opening of the new line through West Durham. He is the chairman of the Directors of the New Town Hall Company. Mr Jenkins also induced his directors to expend some thousands of pounds in the laying out of a

PUBLIC PARK

for Consett and Blackhill, and when completed it will be one of the prettiest places of the kind in the North. He approves of athletic exercises, and is president of the Blackhill Mechanics' Institute and the Consett Reading and Recreation Rooms, and is a supporter of the Bicycle and Athletic Club. He occasionally speaks in favour of the establishment of a free library for Consett, and has also advocated the much-needed

INCORPORATION OF THE LOCAL BOARDS' DISTRICTS

of Consett, Benfieldside, and Leadgate. Although a staunch Churchmen he willingly and graciously assists, both pecuniarily and otherwise, the efforts of the other religious bodies in the town and district. It is confidently believed that Mr Jenkins's industry, clear head, and ready suggestive intellect will lead to increased future and extended fame. There is no gainsaying the fact that it is chiefly through the endeavours of Mr Jenkins that Consett has

ASSUMED THE FORMIDABLE PROPORTIONS

that it has now attained, and as sure as the morning dawns the town will ever grow to a much larger extent.

The worthy alderman is held in the highest regard by the various employers of labour of the North of England, and even by the masters much further afield, and as an illustration of the confidence reposed in his marvellous business ability and commercial foresight, the employers in the North of Scotland have made him

CHAIRMAN OF THE STEELMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

—an honour which the residents of the district feel proud having been conferred upon their distinguished chief. In the celebrations on Monday, therefore, the community at large were only according "honour where honour is due."

THE COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET

Was provided in the National Boys' School. Ald. David Dale, J.P., managing director of the firm, presiding, the vice-chairmen being Messrs W. Aynsley, Thos. Siddell, and T. Williams, Consett. Amongst those present were the guest (Ald. Jenkins); Ald. T. Hedley, Newcastle, and Mr W. Stobbart, Northallerton (directors of the Consett Iron Company); Dr T. Oliver, Newcastle; Revs F. Steggall, Consett, T. J. Storey, Blackhill, G. H. Ross-Lewin, Benfieldside, J. H. Taylor, Consett, J. Clegg, Shotley Bridge, E. W. Jenkins, Highgate, and J. W. Mitchell, Leadgate; Councillors James Annandale, J.P., Shotley Bridge, and Geo. Nicholson, Leadgate; Drs George Renton, A. D. M. MacIntyre, and R. C. Richards; Messrs Wm. Logan, Langley Park; W. H. Hedley, Medomsley; C. D. W. Balleny, Ebchester; E. W. E. Balleny, Little Greencroft; J. R. Wilson and H. R. Goddard, Newcastle; A. Tolmie, Glasgow; Chas. Jennings, Jarrow; J. Petherick, W. Jenkins, jun.; Peary and Illtyd Williams, Middlesbro'; A. D. Coning; J. T. Potts; R. O. Heymer, Benfieldside; C. Parnaby, Blackhill; R. Evans, secretary to the Consett Iron Company; T. W. Welford, Consett; Supt. James Oliver, Consett; C. Stephenson, Blackhill; J. Lax and G. Richardson, Shotley Bridge; W. J. Scott, Rowley; G. Wade, T. D. Dryden, J. W. Davison, J. Hutchinson, W. Pursley, A. Brodie, S. Brodie, Ed. Kirkhouse, Jas. Scott, Robt. Park, Geo. Ainsworth, T. L. Gledstone; T. D. Williams, London; T. J. Muse and W. Pattinson, Castleside; W. Kinleyside; and all the leading residents of the district, besides a number of the workpeople. About 200 partook of the repast, which was supplied by Messrs Tate and Son, Newcastle.

The CHAIRMAN having proposed the toasts of "The Queen," and "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family" (which were drunk with musical honours), called upon

Mr STOBART, who (in the absence of Ald. Hedley) gave "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese and the ministers of other denominations," and spoke of the long line of distinguished prelates of the See of Durham, besides complimenting the clergy and ministers in the performance of their duty.

Rev F. STEGGALL, in responding, said that Dr Westcott was a most worthy successor of Dr Lightfoot, than whom a Bishop never shed greater light upon the diocese. (Applause). It was very encouraging to hear the kind words of Mr Stobart. The thanks of all churchmen were due to their esteemed chairman, for the little note he recently inserted in the *Consett Guardian* thus placing in a right light the

ATTITUDE OF THE BISHOPS AND CLERGY

who attended the late Congress at Hull, in reference to some utterances on the questions of social reform and the advantages of the working classes. (Cheers).

Rev A. BAILLIE, who also replied, said that since Mr Jenkins became connected with the district, he had taken the deepest interest in all movements affecting the community at large. As a churchman, Ald. Jenkins possessed a catholicity of spirit which led him to do as much as he could for the other churches in the neighbourhood, as well as the church with which he was more closely identified. (Applause). He (Mr Baillie) was the

OLDEST RESIDENT MINISTER

outside the Church of England, in the locality, and as Mr Jenkins had been with them 21 years that day, so he (the rev gentleman) would attain his ministerial majority here next month. (Applause).

The CHAIRMAN said they had now reached the toast of the evening—"The health of Ald. Jenkins." (Loud applause). As he had to speak at a large meeting, it was perhaps not desirable that he should dwell at length upon Mr Jenkins's connection with Consett. There were various motives which had led them to gather that evening in such large numbers. He conjectured that the motives which had led Mr Jenkins' friends to take that step that day were not merely, or perhaps chiefly, that he had been

AN OLD ADMINISTRATOR

of that great industrial concern which lay at their doors, but that he had in administering those affairs shown himself to be a warm friend of the district, and of the people with whom he had associated in that enterprise. (Applause). That was not an occasion on which he might allude as to the extent of the success which had attended the Consett Iron Works during the last twenty-one years, which had been largely attributed to by Mr Jenkins's sagacity and skill. They were all aware that since Mr Jenkins had come to Consett he had been held in high regard and attachment. (Applause). There was nothing connected with the district which was of importance to the welfare of the people but what found in Mr Jenkins a ready co-operator. (Applause). Circumstances had perhaps hindered him giving much time to his magisterial duties; nevertheless he was always ready—having regard to his prior engagements—to devote as

MUCH TIME TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS

as he possibly could. (Applause). Mr Jenkins had been able to show very much kindness and sympathy to and with all his neighbours, and it was on that account, principally, that they were gathered there to do him honour. (Applause). He (the chairman) knew he was only doing what they desired when he asked them to drink to the health and happiness of Mr Jenkins and his family. (Applause).

ALD. JENKINS was awarded an enthusiastic ovation on rising to acknowledge the compliment. He said he never felt so much diffidence in getting upon his feet as he did at the present moment. He saw in that room very many of his old friends, some of whom had spoken very highly of him. If he was not moved by what had been said, he much be a very stolid, stupid man indeed. That gathering was a very important one in the

HISTORY OF HIS LIFE.

He regarded it as an expression on the part of his friends and neighbours in that district that, during the 21 years he had spent in the district, they had approved of his conduct—(applause)—that, upon the whole, they thought well of him and wished well of him. (Applause). That was the greatest honour that a townsman could aspire to. (Hear). It was 21 years that morning since he came to Consett. He did not know a single soul. No one who had not passed through the ordeal could imagine or experience the trial of having to leave his home, family connections, and intimate friends, after residing in that particular place for the space of 41 years. However, he must say that

WHEN HE CAME TO CONSETT

he did not anticipate to meet with such staunch friends, such hospitality, such sterling honesty, and such a great desire to co-operate with him in the work to be done. (Applause). The iron and steel works with which he was connected were a credit to themselves and the district at large (applause), and as chief of that great concern, he was much pleased with the sympathy they had extended to him from time to time. He would not deal at length with the events transpiring during the past 21 years. The first he heard of Consett was when the great

BANK BROKE IN 1857.

He had served 34 years at another place, a thousand feet above the sea—a mountainous county of hill and valley, just the same as this district. He met Mr T. Hedley, along with Mr David Dale, in London, and they endeavoured to persuade him to come to Consett.

IT REQUIRED SOME COURAGE

to accept the undertaking. He got Mr Dale to furnish him with statistics, he pondered over the same and found that they were not quite satisfactory. He asked for some further evidence of the success of the place, and after paying a personal visit to Consett, he agreed to take the management of these works. The

PROSPECT WAS NOT VERY ENCOURAGING,

for about a week after he arrived at Consett, an eminent authority declared that it was little use attempting to transfer Consett into anything else than a coal-providing, and coke-making district. (Laughter). However, he determined to stay, and he spoke feelingly of the hospitable and loving way in which they had received him during the last 20 years. He assured them that he had endeavoured during that time to do what he could outside the steel works as well as inside of them. A general manager had to manage his directors (laughter), as well as to look after his under-managers, foremen, and workmen. He thought he had

SATISFIED HIS DIRECTORS

(applause), and the relation existing between the directors and himself had been of the most cordial nature. (Applause). In the course of his operations, he had been greatly assisted by the heads of the several departments—Messrs Hedley and Logan as managers of the collieries; Mr Kinleyside as manager of the coke-ovens; Messrs Douglas, Ainsworth, and Kirkhouse as managers of the blastfurnaces; and in another department there was the heavy head of a gentleman who had

BECOME A PATRIARCH

in the service of the Company—Mr Thos. Siddell (applause)—who had served the firm nobly and well for over forty years, and whose character was of sterling merit. The engineering department was looked after by Mr Scott, while in the mills department they had Mr Parnaby. He was

EXTREMELY PROUD OF HIS STAFF.

He was very proud of Mr Parnaby, a gentleman he selected by his own discretion, and who had fulfilled the position he was placed in with credit to him (Mr Jenkins), and with credit to himself (Mr Parnaby), and to the satisfaction of all concerned. (Applause). There was

NO ESTABLISHMENT IN THE WORLD

which could turn out more manufactured material than the mills that Mr Parnaby had charge of. He respected his directors, and hoped that they respected himself. His directors had encouraged him in every possible way. The cordiality with which they had greeted the toast that evening was certainly an important epoch of his life. He never expected such an exhibition of generous feeling from them. It was a condition of things that any man might feel justly proud of. Having alluded to the amicable relation which existed between the workpeople and the heads of the departments, Mr Jenkins said it was not every general manager of works that would

LIVE IN THE SAME DISTRICT

for 21 years, and act in perfect unity with his foremen and employers. He did not know what would happen in Consett in the future. He had advised the directors, and they had encouraged him; and he was encouraged, also, by the heads of departments to move on still further. Consett was probably double the size it was when he came to it. He thanked the chairman for the feeling manner in which he had proposed the toast, and whether he (Mr Jenkins) stayed at Consett, one, two, or ten years longer, they should always have his best wishes for the

PROSPERITY OF THE IRON AND STEEL WORKS.

(Applause). He sincerely thanked them for the extremely kind way in which they had received the toast, and for the touching references to his wife and family. (Applause).

Councillor JAS. ANNANDALE, J.P., next submitted "The Consett Iron Company, Limited." As an inhabitant of the Derwent Valley, he fully appreciated the kind remarks made by their worthy chairman. Not only on the hill top, but in the valley, was

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as a man who had infused a spirit of energy into the whole neighbourhood. (Applause.) The history of the Consett Iron Company, he said, was a very wonderful one. Fifty years ago that hill top was a mere moorland, given over to grouse and curlews. There were hamlets here and there, but no houses, no industrial corporation, no ironworks. What they saw that day was the result of the efforts of a

LONG LINE OF DISTINGUISHED MEN,

who gave their abilities and spent all their energies in promoting the industry of that neighbourhood. No doubt, like others, the iron company had passed through vicissitudes, and had sometimes been in difficulties. That was before their friend Mr Jenkins came to the helm. But, even before that time, the difficulties were surmounted, as difficulties must be surmounted where there were

HONESTY, ENERGY, AND PERSEVERANCE.

There had been wonderful strides in metallurgical science during the last fifty years. At first these works were devoted to the construction and making of iron, but that had now given place almost entirely to steel. They had now before them works which were not inferior to any in this country, and which, when the new additions were made, he presumed would be among the finest which could be pointed to in almost any country in the world. (Applause.) The reason of the

SUCCESS OF THE COMPANY

had been in the men who had been at its head—such men as Mr Richardson, Mr Priestman, Mr Spence, and Mr Bainbridge. (Applause.) At the present time, they had at the head a gentleman of whom they were all proud. (Applause.) In Mr Dale they had a tower of strength, not only in the prescience in securing for them large tracts of ore, but in the still more valuable assistance which he gave in the establishment of courts of conciliation. (Applause.) It afforded general satisfaction to the people of the North when the

GOVERNMENT SELECTED MR DALE

to represent it at the Labour Conference at Berlin. The work he did there would, he (Mr Annandale) felt assured, confer still greater benefits in the future upon the industries of the country. Besides Mr Dale there were other directors who were intimately associated with the trade of the district. In addition to the able management, there were at Consett some capable workmen, who produced the

BEST STEEL IN THE WORLD.

(Cheers.) Their workpeople did not require to be protected by any McKinley Bill; they were quite able to look after their own interests. (Applause.) As long as such was the case, Consett would go on increasing, and would ultimately become a very important centre of industry. (Applause.) The managing director had done much for the social, moral, and religious welfare of the place in which he lived. The permanent prosperity of the great Company had made this district (as it was called)

"THE HUB OF THE UNIVERSE."

(Laughter and applause.) He asked them to drink prosperity to the Company, and coupled the toast with the name of Mr Dale. (Applause.)

The toast having been heartily pledged, the CHAIRMAN said that the ironworks were first established something like 50 years ago. Although his knowledge did not go so far back as that, he was gratified to hear the last speaker's remarks anent the

GROWTH AND PROSPERITY OF CONSETT.

He knew of no reason whatever why the prosperity which for many years past had attended the Consett Iron Company should not continue, why the operations should not be extended, or why the various businesses which had grown round the works should not extend their operations and share in the general prosperity. He referred to the

ADDITIONS TO THE STEEL WORKS,

and to the coalfield extensions which were now in actual operation, and said the Company was well satisfied that one of the conditions upon which the prosperity of the Company rested—namely, a supply of good fuel not far from the place of consumption, would hold out for many years to come. (Loud applause.)

Mr W. H. HEDLEY, in submitting "The trade of the district," observed that besides the staple industries, coal and iron, there were

OTHER TRADES FLOURISHING

in North-West Durham—viz., paper making, lead-mining, gas and water operations, and the trading class generally. He dwelt upon the success which had attended the operations of the Consett Iron Company, and spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr Dale as managing director and Mr Jenkins as general manager of the works.

Councillor MURRAY, who was requested to respond, favoured with a brief history of Consett from the period when he was a boy in 1845. That hill top was simply a

BARREN MOOR,

with scarcely any houses. Letters were then addressed "Berry Edge, near Shotley Bridge, via Gateshead." (Laughter.) A carrier's waggon brought the goods from Newcastle, the nearest station being Cold Rowley. (Laughter.) He spoke of the courage and enterprise of the chairman and his co-directors in making the place what it now was.

Mr T. WILLIAMS (vice-president of the North of England Board of Arbitration), in proffering "The chairman," said he regarded Mr Dale as the finest gentleman in the North. (Applause.) He was the

PIONEER OF THE PRINCIPLES OF ARBITRATION

as applied to trade disputes, and along with Messrs Whitwelll and Kane, established the Northern Board of Arbitration, which had proved so useful in the settling of commercial affairs during the past 33 years. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN, after the toast had been enthusiastically honoured, referred with gratification to the expressions of Mr Williams with regard to the principles of arbitration. He had to explain the system of conciliation and arbitration at the

LABOUR CONFERENCE AT BERLIN,

and the principles had awakened a great deal of interest amongst large employers of labour. He had even received visits from persons on the continent of Europe interested in the movement whereby "strikes and strife had been avoided." (Applause.)

Mr W. LOGAN briefly gave "The vice-chairman," and Messrs AYNSLEY, SIDDELL, and WILLIAMS spoke to the toast, and the proceedings concluded.

PUBLIC MEETING AND PRESENTATION.

In the evening, a public meeting was held in the New Town Hall, when Mr Jenkins was presented with an album and address. Mr David Dale presided, and there was a large attendance. The gentlemen present at the luncheon were stationed on the platform, while they were favoured with the presence of ladies. In the body of the hall, the female sex were predominant.

LETTERS OF APOLOGY

for non-attendance were received from Messrs John Booth (Shotley Bridge) and T. D. Ridley (Saltburn), while Mr W. M. Annandale (Lintzford) telegraphed: "I am much disappointed that I can't be with you to-day, as I heartily sympathise with the object of your proceedings. Hope all will pass off well. Please tender my hearty congratulations to Ald. Jenkins. May his life be spared to continue his services at Consett."

The CHAIRMAN, who was heartily received, said in November, 1857, the north of England, and more especially that district, was

STARTLED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT

that the Northumberland and Durham District Bank had closed its doors, and no part of the north of England was more astounded and concerned than the locality by which they were surrounded, because the great ironworks now called the Consett Iron Company, then belonging to a private firm carried on as the Derwent Iron Company, had been drawing upon the Northumberland and Durham District Bank to meet losses and extension of their works of an unprofitable character, so that they were owing the Northumberland and Durham District Bank a long way on to a

MILLION OF MONEY.

That difficulty was, however, got over, and for the next nine months or thereabouts the Derwent Iron Works were carried on under the supervision of Mr Jonathan Richardson, a gentleman to whom that district owed very much in respect to his foresight. In 1864, there was formed the present Consett Iron Company. Of the nine directors then appointed there was not a single one but himself left as a director, though there were two others still surviving, Sir J. Whitwell Pease and Mr Thos. Spencer, the latter of whom had just lately retired. Ever since 1864, a period of 26 years, the works had gone on in

UNINTERRUPTED CONTINUITY

as the Consett Iron Company, Limited. He then went on to quote from the minutes of the Company's books the appointment of Mr Jenkins as manager 21 years ago, and the confidence of the directors in that selection. (Applause). Mr Jenkins, who had been manager of the Dowlais Iron Company, was appointed general manager in September, 1869, on the resignation of Mr Priestman, who had acted as managing director. The history of Mr Jenkins's connexion with the Consett Company had been a history of uninterrupted success. (Applause). Since Mr Jenkins had joined the company, the

TRADE HAD BEEN DEVELOPED,

and not only a larger profit made proportionately to that business, but a profit made out of proportion to the great extension of the business itself. In the year 1869, when Mr Jenkins entered upon his duties, the make of finished iron was 45,698 tons, consisting of—iron plates, 24,663 tons, and rails, 20,035 tons. The make of finished iron and steel in the year ended June 30th, 1890, was 132,085 tons. The share capital of the Company in 1869 was £352,732, and in 1890 it was £730,800. The Company's property in value stood in 1869 at £322,000, and now it was £714,000. (Applause). In 1869, 100,000 tons of coke were manufactured; at the present time they made nearly 250,000 tons of coke per annum. (Applause). Such an extension was largely due to the

FORESIGHT AND ENERGY OF MR JENKINS.

A much larger amount of business was now done, and a larger profit, even out of proportion to the extension of the works, was made. That he attributed in a large degree to the personal qualities of Mr Jenkins. His personal qualities were varied, but his main characteristics were a very great judgment in matters of business—judgment as to what sort of business could be entered upon with advantage and profit, and judgment as to persons who were likely to fill important positions in the works with competence and zeal. In Mr Jenkins there was a singularly

INDOMITABLE ENERGY AND DILIGENCE.

He had never met anyone who gave his heart and mind to that which he laid his hand to as did Mr Jenkins—(applause)—to whose close attention to the business of the Company was largely due the success which had attended that business. The presentation that evening took the form of an illuminated album; and, at a later period, Mr Jenkins was to have presented to him an

OIL-PAINTING OF HIMSELF

by an eminent artist. The album contained the following address:—

To William Jenkins, Esq., J.P., General Manager of Consett Iron Works, Ld., Alderman of Durham County Council.

SIR,—The directors, officials, and workmen of the Consett Iron Company's works, collieries, &c., and the inhabitants of the district generally, wish to take this opportunity of publicly recognising the fact that for twenty-one years you have occupied the important position of general manager for the Consett Iron Company, Limited, with exceptional success, and thereby ensured prosperity to the whole neighbourhood. They also wish to express their thorough appreciation of the manner in which you have always shown interest in and identified yourself with every movement for the social, moral, and religious welfare of the community. As a mark of their high esteem, they beg now to offer you this address, and, when completed, an oil-painting of yourself, asking you to accept the same, together with the earnest wishes of the subscribers that you may long continue to occupy the sphere of usefulness which you have so successfully filled hitherto; with the sincere desire also for the future welfare of Mrs Jenkins and the other members of your family.

We have the honour to remain, sir, your obedient servants,

WILLIAM AYNSLEY, Chairman.

(Here follow the names of the members and secretaries of the committee).

Mr DALE expressed a hope that facilities would be granted, under certain conditions, for the subscribers to inspect the album.

[The following is a description of the testimonial:—The album was bound in padded dark blue morocco, having chaste silver corners and clasp, with a silver monogram on the side. The first three pages are occupied with the address, beautifully displayed amongst artistic floral decorations, followed by

THIRTEEN PAGES OF WATER-COLOUR DRAWINGS

by a well-known artist, embracing work scenes in the rolling mills and other departments of the Consett Iron Works, and local views. The address was entrusted to Messrs Mawson, Swan, and Morgan, Newcastle, who designed, illuminated, and carried out the entire work at their Grey Street establishment.]

Mr AYNSLEY, as chairman of the committee, detailed the operations of the movement.

Rev F. STEGGALL described Mr Jenkins as one of the oldest residents of the district, he himself having only lived there six years longer. He trusted that for some time to come there would be

NO CHANGES IN THE GENERAL MANAGEMENT

of the Consett Works, and that Mr Jenkins would stick to the ship. (Applause). As vicar of the parish, he had had a good deal of intercourse with Mr Jenkins, and he paid a lasting tribute to that gentleman's unvarying kindness and courtesy. (Applause).

Mr R. EVANS (secretary to the Consett Iron Company) said that 55 years was a long while to look back to; but that period had elapsed since Mr Jenkins first entered upon the training ground at Dowlais Iron Works, and during the 34 years he was there, he had two different sets of capitalists. Mr Jenkins was accustomed to the steel manufacture before he came to Consett, therefore the steel process was not strange to him. The prosperity of Consett was due to the

SPIRIT OF TRUTH

which coursed through all its operations and dealings. (Applause). No one need come before Mr Jenkins and tell a lie, because he was sure to bottom it. (Laughter and applause). Some persons present at that meeting had made a very good thing out of the prosperity of the Consett Company. (Laughter). There was a time when there were four houses to a single tenant in Consett; now there were four tenants to a single house. (Laughter). Another gentleman who had served 55 years in the service of the country was called a

"GRAND OLD MAN."

(Laughter and applause.) In conclusion, he wished Mr Jenkins a very long life, Mrs Jenkins better health, and the family every blessing which the Almighty could shower upon them. (Cheers.)

Mr J. W. DAVISON, who had been connected with the district 54 years, stated that Mr John Nicholson, as well as Mr Jonathan Richardson, had something to do with the formation of the original Company. Mr Nicholson was the enterprising individual who

DISCOVERED IRONSTONE IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

Then the old furnaces gave one casting in 24 hours; now they had three castings within the same period. The speaker adverted to his early connection with the ironworks when he assisted at the erections, and dilated upon the prosperity of the Company under Mr Jenkins's *regime*. He trusted the district would

CONTINUE TO REAP THE BENEFITS

accruing from the success of the Company's operations. (Applause.)

Rev J. W. MITCHELL, as a representative of "sleepy old Leadgate," also gave a short humorous address, which provoked much amusement.

Mr JENKINS, in acknowledging the handsome gift, said a great deal of praise had been bestowed upon him, although he did not think that all these compliments were due to him. ("Yes.") He had only done his duty to the best of his judgment and ability. Referring to the failure of the Northumberland and Durham Bank, he had come to the conclusion that at that period the Iron Company must have been

MAKING PIG IRON AT A LOSS

of £2 or £3 per ton to be indebted to the bank to the extent of £800,000. The most excellent coal beds to be found in the world existed in this district, and that was the foundation of their prosperity. Unless the coal and coke was properly utilised, it would not benefit them in the least degree. There were scores of places in the county of Durham possessing greater advantages than Consett, which was something like 32 miles from the sea coast. Moreover, they had nothing there in the way of iron-making material. They had to go into the world to buy their ironstone and iron ore. Having devoted themselves to the manufacture of one special branch of industry during the past 30 or 40 years, they had at Consett acquired a

SPECIAL APTITUDE AND TRAINING

for providing manufactured iron and steel plates. From his knowledge and experience, he could tell good iron and steelworkers from their physique. Another secret of their success at Consett was that the directors reposed implicit confidence in the management, and did not attempt to dictate to the chiefs, nor interfere with the internal arrangements of the works. This plan was not adopted at other places, hence their failure. He hoped the directors had found in him a good servant. (Applause.)

NO ONE HAD DONE MORE

for the town of Consett and the surrounding district in his life-time than their worthy chairman—(applause)—and he was glad to hear Mr Dale speak so respectfully of Mr Priestman and Mr Richardson. Mr Dale had perhaps a better knowledge of these gentlemen than anybody present, and he (Mr Jenkins) agreed that they were both able and capable men; but with all due deference to Mr Priestman, he was

NOT THE RIGHT MAN

for to manage iron and steel works. There was no discredit to Mr Priestman in saying this, because if he (Mr Jenkins) went to manage a draper's shop, he would prove an utter failure. (Laughter). When he first came to Consett they were making thousands of tons of rails; but they lost the rail trade, because

IRON WAS SUPPLANTED BY STEEL.

Cleveland stone was not found suitable, and Cumberland ore was too costly, therefore they had to resort to other places for their ironstone and ore. They were making three times the quantity of stuff now than they did in 1869. The population had more than doubled, and the social, moral, and religious aspect of the place had vastly improved. (Applause). Sanitary reforms had been carried out, streets and footpaths were made, new and handsome buildings erected, as well as numerous churches, chapels, and schools. The

SCHOOL BOARD SYSTEM

[...] the district had proved most beneficial to the youth of the district, and in the next generation he opined there would be still further improvement. Mr Dale himself were practically the management of the Consett Company, and the directors simply confirmed their actions. Mr Jenkins spoke in praiseworthy terms of the treatment he had received at the hands of the directors, his foremen, work-people, &c., and declared that if he had been 25 years younger, and could take with him twenty of the heads of the departments at Consett, he would not be afraid to

MANAGE SOME WORKS

which were at present lying dormant, or not remunerative, and change the present condition of things. (Applause). In closing, he begged on the behalf of his wife, family, and himself, to thank one and all for the handsome testimonial they had presented to him. (Applause).

Mr Dale having to leave at this stage, a cordial expression of thanks was tendered to him, and Mr Aynsley succeeded to the chair.

Mr SIDDELL said that in the history of the Consett Iron Company, they had at times reached the

HEIGHT OF PROSPERITY,

while on other occasions they were deep down in the "slough of despond." (Laughter). He trusted they would have many gatherings similar to that. (Applause).

Councillor NICHOLSON spoke of benefits conferred on the outside public by the prosperity of the Consett Iron Company.

Mr T. WILLIAMS dwelt upon the character of Mr Jenkins, from a workman's standpoint, as general manager of the works, and averred that Mr Jenkins always treated deputations of the men with the

GREATEST CIVILITY AND COURTESY.

If any difference arose, he would argue the point with the *employes*, and concede them demands, if proved to be reasonable and justifiable. (Cheers). His experience of Mr Jenkins was that he was one of the most lenient masters to be found in the North. (Applause). He trusted that he would long continue to be head and chief of the Consett Iron Company. (Applause).

Mr JENKINS, supplementing his preceding remarks, explained that Mr Williams had done as much to promote the principles of arbitration of conciliation as Mr Dale. (Applause). He (Mr Jenkins) bore no ill-will or malice to any person. Having illustrated how they were obliged to treat some deputations of the work-people, Mr Jenkins counselled the *employers* to be very particular to chose delegates of

UNDOUBTED INFLUENCE AND UPRIGHT CHARACTER

to represent them. He condemned the new system of Trades Unionism, which interfered with the liberty of the individual. There was a scheme whereby employers were being compelled to fill a vacant situation by appointing a man belonging to the same Union as the person who had left their employment.

The proceeding afterwards terminated.

At intervals during the dinner and meeting, capital selections of vocal music were rendered by four members of the Durham Cathedral choir; Master Stephenson (Blackhill) accompanying on the pianoforte.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

CONSETT.—On Sunday, the harvest festival was continued in Christ Church, the preacher being Rev V. T. Jacka, senior curate of Esh, notwithstanding the strong weather there were large congregations notable in the evening.

HAMSTEELS. — Harvest thanksgiving services were held in the Parish Church of Hamsteels on Thursday Oct. 23rd., and Sunday 26th. The interior had just been recoloured and whitewashed by Mr Geo. Storey of Cornsay Colliery. The decorations therefore, consisting of fruit, flowers, plants and corn tastefully arranged, including a shapely stack, the work of Messrs Hart and Cruddas, showed to exceptional advantage. On Thursday evening Rev J. H. Thompson, vicar of Quarrington preached to a full church from the 65th. Psalm, verse 9. The offertory was £1 14s 4d. On Sunday evening Rev Canon Cooper, Precentor of Durham Cathedral, preached on behalf of the Durham Infirmary, taking for his text the 7th verse of the 5th chapter of St John. Over £2 was obtained for the fund. It must have been gratifying to the reverend gentleman, after making his way from Durham in a blinding snowstorm to find a congregation assembled which filled even the aisles of the church.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—The annual harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Parish Church, Chester-le-Street, on Tuesday week. The church was very prettily decorated for the occasion. A text above the altar read "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness." There was Holy Communion at 11 a.m., and children's service at 3 p.m., an enormous congregation of children crowding the venerable edifice to the very door. An address was given by Rev Canon Blunt, rector. There was evening service at 7:30, when an overflowing congregation took part. The service was fully choral, and the music was splendidly sung by the choir, which was augmented by a number of ladies. Psalm 68 was sung as a Processional to West's chants. The *Cantate* and *Deus Misereatur* were sung to Bridgewater's setting. The anthem, "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem," was finely sung. Hymns 276, 278, and 478 (Church Hymns) were sung. The first portion of the Prayers was intoned by Canon Blunt, and the latter part by Rev Cuthbert Birley, curate. The first lesson was read by Rev F. Millward, curate; and the second lesson by Rev H. Birley, vicar of Pelton. The sermon was preached by Rev A. N. Cooper, Filey, from his text, "They enclosed a great multitude of fishes, and their net broke."

THE BIRTLEY SLAG-HEAP DISASTER FUND.

Immediately after the recent accident at the Birtley slag heaps, whereby two men—Rayne and White—were killed, and Charles Newman seriously injured, a relief fund was at once started, with the Rev R. H. Yeld, vicar; Rev W. W. Phillipson, Catholic priest; Mr T. Coulson and Sergeant Hutchinson at its head. The appeal met with a generous response in the village; and we have just been furnished, by Mr Coulson, with an official statement respecting the fund, from which we gather that the whole amount received by the collectors, was £76 10s 9d. £15 was first allotted to the surviving head of each house, making a total of £45. The remaining £31 10s 9d was then divided amongst all the members of the three families, who were not in receipt of any wages; 1-11th being allowed for each. The treasurers hope that this apportionment of the fund, will commend itself to the subscribers as just and equitable.—Signed, Rev H. Yeld, W. W. Phillipson, T. Coulson, treasurers.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT. — Sores, Wounds Ulcerations, and other diseases affecting the skin are capable of speedy amendment by this cooling and healing ointment, which has called forth the loudest praise from persons who have suffered for years from bad legs, bad breasts, piles, abscesses, and chronic ulcers. None but those who have experienced the soothing effect of it can form an idea of the comfort it bestows by restraining inflammation and allaying pain. Whenever Holloway's Ointment has been once used it has established its own worth, and again been eagerly sought for as the easiest and safest remedy for all such complaints. In neuralgia, rheumatism and gout, the same application, properly used, gives wonderful relief.

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Local Police Courts.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, Oct. 23rd.—Before Rev J. P. De Pledge (chairman), Geo. G. Taylor-Smith, H. Smith, Esq., Col. E. Leadbitter Esq., and W. B. Van Haansbergen, Esq.

KEEPING A DOG WITHOUT A LICENSE.

Thomas [...]cholson, of Burnhope, was summoned for having in his possession, on the 8th inst., a retriever dog without holding an excise license.—P.C. Jameson proved the case.—Defendant stated that it was sent as a present from his mother-in-law, who lived at Amble. He had written twice to her for the license, which he believed she had in her possession, but his letters had not been answered.—The case was adjourned to ascertain if defendant's mother-in-law held a license for the dog or not. The police authorities will communicate with her.

IMPORTANT MASTER AND SERVANT'S CASE.

Joseph Wall, innkeeper, of Lanchester, was charged under the Employers and Workmen's Act with wrongfully dismissing Joseph Scott, a general servant, belonging to Sherburn, from his employ, on the 5th inst., damages being claimed in consequence thereof. Mr J. McCartan (Durham and Consett) prosecuted, and Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) defended.—At the outset, Mr Welford took objection, inasmuch as the wages were not actually due till the 23rd November.—The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr A. W. Granger): They are not claiming for wages. They only want damages.—Mr McCartan said that they could make an order for the wages due to the 3rd October, besides a certain amount of damages for wrongful dismissal.—Mr Welford: They must first prove the dismissal.—The evidence for the prosecution was to the effect that Joseph Wall engaged the plaintiff at Durham hirings, in May last, as a general servant, the terms of agreement being that he would work for the defendant until November 23rd, for a remuneration of £4 10s and his meat. On Sunday, the 5th October, Scott left his work to witness Mrs Ralph Walton's funeral, and stayed away half-an-hour. When he returned he found that Wall had engaged another boy to do his work, and had broken the padlock on the stable door on account of Scott having the key in his pocket. Wall told the boy to be off, and refused to let him in that night, the consequence being that prosecutor was compelled to lie behind a hay-stack all night, and got nothing to eat until an old lady in the village took pity upon him, and provided him with food. He ate nothing from Sunday dinner-time till Monday evening. The boy asked for his wages, but Wall refused to give him anything.—Mr McCartan said the question was whether or not the defendant was justified in summarily dismissing the boy and appropriating his wages.—Plaintiff, further examined, stated that he went to the churchyard to see the wreaths of flowers upon the grave. When he returned, defendant said there was sixpence gone in having to smash the lock. Wall threatened to break his b—— neck, and ordered him off his premises. Scott went into the coach-house to get his jacket, when his master again bade him be off. Subsequently he asked defendant what he had to do, and the latter replied, "Don't stand bothering there." On the following morning he again went to the house and asked Mrs Wall if he had to start again, and she said, "I don't know. The master is not at home." She also prevented him going upstairs to change his Sunday clothes for his working jacket. The same night he returned home to Sherburn.—Mr Welford contended that plaintiff had not proved his dismissal.—The Bench: If a servant is ordered out of the house, it is tantamount to a dismissal.—Cross-questioned by Mr Welford, plaintiff admitted that Mr Lumley came from Annfield Plain during his absence. His whip was lost, and Mr Wall threatened to communicate with the police if he did not restore it. He had the whip in a poke, to prevent his substitute from getting on with his work. When the police came, he apologised to Mr Wall, and expressed sorrow for what he had done. Wall never told him to go and take the cows out on the Sunday night. It was usual for horses and traps to be put up at Wall's house when there was anything astir in the village. A man called Appleby advised him to go back to his work on the Monday morning. He went, but did not see Wall.—Mr Wall said the boy left of his own accord. He was quite willing to take him back again, but he wanted £2 compensation. He had to employ a man to do plaintiff's work.—Mr McCartan stated that his client was perfectly agreeable to work till the term was up, and would allow 10s compensation.—Defendant, however, refused to accept this amount. He adduced evidence to the effect that he did not discharge the boy, but requested him to go and take the cows out. He did not see Scott on the Monday morning, as he had to go to Blackhill to see a horse which was bad. On the Monday evening, however, plaintiff came and demanded his money, and he refused to give him his wages because the boy had not worked out to the end of his term. Mr Lumley went away about 4·30. Defendant accordingly put his cartman Ward in charge of the yard. Mr Lumley's whip was stolen, and he had to send for the police before plaintiff would deliver it up. He did not ask Scott for the wash-house key on his return from the churchyard. His mistress did not prevent the lad going upstairs for his clothes. She had nothing to do with plaintiff. He had asked Scott to return to his work. Plaintiff's mother came back and demanded his money and clothes, and gave him a lot of abuse.—Jonathan Ward and Mr Appleby tendered similar evidence.—At the end of a full investigation, the magistrates held a private consultation with respect to the case, and came to the conclusion that Scott was dismissed without sufficient cause, and that it would be very unfair for him to lose the proportion of his wages which he had earned.—An order would be made for £3 11s 7d, as the boy's remuneration from May to October, and defendant would also have to pay costs, the total amount being £4 11s 9d.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

FIRST COURT.

MONDAY, Oct. 27th.—Before Coun. ANNANDALE (in the chair), F. PRIESTMAN, J. W. WALTON-WILSON, W. GREEN, and W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN, Esqs.

CHARGE OF NEGLECTING TO MAINTAIN HIS WIFE.

Thomas Brown, a labourer, of Trafalgar Street, Consett, was summoned by his wife, Jane Brown, of Sunderland, for refusing to maintain her. Mr Warlow, of the firm of Messrs Dix and Warlow, Newcastle, appeared for defendant, and asked for the case to be dismissed, owing to the non-appearance of complainant to prosecute. It meant a great expense to defendant if the case was adjourned, and if the complainant wished to go on with the case she would come to the court at any time, and take out another summons. It was a well-known fact, which could be proved by witnesses, that Mrs Brown was cohabiting with another person in Sunderland.—Case dismissed.

ASSAULTING A LANDLADY.

Jonathan Moffatt, miner, was proceeded against by Nicholas Carrick for refusing to quit the Traveller's Rest Inn, Leazes, Burnopfield, and with assaulting his wife, on Oct. 18th. Defendant pleaded guilty to refusing to quit, but repudiated the assault.—Prosecutor stated that defendant came into his house, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and attempted to annoy the company. He succeeded in getting defendant out, and he went down the village. Moffatt, however, came back again about 6 o'clock, and commenced a disturbance. Prosecutor asked him to go home, but he refused. Carrick took hold of defendant, and the latter attempted to strike him. The cause of the disturbance was that defendant wanted to fight a party in the house. Defendant struck at his wife; but did not knock her down.—Mrs Carrick disposed to touching defendant with her hand when he struck her in the face.—By the Chairman: Defendant was refused drink at their house.—Ann Tweedy, servant, also corroborated. She heard the landlord say to defendant that he could not get any more beer. Moffatt struck the landlady in the face.—Defendant stated that he was so drunk that he did not know what he was doing. He alleged that Carrick and his wife quarrelled that night. Mrs Carrick struck him in the face.—John Kennedy stated that he was in the house when the disturbance commenced. Witness heard the landlord tell defendant to go out, but he refused, and a disturbance commenced. The landlord attempted to put Moffatt out, and the landlady came in at the time, and struck defendant in the face. Defendant might have hit Mrs Carrick back in the scuffle.—The magistrates fined defendant 5s and costs for refusing to quit; and for the assault 10s and costs.

ASSAULTING A LITTLE BOY.

George McNeal, bill-poster, Annfield Plain, was summoned by John McGovern, a little boy, belonging to Tantobie, with assaulting him on the 15th inst.—Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Mrs Mary Ann Forster, alleged on behalf of the boy, that defendant struck complainant with a brush on the back, and rubbed the brush all over his face.—P.C. Richardson adduced evidence of Mrs Forster complaining to him. The boy's nose was bleeding, and his clothing was "dabbed" with paste.—Defendant stated that he did not strike the boy. There were two or three boys pulling bills off the posting station, and he merely put out his brush to prevent them.—The magistrates believed the offence was committed, and fined defendant 10s including costs.

EDUCATION ACT.

The following parents were proceeded against by Mr Alex. McKean, schoolwarden, at the instance of the Benfieldside School Board, for failing to send their children regularly to school:—*Thomas Sibbel*, Blackhill, 5s including costs; *William Bradley*, Shotley Bridge, 5s; and *Thomas Rowell*, Shotley Bridge, 5s.

George Thompson, painter, Shotley Bridge, was summoned for a like offence, Mr McKean stating that the defendant's boy was not at school on the date of the examination, although the boy was 13 years old on the day following. The School Board had remitted the fees of that particular family for some years.—A fine of 5s including costs was inflicted.

The undermentioned parents were summoned by Mr Ward, on behalf of the Lanchester School Attendance Committee, for neglecting to send their children regularly to school:—*Michael Ward*, Consett, 5s; *Chas. Panting*, Consett, an attendance order made for the National Schools; *Bartholomew Johnson*, Leadgate, 5s.

SAVAGE ATTACK ON A POLICEMAN AT BURNOPFIELD.

Robert Daley, a painter, hailing from Shotley Bridge, was brought up charged by P.C. Crabb with being drunk and disorderly, damaging the officer's uniform to the extent of 10s, and with committing an assault upon the police, on Thursday, at Burnopfield.—Prisoner pleaded not guilty.—Mr T. W. Welford (Consett), stated that he had received a letter late on Saturday night, signed by James Johnson, instructing him to appear on behalf of prisoner. There being no time to complete the defence, he asked their worships to adjourn the case, and allow prisoner bail. There were several witnesses, he explained, who could be brought forward to give evidence on behalf of prisoner, and who would be able to speak of the rough usage the prisoner received at the hands of the policeman.—P.C. Crabb stated that if an adjournment was made, one of his witnesses would not be able to attend.—The Chairman, after a short consultation with his colleagues, said they had decided to hear the evidence for the prosecution and then Mr Welford could make another application for an adjournment.—P.C. Crabb testified that about three o'clock on the day in question, he was sent for to go down to the village school as there was a man intoxicated, and causing a disturbance. On arriving at the school, he found that the prisoner had gone down the village. Proceeding along the road, he saw Daley interfering with a roadman, and he was cursing and swearing. The officer ordered prisoner away home but instead of doing as he was told, he set himself in a fighting attitude. He got hold of the prisoner, but on promising to go away, he (the officer) released him. Shortly afterwards he came back, and attempted to strike the officer. Crabb seized hold of him, and accused became very violent, kicking him on the legs. Whilst the policeman had hold of him by the neck, prisoner seized hold of him, and he had great difficulty in getting prisoner to release his hold. In consequence thereof he had suffered great pain. After struggling with prisoner for some time, Crabb called upon a man to assist him, and they eventually succeded in getting him into a shed. Whilst Daley was on the ground he kicked him on the brow, and tore his uniform. In the struggle prisoner also snapped a pair of handcuffs, and broke the officer's whistle. He then procured a conveyance, and had prisoner taken to the Consett Police Station, and on the road prisoner was very violent.—Samuel Co[...]an, miner, Hobson, stated that when he went down the village, he saw the officer and prisoner talking together. The officer caught hold of him, but on prisoner promising to go away, Crabb let him off. Prisoner, however, came back and attempted to strike the officer, and became very violent. The officer, with some assistance, took him into a shed, and procured a trap, and conveyed him to the lock-up at Consett. Witness drove the trap, and did not see the officer use his truncheon or a stick at all. On the road to Consett, prisoner got hold of the horse's reins and nearly overturned the conveyance. Daley illused the officer very badly.—Cross-examined by prisoner: Witness could say that the officer did not use his truncheon. He could not tell what caused the mark on his head.—Mrs Fraser also gave corroborative evidence, and stated that when prisoner came back the second time, he endeavoured to strike the officer. As soon as Crabb said "he would take him," prisoner flung himself down, and they both struggled together, until the policeman succeeded in getting the prisoner into Mr Davison's shed. Prisoner was then taken to Consett in a conveyance.—By the Chairman: The truncheon was never used to her knowledge.—Inspector Benzies said that prisoner was very excited when he was brought to the Police Station, and complained that the officer had used him very roughly. Prisoner stated, to use his own words "that Crabb was far too fast." Later on in the evening he said, "If I am sent to Durham I will make it warm for him, when I come out." Witness did not see any blood upon the prisoner.—Mr Welford again made his application for an adjournment, which the magistrates agreed to grant, if two sureties of £10 each could be forthcoming on behalf of prisoner.—Mr Welford informed Daley that he could have choice, either to remain in gaol for 14 days, or get two sureties to stand bail for him.—On prisoner hearing this decision, he agreed to be tried that day.—Supt. Oliver said that this was the third coat belonging to the constabulary that had been damaged, and the amount he claimed was 10s.—Prisoner had nothing to say in answer to the charges except that if the officer had behaved himself he would not have been in court that day.—The magistrates fined Daley 5s and costs, for being drunk and disorderly; 10s damage; and 40s and costs for the assault upon the officer, which was of a savage nature. The total sum amounted to £4 9s. In default, prisoner was sentenced to a month's imprisonment.

ASSAULT AT BLACKHILL.

William Toole, Patrick Kelly, and *Bridget Kelly*, brother and sister, were summoned for committing an assault upon John Matthews, in Derwent Street, Blackhill, on the the 10th inst.—Defendants pleaded not guilty.—Prosecutor alleged that on the evening named he was coming out of Mr McVeigh's public house about 10 o'clock when the man Kelly struck him and knocked him down, Toole and Bridget Kelly kicked and struck at him when he was on the ground, and Bridget Kelly hit him on the face with a "pop" bottle and drew the blood, and he had to get the wound washed.—William Kennedy spoke to seeing defendants strike prosecutor. Witness was busy talking over a private affair to Toole and Kelly, when Matthews came upon the scene. The two male defendants were drunk and the prosecutor had partaken of drink as well. Witness could not say what kind of a bottle Bridget Kelly had in her hand, but she struck prosecutor with it.—Anderson Rutter, innkeeper, disposed to hearing a disturbance.—P.C. Tomlinson said he was in Derwent Street, when he was told the defendants were using prosecutor very badly. On arriving on the scene he saw Matthews, who complained of having been struck in the face with a bottle.—Kelly asserted that prosecutor came up to them and interfered whilst they were in conversation. Prosecutor said he would hit him, and placed himself in fighting attitude. They both fell, and prosecutor fell against the kerbstone. — Toole alleged that he only picked Matthews up while the female defendant declared that she did not strike complainant with a bottle.—The magistrates fined defendants each 5s and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

John Milburn was summoned by P.C. Lawson with a breach of the peace at Ebchester, on September 29th. The officer deposed that defendant had his coat off and was in the act of fighting when he came upon the spot. Witness would be about five yards away.—Defendant attested that he either had to fight or be badly used.—Bound over to keep the peace for three months, and pay the costs.

Frank Johnson and *William Eagan* were summoned by P.C. Thompson for a breach of the peace by fighting at Shotley Bridge, on the 15th inst.—The defendants were bound over to keep the peace for three months in the sum of £5, and pay the costs.

EXPLOSIVES ACT.

Hannah Armstrong, newsagent, Blackhill, who was represented by Mr Edward Lamb, newsagent, Consett, was proceeded against by P.C. Wright, under the Explosives Act, for selling "crackers" to a boy, on the 18th inst.—Mr Lamb explained that he had taken the shop, and Mrs Armstrong was managing for him. The box of fireworks was sent to the shop on Friday, and were sold to the lads on the following day. Mrs Armstrong intended to take out the license.—Case dismissed on payment of costs.

ASSAULT AT CONSETT.

Mary Jane Burk was summoned by Harriet Hardy, a hawker, for committing an assault upon her at Consett, on the 20th inst.—Defendant was owing complainant some money, and when the latter called at Matthews' lodging house, and inquired why she had been calling her (complainant) nasty names, Mrs Hardy alleged that defendant "clawed" her face with her finger nails.—Defendant flatly denied the accusation, and called witnesses who swore that the women were struggling together on the floor of the lodging house, and complainant struck Burk.—The Bench dismissed the summons, complainant to pay the costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Bridget Connolly, Bridget Connolly daughter, and *Patrick Connolly*, were summoned for committing wilful damage to underwood at Allansford, whilst gathering brambles, the property of Reynold Towns, on the 14th inst.—Case dismissed.

SECOND COURT.

Before J. W. WALTON WILSON (presiding) and W. GREEN, Esqs.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following persons were proceeded against for being drunk and disorderly:—*James Scott*, Blackhill, 18th inst., 5s and costs; *Francis McGlynn*, at Consett, 18th inst., 5s; *Patrick Smith*, Consett, 18th inst., 5s; *John McDonald*, Consett, 22nd inst., 5s; *John Ward*, Consett, 11th inst., 5s; *Edward McGlade*, Consett, 11th inst., 5s; *Daniel Dorrocks*, Consett, 19th inst., 5s; *Thomas Simpson*, Leadgate, 11th inst., 5s; *Thomas McMony*, Leadgate, 11th inst., 5s; *James McMony*, Leadgate, 11th inst., 5s; *Hugh McGee*, Leadgate, 12th inst., 7s 6d; *John McGraughan*, Leadgate, 12th inst., 5s; *Robert Kennedy*, Leadgate, 12th inst., 5s; *John Patterson*, Leadgate, 14th inst., 5s; *George Bolam*, Leadgate, 10th inst., 5s; *William Dunn*, Leadgate, 11th inst., 6s; *Joseph Jackson*, Leadgate, 11th inst., 5s; *Charles Elliott*, Dipton, 18th inst., 5s; *Charles Waggot*, Dipton, 18th inst., 5s; *James Thirlwell*, Dipton, 18th inst., 5s; *Laurence McKenna*, Dipton, 18th inst., 5s; *John Magee*, Blackhill, 18th ult., 5s; *Francis Graham*, Consett, on Saturday, 5s; *Ed and Curry*, Consett, on Saturday, 5s; *William Morris*, Consett, on Saturday, dismissed; *Henry Devlin*, at Consett, on Saturday evening, 5s and costs.

NOT GUILTY.

Ellen Welsh, a married woman, of Leadgate, was charged by Sergt. Nicholson with being drunk and creating a disturbance in the village on the 11th inst.—The officer stated that on the last occasion when she was summoned for a similar offence, she promised to reform, and the charge against defendant was dismissed. After Welsh had preferred a series of charges against the sergeant, the justices fined her 2s 6d and costs.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A POLICEMAN.

Police-constable Sanderson, stationed at Dipton, and *John Neasham*, an under-keeper, were proceeded against by Joseph Henry Brown, bailiff and farm steward for the South Medomsley Coal Company, for trespassing upon land belonging to the said company in search of game, on Saturday, October 11th.—Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) prosecuted; while Mr J. R. Wilson (Newcastle), defended. Defendants pleaded not guilty.

Prosecutor deposed that he was a bailiff and farm steward. About seven o'clock in the morning he went out of his house to go his customary rounds. On his way he heard a shot fired. Witness made in the direction from whence the sound came, and presently he heard other two shots, and saw a dog ranging the wood. Going up the gill he came across defendants, and Sanderson said, "It is a fair cop." Witness said, "You are going to get wrong," and Sanderson again remarked, "Well, Mr Brown, I have leave on the other side." The other defendant said, "If we are going to get wrong, I will give over." Defendants then accompanied him across the wood top on to the footpath, and they each carried a gun. The dog was fully 200 yards in front of defendants hunting the wood. Cross-examined by Mr Wilson: Witness saw the dog where their shooting extended to. The burn was in their boundary. They had the shooting on both sides of the burn where he saw the dog. There was the Consett Iron Company's shooting, and the South Medomsley shooting. The burn was the boundary between the two shootings. Defendants were standing six yards away from the beck. The firm he represented had the shooting on Fenwick's side. Witness saw the defendants on the South Medomsley grounds. If defendants had been five or six yards away from where they were standing, they would have been on the ground that they had a right to. The Consett Iron Company's shooting was indicated by a stone. Witness was not aware that he had leave from Mr Burns to shoot on that side. He did not know that Sanderson had leave to shoot. Witness's master was Mr T. G. Harrison. He never told Sanderson that if he saw a rabbit he could have a shot at it. Witness told the defendants to get away, and he never metioned anything about licenses. He told Sanderson "If he had been a man he would have come and told him, and not taken another man with him." Witness knew a man named Watson. Defendant Neasham had not shot a great deal for him. Witness had only been in his present employment something like 12 months, and had not a gun belonging to Neasham, because he got it that morning.

An ordinance map was produced by Mr Wilson, and prosecutor pointed out the spot where he found defendants, and Mr Wilson remarked that the burn was not the boundary between the two shooting rights.

By Mr Welford: Witness said he was perfectly sure the defendants were on the South Medomsley grounds, and the dog was ranging the wood.

Mr Wilson said that defendants were not on the South Medomsley grounds. He had a witness who would prove to their worships that his clients were not on the land pointed out by prosecutor. They were within their rights. One of defendants was a police-constable, and the other was an under-keeper, and in all probability they would know whether they were doing wrong. Before prosecutor came up, they saw his dog, and they waited for him in order to get a short cut through the fields home. He was informed by Sanderson that he had leave to shoot on this ground from Mr Burns and another gentleman.

Mr Watson, woodman, said he had known the place for a considererable number of years, and knew the boundaries of the shooting of this particular land. The Consett Iron Co's shooting extended over the burn in several places to such a thing as 200 yards. There were stones placed down the side of the burn, and they would be about 30 yards off the burn side.—By Mr Wilson: Witness was there when the stones were marked "C.I.C.," to show the boundary. He could not say whether Mr Harrison had the shooting on the other side.—The magistrates after a short consultation dismissed the case.

The court was crowded during the hearing of this case, as both defendants are well known in the neighbourhood.

A SEVERE SNOWFALL.

On Sunday morning, about seven o'clock, a somewhat heavy shower of snow fell in Consett and district and West Durham generally, and continued without intermission, until about noon, the ground being covered to a depth of three inches. After dinner-time the weather brightened up, and the sun shone, making the roads extremely dirty and sloppy. The weather was bitterly cold at intervals, and at night there were particles of snow lying about, and rain began to descend. Afterwards a severe frost set in, and on the following morning the roads were extremely slippery. Snow fell pretty thickly in the Blanchland district on Sunday morning for some hours, covering the ground to a moderate depth, the whole country bearing a wintry aspect. In the afternoon, however, it mostly melted away, and a severe frost succeeded the thaw. This is the first fall of snow this winter, and is nearly a month earlier than that of last year. Most of the potatoes have been gathered in, the disease having been very extensive among them. The autumn has been exceedingly fine for grazing, and milch cows, which were mostly lying out, are now taken in.

A snow-storm of unusual severity occurred in Weardale, on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. The hills all around were covered, and a cold, biting, frost-wind prevailed.

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Consett is, and will continue to be, the Metropolis of the black country of Durham County. Leadgate, Blackhill, Shotley Bridge, and the various villages which are scattered about the district, may each aspire to a special importance of its own, but Consett will go on alluring outsiders to come and spend their money in the place. It is always the case that the bigger town draws buyers from the adjacent lesser one. A Gateshead tradesmen, sells his goods quite as cheaply as his competitors on the other side of the Tyne, but over the High Level Gatesheaders will go when bent upon a big spend.

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Mr Jenkins may ultimately have a good deal to say about this market movement. The Consett Iron Company are largely interested in dwelling-house property at Blackhill, and their general manager may not feel disposed to stand by and see their interests somewhat imperilled."

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THE CHILDREN OF ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL, Consett, will give an

ENTERTAINMEMT

In the above-named Hall,

ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, and ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12th, 1890.

A PRETTY CANTATA, entitled "THE QUEEN OF THE SEASONS,"

ALSO,

MARCH AND DRILL OF THE MIGHTY CONSETT CONSTABLES.

A Band of Juvenile Gipsies will also perform.

Doors open at 7; to commence at 7·30 p.m. Admission, 1s. 6d., 1s., and 6d. 297d

SHOTLEY BRIDGE HIRINGS will be held on Wednesday, November 7th, 1890. 252d

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WM. JOHNSON supplies CAB, BRAKE, or WAGGONETTE, for HIRE to suit Parties on Reasonable Terms. 822c

ST. CUTHBERT'S, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER THIRD.

TO YOUNG MEN.—You are invited to a MEETING in St. Cuthbert's Parochial Room, Church Bank, to hear an ADDRESS by Mr. CARTER, of London, on the Young Men's Friendly Society, which, by its numerous branches, is able to help young men not only morally, but sometimes temporally as well. 8 p.m., Monday, November 3rd. No collection. 303d

NEW SERIAL STORY

By a Popular Author, entitled,

SLAVES OF FATE,

A ROMANCE OF EVERY-DAY LIFE,

BY J. MONK FOSTER,

Author of

"A Pit Brow Lassie," "Queen of the Factory; or, For Love of a Lancashire Lass," "Passion's Aftermath," "A Poor Man's Tragedy," &c., &c.

Commencing original publication in the "CONSETT" GUARDIAN OF FRIDAY NEXT, NOVEMBER 7th.

"SLAVES OF FATE"

Is a Thrilling and Realistic Story of Mining and Manufacturing Life, with startling scenes at home and abroad, from the pen of an author whose previous works have met with surprising and gratifying success. By those familiar with the daily scenes of the artizan's life, Mr Monk Foster's Stories are recognised as coming from one who knows perfectly what he is describing; and who can, by allusion and reference, establish his claim to knowledge of his subjects and characters gained at first hand. They are intense in their passion, dramatic in style, full of movement, with abundance of sensation, and the characters are sketched from life.

OUTLINE OF THE STORY.

To give an idea of the plot of "Slaves of Fate" within a few lines is almost an impossibility. The Story is symmetrically constructed and cannot fail to fascinate.

The whole tenor of the novel goes to show how deep and abiding an influence Circumstance, Chance, Fate, Destiny—call it what we will—has upon the lives and actions of men. In a romance of every-day life, the Author shows how Fate makes deadliest foes of those who should be dearest friends.

Although the plot is intricate, interest centres upon three or four characters. The tale opens in a small town, and gives some realistic touches of mining life.

There are many dramatic episodes. A Coal Pit takes fire, a fight with a shark in Cardigan Bay, and a midnight raid on diamond diggers in Brazil. The dialogue is brisk and pointed.

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NEXT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7th.

Sales by Auction.

By Messrs. A. & R. J. Brodie.

Monday, Nov. 10th, 1890. — Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett.—Important Sale of Superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture, including Handsome Chest of Mahogany Drawers, Couch, in Hair-seating, Mahogany Telescope Dining Table, Gentleman's Best Easy Chair, Mahogany Chairs, in Hair Superior Trichord Pianoforte, in perfect order. Harmonium, with 9 Stops, 2 Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Mattresses, Gipsy Table, Glass and China Ware, 2 Toilet Setts, 2 Filters, Fenders and Fire Irons, Watches and Jewellery, unredeemed, and other Sundry Effects.

MESSRS. A. and R. J. BRODIE are instructed by Mr WM. THOMPSON and others leaving the district, to remove and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett, on Monday, November 10th, 1890, the HOUSE FURNISHING and EFFECTS. 328d

FOR Immediate SALE, Cheap, Iron Frame, Full Trichord PIANOFORTE, with Brass Pin Plate, Check Action, in perfect order, £19 19s; a Grand Overstrung PIANOFORTE, Repeater Action, cost 50 Guineas, a Bargain; and Good Second-hand HARMONIUM, with 11 Stops, by Sames, recently cost £14, for £7 7s.—Apply, A. BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett. 329d

FOR SALE. — Pianofortes and Harmoniums supplied to order. Very Fine Iron Framed Overstrung Trichord Pianoforte, nearly new, cost 50 Guineas, to be Sold, a Bargain.—Apply, BRODIE, Town Hall. 73d

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By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, NOV. 3RD, 1890 — 60 to 70 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 9 Fat Cattle; 185 Fat Sheep and Lambs; 12 Finger Calves; 6 Pigs.

Entries to day of Sale.

Sale at 10·30 a.m.

J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

By Mr. William Nicholson

LANCHESTER AUCTION MART.

Wednesday, November 5th, 1890.

Present Entries:—

A number of Fat and Keeping Sheep and Lambs, including several lots of Top Mule Lambs and Black-Faced Ewes.

New Calving and Incalving Cows.

Store Cattle, from 1 to 2½ years old.

Calves, Pigs, and Poultry.

Grey Horse Pony.

Entries to-day of sale.

Sale at One o'clock.

WILLIAM NICHOLSON, Auctioneer.

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All Emigrants and Luggage taken to the Railway Station Free of Charge; and for the most useful and reliable information and assistance, apply at once to A. PHILLIPSON, Auctioneer and Emigration Agent, Dipton. 486z

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THE POPULAR SPECIALITY COSTUME CONCERT.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr Joseph Oley.

The Vicarage, Muggleswick.

MR. J. OLEY, honoured with instructions from the Rev. J. J. Cundill, who is leaving the neighbourhood, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the above residence, on Saturday, the 1st day of November, 1890, the Surplus of his Valuable Household APPOINTMENTS, BOOKS, &c.

For full particulars see Posters.

Tea will be provided on the premises at 6d each.

Pontop Hall, near Dipton.—Important Sale of Mahogany, Walnut, and other Household Furniture.

MR. JOS. OLEY, honoured with the confidence of Mrs Tizack, who is leaving the neighbourhood, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday, Nov. 10th, 1890, part of her very Valuable and Superior Household FURNITURE, including Pianoforte, Double Barrelled Gun, Walnut Drawing Room Suite, Tapestry covered, and Hair stuffed, Telescope, Dining Table, 8ft. by 4ft., Solid Oak, Splendid Lot, Brass-mounted Tester Bedstead and Hangings, &c. For further particulars see Posters.

Sale to commence at 11.30 a.m. prompt.

N.B.—The Auctioneer desires to call special attention to these goods as being of very superior quality, and in excellent condition, they having been but a very short time in use. He invites special inspection of the Piano. The goods may be viewed on the day of sale, from 9 to 11 a.m. 260d

To Members of Building Societies and Small Capitalists.—Freehold Cottage Property for Sale in Wood Street, Shotley Bridge.

MR. J. OLEY, commissioned by the Proprietor, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Mr J. Moffitt's, Cross Swords Commercial Hotel, Shotley Bridge, on Tuesday, the 11th day of Nov., 1890, at 7 o'clock p.m., subject to such conditions as will be read at the time of sale, all those Substantial and Well-Built FREEHOLD COTTAGES, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, with STABLE, YARD, and all necessary Conveniences in one lot.

The respective Tenants, on application, will show the Premises. Further information may be had on application to Messrs. Davis and Salkwell, Solicitors, St. John Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and the Auctioneer, 68, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge. 276d

Consett Grove Farm.—Valuable Milk Cows, Calves, and Hay, for Sale.

MR. J. OLEY, honoured with instructions from Mr. George Wade, will SELL BY AUCTION, at the above Farm, on Wednesday, November 12th, 1890, his Valuable MILK COWS, CALVES, POULTRY, and HAY, comprising—

9 COWS, in Calf. State of Cows at Sale.
4 STEER and HEIFER CALVES, ages from 6 weeks to 7 months.
40 to 50 Prime HENS and COCKS.
Also, 2 STACKS of Prime WELL-WON OLD-LAND HAY.

Sale will commence at Half-past One p.m.

N.B.—Consett Grove Farm is about 15 Minutes' walk from Blackhill Station of the N.E. Railway.

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

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 1890.

Present Entries:—
9 Fat Cattle.
70 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
12 to 20 Calving Cows and Heifers.
Calves, Pigs, Poultry, Harness, Strong Spring Cart, Potato Weighing Machine and Weights, &c.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

331d JOHN S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,
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Appointed by His Honour Judge Meynell to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.
ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

Commercial Hotel, Blanchland, Saturday, November 8th, 1890.

MR G. R. HOBSON honoured with instructions from the representatives of the late Mr J. T. Coxon, deceased, will offer for SALE BY PUBLIC COMPETITION the whole of the Excellent Mahogany and other household FURNITURE, STOCK, &c. Comprising:—

FURNITURE.

Sitting-Room.—Half-a-dozen Mahogany balloon-backed Chairs, in hair-seating; 2 Mahogany Gents' Arm Chairs, in hair; Mahogany Sofa and 2 Pillows, in hair; Mahogany Square Turnover Table; Small Gipsy Table; Mantel Mirror, gilt; Tapestry Carpet; and Fender.

Back Parlour.—3 Smoking Chairs; very strong Couch, in leather; 2 half-smoking Chairs; Bookcase and stand; Mantel Mirror; Oilcloth; Hearthrug; and Fender.

Front Parlour.—2 Large Longsettles, in leather; 2 Smoking Chairs; Excellent Oblong Table; Ashpan; Fender; and a quantity of Matting.

Tap-Room.—Large Square Table; Small Oblong Table; Small Round Table; Longsettle; 3 half-smoking Chairs; New Eight-days' Clock; Fender and Fireirons; Spittoons; Matting and Mats.

Bar.—4 Spirit Barrels with brass taps; 4 Brass beer taps; together with a large assortment of Glasses; Jugs; Pots; and Measurers.

Kitchen.—Splendid Painted Press; Polished Arm Chair; 5 Kitchen Chairs; Large Meat Safe; Roller Mangle no worse than new; Large Kitchen Table; Small Square Table; Small Round Table; Stools; Fender and Fireirons; Tidy and Loose-bar; Set of Dinner Ware, perfect; Large China Tea Set; also a very large quantity of Ware; Pots; Pans; and other sundries.

Long-Room.—Billiard Cannon Board, with Balls and Cues complete; and 2 Forms.

Bedroom No. 1—Splendid Iron French Bedstead and Mattresses, good as new; splendid High Chest of Mahogany Drawers; Painted Washstand and Dressing Table; Towel Rail; Cornice Pole; Carpet, Hearthrug, and Fender.

Bedroom No. 2—Iron Half-Tester Bedstead and Mattresses; Feather Bed, Bolster, and Pillows; set of Bed Hangings; Painted Washstand and Dressing Table; Towel Rail; Swing Looking Glass; set of Chamber Ware; Carpet and Fender.

Bedroom No. 3—French Iron Bedstead and Mattresses; Feather Bed, Bolster, and Pillows; Washstand and Dressing Table; Towel Rail; splendid Chest of Drawers; Swing Looking Glass; 6 Cane-seated Chairs; set of Chamber Ware; Carpet and Fender.

Bedroom No. 4—Iron French Bedstead and Mattresses; Flock Bed, Bolster, and Pillows; Four-poled Bedstead and Mattresses; small Square Table; Cupboard; Carpet and Fender.

Staircase—Quantity of Oilcloth; Stair Carpets and Rods.

Sundries—Double Barrelled Breech-loading Gun, 12 bore, central fire, top action, left barrel full choke; large quantity of Pictures, Ornaments, Lamps, &c.

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Bay Horse, aged; capital worker, and quiet in all yokes.
Excellent Dairy Cow, in Calf; first-class condition.
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Churn and Dairy Utensils.
Whitechapel; Spring Cart.
Set of Gig Harness, almost new.
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Set of Coup Cart Harness; together with the whole of the Stable Utensils, &c.

Sale to commence at 10.30 for 11 a.m. prompt.
Sale Office, Catchgate, Lintz Green.

P.S.—Please note change of date from Monday, November 10th to Saturday, November 8th, 1890.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, AUCTIONEER, 25, Victoria Street, Consett, is prepared to execute all orders for the SALE of FARM STOCK PROPERTY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c., in the best style, and on reasonable terms; immediate settlement. Mr. John Crawford is appointed by his Honour Judge Meynell to act as Bailiff to levy Distress for Rent in England and Wales, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Mr. Crawford's Sale-Rooms are open daily to receive Furniture for Fortnightly Sales. People that are leaving the District can have their Furniture turned into Cash at once by applying to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 905a

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BY FLOOD-PORTER FAMILY.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John Crawford.

Under distress for Rent.

Mr. John Crawford's Sale-Rooms, 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION on Monday, Nov. 10th, 1890, at the above Rooms, a lot of CLOCKS, WATCH CHAINS, ALBERTS, &c., together with a lot of Valuable Mahogany FURNITURE.

For particulars see Posters.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

Anyone wishing to dispose of their Furniture can have it put into the Fortnightly Sales on reasonable terms. 327d

Priestfield Lodge, near Lintz Green.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD, favoured with instructions from G. S. F. Edwards, Esq., will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Priestfield Lodge, near Lintz Green Station, on Wednesday, November 5th, 1890, a large quantity of VALUABLE FURNITURE, Dairy Utensils, Garden Tools, &c., as follows—Splendid Linen Press, Store Cupboard above, with Sliding Doors, Massive Kitchen Dresser, Small Dresser, Tables, Washing Machine, Clothes Horse, Poss Tub, &c. Dairy Utensils—New Churn, Cloths, Bowls, Separaters, &c. Garden Seats, one fitted with an Awning, 2 Handsome Glass Table Lamps, Swing Lamp, Set of Croquet in Box-wood Case, which also forms a Seat, Garden Tools, including Roller, Extra Large Grass Cutting Machine, suitable for Tennis Lawns, Smaller Grass Cutting Machine, Hose Pipe and Reel, Garden Frames, and other Garden Utensils. Kitchen Utensils, Chairs, Cupboards, Presses, Fenders, Fire Irons, Carpet and Carpeting, Lace Curtains, Cretonne Curtains, Brass Rods and Curtain Poles, very substantial, Books, Magazines, Framed Pictures, Glass and China, Metal Enamelled Sink with Plug, Tap, Lead Piping, Meat Safe, Door Mats, &c. Also a quantity of Feather and Grooved Boards, Oilcloth, Child's Swing, with other Goods too numerous to mention.

Sale to commence at One o'clock p.m.

☞ Priestfield Lodge is Five Minutes walk from Lintz Green Station.

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FROM ALBERT HALL AND OTHER PROVINCIAL CONCERTS.

TO ADVERTISERS AND CORRESPONDENTS

ALL communications should reach us not later than Thursday.

Owing to unusual pressure on our news columns we have been compelled to hold over letters from "Historicus" and Dr Baine, and also to condense other communications.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 1890.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

ALD. WM. JENKINS, J.P.

A good deal has been said in praise of Mr Jenkins from the beginning until now; but too much has not been said. The name of Jenkins is known and respected all over the commercial world, but when, like the rest of us, he will have laid down the burden of life to lift it no more for ever, he will be longest remembered in the hearts and homes of the common people in North-West Durham. Mr Jenkins is not one of those thrice happy men destined to waken some fine morning at the crowing of the cock to find themselves famous. The good name and fame of the chief of the staff at Consett Ironworks has grown year by year since his connection with the establishment in 1869. There has not been wanting unmistakable proofs of the esteem in which Mr Jenkins is held by the inhabitants of Consett and Blackhill districts. It is more than a decade of years since the trade and friendly societies represented in the district expressed their appreciation of his worth by the presentation of an illuminated address; but deeper and more abiding is the respect which seeks no utterance. In Mr Jenkins's character the happy mean, which is so frequently sought for and as seldom found, is judiciously blended. The genius to construct and regulate, and the broad spirit which looks beyond the mere matter-of-fact question of pounds, shillings, and pence—indispensable as such considerations undoubtedly are—is united to the loftier, although much neglected phase of the most commercial concerns—the welfare of the producer. It is to Mr Jenkins's lasting honour that having satisfied himself that the works at Consett could be made a commercial success, he at once set about improving the dwellings of the people. This he did on a wholesale scale—first by improving the old and afterwards by building streets of workmen's houses of a class never before erected at Consett. It is the admixture of the dual talents named above which find an outlet in looking forward, which in the commercial world means success, and the broad soulism which, struggling for utterance, seeks to smooth the path and cheerfulise the existence of the hard toiler. Both talents and traits of character are harmoniously united in Ald. Jenkins, and both have brought a measure of appreciation and reward of which any English gentleman may well be proud. To enumerate one by one the steps by which Mr Jenkins has won for himself a place in the affections of the people would fill a volume. His hand has never been off the plough of social progress and reform, and not seldom has his private means been used to set in motion some scheme calculated to benefit one section or another of the community in which his lot has been fortunately cast. Often has Mr Jenkins set the ball in motion at a time when it was on the eve of being embedded among moss and lichen. It was so in the case of the New Town Hall at Consett. The project hung fire, and but for Mr Jenkins might have been relegated to the shades. I remember him rising in a public meeting at Consett and pointing out that if anything was to be done in the matter it was desirable it should be done at once, as, "our lives," as he graphically phrased it, "are wearing away." Nor were his rousing utterances the only incentive to action. To give the project a practical form, he offered there and then to invest in a few hundred shares and from that hour the Consett New Town Hall scheme grew until the fulness of the time when it became a veritable reality. Such is one of the many local changes for the general advancement of the people in which Mr Jenkins has taken a distinguished part. I don't know that he is an advocate of women's suffrage; but years before the reading public were regaled with the *pros* and *cons* of such subjects, I have heard Mr Jenkins publicly exhort women, wives and mothers, to cultivate the reading and love of poetry. The wisdom of such council speaks well for the taste and discrimination of the chief at Consett. Mr Jenkins was born and bred among the mountains, and men cradled in the wilds, whether it be the glens of Scotland, the mountains of Wales, or the still more rugged hills of Switzerland, love poetry, as naturally as they love to listen to the whistling of the winds among the peaks and cliffs; and the lullaby of their native streams. The study and love of poetry if becoming general with the masses would, I need hardly say, be a pleasing contrast to the class of literature so extensively ready to day. In poetry we have all that is noblest and best in our language and literature, and such an idea as found expression in the utterances of Mr Jenkins does credit both to his head and heart. The most notable public expression of regard paid to the chief at Consett is undoubtedly the banquet and presentation. The time was opportune, and the proceedings were marked by an enthusiasm befitting the occasion. Mr Jenkins cannot be otherwise than gratified by what was done and said. It has been said that base envy withers at another's joy, and hates the excellence it cannot reach; but nobody, from the least even to the greatest of his contemporaries, seems to owe the Consett chief the shadow of a grudge. He has risen by sheer dint of native worth, and having for years proved himself worthy of the trust reposed in him, men unite to do him honour, and seldom indeed has honour been more deserved. Mr Jenkins is really a grand old man; yet is he not a very old man after all. In more than one profession one hears of rising young men of fifty; but although the head of the Consett staff is getting up in years, he has lost but little, if any, of the vigour characteristic of the race of which he is a right worthy representative. Mr Jenkins is yet strong in body and active in mind, and bar accident, he will stand at the helm at Consett until other 21 years shall have come and gone. I am sure that my readers will join me in wishing that he may be long blessed with faculties unimpaired with work or age, and that the day may be far distant when he will at last lay aside the robe of office which he has graced so long and well.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL HARVEST FESTIVAL AND CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY.—On Saturday and Sunday, the above festival was celebrated at Ebchester. On Saturday, a public entertainment was held, when the following ladies and gentleman entertained a good audience by their performances:—Miss McDonald, Miss Davison, Mr Frankland, Blackhill, Mr R. Smith, Winlaton. The choir rendered two anthems in good style, assisted by the foregoing and Mr Ward Davison, Blackhill. Mr R. Bell, Middlesbrough, presided. A ham supper was held, when a good number of people partook of the good things provided. The following ladies gracefully presided:—Miss Stoddart, Miss Bell, Misses E. and S. A. Waggott, Miss Milburn, and Miss Johnson, Mrs Johnson, Irving, and Moody looking after tea and bread. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. On Sunday, two sermons were preached by Mr Bell to good congregations. On Monday night, a social supper was held, after which various goods were sold that had been given to decorate the chapel. The chapel was tastefully decorated with shrubs, corn, ferns, and greenhouse plants. No pains were spared to make the sanctuary look as beautiful as possible. Everyone seemed to be greatly pleased with the beautiful flowers and other things that were placed about the chapel.

Mr Carr writes to say he was fined because his dog run about 120 yards after a hare while he was attending his stock, and not as reported, for keeping a dog without a license as he held an exemption paper from 31st of Janurary.

THE CELEBRATED LONDON LADY QUARTETTE.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

At the Consett Police Court, on Monday, Matt. Wheatley and Alexander Cunney, young men, were charged by Inspector Benzies with being drunk and disorderly at Leadgate, on Saturday night.—They pleaded guilty, and were each fined 5s and costs.

We learn from a reliable source that the Durham County Council propose to grant an increase of pay, nearly equivalent to 6d per day, to the sergeants and constables in the county police force.

Mr Josiah Milner, brother, of T. Milner, chemist, has passed the preliminary examination of the Pharmaceutical Society, held on the 14th inst.

CO-OPERATIVE FARMING IN THE DISTRICT.—The acquisition of the Number One estate, a year and-a-half ago, by the Consett Industrial and Provident Society, and since utilised as a dairy farm, having proved such a remunerative speculation, a special meeting of the members of that society was held in the Co-operative Hall, on Saturday night, with a view of considering the further development of the system of co-operative farming. There was a large attendance, presided over by Mr T. Carr. After discussion, it was resolved to empower the committee to try and purchase the Bunker Hill Farm, situate between Consett and Leadgate, and contiguous to the Number One Farm. Bunker Hill consists of about 220 acres of grass and arable land.—At the auction sale at Durham yesterday (Thursday), Consett Co-operative Store purchased Bunker Hill Farm for £3,600.

THE INDIAN MEDICINE MAN.—"Sequah" ended a three weeks stay at Consett, on Monday night. On Saturday and Monday evenings, the crowd unyoked the horses from the splendid carriage, and drew it along the main streets. There was a procession of torch-lights, and the Blackhill "League of the Cross" band, as well as "Sequah's" band, performed "Auld Lang Syne," and "See The Conquering Hero Comes." At present, "Sequah" is visiting West Stanley.

THEATRE ROYAL.—*The Coroner*, by Mr Cyril Harrison and Mr Percy Vernin's Company, has been produced at this place during the week, and has been fairly well patronised. Mr Harrison is quite at home as "Dick Goodman," whilst Mr John E. Daniels is a really capable "Mike Redford." Mr Horace Stanley is most amusing as "Charlie Redford," and as "General Grey," Mr Frank Price was all that could be desired. Miss Nellie Daly was an interesting "Molly," whilst as "Nora Corbin" and "Maude Grey," respectively, Miss Ella Stuart and Miss May Bowerman are worthy of mention. The rest of the characters were ably sustained by the remainder of the company. The piece has been most excellently staged. *Called Back* is billed for to-night (Friday), and for to-morrow *The Coroner* will be reproduced. Next week Mr Martin Adison and Miss May Hetherington's Company will appear in *Sentenced to Death*, a drama by Messrs Pettit and Conquest, and a burlesque entitled "Nap, or a midsummer night dream." Mr Adison on his last visit here in *Round the Clock* made himself a great favourite, and his return will be heartily welcomed by his many friends.

REV. A. R. STEGGALL.—We take the following from the *Record* of October 17th, 1890:—The half-yearly meeting of the St. Thomas's Islington Church Missionary Association, was held on Friday. In the absence of the vicar, the chair was taken by Mr Scobie, and an interesting lecture on "West Africa," illustrated by magic-lantern views, was delivered by the Rev W. Allan. On Sunday afternoon last, an address on "East Africa" was given by Mr C. E. Cæsar to the Sunday-schools, and special collections were taken to purchase cartoons (granted by the Religious Tract Society at reduced price) for Rev A. R. Steggall, late curate of the parish, and now Missionary at Moshi, Chagga. An interesting letter from Mr Steggall was read noting Dr Baxter's arrival, and King Mandara's permission to all his people to attend the services and school.

BLACKHILL.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.—The 55th appropriation of this society (370 and not 741st as stated last week), was held on Monday se'nnight, when Mr William Elliott, of Consett, was successful in obtaining the appropriation.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The usual meeting of the above Band of Hope was held on Monday se'nnight. The chair was taken by Mr H. Bain, and there was a good attendance. A recitation was given by James Howie, which was done in good style. A reading by Mr A. Richardson, entitled, "A sale by auction," showed what a drunkard's home may soon come too if they won't take warning in time, to beware of the bitter cup, which only leads to disgrace and ruin. Readings were also given by Masters T. B. Thwaites and M. Somerville, duets by Messrs H. Bain and R. McDonald, songs by Mr F. W. McDonald and H Bain. Mr A. Robinson performed on the violin. The meeting was brought to a close by the benediction, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

WESLEYAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.—Mr Geo. Reid, a vice-president, lectured in his homely style to the members of the above class, Blackhill, at their weekly meeting on Monday night on "St Paul's Voyage to Rome." By means of a large map or diagram, and also on account of Mr Reid having himself travelled the route (he being an old sea veteran), and acquainted with the different places on the journey, he graphically described the voyage and its incidents, which rendered the lecture very instructive and interesting to those who listened to it. A well deserved vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Reid for his valuable lecture.

LOCAL HONOURS.—Miss Jessie Ada Heymer (pupil of Miss Sloane, Blackhill) has been awarded a "United Kingdom Bronze Medal" from the London College of Music, for efficiency in the Theory of Music in the "Junior Honour Division," at the general examination held in July last. Miss Heymer (although under 15 years of age) gained 99 marks out of 100, which was the highest number obtained by any of the candidates who entered for this examination throughout the various divisions of the college.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

AMBULANCE AGAIN!—On Friday, a labourer in the employment of Mr Taylor, contractor, Shotley Bridge, had the misfortune to have his finger end taken off by a large kerbstone where he was working at repairing the road approaching the bridge at Shotley. Dr Richards not being at home, P.C. Thompson dressed the wound, and the doctor was well pleased at the manner he had been treated.

ST CUTHBERT'S, BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr Carter, of London, who has had great experience in young men's societies, intends to give an address in St Cuthbert's Parochial Room, adjoining the church, on Monday first, November 3rd. The Young Men's Friendly Society by its numerous branches at home and in America, is able to help young men in many ways. It is hoped there will be a good attendance.

A WONDERFUL PAIR OF SPECTACLES.—At Shotley Bridge Occasional Court, on Tuesday, *Patrick Hynes* (56), Witton Park, was brought up by P.C. Humphrey charged with being drunk and disorderly at Consett, on Monday evening. He wanted to gain access to the meeting at which the presentation was being made to Ald. Jenkins.—He was fined 5s and costs.—Defendant left on security a pair of spectacles, which he said, were dug out of the soil and clay, 14 or 15 feet beneath Neville's Cross. They were very valuable spectacles, and he had been offered as far as 25s for the pair by well-known antiquarians at Durham.—On Wednesday, *Joseph Johnson* and *Thos. Almond*, for being drunk at Consett on Tuesday evening, were fined 5s each and costs.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Y.M.C.A.—On Saturday last, the Mission Band held a pie supper in the Y.M.C.A. rooms which was well patronised. The provisions were kindly given by some friends. About £10 was realised towards the funds of the band.

SWALWELL.

Y.M.C.A. MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT CLASS.—The usual meeting of this class was held on Friday night. Mr A. Fletcher presided. Mr W. Lumley read his popular paper on "Smoking," which created a lively discussion. The officers for the session are:—President, Mr William Speers; secretary, Mr John Burlinson; treasurer, Mr Wm. Lumley.

COMBINATION OF MANDOLINES GUITARS, BANJOS.

WEARDALE.

WESTGATE OCTOBER FAIR.—This annual fair for the sale of cattle was held on Thursday se'nnight. Prices had a downward tendency. It was a very slow fair, and not a great amount of business was done. Buyers declined to give the prices asked, and sellers were not anxious to dispose of their stock, consequent upon the good supply of hay and other fodder which they have in hand this autumn.

Mr Gregson, surveyor to the Weardale Highway Board, has accepted a similar position under the Bishop Auckland Highway Board. The vacant office will be filled up at the next meeting of the Board on Nov. 11th.

SPORT IN WEARDALE.—Messrs Hildyard and party shot 3½ brace of black game on the Bollihope Moors on Friday.—George Priestman, Crawleyside, won a pig given by Mr R. Mews, Pack Horse Inn, Stanhope, for shooting.—Woodcocks have arrived in Weardale this autumn in unusual numbers.—A pheasant was shot at Frosterley the other day by Mr V. A. Rippon, J.P., of Rogerley Hall.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—Missionary meetings were held at Frosterley on Monday evening, and at Stanhope on Tuesday evening, when addresses on mission work were delivered by the circuit ministers, Revs G. Chun (Stanhope) and F. Watson (Westgate), and the deputation, Rev R. Clemitson, of Bishop Auckland. Mr T. Robinson, Shield Ash Farm, presided at the Stanhope meeting, and Miss H. Temperley at the organ. Missionary sermons were preached at both places on Sunday by Revs R. Clemitson and F. Watson. Collections were taken in aid of the Home, Colonial, and Foreign Mission Funds. The proceeds of the Stanhope missionary anniversary, which includes collections, donations, &c., were £9 7s 11½d.

STANHOPE.

Mr J. W. Roddam, New Town Villa, Stanhope, shot a fine woodcock on Saturday in Bollihope.

Mr F. Batute has got the contract of the Weardale Guardians for painting the Workhouse at Stanhope.

The Primitive Methodists at Frosterley are busy with ladies' sewing meetings, preparatory to a bazaar at Christmas in aid of their chapel and school funds.

TOW LAW.

On Saturday, a successful tea was held, under the auspices of the Tow Law Salvation Army.—On Sunday, special services were conducted by Staff-Captain Slack (late of Africa) and Captain Watson, and on Monday night Major Keech was in command. All the services were well attended.

On Sunday, the usual services were held in the Presbyterian Church, Tow Law, conducted by Rev G. Samuel. This church has recently been fitted up with a new heating apparatus, at a costs of about £28.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST HOME, COLONIAL AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The annual services were preached in Allendale Cottages chapel on Sunday, by Rev T. J. Watson, Consett. Collections were taken in aid of the above missions. On Tuesday evening, the annual missionary meeting was held, when a stirring addresses were given by Revs E. Lucas (Deputation), Newcastle, and T. J. Watson. The superintendent minister (Rev J. Elliott) read the report. The chair was occupied by Mr J. T. Robinson.

HEDLEY HILL.

WESLEYAN METHODISM.—The Wesleyan Chapel at Hedley Hill Terrace has been cleaned and painted by Mr Taylor, of Stanhope, and the chapel was re-opened on Sunday, by Mr Thos. Cowey, of Annfield Plain, who preached two powerful sermons to good congregations. On Saturday, a public tea and entertainment was held.

CRAGHEAD.

I.O.G.T.—The members of the Independent Order of Good Templars, at Craghead, gave an entertainment in the new chapel, on Saturday night. Mr Redhead, Craghead, occupied the chair. There was only a fair attendance. The object was to clear off the debt of the new chapel. Afterwards a ham an coffee supper was provided in the Mission Room, when there was a good company.

BURNHOPE

The workmen of Burnhope Colliery have contributed £41 9s 3d to the Hospital Fund this year (£21 for the Whitley Convalescent Home and £20 9s 3d for the Newcastle Infirmary), and the workmen at South Pontop Colliery have contributed £10 4s 0d to the Hospital Fund (£4 4s 0d for the Whitley Convalescent Home and £6 for the Newcastle Infirmary). Cheques have been sent to the various treasurers.

MILKWELL BURN.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—On Monday evening, Rev A. Bromley, circuit minister, delivered an instructive lecture on "Shakespeare and the moral teachings of Macbeth," to a large and appreciative audience at Milkwell Burn. The lecturer dealt with his subject in a masterly and dramatic style. The chair was occupied by Mr F. Priestman, J.P., of Derwent Hill.

NOTES FROM TOW LAW.

[BY "TOW LAWITE."]

The Wesleyan missionary meeting was a success, so far as the speaking went. The deputation has been on the foreign mission field, and gave some very interesting, as well as amusing, things about the people who live in the West Indies. There was a very poor congregation. I thought the amount raised for mission work was less than it should be.

The Primitive Methodists had their missionary meeting also on Tuesday evening. It was a great success. The money was over £5 more than last year. The speeches were of the right kind, and were sure to make a good impression on the congregation. The penny per fortnight system is a good way of giving. People give, but don't know.

How does it happen that there are so many empty pews in some of the places of worship? Scores of men and women never enter any of these places; yet it does not seem to matter much. Things go on in the same free-and-easy way, which seems to say: If they come, they come; if they don't, they don't. The same spirit of indifference exists both in the church and out.

The new vicar of Thornley comes to us from the south with a good name. We give him the right hand of fellowship, and wish him God-speed in the work he has undertaken. There is much to do in the parish, which has become a very barren place. But all honest labour for humanity will be crowned with abundant success.

What a pity it is that men cannot buy and sell, and go back home sober. It seems as if no bargain could be made without a drink over it. The man who fell out of his cart last Friday had a very narrow escape; the next time may be his last.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLORAL, HORTICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of this prosperous and flourishing society was held in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge, on Saturday night—Mr J. Thirlwell presiding. The minutes of the last annual meeting having been read and signed by the chairman, a statement from the treasurer (Mr J. Lax) was then presented and read by the secretary, which shewed the exhibition held in August last to be in every respect a highly satisfactory one, resulting in a substantial balance being added to the funds, and was received by those present with much approval. The election of officers was next proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—President, Mr John Booth; vice-presidents, Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin, Councillor James Annandale, J.P., Councillor R. Murray, Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson, J.P., Mr W. Annandale, Mr J. Smith, Mr George Ainsworth, Mr J. Heymer, Mr J. Harringham, Dr George Renton, Mr Wm. Dickinson, Mr G. Richardson, Mr P. M. Brutton, Mr J. Thirlwell, Mr A. Houliston, and Mr J. Oley, to whom were added Messrs J. Dixon and R. Hall; hon. treasurer, Mr Joshua Lax, Shotley Bridge; secretary, Mr Wm. Ramsay, 2, St. Aidan's Street, Blackhill. The following four retiring members of the committee were re-elected:—Messrs A. Trotter, R. Kirsopp, J. Thorpe, and J. Jewers; to whom were added Messrs W. Ridley, H. Smailes, M. Gibson, and L. Urwin; auditors, Messrs W. Wilson and J. Collinson. The rules of the floral department were read, taken, and, on the motion of Mr M. Gibson, seconded by Mr J. Thorpe, it was resolved that the rule as appeared in last year's schedule be adopted. After the appointment of the various subcommittees, the date of the next annual exhibition was voted upon, it being decided for Saturday, Aug. 15th, 1891. Votes of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings

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NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17TH, 1890. 253d

LEADGATE WESLEYAN BAZAAR.

ERECTION OF A NEW SCHOOL-ROOM AND CLASS-ROOMS.

On Wednesday, the Wesleyan Methodist Society of Leadgate held a grand bazaar, for the sale of useful and ornamental goods, in the new schoolroom, which has just been erected, on a site adjoining the chapel in Front Street. The building will be adapted for the purpose of carrying on the Sunday-school and other religious gatherings in connection with the society. To procure this site the members of the above energetic body purchased a house and shop which formerly belonged to the late Isaac Hetherington, of Leadgate, at a cost of £320. The present structure has cost something like £700, and is a very commodious one. The building is 73ft. long and 23ft. wide, and will seat about 300 persons. The front of the building is sneck-walling, neatly pointed, with windows and doors of stone facing. The roof is all cleaded underneath, stained and varnished. The walls, to the extent of five feet, are cleaded, stained, and varnished. At each end of the room, on the second floor, there are two class-rooms, to which access is gained by an open staircase. The whole is lighted by Holliday's Clapton lights. The erection of the building has been carried out in a workmanship-like manner by Mr M. Robson, contractor, Leadgate. The joiner work was executed by Messrs Gibson and Milburn, Blackhill; the plumbing work by Mr P. Surtees, Consett; the painting, &c., by Mr Robt. Robson, Leadgate; and the stairing by Mr Geo. Nicholson, Leadgate. A splendid heating apparatus has been fixed in the building by Messrs Emley and Sons, Newcastle. For this new building, the ladies of the society have been working most assiduously with their sewing meetings and other gatherings since March last, in order that the new schools might be opened free from debt. For a long time the day schools in Bottle Bank have become far too small to accommodate the number of children who attend the Sunday-school. The step that has been taken is one in the right direction, and it is to be hoped that the anticipations of the members will be realised before the close of the bazaar, and that the actual sum required—£700—will be in the hands of the treasurer (Mr W. W. Shield).

On entering the room, the first thing that caught the eye was the motto, "Success," and what with the decorations, and the heavily, richly-laden stalls, the whole had a very unique appearance, and showed that the promoters meant business of no mean order. After a brief inspection of the goods on the different stalls, we soon realised that the "art of plying the needle" had not been lost sight of. Indeed, there were shown for sale some of the most useful articles ever offered at a bazaar, and the way in which they were displayed reflected the greatest credit upon the judgment of the stallholders and their workers. There were close upon £600 worth of goods upon the stalls, and this fact alone will enable our readers to form some idea of the indefatigable efforts which the promoters have put forth to make the bazaar successful; and no doubt many an anxious mind will be relieved at its close, when the result of the undertaking is made known. Mr Geo. Jopling carried out the duties of secretary.

Shortly after two o'clock, a large and fashionable assemblage began to throng the school-room, to witness the opening ceremony. On the platform were the Rev J. Harrop Taylor, superintendent minister, Consett; Ald. W. Jenkins, J.P., Consett Hall; Mr T. J. Muse, Castleside; Mr G. Richardson, Shotley Bridge; Mr Thos. Lammonby, Leadgate; Rev F. R. Smith, Annfield Plain; and others. The proceedings commenced with the hymn 225, after which the Rev J. Harrop Taylor offered a short prayer.

Mr TAYLOR stated that the members of this society had erected the present building in faith that they would be supported by their friends. They had something like £100 in hand, and various subscriptions had been received. He then called upon Mr Jenkins to open the bazaar.

Ald. JENKINS, in a short but appropriate speech, said he was glad to come to Leadgate to open another bazaar. They had erected a nice commodious building for religious gatherings, and he hoped their efforts in trying to liquidate the debt upon the structure would be successful. Why was it that the Local Board of the district had not taken the necessary steps to provide a suitable reading-room for the town? The law gave them power to take such steps; but they had not to take more than 1d in the £ for such object. They ought to have a room where boys and girls could adjourn to in order to improve their intellect. He hoped the new building would be a place of instruction for boys and girls for many years to come. He urged upon all to satisfy those ladies' minds who presided at the different stalls, by purchasing as much as they possibly could. He had much pleasure in declaring the bazaar open for the benefit of the room and its purposes. (Applause).

Mr MUSE proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Ald. Jenkins for coming to Leadgate to open the bazaar. He said there was not a church in the neighbourhood but what Mr and Mrs Jenkins had helped. Since Mr Jenkins came to the neighbourhood he had done all in his power for the extension of religion, and they appreciated his services.

This was seconded by Mr HARRISON (Leadgate), and supported by Mr RICHARDSON.

The vote was carried by acclamation, and Mr JENKINS acknowledged the compliment.

Shortly after the ceremony, business began, and never ceased until late in the evening. There were six stalls laden with goods of every description, besides stalls for confectionery and refreshments. The following ladies presided:—

No. 1 stall—Mrs Harrison, Mrs Richardson (Shotley Bridge), Miss Turbutt, and Miss Longstaff.

No. 2—Mrs Gustard, Mrs Scott (Consett), and Miss Edwards (Newcastle).

No. 3—Misses Jopling (2), Nicholson, Reid, Little, and Mrs T. Foster (Consett).

No. 4—(Sunday-school stall)—Misses Elliott, Whitfield, Robson, Boustead, and Gill.

No. 5—Mrs L. Nicholson, Mrs Shield, Miss Nicholson, and Mrs Steward.

No. 6—Mrs T. Keenleyside, Miss Keenleyside, and Miss Phœbe Keenleyside.

Confectionery.—No. 1—Mr N. Parker and Miss Parker.

No. 2—Miss Hilda Harrison.

No. 3—Masters J. Forster and H. Gustard.

Refreshments—Mrs Boustead, Mrs Lammonby, Mrs Hunter, Mrs Graham, Miss Turnbull, and Miss Lammonby, assisted by Mrs Baitey and Mrs Fawcett.

There was also a 6½d bazaar attached to Mrs Shield's and Mrs Nicholson's stall, which was well patronised by the younger portion of those present. Dr Allan, in one of the class-rooms, created no end of amusement with his "musical midgets" during the evening, and his favourite show received good patronage. There was also a curiosity shop, under the direction of Messrs J. Jopling, jun., B. Milburn, J. Steward, T. Davison, T. Watson Smith, and others. Some of the exhibits were from 100 to 1,000 years old. There was a piece of Anglo-Saxon carving; a handsome clock and bird-cage, made by a miser named Ed. Adams, of Leadgate; several cases of spar; an old musket, used in the Crimean War; a sword, used in the battle of Waterloo; an old silk wedding garment, 200 years old; a coffee-pot, used by Lord Nelson; and a number of other very rare and old collections in the shape of coins, china, pictures, and models. A capital tea was spread in the chapel and vestry. During the evening, the Leadgate Mission Band, under the leadership of Mr Hodgson Carry, of Consett, enlivened the proceedings with several selections of music. The sale of work was open opened yesterday (Thursday), and will remain open to-day (Friday).

"THE CHRISTIAN" SHEET ALMANA[illegible] Morgan and Scott have just iss[illegible] almanack of great artistic beauty, [illegible] a selected text for every day in the y[illegible] original illustrations of various scen[illegible] of Joseph.

WELDON'S LADIES' JOURNAL for N[illegible], is replete with all the latest winter [illegible] ladies and their little ones. A pap[illegible] of a dolman, also a coloured plate of [illegible] are given away.

Football.

*** Secretaries of football clubs would greatly oblige us by despatching their reports so that they may reach our office not later than *Wednesday* morning.

ASSOCIATION.

Brandon Rovers 2nd and Langley Park Rovers 2nd played a draw, neither side scoring.

Sacriston beat Lumley by one goal to nothing, at Lumley.

Trafalgar 2nd and West Wylam Harriers 2nd met on the ground of the latter, and played a draw of two goals each.

Lockhart's and Marley Hill met at Marley Hill, a fast and pleasant game resulting in a draw—one goal each.

Brandon Rovers beat Langley Park Rovers, on the former's ground, before a good number of spectators, by four goals to one.

Kip Hill Black Watch beat Stanley Temperance by three goals to nil.

HOBSON RANGERS v STRAWBERRY CABINET WORKS.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the visitors by three goals to one.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v CONSETT RUGBY 2ND.—Played under Association rules at Leadgate, the home team winning by two goals to nil.

HEATON STAR v SWALWELL WHITE ROSE.—Played on the former's ground at Walker Gate, the home team winning by four goals to none.

TOW LAW JUNIORS v TOW LAW 3RD.—Played on the ground of the latter, and a hard game resulted in favour of the home team by one goal to nil.

TANFIELD LEA 2ND v TANFIELD EXCELSIOR.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a good and exciting game resulted in a win for the home team by two goals to nil.

CONSETT ALBION v ST. AIDAN'S (NEWCASTLE).—This match was played on the ground of the former, and after a good game ended in a victory for the home team by two goals to nil.

TANFIELD LEA SLASHERS v WASHINGTON IRON WORKS.—Played at Tanfield, the home team winning by four goals and one disputed goal to nil. Bloomfield played a splendid game for the winners.

BLACKHILL PARK v MEDOMSLEY CHURCH CHOIR.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team by three goals to one. Calvert in goal played well for Medomsley, while for the Park Maughan, Evans, and Lindsay showed up conspicuously.

BLACKHILL PARK v LEADGATE ST. IVES.—Played on the ground of the latter, and after a pleasant game, ended in a victory for the Park by two goals to one. Lindsay, Sheldon, and Davaney played well for the winners.

TOW LAW FELL ALBION v QUEBEC ST. MICHAEL'S.—Played at Quebec, and after a grand and exciting game ended in a win for the Albion by two goals to nothing. The following represented the Albion:—Goal, P. Devine; backs, J. Dodds and T. Gascoine; half-backs, M. Robson, P. Keogan, and P. McMahon; forwards, E. Simmons (capt.) and W. Purvis, right wing; B. Hanlon, centre; T. McGough and T. Wilson, left wing.

ST. ANTHONY'S v SOUTH MOOR HEDLEY HARRIERS.—This match was played on the ground of the former. The home team winning the toss, elected to play down the hill. Johnson kicked off for the Harriers, but the home team soon had the ball down to the visitors' goal, where a corner resulted, but it came to nothing. The home team put in a grand shot, but failed to score. Then the Harriers secured the ball and ran up the wing, Brown putting in a splendid shot. The visitors soon after claimed a corner; Harrison sent in nicely, but Rowell put by the post. St. Anthony's then pressed, and sent in a stinger, but the goalkeeper saved well. After the Harriers had made another fruitless attempt to lower the home colours, half-time was called, the score then standing as under—

Hedley Harriers..........................Nil
St. Anthony's..........................Nil

In the second half, the Harriers began to press, the forwards showing better passing. Stoneman secured the ball, but shot a little too high. From a throw in, Harrison put in a grand shot, but failed to score. The home custodian showed good form, and put in a great amount of work, but the forwards were behind those of the visitors, for whom Rowell and Tipple played a grand game. Harrison shot rather wide, and then the home custodian saved a good shot from Baker. The Harriers claimed a throw in, and a scrimmage ensuing near goal, the visitors scored the only goal of the match. The home team tried hard to equalise, but were unsuccessful, and when time was called the score stood—

Hedley Harriers....................One goal
St. Anthony's..........................Nil

DURHAM ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE CUP.

QUALIFYING COMPETITION—FIRST ROUND.

MEDOMSLEY v DIPTON WANDERERS.—The protest lodged by the former club having been upheld by the Challenge Cup committee, the above teams were ordered to meet again at Medomsley to decide which should enter the second round of the competition. The visitors were weakly represented. The home team won the toss, and decided to play up the hill. Play for some time was very even, the home eleven playing rather indifferently, while the Wanderers went at their work in vigorous style. Campbell and Walton put in some nice runs, and Hedley was also conspicuous, but their attempts to score were foiled by Thornton, who kept goal very smartly for Dipton. When about half-an-hour had elapsed, the visitors got down near the home goal, and the backs miskicking, they scored an easy goal. Soon after they repeated the performance, and although the home team strove hard to score they were unsuccessful, the teams changing ends with the score standing—

Wanderers..........................Two goals
Medomsley..........................Nil

On resuming, Medomsley pressed severely, and had hard lines in not scoring. Campbell had a clear opening, but shot over the bar. The home team continued to have the best of the game, but were weak in front of goal. Then the Wanderers broke away, and shot a third goal. Medomsley worked hard to wipe off the big balance against them, and once Hedley put in a magnificent shot, but the visitors' custodian saved grandly. The home forwards came away in a body, and W. Cant shot well in. The goalkeeper fisted out, but Medomsley claimed that the ball had been through, and the referee gave a goal. Elated by their success, the home team worked harder than ever, and Charlton coming among the forwards, scored the second goal. Soon after the same player equalised the scores with a fast grounder. Time was now called, the scores being—

Wanderers..........................Three goals
Medomsley..........................Three goals

The referee ordered extra time to be played, consisting of two "15's." In the first portion neither team scored, and thus at the interval the scores still remained level. Immediately the second portion was commenced, the home team took a strong lead. W. Cant headed the fourth goal, Campbell kicked a fifth, and Walton made the total into half-a-dozen. Medomsley also had two goals disallowed for off-side. The final result was—

Medomsley..........................Six goals
Wanderers..........................Three goals

The following composed the Medomsley team:—Goal, T. Bramley; backs, M. Charlton and W. Mansell; half-backs, R. Cant, W. Baron, and J. Veitch; forwards, R. Campbell and W. Walton, right wing; W. Cant, centre; A. M. Hedley and J. Ross (capt.), left wing. Umpire, Mr W. G. Thompson. Referee, Mr T. Pyke, Gateshead.

SECOND ROUND.

LEADGATE PARK v LEADGATE EXILES.—These old rivals met at Leadgate in the presence of about 1,200 spectators. The first half was pretty evenly contested, both back divisions showing up well. After the Exiles had had a goal disallowed for infringement of the off-side rule, they scored a legitimate goal. A miskick by one of the backs soon afterwards let in the Park forwards, who equalised the score. The teams crossed over with a goal each to their credit. In the second half the Exiles (who were the heavier team) had the best of matters, their weight assisting them greatly, and Thompson put on the winning goal amidst indescribable excitement. Nothing further was scored, and an exciting game ended with the score as under—

Exiles..........................Two goals
Park..........................One goal

Teams:—Exiles—Goal, H. Callaghan; backs, Wm. McGee (capt.) and P. Hughes; half-backs, Peter Hughes, F. Thompson, and J. Monaghan; forwards, Wm. Costello and C. Quinn, right wing; P. Quinn, centre; J. McGee and Wm. McKie, left wing. Umpire, Mr J. Costello. Park—Goal, Geo. Beadling; backs, T. Hewitt and T. Cairns; half-backs, Geo. Walton, J. Wilson, and S. Rayner; forwards, J. B. Robson and A. Burnhope, right wing; J. Haggerstone (3), centre; J. Hunter (capt.) and H. Wattsford, left wing. Umpire, Mr F. Jackson.

RUGBY.

RYTON JUNIORS v ROMANDALE 2ND.—Played at Ryton, and resulted in a draw. Score:—Ryton, four minors; Romandale, nil.

CONSETT v SHERBURN HOUSE.—The return match between these teams was played on the latter's ground at Sherburn House, in the presence of a good number of spectators. Consett went away with an exceedingly weak combination, only five of the first team and eight of the second team men being present, and thus they played two men short. Sherburn were represented by a good team. Consett won the toss, and played down hill with the wind against them. Murray kicked off for the home team, and Sherburn immediately scored a minor, and soon after the drop-out Fenwick obtained a try, Harrison kicking a goal. Consett then forced the play, and the home men conceded a minor. Gibson put in a couple of good runs for the visitors. At this stage, Moss (who had been badly injured) left the field, and did not return until within seven minutes of the finish. At half-time the score stood—

Sherburn ....One goal, three minors
Consett ....One minor

Jameson re-started, and Wardle returned to half-way. Then Ramshaw, who played a grand centre three-quarter game throughout, ran in with a good try, which Fenwick failed to improve. The drop-out was well followed up, and one of the home backs mulling the ball Smailes scored a try for the visitors, Jameson failing with the place. After this point Consett never looked dangerous, and from a mark by Robson, Fenwick landed a goal. The visitors were now playing entirely on the defensive, and tries were obtained for the home team by Joseph Alderson, T. Burt, and J. Wardle, Wardle landing three goals. The final score was—

Sherburn ......Five goals, one try, six minors
Consett..................One try, two minors

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[BY "OFF-SIDE."]

THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF LEADGATE.

The interest taken in the match between the Park and the Exiles, who met on the former's ground, on Saturday, in the second round of the Durham Association Cup Qualifying Competition, was considerable, mainly on account of the teams being such old and keen rivals. They met last season in the first round of the same competition, the Park on that occasion beating their opponents by two goals to one. On reaching the field on Saturday I was agreeably surprised to see such a large crowd of enthusiasts waiting for admission. Access to the field was very difficult, and not at all of the safest description. I think this might have been more satisfactorily arranged. The process of taking the money at the gate was slow and wearisome to the spectators, some of whom would be unable to see the kick-off. The gate was a splendid one, between £14 and £15 being taken—undoubtedly a "record" in this district.

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When the teams faced each other, the Exiles (who appeared in all green jerseys) looked the heavier, especially in the back division. The Park won the toss, and the Exiles kicked off with a slight wind against them. For the first few minutes play was rather even; then the Exiles made a combined run, ending in the ball being sent behind. After the goal-kick, Robson got the ball, and after having taken it some distance, passed to Burnhope, who in turn put it to Haggerstone; Hunter receiving from the latter, gave to Wattsford, who shot the leather over the bar. This was the nicest piece of passing during the game. After some loose play, the Exiles' left wing got possession, which ended in the ball being put through; but the point was disallowed for off-side. The Exiles were not to be denied, however, and coming with a grand run on the part of the forwards, the ball was again shot between the posts, and the genuineness of the goal could not be doubted. They did not remain in possession of the lead very long, for W. McGee having missed his kick, allowed the Park forwards to score somewhat easily. Half-time found the teams on level terms—one goal each. On re-starting, the game for a time was even, but after a quarter-of-an-hour's play the Exiles showed their superior strength, and Thompson placed his team a goal to the good. The Park forwards fell off a lot at this period, and were never dangerous afterwards. The Exiles thus reversed last season's result, winning by two goals to one.

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Callaghan in goal showed himself to be a worthy custodian, the few shots that were sent to him being ably dealt with. McGee was the best of the backs, although Hughes worked hard and kicked cleanly. The half-backs were a good lot. Thompson's weight helped him greatly, and Walton will have cause to remember him. Monaghan played a fine game, without the least tendency to roughness. Of the forwards, J. McGee was the best, and was applauded for some tricky play, but he might have passed more to his partner, McKie. The latter shows promise of making a good inside man. For the Park, Beadling showed some of his old form, and could not be blamed for the goals scored against him. Cairns never seemed to tire at back, and worked like a horse throughout. Hewitt is a clever little back, but is rather on the light side. Rayner at half tackled and kicked in good style, but Wilson seemed scarcely up to his old form. Walton played an excellent game. Among the front division, Wattsford appeared to have any amount of pace, but not so much command over the ball. His partner, Hunter, was always in the thick of the fray, but the rest of the forwards were decidedly off-colour.

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CONSETT TRAVEL WITH A WEAK TEAM, AND PAY THE USUAL PENALTY.

The Consett Rugbeians journeyed to Sherburn on Saturday to play their return fixture with Sherburn House. In addition to having a very weak team, the visitors were also two men short, some of the men selected to play, I understand, finding greater attraction in the cup-tie at Leadgate. This, to say the least of it, was very shabby conduct, and cannot be too strongly condemned. Not only is it not fair to their own club, but it is positively discourteous to their opponents, who would derive very little satisfaction from beating such a very moderate combination as represented Consett on Saturday. If the club hope to maintain the high place they have for a long time held among the Rugby clubs of the county, such selfishness as this will have to be discontinued.

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Considering their weak forces, Consett did very well in the first half, and at the interval were only a goal to the bad. Afterwards, however, superior numbers and play had their natural effect, and the visitors suffered a severe defeat of five goals, one try, and six minors to one try and two minors. If they had had their full strength, this reverse would probably have been averted. Jameson worked hard throughout, but was badly backed up. For the winners, Ramshaw played a splendid game.

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CONSETT WEDNESDAY CLUB.

On Monday evening, a largely-attended meeting of the members of the above club was held at Mr Edwd. Wylam's, Freemasons' Arms Hotel, Consett. Mr E. Hutchinson presided, and after some formal business had been transacted, the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—Captain, Mr Ed. Hutchinson; vice-captain, Mr J. Murray; secretary, Mr W. Knaggs; treasurer, Mr J. Robinson; committee, Messrs G. Lowrie, E. Wood, W. Brand, G. Brand, and J. Burrows.

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A NEW CLUB AT BYER MOOR COLLIERY.

A club has been formed at Byer Moor Colliery, under the name of the Byer Moor Association Football Club. The members have every prospect of a flourishing club, as several able exponents of the game, who were formerly members of the old Burnopfield club, have joined. A splendid ground has been kindly lent by Mr Jas. Cuthbertson, situated close to the colliery. At a meeting of the members, the following officers were elected:—Captain, Mr G. Brown; vice-captain, Mr E. Keefe; treasurer, Mr D. Brabban; secretary, Mr W. Reed, Byer Moor, Burnopfield, R.S.O., who will be glad to arrange games with neighbouring clubs having vacant dates. All dates from Nov. 8th open.

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THE PARK ON THE INJURED LIST.

I have received the following communication from the Park:—The Leadgate Park 1st team have had to cancel their fixture with Bishop Auckland St. Wilfrid's, owing to several of their players suffering from injuries received in the cup-tie last Saturday.

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The Bishop of Richmond (who is a generous supporter of all athletic recreations) has subscribed £1 to the Stanhope Football Club and £2 2s to the Cricket Club.

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IONIE, THE PRIDE OF THE MILL.

A THRILLING LOVE STORY.

BY LAURA JEAN LIBBEY.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

RETRIBUTION ALWAYS FOLLOWS THE WICKED

Quick as a lightning's flash the train whirled around the fatal curve, where the dark object lay across the track, and terrible was the crash that followed.

It was the greatest holocaust known for years. People always spoke of it afterward with a shudder. There was fearful loss of life; scores were mangled, scores wounded unto death.

Luckily a village was near, and the unfortunates were quickly carried thither as soon as they were extracted from the debris of the wreck; among them was Frank Lyons.

He had been taken to the nearest house—a farm-house—and soon the farmer's wife was busied in making him as comfortable as his intense pain would permit him to be.

"Will he die, Doctor?" asked the good woman, looking up into the physician's face as she followed him out into the hall.

"His head is not injured, but his spine is broken," was the answer.

"Then there is no hope for him," said the farmer's wife.

"Not the slightest," was the reply. "You will have little to do," he went on, "but your work will be tiresome. The young man utterly refuses to believe that he lies in any danger. There is no earthly aid for him. There is nothing to do but to watch him, cheer him, soothe him. Give him wine, brandy, cordial, but make him understand, as soon as possible, *that he has to die!* Men hear such news better from women than from us. He may last till sundown to-morrow," he added. "Not longer."

So human lives are measured off.

Then the doctor went away, and the farmer's wife returned to her patient; and, turning down the night-lamp, was about to resume her watch by his bedside, when he called out to her suddenly.

"Don't lower the light. I never could endure darkness. What was that I heard the doctor saying to you? It is their business to croak and make people miserable."

"He has left me a difficult task," said the farmer's wife, gently.

"They always leave the hardest part to other people," said the sick man, grimly. "What is your task?"

"To give his message to you," she replied; "but, perhaps I need not fear. Brave men do not fear death. You may be brave."

"You look as though you believe me seriously injured," he said, impatiently. "Such nonsense! I would not believe the doctor if he said so; would you? Do I look like a man likely to die?"

"I cannot tell. The doctor is wiser than I. He believes you will. You are not afraid of death?"

"I am not quite sure whether I am or not," he said. "I have never troubled myself to think much about it. I have never realised it. If I thought, really that I had to die, there is—"

He stopped abruptly.

"If you thought you had to die, there are matters you would attend to?" she said.

He nodded.

"Yes, if I were *sure* I was to die," he repeated at length; then he began to fail, and understand that it was indeed death.

She saw a great fear was coming over him, and when the grey dawn broke, he called to her eagerly:

"Is there a clergyman near? If so, bring him to me."

It was quite half an hour before the Reverend Mr. Merrill entered the room.

"You wished to see me," he said, kindly, taking his place by the sick man.

"Yes," replied Frank Lyons. "I want you to bear witness to a story I have to tell, and then to help me die."

This quite disconcerted the good man. It was not an easy thing to help a man die.

"I do not know much about death," continued Lyons, brushing with his weak right hand the dark, damp curls back which clustered about his forehead. "I have only seen one man die, and he was murdered," he whispered; "murdered one snowy stormy night in the suburbs of Pittsburgh." The words ended in a shudder and a long-drawn, gasping breath.

"Revenge and malice are not worth much to a dying man—a man who is leaving the world behind him," he added.

"You are very right," said the clergyman. "They are stumbling blocks in the path that leads to heaven."

"It is not fair," muttered Frank Lyons to himself. "After all, I have had but a very short life of it, and it has been a miserable failure.

"I need not inflict the story of my life, and youth upon you," he said. "I was left an orphan at an early age, and when I became one-and-twenty I came into the fortune I inherited. The whole secret of my ruined life lies in these words. If I had been put out into the world to earn my own livelihood, I might have turned out an honourable, industrious man. In less than three years I ran through three noble fortunes which had been left me, and at the age of four-and-twenty I found myself a bankrupt, heavily in debt, and pressed by creditors.

"I had met a true and noble girl, whose life might have been happy enough if I had not drifted across her path. She learned to love me, and I encouraged her. When I broke with Barbara Lawrence, calling our friendship only a pastime, her heart broke, she had so truly believed I was sincere in my attentions to her. She never named me. Not even to those nearest and dearest to her was it ever known that she even knew me.

"I tried to comfort myself for many a day after Barbara Lawrence died with the thought—'A woman should not infer if a man speaks pleasantly to her for a few times that his object is matrimony.' I tried to forget her, but her face haunted me.

"The day of retribution came after I met Barbara's younger sister, Ionie, who, I felt sure, knew nothing of Barbara's love affair.

"I cannot tell you what she was like—gloriously beautiful, with a beauty which has driven more men than myself mad with love for her.

"From the first moment I saw her a strange, subtle fascination drew me toward her. I grew to love her with a love that was my doom.

"I won her love, but lost it; for she had found out, in some way, what a graceless spendthrift I had been.

"She learned to love another—one who had in by-gone days been my friend.

"I made the mistake of my life when I took a solemn vow that I would take her from him by fair means or foul. An opportunity came. It has always seemed to me since that an evil fate ordained it in that way.

"I heard her uncle, who was under the influence of wine, quarrelling with an enemy of mine, a man for whom I had entertained a life-long hatred. My heart beat strangely when I heard them quarrelling, and, Ionie's uncle turned away with the reckless words on his lips: 'Keep away from me! Keep out of my path for ever, or I will kill you!'—words spoken in the heat of the moment, but never meant.

"That night, quite by chance, I met my enemy in an isolated spot; words led to an altercation, and—Heaven help me!—I slew him in the frenzy of the moment."

Here followed a brief account of Lyons's plottings until he fled from the church with Ionie in his arms, as stated in a previous chapter.

"I bore the senseless girl to my carriage," Lyons continued, "and drove rapidly away.

"My every effort to arouse her was without avail. 'Was she dying?' I asked myself, in agony.

"I drove across the country to the nearest village, and upon the outskirts of it I observed, before a small white cottage, a doctor's sign.

"I drove up to the piazza and was met by the doctor, who assisted me into the house with the inanimate form of Ionie.

"'Is she your wife?' he asked, and the question was put to me so suddenly, I did not have time to consider whether it would be best to claim her on that half-concluded ceremony or not, and I answered—'No; my fiancée.'

"I was invited into an adjoining room, and he called upon his wife, a stately, gentle lady, to assist him with his new patient.

"Was it only my fancy, or did I hear blood-curdling-laughs and hushed cries through the hours that followed?

"At length I heard the doctor's footsteps; the gravity of his face startled me.

"'Are you prepared for a great shock?' he asked; and I replied that I could nerve myself to bear it, inquiring, in the same breath, if there was anything serious the matter?

"'I almost fear to tell you,' he replied; 'but I presume it is best gotten over quickly. The young lady is hopelessly insane, sir.'

"I wonder the words did not strike me dead where I stood.

"'For an hour or more she was quite violent,' he went on, gravely, 'but now she has sunk into a state from which no power can arouse her. She is more helpless than the most helpless child, and she will be like this *through life.*'

"No mortal man ever suffered what I suffered when I followed him into the adjoining room and gazed upon Ionie.

"She was too weak and ill to be removed. I was obliged to leave her in charge of the doctor and his good wife for long weeks. I could not stay there. The babblings that she uttered would soon have driven me mad, too. Leaving a well-filled purse, with the instructions she should have every care that money could procure, I went away. I wandered up and down the face of the earth the most wretched man that ever lived.

"You have not heard all yet," he said, turning his feverishly bright eyes on the clergyman. "I came back to New York, and there a trap had been laid for me by Ionie's friends.

"To be brief, I was arraigned for that murder in Pittsburgh on that winter night. Then an eye-witness was produced. I was convicted, and the jury passed sentence of death upon me. I escaped—it matters little now how—and fled to Boston, intending to take the out-going steamer for Europe, but I saw it so closely watched by the officers of the law I dared not make the attempt, and on the impulse of the moment took the train back into the interior. You know the result.

"I suppose," said Frank Lyons, looking into the rector's distressed face, "you consider mine a bad case?"

"I have never heard a worse series of crimes," said the clergyman, sadly.

"I do not speak of forgiveness, for I believe there is none for me; I have sinned too grievously for that. I can make but this reparation before I die: Send to the man from whom I parted Ionie, and who is wearing his life out searching for her, and tell him where she is."

"His name?" said the clergyman, seeing he was sinking fast.

"Arthur Rochester, No. — Lexington Avenue, New York," was the faint reply.

"Is there anything else you would like to say?" was asked Lyons.

"Yes," he muttered; "Ionie—I—onie—"

With the name on his lips, Frank Lyons passed through the portals of death to the unknown beyond.

Before noon the next day the Reverend Mr. Merrill's letter to Arthur Rochester, telling him of Ionie's whereabouts, was on its way to New York. In it was a faithful statement, word for word, of all Frank Lyons had said.

Arthur Rochester's emotion, upon reading that letter, can be better imagined than described. Ionie lying ill, her reason entirely dethroned, and for ever!

The words seemed to scorch their way into his brain.

"Heaven keep me from going mad myself at such intelligence as this!" he cried, raising his white, desperate face to the night sky.

Procuring two of the most famous medical experts in insanity cases, Arthur hastened on at once to the little village of Branlea. He lived years instead of hours, it seemed to him, before the train dashed up and stopped at the little depot.

There was no conveyance, and the three started on foot for the doctor's cottage, on the outskirts of the village. He had been telegraphed to; he would be expecting them.

As they opened the white gate, Arthur turned suddenly to his companions.

"There is one favour I insist upon," he said, "and you will not, I am sure, find it in your hearts to refuse me. I must see Ionie at once."

CHAPTER XL.

THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED FOR BREAD REJOICE IN A WORKING GIRL'S TRIUMPH.

As Arthur had said, the physicians could not find it in their hearts to refuse his request, and they were ushered straightway into Ionie's presence.

The doctor's wife had arrayed her with great care for their coming. She had dressed her in a dress of soft pink mull, with soft, white lace at the neck and throat, garnishing the simple but strikingly becoming costume with a cluster of pale pink blossoms at the belt, and twined among the nut-brown curls.

Arthur would have entered alone, but his companions thought it would be best not to allow him to do so, and accompanied him.

For one instant Arthur stood on the threshold, bewildered by the vision of girlish beauty in the great willow rocker at the window, which met his gaze.

"Ionie! my darling!" he cried; and with one bound he was by her side.

But, ah, Heaven, the pity of it! The pity of it! There was no look of recognition in the lovely dark eyes that met his own for a moment, and wandered past him.

"Oh, my God, Ionie, don't you know me?" he cried, in such agony that the strong men who accompanied him turned away with tears standing in their eyes.

"Oh, this is too horrible—too horrible!" he groaned. "Have I lost you only to find you like this? Death could not have been much worse. Look at me, darling! Hear me speak! Try to recognise me."

But he might as well have talked to the waving trees outside.

Some one touched him on the shoulder. It was one of the physicians.

"Let me persuade you to come away, Mr. Rochester, while we make our examination to see if the young lady's case is indeed hopeless," he said. "your grief can avail her nothing—our assistance might; I cannot tell."

With his eyes blinded by tears, Arthur followed the doctor's wife into an adjoining parlour, and she then excused herself to return to Ionie's side.

It seemed to Arthur that he paced the confines of that narrow little room long hours. And yet the examination was not over; they had not come to tell him the result.

He could not endure the suspense one moment longer; crossing the hall, he tapped nervously yet softly upon the door.

Dr. Wright opened it, and if Arthur had not been so agitated he would have noticed at once that the doctor's face looked unusually grave.

"How does the case stand?" asked Arthur, eagerly. "You can effect a cure, can you not?"

"Let us come out under the trees, and we will talk the matter over," replied the doctor, evasively.

Together they walked on down through the fragrant, old-fashioned garden, rich with a wilderness of flowers, and odorous with the honey of the bee-hives.

"You brought me out here to speak," said Arthur, impatiently, "but you do not seem in any hurry to begin."

"I am trying to find words to begin that which I have to say," said the doctor, who was always so plentiful with his ideas.

"Do not keep me in suspense," said Arthur, stopping short, and laying a heavy hand on his shoulder. "Can you restore her reason? Answer me—yes, or—or—no."

This was the very opening the doctor desired.

"I will answer you truly. *I* think it can be saved on one *condition*. My colleague is not so sanguine."

"Hold!" he said, checking the glad cry on Arthur's lips. "It can only be hoped for by a delicate surgical operation which involves much skill. Eight out of every ten cases result fatally. We dare not take the risk of the operation without your consent."

"It might result in *death*, you say?" whispered Arthur, in horror.

"Yes, that is what I said," replied the doctor, very gravely. "In falling at the chancel rail in the old church, she received a severe blow on the head which shattered the base of the skull. It is these splintered bones, pressing upon the brain, which dethrones her reason. As I have said, eight out of ten such cases result fatally. You must take your choice of two positions: to see her as she is, hopelessly, harmlessly insane while her life lasts, which may be many, many a long year yet, or consent to the operation."

"Give me time to think—to consider!" cried Arthur.

His anguish was too keen to be witnessed by other eyes. He turned away abruptly, and the doctor walked slowly on down the path.

An hour passed; then Arthur Rochester joined him. And the doctor, looking into that white, haggard face, would hardly have recognised him, that hour had changed him so greatly.

"I have decided, Doctor," he said. "Her condition—the way she now is—is a living death. Let the operation that will save, or rather restore her reason, be performed. I leave her in God's hands and yours."

"Will you remain here? Where shall I look for you when you are wanted, which will be within half an hour, I should aver?"

"I shall be *here*," replied Arthur.

"I shall send the doctor's wife out here to tell you the result, whatever it may be," he said. "Then you are to come to us." With these words he left Arthur.

The moments that passed Arthur Rochester never forgot while his life lasted. The agony of unrest was on him. He paced the path from the lilac bush down to where the roses grew at the further end of the garden, with quick, impatient strides. The drowsy silence of the summer afternoon frightened him, it seemed so solemn.

He thought how useless was money, after all. Here he was with thousands at his command, yet he could not purchase safety for her whom his soul loved best. He was helpless. He could do nothing but, as he had said, leave her to Heaven. He took out his watch and held it in his hand. Five, ten, fifteen minutes passed; another ten.

He wondered what was passing in the room where Ionie sat. How could he stand another moment of suspense? The torture of it was killing him. Had they forgotten him?

Every one is quick to bring joyous tidings, but slow in bringing messages of woe. At length he saw the glimmer of a gray dress coming towards him through the trees.

It was the doctor's wife coming in search of him. Oh, Heaven! what tidings would she bring him?

She called to him in a cheering voice:

"God be praised, Mr. Rochester!" she said. "He has spared you your beautiful love! She will live! Her reason has been restored! They have sent for you."

Who shall tell what followed? What pen can portray how the poor fellow fairly flew to the house, and the meeting of the lovers? the explanations that followed, and the vows that were renewed when Ionie learned all?

The death of Colonel Whitney was a sad blow to Ionie, but no one mourned the untimely taking off of Frank Lyons.

Three months from that day, owing to the elasticity of youth, Ionie was fully recovered, and soon after a merry wedding followed. Arthur Rochester was the happy bridegroom, and Ionie—sweet Ionie—the blushing bride.

There was one who read the notice of their marriage with a strangely beating heart. It was Elaine Granger. She looked at her hands, holding them up to the sunlight, murmuring:

"Thank Heaven! after all, Ionie lives, and my hands are not—"

Miss Carriscourt, who rarely read the papers, did not know of it until she received Ionie's letter, signed Mrs. Arthur Rochester, and telling her all.

Arthur's father and his aunt welcomed Ionie gladly to their hearts and homes.

The girls in the Nottingham lace mills gathered together and talked the matter over, as girls will. They all agreed that she would be far above them now, but not one of them envied Ionie the good fortune that came to her. Imagine their surprise when Ionie herself entered the old familiar room, leaning on Arthur's arm. She had a kind word, a happy greeting for all; for, even in the midst of her prosperity and happiness, she never forgot how hard toiling for one's bread is, and to be kind to those she left behind her struggling on in life's pathway.

"Do not despair," she whispered to the weary-hearted girls, as she turned away. "None of you know how soon you may meet your fate—what hour or what day. It was the day when the world looked darkest to me that I met Arthur first, and had not Providence directed my steps here—and in search of work—I would not now be his bride."

How they blessed her and praised her as she turned away. She was a great lady; but, ah! she would always be the friend of the poor working-girls; and as she stepped into her carriage, and took her seat beside her proud and happy husband, a mighty cheer rose up, as with one accord, from the groups at the doors and windows of the Nottingham Mills, and they cried from the depths of their hearts:

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CHESTER-LE-STREET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting was held Mr Geo. Ridley presiding.—Present: Messrs H. W. Kerrich-Walker, J. Kirkup, J. Hodgson, J. Crawford, G. E. Steele, P. Hay, J. Snowball, R. W. Jackson, J. Anderson, J. M. Snowdon, G. Swinburne, Jos. Witherspoon, J. J. Chrystall, E. Nicholson, J. Humble, F. Berkley, W. Gascoigne, Father W. W. Phillipson, and Mr W. Dickenson (clerk).

WORKHOUSE MASTER'S REPORT.

The Workhouse Master (Mr A. Aikman) reported that he had charge of 104 inmates, an increase of 5 upon last year. During the fortnight 64 vagrants had been relieved—increase, one upon last year.

FIRE-EXTINGUISHER.

The Master reported that the fire-extinguishing arrangements were out of order.

Mr HUMBLE suggested that a tube fire-extinguisher, which was very effective at commencement of fires, be procured, and placed upon all the landings.

The matter was left in the hands of the Visiting Committee, and the Master was instructed to dispense with the present apparatus.

NEW GUARDIAN WANTED.

Mr HAY, in proposing the motion of which he gave notice at the last meeting, respecting the appointment of a new guardian for Chester-le-Street, said that the matter had been before the Board in 1885, and at that time the Local Government Board were opposed to adding a member to their Board, and suggested a re-distribution of seats. He had compared other districts with the Chester-le-Street Union, and found that to be equal with them they ought to have fifteen members on their Board, and taking an average distribution that would allow six members for Chester-le-Street, whereas they only had three. He thought that the township of Cocken ought to be added to Great Lumley, leaving another member for Chester-le-Street.

Mr WITHERSPOON seconded, and said the matter had always been a difficulty with the Chester-le-Street people, who thought that they were badly represented. The present Chester-le-Street members, he pointed out, attended to their duties well.

It was decided that the order for the appointment be asked for.

The Board now sat as the

RURAL SANTARY AUTHORITY.

BIRTLEY SEWAGE WORKS.

The Clerk read a letter from the Local Government Board, sanctioning the borrowing of £5,500, needed to carry out the works of the Birtley sewage scheme.—It was decided that the repayment of the loan extend over 30 years.

RIVERS' POLLUTION QUESTION.

The Clerk read a letter from Bishop Auckland Union, with which was enclosed a memorial from the members of that Board, which they intended submitting to the County Council. They asked that the Chester-le-Street Authority support them by sending a similar memorial, which petitioned the County Council to delay the taking of summary action in the county court against offenders of the Rivers' Pollution Act.

Mr HAY said that so far as they were concerned they were not great sinners, so that they might allow the matter to rest. The County Council would not be unreasonable in their demands, and would allow time for the Boards interested to effectively deal with the matter.

The request was not further dealt with.

DOCTOR'S REPORT.

Dr Duncan reported that during the fortnight there had been 41 deaths and 72 births, which gave a death rate of 20·9 and a birth rate of 36·7 per 10,00. There had been nine cases of scarlet fever in the district during the time.

INSANITARY HOUSES AT MOUNT PLEASANT.

The Sanitary Inspector (Mr Barrass) reported that several houses at Mount Pleasant were in a wretched sanitary condition.

FATHER PHILLIPSON said the houses in question were absolutely uninhabitable, and a positive danger to the health of the place. The persons living in the houses were working at the Birtley Iron Company, and the rent for them was paid by the Company.

The Inspector suggested that the owner be served with a notice to abate the nuisance.

The Chairman thought they would have to deal with the Iron Company.

The Clerk was instructed to write the owners to abate the nuisance.

WITHOUT PRIVY ACCOMMODATION.

Mr HAY suggested that, with respect to the need for increased privy accommodation at Nettlesworth, proceedings be taken against the owners of the cottages immediately. They had had notice three months ago to provide the accommodation, but had taken no notice. There was a row of 20 cottages which had been built 20 years without a privy. Such a state of things needed remedying at once.

Mr WITHERSPOON seconded.

Mr HODGSON proposed, as an amendment, that the owners be warned again, and of the consequences if they neglected to take notice. He was under the impression that they had tried to do something to remedy the defect.

Mr HUMBLE seconded.

Mr WALKER said that masons were very hard to get in the district, and that the work must necessarily proceed slowly. He was in favour of the amendment.

It was carried that the owners be summoned before the magistrates at once.

This completed the business.

NEW CHURCH AT USHAW MOOR.

DEDICATORY FESTIVAL.

The dedicatory service of St. Luke's Church, Ushaw Moor, inaugurated a fortnight ago, will conclude on Wednesday next. The church is built of corrugated iron upon a foundation of white bricks, and stands in an excellent position, a few yards off the highway leading to Ushaw Moor. Hitherto the church going residents of this

POPULOUS AND THRIVING MINING VILLAGE

have been obliged to go through their devotional exercises in a kind of mission-room, altogether inadequate for the needs of the district. It was resolved about a year ago to obtain more suitable accommodation, and a scheme, which involved the erection of the present church, was propounded. The people who had been in the habit of attending the mission-room services worked hard, and with the aid of friends in other parts of the parish, raised a considerable portion of the money needed. Ushaw Moor has a

POPULATION OF ABOUT 500,

and is situated in the parish of Esh, of which Rev C. F. D. Hodge is vicar. He is ably supported in his work by Revs V. T. Jacka, and E. A. Glenday, his curates. In the district under their control is included the villages of Esh, Esh Winning, Langley Park, and Ushaw Moor, and now each of these places are provided with a church. Built in the centre of the village, and being

THE ONLY BUILDING

in which religious services are conducted at Ushaw Moor, the new erection is almost certain to be filled at each service. There will be one public service, and a Sunday-school each Sabbath, with a children's service once a month. In addition there will be the ordinary week-night services. The church has been built by Mr W. Harbrow, of London, and although its outward appearance is not so pleasing as a stone-building, yet, the inside is

SATISFACTORY FROM EVERY STANDPOINT.

It is well lighted, freely ventilated, and is provided with ample heating apparatus. The seats which give accommodation for 160 persons, are comfortable, and a new harmonium, with a rich full tone, has been provided. At the east end of the building, a small vestry has been divided off on the left hand, and a similar space is occupied by the harmonium, while the distance between forms the chancel, and is approached by two steps. The interior is wood throughout, and between the wood and the corrugated iron has been placed quantities of felt so that all draughts may be excluded. The altar table and font were prettily decorated with flowers which considerably enhanced the effectiveness of the interior.

THE OPENING SERVICE.

At the opening service, on Saturday 18th inst., which commenced at three p.m., there was a large congregation. Rev J. Mackay, formerley curate in the parish, but now working in Gateshead, was the preacher. There were also present the vicar, Revs T. Callinan, Bearpark; V. T. Jacka; E. A. Glenday; C. S. Wilson, curate of Consett; and A. E. Cooper, Durham.

On Sunday, Rev A. E. Cooper preached in the morning, and Rev V. T. Jacka in the evening. In the afternoon there was a children's service. The harvest thanksgiving festival was held on the following Wednesday, with Rev T. Callinan as the preacher. Last Sunday evening, the preacher was Rev J. Mackay; and on Thursday se'nnight, Rev Canon Body preached to a very large congregation.

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THE APPOINTMENT OF A WEARDALE SURVEYOR.

On Saturday evening, a public meeting was held in the Town Hall, St. John's Chapel, at the instance of the waywardens, to consider the course the latter had to pursue in the appointing of a surveyor.—Mr T. Pentland, Ireshopeburn, was voted to the chair, and introduced the Forest warden (Mr W. H. Featherstone), who explained that their object of considering the advisability of

HAVING TWO INSTEAD OF ONE SURVEYOR

was anticipated by the information he had received that night from the clerk to the Highway Board (Mr J. Thompson), who gave him to understand that it was illegal to put in two surveyors, but if they thought it advisable they could recommend the addition of an assistant surveyor.—Mr S. Watson (agent) inquired who would control the latter? and on the Warden explaining the principal surveyor, the idea was abandoned.—Mr G. Muschamp, Park warden, recommended in the legal barrier to their choosing two surveyors, which had been mentioned at the Board meeting when the late surveyor resigned. They should urge their right to

MORE REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD—

(hear)—as the west section of the parish, which represented upwards of £35,000 out of the total rateable value of £63,000, had only four members, while the eastern half had nine—("shame")—and they were in such a minority that they could do little in choosing officials, &c. In fact, it looked queer that the Forest, which paid on £14,000 of the £63,000, should only have Mr Featherstone.—Mr J. Turner and Mr S. Watson held that it was a

RECOGNISED PRINCIPLE OF GOVERNMENT

to give a rateable representation, and although it was an abstract way of securing their share of power in highway matters, they quite fell in with Mr Muschamp's suggestion to ask the County Council to concede them it by-and-bye. (Hear).—Mr Muschamp moved, and Mr J. Nattrass (Miners' Arms) seconded, a resolution to be drawn up and signed by the chairman, and presented by the above wardens to Councillor Livingstone, "asking the County Council to give them the

ADDITIONAL PROPORTIONATE REPRESENTATION

on the Districts Highway Board to the rateable value of the western portion of the parish, at present having four members, was entitled to."—The wardens declared their intention to support a parish candidate who possessed the equal qualifications with others for the vacant office.

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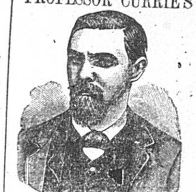
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WILLIAM STUART,
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Correspondents are requested to enclose their names and addresses on a separate slip of paper.

THE UNJUST ATTACK AT ANNFIELD PLAIN ON THE BISHOP OF DURHAM BY MR ATHERLEY-JONES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Benfieldside Vicarage, Shotley Bridge,
October 21st, 1890.

Sir,—You do not seem to realise the terrible injury your words at Annfield Plain were calculated to do to the recently-appointed Bishop of Durham as a public man and to everyone of his clergy, while you are keenly sensitive to the slightest censure upon your own actions. I should be sorry to repeat to you the remarks which have been made upon your speech at Annfield Plain, although, after all, they are no stronger than the language which without the slightest provocation you yourself make use of in the parishes of clergymen who have never said one harsh word of you.

While thanking you for the courteous tone of your letter to me, I can only repeat that I have been informed—and have been informed again this week—that you express yourself as an attached Churchman at Shotley Bridge, while you use language at Annfield Plain which the most violent Dissenter might well hesitate to use. I might also add that I do not need to be informed, and appeal to your published speeches at Consett and Shotley Bridge, and contrast them with those at Annfield Plain and Dipton. You had not received, I gather from the date of the letter, Mr Dale's refutation—so honourable to him—of your mis-statement when you addressed the Consett Town Hall meeting, which had to serve for your male Shotley Bridge supporters. Why did you not denounce the Church Congress and the Bishop of Durham at Consett?

Why did you not inform your largest audience "that the conclusion arrived at by that august assembly of lawn-sleeved prelates and dignitaries was that the working man was born to toil and slave," and imply that of all these lawn-sleeved prelates (an elegantly expressive way of putting it) the aged Bishop of Durham was the worst?

Your Shotley Bridge supporters, for the most part, do not agree with you about "Disestablishment." This might have converted them; it would have converted me if I could have believed a statement so ridiculously untruthful; but your passionate declaration was wasted at Annfield Plain—where, I conclude, your supporters are in favour of Disestablishment already.

Let me answer my own question. I reply it was because of the marked difference between your whole attitude with regard to the Church of England on this side of what are locally styled the "Blue Mountains," and that expressed in your published speeches at Annfield Plain and elsewhere in the mining districts of North-West Durham.—I remain, sir, faithfully yours,

Geo. H. Ross-Lewin.

L. A. Atherley-Jones, Esq., M.P.

P.S.—Since writing the above letter, I have heard of mischief already done by your cruel misrepresentation of the Bishop of Durham's attitude as president of the Church Congress with regard to working men. Everyone knows that you advocate Disestablishment, but I feel sure that many who agree with you thus will join me in condemning language calculated to injure the Church as a spiritual institution. It ought to be—and I trust will be—a matter of deep regret to you as a Churchman if you keep back even one young man from confirmation. Do you think that the miners of Annfield Plain would be so ready to listen to their Bishop if they thought he held the opinions you attributed to him and his fellow-prelates?

During the last five years—so far as I know—you have never uttered any disrespectful remarks about the Church at Shotley Bridge, and the evil effect of your speeches in the mining districts has been modified by your expressions of goodwill to the Church of England in private.

Unhappily your Annfield Plain supporters do not know you in private. Hence the need, on the part of the only local clergyman who attended the Church Congress, of earnest remonstrance against—what must seem to the subject of it himself—your personal attack on the Bishop of Durham. Personalities have hitherto been avoided. Why introduce them now?

I have never stood upon a political platform in my life, and if you refrained everywhere from what I must call gross abuse of the Church of England, I should be just as ready to welcome you at Shotley Bridge as any Conservative politician.

The result of the recent election at East Bristol—largely attributed to the Church party—ought to lead you to believe that the Church of England does not always support only one school of politics.

G. H. R. L.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

4, Paper Buildings, Inner Temple,
October 25th, 1890.

Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst.

I am gratified to find that where in the passage of your letter to which I took exception you observed with reference to me as follows:—

"I am informed that he expresses himself very differently at Shotley Bridge than one would imagine from his published speeches at Annfield Plain and Dipton. Is this consistent?" You did not mean that I was in the habit of expressing in private communications at Shotley Bridge opinions materially differing from those to which I have given public utterance. You will, however, pardon me for saying that the construction I placed upon your words appeared to me the only natural and reasonable one. Nor can I admit that I shew myself keenly sensitive to the slightest censure in resenting what I regarded as a charge of political dishonesty.

I now gather from your letter that you grounded your charge against me "that he expresses himself very differently at Shotley Bridge than one would imagine from his published speeches at Annfield Plain and Dipton" firstly on the fact that you have been "informed" that at Shotley Bridge I express myself an "attached Churchman," and secondly, that I did not at Consett or Shotley Bridge reiterate the speeches I made at Annfield Plain and Dipton.

I am not aware that I ever used, nor do I fully appreciate the meaning of the phrase "attached Churchman;" but undoubtedly—without the aid of information from third parties—from my attendance at your Church with my family on my visits to Shotley during the past five years, and my frequent observations throughout my constituency to that effect, it ought to have been apparent to you—as I believe it is to others—that I am a member of the Church of England.

As to your second ground, I am unable to appreciate how you are entitled to charge me with speaking "very differently" at Shotley Bridge to elsewhere in my constituency because I do not reiterate at Consett my speeches at Annfield Plain and Dipton. Those speeches were fully reported in the local papers, and, apart from your action in directing public attention to them, must have been fully known in Consett and Shotley Bridge. My opinion upon the question of Church Disestablishment has been well-known to my constituents throughout the division since I first had the honour of appearing in 1885 as a Parliamentary candidate. The subject was dealt with in my election address of that year, and in my speeches in all parts of the constituency, and indeed formed the subject of private remonstrances by you to some of my leading and most valued supporters. I cannot therefore think that you can seriously mean to suggest that I attempt to conceal my opinions from the electors of Consett or Shotley.

I have no intention of entering into controversy on topics upon which there is undoubtedly irreconcilable divergencies of opinion between us. I am bound, however, to point out that there was nothing in my speeches at Annfield Plain or Dipton to warrant your statement that I "denounced" the Bishop of Durham or said anything to—in the faintest degree—justify you in suggesting that I was guilty of the smallest want of personal respect towards a prelate for whose high character and great learning—if I may without impertinence say so—I entertain sincere admiration.

Since I have represented my constituency, I have consistently avoided all personalities. I am grateful to acknowledge similar treatment on the part of my political opponents, and it is a matter of extreme regret to me that the first occasion on which I have had to vindicate my character from personal attack has been in the case of the clergyman of a parish where I spend many pleasant days, and from whose parishioners, irrespective of party politics, I receive the greatest courtesy and kindness.—I am, sir, your faithful servant,

L. A. Atherley-Jones.

The Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin.

SERIOUS FIRE AT TANTOBIE.

About 1:30 on the afternoon of Thursday week, a fire broke out in two cottages at Tantobie, belonging to Messrs James Joicey and Company, and both houses were reduced to a total wreck, and the furniture in Henry Caerybon's house being destroyed. The fire was supposed to have originated in the chimney of Caerybon's house, the cottages being full of timber. P.C. Richardson and other officers assisted to extinguish the flames. The damage is estimated at £200, none of the property being insured. It is supposed that an old beam in one of the chimneys caught fire.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[By "Stanhope."]

The Weardale School Board has done a wise thing by settling the vexed question of exemption of children, who have passed the fourth standard, attending so many times a week, and thereby making a limited number of attendances. Being at school one-half of the day, and at work the other. It has never worked well in Weardale, and has been a source of frequent annoyance to the Board. It was designed for districts where the children could find regular half-time employment, and not for such places as the dales, where children's services are only occasionally required. The Board raised the stage of exemption to the fifth standard.

Mr Greyson has cleared out of the Weardale Highway Board in double-quick time. His resignation of the Weardale Highway Board's surveyorship, and acceptance of the Chester-le-Street Highway Board's surveyorship was short and sharp. Of a quiet, unostentatious, and cheerful disposition, he was well respected. He did his work quietly but well, and the roads over which he had the oversight have been wonderfully improved and kept in good order since he undertook the task of looking after them, inasmuch as Mr Crozier spoke in eulogistic and laudatory terms of the manner in which he performed his work. He said they were splendidly kept.

The scramble for the vacant office has already begun, the Board members are being canvassed with a vengeance, and the surmises who will be the lucky man who gets the office are many and various.

The best thing I have heard in Stanhope for some time is the method by which a street urchin this week gulled and walked over a few of Stanhope's sages, a gentleman of the cloth included. She is but a child and a cripple, but for cuteness and inventive genius she outstrips any in Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Liverpool, or even London itself. To get a few sweets she had recourse to dodges, which would have done credit to any in the above-mentioned towns. Under the pretext of having a bedridden sister who was going to the Newcastle Infirmary with the noon train, she cleared the curate's garden of flowers, and the housekeeper's vases as well, which she made into neat bunches, and carried as presents from the reporter and others to people she thought kindly disposed, who invariably gave her coppers, and even small pieces of silver for carrying them. At other houses she offered them for sale, and did well. When asked anything respecting her sister, she had her answer ready, and could do it so neatly and respectfully that she has been enabled to gull and walk over a good many much older and cuter than herself. At some houses she begged a jacket for her sister, or some article of wearing apparel for herself or her father, who, she said, had got lamed in the quarries, and was out of work. She told a most pathetic story and enlisted the sympathies of not a few, and the articles she offered for sale at another place. She did well and has been very clever, but the parties who have been so easily gulled, are ready to bite their finger ends off for vexation. I have been higly amused over the affair, as she left several bunches of flowers which she had got so cleverly at houses, and told them I had sent them, so that I was thanked here and there for floral favours I had never sent, or knew anything of. Cripples as a rule are clever, sharp, and quick-witted, but this one is more precocious than any I have ever known. She has cleverly walked over and gulled a good many, principally of the upper class; yet all the training she has got has been at Frosterley and Stanhope.

During the present grouse shooting season on the Weardale moors, an old gentlemen who wore spectacles surprised his valet by his rapid firing. He kept him loading his guns and handing them to him while he was blazing away at imaginary birds. Two spots of dirt were on his spectacle glasses which he mistook for grouse at a reasonable shooting distance, and he kept blazing away at them, but never a bird fell. They often towered but never came down, while the valet never could see a bird at all. "What the devil has come of a'l the birds I've shot," said he "I've hit lots of them, I'm certain." The valet asked him to look at his specs where he found what was deceiving him so much, two spots on the glasses.

Two Westgate cats have differed over a Stanhope mouse, and have demonstrated to the world that there is a such a thing as muscular christianity.

Westgate is not a very large place, but yet sufficiently large for a Stanhope buccolic to lose himself in it, and on horse back to. A well-known joiner of Eastgate fame heard shouts of "lost, lost" proceeding from the school yard, and on going thither found the horse had carried its master to the Board school. He was three sheets in the wind, and had lost all his geographical knowledge of Weardale.

Some men were digging a hole for sanitary purposes in the parlour of a village pub the other day in Butler's village, when an old stager from the mouth of the Wear went and looked in and said "What are ye doing?" "Digging a hole," said one of the men (a waggish fellow). Said the inquisitive old man "What are ye going to do with it?" "Cut it up to make gate stoops for the farmers," said the wag. The inquisitive old fellow walked off.

Some queer cards live at Wolsingham. One of them went one day to a joiner and said "Aw hev a clivvor job for tha now." "What is it?" said the joiner, "Well," said he, "Aw've browt the an old bung hole, en aw want a new barrel meade for't."

Some queer things have been said respecting the steam navvy at the Parson Byres limestone quarry. One man asked another where he lodged? A little boy asked his father if he shaved out like most other navvies? While a third asked if he drank a vast of beer!

A good story reaches me from Cuckleshire of a young man setting out for pastures new and further a field than either Alston or Consett. He bethought himself a little ingenious, so much so that he built castles in the air at the rate of £3 per week out of the smoke box. He left the home of his childhood and the place of his birth intent on seeing life and and making himself name and fame, fortune included. He managed as far as the bank top, when his heart failed him, and he shed bitter tears at the thoughts of leaving home and friends behind. Like the prodigal of old he arose and went home again, without seeing the far country. His poor old mother, however saw him afar off, and ran to meet him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and he declares he will never leave home again.

Throat Irritation and Cough.—Soreness and dryness, tickling and irritation, inducing cough and affecting the voice. For these symptoms use Epps's Glycerine Jujubes. In contact with the glands at the moment they are excited by the act of sucking, the Glycerine in these agreeable confections becomes actively healing. Sold only in boxes 7½d., tins 1s 1½d., labelled "James Epps & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London." Dr George Moore, in his work on "Nose and Throat Diseases," says: "The Glycerine Jujubes prepared by James Epps and Co., are of undoubted service as a curative or palliative agent," while Dr Gordon Holmes, Senior Physician to the Municipal Throat and Ear Infirmary, writes: "After an extended trial, I have found your Glycerine Jujubes of considerable benefit in almost all forms of throat disease."

LEEK AND VEGETABLE SHOWS.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

The members of the King's Head Leek Show held their second annual exhibition on Saturday, the long room, kindly granted by Mr W. Moore, being very tastefully decorated by Mrs Moore. Prizes to the amount of £12 were competed for, and the judge, Mr Snowdon, Ebchester, had a very difficult task set before him. The leeks were of such a quality that he had great difficulty to select the best. However, he succeeded in giving great satisfaction. The success of the show may fairly be attributed to the energetic secretary, Mr John Robson, who has worked hard. Prize list:—

1—R. Milburn, coffee-pot.
2—Wm. Milburn, cruet stand.
3—T. Barron, pair of blankets.
4—T. Elsdon, pair of blankets.
5—J. Graham, set of chamber ware.
6—T. Hogg, two pairs of sheets.
7—William Postle, bed rug.
8—T. Henderson, umbrella.
9—Joseph Towns, breakfast cruet.
10—Joseph Postle, tea ware.
11—J. Robson, umbrella.
12—Robert Town, hearthrug.
13—A. Charlton, timepiece.
14—E. Robson, carvers.
15—R. Davison, pan and steamer.
16—S. Judge, spoons and knife.
17—J. Davison, cavers.
18—Jos. Fairlamb, lamp.
19—E. Stoker, bed rug.
20—W. Fairlamb, table-cloth and tie.
21—M. Elsdon, two silk handkerchiefs.
22—Joseph Bell, two shirt pieces.
23—D. Hall, set of dinner ware.
24—J. Hall, set of jugs.
25—R. Postle, set of chamber ware.
26—G. Gardner, knives and forks.
27—G. Rochester, knives and forks.
28—R. Burns, one dozen spoons.
29—Wm. Moore, pan and steamer.
30—George Shields, table-cloth.
31—J. Thorpe, two silk handkerchiefs.
32—J. Hopper, shirt.
33—J. Marshall, case of spoons.
34—W. Beck, cheese cover.
35—W. Green, pipe and tobacco.

CONSETT.

On Saturday, the second St. Leger Leek and Vegetable Show was held at Mr Michael Ruddy's, Victoria Hotel, Consett. The spacious long-room was artistically decorated by the landlady (Mrs Ruddy.) The display of prizes, which amounted to the value of £15, and the way in which the arrangements were carried out, speaks well for its management, and the secretary (Mr Wm. Kay, Derwent Cottages), and the treasurer (Mr M. Ruddy), along with the committee, are to be congratulated. The show of leeks was excellent, and were well worth inspection. Mr W. Kay had eight stands of leeks in the first ten. The competition was very keen. There were also prizes for collection of vegetables which secured eight entries. Mr George Walton, Leadgate, was judge, and gave every satisfaction. The show was well patronised, and was again open on Monday evening. Appended is the prize list:—

Three leeks—1, W. Kay, Derwent Cottages, case of birds.
2—Thos. Watson, Derwent Cottages, pair of blankets.
3—Geo. Levett, Delves Lane, chamber set.
4—Alfred Parry, Consett, pair of blankets.
5—Oliver Cummin, Delves Lane, quilt.
6—Mrs Ruddy, Consett, breakfast set.
7—George Edward Kay, Delves Lane, alarum timepiece.
8—Michael Ruddy, Consett, 14lbs cheese.
9—Thos. Forster, Consett, teapot and 1 lb tea.
10—Geo. Hamilton, Consett, mat.
11—Thos. Reed, Boggle Hole, swing-glass.
12—A. Thompson, Consett, case of flowers.
13—Jas. Frosdick, Consett, quilt.
14—Wm. Temperley, Delves Lane, swing-mirror.
15—Geo. Diement, Templetown, pair of sheets.
16—J. Patterson, Consett, pair of sheets.
17—Jas. Almond, Consett, brass rod.
18—A. Towns, Consett, set of bath-tins.
19—Jas. Butcher, Templetown, dress-piece.
20—T. Temperley, Delves Lane, case of flowers.
21—J. Elsdon, East Castle, pair of sheets.
22—T. Reed, Boggle Hole, umbrella.
23—Jas. Reed, Boggle Hole, quilt.
24—G. Willis, Consett, lamp.
25—Jas. Richardson, Consett, set of pails.
26—G. Henderson, Boggle Hole, shirting.
27—Geo. Brown, Boggle Hole, table-cloth.
28—G. Hillman, Consett, shirting.
29—W. Reed, Boggle Hole, quilt.
Collection of vegetables—1, Thos. Reed, Boggle Hole; 2, J. Elsdon, East Castle.

MEDOMSLEY.

Excellent as have been the previous exhibitions held at Mr John Minto's, Miners' Arms, Medomsley, that of Saturday surpassed them all. The display of leeks was a splendid one, and there was not a poor "stand" in the room. The latter, which had been neatly decorated, presented a pleasing appearance, and was largely patronised during the time the show remained open. The prizes were an admirable selection, and gave great satisfaction. The first prize was secured by three splendid leeks shown by Miss S. Jamieson, Medomsley. They were certainly a first-class sample, as were the second lot, the property of Mr Thos. Allen, Hamsterley Colliery. The awards of Mr John Cawthorn, Fellside, who acted as judge, were thoroughly approved. Mr Isaac Lonsdale, Ebchester, carried out the duties of secretary. We append a full list of awards:—

1—Miss S. Jamieson, Medomsley, pair of blankets.
2—Thos. Allen, Hamsterley Colliery, silver coffee-pot.
3—James Lonsdale, High Burn, silver teapot.
4—Thomas Bell, Milkwell Burn, silver cream and milk jug.
5—Mrs J. Minto, Medomsley, dress-piece.
6—Thomas Jamieson, Hamsterley Colliery, set of dinner ware.
7—John Hardy, Leadgate, tea-set.
8—John White, Allendale Cottages, set of chamber ware.
9—Thomas Cookson, Medomsley, chequer table.
10—Joseph Hall, Allendale Cottages, album.
11—George Gibbons, Milkwell Burn, table lamp.
12—Joseph Leech, Medomsley, album.
13—George Walton, Leadgate, teapot.
14—Andrew Shearer, Allendale Cottages, hand-bag.
15—John Cairns, Allendale Cottages, ham.
16—William Rowland, Westwood, 1lb. tea and half-dozen knives.
17—William Cookson, Allendale Cottages, cheese dish.
18—Thomas Graham, Allendale Cottages, preserve stand.
19—Mrs H. Noble, Leadgate, cruet-stand.
20—William Carr, Leadgate, shirt-piece.
21—Isaac Lonsdale, Ebchester, knife and fork and 7lbs. of meat (given by Messrs Milburn, butchers, Medomsley).
22—John Minto, Medomsley, shirt-piece.
23—John Cookson, Allendale Cottages, dress-piece and work-basket.
24—Lyal Bell, Milkwell Burn, slop pail.
25—Henry Barwick, Allendale Cottages, hearthrug.
26—Robert Smiles, White-le-Head, bed-rug.
27—John Wigham, Allendale Cottages, ham.
28—John Topham, Allendale Cottages, potatoes.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Saturday, Mr Joseph Lumley's annual Leek and Vegetable Show was held in the long-room which was thoroughly packed. The decorations in the shape of plants and flowers were supplied by Mr W. Forster, Hanging Stone. Some of his plants were very much admired, especially "The Lily of the Nile." There were 34 stands of leeks, and the first honours were secured by Mr John Lawson, who is fighting the champions very well this year. The show of vegetables exceeded the previous years, being nine stands in front of last year, making 16 stands of vegetables. The victory fell to Mr R. Holland. There were also celery and beet shown. The judge was Mr Geggie, who is an expert adjudicator of vegetables and leeks, although it is an established fact that there must always be some grumblers. Leeks—1, John Lawson, pair of blankets, 18s; 2, John Summerbell, armchair, 14s 9d; 3, John Scott, fender, 12s 6d. Vegetables—1, Riley Holland, shield and leather work; 2, John Scott, 5s; 3, James Wilson, 4s. Celery—1, Wm. Forster, pair of slippers; 2, R. Holland, tongue. Beet—1, E. Vipond, bottle of whiskey; 2, J. Brewis, tongue.

The members of the above society held their fifth annual exhibition of leeks and vegetables on Saturday week in the hall of the Railway Hotel, Annfield Plain, kindly granted by Mr W. Taylor. Although this show was held late in the season, yet it was one of the best seen in this district, 36 stands of leeks being staged for competition. From first to last they were a grand lot; whilst the vegetables were something to be remembered, especially the cauliflowers, carrots, parsnips, and turnips. The hall was very tastefully decorated. The show was visited by a large concourse of people. All exhibits were the *bona-fide* growth of working men residing within two miles of the place of exhibition. Mr R. Shield, of Swalwell, acted as judge and gave satisfaction; Mr J. Robinson being secretary. For three leeks—1, J. Scott, junr., armchair; 2, Whedger, blankets; 3, J. Scott, senr., umbrella. Vegetables—Red cabbage—1, J. Wilson, 2s; 2, J. Wilburn, 1s. Savoy cabbage—1, G. Ledger, 2s; 2, J. Scott, 1s. Scotch cabbage—1, E. Vipond, 2s; 2, R. Holling, 1s. Cauliflower—1, E. Vipond, 2s; 2, J. Lawson, 1s. Three carrots—1, J. Scott, 2s; 2, E. Vipond, 1s. Three parsnips—1, E. Vipond, 2s; 2, J. Scott, 1s. Three turnips—1, J. Robinson, 2s; 2, M. Bates, 1s. Three beet—1, J. Ward, 2s; 2, J. Wilson, 1s. Two celery—1, R. Holling, 2s; 2, J. Lawson, 1s. Hand bouquet—1, J. Scott, 4s; 2, J. Robinson, 2s.

BURNOPFIELD.

On Saturday, the second annual exhibition of leeks and celery was held at the house of Mr R. Pace, Queen's Head Inn, Burnopfield. The exhibition was open, and was one of the best ever held in the immediate district; the produce reflecting the highest credit upon the growers. The show was visited by a large concourse of people, who expressed admiration at the quality of the exhibits. Mr John Spoor, Byer Moor, efficiently discharged the duties of secretary, while the arduous task of adjudicating, fell to Mr Scott, Dunston, whose awards gave every satisfaction.

SPEN.

The members of Spen Floral and Horticultural Society held their annual leek and vegetable show (the 22nd anniversary) on Saturday last, in the long room of the Miners' Arms Inn, Spen, kindly lent by Mr Browell. This year proving an exception both to the quantity and quality the room was scarcely large enough for the exhibits. Mr Wm. Henderson, Blaydon Burn (gardener to Col. Cowen) officiated as judge, and expressed his opinion that the exhibition was one of the best at which he had had the pleasure of given his awards. The vegetables were a splendid lot, especially the cauliflowers and red cabbage. The cauliflower that took first prize was the produce of Mr Browell and measured 12½ inches diameter. The red cabbage which was shown by Mr T. Whitfield, Victoria Garesfield, for the special prize, consisting of a case of stuffed birds, which was given by Mr Thos. Welsh, bird preserver, Blackhill, when weighed was 2 st. 6 lbs. The other exhibits were close up, both in size and weight. The society with their energetic secretary and treasurer is to be congratulated for the show, as it surpasses all previous shows in the district.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By Wearsider.]

The citizens would like a Ratepayers Association for the protection of their interests, and as the time is drawing nigh for the triennial election of Guardians, the Association, if formed, might influence that event in a material way.

The Guardians at their last meeting unanimously agreed to Mr Hay's proposal, that application be made for an additional Guardian for our township, which he showed to be most inadequately represented. I never heard Mr Hay make out a better case, and he was deservedly supported. It is to be hoped that the application will be successful.

Mr Hay and Father Phillipson each made out strong cases about the unsanitary state by houses at Nettlesworth and Birtley, both of which nuisances were ordered to be removed.

The Birtley folk are to be complimented upon the generous and prompt response made to them on behalf of the bereaved families, through the recent slag heap fatality, and if special praise may be accorded to any, where all have behaved so well, it is to the vicar, Father Phillipson, Mr T. Coulson, and Sergt. Hutchinson.

At a recent meeting at Chester-le-Street, a discussion arose as to the taking of a piece of land, and how much would be necessary for the purpose. One gentleman proposed half an acre, whereupon another wiseacre said, "Tut, tut. Far over much. If you had a piece fifty yards square it would be plenty big enough." And he couldn't tell why they laughed.

For many years the inhabitants of each side of the Wear in this neighbourhood have felt the want of a bridge over the river, between our city and Lumley, and although the late Parson Dodd began the agitation some forty years ago, and continued it at intervals until his death, nothing came of it. Altho', a few years ago, when everytning seemed on the point of being settled, the negotiations fell through, owing to a difficulty with one landlord. The approaching completion of the Penshaw Bridge has again stirred up the feeling of want, and another effort is to be made to obtain the long wished for medium of communication between the important communities. At no place is a bridge more necessary than here, and the present agitation will have in its support the influence of large and important populations on both sides of the river.

At a committee meeting of the Chester-le-Street Rowing Club, held on Thursday se'nnight, the secretary, Mr J. A. Green, read some correspondence which had passed between Lord Scarborough, president of the club, and himself, respecting the erection of a boat-house and landing at Chester-le-Street side of the river. His lordship sees no objection to the arrangement, if the funds of the club will admit of it being carried out. It was also stated at the meeting that the committee could secure a convenient and suitable site for their proposed boat-house and landing. Support has also been promised in favour of the new development.

The Rowing Club committee have also arranged to form a team to play a team of the Chester-le-Street Football Club, for the benefit of a member of the last-named organisation, who is suffering from the effects of an accident which occurred to him at his work. The game will be played on the cricket field. I hope there will be a good gate.

Operations for the re-starting of Pelaw Pit are progressing rapidly, and as soon as possible the colliery will be in operation, but at the earliest, that cannot be for some time yet. The owners have secured a number of houses in our city, many property owners having let the firm the whole of their houses.

On Sunday morning we had a sharp touch of wintry weather; a heavy fall of snow commencing at daybreak and continuing until noon, accompanied by, or at least driven before a bitter northerly wind. The snow melted as it fell, and made pedestrianism a most unpleasant operation. At night a sharp frost set in, and was succeeded on Monday by a bright but cold day. The weather, however, during the present month has been very favourable for out-door work, and the remnants of the harvest were safely gathered in the early days, and since then there has been a general lifting of potatoes and sowing of wheat, but of which operations have been carried on under favourable conditions.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD CONTEST.

The triennial election was conducted on Monday at Annfield Plain Board Schools. The votes were counted on Tuesday at Lanchester Workhouse, and during the day the returning officer (Mr W. H. Ritson) declared the result as under:—

ELECTED.

Robert Kay, Oxhill, colliery manager	656
George Ridley, Stanley, registrar of births, &c.	473
George Hobson, Harperley, miller...	452
R. Holmes, West Kyo, checkweighman	344
Hugh Walker, Annfield Plain	302

NOT ELECTED.

Thomas Middlemass, Oxhill, miner...	260
Joseph Hall, West Kyo, miner	260
F. Smith, Annfield Plain, grocer, &c.	122
John Orr, Annfield Plain, painter ...	87

Mr Thomas W. Asquith, mining engineer, Harperley, the chairman of the late Board, having withdrawn from the contest, his seat is filled up by Mr Kay. This is the only change in the composition of the Board.

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—The anniversary services were held at Oxhill as follows On Saturday evening, Rev R Shields of Shildon delivered a popular lecture on "George Whitfield, the prince of preachers." On Sunday, sermons were preached by Rev R Shields. In the afternoon a service of song was given by the choir. The services were well attended.

Greencroft School Board.—On Wednesday afternoon, the monthly meeting was held in the schools, Annfield Plain. Mr P. Reay was in the chair. The other members present were Messrs W. Rutherford and A. Brown. The master (Mr Mackay) submitted his report, which was considered very satisfactory. The balance in the bank amounted to £280.—It was agreed that tenders should be submitted from the local joiners for some furniture for the infant and mixed schools. This was all the business of importance.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

To-morrow's Fixtures (Saturday, Nov. 1st.)

Consett Rugby v Wallsend, at Benfieldside.
Leadgate Exiles v Southwick, at Leadgate.
Medomsley v Gateshead North-Eastern, at Medomsley (Durham Cup-tie).
Leadgate Exiles Reserve v Houghton St. Michael's, at Leadgate.
Leadgate Park Reserve v Esh Albion, at Esh.
Witton Gilbert Rovers v Dipton Wanderers Reserve, at Witton Gilbert.
Consett Albion v Consett League of the Cross 2nd, on the Albion ground.
Consett Albion B. v Consett Y.M.C.A., on the latter's ground.
Lintzford v Waldridge Fell, at Waldridge Fell.
Blaydon v Bensham, at Blaydon.
Blaydon 2nd v Newcastle Rangers 3rd, at Newcastle.
Mickley v Newcastle Rovers, at Newcastle.
Blackhill Park v Medomsley Juniors, at Medomsley.
Leadgate St. Ives v Medomsley Church Choir, at Medomsley.

Wednesday, Nov. 5th.

Dipton Wanderers v Newcastle Wednesday, at Newcastle.

Consett Rugby v Wallsend.—This match will be played at Benfieldside to-morrow (Saturday), being the first visit of Wallsend, who have a very good combination. T. Jameson and F. Moss have been selected to play in the county trial game at Durham, and will thus be absent from the home team. Consett will be represented by the following fifteen:—Back, J. Struthers; three-quarter backs, R. Murray, H. Stobart and W. Dotchin; half-backs, J. McTaggart and P. G. Salmon; forwards, P. Gibson, J. G. Askew, A. Taylor, T. T. Gray, M. Williamson, L. McTaggart, J. Todd, H. Hobday, and Jos. Askew (capt). Kick-off at 4 prompt.

Leadgate Exiles v Southwick (Sunderland).—The Exiles will be favoured with a visit from the latter famous team, who are the holders of the Durham Junior Cup, to-morrow (Saturday), when a real good game is certain to be the result of the meeting. The Exiles will play their cup team:—Goal, H. Callaghan; backs, Wm. McGee (capt.) and P. Hughes; half-backs, J. Monaghan, Peter Hughes, and F. Thompson; forwards, C. Quinn and Wm. Costello, right wing; J. Quinn, centre; J. McGee and Wm. McKie, left wing. Umpire, Mr J. Costello. Kick-off at 3-20.

Leadgate Exiles Reserve v Houghton St. Michael's.—To be played on the Exiles' ground to-morrow (Saturday). The home team will be as follows:—Goal, T. McGraham; backs, B. Rogers and J. O'Neale; half-backs, A. Matthews, J. Hagan, and G. Hewitson; forwards, A. Connolly (capt.) and Jas. McMahon, right wing; J. McMahon and O. Hughes, left wing; J. Murphy, centre. Umpire, Mr J. Toner.

Leadgate Park Reserve v Esh Albion.—To be played at Esh to-morrow (Saturday). The Park team will be:—Goal, J. Day; backs, T. Cairns and E. Walker; half-backs, A. Graham, W. Foreman, and T. Stephenson; forwards, T. Reed and T. Kennedy, right wing; J. Haggerstone, centre; J. Snowdon and H. Makepeace, left wing. Umpire, Mr Wm. Johns.

Consett Albion v Consett League of the Cross 2nd.—To be played on the Albion ground to-morrow (Saturday). The home team will be as follows:—Goal, J. Carruthers; backs, R. Harkness and W. Bell; half-backs, C. Ternent, T. Skelton (capt.), and T. Dunn; forwards, G. Gladders and W. Wake, right wing; T. Watson, centre; J. Allison and W. Atkinson, left wing. Umpire, Mr R. Sedgwick.

Dipton Wanderers Reserve v Witton Gilbert Rovers.—To be played at Witton Gilbert to-morrow (Saturday). The Wanderers will be represented by—Goal, T. Mann; backs, J. Jardine and J. Bell; half-backs, G. Temple, J. Adcock, and J. Curtis; forwards, W. Turnbull and J. Knotts, right wing; W. Nankervis, centre; R. Press and H. Maude, left wing.

Lintzford v Waldridge Fell.—To be played at Waldridge Fell to-morrow (Saturday). The visitors' team will be:—Goal, T. Smith; backs, J. W. Andrews and R. Abbott (capt.); half-backs, E. Burton, J. McKenna, and J. Wheatman; forwards, M. Watson and Jos. Andrews, left wing; M. Swinburne, centre; G. Abbott and G. Burton, right wing. Umpire, Mr G. Smith. Kick-off at 3-30.

Dipton Wanderers v Newcastle Wednesday.—This return match will be played at Newcastle next Wednesday. The following will compose the Wanderers' team:—Goal, T. Turpin; backs, J. Walker and A. Tuson; half-backs, R. Brewis, E. Buck, and W. Bowes; forwards, J. Leadbitter and I. Gilliard, right wing; W. Smith, centre; D. Crozier and T. Walker, left wing.

DURHAM ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE CUP.

QUALIFYING COMPETITION—SECOND ROUND.

Medomsley v Gateshead North-Eastern.—This match in the second round will be played at Medomsley to-morrow (Saturday). The visitors have a very strong eleven, and as recently as last Saturday easily defeated Whitburn. The villagers do not expect, of course, to cope successfully with their powerful opponents; but as they are playing themselves into something like their old form, the home team hope to give the North-Eastern a good game. The Medomsley team will be composed as follows:—Goal, T. Bramley; backs, M. Charlton and Wm. Mansell; half-backs, R. Cant, G. Moon, and J. Veitch; forwards, R. Campbell and W. Walton, right wing; J. Ross (capt.), centre; A. M. Hedley and Wm. Cant, left wing. Umpire, Mr W. G. Thompson. Reserves, A. Little and J. Brown. Kick-off at 3.

Leadgate St. Ives v Stanley Juniors.—After a very pleasant game, St. Ives won by four goals to nil.

Consett Wednesday v Newcastle Victoria Stiff-'Uns.—Played at Fell Farm, Consett, on Wednesday afternoon, before a good many spectators. The visitors won the toss, and one minute after starting kicked a goal. The home team then settled down to their work, and the struggle lasted for a considerable time, but no further scoring took place during the first half. In the second portion, Consett equalised matters within five minutes of the kick-off. The game ultimately resulted in a draw of one goal each. Mr J. McCurley (Leadgate Exiles) was referee.—The Wednesday club give every promise of becoming a first-rate team.—In the evening, a social gathering was held at Mr Ed. Wylam's, Freemason's Arms Hotel, when about 50 persons were present, representing the various local football clubs. Mr R. Jones (secretary of the Gateshead club) filled the chair, and Mr W. Eales (Consett) the vice-chair. Songs were given, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

STREET RIOT AT LEADGATE.

EXCITING SCENES.

The feeling existing between the rival football clubs—Leadgate Exiles and Park—culminated at night in a

RATHER SERIOUS RIOT.

For the past week the tie has been the principal topic of conversation, bets being freely laid on the result, and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed amongst the numerous patrons of each club. A good deal of bandinage was indulged in before and after the match, and about 10-30 p.m. a regular *melee* broke out at the Bradley Arms, Leadgate, the headquarters of the Exiles club. It is supposed that the partisans of both teams must have come in contact with each other. The local police, headed by Sergt. Nicholson, were called inside to quell the disturbance, and in the scuffle a man named Joseph Cain was arrested, the handcuffs being placed on his wrists. A brother of this person armed himself with a short stick and

SMASHED IN THE WINDOW FRAMES,

panels, and glass in front of the public-house. The police essayed to take him into custody, but the man hit the sergeant two blows with the stick, and then ran towards Dipton. Sergeant Nicholson and P.C. Crisp set off in pursuit, but were

UNABLE TO CAPTURE HIM.

Meanwhile, the uproar continued in the public-house, where P.C. Lambert was left in charge of the person arrested. Some of his companions, however, seized hold of the officer, and throwing him down, held him on the ground, and Cain effected his

ESCAPE WITH THE HANDCUFFS

still upon his wrists. The disturbance still increasing, several fights occurring in the main street, word was despatched to Consett, and Inspector Benzies, accompanied by three constables, hastened to Leadgate. They found a great deal of disorder and excitement in Front Street and some of the back thoroughfares, the

YELLS AND SHOUTS

which rent the air being deafening. The female portion of the community seemed to be the worst offenders. The police made several charges on the turbulent mob, and eventually succeeded in dispersing the crowd, two of the ringleaders, Wheatley and Conning, being taken to the Consett lock-up. The people were decrying the various clubs, and some stones were thrown at each other by the opposing factions. About midnight the place quietened down. None of the members of the clubs took part in the affray, and the clubs are not responsible for the conduct of outside supporters.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Benfieldside.—There was only a small show of stock at this mart on Monday, for which there was a fair trade. Cattle to £12; stirks to £7 17s 6d; calves to 35s; sheep to 46s; lambs to 38s; pork pigs to 85s; small pigs, 10s to 38s.

Tow Law.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, 68 cows (calved and to calve), 15 fat cattle, 3 store cattle, 12 calves, 184 fat sheep and lambs, 6 Leicester gimmer lambs. Calved cows made up to £19; cows to calve up to £19 17s 6d; fat cattle to £18 10s; store cattle to £12; calves to 42s; fat sheep to 49s—top, Mr Sanderson, Littlewhite; fat lambs to 32s—top, Mr Ward, Wolsingham; Leicester tup lambs to 58s; Leicester gimmer lambs to 50s; fat black-faced ewes to 31s 6d—top, Mr Rippon, Eastgate.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[By "Castlesideite."]

A successful and well-attended sewing meeting tea and supper was held in the Primitive Methodist school-room on Saturday, and was kindly given by Mrs John Carrick, realising the nice sum of £2. On Monday afternoon, the young ladies of the above society held their first meeting in one of the class-rooms, there being a good attendance.

The highwayman is not extinct yet. Whilst one of our lady friends was homeward bound on Saturday night last from a wedding party celebrated at Muggleswick, the road between the above place and the village being lonely and rugged, reminding one of that mentioned in scripture "between Jerusalem and Jericho, where the poor fellow fell among thieves." So this lady had the misfortune to fall among thieves, the difference being that they did not strip her of her garments, nor wound her, but only took her purse. No doubt she would be very much frightened and excited. I would advise ladies either to take a friend or Carlo with them when they journey that way.

I see from programmes to hand this morning that there is a treat in store for us on Saturday night—I mean a musical treat, which no doubt will be appreciated.

The village was fairly represented at the choral festival held in Newcastle on Wednesday night, Mr Raine's choir taking part in that great gathering. I learn that the hall was crowded to excess.

A sudden change in the temperature overtook us on Sunday, which continued until Tuesday night. The severe frost has blighted and withered both flower and leaf; the "last rose of summer" has yielded to the chilly blast, and we are reminded that we must wait the return of spring ere we can hope for the song of bird or bloom and fragrance of flower.

As chilly winter comes on apace, I hope my young friends will be kind to the sparrow and robin, and all the feathered family. They all need the pity and help when food is scarce. I trust the young people will pay heed to the lessons taught by Uncle Toby, and become members of the "Dicky Bird Society." If my memory serves me aright, I think the society has a membership of no less than 200,000, and there has been added to the long list of names as patrons such as Lord Armstrong, Lord Tennyson, and the Bishops of Newcastle and Durham. Surely the boy or girl who becomes a member of such an institution does the right thing, and will doubtless win the Master's approval, for a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS

Consett—Delves Lane, 21th inst., the wife of Robt. Seaton, of a son.
Middle Street, 24th inst., the wife of Alexander Roberts, of a son.
Allendale Cottages—27th inst., the wife of Alfred Milburn, of a son.
22nd inst., the wife of William Gibson, of a daughter.
Stanhope—28th inst., the wife of Thomas Collingwood, schoolmaster, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

Shotley Bridge—Wesleyan Chapel, 29th inst., by Rev. J. Clegg, S. M. Gill, of Leadgate, to Ellen Matilda Brown, daughter of Mr Luke Brown, of Blackhill.
White-le-Head—Primitive Methodist Chapel, 25th inst., by Rev M. Johnson, Timothy Armstrong, checkweighman, Burnopfield Colliery, to Margt. Ann Tait, daughter of Mr G. Chismond, Marley Hill.
Lanchester—Register Office, 25th inst., J. H. Carroll to R. Oglivey, both of South Pontop.—Same day, William Thompson, Castleside, to P. Graham, Healeyfield.—Same day, Wm. Findlev to Jane Rainbow, both of South Moor.—27th inst., Jacob Daniels, Stockton-on-Tees, to Margaret Batey, Leadgate.
Wolsingham—Register Office, 28th inst., John Dowson to Lily Tinkler, daughter of Mr F. Tinkler, cabinetmaker, Stanhope.

DEATHS.

Leadgate—23rd inst., aged 72 years, Thomas Makepeace.
Blackhill—10, Thomas Street, aged 39, Elizabeth Taylor (late of Middleham), wife of John Spence; deeply lamented by her friends. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Saturday First, at 2:30 p.m. Friends, please accept this, the only intimation.
28th inst., Lily, infant daughter of James and Isabella McWilliams.
Benfieldside—30th inst., aged 73, Elizabeth, the beloved wife of the late Richard Palliser. Interment at Ebchester, on Monday November 3rd. *Cortege* to leave the residence at 2 o'clock. All friends kindly invited.
Dipton—Delight Bank, 29th inst., aged 4 years and 7 months, Ralph, beloved son of John and Ann Oliver. To be interred at Hare Law, on Saturday First, at Three p.m. Friends, please accept this intimation. 305d
Allendale Cottages—28th inst., the infant son of Thomas and Elizabeth Wigham.
Carr Shield, Muggleswick—28th inst., aged 17, Joseph Makepeace.
Tow Law—Castle Bank, 26th inst., aged 56, Thomas Akinson.
Barcus Close—28th inst., Nathaniel, infant son of W. J. and E. D. Handcock.
West Pelton—High Hold, 26th inst., aged 13 years, Thomas, son of William and Sarah Tinkler.
Waldridge House—27th inst., aged 71, Jane, wife of William Morris, mining engineer, Waldridge Collieries.
Whickham—25th inst., aged 88, Mary Frame.
Minsteracres—29th inst., in her 83rd year, Mary, wife of the late Hopper Swallow, and daughter of the late James Elliott, of Manor House.
Birtley—Warwick Square, 28th inst., aged 26, Ruth, wife of John Little.
Barmoor—16th ult., aged 65, Elizabeth Hunter, the beloved wife of Samuel Yuille, late of Shotley. R.I.P. 296d

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