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The health of the district has been very good during the last three months, as may be supposed from the low death-rate. Scarlet fever and whooping cough are still prevalent in our district, although as yet with no fatal result.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

GEOBGE HOOD, M.D.

Tow Law, October 2nd, 1898.
The reports were adopted.

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which it has been completed reflects unlimited credit upon them. The plan of the village was laid out by Messrs Dodge and Brown, the chairman of the committee being engaged in settling the thing together. Expressions of admiration at the bazaar were held on every side. We object to this species of effort as trying to clear a debt of about \$200 from the building of the new Jubilee Sunday-school. The ladies who presided at the stalls were—*Mattersboro Chiles*; Mrs Moore, Mrs Rankin; Mrs Russell, Mrs Greener, Mrs Hildreth, Mrs Smith, Mrs May, Mrs Johnson, and Mrs Martin; Mesdames Barker, Johnson, and Wells; Mesdames Welch; Conservators—Mrs Felt, Mrs Cook, Mrs Bird, Mrs Lederer; Chamonis—Mrs Cooke, Mrs Coasters, Mrs Wells, and Mrs Felt; Flower—Mrs Felt.

lars, Miss Rutherford, and Miss Cooke; refreshment table—Mrs Smith, Mrs Doida, Mrs Pearson, Mrs Humble, and Mrs Maddison.

THE exercises were presided over by Rev. F. S. Thompson, assisted by her husband and Rev F. S. Esters came in. The rev gentleman gave out a paper, which was followed by prayer.

Rev. F. S. ESTERS then read the new Sunday-school was opened out for religious instruction last October. When the foundation stone was laid in May, 1887, £753 had been already realized towards the building, and £1000 was to be cleared off. The best part of that £500 was raised within the last eighteen months, the

making some great effort to raise the remainder of the money. The people had decided to have a bazaar, which seemed to them the best plan. He had no doubt that the people would be very ready to co-operate in the matter, and he believed they would be very well pleased at the result of their efforts on that score. He did not know that their expectations were so ridiculously sanguine to lead them to suppose that they would do the work and that he believed all the people present would assist him to the best of their ability. He thought the members of the committee were very foolish to suppose that they would do the work and that he believed all the people present would assist him to the best of their ability. He thought the members of the committee were very foolish to suppose that they would do the work and that he believed all the people present would assist him to the best of their ability. He thought the members of the committee were very foolish to suppose that they would do the work and that he believed all the people present would assist him to the best of their ability.

Mr. Thompson said that he had the goods which he had been prepared to contribute to the bazaar. He thought the building committee deserved great credit too. He would not further prolong his remarks, but would introduce to them Mrs. Thompson, of Simsbury Lodge, Tynes Dock, and then declared the bazaar open.

Mr. Thompson was called upon to say a few words, and he remarked that he was quite unprepared to give an address, for he was not a very good speaker. He said that he was very glad to be paying his wife there that day, that he would press to speak. He was not accustomed to dress public audiences, but he would endeavor to do so. He said that he was very glad to find that he had come there that day, and that in them in their noble work. There was no

times, many people who were assembled before him would know that he had spent the greater part of his life in that locality. She had got her education there, and had experienced both joys and sorrows during the period of her residence amongst them. He had often heard people say at the time when they were leaving you at school, to fit you for your after life, were the happiest days in a man's existence. He did not know what foundation there was for such a statement; he certainly did not believe it himself. He was glad when he had to leave school and go work. (Hear, hear.) It was many years ago that he first began to see the light of the gospel, and he had been sown there, and, since that time, many of their men and women have been sowing the seed of the gospel in different parts of the world.

some of them still remained and were continuing to spread the truth. He believed the work in connection with the Sabbath School was one of the most useful levers in the Christian Church. Many successful preachers had received the whole of their education in the Sabbath School—he had done so himself. He said that if any one had to send their sons to work at a factory, they had no time for day-school education, the Sabbath School was their only means of giving instruction. He would not say more, as the ladies were all anxious to go to work with their studies, and he hoped it would be a very great cause.

Mr. F. S. CHURTON proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson for their valuable services.

giving of thanks was a-ccorded, and Mr. Russell responded for himself and his wife. A tea was provided in the afternoon, which was well attended. During the day selections of songs were given upon the pianoforte by several of the ladies, and at night an entertainment was given in the chapel by the choir. Mr. Russell presided at the organ. There was a large attendance at the bazaar on the opening and it bids fair to be a great success.

Volunteer Intelligence.

ANNUAL SHOOTING AND DINNER AT
STANHOPE

annual shooting match of the Stanhope sports club, on Saturday, was very favorable weather, on Crawley Moor, at their nice ground. The following are the highest scores:

	POINTS.
Corporal J. March	31
Corporal W. Phillips	30
Corporal J. Best	29
Private E. Greenhill	28
Private J. Thompson	28
Corporal W. Hey	27
Private T. Walton	27
Corporal T. Walker	26
Sergeant A. Hutchings	26

Sergeant J. G. Bainbridge ... 20
 per of a superb character was served up at
 the Phoenix Inn, by Mrs Parkin's when about 66
 Mr Duncan McLean present. The
 was this year was much worse than usual,
 rally on account of the unfavourable day.
 victory in connection with the shooting
 and in the first prize £25 given to Miss
 at the Queen's Head Inn, and the second to
 John Wilkinson, of The Butts, of Cl.

TEMPLEARY.—At an open lodge meeting in
 action with the "Beacons of Hope Lodge,"
 law, on Wednesday night, in the Wesleyan
 School, an address was given by the
 with, of the North of England Temperance

Mr. H. H. Davison, Bearpark, secured the first for dark Brahmas, cock at the annual show of Hudson field at District Point, Piquette, Michigan, held Sept. 22nd and 23rd.

BEST THANKSGIVING.

CHURCH, OLD EM.—On Saturday excellent sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Durbin, to an exceedingly large congregation. The decoration of the church was most artistically arranged, the church quite a picturesque appearance; while the altar above the communion table bore a beautiful inscription of "Holy, holy, holy," letters on a red ground, over the top was a magnificent emblem of the cross. The floor all the way displayed elegantly in the arrangement of magnificent flowers and grouped in the center of the church were the principal decorators being Mrs. G. and Misses Smith, assisted by the Misses Smith, of the village school. The windows were decorated with various plants, while at the

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landlady having recently arrived in she was ignorant of the character of the village wags who frequented the predecessor. But a few more similar to one she received from them the other will render her less gullible and more to walk over. Few jokes are complete the knight of the latter and lower

taking a prominent part in them. He is always the leading dog, generally his colleagues as M.C. Having been the little hamlet of Eastgate, which was so renowned for larking young pranks of whom are told to this day, our story has acquired a proclivity for it, and seldom does he let an opportunity pass of taking full advantage, and making

He is generally ably seconded by retired spirits, always ready and on the good lick. Four completed the circle we speak, who the other evening to a certain hotel for a lark with the fresh One was a jolly butcher, full of life, who thoroughly enjoys a joke, the were retired gentlemen, who had made while in the ranks of the horny-handed, respectable and agreeable fellows, and who

The four entered, and called for their mountain dew, when the spokesman to the good-natured and feeling land-lords was on an errand of mercy, and was going about doing good. This time, a poor widow in the neighbourhood had lost a bull, and they were around her or cash wherewith to purchase her

They had succeeded fairly well, and might replace for her another animal, a silky tongue, gentlemanly demeanor, and sympathy for the widow, he touched a chord in the heart of the charitably-minded lady, who responded to his appeal with a handsome subscription for the cause. They were somewhat unprepared for the result, and lacked the usual list: but one of them was equal to

and, and hastily polled out an old
book, and in the presence of the charitable
retained waiting her name. The other
if on a volcano. They could scarcely
their laughter at the wit of this person,
and his accomplices. As soon as the
in another room, their pent-up feelings
and they laughed to their hearts' content.
punch was called for, and the four

prize wanted the cobwebs from their all nose remained. In fact this band of the bull money. The widow and the Tow Law was a myth, and the whole hoax, conjured up and carried out with imagination and mother wit of the two and his trio of portly colleagues. The joke, it is a tist, a tist, was a frequent and the two well known characters at laughed more than they had done at

me before. But the charitable ladies that she will be more cautious next time calls upon her soliciting subscriptions, it be for the missionaries, or for a Dorcas Society, or a dead bull either, party left she thought them rather a cadgers; but still she did not suspect wrong, as they gave her the impression were then going to Tow Lw Auction

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 commoting his daughter, who had been
 said, "I don't wonder you grieve for
 said; you will never find his equal." "I
 was that I can," responded the sobbing

"You say that your father died from a shock to his system. Was he an electrician?"

"No. He fell from a scaffold," Jung
asked, "Was he? Was it his own fault?"
"I think it was the sheriff's fault, yet
he was staying at an hotel of the cheap order,
and posted on the walls: 'Breakfast 9
crescenting the waiter, he said: 'Breakfast
is good.' Waiter: 'We've got no ham, sir.'
"What, no ham! What yer call that air
of it?"

"I've been back with thanks. I have sent poems and short stories; but everything goes. What can I send that will meet with —
 "Sympathetic and practical friend
 "Believe me, your subscription."
 "The club?" "Where's Tom. He is generally
 "at home."
 "Fred? Tom's chair will be
 "gone days. He bought a bicycle yesterday.
 "I thought it would be such a pleasure
 "to him. You've got to ask that it would be
 "to him."

away Crawler: "Good gracious, you'd
o walk to the club! It's quite a quarter of
know," Mr. De Bility: "Aw, dah
can sniffle some fatigue, you know, if we
p before the public eye. I expect to meet
who will write me up as the 'waddy'
depression!"

Notes.

DISTRESS IN WEARDALE.—In addition to the unemployed men of the Lead Company, a large number of those employed by the Weardale Iron Company at Grose Head (numbering over 30) have received their notices. Distress is prevalent amongst the families of the unemployed.

the supplies being transmitted mainly to Tyneside where building operations are very brisk.—The Birley Iron Works have also a fair share of work, as evidenced by the fitting and moulding department working overtime, trade having been good all the year, and very much better than in many previous years.

CONSETT IRON AND STEELWORKERS
TRADE AND DEMONSTRATION

The above was held at Consett on Saturday. In the afternoon, before the tea, a procession of workmen was formed, which paraded the streets at Consett and Blackhill, headed by the League of the Cross Brass Band. About 500 sat down to tea, and in the evening a public meeting was held in the Co-operative Hall, which was largely attended. The object was explained by Mr. Wm. A. Ward.

The CHAIRMAN, in his opening address, said he congratulated them on the number of youths and young men that were there that night. That was one of the most pleasing features of the gathering to him. The youths were going to be better men than their fathers had been. They were taking up the question of their rights as citizens and men, and

going to settle it early in life. The speaker could go back to the time of the first strike—a little over forty years—in connection with the iron trade. For the next 30 years from that time it was a hard struggle. He remembered when their present secretary (Mr E. A. Trow) came to work here. About that time he (the speaker), together with four others, went to meet their employers. It was a very cold morning. They went there and stood just inside the open door of the

om. The employer, with his secretary, sat at the table before the fire; but we stood at the door, and dare not go any further in. And there, with the door ajar, they had to fight the workmen's cause. This was all changed now, and instead of standing at the door, the workmen's representative could also draw a chair up to the fire. It had taken a quarter-of-a-century to change that, but it had been done. He also congratulated them on the good relations they bore to their associates.

is not only willing to meet you, but he is even willing to meet my friend and me, agitators though we are. In our days when the masters met us they considered it a condescension, but that is now changed. All that is altered, for the young men have taken the subject up, and their future would be much brighter and better than their predecessors had been. In the works in this district there were only about half the number of members of the association that three years

be, more than another half were eligible for members. It was not enough for them only to pay their subscriptions and to elect the various officers of the association—that was the least part of their duty—but everyone of them that were eligible in the works should have his name on the books, subscriptions paid up, and attend the meetings, so that the officers might have their hands free. Until they were in that condition they could not realise their true

position to themselves and their employers. While Staffordshire had been the home and cradle of the iron trade, it now remained almost last in association work. Almost all over the country you met with Staffordshire men. They had become scattered and there had ceased to be a lodge in many districts in the Midlands. Yet they kept the wages board in existence—a Board that had been a shadow, if not a snare; but in the North their organisation existed as

the end of the new rate on to-day, strictly, and by a small dose and an urgent fuse were the same, a peer, and kept the Board to Agriculture in existence. And there was not a Board in England that had served the cause of labour so well as theirs had. They had now arrived at what the speaker hoped was a new departure. For a score of years they had been trying to form the ironworkers into one organisation—to gather the whole trade. No outsider could recognise the difficulties they had had to deal with. There were two or three grades of fiddlers, then there were the millmen—also

There was always a great deal of jealousy among them, and that caused the chief difficulty. He was glad to see that the young men—and ladies even—were taking the matter up seriously. They did not want to take the masters' share of the profits arising from their investment of capital; but they wanted the masters to know that they must not meddle with the men's share. (Applause.) All that their agitation

12 3 wanted to establish was that the working classes
14 3 should take their true position, and that labour shall
11 6 not be a drudge. (Cheers). He hoped the men would
not spend the money they had earned in that which
Riffron. was not bread, and he was glad they had moved their
lodge from a public-house. He had great pleasure in
calling upon Mr. Thos. Williams to propose the resolu-
tion. (Cheers).

Mr WILLIAMS said it gave him great pleasure to see
such a large number of men at the meeting.

to be discussed, and the object of the meeting was to infuse a kinder feeling among the working-classes, and he hoped that the principles awakened that night would not die away like smoke, but become deeper-rooted as years went by. He then proposed the following resolution:—

“That this meeting reaffirms its confidence in the principles of conciliation and arbitration, as expounded and applied by the Board of Arbitration for the Manufactured Iron and Steel Trades *Inc.*, the

Mr PATRICKSON (Castleisle) had great pleasure in seconding the resolution. This was the first occasion on which he had had an opportunity of saying a few words to his fellow-workmen. He thought "Federal

tion" was a principle adopted both by states and nations, and that its adoption would be beneficial to working-men generally. It would protect them from tyranny, and enable them to claim their rights. He thought if working-men were true to themselves, and took care of what they earned, they need not fear anyone. But it was said that a house divided against itself cannot stand, so to be powerful they must be united. (Applause.)

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W. Cant,
son, half-
left wing;
J. Ross,
unionism among the men, and had to suffer for it.
And he defied any man in that meeting to point out
to him any period since the establishment of the
Board when he lost so much as he lost after the great
fight of 1866. Men were true to one another, and so
their wives and little ones in many cases had to fill
paupers' graves. They felt their own lives failing,
but they remained firm as long as they could. But
in the end they were defeated, and every man lost

more connection with that fight than he has ever lost since. Strikes may conquer the masters, but they never convince them. A strike may be successful for the moment to the workmen, but the employers are not convinced that they are in the wrong, and they only bottle up their wrath, put the best face on it they can, bide their time, and make the workmen "pay the piper" when their time comes. A strike of two months, the withdrawal of the wages

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man should take individual action in a case, but they should let the Board take it up, and the men would be sure to get justice. (Applause.) Confidence was wanted amongst the men, and each man should remember that he was only one. It was not fair for one to take the cream and leave to the others only the skimmed milk, and so, if the higher workmen do not meet the others on equal terms, the labourers would help to drag the others down, and not try to keep

Mr J. OMA in supporting the resolution said that strikes were not logical arguments, and as they, in many cases, destroyed capital, they were indicators of misery, and the men who alienate the afflictions arising from them, performed an inestimable benefit for the working classes. The principles of trade-

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