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Evening, 6-8 }

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FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Sept. 17th and 18th
last Two Nights of—
THE STOLEN BIRTHRIGHT.

MONDAY, September 20th, and Five Follows

Nights—
THE NEW WORLD.
Wanted.
BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

WANTED, on 1st November next, a thoroughly competent Man to undertake the Duties of ATTENDANCE OFFICER for the Parish of Benfieldside, and School CAPTAIN and CLEANER for Benfieldside Boys' School. Salary, £75, with Free House on School premises, and Coals. Successful Candidate will be required to devote the whole of his time to the duties of the office.

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Father Fortin's letter was as under:—
 Sir,—On the agenda paper for meeting of the
 above Board, on September 9th, one item
 mentioned is, "Approval of the Local Government."

Father Fortin's letter was as under:—
 Sir,—On the agenda paper for me above Board, on September 29th, one item is, "Approval of the Local Government to the purchase of Mr Logan's land to certain formalities being gone I venture to think that the sanction of Government Board would not have been so readily had they known the circumstances, and I beg to ask that further be made. There is a very strong opinion throughout the whole of the union against purchase as unnecessary, and a waste of ratepayers' money. The whole question hurried through in a most irregular manner."

"That on the recommendation of the Commission appointed to consider the question of the offer to sell his property adjacent to the Workhouse for a sum not exceeding £10,000, subject to the sanction of the Government Board, is invalid, as the contents of the standing orders have not been complied with." No. 8 on the standing order. "That all notices of motion shall be delivered to the Clerk, in writing, at least five days before the meeting; the Clerk to give three days notice thereof in writing to each Guardian."

not been done. No 9, rue Agnès—“a small” house involving special expenditure—was not sold. The following is the statement on the agenda has been—“purchase of property adjoining the West side of the Boulevard de la Chapelle. The property is old and dilapidated; no work has been made; no proper examination has been made. The property is owned by a few of the Guardians. The property is the Chairman of the Board, and the Guardians have been asked to make a statement canvassing the Guardians, and making a proposition to rush the matter through. It is not a matter of importance, and it is not distinctly asserted that there is no need for the property. If ever a larger Board is elected, it will be asked to consider the property in the ground already possessed by the Guardians. The property proposed is not available for the purpose of the Board, and if it were there would be out of control. If it is not, an additional block could easily be added to the property, and it is not convenient that any nullification of this property.”

£1,000 is only a preliminary expenditure before any use can be made of the proposed houses must be removed, part of a

As Chairman of the Lanchester War Visiting Committee, and on behalf of the committee, I am very sorry indeed that before giving a final sanction to the purchase, a fine and proper inquiry should be instituted by your honorable Board.

I have been informed that a Guard held on Thursday next at 11 a.m., and evidently the intention of some persons to make matters worse without there being any real cause for complaint. It is to you will inform the Clerk to the Board (H. Rilton). In return of post, that a problem received, and that further consideration be continued.

Yours faithfully,
Duchess, Daily Advertiser, which was some idea of the feeling in the district obedient servant. Rev. PHILIP C. FORD
General Government Board.
Whitehall.

When reference to the Clerk acting on behalf of the vendor was read, Mr. MITCHELL exclaimed in an indignant tone, "Shameful!" and in an indignant tone, members also cried "Shame."

The CHAIRMAN said that the letter spoke for itself. It needed no comment. Whether Mr. FORTIN thought the Committee a lot of trouble, he could not tell, but the Committee thought it was a matter.

Mr. WOOD: Do the Local Government ask for any reply?

The CHAIRMAN: No, sir.

Mr. GREEN: I move that the letter lie on the table, and that each Guardian think of it for himself. That is the least that we can do with it.

Mr. DODD: I have no objection to that. I wish to say that it is very evident that there are a lot of "muzzes." I have been in

Mr. WOOD said that there was one state of the letter which should not be allowed to go forth. He said that the paragraph which placed the Clerk in a most dishonorable position was a statement which every one would have to verify for himself. He never approached him, and so far as he knew did not personally go to the members of the Board, and interest them in the question. He said that the resolution exonerated the Clerk from the charge of having been sent from the Board, and sent to the Local Government. It seemed to put the Clerk in a false position before the Board and the ratepayers.

Mr. TAYLOR seconded.

FATHER FORTY rose to reply, but was called to order.

Mr. WOOD: The chairman, I think, intended that the reverend man ought to be heard, and

Father FORTIN said that he had a reply. Mr. CURRY WOOD had spoken from own knowledge, and his own alone. He (FORTIN) spoke of his own knowledge, as a preacher for himself when he said that Mr. CURRY WOOD was anxious to be bringing the matter forward. Mr. RITSON said to such an extent, that he had spoken in presence of others of the advisability of his property, and he (Father FORTIN) had used of the expression to him that "he was a solicitor to the vendor." Mr. RITSON could not say that himself.

Mr. WOOD: What is the statement made by Mr. FORTIN?

THE CHAIRMAN repeated the paragraph.

Mr OLIVER: I for one, would say publicly that the Clerk never carried on as a Guardian. Several members exclaimed that they had been approached by the Clerk with reference to the purchase of the property.

Mr WOOD: It is absolutely false that the Clerk rushed the thing, because he has no power to do so.

Mr OLIVER: He has not the power, if he is extremely anxious.

Father FORTIN: I beg to propose this as my reply to the whole letter. That was the most sensible thing. Answer the letter.

The CHAIRMAN: We have finished with Father FORTIN: Very well, if you answer it, please yourself.

The matter then dropped, but a moment later Father FORTIN rose again.

that in this matter, he had no personal feeling. He had no animosity to the Cleo-
sydney else. Some might think that he
inspired by spite, but that was not the case
no personal feeling of any kind against
Cleo or any else.

THE CHAIRMEN: That will do.

MR GREEN: You thought to state facts
in writing, and not tell lies.

FATHER FORTIN: That is your opinion.
The matter then dropped.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD'S APPROVAL

Letters were read from the Local Govern-
ment approving of the purchase of Mr. Le-
gum's property subject to certain formalities
to be gone through, and also approving of the
cost of the new laundry.

TEMPORARY LAUNDRY.
The tender of Mr Thomas Mordue (£25) accepted for the erection of a wood building temporary laundry.

SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL MEDICAL RELIEF DISTRICT.
The Rev. A. Magill submitted a report relative to the application of the Consett Relief Committee for an additional medical relief district. A gentleman said that the proposal of the committee which he represented was to make an additional district consisting of the townships of Consett, Ixworth, Knitsley, and Benfield. The committee unanimously agreed that the proposal of Mr Magill and Mr Bolton and Wilson should be applied to, to see whether they were agreeable to the suggestion. At present, Dr Bolton's district included

Dr Wilson's district had a population of 21,476, and contained a population of 22,330. To assist the district under the supervision of Wilson included 10,015 acres, and had a population of 21,476. The populations were very varied, and the Committee had tried to relate the populations, which are most scattered, to the proposed areas and found that the area of 6,500 acres and a population of 19,000, whilst Dr Bolton's area would be thinly populated — 19,000 acres and 6,500 population. Dr Wilson's district would be divided to 31,741 acres with a population of 18,000, and 400 acres in Mr Moon's relief district with a population of 19,000. The relief district was almost precisely the same as Dr Wilson's.

He proposed the adoption of the Committee's recommendation that Drs Bolton

be approached regarding the matter. F. AINSLEY seconded.
 Mr. WILKINSON: Have we acknowledged it in this way?
 Mr. WOOD: No.
 The CHAIRMAN: I think it will simplify it by voting on the question of appointing her medical man or not.
 Mr. TAYLOR thought that the members should see the details and figures put upon a paper.
 Mr. WILKINSON: Is the question on which they would have the latest information? They should see exactly what they were doing.
 Mr. THE MAGILL: Is it not just this, that a number of gentlemen object to the proposition of the Committee. The Committee have gone roughly into the matter, and they now propose to go more fully into it.
 Mr. TAYLOR said that Father Magill could

He it for granted that he (Mr Taylor) was used to the change; but there were very few others of the Board who could carry the whole figures in their minds, and he thought ought to be printed.

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degrees the gift of making himself "at the disposal of the parish," he kept a list of the householders in the parish and the parish apportioned out for fuel. When the call came for McCrenelly to be a minister, he was elected by the Byers Green, a striking proof of his popularity. The Churchwarden, Rolley and Prater took the opportunity of a public meeting, to see if it could not be for Mr and Mrs McCrenelly to remain at home and to appoint a minister. The meeting was so successful that the Bishop and Mr Crenelly were invited to the communication service. The Bishop said that the meeting was a very honourable one to the Vicar and the Byers Green, but the diocese would have to wait for a change, even if the parish did not. It was not considered satisfactory.

cretine was summoned, when it was asked Mr Cromwell to reconsider his disposition was organized, and this receipted in two days, and which was sent Bishop, praying him to allow Mr Cromwell at Stanley. The Bishop in a valuable testimonial to Mr Cromwell's loyalty, but he adhered to his former decision. Refusing the petition were compelled to submit to the meeting in November of 1855, Mr Cromwell's connection with the Church he had founded. He was succeeded by the Rev. James, the present Vicar, who came from St. Andrew's, and the congregation of St. Andrew's and the

of the work gave tangible proof of their faith for Mr and Mrs Grennell by presenting a purse, containing £20 in silver and a book, containing photos of the C. I. Institute, the Village, the two Churches, and the Churchwardens, Mr being the recipient of a handsome service, together with an allusion being from the members of the local branch Girls' Friendly Society. Mr Grennell a staunch temperance advocate, and he what he preached.

AN IMPRESSIVE SERMON.

On Sunday evening, the Rev. D. V. preached at the Parish Church, to a congregation from the world, with the

ready, or in such an hour that we think
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That must have been the idea of the
when he said, "Let me know the num
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That at the first sight implied there
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to him. I remember the saying of a pious man, whose advice was, "Prepare your God the day before your death," the question, of course, being, "When is my death?" and the answer, "We don't know; therefore we must be prepared. I intended to speak to-night on behalf of temperance, and I think you will agree that the fruit of temperance are to prepare to watch for the coming of our Lord; and I think you will agree that we cannot speak words to strong in praise of those connected with that cause. They have made an extraordinary sacrifice in the last few days, and I felt bound to few words on behalf of that Society, words will be fewer than they would have been, were it not for what has happened."

the meantime. Surely, "We know not hour may bring forth." During the days, within the last week, death has claimed a coolly company, and some have taken it at a moment. At such times these, the question comes more forcibly upon us, when we stare, "Where, death, art thou, and when death itself enters?" amongst us. We do not seem to be warned which our Lord gave us, though strong warning it was, and a warning to the individual, "Watch, for ye know not that the Son of Man cometh," whether in the night or midnight, or at the crowing of the morning. What Christ said to his disciples he said to all men. When overwhelmed with sudden dangers, we were apt to say, we should have been warned.

between life and death." That step never seems to be so near as when we are surrounded by the dead. There are many in the Church to-night who are mourning the loss of near relatives. There are many not in the Church who are mourning the loss of relatives and friends, who may have lying in their houses dead. It is the language of the dead to us, "they being dead, yet speak" to us, and they speak a great deal more eloquent than when they lived amongst us. But from the corners of the parish to-night, came a louder, more eloquent than any because that voice which you have heard the pulpit so often, "you will hear no more who has laboured long and hard for you."

life was suddenly on Saturday, called to be
We thought him in full possession of his
and health, till the telegram came press-
ing us like a thunderclap the news—to us the
news—that death had claimed him. "Y
not the hour when the Son of Man cometh
voice you heard from this pulpit, the voice
heard throughout the parish so often,
long, the voice of him who laboured so
meritoriously here, is hushed—his
death: yet, he being dead yet speaketh,
think the words with greater force
to-night from the very fact that he is
be amongst us." He was now ready,
such an hour that ye think not the Son
cometh." He warned us from this pulp
upon line, precept upon precept, he pur-

faithfully and well for the greater and the part of his life. To what purpose? Should come suddenly amongst us to-night with dition will it find us in? Will it find condition of preparedness? "Blessed is that man when his Master cometh, he find ready," having performed the duties as to him." Can we understand me, my brother, is not to prepare for dying, but to prepare for living, and when I say "Be ready," I mean "Be ye ready for service in the world." For I always preached that if a man is fit to be it to die, and my business is to prepare for life, not for death. We must be doing, endeavouring at all times to be doing, good. Psalmist said "Let me know the number of days," but the Psalmist did not stop there.

Whose life was dedicated to God, and he died under the whole of his life-long service to His Lord and Master. As I am speaking to you very much as you are, your hearts and thoughts are very much elsewhere, but I do not blame you. He who is gone from us has left behind him a dear to the greater part of the community, he has spent so great a time with you. The people here will know all about him; he held them in his arms, received them into the Church of Christ, and signed them with the oil of the Cross. Many of you present, he joined the holy bonds of matrimony, prayed over and was anxious for your welfare. He was first pastor, he laboured to build this Church. He knew the composition of the stone which it was made. But he knew something more than that. He

of the material church, but he engaged in building that church—spiritual edifice, and knew the stones of which it is composed, and he knew the stones which composed the church building, and I trust that the edifice he instrumental in rearing will go on increasing in size and grandeur, getting more for that kingdom and glory to which he went. "Be ye also ready." He did not rest until that death was coming to claim him so soon. It came in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and to all present the lesson was made plain. He knew how soon it may come to any of us, and he said that his latest breath would be employed in such an utterance as "Be ye ready. Oh my people, for whom I am laboring, for so many years."

should not be unprepared. What shall we do to prepare for this coming? We must wrestle, and fight, being ready in all things to do the will of God. What shall I do? I have had experience of the world, and its difficulties. I know how very dreary at times to be, but if we are conscious we are engaged in the Master's service, we are getting ready. I don't think that it is so dreary as at times it seems to be. We are sad, and

Air is full of farewell to the living, and mournings for the dead."

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order.—Your obedient servant,

S. H. Morris, Assistant Sec.
dated Sept. 28th was as follows:—
"I am directed by the Local Government
to advert to their letter of the 1st inst.,
in reference to the proposal of the Guardians
of Lancaster Union to purchase certain
land, and to forward to the Guardians the
copy of a communication which the
same received from the Hon. P. C. Fortin
algeue."



DECEASED.

18. Park Row, Hamsterley Colliery, on the 10th inst., aged 75 years.
19. West Row, Blackhill, on the 11th inst., 65 years.
20. John Street, Gossett, on the 12th inst., infant daughter of William Mansfield.
21. Church Lane, Shetley Bridge, on the 13th inst., 77 years, Hannah, widow of Charles.
22. St. Catherine's Terrace, Benfieldale, on the 14th inst., 40 years, Esther, wife of Henry Alvey.

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