# The Consett Guardian

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 22nd, 1882.

## MALEVOLENT MINORITIES.

The main principles of constitutional government seem to us to be—first, that the liberty of individuals shall be restricted only in such matters and to such extent as the good of society may require; secondly, that it belongs to the majority, as represented through the machinery of the constitution, to impose restrictions on individual freedom, and therefore to direct the policy of the State; and, thirdly, that it is the duty of the minority, when their own views of public questions have been rejected by the majority after a fair hearing, to submit loyally to a preponderance of opinion against themselves. What Englishmen consider the primary defect in most continental Governments, even when these are avowedly founded on constitutional or representative principles, is the tendency to limit individual liberty in unnecessary matters and to an unwarrantable extent. It is considered that a popular majority may thus become as tyrannical as any personal despotism or exclusive oligarchy, and that the oppressed minority is therefore naturally incited to disaffection and conspiracy. As regards moderation of majorities in exercising their authority, the statement will hardly be questioned that this country and the United States set an example which many other countries would do well to study and imitate. Both amongst ourselves and our Transatlantic cousins, the will of the majority is in general only exercised on necessary matters and to a necessary extent. That being so, the constitutional duty of the minority is loyal submission, if not co-operation, when preponderating opinion has made a formal decision. In this particular we cannot but think that our American kinsmen set us a good example at the present time. Nowhere do party contests run higher than in American, and nowhere do men more energetically advance their individual or party opinions; but when the will of the majority is once formally declared in any matter, the minority accept it as constituting public authority, and consider it entitled to their loyal respect. It used to be so in this country, though perhaps never to the same extent as in America; but of late years there has been a lamentable deterioration here in this respect. Political minorities and even individual public men amongst us, when they have been fairly and overwhelmingly outvoted, still persist, in default of having their own way, in factiously obstructing and violently denouncing the policy determined upon by the majority. We have for some time had a glaring exemplification of this in the conduct of the Irish Home Rulers; but these impracticable politicians form by no means our only malevolent minority. The insubordination of obstinate minorities or of disaffected individuals, has indeed, been carried to such an obstructive extent in the House of Commons, that the leaders of the two great parties quite agree that some provisions are necessary for vindicating the political authority of the majority. The only variance on the point between Liberal and Conservative statesmen is how large a majority should be to exercise the power of repressing factious obstruction. No doubt, in the autumn session which we are now approaching, some means will be adopted to check the perversity of men who would rather obstruct all public business than allow it to be conducted by a majority opposed to their own views. But though rules may be instituted to limit the mischievous action of malevolent minorities in Parliament, it is not so easy to dispose of these disaffected obstructives out of doors. We have had a striking example of the disloyal insubordination of minorities in connection with the Egyptian military expedition. Politicians like Sir WILFRID LAWSON had a perfect right to urge their views upon Parliament and the public while the Egyptian question was still under debate, and the decision of Parliament had not been pronounced. But when the constitutional authority representing the majority of the country had definitively pronounced, and when the Egyptian policy of the Ministry and the war undertaken by them became the policy and the war of the country, it was both unconstitutional and unpatriotic to indulge in denunciation which could only damage the power of the nation, without affecting its policy. The anti-war Radicals have outraged the constitutional rights and the feelings of the bulk of their countrymen, without effecting any benefit for the cause which they so injudiciously supported.

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We [illegible] the [illegible] the country at Sir Garnet's victory. We [illegible] anxious to believe that it was an [illegible] achievement, and we are inclined to exaggerate any details which serve to show that Arabi's soldiery made a stout resistance to our arms. I am afraid, however, we are making rather too much of the national triumph, and certainly the language of the press in some quarters is so inflated that we should really have no adjectives left to describe the doings of our troops should they ever be called to fight a European army. The fact is that of late years we have grown so accustomed to suffering preliminary humiliations from barbaric foes, that we feel an immense relief at finding that we have flogged the Egyptians without any prefatory mishaps and disasters. But the preceding remarks must be understood as referring to the national credit claimed for our victory, and not as intended to disparage the task of our General or his brave and efficient troops. We may justly pride ourselves on the completeness of Sir Garnet Wolseley's arrangements, and the skill with which he regulated the movements of our fine forces. We have reason for more than satisfaction at the military genius with which Sir Garnet calculated the time and manner of accomplishing his task. He has earned a peerage better than some military commanders who have been so rewarded. It is an immense satisfaction for the country to know that it possesses a man of his cool and confident judgment. If another Crimean War were to take place, it would not find us in doubt as to the hands in which the army should be placed. Sir Garnet has had a wider military experience than Sir Arthur Wellesley had had when the latter took command in the Peninsula. He has possibly in him the making of as great a soldier as the Iron Duke, whose patronymic is so similar, and who, like himself, as a Hibernian peasant put it, "was once only an Irishman."

Mr Edward Jenkins disappointed his admirers as a politician, and he has not yet justified the predictions which have been made of his greatness as a novelist. Dundee was perhaps serving the interests of the country at large, as well as its own, by electing Mr Henderson in his stead, who, indeed, had voluntarily stepped aside before, in order that the author of "Ginx's Baby" might have a place in Parliament. Mr Jenkins has devoted himself chiefly, since the cessation of his parliamentary duties, to literature, and his long novel "Jobson's Enemies" is now complete and before the public. It is his most careful and best-sustained work, but it will not give him the reputation of a great novelist. He is occasionally smart, but scarcely attains brilliance. As usual in his works, there is too much extraneous lecturing introduced; and, as is also usual, there are passages which are coarse, if not actually indelicate. Still, the book is often amusing, and with judicious skipping, enjoyable.

The Democratic Federation, in the second year of its existence, is still in sore need of a programme, and is amazingly ready to seize even the most shadowy pretexts for keeping itself *en evidence*. It has lately been engaged in protesting, without very much necessity, against the introduction of Chinese labour into these kingdoms. The number of Celestials employed in England is as yet so ridiculously small that no great alarm need be raised even amongst those who entertain the singular medley of political views of which Mr Hardman is the prophet.

The Methodists last year had their Œcumenical Conference, in imitation of the Pan-Anglican Synod, and next year the Presbyterians intend holding a General Council of Presbyterian Churches at Belfast. As far as Confessions of Faith are concerned, all the different Presbyterian Churches might well be merged in one. The distinctions which exist amongst them turn on points as Church Government all but incomprehensible to any one but a Scotchman. But a new departure is believed to be at hand which the General Council may accelerate. When the Church of Scotland is disestablished, it is said North of the Tweed that a reunion of all the Scotch Presbyterian bodies may be confidently anticipated. But there will be a redivision of parties. Professor Robertson Smith is only the representative of a large body of ministers who adopt the "newer criticism," and bold latitudinarian views which startle the old and severe school of divines. A Strict Church and a Broad Church must diverge out of the coming reunions, and this re-adjustment of parties may not improbably be hastened by the Belfast Council.

There is room for the formation in London of an Anti-Burglar Association. Various preventitives are suggested. There is the story of the burglar who was successfully defended by a Scotch advocate, and who, being unable to reward his counsel with a fee, gave him in lieu thereof the advice to keep his locks rusty and to have a small terrier always inside his house. But, unfortunately, locks only rust when you don't want them to do so, and sad experience has shown that the honour of little dogs is not always unimpeachable. Again, it is said that a baby is an infallible antidote to house-breakers, whose domestic experience teaches them that infants are not only themselves wakeful but are the cause of wakefulness in others. A baby, from this point of view, is what no family should be without. But it is obviously impossible to keep up a perpetual supply of babies. There is nothing for it but cold lead, and plenty of it. When half a dozen Bill Sikeses have been shot dead, there will be some security for the life and property of honest folks. A society should be formed on the model of the Alpine Club. Membership should only be attainable upon a certificate signed by two respectable house-holders of having killed, or at least seriously wounded, a burglar. We shall have no peace until something of this kind is done—though we shall have too many Peaces.

A recent trip into the provinces gave me a vivid idea of the spread of Temperance principles. Blue-Ribbonism has made marvellous progress amongst the wealthy classes as well as amongst the lower orders of our large towns. An incidental benefit of teetotalism is its tendency to bring different religious denominations together on a friendly footing. An example of this was lately given in London, Canon Wilberforce, the son of a stiff High Churchman, and the grandson of a most less stiff Claphamite, having preached Blue-Ribbonism in Mr Spurgeon's Tabernacle. Indeed, it is becoming quite common for Church clergymen and Roman Catholic priests to address assemblies in Dissenting chapels on temperance subjects. They would incur severe ecclesiastical censure if they ventured to deliver sermons there. Such is the etiquette of Erastianism.

It will be some sort of consolation to British athletisism, after the victorious progress of the Australian cricketers in this country, that the British crew carried off the palm in the aquatic race with the Hillside four. There is, however, a drawback to the British triumph in the defeat of the Americans being partly attributable to an accident to their boat.

Now that Arabi is a prisoner, what is to be done with him? Most people must be somewhat scandalized at the bloodthirsty proposal of the *Spectator* that he should be hanged straight off. A more outrageous proposal never was made, even by a philosopher on the rampage. On the other hand, there is a strong reaction felt in his favour. By many persons he is regarded as a fanatical Moslem, more sinned against than sinning, and the tool of designing men at Stamboul. If justice could overtake the real offender, it is Sultan Abdul Hamid who would be deposed; and it is not impossible that it may come to this after all. As Hosea Biglow puts it,

> "Civilization does git fo rid
> Sometimes upon a powder-cart;"

[illegible] Egyptian experience shows that sometimes we have to pack [illegible] [illegible] our ammunition waggons. At the same time, we need not go with the *Spectator* in its proposal to hang Arabi, because he attempted to [illegible] civilization," whatever that phrase may mean. In regard to the personal capture of Arabi, military critics are remarking, and no doubt with justice, that masterly as Sir Garnet Wolseley's arrangements were for striking down the enemy at Tel-el-Kebir, the pursuit was, if possible, a still higher proof of generalship. Here our General acted on our Indian experience, which is summed up in the phrase of Sir Frederick Roberts, "When you get an Asiatic on the run, keep him on the run." As long as he is vigorously pursued, it may be safely assumed that he will never rally and stand. In this respect Orientals are the antipodes of British troops, who do not know when they are defeated, as Sir John Moore's victory of Corunna clearly proved.

Dr Pusey's death has brought a name to the front which had latterly fallen somewhat into the background. The *Daily Telegraph* described him, from the "man of the world" point of view, as the founder of a sect. In a land which Voltaire described as having a hundred religions and but one sauce, it seems to be a road to distinction to found a sect, just as the roving Englishman discovers an island or plants a colony. The curious thing is that this founder, not of a sect, but of an ecclesiastical party or school, survived his own fame in that way. Dr Pusey lived to see the appellation of Puseyism forgotten, while the younger generation of Ritualists took the lead out of his hand.

## THE STRIKE AT USHAW MOOR COLLIERY.

On Friday the secretary (Mr Henry Smith) read the receipts for that morning, amounting to £15 from Thornley, Leasingthorn, Wingate Grange, Redheugh, Ryhope, Gurney Pit, with £7 8s from Hedleyhill Colliery. The local treasurer (Mr W. Jones) paid away amongst the strike hands £61 that had come to hand during the week. The treasurer of the Durham Miners' Association (Mr J. Wilson), afterwards paid the financial members their weekly allowance from the funds.—During Saturday and Sunday, many people from a distance visited the school and tent.—On Monday morning the men met in the school-yard, the president, Mr John Lee, occupied the chair. The Chairman announced that the committee of the Durham Co-operative Society had agreed to give a donation to the strike fund, with the approval of the quarterly meeting of members. The Secretary gave an account of the receipts and expenditure for the previous week amounting to £67. Some discussion followed, and Mr George Maddon moved, and Mr Henry Williamson seconded, that the accounts for the week be deemed satisfactory, which was carried. The Secretary then read the receipts from the following collieries that morning, Brancepeth, Spen, Kimblesworth, Hedleyhope, Pelaw, Stanley, Haworth, Ouston, South Derwent, Oxhill, Philadelphia, Marley Hill, Whickham, Chopwell, Adelaide, and Saint Hilda, of South Shields.—At the meeting on Tuesday morning, the men on strike proceeded to elect a committee to transact the business for the ensuing quarter. Afterwards the Secretary read a letter from Mr Patrick Curling, of the Lintz Colliery; also the receipts for that morning from Lintz, Garesfield, Tanfield Lea, East Tanfield, and Pontop Collieries. The men met again in the evening. The auditors, Messrs Jas. McKay, John Jackson, and Robert Morpeth, gave their report of the financial affairs of the strike during the past quarter. The accounts were in every way satisfactory. Mr R. Brown proposed, and Mr Wm. Martin seconded, that the accounts be taken as read. The president congratulated the secretary on the favourable report. A vote of thanks to the auditors and the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE WESLEYAN DISTRICT MEETING.

The Wesleyan Financial District meeting of the various circuits comprised within the limits of the Newcastle-on-Tyne district was held on Wednesday in the large vestry adjoining Brunswick Chapel. About eighty ministers and lay gentlemen were present, including the Revs Ishmael Jones, John Holmes, John H. Grubb, J. R. Gleave, Wm. S. Appleby, Messrs R. Robson, Alderman Stephenson, J.P., W. D. Stephens, J.P., Thomas Richardson, Thomas Simpson, B. H. Frampton, T. H. Bainbridge, J. B. Bowes, Newcastle; Revs A. Davey, T. W. Johnstone, G. H. Bellamy, Messrs Alderman Hindmarsh, T. Robinson, W. C. Thomlinson, Gateshead; Rev T. Overton, North Shields; Rev Thomas Bain, South Shields; Rev J. Archer, Blyth; Revs John Lyth, D.D., Wm. G. Dickin, S. Dalzell, W. H. Moseley, Messrs T. H. Squance, J. W. Wayman, Sunderland; Rev H. Brown, Mr W. H. Templar, Durham; Rev Julius Brigg, Mr G. Peel, Hexham; Mr G. Parkinson, Sherburn. The Rev Dr Lyth, chairman of the district, presided, and the Rev W. G. Dickin was secretary of the meeting. The ordinary business of the distribution of the grant from the Home Mission and the Contingent Fund to the district was speedily disposed of, as was also the apportionment of the Children's Fund. Mr W. D. Stephens, J.P., Newcastle, presented a report of the District Sustentation Fund:—Subscriptions in the Newcastle (Brunswick) Circuit, £101; other circuits, £133; special subscriptions for Wearside, £27; total income, £262. Expenditure, by circuit payments, £223. The thanks of the meeting were presented to Mr Stephens as treasurer, and he was unanimously re-appointed. The following official appointments were made, thanks being tendered for their past services:—Treasurer of the Children's Fund, Rev T. C. Squance, Sunderland; Treasurer of the Auxiliary Fund, Mr Robert Robson, Newcastle; District Chapel Secretary, Rev John H. Grubb; Chapel Sub-Committee, the Chairman, Revs W. G. Dickin, S. Dalzell, Messrs T. Richardson, J. Wilson, J. Wade, and Alderman W. H. Stephenson, J.P.; Educational Secretary, Rev W. H. Moseley; District Sunday School Sub-Committee, Rev D. Jones, Messrs G. Parkinson, R. G. Davidson, Wm. Coates; Home Mission Committee, Rev Ishmael Jones, Dr Lyth, Messrs T. H. Bainbridge, J. A. Game, Ryton, C. A. Ritson, R. Robson, Roland Lambert, W. C. Thomlinson. Arrangements were made for the district and foreign missionary anniversaries, as also for the examination of probationers and pupil teachers. Reference was made to the recent loss sustained by the district in the death of Mr E. Richardson, of Gateshead, and on the proposal of Mr Alderman Stephenson, it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to his widow and family, expressive of the eminent services the deceased had rendered to Methodism during a series of years, of the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren, and the sympathy of the meeting in the irreparable loss sustained by the family. It was decided that the annual district meeting in May be held at Gateshead, High West Street Circuit.

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THROAT IRRITATION.—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. and 1s. 1½d., labelled "JAMES EPPS & CO., Homœopathic Chemists, London." A letter received: "Gentlemen,—It may perhaps interest you to know that, after an extended trial, I have found your Glycerine Jujubes of considerable benefit (with or without medical treatment) in almost all forms of throat disease. They soften and clear the voice.—Yours faithfully, GORDON HOLMES, L. R. C. P. E., Senior Physician to the Municipal Throat and Ear Infirmary." 180q

## LANCHESTER HIGHWAY BOARD.

An adjourned meeting of this Board was held at Lanchester on Thursday se'nnight—Mr Geo. Alder in the chair. The waywardens present were Messrs Geo. Hedley, J.P., Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., W. [illegible] Hedley, M. Copland, [illegible] Longstaff, Geo. Wall, Geo. Ridley, J. Towns, R. Robson, George Elliott, W. Fawcett, the Revs J. P. De Pledge, J.P. and C. Gillow, and the Clerk (Mr C. Maynard).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and certified.

### DISTURBING THE BOARD AT CASTLESIDE.

The Clerk, according to instructions, submitted to the Consett District Water Company the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Highway Board, condemning the rough and unfinished state in which the Company were leaving the highway at Castleside, after laying in their pipes. The secretary (Mr Wiles) had replied to the effect that the communication had been referred to the contractor. To his (the secretary's) knowledge they had kept to the side of the highway as much as possible, and he should be glad to be informed of any instance where this had not been done.

The Surveyor (Mr Dixon) said the Company had kept more to the side of the highway since he reported the matter last month.

After some discussion, the Surveyor, in reply to the members, said he was of opinion the Board could not compel the Company to stop their work; the only remedy they had was to make them repair the road to the entire satisfaction of the Board and its Surveyor.

It was eventually proposed by Mr RIDLEY, seconded by the CHAIRMAN, that in case the Consett Water Company do not restore the surface of the road, and leave it in a proper state of repair, the Surveyor be authorised to take proceedings against them.

The Clerk was instructed to forward copy of above minute to the Company.

### "EXTRAORDINARY" TRAFFIC ON ROADS.

Touching this matter, the Surveyor said there was no "extraordinary" traffic in this district, except in odd cases of traction engines running now and then.

### LOUD HILL INCLINE.

A letter was read from Mr C. E. Harrison, North-Eastern Railway Company's engineer, informing the Board (in reply to a resolution previously passed) that the necessary surveys have been made for commencing the works about to be carried out in accordance with their recent Act of Parliament.

It was resolved to ask for more definite particulars in regard to this matter.

### SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr Dixon submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Highway Board.

GENTLEMEN,—On the 1st of the present month we had a very heavy rainfall at Maiden Law, Hurbuck, Smith Moor, and Lanchester. Three footbridges were washed away, and two stone ones had their penning taken out. I have had two of the footbridges repaired and put up again, but the third will have to be replaced by a new bridge. The penning of the other bridges has also been attended to. The roads near to Burnhope and Howden Bank have been washed a great deal. I have had the gravel carted back and put on the roads again. The cottage at Maiden Law has been repaired and let for a rent of £[illegible] a year. The Edmondbyers and Stanhope main roads have been considerably damaged by James Hunter leading heavy machinery over them with a traction engine, for which he has not a license for this county. The footpath at [illegible] is completed; also the culvert at Sandyford. Orders and [illegible] are required for repairing cottage at Maiden Law, and for repairing the bridges washed away by the flood.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

WM. DIXON.

### PROPOSED DEVIATION OF A ROAD.

Mr T. Taylor Smith attended the Board and explained that, with the Board's permission, he wished to make a new road as shewn on the plan, if the Board would take it over and afterwards keep in repair, in lieu of the present one. The present road from Browney Bank past Broadwood on towards Butsfield was very steep, the hill being both difficult and sometimes dangerous to approach. He proposed they should deviate the road further up the Rippon Burn and cross it, thus making the gradient of the new road 1 in 20 as against 1 in 6 in some portions of the present road; the other part going towards Butsfield would be 1 in 12. This would effect a very great improvement in the highway, which would be maintained at less expense because of the easier gradient. It was quite true there would be in this new arrangement a little bit further to travel, but they could not facilitate this without making a diversion. If he bore the total expense of making this new thoroughfare a "white" road, would the Highway Board be agreeable to take it over in lieu of the present one and maintain it?

The Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE: What do you mean by a "white" road, Mr Smith?

Mr SMITH: That is, not a blue metal road.

The Surveyor said the present road from Browney Bank to Butsfield was a "white" road.

The Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE: Is that as good as a "blue" road?

Mr SMITH: No, not quite, but the road at present is a "white" road.

The Clerk having referred to the section of the Act touching what steps should be taken regarding the deviation of public roads by private individuals, pointed out that as the Lanchester Highway Board was a yearly elected body they could not give a guarantee that the succeeding Boards would accept this new road. Therefore, although this Board might in good faith give its sanction to the undertaking, the Board elected subsequently might refuse to do so.

Mr GEO. G. TAYLOR SMITH said in case the Highway Board refused this application he would compel the Board to erect a bridge across the old road, as the Rippon Burn was at times almost impassable. The question with the Board was—Which scheme would prove to be cheapest and best? He would remind them that when the Durham and Shotley Bridge Main Roads were under different management he granted a corner off his land to that Board without making any charge whatever. The new road will have to be made or the present one altered—they could not manage to get up it, although they might get down it.

The Clerk observed that the other course to adopt was, if the Board agreed with Mr Smith that the formation of this new road should be carried out, it would be necessary, first of all, to call a vestry meeting of the inhabitants at Satley, forward the resolution adopted to the Highway Board, then ask two magistrates to view the road, and let things take their ordinary course. Of course permission would have to be obtained at the Quarter Sessions, as the other road would have to be closed up if this new one was made.

The Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE pointed out that something would have to be done with respect to the present road, and that no person could deny. The Ford was very dangerous at the present, yet he thought it was a wise and judicious step that the matter should first of all be referred to the people resident in the neighbourhood who were particularly interested in the roads in their district. He was sure they would be disposed to give Mr Smith every facility for carrying out this new scheme, which was entirely for the convenience of the public. If Mr Smith makes the road at his own expense, and renders the bridge substantial and secure so as not to be endangered by the river overflowing; then if the people prefer going round 120 or 130 yards was a matter for the inhabitants to decide among themselves. With regard to the new road, he thought it might be made of blue metal when they were on with it—the expense would not be very much more in making it complete. He would like to ask if there was a public right of way from the other side of Browney Bank to Broadwood?

Mr SMITH: That is not an awarded road, but a private road to the house.

After some further remarks, the CHAIRMAN proposed that this Board give a written notice to the Churchwardens of Satley to call a vestry meeting.

Mr FAWCETT seconded the motion, as he thought all parochial business should be done at Satley.

Mr TOWNS maintained that, although Butsfield and Satley were included in the same highway district, the poor-rates for Butsfield were paid into Lanchester parish, therefore he thought the churchwardens at Lanchester should be asked to convene the vestry meeting. He moved to that effect.

A lengthy discussion here ensued, but as Mr Towns's motion found no seconder, the resolution was put and carried.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Permission was given to Mr Charlton to lay a 4-inch drain across the road opposite Dr Bolton's house at Lanchester to the sewer in front of Mr Carr's house, with the ordinary specification that the road should be left in a proper state of repair.

The Board also granted leave to the South Derwent Colliery Company to lay a pipe along the road at West Shield Row Colliery into their pond.

The Board then adjourned.

## WESLEYAN METHODIST QUARTERLY MEETING AT LANCHESTER.

In Lanchester, with its memories reaching far into the hazy past, when Roman legions traversed the country, transpired on Monday last, an event unique in the history of the place. In response to an invitation the Wesleyan Methodist Quarter Board held its quarterly meeting there. Gathered in the neat little chapel, were the Smith's, Brown's, and Robinson's, along with other Sons too numerous to mention, all being officers in the Shotley Bridge and Consett Circuit, and presided over by the Rev. Wm. Hare, the newly-appointed superintendent. First was the local preachers' meeting—in connection with which there is nothing to report that will be of benefit to the general public. Shortly after four o'clock p.m., the meeting of the stewards, &c., commenced. When, after the minutes of previous meeting had been read, Mr Buckham, on behalf of a friend, whose name is anonymous, presented the trustees of the chapel with a handsome hymn book and Bible, for use in the pulpit. The unknown donor of this beautiful gift, reasonably requests that in using the books the leaves be not turned down. It is hoped that the local brethren and the travellers too will see that this request is not made in vain. The first Psalm was read by Rev. V. Tyas.

The financial statement was presented by Messrs Buckham and Richardson (Circuit Stewards). The Chairman presented that numerical statement, which showed that there are over 1,300 Wesleyans in the circuit. After making up all the losses there has been an increase of nine during last quarter.

It was agreed to arrange for special services, on the system of last year. The local preachers will be divided into groups, and along with the ministers and others will mission the various places in the circuit. The making of arrangements for these services is left in the hands of Rev. H. Smith and Mr R. C. Foster. It was also agreed to re-appoint Mr T. Swainston, of Consett, to be treasurer for the Worn-out Ministers and Minister's Widow's Fund.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren sat down to an excellent tea kindly provided by the Lanchester friends. After tea a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr Richardson, supported by Messrs Davison, Rowe, and Muse, and passed enthusiastically by the meeting, was presented to the Lanchester friends for their hospitality. Mr Buckham replied in suitable terms. The doxology and benediction brought an interesting meeting to a close.

## THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK ON THE WAR.

### PROPOSED DAY OF THANKSGIVING

The Archbishop of York has addressed the following letter to the Bishops:—

Right Reverend Brother,—The signal success which has been given to our army in Egypt demands the thankful acknowledgments of the English people to God, who has endowed our generals with skill and forethought, our soldiers with discipline and obedience, and our whole army with valour. Anarchy in Egypt meant danger to that wide empire which we have received as a trust, and which we may not abandon; and our war against anarchy was an inevitable war. Through God's great goodness the struggle of a few hours has scattered the rebels, has made order and freedom possible in Egypt, has rescued that country from the impending loss of next year's crops, and has so prevented its ruin. Mourning as we do those who have fallen for their country, we are thankful that the skilful dispositions of our commanders have saved many lives, and have preserved a great city from irreparable ravages. For these mercies, as for many others vouchsafed to us by the Most High, we owe Him thanks and praise.

At the request of the Archbishop of Canterbury whose illness we deplore, yet not without hope, and also in my own name for the Northern Province, I invite you to direct that next Sunday shall be observed as a Day of Thanksgiving in all churches and chapels in our diocese. As the time is short, I append a suggested form of a service which might be used. It would be desirable that the clergy, in their pulpit addresses, should give expression to the national feeling, and should direct it towards the throne of the Most High God, to whom we owe this swift victory, and all the blessings which He has bestowed on our Queen and our nation, and on each one who will join in his worship next Sunday.

Praying that all blessings may attend you and your important diocese, I am, yours faithfully in Christ,

September 18, 1882. W. EBOR.

### DAY OF THANKSGIVING.

Proper Psalms.—Morning—Psalms xxix., xlvi., and xxii.; evening—Psalm cvii.

The Thanksgiving for Peace and Deliverance from our Enemies, should be used.

In the General Thanksgiving should be introduced, after the words "and to all men," the following:—"We glorify Thee for the late victory granted to our army, whereby, as in a moment, peace has been restored to Egypt, the highway between England and our Indian Empire has been made safe, and the pursuits of peace have already been resumed by the Egyptian people. Teach us to see that Thy hand hath done it, that Thou wast in the midst of our camp, to deliver us, and to give up our enemies before us. Bring us all to love and fear Thee, and to put our trust under the shadow of Thy wings."

The Bishop of Durham has addressed the following letter to his clergy:—

Auckland Castle, Bishop Auckland,
September 20, 1882.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—Acting upon the instruction of the Metropolitan of the Province, whose letter I append, I request that next Sunday may be observed as a day of thanksgiving throughout the Diocese; and I recommend for your adoption the modifications of the service which are suggested by His Grace.—I am, Reverend and Dear Sir, yours very faithfully,

J. B. DUNELM

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SHOCKING RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—Three passengers were killed on the railway at Holyhead on Wednesday night. On the arrival of the evening boat from Dublin about eight p.m., the passengers landed at the railway goods warehouse, and being anxious to be in time to leave Holyhead by the fast train at 3·5 they hurried along a temporary road used for passengers when the boats arrive, but at other times for railway traffic. No sooner had they entered the road than the foremost three—an old gentleman said to be a horsedealer from Manchester, a young lady about 17, and a young man—were knocked down by some wagons, and crushed under the wheels. Several passengers who closely followed had a miraculous escape. A little boy whom the young lady led by the hand was not touched.

## THE REV. PETER MACKENZIE AT DIPTON.

In the latter part of last week the village of Dipton was favoured with one of those rare intellectual treats in the way of a visit from the Rev Peter Mackenzie, the distinguished and famous Methodist preacher and orator. On the afternoon of Friday last the rev gentleman preached a sermon in the Wesleyan chapel, his able and eloquent discourse being listened to by a large and attentive congregation. The service was followed by a public tea, which was provided in the schoolroom adjacent, the tables being arranged and presided over by some of the principal lady members of that society. At night, the sacred edifice was again crowded—a vacant seat being invisible—with an appreciative and respectable audience, to hear Mr Mackenzie deliver his popular lecture, entitled "General Joshua and his mighty conquests." The chair was occupied by Mr George Richardson, of Shotley Bridge, one of the circuit stewards, who was supported on the right and left by the Revs W. Hare (Consett), and Vetranio Tyas (Annfield Plain). The meeting having been opened with the customary devotional exercises, the CHAIRMAN offered a few suitable remarks, stating the object which had drawn them together, and then briefly introduced the lecturer.

The Rev. PETER MACKENZIE received quite an ovation upon rising to his feet. He graphically related the various incidents in the history of Joshua from the period of his birth until he was commanded by the Lord to succeed Moses as the leader of the Israelites. The people (said the lecturer) were then in the wilderness, and the Lord told Moses that he was to put some of his honour upon Joshua, that they might learn to obey him. Joshua, of course, had not had the vast and wonderful training that Moses had—he was not thoroughly instructed in the laws, and had not lived for forty years in the Egyptian Court. Joshua needed encouragement, and therefore Moses brought him before the congregation, and told them that his time had almost passed away, and that full commission to guide the Children of Israel was left to Joshua himself. The Lord also gave Joshua encouragement, informing him that as it had been with Moses so should it be with him: there would not be any man able to stand before him all the days of his life. What business, some disbelievers might say, had the Israelites to interfere or disturbe the Caananites in the rightful possession of their own land? In answer to this, first let it be understood that the earth is the Lord's, and when the people (who are His tenants) misbehave themselves, God takes the liberty of turning them out. He never sets any one away, however, when there is the least chance of saving them. The Lord never thought of destroying these Caananites until their wickedness had become so great that He could not look over it. The soldiers of the Israelites were employed to drive these people out, and they, of course, only did as the Lord had commanded them. As to the Caananites, their giants could not save them, their statutes could not save them, their cavalry could not save them. They vanished before the powerful arm of the Almighty like a cloud on a summer's day. The only thing that will keep England's head up was by putting her implicit trust in the fear of the Lord and in His Holy Word. Let Old England ever stand forward amongst the nations of the world as the friend of freedom—as a power of doing good until the end of the earth! When they had Christ within them they knew they were saved; but no one was particularly saved when they knew the Lord was after them with a search-warrant (laughter). The Israelites therefore marched on until their feet had touched the waters of the Jordan, whereupon the Lord suddenly appeared, and the river was cut off. The waters did "cut off," as they had to run down some 1,300 feet into the Red Sea. On one side the people were bounded by a wall of water 125 feet high. To his (the lecturer's) own mind, this was the greatest miracle ever worked in the wilderness, and it could not be explained away by any one as being merely a grand phenomenon. It was a great feat to get the Israelites safely across the river Jordan, then afterwards the waters returned into their place and flowed as they did before. When the kings of the Amorites and of the Caananites heard of this miracle, "their hearts melted and there was spirit in them no more." They were not like our soldiers, for when they attacked Tel-el-Kebir, they made the people run *Pall Mall*-Kebir (loud laughter). The Israelites landed in the land of Caanan during the harvest, and having come at a time when they were least expected, the natives were taken by surprise, and they ran away leaving all their good things behind. It was better that the Lord had taken them unawares, for if he had approached them by the ordinary way, the people would have carried off all their stock-in-trade. The first thing the Israelites were commanded to do after entering the land of Caanan was to go where almost everybody is told to go during his lifetime—that is, go to Jericho. After giving a description of the land "flowing with milk and honey," as described by the late Bishop Wilberforce, the rev lecturer referred to the two spies being sent to Jericho by Joshua, how they were lodged at the house of Rahab, who concealed them upon the roof of her house and so baffled their pursuers; and the token by which the spies swore that neither this woman nor any of her relations should come to any harm in case of Jericho being taken by the Israelites. The Lord commanded the people to walk round the walls of that city for six days, and on the seventh day their trumpets blew, a great noise was heard, and the walls gave way with a tremendous crash. The Israelites were now in full possession of Jericho, and there was not a single building standing throughout the whole city, except a house on the top of the wall from which a red thread was suspended. The rev speaker then alluded to the subsequent conquests gained by the Israelites under the command of Joshua, all of which he contended were of far greater magnificence than any of the victories recorded in the present generation; and pointed out that very few critics realised how much they owed to Joshua who died at the age of 110 years, and was buried at Mount Ephraim. The lecturer concluded by illustrating in what respects the life of Joshua was typical of the life of Christ; and then took his seat amid an emphatical outburst of applause having entertained the company nearly an hour and a half with his brilliant flights of eloquence, replete with original anecdotes and sparkling flashes of wit and humour.

Mr PHILLIPSON moved that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Mr Mackenzie for his interesting and instructive lecture.

This was seconded by the Rev V. TYAS and carried by acclamation.

Similar expressions of kindness were also unanimously accorded to the chairman and to the ladies who presided over the tea.

A coffee supper was served at the close of the proceedings.

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NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY TRAFFIC RETURNS.—It is evident that the exhibition at Tynemouth is telling a favourable tale in the passenger department of the North-Eastern Railway. For the week ending the 16th inst., the revenue from that source exhibited an increase ot £5,352 over the corresponding period of last year. From merchandise and cattle there was an increased return of £1,013. In the minerals, however, there was a falling-off to the extent of £1,972, and in dock dues a decrease of £38. There has thus been a net increase in the traffic of the week of £2,355; and the total increase up to date is £61,612.

## LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

A monthly meeting of this Board was held yesterday (Thursday), immediately after the termination of the Guardians' meeting, under the presidency of Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith. There was also present Messrs. W. H. Hedley, J. Collinson and J. Eltringham.

### THE LAND FOR THE HOSPITAL.

As instructed at last meeting, the Clerk wrote to Mr Hornsby (trustee to Mrs Gee) asking whether he would agree to cancel the negotiations pending between the Board and Mrs Gee respecting the purchase of 1½ acres of land for the purpose of building an infectious hospital. The Clerk read two letters from Mr Hornsby, in the first of which he said he was not willing to cancel the agreement between the Board and Mrs Gee; and in a subsequent communication he intimated that he should be glad to receive the cheque for purchase of land at Leadgate.

Mr COLLINSON: He is in a hurry. The land has not been conveyed yet?

The CLERK: No sir.

It was suggested that the question be deferred for another month, but Mr ELTRINGHAM said it was no good delaying the matter. There was only one course left open for them—they must purchase this land.

Mr COLLINSON suggested that the Clerk write to the Consett Iron Company and ask how much they would accept for the coal underneath.

Mr ELTRINGHAM said they might as well have purchased the dearest site offered to them.

Mr COLLINSON replied that the Company might take a reasonable price for it.

It was eventually resolved to defer the question until next meeting.

## NOTES FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

### CETEWAYO.

What do you call him? Sit-ti-wayo? Then let me tell you there is no "Sittiwayo" about it, and if you will listen to me I will endeavour to tell you how to pronounce the name of the Ex-King of the Zulus as the Zulus do, which, of course, is the proper way. The "c" is a click, made with the tongue against the front teeth, like as some people express impatience. "Ty" in Zulu is equal to "ch" in English. In Zulu the accent is invariably upon the last syllable but one. The word is divided into syllables thus:—Cety-wa'-yo. If you cannot use the click, the next best thing is to use "k" instead, and you will make the word Ketchwah'-yo, which is as near right as can be shown on paper.

No doubt he will be causing quite a sensation in England, and the feeling will be highly in favour of his

### RESTORATION TO ZULULAND.

The Colonists of Natal are very much against the talked-of restoration, and they have very good reasons for it. Cetewayo at Cape Town, or Cetewayo in England, is a very different creature from Cetewayo in Zululand.

You kind and sympathising English people will think him a very harmless, innocent creature, and will not willingly believe that he has the blood of many, very many, of his people to answer for. Were he a white man you would look upon him with horror, and your sympathy would vanish. But let me not spoil your interest in him for the time he stays in the white man's country. How I do wish you would keep him in England altogether, or *make him the King of Ireland*. He cannot be too much blood-stained for the latter position.

I have the interests of South Africa at heart, and I would be sorry indeed to see Cetewayo restored to his former power, because I am certain that doing so would place Natal in greater danger than it ever has been.

No doubt the idea would be to settle the

### DISTURBANCES IN ZULULAND.

John Dunn would fight—he says he would—if Cetewayo returned. Dunn would get the worst of it in the end, but what would the British Government do with Dunn and the other chiefs? They could not with justice be turned adrift for Cetewayo. Time will tell.

Zululand is at present in a most unsettled state. The British resident is only a name and has not the least power. The latest news from Zululand is that there is utmost disorder and bloodshed; Ndabuko being paramount, Oham and Usibepu powerless. Dabulamanzi gathering forces, and defying Dunn. Several European traders hemmed in; critically situated; all waggons stopped and searched for ammunition. All manner of reports circulated about Cetewayo.

It is now plainly seen that "Sir Garnet's settlement" was no settlement at all.

Colonists say that there is sure to be another Zulu war sooner or later. Cetewayo, no doubt, will *promise* to put everything right, but his promises are not of the least value. He is an excellent promiser, but he will do as he pleases all the same.

Happy will be day when we can speak of

### THE UNITED STATES OF SOUTH AFRICA.

What we want is confederation, including Basutoland and Zululand; and the withdrawal of British "protection." What was called British "prestige" in South Africa is a "thing" of the past, and it would be to England's honour to leave us entirely alone.

### NATAL

is pushing forward the railway from Maritzburg to Ladysmith, which is expected to be completed within three years.

Surveys are also being made between Ladysmith and the

### ORANGE FREE STATE,

and it is to be hoped before many years are past, that we will see "Puffing Billy" on this side of the Drakensberg. I for one will be exceedingly glad to see that time. I have always taken about three weeks to travel to the coast, but by train one may hope to do it in two days. In some parts of the Free State the feeling against railways is very strong.

Memorials have been sent to the Volksraad against railways. The arguments are that their forefathers got along without them, and why can't they? Railways would bring taxation, and perhaps involve the State in debt, and bring annexation, or some other vexation. Railways would bring foreigners into the country, who would make their fortunes, and take all the money away with them. Railways would bring thieves and vagabonds, who would disturb the peace and quiet security of the honest Boer. Railways would greatly injure the ox-waggon transport of the State. Such are the arguments brought forward by a certain wise-headed class, some of them being members of our Honourable Volksraad. They cannot see how the railway will greatly benefit the State by lessening the price of everything that is imported, and by giving them a ready market for their home produce.

Others suggest that a railway ought to be made from the Free State to

### THE TRANSVAAL,

to join the proposed Delagoa Bay Railway, and thus cut off the custom dues from Natal. The Natal route is by far the best for the Orange Free State. It is said that Davenport Bros. will start with the railway works from Lorenço Marques at once.

### NEW GOLD FIELDS

have been discovered on the Crocodile River, at a place called the Kaap. It is about 25°30 S. lat., and 31°45 E. long. Most glowing accounts are coming from the Field, and several in this part of the Free State have already got the "gold fever," and are going to have a look for themselves.

The Lydenburg correspondent of the *Newcastle Echo*, writing on the 10th of July, says:—"The rush to the Crocodile River is all the talk, and everybody returning from there speaks highly of the place. The Boers and diggers are turning it out at the rate of half-an-ounce to an ounce per diem, and with little labour. There is plenty of water, and the Australians will soon have it on the ground. The Boers are crevicing, and manage to find the bright gold by spreading it out on planks. The Government have been advised by Landdrost Janssen, who was there, to throw it open to the public. When the truth gets more generally known, thousands will be flocking in, and many more places will be discovered. Over twenty people from here have left, and there are nearly 500 on the new Field already. I predict very bright prospects for these parts, as every day new discoveries are being made, and towards Spitzkop way the yield of gold is incredible—50 ounces to 100 ounces in a week, and that not confined to one pary—pays very well, and causes proprietors to hold fast to their farms.

A correspondent at Lydenburg, writing to a gentleman in Maritzburg, says:—

"Mr. —— has gone to the new Gold Fields. I think it will be quite a success, although the Boer Government is trying to deceive the people outside the Transvaal by saying it will not pay. It is not true; they only want to stop English people from rushing in. Little boys are making £3 a day; what will good, experienced diggers do if they only come? But if the news in the *Volksstem* gets abroad, they will be afraid to come; so I hope that those who see the paper will not believe it. Mr. —— says that the gold fields extend for miles."

### A RUSH.

The following is an extract from the letter of an old colonist in the Transvaal, whose statements can be relied on, and whose opinion is valuable:—

"It appears to be all true about the new discovery of gold at a place called the 'Kaap,' below the Lebombo. Middelburg is depopulated, and Lydenburg nearly so. About 500 people have gone down, and about 2,000 are awaiting confirmation of the reports at the Diamond Fields.

"Many persons are going from Pretoria; and it is possible, if I can get away, that I shall have a look at them next month.

"If it is true, it will effect a revolution in our country—quite as beneficial to it as that of the Fields to the Old Colony.

"There seems but little doubt that the rumours are true. The gold is so plentiful that it is said the diggers just lift the dry ground and take out the nuggets."

If any of the readers of the above should wish to come out to South Africa, and desire information which cannot be got from books, I will be glad to give them all the information that I can. Postage sixpence.

THOMAS PEARSON,
Flinsbury Farm,
Majoor's Drift, Dist. Harrismith,
Viâ Bloemfontein, Orange Free State,
South Africa.

## Cricket.

[All scores of Cricket Matches, in order to guarantee insertion, must reach this office by Wednesday, and should be endorsed by the name of the Secretary of the Club.]

### TANFIELD v BURNOPFFIELD.

A match was played on Saturday last on the ground of the latter, and ended in an easy victory for the visitors by 37 runs. Scores:—

| BURNOPFFIELD. | |
|---|---|
| R. Armstrong lbw b Jewitt | 0 |
| J. Cuthbertson b Jewitt | 10 |
| T. Southren c Jewitt b T. Laidler | 13 |
| J. Weedy b Jewitt | 3 |
| G. Finlay st Atkinson b J. Laidler | 5 |
| J. Curry c Reay b J. Laidler | 2 |
| W. Charlton b T. Laidler | 0 |
| G. Lamb b Jewitt | 5 |
| W. Dobie b Jewitt | 4 |
| J. Eltringham not out | 0 |
| K. Saunders b T. Laidler | 1 |
| Extras | 4 |
| Total | 47 |

| TANFIELD. | |
|---|---|
| T. Jewitt b Finlay | 1 |
| R. Reay run out | 2 |
| W. Taylor c Weedy b Lamb | 23 |
| W. Brown c Cuthbertson b Armstrong | 10 |
| T. Curry b Lamb | 5 |
| R. Atkinson run out | 6 |
| J. Laidler b Southren | 2 |
| C. Fawcett b Armstrong | 13 |
| H. Handcock b Lamb | 4 |
| T. Laidler not out | 0 |
| L. Thompson b Lamb | 2 |
| Extras | 12 |
| Total | 84 |

### WEST STANLEY v WEST PELTON AND DISTRICT.

This match was played at Pit Hill on Saturday, and after a very exciting game resulted in a victory for the Stanley team by one run. The following are the scores:—

| STANLEY. | |
|---|---|
| J. Hunter b Cummings | 4 |
| J. Dixon b Mason | 0 |
| J. Curry b Cummings | 1 |
| J. Summerbell b Cummings | 1 |
| J. Ironsides c White b Cummings | 18 |
| R. Hughes b Mason | 12 |
| P. Harkness b Cummings | 3 |
| R. Gibson b Cummings | 0 |
| I. Harkness not out | 2 |
| C. Fitches b Cummings | 0 |
| W. Armstrong b Mason | 0 |
| Extras | 3 |
| Total | 44 |

| WEST PELTON. | |
|---|---|
| J. T. Cummings c Curry b Armstrong | 0 |
| R. Humes b Harkness | 4 |
| H. Barrass run out | 3 |
| R. Taylor b Armstrong | 1 |
| A. Barrass c Gibson b Armstrong | 2 |
| W. Mason b Armstrong | 14 |
| J. Owers run out | 6 |
| R. Beanie b Hughes | 0 |
| W. Hall c Gibson b Armstrong | 8 |
| R. White b Harkness | 0 |
| T. McKinlay not out | 0 |
| Extras | 5 |
| Total | 43 |

### VALE OF DERWENT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION v NEWCASTLE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

This match was played on Ryton Willows on Saturday last, and ended in an easy victory for the former by 121 runs. The following is the score:—

| VALE OF DERWENT ASSOCIATION. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| I. Richards b Atkinson | 0 | c Ferguson b Catton | 21 |
| W. Mackay b Craig | 6 | b Atkinson | 0 |
| W. Brears b Atkinson | 5 | c Douglas b Holmes | 54 |
| G. Hyden c Craig b Atkinson | 21 | b Sladin | 1 |
| B. Wilkinson b Atkinson | 3 | c substitute b Sladin | 2 |
| W. Hogarth b Atkinson | 4 | retired | 6 |
| B. Briscoe b Craig | 5 | run out | 27 |
| H. Prevell b Craig | 0 | b Atkinson | 5 |
| G. Dawson b Atkinson | 1 | not out | 1 |
| G. Shillitoe lbw b Craig | 0 | b Holmes | 0 |
| H. Henderson not out | 0 | b Atkinson | 3 |
| Extras | 10 | Extras | 10 |
| Total | 55 | Total | 130 |

| NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Craig b Hogarth | 2 | not out | 2 |
| Atkinson b Hogarth | 14 | b Hyden | 4 |
| Douglas c Brears b Hogarth | 4 | c Prevell b Richards | 4 |
| Holmes b Hogarth | 3 | c Brears b Hyden | 0 |
| Cox b Wilkinson | 1 | b Richards | 7 |
| Birkby c Wilkinson b Hogarth | 0 | c Briscoe b Hyden | 2 |
| Catton run out | 1 | b Richards | 9 |
| Sladen run out | 4 | c Brears b Hyden | 0 |
| Ferguson lbw b Hogarth | 2 | b Richards | 2 |
| Bloor c Wilkinson | 0 | b Richards | 0 |
| Brown not out | 1 | b Hyden | 0 |
| Extras | 1 | Extras | 1 |
| Total | 33 | Total | 31 |

## General News.

Mr. Henry Crament, Blanchland, has succeeded Mr. J. Butt as master of Soulsby Public School.

DURHAM MINERS AND THE WAGES QUESTION.—The miners of South Tanfield Colliery ask us to record their "dissatisfaction with the sliding-scale and its results to the present time."

FATAL MINE ACCIDENT AT STANHOPE.—On Saturday evening last Ralph Fairless, ironstone miner, Brotherlee, Weardale, died from the effects of injuries received on the head on the previous day at Red Vein Ironstone Mine, Stanhopeburn, whilst following his employment.

A HUGE PIECE OF COAL.—One of the object which has attracted great attention at the Tynemouth Exhibition since its opening has been the solid piece of coal sent from Ashington Colliery. This sample of Northumberland coal weighs 3 tons 5 cwt., and has been transported intact from the colliery north of the Wansbeck to the exhibition. It is the largest block of coal at present shown at Tynemouth, and as it is one of the heaviest ever drawn from the mouth of a mine, it is almost sure to command much attention during the continuance of the exhibition.

FATAL RESULT OF A KICK FROM A HORSE AT EAST HEDLEYHOPE.—A man named George Sanderson in the employment of Mr George Elliott, of Hedleyhope Farm, was severely kicked by a horse on Monday, 11th inst., and after enduring great agony died on Friday last. An inquest was held on Saturday when a son of the deceased, said that the chain horse catching the chains with one of its hind legs launched out both feet catching the deceased in the bowels with all its force, he having hold of the head of the horse in the shafts.—A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned.

THE "CHURCH ARMY."—A movement intended to develop within the Church of England the work that has been regarded as the chief feature of the "Salvation Army," has been set on foot at Bristol, Oxford, Tonbridge, Richmond, and elsewhere. The services, which are usually preceded by processions and short open-air meetings, are described as being of a bright and lively character, consisting of stirring hymns, many of them set to secular tunes, personal testomonies, and brief appeals to the irreligious to turn from the paths of sin to holiness. This new branch of Church work is said to have been, so far, very successful.

FIRE NEAR SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—About four o'clock last Sunday afternoon, a fire broke out at some farm buildings at Panachels, near Shotley Bridge. The houses belong to Mr. J. Walton Wilson, of Shotley Hall, and were fortunately unoccupied. P.C. Robinson immediately appeared on the scene, and with the assistance of P.C.'s Cummings and Spratt, and some others, eventually succeeded by means of buckets of water (which were carried from the river Derwent, about 100 yards away) in extinguishing the flames, after they had been raging for over three hours. The origin of the conflagration is unknown. A portion of the buildings have been demolished, the damage sustained being about £100.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—For bad legs, gathered breasts, and scrofulous sores these are genuine specifics. The grateful and earnest gratitude of thousands who have experienced their unrivalled power over these complaints, and who have been raised from prostrate helplessness and a condition loathsome to themselves and others, renders it quite unnecessary to enlarge in this place upon their extraordinary virtues. The parts affected should be bathed with lukewarm water, and when the pores are thereby opened the Ointment should be well rubbed in, at least twice a-day. It is always advisable to take Holloway's Pills in these disorders as they greatly assist the Ointment's action. The Pills check the fever and inflammation, purify the blood, and effect all morbid matter from the system.

LANCHESTER BREWSTER SESSIONS.—The adjourned Brewster Sessions for this Division were held in the Justice Room at Lanchester yesterday (Thursday) morning, before M. Kearney, Esq., Rev J. P. De Pledge, Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., and Geo. Hedley, Esq. There were only two cases where the magistrates deferred granting the licenses on the previous licensing day—viz., Joseph Noble, of Leadgate, who had been fined £5 and costs, and his license ordered to be endorsed, for permitting gambling in his house on the 7th November, and Charles Clark, of Iveston, who was also fined £5 and the costs, but the license not endorsed, for selling drink during prohibited hours on Sunday, 21st November. The Bench regarded both offences as being of a very serious nature, and after warning the defendants, renewed both licenses, stipulating that the parties must be careful in future as to how they conduct their houses.

SPORTS AT USHAW MOOR COLLIERY.—On Saturday last, the first annual gala was held in a field kindly lent by the manager of the above colliery, when the following sports were competed for. Messrs. F. Mould and Robinson, the overmen at the colliery, officiated as judge and handicapper:—Handicap hurdle race, six hurdles, A. Hill, 1; T. Henderson, 2; 16 ran. High jump, James Simpson, 4ft 10in, 1; A. Hill, 2; T. Soulsby, 3; 14 entries. Hitch, step, and jump, A. Hill, 1; James Curry, 2; R. Webb, 3; 20 entries. Boys' race, under 17 years, W. Arkley, 1; Goston, 2; F. Mould, 3; 14 entries. Boys' race, under 14 years, John Mould, 1; C. Robinson, 2; John Smith, 3; 18 entries. Quoits, T. Hunter, 1; Fred Carlin, 2; T. Carlin, 3; 26 entries. Wrestling, T. Henderson, 1; Robinson, 2; 10 entries. Girls' race, Arkley and Robinson, dead heat; E. Curry, 3; 40 ran. Tug of war, Overmen team first.

THE REV. J. SHEARMAN AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Saturday week, the members of the Chester-le-Street Wesleyan Circuit held their annual meeting and tea in the schoolroom, beneath the Wesleyan Chapel, Chester-le-Street. The tea—which was also intended as a welcome greeting to the newly-appointed superintendent, the Rev. J. Shearman (late superintendent minister of the Shotley Bridge and Consett Circuit), was not so numerously attended as had been anticipated. About 200 persons partook of the excellent repast provided by Mr. Jos. Witherspoon. In the afternoon, Mr. George Heppell, of Harraton Hall, read a paper on "The best way of performing the work of God in the circuit." After tea, a meeting was held in the chapel, when addresses were delivered by Mr. Humble (of Edmondsley), Mr. Dixon (of Kimblesworth), Mr. Moffatt (Pelton Fell), and Mr. Brown (Beamish). The chair was occupied by the senior circuit steward, Mr. George Heppell, of Newfieds.

HARVEST HOME AT BURNOPFIELD.—On Thursday se'nnight Mr John Thompson, farmer, Burnopfield, finished cutting his corn, when a few friends partook of tea, kindly provided by Mrs. Thompson. After doing justice to the good things provided, the company together with a few friends from the village adjourned to the barn to dance. The last sheaf cut, "The Cairn Dolly." was dressed and painted up and adorned one end of the room, doing duty occasionally for some fair lady, to the disappointed swain. "Ye good olde Englishe custome of ye guizers," was also kept up and their grotesque costumes and "masques" created great diversion and amusement. Dancing commenced about seven o'clock, being opened by Miss Thompson and Mr. Finlay to the time honoured "Keel Row," and was kept up with great spirit until about 2 a.m., after which a vote of thanks was proposed and carried unanimously to Mr and Mrs Thompson for the night's enjoyment, also for reviving the good old custom of the "Harvest Home," so heartily enjoyed by our forefathers, and which ought to be more carried out by the farmers in the country villages, thus spending a night in innocent amusement, after the toil of reaping the harvest, so beautifully given, are over.

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Mr Septimus Heslop, of Urpeth, who served his apprenticeship with Messrs James Joicey and Co., at their West Pelton and Beamish Collieries, has successfully passed the examination under the Coal Mines Regulation Act held at Darlington on July 31st, and is duly qualified as a colliery manager

REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF FLOUR.—Flour of all kinds at the principal retail shops of Newcastle, was on Saturday, reduced to the extent of 2d per stone. With the exception of oatmeal, the alteration extended also to all classes of meal. The diminution in price is attributed to fine weather, a plentiful home crop, and a successful harvest.

ACCIDENT AT DURHAM.—A miner named Johnson Grievson was severely injured on Friday, at Framwellgate Moor Colliery, Durham, by being crushed between the side of the shaft and the cage. It appears that whilst the cage was standing at the bottom of the shaft the poor fellow attempted to enter it, not knowing that the signal had been given for it to rise by a lad who had for some reason or other left his post. He was taken home and his injuries were found to be of such a nature that faint hopes are entertained of his recovery.

A COLLIERY MANAGER FINED.—On Wednesday, at the Durham County Petty Sessions, Thomas Robinson, manager, Ushaw Moor Colliery, was fined £1 and costs for firing a revolver on the highway near Waterhouses, on the 9th inst. He fired at a crowd of strike hands who were howling at him, and the bullet glanced off the button of a boy's vest. Fortunately, beyond a scratch, it did no further damage. The Bench, after pointing out to defendant that he might have committed murder, advised him to refrain in future from carrying firearms about with him lest he might be tempted to use them again with more serious consequences.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT EAST HEDLEYHOPE.—Special services were held at the above place by the Wesleyan Methodist Society on the reception of the new minister, Mr Weare, on Sunday last. Sermons were preached in the morning by Mr J. Hewitson, of Hedley Hill, and in the evening by the Rev Mr Weare. In the afternoon recitations and selections of music were given by the teachers and scholars belonging to the Sunday School. On Saturday night, a public meeting was held, and addresses delivered by the Circuit Ministers and Mr Hewitson. After the meeting a large number sat down to a coffee supper, which was provided in an adjoining room. Collections were taken at the close of each meeting in aid of the society funds.

DEATH OF THE MAYORESS OF DURHAM.—We regret to announce the somewhat sudden death of the Mayoress of Durham (Mrs Alderman Fowler), which took place at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning at Manor House, Gilesgate, Durham. For some time past Mrs Fowler has been medically treated for epilepsy; but although Dr Boyd attended her regularly, nothing serious was anticipated until a day or two ago, when the malady from which she was suffering assumed a more acute form. The deceased, who was the eldest daughter of the late Mr George Coward, wholesale paper merchant, was the second wife of the Mayor of Durham. In the district of Gilesgate, where Manor House is situated, Mrs. Fowler was exceeding charitable, and her death is much regretted.

LANCHESTER RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.—A special meeting of this authority was held at Lanchester on Thursday se'nnight, Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith in the chair.—The agreement drawn up between the Board and Mr Stephen Hall, of Prudhoe, for executing the several works in connection with the Dipton Sewerage Scheme, was stamped with the seal of the authority.—As the contract will necessitate a Clerk of the Works being continually on the spot, and as Mr Rounthwaite, the inspector, could not devote his time to this matter and attend to his other duties in the different parts of the Union, a committee was appointed to seek out a competant local gentleman at a salary of 25s per week, and report thereon at next ordinary meeting.—An amended block plan submitted by Messrs Hedley, showing sites for workmen's cottages at Craghead Colliery was approved.

ALLEGED ASSAULT UPON A FARMER BY A LAND AGENT.—On Tuesday, at Hexham Petty Sessions, Mr Thomas P. Dods, land agent, Hexham, was summoned for an assault upon Mr William Oates, farmer, Causey Hill, while a cross summons charged Mr Oates with assaulting Mr Dods. Mr W. Pruddah appeared for Mr Oates, and Mr L. C. Lockhart for Mr Dods. From the evidence adduced it seems that Mr Oates occupied the Causey Hill Farm, belonging to Mr Cruddas, up to May-day last, and that Mr Dods was agent to the landlord. Circumstances obliged Mr Oates to surrender his lease and leave the farm. He went to Mr Dod's office on the 11th inst. about certain matters, some angry words were used, and Mr Oates alleged that as he was leaving the office Mr Dods struck him a blow behind, "which sent him flying down the office stairs and doubled him up at the bottom."—Mr Dods denied striking Mr Oates, but admitted calling Mr Oates an insolent fellow and pushing him out of the office, after he had ordered him four or five times to leave, and after Mr Oates had used insulting language.—The Bench dismissed both summonses.

PRESENTATION AT LEADGATE.—On Saturday night last, the workmen of East Castle Colliery and other friends met at the house of Mr Thomas Longstaff, Mason's Arms, Leadgate, and presented to Mr George Shipley, late manager of East Castle Colliery, the enlarged portraits of Mrs Shipley and himself, together with an illuminated address and a purse of gold. David Balleny, Esq., of Little Greencroft, took the chair, and Mr George Browell, of East Pontop Colliery, the vice-chair; whilst Mr Thomas Robson, of East Pontop Colliery, made the presentation after a speech delivered in his usual style.—Mr Shipley responded in a suitable speech, bearing on the harmony that had existed between the workmen and himself at the colliery which he had just left.—Excellent speeches were given by the chairman, and vice-chairman, also by Messrs Thomas Johnson (successor to Mr Shipley), East Castle Colliery; James Teasdale, Dipton; A. Usher, Leadgate; Thos. Hall and Henry Wright, East Castle Colliery. Mr George Arkless, of East Pontop Colliery, contributed the "Englishman" and another song in his usual first-rate style.—The address and pictures were from the establishment of Mr John Beeby, Stanhope Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HEXHAM IN DARKNESS.—THE LOCAL BOARD AND THE GAS COMPANY.—Hexham continues to be in darkness each night, and at the fortnightly meeting of the Local Board on Monday night, the question came up for discussion. There was a full attendance of members, and Mr W. Taylor presided. After some other business had been transacted, Mr Robinson remarked that a lady called upon him that day, and wished the Board to put out a lot of bills, telling the people who burnt gas not to burn any more. (Laughter).—The Chairman: She must have been a strong-minded lady; is she one of the Lydia Becker pattern?—The Clerk: A lady champion.—The Chairman: Mr Robinson has a weak side for the ladies. (Renewed Laughter). The Chairman added that he had received a letter from the Gas Company, which stated that the directors were prepared to receive last year's price, viz., 3s 9d per 1,000 feet and conditions of lighting as now offered to them by the Local Board, providing they would pay a rent of 5 per cent. on the value for the use of each lamp for the season ending 1st May, 1883. The gas directors were at present under no contract to the Local Board to supply gas to the public lamps, although they had been prepared to do so since 31st August; they, therefore, repudiated any responsibility by the town being in darkness.

## Business Announcements.

NINTH YEAR OF ATTENDING CONSETT.

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,
Mr. D. Lamont. WILLIAM CRAWFORD.

WEAKNESS AND PAINS IN THE KNEE.

51, Alfred Street, Murton Colliery, near Sunderland.
June 5th, 1882.

SIR,—It is more than nine months since I received one of your Knee Caps, and I am happy to tell you that after wearing it about three months the pains and weakness were all gone, and I am able to walk now as ever I did.—With many thanks for your kindness, I am, yours truly,

Mr D. Lamont. JOHN JOHNS.

CIATICA.

Delaval Street Colliery, Newcastle-on-Tyne,
February 4th, 1882.

DEAR SIR,—On the 8th October last, while engaged at work, I had a violent attack of sciatica, which caused me to fall to the ground in an agony of pain. For three weeks I suffered intense pain in the hip and down the leg, and was confined most of the time to bed. Medicines, lotions, rubbing, everything we could think of was tried, but all without effect. I was no better, but rather worse. You were consulted, and advised a powerful magnetic belt. This was got, and two days after it was applied I had relief from the awful burning like pain, and was able to walk a little with the help of two sticks. On the Saturday, four days after I put on the belt, I was able to do without the sticks, and could walk nearly as well as ever I did. There was no pain either in hip or leg within a fortnight, and though I feel it a little weak if I walk much, it is gradually getting stronger.—Yours truly,

Mr. D. Lamont. BENJAMIN MASON.

FOOTBALL ACCIDENT.

4, South Avenue, Ryton-on-Tyne,
January 13th, 1882.

DEAR SIR.—In October, 1880, I had an accident to my right knee, owing to which I was prevented from playing football all the season, and throughout the year I was unable to run on account of the stiffness of my knee, which was often accompanied with pain in cold weather. In September last I purchased one of your Magnetic Knee Caps, and am very glad to say that in October I was able to commence football again, which I consider is the greatest strain I could find for my leg, and have since played in several matches without feeling the least inconvenience from my knee. I can heartily recommend the use of your Magnetic Appliances in all cases of weak joints.—Yours truly,

Mr. D. Lamont. W. STOWELL.

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## Business Announcements.

GENTLEMEN'S TAILORING

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## Public Notices.

THE Members of the STANLEY RACE MEETING will hold their ANNUAL RACES and SPORTS on Whit-Monday, 1883. 906q

NOTICE.

THE Game upon Medomsley East House and Allendale Farms is strictly preserved.—Dogs found on these Farms will be destroyed, and all Persons found Trespassing will be prosecuted. 363p

THE SYCAMORES, ROWLEY.

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

LANCHESTER COMMON SURFACE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

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

BLACKHILL MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

THE Reading-room is well supplied with Morning and Evening Newspapers, and Monthly Periodicals. The Bagatelle Table, for which no extra charge is made, has been thorough repaired and put in order.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

ANY Person Removing, Altering, or Tampering with any Meter, Pipe, or other Property of the above Gas Company, or Consuming Gas upon any Premises without first having obtained permission from the Secretary to the said Company, will be prosecuted as the Law directs.—By order,

M. RICHLEY, Secretary.
Gas Office, Shotley Bridge. 148q

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, BURNOPFIELD.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES will be held in the above Church, on Sunday, October 1st, 1882.

MORNING PREACHER:—
Rev. H. R. DUNLOP, Curate of Bridlington Quay.
EVENING PREACHER:—
Rev. J. MATHWIN, B.A., Vicar of West Pelton.

☞ Offertories will be taken at both Services for the Sunday School. 934q

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

NORTH-EAST COAST EXHIBITION AT TYNEMOUTH.

ON FRIDAY, 29th September, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Benfieldside, &c., for TYNEMOUTH at 2·0 p.m.

Fare, there and back, Third Class, 1s.

The Return Train will leave Tynemouth at 9·15 p.m. the same day.

For further particulars see Special Bills. 939q

LEADGATE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHOIR will give a SERVICE OF SONG, consisting of Old Methodist Tunes, Solos, and Anthems, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Leadgate, on Monday Evening, September 25th, 1882. Organist, Mr. J. W. HEDLEY; Conducter, Mr. J. DAVISON. For particulars see Programmes. Doors open at Seven; to commence at Half-past Seven o'clock.

ADMISSION:—Reserved Seats, One Shilling; Unreserved Seats, Sixpence.

☞ Proceeds in aid of the Day School. 919q

REVISION COURTS FOR THE NORTHERN DIVISION OF THE COUNTY PALATINE OF DURHAM.

IN pursuance of the provisions of the Act 6th Vict. cap. 18. I do hereby give Notice that JOHN CARLEN HEATH and CHARLES MELLOR, Esquires, Barristers-at-Law, have been appointed to Revise the Lists of Voters in the Election of Knights of the Shire for the NORTHERN DIVISION of the COUNTY PALATINE OF DURHAM, and that they, or one of them, will make a Circuit of the said Division, and hold open Courts for such Revision at the several Places and Times hereinafter specified, that is to say:—

At LANCHESTER, on FRIDAY, 29th September, at 11·45 o'clock in the Forenoon, at the Justice Room, for the following places, viz:—

Billingside, East and West
Collierley
Edmondsley
Esh
Greencroft
Iveston
Kyo (including Bushblades
Lanchester (including Burnop and Hamsteels, Butsfield and Holmside)
Langley
Satley
Tanfield (including Beamish and Lintz Green)

At SHOTLEY BRIDGE, on THURSDAY, 5th October at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, at the Temperance Hall, for the following places, viz:—

Benfieldside
Conside and Knitsley
Ebchester
Edmondbyers (including Roughside)
Healeyfield
Hunstonworth
Medomsley
Muggleswick (including Rowley)

☞ All Overseers of the Poor, and others executing the duties of Overseers of the said Parishes, Townships, and Places, or any of them, or any part thereof, are hereby summoned and required to attend PUNCTUALLY at the OPENING OF THE SAID COURTS, hereby appointed for their respective Parishes, Townships and Places; and then and there to deliver to the Revising Barrister the *Original Notices of Claim and Objection* given to them by any Person or Persons, and also to produce all Rate Books, Documents, Papers, and Writings in their possession, touching the Revision of the Lists of Voters relating to their said Parish or Township, pursuant to the provisions of the Statute in that behalf.

The Act empowers the Revising Barrister to impose a Penalty not exceeding £5 nor not less than £1 upon any Overseer for neglecting to attend his Court, or for any other breach of duty.

Dated this 8th day of September, 1882,

RALPH SIMEY,
Clerk of the Peace of the County
Palatine of Durham.
926q

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## Public Notices.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875.

DISTRICT OF BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

DISTRICT AUDITOR'S SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 25TH MARCH, 1882.

| March 25th 1881. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| Balance in Surveyor's Hands | | 15 0 0 |
| District Rate made 2nd March, 1881: | | |
| Houses, £7311 10s., at 1s. | 365 11 6 | |
| Land, ½ value, £658 7s. 6d., at 1s. | 32 18 4½ | |
| Houses, ⅔ value, £3382 17s. 6d. at 1s. where Owner is assessed | 169 2 10½ | |
| | 567 12 9 | |
| Arrears from last Rate | 1 5 0 | |
| | 568 17 9 | |
| Less void Property | 9 17 4½ | 559 0 4½ |
| District Rate made 2nd September, 1881: | | |
| Houses, £7336 10s., at 1s. | 366 16 6 | |
| Land, ½ value, £658 7s. 6d., at 1s. | 32 18 4½ | |
| Houses, ⅔ value, £3364 10s., at 1s., where Owner is assessed | 168 4 6 | |
| | 567 19 4½ | |
| Less void Property | 7 3 3 | 560 16 1½ |
| RENTS OF WASTE LANDS. | | |
| W. Carter, 2s. 6d. G. Brown, 5s. | 0 7 6 | |
| J. Harrison, 1s., J. Annandale and Son, 1d. | 0 1 1 | |
| COUNTY AUTHORITY. | | |
| Half cost of Lobley Hill and Durham Roads | | 201 2 2 |
| Highway Rate made 2nd March, 1881 | 7 3 4 | |
| Arrears to next Account | 0 18 4 | |
| | | 6 5 0 |
| SUNDRY RECEIPTS. | | |
| Ashes, &c., Sold | 0 12 3 | |
| Consett Water Company for Damage to Roads | 0 12 4 | |
| Empties, &c., returned | 0 11 6 | |
| Consett Local Board Contribution towards Water Enquiry | 3 16 6 | |
| Leadgate Local Board Contribution towards Water Enquiry | 3 16 6 | |
| | | 9 9 1 |
| March 25th, 1882. | | |
| Balance due to Treasurer | | 143 19 7 |
| | | £1496 0 11 |

| March 25th, 1881. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
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| Balance due to Treasurer | | | 49 3 6 |
| HIGHWAYS. | | | |
| Labour | 182 14 8 | | |
| Stone Breaking | 88 6 2 | | |
| Cartage | 139 11 8 | | |
| Materials | 167 18 2 | | |
| Mason Work | 32 4 3 | | |
| | | 610 14 11 | |
| Scavenging | | 38 4 2 | |
| Sewerage | | 35 1 7 | |
| PUBLIC LIGHTING. | | | |
| Gas | 142 13 2 | | |
| Wages | 75 12 0 | | |
| Lamp Repairs, &c. | 12 16 9 | | |
| | | 231 1 11 | |
| OTHER PUBLIC WORKS. | | | |
| Footpaths | 79 19 0 | | |
| Street Improvements | 2 3 10 | | |
| Derwent Street, Cement Footpath | 102 15 0 | | |
| | | 184 17 10 | |
| Election Expenses | | 22 7 3 | |
| Law Expenses | | 6 8 6 | |
| SALARIES. | | | |
| Surveyor | 130 0 0 | | |
| Clerk | 40 0 0 | | |
| Treasurer | 5 0 0 | | |
| Medical Officer | 10 10 0 | | |
| | | 185 10 0 | |
| ESTABLISHMENT CHARGES OTHER THAN SALARIES. | | | |
| Rent of Board Room | 15 0 0 | | |
| Printing, Books, &c. | 26 15 11 | | |
| Advertising | 4 18 0 | | |
| | | 46 13 11 | |
| OTHER EXPENSES. | | | |
| Consett Water Inquiry | 22 8 6 | | |
| Drinking Fountain | 0 5 10 | | |
| Derwent Road | 15 0 0 | | |
| Tools, Repairs, &c. | 5 3 6 | | |
| Fire Brigade | 11 0 9 | | |
| Water | 3 15 0 | | |
| Sundries | 6 19 9 | | |
| | | 64 13 4 | |
| | | | 1425 13 5 |
| March 25th, 1882. | | | |
| Balance in hands of Surveyor | | 15 0 0 | |
| do. Collector | | 6 5 0 | |
| | | | 21 5 0 |
| | | | £1496 0 11 |

8th September, 1882. JAMES RADFORD, District Auditor.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 8th September, 1882.

GENTLEMEN,—The year's Account of your Board has again come before me for Audit up to 25th March last, and herewith you have Summary of the Receipts and Payments to go before the public.

The Statutory Financial Statement has been sent to the Local Government Board, bearing a £4 Audit Stamp, duplicate being handed to your Clerk. Main Road Certificates are also signed in triplicate.

Clerk's Books, with those of the Surveyor and Collector were in excellent order. The new Order of Accounts has caused much extra work, and I have to note three matters which require to be complied with in reference to practical working of the Act. The first is, that the Minute Book should show the Receipts or Income of the Board as they arise between each of its meetings, and the sums paid to the Treasurer. The Payments have hitherto only appeared, but the Board's financial position on both sides has to appear—as well as the time balances of the Treasurer's Accounts.

The second is that a half-yearly balance of the accounts is required in the Ledger, this may perhaps be preliminary to a half-yearly Audit which certainly is required in some large boards.

The third matter affects the Collector. It is that as respects the Tenement Occupiers whose rates are paid by the landlord, a rate should appear opposite each person's name as well as the rateable value of the holding. The information can be obtained from the Poor Rate Book.

You are fortunate in having accomplished considerable work without the incubus of a loan. It is the same with your neighbouring Boards—the Consett and Leadgate.

I am, gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
JAMES RADFORD, District Auditor.

The Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Urban Sanitary Authority. 927q

## Public Notices.

BENFIELDSIDE UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.

ON SUNDAY next, September 24th, 1882, the Rev. G. LORD will PREACH in the above Place of Worship. Service at Half-past Ten in the Morning, and Six o'clock in the Evening.

☞ A Collection after each Service in aid of the Church Funds. 935q

TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY ON LANCHESTER COMMON.

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

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

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

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

FORMATION OF A NEW BUILDING SOCIETY.

ON FRIDAY Evening, September 8th, at a Public Meeting, which was held at the Station Hotel, Blackhill (Mr. Thompson Siddell in the chair), it was decided to COMMENCE the 3rd DERWENT TERMINATING BUILDING SOCIETY for the District.

—Shares, £120 each. Entrance, 2s. per Share. Monthly Subscriptions, 10s. 6d. per Share.

☞ The First Meeting for the Payment of Subscriptions and enrolment of persons desirous of joining the Society will be held at the same place on Wednesday, October 4th, at Seven p.m.

At Eight o'clock, after the Subscriptions are paid, the Officers will be appointed, and the future place of Meeting decided.

Already upwards of 80 Shares have been taken up.

W. WILSON, Secretary, Pro. Tem.
Shotley Bridge. 920q

## Sales by Auction.

### By Messrs. Fegan and Murray.

No. 57, Derwent Street, Blackhill.

MESSRS. FEGAN and MURRAY respectfully announce that they have received instructions from Mr. DANIEL HARRIS, Tailor and Draper, who is about to remove from this Neighbourhood, to SELL BY AUCTION, on the above premises, on Monday and Tuesday, September 25th and 26th, 1882, a large quantity of Household FURNITURE, DRAPERY GOODS, READY-MADE CLOTHING, &c.

The FURNITURE, which is in excellent condition, comprises Table Piano, in good condition, by Cowfdin and Helmaine, London; Harmonium; Music Stool; large Centre Table, with Mahogany Top, 4½ft. by 4½ft.; 6 Hair-seated Chairs; Parlour Coal Box; Parlour Fender; Kitchen Fender; large Wardrobe; Screen; Night Commode; Kitchen Table with loose Top; 2 Tea Tables; 6 strong Kitchen Chairs; Arm Chair; 2 Chests and Frames; Four-poled Bedstead; Form; Joiner's Box; a set of Brass Stair Rods; 2 Trays; Singers' Sewing Machine; 2 Washstands; Hat and Umbrella Stand, fitted with beautiful Horns; 2 Couches, in Leather; a quantity of useful Books; Carpets; Pictures; and a lot of other articles too numerous to mention.

The DRAPERIES and READY-MADE CLOTHING consists of Woollen and Cotton Goods; also a quantity of Ready-made Clothing.

ORDER OF SALE.—The Household Furniture will be sold on Monday. The Draperies and Ready-made Clothing will be sold on Tuesday. 904q

Sale to commence each day at One o'clock precisely.

## Sales by Auction.

### By Mr. A. Brodie.

Consett and Blackhill.—Important Sale of Valuable House Property.

MR. ADAM BRODIE respectfully intimates that the following Valuable Lots not having been Sold at the Auction on Monday, July 24th, 1882, may be Treated for Privately on application to him.

Lot 1.—Substantial and Well-built DWELLING-HOUSE, near Benfieldside Station, containing 6 Rooms and usual Out Offices, occupied by Mr. JONES.

Lot 2.—Excellent and Commodious FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE, No. 5, Mount Pleasant, Consett, containing 5 Rooms and Convenience, occupied by Mr JOHN ORANGE.

☞ The above Property is well let to rent-paying Tenants, and full particulars may be had at Town Hall, Consett. 747q

TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

MESSRS. HEDLEY and BRODIE, Agricultural Auctioneers and Live Stock Salesmen, Town Hall, Consett, are prepared to undertake the Sale by Auction, or otherwise of every description of Live Stock and Agricultural produce, and trust, by careful attention to all commissions with which they may be favoured, to merit the confidence of the Agriculturists of the District. Valuations for probate. Insurances on Farming Stock effected through the London Insurance Corporation (Established 1720). 744h

### Messrs. Atkinson and Philipson.

SALE OF SURPLUS CARRIAGES
By ATKINSON and PHILIPSON,
At the Spring Garden Engine Works, Barrack Road, Newcastle.

The Unsold Lots will remain on View during the next week, and offers may be made to the vendors at 27, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, until October 2nd.

Catalogues will be sent post Free on application.

Northumberland Carriage and Harness Manufactory, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Return Tickets during this month at Single Fares between Tynemouth and Stations distance upwards of 12 miles—journey may be broken at Newcastle. 937q

### By Messrs. Nicholson and Murray.

"Royal" Auction Mart, Benfieldside.

ON MONDAY First, September 25th, 1882, Messrs. NICHOLSON and MURRAY will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, the following STOCK, &c., viz:—

20 In-calving Cows and Heifers, most of them close to profit, a very grand lot.
15 Two-years-old Heifers and Steers.
4 Fat Heifers.
1 Fat Cow.
20 Young Scotch Ewes, fat.
30 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
120 Keeping Lambs.
2 Horses.
2 Ponies.
1 Smart Pony Foal.
Carts, Harness, and a lot of other Articles too numerous to mention.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock prompt. 935q

### By Mr. A. Phillipson.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON is instructed by Mrs. A. BROWN, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at her Premises, Front Street, Dipton, on Saturday, September 30th, 1882, all her Valuable Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, removed for convenience of Sale.

Sale to begin at Two o'clock. 938q

A. PHILLIPSON,
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For reliable information, apply to A. PHILLIPSON, Auctioneer, Dipton, or to WILLIAM ROBINSON Medomsley. 333p

## Sales by Auction.

Black Horse Inn, Burnopfield.

MR. J. OLEY, instructed by Miss C. ADAMSON, who is retiring from business at the above Inn, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Thursday, September 28th, 1882, her Surplus FURNITURE, CARPETS, BAR UTENSILS, Sofa, Fender and Fireirons, Washing Machine, and other EFFECTS. Particulars in Handbills.

Sale at Two p.m. 921q

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Viewfield, Shotley Bridge.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, honoured with instructions from the Executors, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 1882, the whole of the

HOUSE FURNISHINGS,
SILVER and PLATE, LIBRARY of BOOKS, PICTURES, CONTENTS of the GREENHOUSES, WAGGONETTE, HARNESS, &c., the property of ANDREW ANNANDALE, Esq., Deceased.

DRAWING-ROOM.—Grand Square Pianoforte, by Broadwood and Sons; Mahogany Music Stool; Mahogany Sofa, in Damask; 2 Sofa Cushions; Mahogany Cheffioneer; 10 Mahogany Chairs, in Damask; 2 Mahogany Arm Chairs, in Damask; Mahogany Centre Table, with massive Pillar; Mahogany Folding Tea Table; Walnut Work Table; Wool-work Screen, on Mahogany Stand; Mahogany Footstoool; Brussels Carpet and Hearth Rug; Skin Mat; Steel Fender, Fireirons, and Ashpan; 2 Bronze Window Poles and Rings; 2 pair Shades; Oil Painting in massive Gilt Frame; 9 Pictures and Engravings; 4 Stands Stuffed Birds, with Glass Shades; Ornamental Book Stand; Four o'clock Tea Set; Indian Teapot; 2 Fancy Watch Stands; Collection of Coins; 4 Fancy Baskets; 4 Hand Screens; and a number of Vases and Ornaments.

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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND, 1882.

## ECHOES FROM BLACKHILL.

[BY INCEDO.]

Shotley Bridge may well hold up its head after a week's work, by which another leaf has been added to the laurel crown long since won by its leading spirits in the conquering cause of temperance. The contingent, numbering upwards of 600 raised on the banks of the meandering Derwent during the late seven days' mission, will form a valuable augmentation to the fast-swelling ranks of the Blue Ribbon Army. Of all the forms in which teetotalism has come before the world the Blue Ribbon movement seems to be the most popular, and however opinions may differ as to the question of teetotalism and non-teetotalism, there can be presumably but one opinion regarding the beneficial results, which must necessarily accrue from the extension of a movement which has for its object the amelioration of the human family. Man, although a noble, is nevertheless a very curious animal, and as in the kingdom of nature the balance must necessarily lean towards progression or retrogression, the ready mind of the developed child preys upon itself unless the fickle but enervating light of change steal alternately athwart the mysterious horizon of the human soul. Thus it is that there is a continuous regeneration of things in the circuit of our "little life," no less than in Nature's wonderful adaptation. Plain, unvarnished teetotalism was eclipsed by the glittering paraphernalia of the Good Templer, which has been in their turn consigned to the shades of the lonely urn to make way for the unostentatious but significent "little bow of blue." It will thus be seen that there is more philosophy in the phrase "means unto the end" than most people are apt to imagine. Institutions rise, totter, and fall, or change form like obliging Fashion, but it does not follow that they have been reared in vain. No; from their ashes may rise—

> "A voice that in the distance far away
> Wakens the slumbering ages."

Mrs Lucas, the lady who conducted the meetings referred to above, is a honour not only to her sex but to the cause she has so ardently espoused. Favoured by nature with gifts which have been so developed by education, she invests her subject with much that is new, and entrances the audience by graphic representations of the evils of intemperance, which lit up by the brilliant fancy and rich imagination of the fair speaker, gives to the whole a colouring and life-like reality which it could not otherwise possess. The pioneers of the temperance movement resident in Shotley and district have had their zeal kindled into a warmer glow by this talented lady's long-to-be-remembered visit; whilst many who had previously given the subject but little consideration have been induced to don the "bow of blue."

The North-east Coast Exhibition at Tynemouth still continues to gorge and disgorge its thousands as surely as the earth diurnal turns, while excursion trains drag their weary round with measured pace and slow. If the days of chivalry are past, the days of pageantry are very far from being so. Witness Tynemouth with its banner-bedecked streets and gorgeous exhibition; but the charm breaks—disolves like the snow-flake on touching earth—when underneath the tinsil is seen the hideous head of the hydra plying the craft of the extortioner. The Railway Company have shown a very good example, the fares by excursion trains being extremely moderate, but visitors complain bitterly of the exhorbitant charges made for refreshment. Fancy a working-man having to pay fourpence for a sandwich that could be had in Consett for three-halfpence! "Gather gear by every way that's justified by honour," says Scotland's Bard, but the avaricious spirit evinced by the Tynemouthites would hardly stand that test. Some people are exceedingly pleased with what they saw at the Exhibition, whilst others assert that they saw "nowt," having their living bodies crushed beyond recognition by a surging stream of struggling mortals. I have no doubt whatever as to the truth of this paradoxical statement, so captious is human taste, and no arrangements, however excellent, could possibly obviate such an occurrence. It is purely an individual matter, and one which, with the exercise of a little forethought, would well repay the pleasure-seeker. Excursionists as a rule follow a curious custom of strolling in groups as if they were all members of one Celestial brotherhood whose very thoughts chimed in unionsm. Such a course of procedure ought to be avoided by all who value their peace of mind. It may be that far down the dim corridors of the coming ages the mystic labyrinth known as mind may vibrate to the harmonious music of one common chord, but in the meantime he is a wise man, who visiting an institution like that at the mouth of the coaly Tyne bids adieu to his friends for a time and follows the dictates of his own sweet will; then will it not be said of him that he passed through a building in which were represented trophies more glorious far than if won on the blood-sodden field, without having seen "nowt." Doubtless many will be in the same dilemma on visiting the Exhibition as was the pitman whom I overheard addressing his mate last Saturday. Glancing around the great hall in which were hundreds of models, and articles gaunt and curious, he exclaimed—"By gox, Geordie, aw div'nt 'naw what tee leuk at forst!"

## Local and District News.

On Saturday evening, a lecture on "Billy Bray" was delivered in the Primitive Methodist Schools, Consett, by the Rev T. Wood, of Prudhoe.

LANGLEY PARK SCHOOL, ESH.—In the above school-room, on Tuesday evening last, a lecture was delivered on "Egypt." The audience was very large, and at the conclusion greeted the Rev Dr Lee with loud applause.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—The anniversary of this place of worship was held on Sunday last, the sermons being preached by the Rev. T. W. Johnstone, of Gateshead, a popular minister well known in this locality. The chapel was well filled at each service, and offertories were taken for the Chapel Trust Fund.

WESLEYAN BAND OF HOPE.—The first monthly entertainment, given by the members of the Consett Wesleyan Band of Hope, took place in the Gibson Street Schools, on Monday night, when a capital programme of songs and recitations was gone through. There was a good company present, presided over by Mr Little, of Blackfine.

SUDDEN DEATH AT OXHILL.—On Wednesday morning, Thomas Barrass (38), a miner employed at the Charley Colliery, South Moor, expired suddenly. Deceased went to work as usual at four a.m., but feeling ill, he was brought to bank at eleven o'clock, and was conveyed home to Oxhill, where he died about two o'clock, before medical aid could be procured. No inquest will be held.

COAL MINES REGULATION ACT, 1872.—Mr Ernest P. Rees, eldest son of Mr John Rees, of Newcastle, who served articles of apprenticeship as a mining engineer with Mr William Logan, of Langley Park Colliery, has successfully passed the examination held at Darlington on the 31st July and 1st August, 1882, and has been awarded a certificate of competency as a manager of mines.

PELTON.—I.O.G.T.—The members of the Glory of Pelton Lodge, assisted by members from Florida Lodge, Chester-le-Street, gave their second entertainment in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Pelton, on Saturday evening. There was a very fair audience. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. Smith. A selection of songs, readings, recitations, &c., was gone through in a very creditable manner.

LEADGATE UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—The anniversary of this chapel was commemorated on Saturday and Sunday last. On the first day a fruit banquet was held, when addresses were given during the course of the evening by several local gentlemen, the chair being occupied by the Rev G. Lord, the newly-appointed minister. Selections of music were also rendered at intervals.—Sermons were preached in the afternoon and evening of the following day by the Rev G. Lord. There were fair congregations, and collections were taken in behalf of the trust fund.

PROPOSED ADVANCE OF DURHAM COALS.—For some reason the collieries supplying household coals for what is known as the landsale trade propose raising prices next month—one month earlier than last year, and before the pressure of the winter demand appears. The matter has not yet been fully settled, but a meeting of the agents of several of the leading firms doing this class of trade has been held, and adjourned. The advance, if it takes place, will probably be the same as that fixed last year, and which was taken off at the end of winter, viz., 1s. per ton. Owing to the mildness of last winter, and the slack demand for household coals, many of those in the coal trade were heard to express doubts as to whether prices ought to have been put up at all. However, no such view appears to prevail this year, seeing that it is proposed at present to raise prices one month earlier.

THE JOICEY MEMORIAL IN WEST PELTON CHURCH.—A very chaste and neat stained glass east window has been placed in the above place of worship. The central subject is the Crucifixion, with S. Mary and S. John on either side. Below are represented our Lord and Mary Magdalene, the Holy Women at the Sepulchre, and the Supper at Emmaus. The inscription is as follows:—"In honour of Christ crucified, and in grateful recollection of John Joicey and Edward Joicey, the co-founders and patrons of this Church of S. Paul, the parishioners and other friends dedicate this window, A.D. 1882." The work has been executed by Mr C. E. Kempe, of Beaumont Street, London, and reflects the greatest credit to that gentleman, who was ably supported by Mr Johnson, of the firm of Messrs Austin, Johnson, and Hicks, Newcastle, architects of the church. The cost has been defrayed by the parishioners, assisted greatly by their friends.

### LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, Sept. 21st.—Before M. KEARNEY, Esq. (chairman), the Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE, GEO. G. TAYLOR SMITH, Esq., and GEO. HEDLEY, Esq.

ALLEGED CHARGE OF WILFUL DAMAGE.

Two brothers, *William* and *Robert Carr*, were charged with doing damage to a certain fence the property of Mr Henry Chaytor, to the amount of 6d each.—Witnesses were called by the prosecution, who alleged that at noon on Sunday last, the defendants ran through a fence into a stubble field on the Ushaw Moor Farm, again returning through the hedge at another place, leaving two great gaps.—Mr Robinson, the manager, said he had examined the fence, and estimated the damage at 2s 6d.—The defendants, who said that they worked at New Brancepeth, asserted that they were sent to watch the wood because there had been a great deal of damage done of late. Sergeant Reed and Mr Drury, gamekeeper to Mr Brodie Cochrane, had asked the defendants to assist them in capturing some trespassers who were in the woods gathering blackberries.—Mr Drury confirmed this statement.—The Chairman observed that as the defendants were set to watch by the gamekeeper, they had no other course left than to dismiss the case, prosecutor to pay costs.—Mr Robinson said that one of the defendants was a "strike" hand, and these men would now think they had a perfect right to run all over the farm without let or hindrance.

COWARDLY ASSAULT ON A CRIPPLE.

*Jacob Halliday*, a rough-looking miner, was brought up on a warrant charged with assaulting his wife at West Stanley on Saturday last. Prisoner admitted the charge.—A witness named Laws stated that on the night in question the prisoner entered the house, and being the worse for liquor began to attack his wife (who is a weak cripple, travelling about on a pair of crutches), in a most shameful manner. He kicked her on all parts of the body, and struck her several times with his hands; and ultimately broke up the crutches and thrashed her with them. Witness lodged with the prisoner and saw the whole affair. Halliday afterwards ordered witness out of his house, and he went straighway and told his (prisoner's) father and mother what had happened.—Sergt. Tranmer saw the complainant soon after, and found her in a very weak condition. She had been confined to her bed and had the doctor attending her ever since. Prisoner had assaulted his wife several times before, and it was at her instigation that he (witness) applied for the warrant against the prisoner.—The Chairman characterised the assault as of a most disgraceful and cowardly nature, which was aggravated all the more because the complainant was a cripple.—Prisoner was sent to gaol for one calendar month with hard labour.

ALLEGED ROBBERY AT DIPTON.

Two respectable-looking persons, named *Christopher White*, a miner, and *Christiana Pace*, a domestic servant, were placed in the dock charged with stealing a silver watch and gold albert, valued at £8 10s, the property of Anthony Ramsey, of Dipton.—Dr Carr appeared for the defence.—Mr Supt. Oliver informed the Bench that he had been unable to obtain sufficient evidence to convict the female prisoner, and if she was dismissed he would call her as a witness against the male prisoner. Pace was accordingly discharged.—Barbara Ramsey, wife of the prosecutor, said that on Thursday, September 7th, she went upstairs into the bedroom occupied by the prisoner (who lodges with her), where she had left her husband's silver watch and gold guard on the table at twelve o'clock on that day. At six o'clock she missed both the watch and guard. About half-past three p.m., prisoner and Christiana Pace went upstairs together, no one having been there previously. Witness asked the prisoner at night, if he had taken the watch, and he replied "No." She gave information to the police. To Dr Carr: Prisoner had lodged at her house for upwards of three years, and she had always found him to be an honest and straightforward person. She had told the defendant's father and mother that she did not believe that the prisoner had taken any part in the theft. There were three watches altogether on the table, and one of them belonged to the prisoner.—Christiana Pace, servant with Mrs Ramsay, alleged that on Thursday, 7th inst, about three o'clock, she was upstairs making the beds, and prisoner was in his room putting on his collar. She saw three watches lying on the table; and one of them—a silver watch with gold guard—belonged to her master, Anthony Ramsey; and the prisoner's watch was there too. Prisoner said "what are you going to do with the watch?" and asked witness to give it to him. She enquired what he wanted it for, but he made no reply. Witness then took it off the table and gave it to prisoner. After he got the watch he took it with him downstairs, and she had not seen it since. On the succeeding night, when prisoner was washing himself, he told witness that he had given the watch to a man named Gillears.—Cross-examined by Dr. Carr: She had been before charged by her master and mistress with stealing diffierent articles herself.—The Bench said there was not sufficient evidence to convict, and the case was dismissed.

TIPPLERS, BEWARE!

*William Hennessey* pleaded guilty to a charge, preferred by Sergt. Tramner, of being intoxicated in Forster's public-house, at West Stanley and refusing to leave when requested.—The Chairman imposing a fine of 5s and costs, observed that this was another case where the landlord had turned the man out when he was drunk.—The defendant asked for time to pay the money.—Mr Geo. Smith: How much money have you now?—Defendant: Only six shillings.—Mr Smith: Let us have it then.—Defendant then pulled 7s out of his pocket and handed it over to the police, leaving 3s to be paid.—The Chairman said that in future they would not allow any time for paying fines. At present defaulting parties came to the court, and although they might have plenty of money about them to pay their fines, they would nevertheless plead that they were hard up and ask for time. This system caused a lot of trouble and inconvenience to the police in collecting the money. For the time to come, all defendants must pay at once, or otherwise go to gaol.

[*** *Remainder of Police News held over.*]

SATISFACTORY.—A return presented to the Teesdale Guardians, on Wednesday, showed that during the twelve months ending December 31st last, only 6s 9d had been expended in liquor.

TREAT TO INMATES OF STANHOPE WORKHOUSE.—On Wednesday, the Master and Matron of Stanhope Workhouse served up to the inmates a substantial dinner of roast beef and plum pudding given by Mr J. R. W. Hildyard, of Horsley Hall. A few weeks ago the majority, or the coming of age, of Mr Hildyard's eldest son was celebrated at Horsley Hall, in commemoration of which event the above dinner was given.

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## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

### BIRTHS.

CONSETT.—Delves Lane, 16th inst., the wife of Mr Thomas Wm. Welford, jun., solicitor, of a daughter.

WEST PELTON.—17th inst., the wife of Mr R. Story, engineer, of a daughter.

### MARRIAGES.

BLACKHILL.—At St. Mary's Catholic Church, by the Rev T. Smith, Mr Matthew Garland, of Lemington, to Miss Pollie Dennison, of Consett.

LANCHESTER.—At the Register Office, 16th inst., Mr W. Moyle, of Leadgate, to Miss M. A. Brand, of Consett.—Same day, Mr J. Ashman, of Castleside, to Miss M. Brown, of Consett.—Same day, Mr J. Kenwick to Miss J. Willis, both of Benfieldside.—18th inst., Mr M. Clark, of Blackhill, to Miss E. Hopper, of Waskerley Park.—20th, Mr E. Lennox, of Consett, to Miss J. Whorrall, of Blackhill.

NEWCASTLE.—At St. Andrew's Church, 19th inst., Robert, son of the late Mr Robert Humble, Bushblades, county of Durham, to Louisa, daughter of Mr George Bailey, of Newcastle.

### DEATHS.

LEADGATE.—22nd inst., aged 52, Thomas Robinson. Interment on Sunday First, at St Ives Church, at Three o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation.

EAST TANFIELD COLLIERY.—16th inst., aged 33, John Graham Turnbull.

RUFFSIDE, BLANCHLAND.—17th inst., in his 51st year, Frederick Walter, son of the late Alfred Hall, of Ruffside and Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

MARLEY HILL.—Park Head Farm, 19th inst., aged 69, Mr Thomas Maddison.

WEST STANLEY.—10th inst., aged 61, Thomas Robson, husband of Elizabeth Robson.

WINLATON.—19th inst., aged 48, Rebecca, wife of Mr Edward Prudhoe.

HEDLEY HILL TERRACE.—18th inst., Emily, infant daughter of Mr Robert Fulton.

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Ho! maiden, listen while I tell
A story of a bow,
But not of such an one I ween,
As you are wont to know;
Though sooth to say, it yet may prove
As honest and as true,
As any in the land have done,
*This little bow of blue.*

And youngster with the radiant eye,
Proud brow, erect, and fair,
I'll tell you how you may escape
The cank'ring tooth of Care,
And some braw lassie's azure orbs
(Love's lightening flashing through)
May see, and prize the wearer of
*The little bow of blue.*

When Winter's storms blow loud and high,
The skies are foul with rain,
Or hailstones patter on your door
And smite the window pane,
And not a fissure in the clouds
To show the heav'n's hue,
I'll tell you where you e'er may find
*A tiny strip of blue.*

O! blue, thou hast a magic sound,
Whate'er thy shade may be,
Thou rob'st the skies in loveliness,
And tint'st the tossing sea;
The harebell by the daisied mead,
Is beautiful to view,
But most we dote upon thee
*In the pretty bow of blue.*

Yes; bow of chaste cerulean,
There's something in thy name,
Breathing on Virtue's smouldering fire,
Which kindles it to flame;
That flame flows round the hardest heart
And softens it like dew,
To take impressions fresh from God,
*O glorious bow of blue!*

Thou hast a meaning deeply set,
And tell'st of future joys,
Of Pleasure's glow on earth below,
Re-union in the skies.
'Tis sweet to dream of meeting those
We loved—though lost to view—
Who may have won their victory,
*By the hallowed bow of blue.*

Now friends, if Sorrow's shadows fall,
Across your brow and floor,
And Dissipation's hand has barr'd
The blessings from your door,
I'll show you how to ope the gate
To happiness anew,—
By taking from a Christian hand,
*A precious bow of blue.*

The scribes are at the table,
To take down all your names;
And tell you through their looks of love
That Christ His own reclaims;
And ladies fair with gentle hands
To minister to you,
And give you, with their blessing,
*The happy bow of blue.*

Trust not until to-morrow—
To-morrow may not come,
And Death may intercept you,
Ere you reach your wonted home;
So come and take the Pledge at once,
A treasure tried and true,
And you'll bless the happy time you donned
*The bonnie bow of blue.*

September 9th, 1882. J. LAX.

## Correspondence.

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### TEN POUNDS REWARD.

(ADVERTISEMENT.)

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—Feeling confident there has been many wilful misrepresentations and cowardly attacks directed against me in order to lead the public to suppose that I have been living an impure and immoral life, and, moreover, it having come to my knowledge that within the last three months several diabolical attempts have been made to prove that our family relationship is not a proper one, I think it my duty, not only for my own good, but also for the sake of those persons whom I dearly respect, to state publicly that the family relationship existing between us has always been proper, and the statements circulated by what I may call habitual liars, blackguards, and other agents of the evil one, have never transpired between us, and are consequently untrue. I now therefore come forward before the whole public, and challenge these parties, or their abettors in their dirty work, to make themselves known to me. I accuse them of being abominable habitual liars, not behind their back, but before the whole populace. They are cowards who propagate their lies under the belief that they will never reach the ear of those who would quickly put them down. I challenge anyone who dares to say that my individual character is otherwise than a purely moral one, or that our family relationship ever has been other than a proper one. If any of those parties to whom I have thrown their lies back into their teeth, think themselves insulted thereby, and refuse to accept the stigma I have cast upon them, I offer to meet them face to face before the chief of police or any magistrate, or minister of the Gospel they may like to mention. Having thrown the glove at their feet, I ask before the whole world where is the man that can accept it? I also call upon all lovers of fair play and all worthy of the name of men, to put down these degraded assassins in whose hand no man is safe, and refuse to listen to their statement, which must be a mass of contradictions, accuse them of being liars to their face and treat them with the greatest contempt and disdain. Let them feel the power of public opinion directed against them from whose mind truth is as far away as the poles are asunder. I may also add that I have used all lawful means to discover the principal delinquents by employing private detectives, making enquiries at the police office, through an agent, but all the report I could get was there is nothing in it; and the parties that suspicion point to as the principal, speak so freely to us as though they were our best friends, and have also been able to deceive all the rest of our household, who, up to the present have been unable to believe that I have any proper grounds for my enquiries. Will the people of Consett stand by and allow such injustice to be done? Why don't they rise up and lynch-law such degraded characters. I am speaking typical now. How is it to be done do they ask? I venture to say those who would give such persons employment, who would allow them to live in their houses, should look upon them as vile assassins, and endeavour to put a stop to them. If not, you nestle a lot of vipers who may rise up at any time and sting you; for remember that evil is progressive as well as good.

Information is required, for which I will give the above reward as to who are the authors of this diabolical plot, and I have been making so many enquiries about intending to go into the whole question had the information been forthcoming. Also who are the ringleaders or principals in a sort of persecution directed against me for so long a period? And now I ask the people have I not done all that mortal man could do to defend those for whom I would die for rather than be the cause of bringing them harm. Seeking the aid and opinion of the public in the matter,—I remain, yours, courting investigation,

(Signed) A. MCCOURTY.

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A social gathering of the congregation of Crook Parish Church was held on Tuesday night, when the newly-married rector, the Rev J. King, M.A., and his bride were welcomed home, and were presented with a handsome and valuable drawing-room clock.

MESSRS JOHN BRINSMEAD AND SONS, of London, have been appointed Pianoforte Manufacturers to the King of Portugal, and Mr John Brinsmead has been elected an Honorary Member of the Musical Academy of Santa Cecilia, at Rome.—*Morning Post.*

SHOTLEY BRIDGE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—The annual services in connection with this place of worship were held on Sunday last, when the Rev A. Guttery, of Sunderland, preached two eloquent and able discourses to very large congregations. The collections were as usual in aid of the chapel trust.

## CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, Sept. 11th—Before A. TOWN, Esq. (chairman), and J. PRIESTMAN, Esq.

### DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

*John McIvor* was charged by P.C. Cummings with being drunk near Derwent Cottages on the 9th inst.—The officer stated that the defendant was very intoxicated and making use of some bad language. He saw McIvor in the early part of the day, when he was in the same condition, and he had been continually drinking for two or three days previous. The defendant's wife was also as drunk as himself.—Defendant was fined 5s and 8s 6d costs, in default thereof to be committed for fourteen days' hard labour.

*William Atkins*, of Medomsley, was summoned by P.C. Robinson for being guilty of drunkennes at Highgate, on the afternoon of the 4th inst., and was similarly fined.

*Michael Convoy* pleaded guilty to a charge, preferred by P.C. Wood, of being drunk and incapable in Middle Street, Consett, on the 12th inst., and was let off by paying 10s 6d which includes fine and costs.

*William Humphrey* was brought up by P.C. Roper for being drunk and riotous at Leadgate, on Saturday night last.—The police-officer alleged that a few minutes after twelve o'clock he saw the defendant, in company of two other men, in a beastly state of intoxication. The defendant indulged in some very disgusting and filthy language, and witness ordered him off home, but as he (defendant) refused to go, he was locked up.—Defendant asserted that he was going quietly along and never speaking to anybody. All the liquor he had taken that day was two glasses of ale and a "couple of bottles of pop."—P.C. Wood testified that the defendant was intoxicated when brought into the police office.—The Bench imposed the usual penalty of 5s and costs: 12s in all.

*John Flannigan* having been found by P.C. Hudson in Delves Lane, Consett, on the preceding day (Sunday) in a helpless state of drunkenness, was fined 5s and costs; otherwise to be imprisoned for seven days.

### A LAZY ROGUE GETS HIS DESERTS.

*Thomas Hope*, a lazy-looking vagabond, was placed in the dock charged with vagrancy.—P.C. Davidson adduced that about four o'clock on that (Monday) morning he discovered the prisoner lying in an old pit drift, situate in a wood close to Dipton. The prisoner never did any work, but gained a livelihood by begging and cadging, and other dishonest means; in fact he was a pest to the whole neighbourhood.—Several previous convictions were recorded against the prisoner and he was consequently committed to gaol for two months, with hard labour.

### THEFT BY A DOMESTIC SERVANT.

A young woman of prepossessing appearance, named *Christiana Pace*, employed as a domestic servant by Anthony Ramsey, of Dipton, was brought up accused of stealing on the previous day (Sunday) a silver watch and gold albert of the value of £9, the property of her master.—P.C. Davidson said he apprehended the prisoner that morning, and charged her with stealing a gold albert and silver watch from her master on the 17th of this month. Since then she admitted taking the articles in question and giving them to a young man.—Mr Supt. Oliver asked for the prisoner to be remanded in order to get the case against her complete.—The prisoner was accordingly remanded for a week.

*Christopher White* was subsequently remanded on a charge of being an accomplice of the prisoner.

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# UNDER THE TERROR.

BY

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## CHAPTER LIV.

### BEFORE THE TRIBUNAL.

"You are wanted, Ravignac."

He looked up, and gently lifted down the little curly-headed child seated upon his knee. "Adieu, little one," he said. "I fear I must go now; and we must finish Azor's tail another time. Yes?"

"To-morrow," lisped the child, holding its pinafore outspread to the utmost limits achievable by the tiny arms, while its big playfellow swept into the receptacle all the paper citizens, and citizenesses, and cats and dogs, and peacocks he had been creating with a pair of scissors out of an old newspaper sheet. "To-morrow?"

"Perhaps," and kissing the mite's upturned face, he rose to obey the summons.

The little creature's lips puckered into a whimper, and its finger stole to the corner of the blue eyes as they watched De Ravignac disappear. It was a jailor's child—a prison flower, sprung as it were from the very stones of the place. Its puny life, knowing nothing of bright skies and green grass, and the pranks of young things, was spent in wandering, listless and forlorn, among the dark corridors. Some chance had brought it that morning, straying at its father's heels, into the prison parlour, where it had stolen to De Ravignac's side, as he sat, his head buried in his hands, lost in the agony of his thoughts. At first, unconscious of the tiny fingers creeping about his knee, their importunity at last won an absent glance from him, and, touched by the utter weariness of the great eyes, gazing up with such wistful attentiness into his, he had lifted the little one on to his knee, and spoken a kind word to it, whereupon it had stoutly declined to part company, and there remained no help for De Ravignac but to call up what latent artistic power he might possess for the baby's good pleasure, and, as the paper monstrosities fell from the scissors, the ecstacy of its smiles, and its exclamations of delight made music and sunshine, even amid the darkness of a despair like his, the more profound by that dazzling ray which had broken on him yesterday.

"If I could but see her once again, and die, no living man's joy could be like mine!" how many a time he had said to himself in his old prison. But now the desire to live burned within him, as it had never done before; and sinister as the summons sounded, he still welcomed it, making, as he followed his jailor through the dark corridor between the two gendarmes awaiting him at the door, grateful comparisons between the injustice of that old régime which could leave prisoners to languish for years, forgotten, and this, which had not detained him twenty-four hours; and seemingly thirsted to see men's wrongs righted. Surely this was the Ultima Thule of his old ambition for France, and those newspapers but jealous traducers of a perfect system?

The yellow mist of the November morning dulled the atmosphere of the hall of the sittings of the Revolutionary Tribunal to such obscurity, that some moments passed before De Ravignac was able to distinguish his judges, seated at a long sphinx-supported table covered with papers and ledger-shaped volumes, from the jury ranged beside them; while a dense mass of haggard and unwashed faces shut in the one outer exit of the dreary chamber.

Obeying his gaoler's injunction to be seated, he listened while the stern-browed men at the table disposed of the case they were occupied upon. The accused appeared, as far as De Ravignac could discover from the rapid interrogatory, to have been arrested on account of his attire, which was in the last stage of squalor and raggedness. Your most enterprising men, said the judge, are the ones who have nothing to lose. Guilty on the face of it; and the miserable suspected one was dragged away.

An elegantly dressed individual who succeeded, only showed to descend again. "Not much doubt about his guilt. A fellow in such fine clothes could have small enough sympathy with the Spartan frugality of a Republic." Guilty—and he was hustled down after the shabby man.

"Maurice Raoul Louis De Ravignac (so calling himself), ex-Marquis (so calling himself), ci-devant Colonel (so calling himself) of Capet's Dragoon Guards," said the president, looking up from the long schedule before him, at the prisoner, with a quickened curiosity shared in by all present, as they peered at De Ravignac through the brumous atmosphere in the light of the lamp burning redly above his head. He was silent. "Speak, Ravignac."

"Ah, ha! Listen to that"—and the eyes of the pale crowd gleamed wolfishly. "The emigrant! Down with him! Ah!" and the voices sank to a disappointed howl as De Ravignac shook his head. "No!"

"Not absent from France. Where, then?"

"Near Saverne."

"Eh, I see," sarcastically smiled the president. "Without doubt. Only very near the frontier. And what may you have been doing at Saverne all this time?"

"Ho, ho! Ha, ha! Listen now," shrieked the auditors.

"Silence!" thundered the voice of Robespierre, and it had more effect than a hecatomb of bells.

"What may you have been doing at Saverne?"

"Nothing," and the shadow of a smile crossed the accused lips.

"This is levity, prisoner," sternly said one of the two judges seated on either side of the president. "You have been plotting, you mean. Plotting to escape."

"That certainly," said De Ravignac.

"And you failed? The Citizen Deputy," went on the president, reading from a paper passed across to him, from where Robespierre stood half lost in the crowd of members of the Tribunal, "wishes me to ask you if it was back to Paris or," and the president's lips twitched ironically as he spoke, "or across the frontier that you wished to escape?"

"In his Majesty's Dragoon Guard, First Royal Legion," said De Ravignac rising. "Yes."

"A lie," said a man at the president's elbow, "all of it."

"An hypothesis, Citizen Fouquier," said a mild, yet sharply distinct voice before the indignant rejoinder which rose to the prisoner's lips could break from them. "The order of arrest, if I do not mistake, was signed on the distinct understanding that the prisoner's examination was to be proceeded with on the assumption of his veracity."

"The Citizen Robespierre is quite right," said the president, bowing his head deferentially in the direction of the voice. "Your act of accusation," he continued, addressing De Ravignac, "speaks of your not having seen active service for four years. You have, therefore, not served under the banner of the Republic?"

"No."

"Down with the aristocrat!" yelled the crowd, whose pallid faces and bare uplifted arms loomed through the livid mist like some old picture of souls lost in infernal darkness. "Down——"

"How comes it?" said the president, ringing his bell, and silencing down the turmoil to low growls, "that on the suppression of the late Capet's troops you did not join the army of the Republic?"

"I was unable to consent or to refuse that course."

"Ill?"

"No."

"Travelling?"

"Absent."

"From the country?"

"Back to Paris."

"For what reason?"

"For several."

"Without doubt. And you failed in the attempt?"

"I did."

"The officials at the Barrier of La Villette state that you had no passport?"

"That was so."

"You must have passed then unquestioned from Saverne till you reached Paris?"

"I did."

"How might you have accounted for that?"

"Any occasion for doing so did not occur to me."

"The accused's guilelessness is absolutely pathetic," whispered Hebert, under his breath with his cynical smile to Robespierre. But the deputy did not answer, and his features only gathered an expression of redoubled interest in what was going on.

"You had no impression of course," said the president, his own face reflecting Hebert's smile as his ear caught his observation, "that you had to thank your resemblance to a second person," and slowly the words fell from his inquisitor's lips, "for this most miraculous immunity?"

"That idea," said De Ravignac, looking up, and intently returning the incisive glance of the judge, "has occurred to me."

"Ah! it has?" said the president, looking round in triumph. "Since when?"

"Since I have been in the Abbaye."

"Also," continuing the president, referring to his notes, "you have not taken the civic oath. What is your opinion of the civic oath?"

"I have no knowledge of its nature."

"You refuse to take it?"

"I should desire to understand its requirements."

"In what light, Ravignac—as you call yourself—do you regard the French Revolution?" continued his interlocutor, industriously filling in his paper.

"I am not in a position," answered the prisoner, "to form a dispassionate estimate of it."

"Then you shall be placed, as soon as possible, where you can arrange your ideas. It is sufficient?" he added, displaying his teeth in a smile distributed generally along the two rows of jurymen.

"It is sufficient," answered the foreman, rising. "I declare that the conscience of the jury is sufficiently persuaded. Guilty on all points—Death."

"To the guillotine! To the guillotine!" and breaking into howls of triumph the mob swayed and began to surge in one dark stream towards the outer court. "Down with the emigrant! Long live Citizen Crassus! Death to the aristocrat! Death!"

"Death?" said De Ravignac, gazing with bewildered eyes after the members of the Tribunal, slowly beginning to file out through an inner door. "Death?"

"Ay," said the gaoler who had summoned him to the hall, suppressing a yawn, and jingling his bunch of keys with angry impatience towards the small iron door by which De Ravignac had entered. "What would you have? Plague! A nice one you are, you and Citizen Robespierre, with your infernal prating. I wonder how we should get on if all the cases were the length of your's. Hang it! Don't I always know how it'll be when Robespierre puts his finger in the pie? Good-bye to my dinner till it's shrivelled to a cinder. Pah! It makes me sick to hear him talk about justice and humanity; not a spark of consideration he hasn't. Not a spark." And clutching De Ravignac savagely by the shoulder, he tugged him down the steps of the corridor, and thence whence he had come.

"By the way," said Robespierre, as he moved slowly out with the members of the Tribunal, and casting a keen parting glance round him, "I did not see Citizen Crassus. One would have supposed he would have been here."

"It was his intention—at least so he told me," said a slender, elegantly-attired man near. "This morning, however, I found a note on my desk, explaining that these troubles at Lyons had summoned him away at a moment's notice, and he might not be back for some days."

"Lyons could have spared him," muttered Robespierre, turning coldly away from the speaker. "She will hardly find her troubles the less for the tender mercies of Citizen Crassus."

*(To be continued.)*

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There was a young servant of fife,
Whose Corns were the plague of her life,
For boots she wore "master's," but with Alcock's
Corn Plaster
She now gets on those of his wife.

ALLCOCK'S CORN PLASTERS are admitted by tens o thousands to be the best cure for corns ever made. They allay the pain of the worst corn as if by magic and the tightest boots can be worn with ease.

## OUR LADIES' COLUMN.

The moon has much to answer for, especially that full moon to which we are accustomed to look hopefully for changes in weather when it is not all that we desire it should be. We talk of "the new moon" and "the full moon" as if they were only distant relations to each other, and they directed the tides independently, each on lines of its own. This month we were under a mackerel sky when the full moon rose. All over the country, especially in the tourist districts, the ominous sign of unsettled weather was noted, and never has the treacherous beauty of an evening sky justified its traditionary reputation as it has done this month. We have passed the border line and gone into autumn, the trees giving forth a hard, dry rustle instead of the soft, pleasant, billowy wave of sound, the first notes echoing of summer's requiem. As to colouring in the woods, it is doubtful how far the recent rains will not have checked the transformation of greens into those glorious reds and browns, merging into many shades of golden that make the especial beauty of St. Martin's summer.

In the hop district there is much shaking of heads over the thin crop, in certain grounds reported to be not worth gathering. At this news the Blue Ribbon Army smiles and is glad, for the total abstainers are waxing strong and daily becoming more numerous. The progress made of late years in the promulgation of Sir Wilfrid Lawson's principles is very marvellous. Temperance is actually the fashion even in upper circles of society. Everywhere one goes, by boat or train, people are wearing blue ribbons in their button holes, from the working man and his small boy—the latter still under School Board authority—up to the fashionable young lady who ostentatiously and coquettishly knots her badge on the breast of her Newmarket coat. To ladies who are in the habit of travelling alone the difference in the new social conditions is a welcome change. They may now select any railway carriage without fear of unpleasant travelling companions, and the economy which sometimes makes a third class compartment compulsory need no longer be looked upon as a punishment, to be taken under the apprehension of having inebriated companions. The countenances of the people are even pleasanter than of old, with an expression of frankness pleasant to meet, and the blue ribbon is an introduction to a fellow traveller vouching for one principle at least being held in common.

Dublin is to be sympathised with on the loss of the Crystal Palace, which for so many years covered a large piece of ground close to St. Stephen's-green. Originally erected when great exhibitions were in fashion it has had a precarious existence for the last ten years, always more or less—chiefly more—on the brink of insolvency. The last three years, the "no rent" period, sealed its doom. It had become the property of Mr. Cecil Guinness, son of the late Sir Benjamin Lee Guinness, who tried, on purely patriotic grounds, to keep the white elephant alive. Apparently he has abandoned the hope and turned his energies to the working of a large woollen factory, hoping to give employment and thus raise the fallen fortunes of commercial Dublin. Various causes militated against the success of the Dublin Crystal Palace. It was a large building, and to make an entertainment in it successful an audience must be drawn from the upper middle classes, or, as they prefer to style themselves, the upper classes. These, as is general in all large towns, have residences in distant suburbs, or in neighbourhoods a short train journey from town. The fatigue of coming back in the evening to a concert kept the majority of these at home. The last two or three years people who might have enjoyed public entertainments had not the money to indulge themselves. Consequently Mr. Guinness has sold the building to a company for erection at Battersea, and it will be opened with an exhibition of textile manufactures which, it is to be hoped, will raise the drooping spirits of English traders and give stimulus to competition.

Caterers for public taste—whether it be in amusements, literature, or dress—have every year a more difficult task to discharge. Athenian like, the English craving for novelty is never stilled, and no sooner has a company taken possession of a site, built, and drawn patrons, than some new enterprise starts into life, and the fickle public carry their shillings to the doorkeepers of the younger house. How far Battersea will not be out of the reach of the public, remains to be seen, but central situations are terribly costly to the promoters.

In about a week or ten days' time we shall be in a position to announce autumn novelties. Up to the present date our energies have been devoted to making the best of weather unfavourable to the display of our best toilettes. Having to adapt ourselves to such a climate it is well to try and do it gracefully. We must protect our dresses from rain, yet look perfectly turned out and as if unconscious of the damp crisis. The waterproof cloak is a modern institution. There are some of us still alive who remember the makeshift mufflers worn before Shrewsbury introduced us to waterproof tweed cloaks. For some years afterwards no one believed in a cloak unless it came from the Welsh border. When the Princess of Wales was married, her mother, with a simplicity which made English ladies smile, provided her daughter with a grey tweed waterproof cloak, not intended for wear, but to carry over her arm. The Crown Princess of Denmark, as she was in those days, desired her daughter to conform to English customs, and having observed that all the lady tourists carried a cloak over one arm, looked upon it as a national eccentricity, but to be respected by her daughter. Since that time the waterproof cloak has changed its style, the macintosh, the ulster, and the Newmarket, all doing duty in turn to exclude the damp. But the pilgrim cloak of this season is the most magnificent idea of all, no unsophisticated person would ever imagine that the highly trimmed, gaily lined mantle was a servant, brought into use because of the climate. The pilgrim cloak has "evoluted" from the Mother Hubbard, has come into life in various forms, always rising to greater grandeur from the original grannie cloak. As a waterproof the cloak is more comfortable when not tied in at the waist behind; and the short sleeves in front, allowing only a part of the arm to protrude, are quite bondage enough without further confining the action of the wearer to such narrow limits. The arms look much less like paws as they appear in front when the back is left quite loose. The material employed is either the same as that of the dress worn with it, or something in harmony. A striped dress has a plain cloak, or a dress of mixed patterns has a "pilgrim" of either the one or the other. The cloak must have a lining, surah or satin, of some bright tint, crimson, gold, or blue. Ficelle lace trims some, passementerie others, but always bows and ends of ribbon fluttering from every possible point. The neck, finished with a frill or capuchin hood, simulates drawing in with a ribbon tied in a bow. The sleeves through which come out the paws are drawn in similarly, also with bow and ends of ribbon. Where the front is closed by buttons from the hem up, rows of ribbon bows give the pilgrim a very mundane air; in fact, unless as a pleasant jest, nothing can be more unsuitable than the name given to the last novelty in waterproof cloaks. Two forms of bows are being used on evening dresses, cabbage bows which are rosettes, or butterfly bows with streamers, the latter are used as sleeves for evening dresses and are less objectionable on the score of modesty than a few strings of beads or one small rosebud.

## SOMETHING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

### TOO GOOD TO SPOIL.

The difference between economy and meanness is overlooked by some people. They need a rap on the knuckles to call their attention to it. Such a rap was administered years ago to an iron smith of Newbury-port. In those days that now restful town was an important commercial port. Many ships were built there, whose ironwork was done at some large smithy, of which there were several in the town.

One of these smithies was owned and superintended by a Mr. Gordon, who prided himself on the economical style of his household. His workmen boarded with him, and they thought the master's table meanly rather than economically furnished. One day, at dinner a large cheese was placed on the table; everybody in those days thought cheese an aid to digestion.

After all the men had eaten meat, Mr. Gordon, taking a knife and turning the cheese over, exclaimed, "This is a good cheese! A pretty cheese! too good to spoil!" Laying down his knife he rose, saying, "Come, men, let's get to work." They went, vowing they would give him a lesson that he would not forget.

That afternoon a large anchor was to be forged. The fire burned brightly, the iron grew hotter and hotter, and at last the master exclaimed—

"That's a good heat!"

"A good heat!" responded the men.

"A grand heat!" reiterated the master.

"A grand heat!" answered the men.

"Then why don't you strike?" shouted the master, [illegible]

"Is it a good heat?" [illegible] the foreman.

"Yes, yes! Strike, strike, I tell ye!" he shouted, in an authoritative tone.

"Don't you think it is too good a heat to spoil?" quietly asked the foreman, while every man stood leaning on his sledge hammer.

The master saw the point, and ordered the cheese to be brought into the smithy, and a loaf of brown bread. The luncheon was eaten, and then the anchor was forged.

### INQUISITIVE JACK.

"Who is 'Inquisitive Jack,' Mamma? And where does he live, I pray?"
"'Inquisitive Jack' is a very small boy, and he lives not far away.
His hair is the colour of yours, my dear, and his eyes about the same,
And a very big bump in his curly head has earned for him his name.
"What is the bump, you'd like to know? 'Tis called 'curiosity' dear,
And it runs into feet, hands, lips, and eyes, and will bring him sad trouble, I fear.
Into everyone's business 'Inquisitive Jack' is prompted to peep and inquire,
And to have a 'finger in everyone's pie' he continually seems to desire.
'He meddles with this, he meddles with that, there's nothing safe in his way;
Poor 'Mamma' is kept in a state of alarm from morning till close of day.
He talks, of course, and can talk sometimes as well as you or I;
But his chief conversation consists of one word, and that is the question 'Why?'
"You never have seen him? Oh, yes, you have. You look at him fair and square
Whenever you're caught at my bureau-drawer, in front of the looking-glass there.
Oh! Teddy, you've guessed whom I'm telling you of, and you never need ask again
"Mamma, who's Inquisitive Jack?" since the mirror gives answer so plain."

### HAPPINESS OF CONTENT.

To be contented with one's lot, however lowly it may be, is a sure means of being happy, and therefore in as fortunate a position as anyone on earth. Here is the story of a little boy who thought himself as well off as the king, and with good reason, too.

When Louis XII. of France was at the royal castle of Plessis-les-Tours, he went one evening into the kitchen, where he found a small boy engaged in turning a spit for roasting a loin of beef. The lad had a peculiar bright looking face, keen bright eyes, and features really fine; and his appearance greatly prepossessed the king in his favour. Laying a hand upon his head he asked the little fellow who he was; the boy looking up and seeing a plain-looking man in hunting garb, supposed he might be speaking with one of the grooms, or perhaps chief riders, of the royal stables. He answered very modestly that his name was Simon; he said he came from La Roche, and that his parents were both dead. "And are you content with this sort of work?" Louis asked. "Why not?" asked the boy, with a twinkle in his eye and a suggestive nod. "I am as well off as is the best of them, the king himself is no better." "Indeed! How do you make that out?" "Why, sir, the king lives and so do I. He can do no more than live. Further, I am content. Is the king that?" Louis walked away in a fit of thought deep and searching, and the image of that boy remained in his mind even after he had sought his pillow. On the next day the astonishment of the turnspit may be imagined upon being summoned to follow a page and finding himself in the presence of the king, and the king his visitor of the previous evening. On the present occasion, Louis conversed further with the lad, when he found him to be as intelligent and naturally keen-witted as the lad had at first appeared. He had sent for him with the intention of making him a page, but instead hereof he established him in his chamber as a page in-waiting—really the position of a gentleman. And Louis had not been deceived in his estimation of the boy's abilities. The youth served Louis faithfully, and in the last years of the reign of Francis I. he was known and honoured as General Simon de la Roche.

### NUTS TO CRACK.

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5.—Sometimes mute; a cart; to warble; a kind of spear; to rest like a bird; share; a consonant.

6.—A consonant; an opening; looks eagerly; a newspaper; paltry; an animal's house; a vowel.

7.—A consonant; preterite tense; belonging to the sun; a town in Yorkshire; a notorious Welshman; a beam of light; an unknown quantity.

8.—A consonant; a part of the ocean; gradation; surrounded by the sea; a girl's name; earlier than the present; a consonant.

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# THIS DAY'S NEWS.

*(SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.)*

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

["CENTRAL NEWS" TELEGRAMS].

## EXECUTION OF PATRICK WALSH.

### THE CULPRIT DENIES HIS GUILT.

DUBLIN, FRIDAY.

Patrick Walsh was executed this morning. The culprit, accompanied by Marwood, proceeded from the hospital to the wing of the gaol. He walked firmly, with bent head, and tears in his eyes. He stood firmly pinioned, and ascended the scaffold with slight evidence of feebleness. Just before the veil was put over his head, he said, "I am going before my God tied up as a criminal. All witnesses swore falsely against me." The noose being adjusted, the bolt was drawn and the drop fell in a moment. Very few people were outside the prison. A large number of soldiers and policemen were on guard. The condemned man's mother was standing outside the prison walls crying all the morning.

# THE CAMPAIGN IN EGYPT.

### SURRENDER OF 1000 REBELS AT TONLAH

### THE DIFFICULTY AT DAMIETTA.

### FURTHER ARRESTS.

ALEXANDRIA, FRIDAY, 10·30 A.M.

The difficulty at Damietta will probably end without any bloodshed.

One thousand of the rebels surrendered to the British at Tonlah last night.

Another train load is expected this morning.

General Wood proceeded at daybreak to Damietta with the Fifty-third, Thirty-eighth, and half of the Thirty-fifth regiments. The Forty-ninth will remain here, and the Malta Fensibles take their place in the expedition.

Numerous arrests continue to be made here.

## THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

### LATEST NEWS FROM EGYPT.

### THE POSITION AT DAMIETTA.

### THE WITHDRAWAL OF ENGLISH TROOPS.

The *Daily News'* Cairo correspondent telegraphs yesterday at 9·45 a.m.:—I have just had a long interview with one of the chief members of Sir Garnet Wolseley's staff, in which he assured me that the subject of the early return to England of a portion of the expeditionary force is yet even discussed. "The difficult part of our task," he said, "is only beginning, and we see no speedy prospect of a partial or total withdrawal, which after all must depend upon the attitude of the great Powers." This expression of opinion is not unimportant, because there was a general impression that a partial withdrawal would be effected soon after the review.

The *Daily News'* Alexandria correspondent telegraphs yesterday at 11·25 p.m.:—It appears that although Abdel-Al is willing to surrender Damietta the black troops refuse. Admiral Seymour has ordered two ironclads, as also the Iris and Tourmaline, to proceed to Damietta to see if the bar will allow steam launches and pinnaces with Gatlings and Nordenfields to cross. In the morning, the South Staffordshire, the Sussex, the Berkshire, and the Shropshire Regiments will proceed to Damietta *via* Tantah. It is believed that the Egyptian troops are entrenched beyond the fort on the east side of the river.

The *Daily News'* Alexandria correspondent telegraphs on September 21st at 9.50 p.m., and Abdel-al with the Damietta garrison surrenders unconditionally.

The *Standard's* Alexandria correspondent telegraphs on Thursday, at 9·45 p.m.:—Abd-el-Al appears to have repented at the eleventh hour. It is stated at the Palace to-night that a telegram has been received by the Khedive from him, making complete and unconditional submission in his own name and that of the garrison of Damietta. A portion of the rebel forces will surrender to-morrow at Shebin to a commission of British officers. Cherif Pacha has addressed a circular to the Consuls-General announcing the formation of a court-martial for the trial of rebels. Abderahman Rouchdy Bey is president of the court. He is a Maltese renegade, and upon returning from France, after an absence of several years, he was appointed Minister of Finance in Arabi Pacha's last Ministry.

### ESCAPE OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

The *Standard's* correspondent telegraphs from Cairo on September 21 at 8 p.m.:—Thirty-six of the prisoners of war, detained in the round tower of the citadel, escaped last night by means of a rope. The feat was a perilous one. It is evident that they were assisted by accomplices.

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CAIRO, Sunday.

The Prefect of Police afforded every protection to the 150 Europeans who remained here during the rebellion, so that none suffered to a serious extent.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sunday.

Lord Dufferin to-day informed the Porte that military operations in Egypt were now terminated, and the British Government intended to withdraw a portion of the troops. His Excellency, therefore, left it to the Sultan to decide whether, under the circumstances, the conclusion of the Military Convention, and the despatch of Turkish troops to Egypt, would be opportune.

### SURRENDER OF ABOUKIR.

### OCCUPATION OF TANTAH.

PORT SAID, Monday.

Abdelal Pacha holds the town of Damietta, together with the forts of Dibha and Ghemileh. The total force under his command numbers 6,000 men. The Governor of Port Said sent an Arab to the rebel colonel on Friday last, but he has not returned.

ALEXANDRIA, Monday.

The report that Mansourah had been pillaged has not been confirmed. Excitement was caused by the arrest of a soldier with a letter from Abdelal to Touiba Pacha at Kafr-Dowar counselling no surrender. The Governor asked for military assistance. The British have occupied Tantah.

The Aboukir garrison, which was ordered to proceed to Kafr-Dowar to surrender, marched out last night, but one entire regiment with their arms moved off eastward to join Abdelal at Damietta. Of the remainder, the first detachment, numbering originally 150 men, reached Kafr-Dowar at eight o'clock this morning; but many had escaped from the ranks and run away, each man carrying with him two or three rifles. The rest of the garrison, some five or six thousand men, reached their destination at noon, and were disarmed by the Berkshire Regiment. All were sent off to their homes; but the officers were conveyed to Alexandria as prisoners. At Damanhour five hundred discharged soldiers seized an empty goods train in which they made their way to Mansourah.

It appears now that the news of disturbances at that place was founded on fact, though somewhat exaggerated. After the battle of Tel-el-Kebir many of the inhabitants illuminated their houses, whereupon a rabble assembled, smashed a number of windows, and pillaged several houses belonging to the well-disposed people.

The order for marines and the squadron to proceed to Aboukir has been countermanded. All the forts have surrendered.

### SURRENDER OF DAMIETTA.

### ILLNESS OF ARABI PACHA.

ALEXANDRIA, Tuesday.

Abdelal Pacha has requested that an officer may be sent to him to inform him of recent events. This is considered here as foreshadowing the surrender of Damietta.

The postal service to Cairo has been resumed, and telegraphic censorship has been abolished.

Abdelal, the commander at Damietta, has just telegraphed, stating that he never intended to disobey the orders of the Khedive, and intimated his readiness to surrender. He awaits orders.

Mahmoud Effendi and another person connected with the railway inspection have been arrested.

Up to the present time 23,000 men have surrendered at Kafr-Dowar, which number includes many from Aboukir and Mariout.

CAIRO, Tuesday.

The following telegram has been received by the mother of Arabi Pacha from Lady Blunt:—"We sympathise in your affliction; have no fear; won't desert you."

Arabi is down with dysentery. A rising in Upper Egypt is feared. We shall probably send a few troops there.

Mahmoud Sami Pacha was arrested in the disguise of a priest of the El Azhar Mosque.

It seems that a large body of Egyptian infantry, with four batteries, probably from Salahieh, has appeared at Tantah and laid down its arms to a Highland battalion which had been sent there.

The officer commanding at Damietta has also surrendered.

### THE KHEDIVE'S DEPARTURE FOR CAIRO.

### MASSACRE OF COPTS AND EUROPEANS.

ALEXANDRIA, Wednesday.

Various reports of outrages and disturbances continue to arrive here from the interior. At Tantah all the houses and factories belonging to Europeans were looted, and the Copts during the whole time were in danger of being massacred. Their safety is mainly due to the efforts in their behalf of the Mudirs of Gabiyeh and Manoofiyeh. At Bena and Birket-Es-Sabi only a few houses were looted.

The news of the outbreak at Damanhoor is now fully confirmed Three Copts were murdered by the rioters. The first battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment has occupied the place, and the murderers have been arrested.

A squadron of the 13th Bengal Lancers has arrived here to serve as an escort to the Khedive when his Highness goes to Cairo.

PORT SAID, Wednesday.

A summons to surrender was addressed this morning to the commandant of Fort Ghemileh, and at the same time two English frigates were sent to support this ultimatum, and to bombard the fort in the event of a refusal.

CAIRO, Wednesday.

To-day, both British and native authorities have been busy preparing to welcome the Khedive to-morrow, and even the lower orders seem disposed to join in the rejoicings which are to accompany the return of Tewfik to his capital. All the respectable class of Egyptians proclaim their loyalty to their ruler, and are, no doubt, sincere; while those who have been prominent in expressing sympathy with Arabi declare that they did so for their own safety.

Nedim, the Swiss engineer, denies that he aided Arabi in constructing his defences, saying that he confined himself to the ambulance department, and wished to serve only under the Geneva Cross.

### A MASSACRE AVERTED.

### MORE ARRESTS IN ALEXANDRIA.

### SURRENDER OF DAMIETTA AND FORT GHEMILEH.

ALEXANDRIA, Thursday.

Several fresh arrests have been made to-day, including Said Bey Gandeel, who was prefect of police at Alexandria on June 11.

MALTA, Thursday.

The transport Iberia left for Portsmouth this morning. The hospital ship Carthage has arrived here with sick and wounded soldiers from Port Said.

CAIRO, Thursday.

The following troops will move into the Ghezirch camp this afternoon:—The headquarters of the First Division and the brigades of Royal Marine Artillery; the divisional companies of Royal Engineers and the whole of the infantry, with the exception of the First Brigade.

The massacre and pillage of Cairo were planned for the very day after the arrival of the English troops. General Drury Lowe's entry into Cairo on Thursday evening was a marvellous surprise, for if the 8,000 men in the city (and not 1,500 as was thought) had attacked him, instead of laying down their arms, the cavalry were too tired to fight or retreat. Thanks to the dashing march and good luck, Cairo was saved. 9,000 stand of arms surrendered, and scarcely any property injured.

My general impression from all I have seen and heard is that the country is decidedly unfriendly, and the attitude of the natives hostile to the Europeans. The officials appear anxious to atone for their past conduct in aiding and abetting Arabi, but the disbanded soldiers and the residuum in all the large towns and villages are still excited, and under the influence of the Ulemas will remain so until the rebellious spirit is crushed by a firm hand.

PORT SAID, Thursday.

Fort Ghemileh was surrendered this morning to the British. The Arab officers had previously abandoned the garrison, which consisted of about 80 men, who surrendered at the first summons, and immediately afterwards took to flight in boats across Lake Menzaleh to Damietta.

The gunboats which were under orders to bombard Fort Ghemileh in case of resistance have proceeded in the direction of Dibeh and Damietta.

In obedience to an order received from Yacoub Pacha the garrison of Damietta have resolved to lay down their arms and disperse to their home.

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**EAST CASTLE WESLEYAN CHAPEL.**—Special services to celebrate the anniversary of the Wesleyan Chapel at this village were conducted on Sunday last, the sermons in the afternoon and evening being preached by Mr Geo. W Bennett, of Newcastle. A children's service was also held in the forenoon, Mr Bennett and other friends taking part in the proceedings. The services were well attended; the collections being for chapel fund.

## BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Shotley Bridge Town Hall Buildings on Wednesday afternoon, when there were present—Messrs. John Smith, J. Eltringham, A. E. Turner, H. Carss, F. Priestman, J. Dowson, Dr. Geo. Renton, and the Clerk (Mr Booth).

The minutes of the previous ordinary meeting, and also of an adjourned meeting held to consider the terms of lighting the street lamps submitted by the Shotley Bridge Gas Company and to seal the new rate, were read, and on the motion of Mr MURRAY, seconded by Mr CARSS, were ordered to be signed by the Chairman.

### LIGHTING THE STREET LAMPS.

Mr CARSS suggested that in future years the question of lighting the public lamps be brought before the Board earlier in the season. In consequence of the delay this year, they had been driven to accept the Gas Company's terms.

### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The Clerk announced that Mr James Radford, of Newcastle, had audited the accounts of the Board for the year ending March last, and also read his report thereon.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr ELTRINGHAM, seconded by Dr. RENTON, that the auditor's report and summary of accounts be advertised in this week's *Guardian*.

### ADDITIONAL TRAIN SERVICE: IMPORTANT STATEMENT BY THE CLERK.

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting of the Board, he had been advised by other gentlemen to whom this matter was referred, that it would be desirable to have also the co-operation of the Lanchester Poor Law Guardians and the Lanchester Highway Board, in addition to deputations from the Consett, Benfieldside, and Leadgate Local Boards; therefore deputations had been appointed by the first-named bodies for the purpose of meeting similar deputations from the three Local Boards to consider the best means of bringing this matter before the Directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company. The memorial which was originally drafted and adopted by the Benfieldside Local Board, was also approved of by the Consett and Leadgate Boards, and further received the approval of the Board of Guardians and the Highway Board. It was thought very desirable by everyone that there should be a meeting of the several deputations appointed by these five Boards, so as to enter a little more into detail, and consider what further improvements could be made. He (the clerk) convened a meeting, which was held at Consett nearly a fortnight ago, and at this meeting the following scheme was adopted. The first train from Newcastle at 6·45 was thought—unless it were delayed for bringing in the letters from the south—to be a convenient train. There being, however, no train leaving Newcastle from 6·45 to 9·40 a.m., it was deemed advisable that they should ask for an additional train to depart from Newcastle about 8 o'clock a.m., and arriving in Durham at 9.40, in time for persons having business at the Quarter Sessions or the Assizes; or for any who may wish to travel south by the 9·52 a.m. express. It was not intended to interfere with the 9·40 a.m. train from Newcastle. Respecting the 12·30 p.m. train which goes no further than Benfieldside, the deputation unanimously agreed to urge upon the Directors the necessity of running through to Durham, to arrive there about 2 o'clock. The 2·40 train from Newcastle should also run on as far as Durham. By this arrangement, these two trains could leave Durham about 2·30 and 5½ p.m., the latter train just fitting in to convey persons arriving in that city by the 4·37 p.m. express. The 5.35 train from Newcastle, and also the 7·30. p.m. train, were both thought to be convenient; but it was agreed to press upon the diirectors the necessity of a train leaving Newcastle for Benfieldside somewhere about 10·30. p.m. Going the other way, the first train at 7·25 a.m. was looked upon as convenient. There being not another train between that time and 12 noon, it was suggested that, providing these proposals were carried out, the train that arrived in Durham at 9·40 a.m., might return about 10 o'clock, arriving at Newcastle at 11·30 a.m. The train proposed to reach Durham at 2 p.m., might leave at 2·40 and arrive at Newcastle at 4 o'clock. The new train from Durham at 5 p.m. should reach Newcastle about 6·30. The train from Saltburn, which comes to Benfieldside at 6.55, might run on to Newcastle, and the last train from Durham at 8 p.m. it was decided not to interfere with. The Sunday trains from Newcastle to Benfieldside should run on to Durham and return to Newcastle *via* Consett Branch. The deputation further urged the desirability of running these trains as near the times stated as possible, having regard to the connections at Durham and Newcastle with the express trains, and the Sunderland, Tynemouth, and other trains. It was thought by the deputation, when they met at Consett, that it would be better to communicate first of all with Mr Godfrey Smith, local passenger superintendent, Newcastle, and forward to him a copy of the proposals, and ask him to meet the deputation and discuss the matter before it was finally submitted to the Directors.—The Clerk then read the following correspondence which had passed between himself and Mr Smith:—

Shotley Bridge,
September 11th 1882.

DEAR SIR,—At a recent meeting of the representatives from the Consett, Benfieldside, and Leadgate Local Boards, and the Lanchester Poor Law Guardians and the Lanchester Highway Board, representing a population of about 60,000, who find the inconvenience of the few through trains running between Newcastle and Durham *via* Benfieldside, it was resolved to memoralise the Directors of the North-Eastern Railway on the subject. I enclose the statement which was drawn up by the meeting, showing how the present train accommodation might be improved, there being at present no through train from Newcastle between 9·40 a.m., and 5·35 p.m., and from Durham between 11·43 a.m., and 8 p.m. I am requested by the meeting to ask you to receive a deputation to discuss the matter with them before memoralising the Directors. Will Friday or Monday next, at your office, be a convenient time?—Yours very truly,

JOHN BOOTH.

Godfrey Smith, Esq.,
Passenger Superintendent,
Central Station, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

[*Copy of reply.*]

North-Eastern Railway, Passenger Department,
Local Superintendent's Office,
Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sept. 12th, 1882.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your favour of yesterday, in regard to the Train Service between Newcastle, Benfieldside, and Durham, which I may, however, explain has recently been fully considered, and I have no doubt the Company's General Manager at York will shortly be prepared to deal with the subject; consequently under the circumstances, I think it will be scarcely necessary for any gentlemen representing the various Boards referred to in your letter, to take the trouble of waiting upon me in connection with the matter, as the statement you have sent clearly explains what they require, and I will now send it forward to York, in order that our authorities there may consider to what extent the wishes of the residents in the district can be complied with.—I am, dear sir, yours respectfully,

G. SMITH.

John Booth, Esq.,
Shotley Bridge, co. Durham.

Mr Booth again wrote to Mr Smith as follows:—

Shotley Bridge,
September 16th, 1882.

Passenger Train Service (G. 233).

DEAR SIR,—I am obliged by your letter of the 12th inst. The statement I sent you on the 11th inst, coupled with my letter, no doubt embodied most of the facts which would have been urged by the gentlemen forming the deputation, who were prepared to meet the directors. There is one fact, however, upon which more stress would have been laid—viz., the extent to which trade and property in the district suffer by the few trains and the want of connections. There is a strong feeling in this locality that the time has come when increased facilities should be given, and it is satisfactory to know the matter is under consideration. I shall be glad if you will send copies of this and any previous letters to the General Manager, as well as the statement; and should like to be informed to what extent the views of the gentlemen I represent are likely to be adopted.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN BOOTH.

Godfrey Smith, Esq.

[*Copy of Reply*].

North-Eastern Railway, Passenger Department.
Local Superintendent's Office,
Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sept. 19th, 1882.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your favour of yesterday, in regard to which I beg to say that your former communication and the memorandum which accompanied it, were sent forward to York in due course, and I have since been informed that the whole question will be fully considered before our time-bills are again issued, which will be on the 1st of November next. I will also see that your letter which I have now received is forwarded to York in like manner.—I am, dear sir, your obedient servant,

G. SMITH.

John Booth, Esq.,
Shotley Bridge, co. Durham.

The Clerk said that was exactly as the matter now stands. The question seems to be under consideration at head quarters, and until they know what alterations the directors proposed to effect, they could do nothing further.

Mr CARSS: We shall have to wait. I would suggest that we take no further action in the matter until November, then we shall see whether the directors contemplate any satisfactory arrangements.

The CHAIRMAN: Will it not be well to write direct to the Directors?

The Clerk: The secretary (Mr Wilkinson) is in possession of our views on the subject. There will be some alterations made, but whether all we ask for will be granted I cannot say. No doubt increased facilities will be given, and we are not placed in any worse position by waiting. Supposing we saw, when the time tables were published next November, that the additional accommodation was insufficient, then we might urge upon the directors to give us increased facilities. It would hardly be fair to write to the directors, after hearing the matter is in the hands of the Company's secretary.

Mr MURRAY did not think there would be any great improvements made at present. This being in some parts a single line, it took a considerable time to determine upon the running of the passenger trains so as not to clash with the mineral trains.

The CHAIRMAN: You appear to ignore the other lines altogether. Some alteration is required on the Stockton and Darlington Railway. It is very inconvenient travelling to and from Stanhope or Wolsingham.

Mr MURRAY: They are not in our immediate district.

The Clerk pointed out that the people travelling by that *route* were units compared with those who went to Newcastle and Durham.

It was resolved to continue the minute on the subject.

### THE FINANCE AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Reported that they had examined the Surveyor's vouchers for last month, and found them correct. The pay-bill for the current month amounted to £106 12s 5½d.

It was resolved to sign cheques for this and other accounts.

### THE BUILDING AND SANITARY COMMITTEE

Recommended that the plan submitted by Mr Patterson for alterations to cottage at Cutler's Hall, being in conformity with the bye-laws, should be passed.

### SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Appended is Mr Dixon's monthly report:—

To the Chairman and member of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month your workmen have been employed on the several highways and streets in your district, water-tabling and dressing-up. The stonebreakers are preparing whinstone for the ensuing season. During the month there has been 30 yards of slag laid upon Sandypath Road. The contractors have completed the new street at Blackhill. The apportionments will be made out in due time and collected. I have laid down a new crossing on the Derwent Street footpath to meet the new streets. The Blue Bridge has been properly secured during the month. Your lamplighters have commenced to bottom with stone the footpaths as directed. Mr Robinson's amended plans have been submitted during the month. The duplicate plan has been handed to me for improving Billygoat House, and the agent has promised to commence with the work at once. Respecting the suggestion of the Board, that the footpath leading from the slonks trough to Shotley Bridge be kerbed and cemented during the next month, this portion of the work will cost about £30. I wrote to the proprietor of the Wheat Sheaf, asking permission to cement the footpath in front of this Inn, and his reply is that he objects to any cementing being put down. In accordance with your instructions, I have had the lamps put in and lighted during the month, and on the whole they are in good working order. I find that many of the old governors are about done for, and I am replacing these with new ones. The water trough to replace the broken one in Durham Road has come to hand, and will be erected to-morrow, weather permitting.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

### BILLYGOAT HOUSE.

A letter had been received by the Surveyor from Mr Clark, the agent, enclosing duplicate plans of proposed repairs to this farm house, which he expects to have done at once.

Mr CARSS complained of the lengthy time this matter had been before the Board without any decisive action being taken. He could only say that had the farm or dwelling-house belonged to some poor man, he would have been landed into gaol by this time. It was most disgraceful that the matter had been allowed to stand over for so long.

### THE RESIDENT REGISTRAR.

The Clerk read a petition drawn up by him, and signed by the Chairman, in favour of the appointment of a resident registrar of births and deaths to be stationed at Blackhill. The memorial had been forwarded to the Registrar-General, who had acknowledged receipt of the same, and intimated that the matter was now under consideration.

### WHAT IS "EXTRAORDINARY TRAFFIC?"

In answer to the circular from Mr Crozier, the County Architect, asking if the Board had any suggestions to make respecting "extraordinary traffic" on their highways, the Building Committee reported that they had been unable to find out what was meant by "extraordinary traffic."

Mr CARSS: Nor can any one else. Even the judges at London are unable to determine what constitutes "extraordinary" traffic.

The Clerk pointed out that might probably be the reason why the Local Government Board were anxious to amend the clause in the Highway and Locomotives Act, referred to by the County Surveyor, seeing that it did not work satisfactory, but before doing so they wished to know whether the Local and Highway Boards particularly interested had any suggestions to offer. The only instance in this district of "extraordinary traffic" was in the case of the Shotley Bridge Gas Company, who carted a great quantity of coals, &c., over the highways under the control of the Local Board to their works, which were not fully or fairly assessed. The result was that there was no comparison in the amount received by the Board from the Company in rates, and the sum expended by the Board in repairing the roads in consequence of the Gas Company's heavy traffic.

Mr CARSS agreed with the Clerk that the plant and works were not equitably assessed.

Mr ELTRINGHAM explained that in the Consett and Leadgate townships, the Gas Company were assessed according to the quantity of gas consumed in each; but at Shotley Bridge they were rated for the works over and above that, yet the Company thought they were over-rated at the present. It was the consumption of gas in Consett and Leadgate that made the plant so valuable at Shotley Bridge.

Mr CARSS said in that case the other Local Boards ought to recoup them for the extraordinary traffic on their roads. There was also a lot of wood led to the Railway Station from Northumberland.

The Clerk thought the best thing for the Board to do was to suggest that the Act should be made so as to better define what was meant by "extraordinary" traffic.

Mr CARSS eventually moved that the Clerk be instructed to reply to the County Surveyor to the effect that the Board thinks it desirable that the definition in the Highway and Locomotive Act of the terms "extraordinary traffic" should be given for the guidance of Local Boards.

The resolution was seconded and agreed to.

### THE GAS COMPANY'S AGREEMENT.

The Clerk read the agreement drawn up by the Gas Company, in which they agreed to supply the 142 public lamps at present in Benfieldside from 30th August until 30th April next for the sum of 3s 4d per thousand cubic feet.

### A LIVELY SCENE: MR CARSS THREATENS TO "MAKE IT HOT" FOR HIS COLLEAGUES.

Here ensued a scene of the most extraordinary character.

Mr CARSS objected to several of the clauses in the agreement as being arbitrary, the Gas Company actually dictating to the Board what they should do!

The Clerk explained that the agreement was substantially the same as heretofore.

Mr MURRAY moved that the agreement be sealed by the Board.

Dr RENTON seconded the proposal, which was put to the meeting and carried, Mr Carss only protesting against it.

At this the proposer and seconder burst into a loud laugh, which aggravated Mr CARSS, who said angrily: "You may laugh. Do you think I am going to be guided by a couple of fools like you?"

Mr MURRAY: Order, order! This language is not Parliamentary, Mr Chairman.

Mr CARSS (hotly): There is neither of you have brains enough to see through it. You are nothing else but idiots?

The CHAIRMAN called Mr Carss to order.

Mr CARSS (continuing): I know perfectly well what an agreement is; but I'll not be insulted by them two. I'll make it hot for you so long as I sit on this Board. If I had not been lawfully elected, I wouldn't sit among such a pothouse crew—— (Cries of "Order").

Mr MURRAY: Haven't we a nuisance-removal officer in the room?

Mr CARSS (excitedly): You are a couple of asses! If I hadn't been elected by the ratepayers I wouldn't sit with you two fools!

The CHAIRMAN and Clerk both denounced the conduct of Mr Carss.

Mr CARSS: Is it right, Mr Chairman, for them to laugh at me simply because I differ from them?

The CHAIRMAN: How do you know they were laughing at you?

Mr CARSS (warmly): I'll make it warm work for you two so long as I sit here I can tell you!

Mr Carss eventually cooled down, and the matter dropped, the ordinary business being proceeded with.

### THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Subjoined is the Inspector's (Mr Dixon's) monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month I have inspected your district several times, and I find it on the whole in fair order. There are a few ashpits not so well cleaned out as I should like to see them, which is on account of the farmer's being busy with the harvest. I hope to have them all cleaned out shortly. As directed at last meeting, Dr. Renton and myself inspected the properties in Mill Street and Wood Street, and your Medical Officer will report on this subject shortly. Your main drains are not in very good working order; but I consider your district is in a fair sanitary condition.—

I am, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
JOHN DIXON.

Benfieldside, September 20th.

### CEMENTING THE FOOTPATH.

Relative to cementing the footpath from the slonks to the Wheat Sheaf Inn, Mr CARSS said it would be advisable to do the work at once, as it was urgently needed.

The Surveyor said that Mr Ramshaw objected to any cementing being done, and Mrs Brown had told him that the footpath in front of her house was private property.

The Clerk said that if the macadamised portion of the road in front of the Wheat Sheaf was private property then for the length of time it has been open it was now claimed as as public road. There might be a piece of ground in the angle of the building which might be private.

It was suggested that the report remain in abeyance.

Mr TURNER drew attention to the footpath leading from Baxton Burn to the house opposite to the back of the Benfieldside Board Schools, which was in a very bad condition.

Mr CARSS said that was a private road.

Mr TURNER: The footpath is not private.

The Surveyor: That portion of the road wants repairing from end to end.

### THE FORTHCOMING SANITARY CONGRESS.

It was proposed by Dr RENTON and seconded by Mr MURRAY, that this meeting appoint Mr Dixon to represent the Board at the forthcoming Sanitary Congress to be held at Newcastle on September 26th and following day, and that the necessary expenses be defrayed by the Board.

Mr CARSS: The Board cannot pay the money, Mr Chairman; nothing of the kind.

Dr. RENTON: Why not?

Mr CARSS: It is the duty of the members to attend such conferences themselves.

Dr RENTON replied that all the principal Sanitary authorities would be represented, and it was necessary they should send a representative as well.

The resolution was ultimately carried.

### PLANS.

It was ordered, on the motion of Mr ELTRINGHAM, seconded by Mr DOWSON, that the plan for alterations and additions to Mr Patterson's cottage at Cutler's Hall be stamped.

### A PROTEST FROM THE "MAYOR."

A printed communication was read from Mr Joseph Harrison, the self-esteemed "Mayor" of Shotley Bridge, complaining of a frequent obstruction opposite his "chambers" in Messenger Street. The protest, which was in poetry and prose, was executed in "Joseph's" best style of workmanship (?) and contained an elegant and picturesque coloured border, decked with the portrait of the "Mayor" himself.

It was resolved, amid some merriment, to refer the "pictorial protest" to the Surveyor.

This was all the business of importance.

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A Durham correspondent states that the pitmen of the county propose to restrict the output to a given quantity of coal per day, and that probably the owners will give in.

**THE NAVAL EXHIBITION AT TYNEMOUTH.**—On Saturday last two lengthy special trains left Benfieldside for Tynemouth, amongst the excursionists being a large number of the *employes* of the Consett Iron Company. On Monday another heavily-laden train ran from Benfieldside to Tynemouth.

**"PLEASANT ALL ROUND."**—The *Tyneside Echo* of last night says:—The Benfieldside Local Board rejoice in the possession of a member whose idiosyncrasies relieve the monotony of the sewerage debates, and whose exquisite humour can even render the unsavoury subject of lamp-lighting interesting. At the ordinary meeting on Wednesday evening, Mr Carss objected to the sealing of a contract between the Board and the Shotley Bridge Gas Company. The opposition provoked some laughter, as Mr Carss was alone in his objection. A spicy bit of badinage thereupon ensued.

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