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Of the brook's voice reminding me.

T. W. LITTLE.

BLACKHALL MILL BRIDGE.

On Thursday week, Councillor Rd. Murray and his men, assisted by a few prominent residents of Blackhall Mill, succeeded in restoring the footbridge across the river Derwent, which was washed away during the recent floods. The structure, which crosses the Derwent opposite the Ship Inn, was generously given free of cost, by Mr Murray last year. The inhabitants on the south side of the river, all feel very grateful to Mr Murray for his generosity, and hope that he will be successful in persuading the various public authorities to put up a permanent stone bridge over the river, as at present it is a disgrace to the county that scarcely anything can be carted across the ford without injury to either horse, goods, or conveyance.

BREWERS' PIC-NIC AT BENFIELD SIDE.

THE BATTLE AT CONSETT RAILWAY STATION.

On Saturday, the workmen, with their wives, to the number of between 60 and 70, employed at Messrs Bramwell and Co.'s Wear Brewery, Sunderland, were generously entertained at the expense of Councillor Richard Murray, Benfieldside House (managing partner of the firm), with their first annual excursion, the party arriving at Consett station by the 10·20 a.m. train. After viewing the principal sights of Consett and Blackhill, the company were regaled to an excellent dinner served up at the Royal Hotel, Benfieldside, by Mr and Mrs J. S. Murray. The repast over, Councillor Murray took the chair, while Mr Geo. J. Christopher, Blackhill, was in the vice-chair.

Mr GRAHAM, in proposing "Success to Bramwell and Company," spoke of the change which had been effected in the management of the brewery this last few years through the instrumentality of their worthy chairman, and trusted that the prosperity they now enjoyed would continue. (Applause.) Their firm would, he asserted, have a favorable comparison with any other concern in the same business. That was the employes first pic-nic, and he trusted that it would be held annually. (Applause.) Mr Graham coupled with the toast the names of Messrs Bramwell and Murray.

The sentiment was received with hearty enthusiasm.

Councillor MURRAY returned thanks for the kind way in which they had honoured the toast. Mr Bramwell, he said, was a straightforward, good English gentleman, who happened to be more fortunate than himself (the speaker), because he did not do any work. His great grandfather established the business in Sunderland somewhere about 122 years ago, and the brewery had since been gradually growing, but within the past few years, Mr Bramwell had the misfortune to lose one of his sitting partners, and the business somewhat deteriorated. However, since he (Mr Murray) undertook the management of the Wear Brewery about three years ago, the business had been growing three times as fast as before. At the period mentioned, they were brewing 19,428 kils. of ale per annum. During the past six months, however, they had brewed 22,788 kils., and if they had the good fortune to sell as much beer in the next four months, they would soon be brewing 60,000 kils. per annum. (Applause.) Mr Murray then dwelt upon the pleasant relations which existed between the employer and employed, pointed out the difficulties which beset him in managing the brewery, and stated that if people drank a glass of beer, they said, "Thank you, sir," but if they got a glass of bad beer, it was Mr Murray that was at fault. (Laughter.) To be able to conduct a brewery, the manager must be able to turn his hand to almost anything, and occasionally one had to resort to fists to protect his interests. (Laughter.) Mr Murray next referred at length to a singular episode which transpired at the Consett Railway Station on the previous Tuesday morning—viz., a fight between himself and a prominent member of the temperance party, the dispute having arisen out of the opposition offered at the recent Brewster Sessions at Lanchester to the renewal of the license of the Freemasons' Arms Hotel, Consett, which along with a great many public houses in the district is owned by Mr Murray. The battle has been the chief topic of conversation throughout West Durham for several days, the fact that both gentlemen are essentially public men—Mr Murray being a County Councillor, a Guardian, a member of the Benfieldside and Consett Local Boards, &c., and his opponent a member of several parochial bodies—lent additional interest to the circumstance. Mr Murray, adverting to the incident, said: I have been rather "championing" the "Trade" this last few months, and have got all these fine-fingered, water-drinking teetotalers down on me. Sometimes our differences have been settled by reasoning and argument, but the other morning I had to protect my own property by the use of my fists. (Laughter). I rather believe this high priest of religious cant who attacked me by first hitting me a blow in the mouth, had got the impression that he would only be brought up at the police court, and mulcted in a fine of 5s, 10s, or 20s and costs, and that the money would be paid by his temperance friends. I had not time, however, to wait till the police court, but paid him out there and then in ready-money (laughter), because I could not waste any further time in coming to court. Whether my opponent came to the railway station with the intention of thrashing me I am not prepared to say, but it was two minutes past nine when I arrived at the station, and as the Newcastle train left at 9·5, we did not lose much time. My opponent commenced by asking me to apologise for telling some truths about him. The truth was very often bad to bear. If a man tells you a thing you know you are innocent of, it has very little effect, but if he tells you something about your underhand back-door tricks and proves them before your face, you feel that you don't like it. This particular individual had become almost the laughing-stock of the country side. He never thought of blaming himself for bringing the ridicule upon him, but he charges me with making him the laughing-stock of the people. (Laughter). I rather like him, because he was merely the cats paw, the scapegoat of those insignificent creatures who dare not speak or act for themselves. My antagonist first dealt me a blow on the mouth, when I refused to apologise. I was completely astonished at first, but soon we came to blows, and a regular battle ensued on the railway platform. I went on to Sunderland by the train, and I was not much the worse for the encounter; but if the other fellow intended going by the train he did not, for he got home with his pony and on some fresh clothes. (Laughter). I am never more grieved than when I am at difference with anybody—I don't even like to quarrel with my wife (laughter), and the seamy side of the business is that on my return home from the brewery, I was standing in the Central Station, Newcastle, when the same man came up to me very humbly and shook hands with me. (Laughter). Yesterday, we shall probably hear nothing more about the matter. I told him that I had thrashed him (renewed laughter) and added, "I think more of you to-day than I ever thought, I never expected that you had sufficient pluck to do it." (Laughter). These teetotallers should consider that when they act for themselves they should leave others to act as they liked, and then this world would be much pleasanter and happier to live in. (Loud applause).

The "Host and hostess" was acknowledged by Mr J. S. MURRAY, and the proceedings ended.

The party next called at Benfieldside House, and also the Spa grounds, Shotley Bridge, where a highly enjoyable afternoon was spent. The excursionists returned home by the 6·10 train.

[The following are the exact figures which Mr Murray contributed to the revenue last year:—For the Wear Brewery, £21,868 15s 3d; for the Benfieldside establishment £9,954 (in respect of 19,000 gallons of spirits)—total £31,822 18s 3d.]

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Cricket.

The Consett Excelsiors have now finished their their season, which has been a very successful one, they have played 19 matches—won 10, draw 2, and lost 7.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT C.C.

PRESENTATION OF THE DURHAM COUNTY CHALLENGE CUP.

On Friday night, a large and representative gathering of ladies and gentlemen assembled in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Blackhill, to witness the interesting proceedings in connection with the presentation of the Durham County Challenge Cup to the Consett and District Cricket Club, this after a game extending over four Saturdays, defeated Urham Moor in the final for this trophy. Related interest attaches to the event from the fact that this is the first occasion that a similar cup has ever come into the neighbourhood. In the significant absence of the county representatives—who appear to have totally ignored the existence of the Consett club all through the competition—Mr Robert Park, of Blackhill, was unanimously called upon to occupy the chair, and was supported by Dr George Renton, President; Messrs W. Ramsay, secretary; J. Hepburn, junior; Birrington, T. Jameson, S. Templeton, J. Dixon, P. Teare, Rev A. Baillie, G. T. Hyden, J. A. Jack, W. Raw, &c.

The CHAIRMAN said that the Consett club entered the Challenge Cup Competition with the intention of winning the cup before them. (Applause.) He was very sorry that Dr Renton was not able to fulfil that position. It was rather an unfortunate circumstance that none of the county representatives were present. ("shame") he formally hand the cup over to the club. He always understood that the cup was to encourage cricket throughout the county. The members of Urham County Association had always taken a great deal of interest in the matter, and he was rather disappointed at their absence that evening. However, that was not the first disappointment they had suffered, and they would be able to live it down. (Applause.) He could not be expected to read a apology received from the Rev F. Steggall, vicar of Consett, and Mr G. P. Douglas, of Consett, both gentlemen congratulating the club upon its decisive achievement.

Dr RENTON, president of the Consett and District Cricket Club, and acting president of the Durham County Association, who was heartily cheered, stated that their warm reception of himself proved that what he had done for cricket in the past had been thoroughly appreciated by them. (Applause.) He was sorry that he had to perform the duty of presenting the cup that evening, but unfortunately their secretary (Mr Mallett, of Darlington), and their vice-president (Mr Adamson), who had intended being present, were not able to attend in consequence of pressure of urgent business. He therefore hoped the meeting would excuse their absence, who was quite unanimous in their part. As the only member of the County Committee residing in that neighbourhood, he (Dr Renton) had been called upon to make the presentation of the cup. (Applause.) He wished, however, that that duty had been in the hands of their county secretary, who would have been better able to accomplish the task, and given them more details with regard to county cricket than he could. That occasion was taken as the pleasantest moments in his life. As an old cricketer himself, he had in times gone by achieved success in the cricket field. He (Dr Renton) had been called upon to make a speech for four runs, and he felt himself a proud man then. (Laughter and applause.) But he was a prouder man than that—(applause)—when he had ever been since his very early connection with cricket. (Loud applause.) Twenty-eight years ago, he had the privilege and honor to assist at a meeting, from which sprang the first cricket club in that district. He always had a desire that cricket should flourish in that neighbourhood, and he had striven persistently these 28 years to attain his object, and was glad to say they had reached the success he had longed for. (Applause.) It had been the ambition of his life to see a first-class cricket club in that locality, and he was also pleased to observe that the ladies generally were taking a greater interest in the game, both sexes evidently watching the matches at home during the past season, and it was gratifying to see a good cricket county. Cricket had only in late years come to the front in the county. Some dozen years ago, a number of gentlemen composing the Durham County Committee decided that the best way to instil some interest in the game throughout the county was to establish a challenge cup. The principal clubs entered for the cup in 1883, which was won that year by a county team composed of miners—Philadelphia. (Applause.) Next year, the cup went to Stockton, and last year, and to divide the honour of winning it amongst the county clubs in the district—viz., Urham. (Cheers.) The County Committee felt last season that to allow such cricket to continue against obscure country clubs as Sunderland, Darlington, Stockton, Durham City, &c., was to compete against obscure country clubs was really destroying the object for which the cup was established—viz., to improve cricket in the county, and bring forth some talent existing in the country district, so that in the course of time they would have a good representative team of their own. Consett therefore wisely determined to establish a league, which was composed of 12 of the strongest clubs in the district, and they selected from their previous performances in the challenge cup. The establishment of the league had resulted in the large number of 49 clubs entering for the challenge cup, and with 12 teams in the league made the respectable total of 61 clubs actually competing weekly for the honour of being the champion of the district—viz., Urham. (Applause.) That was a very satisfactory state of affairs to achieve in two years. He hoped the ultimate winners of the challenge cup had done more than anything else to improve the game, to increase the number of clubs, and to diffuse a better cricket in the different parts of the county. All honour was due to Consett for winning the cup, the team having gained the trophy entirely on their merits. (Cheers.) In the absence of Mr A. S. Godfrey, captain of the club, he had much pleasure in presenting the cup to Mr T. Lawson on behalf of the club. (Prolonged cheers.) He concluded with some eulogistic references to the members of the club.

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LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting was held on Thursday sennight, under the presidency of Mr W. M. Logan, the following members being present:—Councillor J. A. Darey, Rev P. C. Fortin, Messrs Geo. Hobson, J. Wilkinson, W. Aynsley, J. Collinson, Wm. Rutherford, J. Lax, W. J. Handcock, R. Robson, and the clerk (Mr W. H. Brown).

FLOWERS FOR THE WORKHOUSE.

The Master (Mr Brotherhood) reported that on the 6th inst., Mrs Clark and Miss Turner, of Shotley Bridge, brought a large quantity of flowers to the Workhouse from the Shotley Bridge Primitive Methodist Society.

The Board resolved to tender the donors a hearty expression of thanks.

THE SCHOOLWARDERS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board approving of the appointment of Mr W. Ward as attendance officer for the Consett district, at a salary of £70 a year, for an official 12 months, but enquiring the reason that Mr J. Gibson, attendance officer for the eastern district, had had his salary advanced by £10 per annum.

The Clerk was directed to reply to the effect that the increase of work warranted the advance being given.

A SAFE FOR THE REGISTER OFFICE.

The Clerk was requested to invite tenders for supplying a safe to keep the official documents in the Register Office at Lanchester.

THE UNION EXPENDITURE.

The Clerk presented the statement of the Union expenditure for the half-year ending Lady Day, 1892, the total amount being £4,729, but as they expected to receive at least £500 from the County Council, which would thus reduce the amount to £4,229. The expenditure in the corresponding period of last year was £4,186, but they received £1,250 from the County Council and the county rate was very light last year, the total expenditure being reduced to £3,510 18s 4d. The present balance in hand amounts to about £5,000.

The CHAIRMAN mentioned that it was necessary to keep a good working balance in hand. He suggested that the salutary rate should be increased.

Mr Hobson proposed, and Father FORTIN seconded, that precepts be issued upon the overseers for a poor rate of 3d in the pound—which was the same as the previous half-year, and a general sanitary rate of 1d in the pound.

Agreed to.

MEETING ROOM FOR THE CONSETT COMMITTEE.

Messrs Collinson and Aynsley were appointed a committee to arrange for a meeting room for the Consett Guardians Committee.

THE UNION CONTRACTS.

The following tenders were accepted for supplying the Workhouse during the ensuing six months:—

Groceries—Messrs T. D. Dryden and Co., Consett. *Butcher meat*—Mr J. R. Parker, Leadgate. *Cod and coke*—Mr J. Wall, Lanchester. *Coffee*—Mr J. Hall, Lanchester. *Flour*—Mr J. Wiggen, Witton Gilbert.

INMATES ON THE HOUSE.

Present No. of inmates	152
Corresponding period of last year	153
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	14
Corresponding period last year	12

OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

Mr R. Walton, relieving officer, eastern district, reported:—

Adults, not able-bodied—Males		65
	Females	122
Able-bodied (temporarily disabled)		2
Able-bodied (in health)		37
Temporarily disabled		0
Children under 16 years		174
Total		400

Amount of relief in money, £91 9s.

Mr J. Moore, western district, reported:—

Adults, not able-bodied—Males		46
	Females	90
Able-bodied—Males		3
Females (in health)		70
Temporarily disabled		4
Children under 16 years		264
Total		483

Amount of relief in money, £59 12s 6d.

TOTALS.

Adults, not able-bodied	321
Able-bodied	455
Children	434
Total	883

Amount of relief, £131 4s.

Figures for the corresponding period of last year:—

Adults, not able-bodied	305
Able-bodied	405
Children	410
Total	870

Amount of relief, £135 5s 6d.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Mr J. Wilkinson presided.

THE INSPECTOR'S SALARY.

Father FORTIN proposed that the salary of Mr J. E. Parker, inspector of nuisances and surveyor, be increased from £200 to £250 per annum, the advance being given in consequence of the extra duties devolving upon him.

This was seconded by Mr GRAY.

Mr LAX, in supporting, quoted statistics to justify the advance specified.

Mr RUTHERFORD declared that it was preposterous to augment the salary of an officer after a single year's service to the extent of £50 per annum. He thought £25 would be quite sufficient. He moved up that effect.

The CHAIRMAN seconded the amendment, and said there were plenty of men willing to do the work for £200 a year.

Mr AYNSLEY stated that Mr Parker had proved himself an efficient servant.

Mr Hunnacker thought that the Authority made a great mistake in offering Mr J. W. Rounthwaite (their late inspector) £200 if he would give up his private practice.

Mr RUTHERFORD reminded the members that Mr Rounthwaite had ten years' experience of the nature of the Authority's work.

The resolution was carried, only two members voting for the amendment.

BEER WINNING BEVERAGE.

Father FORTIN reported that the sub-committee appointed by that Authority had met a deputation from the Brandon and Byshottles Local Board on the preceding day, and detailed the scheme set out a scheme for severing Esh Winning. It was agreed that a portion of Colonel Lechmere-Charlton's fields, of Flass field, belonging to Colonel Lechmere-Smith, of Flass Hall, was the most suitable for sewerage out-fall works, about 2½ acres of land being required. An adjoining sewer from the Local Board, about 1,200 yards distant, to be laid down to the satisfaction of Mr Parker, who was empowered to prepare the requisite plans and send a tracing thereof to the surveyor of the Brandon Local Board, and likewise communicate to Col. Smith with the view of securing the land. The cost of making and maintaining the joint sewer to be borne by both Authorities, according to the rateable value of the houses available to be drained by the sewer, the assessment to be readjusted every two years, and the filtering tanks at New House be done away with.

The report was approved of without discussion.

MEDDOMSLEY BEVERAGE SCHEME.

The Inspector announced that Mr Lishman, of Newcastle, was prepared to let the Authority have 5 acres of land for the outfall works in connection with the proposed sewerage scheme, on Wednesday, on a 21 years lease, at a rental of £5 per acre per annum. It would cost about £120 per year to maintain the pavilions.

Father FORTIN considered this figure about three times beyond the agricultural value of land, and it with decided to try and obtain more favourable terms.

AN OFFER WELL AT HEADLAM HILL.

The county analysts (Mr W. F. K. Stock, of Darlington) reported that he had analysed a sample of water taken from Oakwell well, Headlam, a Blackhill water taker from Oakwell well, Headlam, a Blackhill Mill, and found it exceedingly foul, and quite unfit for drinking purposes.

It was agreed to close the well.

INSPECTOR'S SUPPOSE.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

GENTLEMEN,—On two occasions during the month I have made professional visits to the coke-yards at Annfield Plain and Shield Row, and found all the coke-ovens and cellars at Bontrop, East Pontop, South Derwent, and Shield Row, all closely closed, but in one instance a man had, evidently after sunset, removed the bricks, closing one of the ovens, close to South Derwent Cellars, and taken up his abode there for the night, the aperture being just of sufficient size to admit him.

Amongst heroes will be found an analysis of a sample of water which I took from a draw well known as Oxhorn's well, Blackhill Mill, which shows that the water is quite unfit for drinking purposes.

As the works for the reversal of Castleside are now about finished, it is to be hoped that the owners of the same should cause their drains to communicate with the new sewers, and I beg to suggest that a placard be prepared asking the owners to make the necessary communications without delay.

In connection with the Consett and Andrews' House proposed water supply I have made, in accordance with the conditions arranged between your Authority and the Consett Water Company, application to the owners of the land lying between Causey and Andrews' House for way leave for laying the proposed water pipes necessary for supplying the latter hamlet.

111 cowkeepers and milk vendors have applied to be registered under the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk-shops Order, 1885, but there are many others who have neglected to make the necessary application.

Twenty-eight tillages have been inspected during the month.

The following houses are ready or shortly will be ready for habitation:—

1019—Five houses at Burnopfield for the Burnopfield District Co-operative Society.

1061—Additions to Stanley Roman Catholic School for Rev T. Thompson.

1062—Two houses at Castleside for G. H. Principe.

1090—Twelve houses at Dunnopfield Colliery for John Bowes and Partners, Limited.

1120—Additions to premises at The Leazes for Jas. Turnbull.

1160—Additions to house at Pontop for John Bowes and Partners, Limited.

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

J. E. PARKER,

Lanchester, September 17th, 1891.

THE COKE-OVEN DWELLINGS.

The Clerk read some correspondence with Messrs Bowes and Partners, with respect to 30 houses the firm's coke-ovens being used as dwellings for tramps. The latest examination showed that the coke-ovens in question had been built in accordance with your sanitary rules. A letter was to hand from Mr W. H. Patterson stating that he had been informed that the resolution previously passed by the Board against the use of the coke-ovens for dwellings was being treated with contempt. Mr Patterson asked that the resolution adopted by the Authority should be carried into effect.

Mr Parker stated that the tramps now slept on the ground in the coke-yards and not in the ovens.

The CHAIRMAN said the police could deal with the matter under the Vagrancy Act.

Mr RUTHERFORD proposed that Mr Patterson be directed to inform that the coke-ovens in question had been closed, their Inspector was perfectly satisfied with what had been done.

This was seconded and agreed to.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

Medomsley District.

GENTLEMEN,—I have great pleasure in reporting a decrease in the number of infectious cases during the month ending September 15th. The following have been notified:—One case of erysipelas at Blackhall Mill also one case of scarlatina. One case of scarlatina at Hamsterley Colliery, and one case of typhoid fever at Low Westwood. Two cases of scarlatina at Medomsley Edge.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. T. BOLTON.

Ebchester Hill, September 16th, 1891.

Lanchester District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

GENTLEMEN,—Within the last four weeks there has been a few fresh cases of epidemic diseases in this district, namely, 2 cases of measles at Langley Park; 1 of erysipelas at Newland; 1 of typhoid fever at Esh Winning; 1 of scarlet fever at Hamsteels Colliery; 1 of scarlet fever at Broadwood; and 3 cases of scarlet fever at Railway Terrace, Wagtail Cottages; 1 of scarlet fever at South Pontop, and 2 cases at Charing Place.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN WILSON.

September 20th, 1891.

RAM SHOW AND SALE AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

While Rodbury is for Northumberland, Mr James Turnbull has made his Chester-le-Street Mart for Durham as sheep country par excellence. On Wednesday his: eventh annual show of rams and ram lambs was held in his spacious yards. The exhibits exceeded in quality anything ever seen at the same place, and were forward from the best known breeders in the northern counties. The competition was keen in all classes, and Messrs Wm. Ellis, Hedley Hall, Hewitt's House, and J. Leveridge, Newcastle—had no easy task in giving their awards, which, however, met general satisfaction. It is interesting to note that Mr Proctor's prize down ram was sold to M. Lugardo, of Geneva, to which place he will be shortly shipped. Besides everything entered for competition, all of which had to be submitted to the hammer, Mr Turnbull had 60 forward, 1,320 head of ewes from home breeders in the north. Price compared favourably with those obtained at recent sales, and while there is a demand for stuff of fashionable quality, the sale of middlings was slow. The first prize Border Leicester was secured by Mr Grindley for £9 5s, and the second by Mr Wilkinson for the Bisley Iron Comp.ny, at £10 10s. As an indication of the prices, it may be stated that in Border Leicester rams Mr Bishop, of Standrop (5), secured £7 10s; Mr Mewes Annandale (8), £5 1s 2d; and Mr Charlton, Stockshield (13) £4 4s. The same remarks which applies to the rams applies to ewes of every quality commanded good prices, while inferior stuff was not in demand. The show and sale, taken as a whole, was considered by the acquaintances of Mr Turnbull very satisfactory. Appended is the prize list:—

First Leicester ram—1, Messrs Hedley, West Stanhope.

Border Leicester rams—1, Messrs Annandale, Lintz Green; 2, Messrs Hedley.

Oxford and Shropshire Down rams—1, Mr G. H. Proctor, Durham; 2, Mr Manghan, Musgrave Hall.

Down ram lamb—1, Mr G. H. Proctor.

Border Leicester ram lamb—1, Mr Pearson, Alnwick; 2, Mr W. R. Lamb, Ryton Hall.

Shropshire Downs ewes and gimmer—1 and 2, Mr G. H. Proctor.

NOTES FROM THORNLEY.

[By "THORNLEYITE."]

The contractor is going on very nicely with the alterations at the Church; it is the place will be greatly improved when the spire is finished. I hear that the vicar and churchwardens are going in for a peal of bells and a surplice choir.

The free education system has been adopted here. Cannot see any difference for the better of charge. There is accomodation for more scholars. As this is the only free school in the district, the schoolmaster and managers may expect an increase.

Some people complained here the other day when it was made known that two tram cars would leave for Tow Law and Stanhope. They were not the kind we see in our large towns—saloon or pleasure cars, but two wheels only, but answered their purpose very well. The passengers were taken to and fro without any accident whatever.

We have some queer folks here as well as other places. A gentleman paid us a visit some time ago, and was asked to stay and take tea. The good lady of the house promised to make a cake which she did in her best known style, and expecting company and being a little excited with having the oven to heat in a hurry, she went to see if it was enough, and in her hurry she broke herself quite sure that it was neither too hot nor too cold—she spit on the shovel!

No doubt the maid had to give him a break.

Good luck when he sat down he could not eat.

"FLORILINE"—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH.—A few drops of the liquid "Florline" sprinkled on a wet tooth-brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all particles of impurities, hardens the gums, prevents caries, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. Sold by all up-to-date perfumers, and wholesale by the Florline Company, 114, Hatton Garden, London, E.C.

A TOUR ON WHEELS IN IRELAND BY FOUR CONSETT "CHARLIES."

As the summer months drew nearer to a close, many different methods of making the few days they have been allotted to them for recreation as enjoyable as possible, began to be discussed by a certain coterie of young men in Consett. Four members of the Consett "Charley" Club met together, and talked over the subject in the most amicable manner possible. After discussing the question for a short time, they unanimously came to the conclusion that a tour on wheels in Ireland would be the very thing. Everyone knew they had read a great deal about the picturesque scenery of that country. During the few days that were left prior to the time for their departure on the tour, the necessary preparations were made. The pedallists left Blackhill at 5 a.m. on the morning of the 17th inst., the last place about which they had to enjoy a great extent the enjoyable spin, as the roads were quite a contrast to those previously passed over. The wheels halted and partook of a substantial breakfast of ham and eggs at the Anchor Inn, Ballyclare, which is 19 miles from the north of one of the party:—We left Hayden Bridge at 9·20 a.m., and after riding four miles it ceased to rain, and we continued our journey in fine weather. We reached Belfast by 10·30. After a short stay we proceeded to Bangor, passing through some of the most delightful scenery that we had ever witnessed. After inspecting Brampton—a pretty village—we proceeded on our journey to Smithfield and Lisburn, arriving at the latter place about noon by o'clock in the afternoon. The next place we visited was Gretna Green, and we were all very much taken up with the old blacksmith's shop. It is well known, was the place in former days where all the runaway couples used to get married. We next made for Bigg, and were delighted with the place and washed houses. After partaking of tea, we left for Annan and Dumfries, the latter place being reached at about seven o'clock. After a short stay at the new George Hotel our headquarters for the night, having ridden 93 miles during the day.

The next morning we rose at 7·30, and took the train from Dumfries and travelled to Stranraer. The reason for doing this was on account of the roads being in such a dangerous condition that we were advised by the inhabitants not to undertake the journey. At Stranraer we took the boat at 10·15 a.m., and crossed the Irish Channel in 1 hour 45 minutes, and reached about 12·30 p.m. The breeze from the sea was thoroughly appreciated, and disarmed quite one considerable portion of our ardour. On arrival at the hotel of Mr O'Neil—a gentleman better known as "Knock-em-down"—to our mute surprise we found no one ready to receive us. Before—After a splendid run through some lovely country, we arrived at the great manufacturing town of Belfast. After a splendid run through some lovely country, we arrived at the great manufacturing town of Belfast. After a splendid run through some lovely country, we arrived at the great manufacturing town of Belfast. We reached lodgings at one of the leading hotels, and having changed our clothing and partaken of a hearty tea, we went to inspect the town. The pleasant and cheering impression we received of the place was increased as we passed through the streets. There was a great bustle, and many proofs of activity and general employment. We soon found that the town was densely populated. It contains a large number of handsome public buildings, and we saw that the surrounding country was remarkably picture-que with its mountains, &c., and the open ocean within a short distance of its quays. The business portion of the town contains excellent streets, and we were very much struck with those that we visited, including Donegal Place and Donegal Street, &c. The public buildings were numerous, and we were sorry that time would not permit us to visit them all. One of the most important of them was the Corporation Buildings, erected at a cost of something like £20,000. The structure presents a granite front, and is a noble building. Another very massive brick building that attracted our attention was, I think, called the Royal Academical Institution, which compared favourably with Colleges in Durham. We next visited the Royal Theatre, where a splendid English company were performing. After a good supper we proceeded to the variety theatre, at which we were informed were always kept up by voluntary subscription, we were delighted at the latter, of the evening. After a good rest we rose early next morning at 3·30, and mounted our machines for Lisburn, which is a very pretty town, and is noted for picturesque and interesting churches. We passed hastily on for Banbridge. At this place we stayed half an hour for breakfast, which we thoroughly enjoyed by us, after our early run out, through some splendid country. Having sufficiently refreshed our selves, we continued our journey, and arrived at Newry. After a splendid run over some level ground, and through some very pretty scenery, and striking, and, in some places, the pleasant and flourishing town of Newry. Here we had a short rest, and then resumed our journey to Dublin. We stopped here and partook of tea at the White Horse Hotel. The roads were very good, and we made good speed straight through it and made for the town of Swords. We soon found its ruined castle, and we had our refreshment at the Castle Inn. We did not stay here long, as we were anxious to reach Dublin. After a capital run we arrived at the long-looked for city of Dublin, and made our entrance into it one evening. Here we met an old school-mate, who soon made himself known some, and having had five years' experience in the city, he very soon made our comfortable lodging at the Clarence Hotel. After changing our clothing and enjoying a refreshing wash we gave ourselves for supper to be ready by 9·30. Our friend soon took us into the busy streets of the Irish metropolis, and there beheld some of the finest sights that we had ever witnessed. We soon found that the quaint lines of old Stanhurst were true when he said "The seas of this city is of all sides pleasant and fertile, and wholesome; if you build a tavern hills, they are not far off; if champaign ground, it lieth of all parts; if you build a house, it is pleasant; if a castle, it is strong; if a city, it is fair." Sport-loving people will find plenty of amusement in the city, and therefore we will just sometimes a few of the most important ones. We visited the Phoenix Park, which is reckoned to be one of the widest that we have ever had the honour of passing through. Our friend directed our attention to the Viceregal Lodge, which is surrounded by a statue of the hero. We also saw Daniel O'Connell's monument. We hurried on to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children of Ireland and the University, two magnificent buildings and splendid examples of architecture. On Sunday we visited the Pro-Cathedral in Marlborough Street, and we were delighted with the splendid structure, as its beauty so much harmonised with the most unique building erected in Ireland by the Irish Parliament. By this our time had expired, and we had to make for our head-quarters. Before we left we had a game or two of billiards, we retired to rest. The next morning we rose at eight o'clock, got breakfast, and set off on our journey to Kingstown and Dublin to visit the Phoenix Park. After traversing the walks of one of the finest and most lovely Parks ever known, we visited the Zoological Gardens, Cavendish and Mr Burke were established. We were shown the Zoological Society's Garden. The Park is bounded by the Liffey, the Viceroy Lodge, Wellington Monument, and the Constabulary Barracks were all inspected in turn, and we were delighted with the sight. We saw the hearts of the city once more we paid a visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral, which, according to history, is intimately associated with the most interesting events and personages of antiquity, but from its associations with the several leading events, and remarkable people, by which and by whom Ireland has been made famous. The Cathedral of Christ Church was also inspected, from whence we went to Glasnevin Cemetery, and our friend pointed it out to us as one of the finest in the world. We saw Trinity College and the new Museum, and then made for Guinness' Brewery. We were kindly shown through the establishment, and we were astonished at what we visited were the "Four Courts" and Dublin Castle, and we accordingly made for the Castle, and we were shown by a friend, who seemed to think that the hour had come for us to begin the homeward journey. After we had partaken of dinner, and shaking our friend for his kindness, the journey was undertaken. We took the same route back again by Swords, to reach Belfast. We arrived at Dunadry about six o'clock in the evening, and remained at this place for the night. Having received a good night's rest we rose the next morning at 8·30, and left for Belfast, which we reached one more time. After riding 60 miles the long looked-for town, with its tall chimneys, was once more sighted in the distance, which it can assure goldened our hearts immediately on the sight of such a sight for our old partners. We charged our steeds, and after partaking of dinner, we took the train for Larne to enjoy a little change of experiences. We had a pleasant sail across the Channel, and reached Stranraer safely, returning again in the evening for Belfast. Next morning we rose early to mount the cows as the same time calling at the Free Library—a splendid building. We left here at 7·30 p.m. for Larne. Thinking we had to be in Belfast, we found that the boat we intended to take had just gone, so we had to content ourselves with coming here for the night. We went and procured lodgings with our friend Mr O'Neil, and he gave us our quarters in what was termed "The Kier's Arms Emporium." While sleeping here we visited his stables, and were shown 50 splendid animals. On this day 500 excursionists arrived from Belfast, and took up their lodgings with Mr O'Neil for the week. The hostess informed us that he charged each of the party one guinea for the week, and gave them three separate drinks through the county during their stay with him. A brass band was invited into the hotel, and the large hall was opened for the company and dancing was indulged in until late hour. The next morning we rose early to catch the train, and we had to take the boat landing in good time. We proceeded to Stranraer and took the train for Dumfries, at which place we arrived about one o'clock in the afternoon. After dinner we spent the remainder of the day in visiting the various places of interest, including Burns's monument, and wandering about the city in company with a young gentleman, who said he was a member of the "Wyndham Christian Club," and we had a very pleasant time together. The next morning was Sunday—which was the last day of our holidays—we rose at 4·15 a.m., and proceeded to Gretna Green, Carlisle, Haltwhistle and Hexham for refreshments. We arrived at Blackhill about 6·30 in the evening, after travelling a distance of 70 miles for the day. We all went home highly elevated with the tour, and the country which we travelled through. The number of miles we accomplished for the week was over 500, and the weather throughout was exceedingly fine.

ONE OF THE "CHARLIES".

[We have received an article on a cycling tour through the border counties of Northumberland and Scotland, signed by "Arasnan," which will appear shortly.—*Ed. C.G.*]

DROWNED IN A WELL AT BURNHOPE COLLIERY.

An inquest was held at Mr G. A. Greener's Colliery Inn, Burnhope, before Mr J. Graham, coroner, concerning the death of Esther Hepplewaite, aged about 17 years, a married woman, belonging to Burnhope Colliery.—The evidence showed, that Mrs Hepplewaite was missing from her house on the morning of the 12th of September, and a thorough search was instituted for her. The body was found at 12·30 on the following morning, by a man named D. Holmes, who was fishing, in about a foot of water quite dead.—A verdict of "Accidently drowned" was returned.

LANCHESTER THE CLEANEST WORKHOUSE IN THE COUNTRY.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Lanchester Board of Guardians on Thursday week—Mr W. Logan in the chair—the following gratifying communications were received from the Local Government Board:—

Whitehall, S.W.,

September 4th, 1891.

SIR,—I am directed by the Local Government Board to transmit to you for the information of the Guardians of the Lanchester Union the accompanying copy of a report which the Board have received from the Commissioners in Lunacy of a visit made to the Workhouse on the 14th ult., by Mr Phillips, one of the Visiting Commissioners.

W. E. KNOLLYS.

LANCHESTER UNION.

(Copy of report.)

I agree with my colleague, Dr Boothby, that there is no Workhouse in England and Wales which can compare with this for cleanliness, and all the sick and paitent throughout the interior are more kindly treated than I have seen in any other place. The aged and infirm of this class, their faces and persons are so that they had no grievance. All are legally detained. The quantity of food provided is ample, and a better one, I have lately provided than that which they previously had. Half-an-hour's exercise is allowed to all in the yard and the Workhouse grounds. The Master (Mr W. Brotherhood) reports very favourably of the amount of work done by the inmates. Certain plate and silver and so is the only man—an idiot.

(Signed) CHAS. PALMER PHILLIPS,

Visiting Commissioner.

Mr LAX proposed, that as the report was so satisfactory to the Master and the Union generally, that the letter and report should be entered upon the minutes for future reference.

This was seconded by Mr HOBSON, and carried nem con.

The CHAIRMAN also personally complimented Mr Brotherhood upon the extremely gratifying character of the report.

The *Newcastle Daily Journal* says:—The Commissioners in lunacy have paid a well merited compliment to the management of Lanchester Workhouse. According to their official report, "there is no Workhouse in England and Wales which can compare such a high state of cleanliness, and so well pointed throughout in interior as this one, and no patients of this class in any other place about which we know. It must not be imagined, however, that the establishment presided over by Mr and Mrs Brotherhood is a mere paradise. The inhabitants are well fed and everybody that can work is made to work. The able-bodied ministers to the sick and aged and infirm, and even the lads are taught that cleanliness is next to Godliness. Even the outside, the gentlemen of the road, have a good time in the Lanchester Workhouse, though he does not endanger their digestion by overloading their stomachs, gives them everything of the best, and even to the most simple mortals on a sunday, a bit of which, as old David Mitchell was wont to say, "makes goes a long way." Mitchell was his Majesty's bailiff, and he used to say that the pleasantest periods of his life were when he was on parole as a prisoner in France and that portion of it which was upon within the walls of Lanchester Workhouse.

LOCAL BANDS AT DARLINGTON.

The first annual band contest and gala in connection with the Darlington Sons of Temperance Brass Band was held on Saturday last in the New Eagle Park, kindly by Major Davison. The weather was exceedingly fine, and the attendance very large. The following were the bands in the contest:—South Derwent, Tanfield Lea, West Hartlepool Old Operatic, Castle Eden Colliery, West Stanhope, Ryton, Leadgate, Prudhoe, Pawnwellgate Moor Colliery, Spennymoor Sons of Temperance, and Gateshead. Mr T. H. Timbrell, Manchester, officiated. The judge awarded the prizes as follows:—Selection—1st prize, £25, South Derwent; 2, £3, Tanfield Lea; 3, £2, West Hartlepool Old Operatic; 4, £1, Castle Eden Colliery. Tanfield Lea secured the first prize (£1) for quickstep. Much applause followed the judge's decisions, which seemed to give all bands to have been given a strictly impartial manner.

A musical correspondent writes that when

TANFIELD LEA BAND

took their position on the stand, they were a smart-looking lot in their military uniforms. The band, undoubtedly, the finest music in the field, and, further, relied solely upon their individual merits for their success, as it could not be said the music of Schubert's "Fleurchen" was a very high musical substance in this respect. Nevertheless, we done with the utmost skill and regard to the instrument, which gave a splendid clear ring of light and shades. Indeed, their ensemble playing had not hitherto come under the judge's notice, and he had to confess in a fine, prize lay within their grasp. When Mr Keeley, the conductor of the

SOUTH DERWENT BAND

took up his baton, he must have felt that the task of wresting the coveted £15 from either of the two preceding bands, was an undertaking of no small difficulty. Taking the same selection as the Operatic, he had the utmost faith in his men, and opened magnificently with the sweetness of tone, fleetness of the quavers in phrasing, and a crispness and precision that surmounted all obstacles, and paved the way to victory. Added to this, the band took up the tune with a "bang" and the tune pure, with a refinement of playing was marked by as much artistic merit as was the surprising effectiveness of the whole performance, and no more inspiring sight was afforded during the day than to witness the noble response those fine players made to the call of their chief, as he again and again urged them on to renewed effort. The dramatic moment in which the finale was played, and the brilliant, yet, withal, artistic manner in which it was made, it generally felt that they engendered between these diseases.

PROPOSED LOCAL BOARD FOR CHESTER-LE-STREET.

On Thursday sennight, a meeting was held in the Hamilton Arms, Chester-le-Street, for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming the district into a Local Government Board district.—Mr Fred Hazle, one of the overseers, presided.—Mr G. Hall, overseer, read a letter, dated from Durham, the distance by a Local Government Board district.—Mr Henry Armstrong, Felton Fell, stated why a Board had not been formed.—Mr Armstrong contended that although an impression had got abroad that a great additional expenditure would accrue for the formation of a Local Board, the Sanitary arrangements would be better. They would have control over their buildings, and their cash rate would be much less. He had heard Mr Fickering say, and that the Local Board would undoubtedly be expensive, but should money stand in the way of people's health? He held that it should not, and that should be a first consideration. Everybody in that room knew, and he came no reflection upon the sanitary condition of their colliery villages, to say nothing of their own city, was not what it should be. (Hear, hear.) The main thing was a matter of cost; he was sorry to say so. No place in the neighbourhood, nor in the county, was more abundant in the means of health. If people had been allowed to develop the natural advantages of the place it would have been much better than it was.—Dr Dinsdale (medical officer of health) pointed out that the Guardians had adopted the Public Health Amendment Act (1890), they would have all the powers of a Local Board, and could do everything that Mr Fickers Cranmond, Felton Fell, said that there was no doubt that the feeling of the people was in favour of a Local Board. Cost was the only thing that arrived when they must do something, and the right time to do it was at the present time. It was needful and necessary that they should form a Local Board. They had been promised a great deal from the County Council, but it was a great pity that they had to do their door steps; the Local Board would. They would have to form a Local Board, and they might do well to do it at a very early date.—Mr Henry Armstrong said that there was no saying where the thing would end; if it was only going to be expense of eighteenpence in the pound would not be so bad; but once they got a Local Board, they would never get rid of it.—After a great deal of discussion, a vote was taken, and it was agreed that the petition—Mr Pickering gave notice that he would demand a poll of the district.

SERIOUS THAT ACCIDENT NEAR KYO.

On Friday afternoon, a serious carriage accident occurred on the road between Gateshead and Kyo. It appears that Mr Stanley Wright, of Hamsterley, connecting with Mr Asquith, as agent for Messrs Joicey and Co., in the offices at Harperley Hall, having had four horses, left Hamsterley for Kyo, in order to meet Mr Stanley, who was walking the animal mount. On approaching the Harperley Corn Mill, the horses took fright at the approaching horse round, when the animal must have shied something. The vehicle was overturned and Stanley was thrown underneath the trap, being kept there by the cover. The horse galloped off as a terrific pace, dragging Stanley underneath the trap for a distance of between thirty and forty yards, the injured man being in fact, himself. The animal rushed off in the direction of Kyo, the result being that the carriage was smashed almost to pieces, and one of the conveyances being totally wrecked. The horse was also cut and bruised in many places. Fortunately, two miners succeeded in stopping the animal before it reached Kyo. Mr Stanley is very badly hurt, the wheels having passed over his ankle and hand, which are cut, discoloured, and swollen, and the left side of his head is also cut, and his back is bruised. He is now receiving medical attention, and was bed-fast for some time.

WILL OF MR. G. G TAYLOR-SMITH, OF COLEPIKE HALL.

Probate of the will, dated 24th January, 1883, with codicil made the 18th February last, of Mr George Garry Taylor-Smith, J.P., Colepike Hall, Lanchester, formerly of Broadwood Park, Durham, lord of the manor of Broadwood, Hedleyhope, who died on the 14th of March, aged 56 years, has been granted to the executors, his daughter, Miss Mary Edith Taylor-Smith, and his brother, Thomas Taylor-Smith, by whom the value of the testator's personal estate has been sworn at £17,255 14s 2d. The testator directs that the instructions made in favour of his wife, Mrs Clara Taylor-Smith, on their marriage, and the life rent and annuity of £300 a-year, also provided for her, and the bequeathe to her, such furniture as she may choose, and the remainder to his daughter in trust, for whom provision is made. Certain plate and silver he wishes to devolve as heirlooms with the Lanchester estate. The testator leaves in trust for his brother, Mr Thos. Taylor-Smith, his children, £7,000, and bequeaths to his said brother, his share and interest in the partnership business of Taylor-Smith Brothers, but directs that the profits due on the Hedleyhope estate Subject to the use of and enjoyment, by Mrs Taylor-Smith, during her widowhood, of certain property and a residence, the testator devises all his real estate upon trust for his first and other sons successively, and their heirs, or daughters, if more than one testator bequeaths in trust to pay the income thereof to his wife during her widowhood, and subject to her interest in trust for his said daughter.

A CONSETT POLICE CASE.

The *Northern Echo* (Darlington) says:—A medical journal—*The Medical Press and Circular*—has in its current issue, a strongly-worded attack on the Sanitary Inspector, by the medical profession. The great unpaid are among the best abused body of public servants in the country. They frequently get blamed for other people's sins, and bear the brunt of errors of a part. It is only fair to admit that the general body of the sanitary inspectors is composed of intelligent and efficient citizens, with knowledge of the world, and with the bearing of right and wrong sufficient to enable them to discharge their duties efficiently and impartially. Their decisions do not give universal satisfaction. Neither do those of the judges of the High Court. Partly from prejudice and partly from a mistaken idea of the subject matter, to their influence. Some mode of appointing magistrates more rational than the present system is desirable, so that those who are obviously unfitted for the Bench might be kept off it. But under any system which may be devised, the acting magistrates will probably be largely recruited from the same class as at present. In the article to which we have referred, one of the Consett Justices, who, as was reported in the Echo of Saturday last, had sentenced a Consett woman to two days' imprisonment for sleeping in a coke oven, is made the butt of severe strictures. The offence charged against the woman, the judge in the question, is, that he joked from the Bench at the prisoner's infirmity, his physical weakness, and his lameness. Nothing can be more afflicted with insanity. On reading the report on which the charge is founded, it does not seem scientific to call the woman a lunatic. It is probable that the man was mad on the strength of a few rambling sentences uttered by him, it may be with intent to deceive. A sane person, in his right mind, is lame. Moreover, the workhouse doctor had declined to certify that the man was mad. It is rather common for people, generally, in the light of that fact, to call on medical men to expose "the absurd wank of recognition by magistrates of cases of obvious insanity and of medical practice." In the case to whose interest the *Medical Press* invokes the interference of the Home Secretary, was a lunatic, a doctor and a magistrate, and a medical practitioner. It is a point for discussion, moreover, whether doctors are necessarily authorities whose verdict on the question of insanity of a man must be implicitly accepted. Madness is as great a mystery to the medical man as to other people. A mind trained to the study of medicine, will form a sound judgment on the case presented by the actions, demeanour, and words of one suspected of lunacy. The subject matter of the process are not obvious, but it is a fact that the injustices and alleged injustices suffered by persons who have been treated as lunatics are not numerous, and are largely quite as much discontent in late years as have the decisions of magistrates.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—For bad legs, bad breasts, scorbutic and scrofulous complaints, it is a gentle specific. The grateful and earnest gratitude of thousands who have experienced its 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 its extraordinary virtues. The parts affected should be bathed in 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 this must assist the Ointment's action. The Pills check the fever, purify the blood, and eject all morbid matter engendered by these diseases.

NOTES FROM VIEW LAW.

[By "TOW LAWITE."]

Mr Cawood, the evangelist, is conducting special services in the Wesleyan Chapel. They are almost sure to be a success. Mr Cawood's singing and preaching make him a favourite wherever he goes.

The good Templars had a fine day for their trip last Saturday. They were asked to provide for the wants of the people who came to the flower show. This they did in grand style, the tea and everything connected with it was perfect. Having a little profit left after paying expenses, they decided to have a trip to Finchale Abbey, Durham, &c. I would say to them go on with your good work.

Some of the folks here are trying to make fun out of the Temperance deputation who went to the Brewster Sessions the other day. Why should they? The magistrates treated them very kindly. The deputation knew, weeks before they went, that they could not close a house without having a case and giving notice of their intentions. I hope you thinks because they had a deputation that we were none to get. It would be an easy matter to get more than one or two. My advice to publicans is to conduct your business in a proper manner. Don't keep a house for horseracers and gamblers. Don't make men drunk as some of you are doing. If you do, some one will come down upon you.

I have not seen the photo "Stanhope" referred to in his notes last week, but there is one to be seen here just as queer. "Oh! love is fair grass and the other out" is an old saying, when you see a man falling in body. A man here has just got his photo taken, and he looks as if he was dead—a dead man—but a living man. I have seen photos of groups of working-men in several trades, but this is the only one I know of where a man has been taken in a half-dog grave. What next, I wonder?

I think no man ought to allow fun and pleasure to run away with him, so as to prevent him from carrying out his higher duties in life; sport and recreation should only be a means to an end, but this is not the case. Young men are fond to attend a place of worship and the Sunday-school on a Sunday, go off on their bicycles, and even married men who used to be fond to be in the Sunday-schools, churches, and bands of

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A CHAMPION BILLY will Serve GOATS at 1s 6d. — Apply to WILLIAM STREET, East Castle. 624g

LOOK OUT for the LEEK and BOUQUET SHOW, held at Mrs LOWLEY'S, Golden Lion Inn, Leadgate, on Saturday First, Sept. 26th, and Monday, 28th, 1891. 501g

THE ST. LEGER Leek Show will be held at Mrs RUNDY'S, Victoria Hotel, Consett, on Saturday, Sept. 26th, 1891. Judges—Robs. Shield. Three Prizes given for Vegetables. — For best Red Cabbage; 2 Best Heads of Celery; 3 Best Roots Beet. (Open). 627g

WHAT! LEEKS AGAIN!
THE 10TH ANNUAL LEEK SHOW will be held at Mr. NOBLE'S, the Commercial Inn, Watling Street, Leadgate, on Saturday, 26th Sept, 1891, and will remain open till Monday Night. Come and See.
BAPTIST CHURCH, CONSETT.
REV. J. P. EEL, of Sunderland, will PREACH On THURSDAY EVENING, Oct. 1st, at 7-30, in Public Meeting, to be Addressed by Rev H. K. MOOLENAAR, Missionary from the Congo, Africa. Collections in aid of Foreign Missions. 512g

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AN EXHIBITION OF DRAWINGS AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES will take place in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, on Saturday Evening, September 26th, 1891.
L. A. ATHERLEY-JONES, ESQ., M.P., will present the Certificates and Prizes.
Chair to be taken at Seven p.m. by REV. F. STEGGALL. Admission Free.
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THE QUARTERLY MEETING will be held on Saturday Evening, October 3rd, 1891, in the Co-operative Hall, chair to be taken at 6-30 p.m., when the following business will be brought forward for consideration:—
1—Minutes of last quarterly meeting.
2—Minutes of special meeting.
3—Minutes of committee for past quarter.
4—Report and balance-sheet.
5—Election of two committee-men.
6—Consideration of Subscription to Craig Testimonial Fund.
7—Consideration of subscribing one half-penny per member for Tynemouth Demonstration.
8—Notice of motion re price of goods, T. Harrison.
9—Notice of motion re transferable shares, C. Routledge.
10—Miscellaneous business. 509g
CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.
A CONFERENCE of DELEGATES in the North Durham and South Northumberland District will be held in the Lecture Hall of the Co-operative Society, Consett, on Saturday, Sept. 26th, 1891. Chair to be taken at 5-30 p.m. Below is a digest of the business of the meeting:—
1—Minutes of last Conference.
2—Delegates' report on resolution carried at the Shotley Bridge Conference: "That the Delegates present be requested to bring before their several committees the advisability of allowing the District Committee to bring before the members of their respective societies, by means of 'monster' meetings, principles and policy agreed to by these Conferences."
3—Mr R. Jones's paper, "Darkest England; Co-operation the way out." Reader, Mr G. Rawlings, Consett.
4—Co-operative Education, introduced by Mr W. Crooks, Blaydon.
5—Next Conference to be.
To this Conference we invite members and the public. 594g

Public Notices.

NOTICE.—Carlisle Floral and Horticultural Society.—The PRIZES will be paid at the Board Schools, Castleside, on Saturday Evening, Sept. 26th, 1891, between the hours of 5 and 8. Those all Prize-takers are expected to attend to obtain their Amounts. J. DOWN, Secretary.

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TWO DAYS' EXCURSION TO LONDON.
ON MONDAY, the 5th of October, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Newcastle, at 12-5 a.m. (with bookings from Blaydon, Consett and Blackhill, &c.), for LONDON for 2 DAYS.
See Bills.
Superintendent's Office, Newcastle. 508g

CONSETT Y.M.C.A. DEBATING SOCIETY.
GRAND LITERARY EVENING.
ON the Evening of Thursday, October 1st, 1891, the above Society will inaugurate its New Session with RECITALS by Mr W. S. VALENCIA, B.A.Sc., London, Professor of Elocution, Recognised Teacher, Glasgow University, to be given in the National Schools, West Victoria Street, Consett, Chairman, Rev. F. STEGGALL, President.
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TO-NIGHT.
BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.
THE ANNUAL BIBLE MEETING will be held in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge, on Friday, Sept. 25th, 1891. REV C. F. MOSS, late Missionary in Madagascar, is expected to attend as a Deputation. Chair to be taken at Eight o'clock by L. A. ATHERLEY-JONES, ESQ., M.P. 592g

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH, BLACKHILL.
HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES.
A HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held in this Church, on the Evening of Tuesday, 29th of September, at 7-30 p.m. The preacher at this service will be the REV D. S. GUY, M.A., Vicar of Benfleam, Gateshead. The Harvest Festival will be continued on the following Sunday. The collections will go to defray the cost of recent improvements in the fabric of the Church.
CONSETT AND DISTRICT Mr STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.
THE 20TH APPROPRIATION will be made at the Office, 9, Park Road, on Wednesday, Oct. 15th, 1891.
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Public Notices.

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WILL ADDRESS PUBLIC MEETINGS
AS FOLLOWS:—

LANGLEY PARK, Monday, Sept. 28th, 7·30 p.m.
ANNFIELD PLAIN, Tuesday, Sept. 29th, 7·30 p.m.
CONSETT, Wednesday, Sept. 30th. 7 p.m.
CASTLESIDE, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 7 p.m.

Mr. S. STOREY, M.P., and other Leading LIBERALS will Address the Meetings at Annfield Plain and Consett. 653g

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Saturday, September 26th, 1891.—4, Timmill Place Blackhill.—Sale of Superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture and Effects, including the Excellent lot of Bed and Table Linen, &c.

MESSRS. A. & R. J. BRODIE are instructed by Mr. R. Colpitts, who is declining housekeeping, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, 4, Timmill Place, Blackhill, on Saturday, September 26th, the whole of the superior Household FURNITURE, and EFFECTS, including—Mahogany Drawers and Bedsteads; Good Ash Press; Mahogany Centre Table; Oak Dining Table; 6 Mahogany Chairs, in Hair; Mahogany Sofa, in Hair; Kitchen and Bedroom Chairs; Rocking Chair; Arm Chair; Washstand and Dressing Tables; 2 Iron Bedsteads and Mattresses; Feather and Down Beds, Bolsters, and Pillows; Carpet and Hearthrug; Brass-mounted and other Fenders; Fire Brasses and Irons; Tidy; Winging Machine; Kitchen Table; Mirror; Swing Glass; Chamber Ware and Stuff; Good Case Clock; Ornaments; Glass, and Earthenware; Superior Toilet Set; Set of Best China; Pictures, including 3 Valuable Oil Paintings; Books, including Cassell's Popular Educator, &c.; 2 Ladders; Mason's Step-board; Sanitary Pipes, and other Builder's Materials; Kitchen Utensils, and the Superior Bed and Table Linen, including Linen and Cotton Sheets, Blankets, Quilts, Window and other Curtains, Good Perambulator, &c.

Sale to commence at Half-past One o'clock.

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TO BE SOLD, by Private Treaty, all those EIGHT FREEHOLD COTTAGES, situate in Shipley's Yard, Waterhouses, Ledgate. Mr. John Wilson, of St. Ives' Road, Leadgate, will show the Property, and further particulars may be had from A. BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.—A. & R. J. BRODIE Auctioneers and Valuers, Town Hall, Consett, undertake the SALE OF HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY of every description either by PUBLIC AUCTION or otherwise, on reasonable terms. FORTNIGHTLY SALES held every Tuesday and Monday, at the Victoria Sale-Rooms, in which Furniture or other Goods can be included, or if preferred, will be Purchased for Cash. Bailiffs under the Agricultural Holdings Act, and under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE.—Assurance against Accidents of every kind in the following Offices, noted for prompt settlement of claims—Scottish Accident Assurance Company, Imperial Union Accident Assurance Company.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

SPECIAL SALE of Horses and Store Cattle, Saturday, Sept. 26th, 1891. Present Entries:—
30 Horses, Ponies, and Foals.
15 Farrow Cows.
150 to 200 Store Cattle, various ages.
Further Entries solicited.
Sale at 10·30 a.m., commencing with Horses.
Stock to be penned by 9 a.m.
Ballot drawn Friday Evening.
A Special Train will leave Tow Law at 5·10 p.m., for Crook, Bishop Auckland, &c.
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561g

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MONDAY, SEPT. 28TH, 1891.—60 to 70 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 8 Fat Cattle; 140 Fat Sheep; 13 Fresh Calves.
Entries to day of Sale. Sale at 10-30 a.m.
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627g

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SEVENTH ANNUAL SALE of RAMS, Friday, October 2nd, 1891, when there will be forward 230 to 300 Leicester Shearling and Lamb Rams. 1st and 2nd Prizes given in each class. Entries Free. Consigned from the Leading Breeders and Prize-winners in Northumberland, Durham, and Yorkshire. Entries close, and catalogues drawn on Monday Evening.
Judging at 10·30. Sale at 12 Noon.
J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.
610g

By Mr. John Crawford.

Mr. John Crawford's Sale-Rooms, 6, 12, and 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr. Mr RUTLAND and Others, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday First, September 28th, 1891, a lot of Valuable Mahogany FURNITURE, &c., comprising—Fine Mahogany Wardrobe; Set of Patent Lever and other Watches; Mahogany Drawers; Walnut Suite, in Green; Hair-seated Chairs and Sofa, in Mahogany; Brass-mounted Beds; Leather and Rabbits Down Beds; and a Lot of other Goods.

Particulars in Posters.

Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt.

Anyone disposing of their Furniture can have it sold on reasonable terms at my sale. 625g

25, Victoria Street, Consett.

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MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, AUCTIONEER, 25, Victoria Street, Consett, is prepared to execute all orders for the SALE of FARM STOCK, PROPERTY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c., in the best style, and on Crawford is appointed by his Honour Judge Boyd to act as Bailiff to levy Distress for Rent in England and Wales, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Mr. Crawford's Sale-Rooms are open daily to receive Furniture for Fortnightly Sales. People that are leaving the District can have their Furniture turned into Cash at once by applying to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, 25, Victoria Street, Consett. 285g

By Mr. George B. Hobson.

No. 23, Wood Row, Annfield Plain.

MR. G. R. HOBSON, instructed by Mr. A. DAVISON, who is removing, will OFFER FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, a Quantity of Excellent Household FURNITURE and Miscellaneous Lots at the above place, on Saturday, Sept. 26th, 1891.

Particulars in Posters.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock.

Sale Office, Catchgate, Lintz Green. 566g

Sales by Auction.

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, SEPT. 28TH, 1891.
6 Fat Cattle.
120 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
Fork and Shore Pigs.
Yeal and Keeping Calves.
Cows, calved and to calve.
Poultry, Harness, Stack Nets, &c.
Sale as One o'clock.
J. S. MURRAY.
634g

THE ANNUAL SPECIAL SALE OF RAMS, RAM LAMBS, and FEEDING SHEEP, will be held on Saturday, October 3rd, for which there is already a large entry, including the best blood in the county, both in Tups, Ewes, Leicester and Mule Gimmers, and a well-bred S.H. Bull Stirk, 11 months old. Further entries solicited.
Sale at One prompt.
J. S. MURRAY.
635g

Ramshaw, near Blanchland.

Cows, Hay, Furniture, &c. Saturday, October 10th, 1891.

MR. J. S. MURRAY favoured with instructions from Miss CURRY, who is giving up housekeeping and leaving the district, will SELL BY AUCTION at Ramshaw, on Saturday, OCTOBER 10th, 1891, the whole of her HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. The Cows are S.H. Cows, in milk, or served to calve in February and March; S.H. Heifer, served to calve in March; 3 S.H. Stirks, 3 to 9 months old; and about 10 tons of very prime well-won old land hay. Full particulars in posters.

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THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,
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Business Announcements

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TOWN HALL CONSETT.
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Advances made on Freehold or Copyhold Property
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Composed of Liebig's Extract of Beef, Kepler's Malt Extract, and old Port Wine. It is therefore a concentrated nutritive digestive food, blood-making, flesh-forming, and strengthening. Of the utmost value to children, invalids, and those who require strength.

PRICE: 3s. 9d. PER BOTTLE; 2s. PER HALF-BOTTLE.

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WITTON GILBERT.—T. SUDDES, STATION HOTEL.
MEDOMSLEY.—R. M. RUTHERFORD, ROYAL HOTEL.
DIPTON.—ROBERT ARMSTRONG, WINE MERCHANT.
STANLEY.—T. CHARLTON, STANLEY HOTEL.
ANNFIELD PLAIN.—WM. TAYLOR, RAILWAY HOTEL.
BURNOPFIELD.—WM. STONES, BURTON HOUSE.
TANFIELD.—JOHN URWIN, PACK HORSE INN.

KOPS ALE!
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NON-ALCOHOLIC—Brewed from the best Kentish Hops, as may be observed from the following, Kops Ale may be now procured in Newcastle, at the

NORTHERN DEPOT: 17, Bigg Market, where it is better known as

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The Proprietor of the KOPS ALE BREWERY having appointed Mr JOSEPH ROBERTS, Chemist, 17, BIGG MARKET, NEWCASTLE, his SOLE AGENT (Wholesale and Retail) for this District, readers of this notice are strongly urged to give Mr. ROBERTS an early call, in order to inspect, test, and taste this extraordinary beverage.

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SEE THAT YOU GET TO THE RIGHT SHOP.—No. 12.
OBSERVE PROJECTING ILLUMINATED CLOCK OVER WINDOW. 739

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

HUMANITY.—A similar letter to yours was in type, but as the desecration was to be put a stop to, we were asked to keep it out.

LOCAL BOARD.—Too late for this week. Letters for insertion much reach us on *Wednesday* morning.

B. HURST.—Sorry we have not space at present for criticism.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1891.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

[BY WEARSIDER.]

ANOTHER REDUCTION.

The books have again been opened and closed, with the result that the steel and iron workers at Consett will for the next quarter of a year be paid at the ratio of 2½ per cent. less than the current rate of the previous quarter. I am of opinion that the lowest possible price of steel has now reached the lowest possible water-mark. The cost of this ductile metal has never been so low as at present since it was introduced into shipbuilding and boiler-making. The price of steel and iron has gradually fallen all through the past 12 months, the profits on the manufacture being so meagre that no fewer than three of the largest firms in Britain—one in Scotland and two in the North of England—have been unable to pay any dividend on the capital invested in the respective works. I need hardly say that such a state of matters is to be deeply deplored. Goldsmith's well-known couplet sets forth that—

"Ill fares the land, to wasting ills a prey,
When wealth accumulates and men decay."

That is true as far as it goes, but it should not be forgotten that wealth is the key-stone of trade and commerce, and that if its influence is circumscribed by the lack of a reasonable return in the form of a compensating force the human arch which it binds will crumble and decay. This phase of the question should not be overlooked by the combatants who take sides in the modern warfare between the rival forces of capital and labour. The reader will form a clearer idea of the extraordinary falling off in the price of steel plates and angles when I assure him that some three years ago purchasers were paying between £7 and £8 per ton for the material, and during the boom in the steel and iron trades the prices rose to £8 15s per ton. Contrast the current price of steel to-day, and it will not be a matter for much surprise to read that the men employed by the Consett Iron Company will be asked to submit to a reduction over the ensuing quarter of 2½ per cent. Many thousands of tons of steel have been bought during the past six weeks from the makers of Sweden and North of England at the low figure of £5 17s 6d—the lowest yet reached since steel was introduced into shipbuilding.

THE WHY AND THE WHEREFORE.

One of the old writers said that for every why there was a wherefore, and the inhabitants of this wicked world would be wiser than they are could they peer beneath the surface and discern the motive power which the poet quaintly designates the why and the wherefore. Why, for example, should steel be sold at the low figure named above when by the exercise of the intellectual faculties with which God has endowed man, a much higher rate of payment could be obtained? To my mind the reason is not far to seek. Alexander Pope, the first English poet who made poetry a paying concern, pointed out in his day that:

"All are parts of one stupendous whole."

But unfortunately men too frequently ignore that fact, and put forth their strength as to who shall be first, forgetting doubtless that it was written in the olden time: "The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong." What is needed is cohesion, amalgamation, organisation, three terms which mean very much the same thing. Combination has done much in recent years for the working classes, and it is capable of accomplishing quite as much for the steel and iron masters. There is no reason why the finished material should be sold at a price which affords only but a pitiable rate of remuneration to the men who expend their strength to execute the work, and an inadequate return to the capitalists who invest their money in the industry. It may be contended that competition is much to keen for such an arrangement; but such a barrier is by no means insurmountable. Supposing, however, that it did exist, I would hasten to remove it by showing that competition, however keen, need not necessarily reduce the cost of a given product. Well managed trade organisations, the members of which publish monthly details of their transactions afford the best possible proof that competition has comparatively little to do with reducing the price of this commodity or that—conditionally of course that men have their wits about them. I am favoured monthly with trade society returns, from which I learn that hundreds of artisans are almost constantly out of employment either in one district or another. There are obviously more sellers than there is employment for, even in the busiest times. The competition ought then surely to be keen. Why is there not a rush to secure work, and why don't men, in their anxiety to make hay while the sun shines, offer to work for a less figure than is at present paid to their more fortunate fellows? The answer is not far to seek, for they are combined, and no man dare put his hand on the plough unless he is assured that he will be paid the standard rate paid to the workmen in this or that particular handicraft. Supposing, however, that they were driven to extremities and compelled to ignore existing arrangements, and toil, for, say, half the wages. What then? Would more men be employed? For a week or two there might be, but the gain would be more apparent than real. If working men come to an understanding to the effect that they will not sell their labour for less than a given sum—and that is exactly what trade combinations have led to—steel and iron manufacturers could do the same thing without injuring anybody. The colliery owners have not become poorer in recent years because the miners have wrung from them successive advances of wages equal to, I believe, something like 50 per cent. Not they, they have become richer, and so also would the iron masters could they only be allured to come together and reason the matter out. Had they done so three months ago, any arrangement which they might have come to would in no respect have interfered with the orders placed on their books since that date. The shipbuilders had orders on hand, and they would have paid a much per ton as they did a year ago, had the makers given out that they would not supply the material at a cheaper rate. Men may speculate in the purchase of pig iron, but when shipbuilders buy, it may be assumed that they have ships to build. The steel manufactures on the north east coast could have things very much their own way if they choose, the cost of transit by rail from the interior of England, and from Scotland giving an overwhelming advantage to the home makers, which combination would have the effect of turning to practical account. I should like very much to see something done on the lines indicated—not for the sake of the masters, but for the toilers who are paid according to the price obtained for the material they produce.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT NOTES.

ANOTHER BOARD.

The question of forming a Local Board for our ancient city was brought up as a public meeting held in the Lambton Arms Inn, last week. Mr P. Harle, one of the most gentlemanly of men, presided. Mr George Pickering put the case for the Local Board, and Mr. J. W. Lacoste seconded. Evidence was not wanting that the meeting was packed by the opponents of the proposal; large contingents of the Pelton Fell, Waldridge Fell, and Great Moor miners being brought into requisition. After the mover and seconder had spoken, Mr Robert Cramond, a well-known working miner and representative, spoke in most eloquent terms in favour of a Local Board; in fact, he made the speech of the evening. Whereupon Mr H. Armstrong, the manager of Pelton Colliery, rose to oppose the proposal, and, I thought, somewhat unnecessarily taunted Mr Cramond that he lived in a house without paying his rent, or for the firing. This, of course, opened up another question which was not entered into then, and which I think Mr Cramond very wisely treated when he interjected, "But I work for them." Mr Cramond's speech was the speech of the meeting. But let us look at Mr Armstrong's. "Living at Chester-le-Street," said he, "I am not opposed to a Local Board; but as a representative of a colliery which pays 25 per cent. of the rates I am opposed to it." Which, to my mind, means this: that no matter what the 75 per cent. requires and wish for, Mr Armstrong will vote against, in order to protect the monopolizing 25 per cent. However, the vote was given against the Local Board; but a poll is to be taken, and I believe it is more than a have something, very likely a great deal, to say in favour of it.

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Local and District News.

CONSETT.

At the Consett Police Court, on Monday, *Wm. Bone*, labourer, pleaded guilty to being intoxicated at Consett on Saturday.—Fined 5s and costs or 7 day's imprisonment.

Mr David Dale and Mrs Dale, of West Lodge, have left for a holiday in the South of France. Mr Dale will be absent for some time, as the occasion of his holiday intending to proceed to the North of Spain on business.

Our readers will see from our advertising columns that missionary services will be held in the Baptist Chapel, Consett, on Sunday first, and on Thursday a public meeting will be held, which will no doubt be specially interesting, as one of the missionaries from Congo will be present. We trust there will be a good attendance.

ACCIDENTS.—On Friday afternoon, a "Sander," named Robert Gowland, aged 18 years, employed on one of the Consett Iron Company's engines, had his leg very seriously injured, and had to be taken to the Consett Infirmary. The same evening a man called Bennet, living at Blackhill had his foot severly crushed while busy at the Consett works.

LIBERAL MEETINGS IN NORTH-WEST DURHAM.—From our advertising columns it will be observed that Mr Atherley-Jones, M.P., will address meetings of his constituents in various parts of the division during the ensuing week, and that at Annfield Plain, on Tuesday, he will be assisted by Mr Samuel Storey, M.P. We understand that there will be a meeting of the Liberal council on Wednesday, the 30th, at 3·30 p.m., in the New Town Hall, Consett, after which tea will be provided for the delegates, and at the evening meeting the speakers will be the gentlemen named, with Mr Humphry Owen, candidate for the Dunbigh Burghs, and other gentlemen will speak.

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EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately-flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette*.—Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in packets, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & CO., Homœopathic Chemists, London." Also makers of Epps's Afternoon Chocolate Essence.

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SATURDAY. 514g

Presence of parochial business at Weardale required the adjournment of sanitary and School Board meetings. The Poor-law meeting possessed no public interest.

A violent gale of wind and rain prevailed in Weardale, on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. The Wear and its tributaries were very much swollen.

ASSESSMENT OF WEST DURHAM MOORS.—Friday's meeting of Weardale Union Assessment Committee was invested with more than ordinary interest. Some of the moors are let at a nominal rent, others at a fair very market value. Every moor in the Union was represented either by the tenant, agent, or solicitor, and the interviews with the committee were protracted to a late hour.—It was eventually agreed to put the figures at is 4d per sore for the moors, and 6 l per acre for enclosed moors, though the appellents intercede for lower assessment. It is not known yet whether there will be any appeal.

TOW LAW.

A temperance meeting was held in the Mechanics' Institute, Tow Law, on Wednesday night, addresses being given by Messrs McMillan, Sunderland; Davis, Pease West; and the Revs Samuel and Gulbert, Tow Law. The addresses were interspersed with a selection of music.

REVIVAL SERVICES.—On Sunday, Mr Benjamin Cawood, district evangelist, conducted several revival services in the Wesleyan Chapel, Tow Law. So far the services have been well attended, and very successful.

GOOD TEMPLARY.—On Saturday, a large number of members of the "Beacon of Hope" Lodge of Good Templars had a pleasant outing to Finchale Abbey and Durham. The journey was accomplished in brakes (supplied by Mr Fairless, of Crook). On arriving at Finchale, a party of members from the Tubiee Lodge joined them, and a thoroughly enjoyable time was spent among the old ruins and by the riverside. After luncheon, the whole party journeyed to Durham.

DIPTON.

Mr D. Curtice, of Front Street, Dipton, has a cross-bred pullet, four months old, which has commenced to lay eggs.

RYTON-ON-TYNE.

CONGREGATIONAL BAZAAR.—On Monday, a bazaar was opened in the Congregational Hall, Garmore, Ryton, by Mr James Joicey, M.P., in aid of a fund for defraying the cost of improvements to the Manse attached to Ryton Congregational Church. The hall was decorated in a Japanese style, and its picturesque effect was heightened by the tasteful arrangement of the stalls, the flower stall in the centre being especially admired for its magnificent display of floral decorations. The following ladies presided at the stalls:—Work stalls: Mrs Rae, The Manse; Misses Steel, Westwood House; Miss Hudson, South Grange; Mrs Havelock, Wallace Terrace; Mrs Wilson, South Avenue; Miss Henderson, Stargate; Mrs Watson, Wallace terrace; Mrs Haswell, Ashfield Terrace; Miss Alston, Barnaby Lodge; Miss Gill, Townsley Cottages. Flower Stall: Miss McIntyre, The Tower; Mrs Weeks, Mrs Thomson. Refreshment stall: Mrs Scott, Bank Crest; Miss Milburn, Ryton. Cafe a la Japonaise: Mrs Thwaites, Whitwell Lane; Mrs R. Hudson, South Grange; Miss Middleton, Ryton. In addition to the bazaar, there were various other attractions, including an art exhibition, a shooting gallery, and waxworks and tableaux. Fine weather prevailed, and there was a large attendance. The Rev H. R. Rae, who presided at the opening ceremony, said the estimated cost of the improvements to the Manse would be about £100.

CAUSEY ROW.

BRITISH SCHOOL.—On Monday and Tuesday evenings, a highly successful concert, consisting of songs, dialogues, and drills, combining with a children's operetta, entitled "The little old woman who lived in a shoe," was given entirely by the children of the above-named school.

CONSETT WESLEYAN EGYPTIAN BAZAAR.

This bazaar was again re-opened on Friday afternoon, in the New Town Hall, Consett, there being a large attendance at the opening ceremony. After singing the hymn "Great is the Lord our God," and praying by Rev J. Crawford, Mr Alfred Plain, a beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs R. Walton, of Stanhope, by Miss Hilda Davison and Miss Maud Foster, daughters of Messrs H. Davison, and T. Foster.

Mrs WALTON spoke of the pleasure it afforded her to come to Consett to open the bazaar for the third occasion, and expressed her sympathy with the object. She hoped that the efforts they were putting forth would be a success, and that the new buildings they intended to erect would be the means of saving many souls. (Applause).

Rev J. H. TAYLOR, on behalf of the committee and friends, moved a cordial vote of thanks to Mrs Walton.

This was seconded by Mr T. F. FOSTER (secretary), and supported by Mr H. GREENER (circuit steward), Annfield Plain.

Mr J. W. DAVISON, in supporting the vote of thanks, referred to the valuable services Mrs Walton had rendered to Wesleyan Methodism generally at Stanhope and other places, by sewing meetings, bazaars, &c., and stated that she had had a collection of silver trowels presented to her on laying the stones of new chapels.

The vote was carried by acclamation, and Mrs Walton briefly acknowledged the compliment.

Rev W. WALLACE, of Truro, also gave a short address, at the request of Mr R. Walton, whose health is not yet fully restored.

The business was then proceeded with, and during the afternoon, the bazaar was visited by Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones (M.P. for the division), and Mrs Atherley-Jones, who are now sojourning for a short time near Shotley Bridge.

SATURDAY.

The opening proceedings on this the closing day, were of a more informal character. Although a stranger had been invited, there was a good attendance. After hymn and prayer,

Rev J. HARROP-TAYLOR said he had briefly spoken on each of the previous days, and as the opportunity presented itself that afternoon, he wished to address a few words to them. They did not secure any gentleman to open the bazaar on this occasion, because they imagined there would not be any goods left to be disposed of. (Laughter.) They met this afternoon with thankful spirits, and delighted that the bazaar had been a success. They were all pleased with the decorations, which were very attractive. The arrangements on the whole had been satisfactory. Mr James, caretaker, had been very attentive in his duties towards them, and had rendered them every assistance, and they were greatly indebted to him for his kindness. (Applause.) They were much obliged to friends in the neighbourhood for their attendance and their purchases, thus making the bazaar a success. They had hoped the bazaar alone would realise £1,000, and before they came they reached they had £100 less than that day. They were all gratified with the results of their efforts so far. The secretaries had worked indefatigably in furtherance of the bazaar. After the arrangements were completed they found that the hall was not large enough, but they had put up with the difficulties, and they he was pleased with the spirit that had existed amongst the stall-holders throughout the proceedings. He hoped all present would live to see the new buildings completed. (Applause.)

Mr R. O. FOSTER said that he anticipated at the close of the day's proceedings they would have realised the sum of £1,000. (Applause)

Mr J. Lowes congratulated them all for the brilliant success they had achieved, and hoped that the grand total of four figures would be reached, so that they might remember that bazaar as long as ever they lived. (Applause.)

Rev C. W. BARBER also spoke.

Mr J. W. DAVISON then gave a suitable address, and declared the bazaar open.

The bazaar closed soon after ten p.m., and at the announcement of the final results of the sums of £1,000 there was a general outburst of cheering.

Rev J. H. TAYLOR then spoke a few words of congratulation and thanksgiving, and after the doxology had been sung, the proceedings closed with prayer and the benediction.

The following are the receipts for the four days at the various stalls:—

	£	s.	d.
Heliopolis	156	11	9
Zagazig	134	4	1
Cairo	117	17	6
Alexandria	93	0	7
Memphis	76	11	0
Thebes	46	12	8
Live stock	46	16	4
Rosetta	42	18	4½
Beehive	39	16	3
Ascona	32	7	5
Confectionery	21	10	3
Ramley	17	14	8½
Handbooks and *Gazettes* sold	11	0	11
Refreshments	10	19	9
Entertainments	13	3	0
Cloak room	0	12	1
Exhibition of cup, &c.	0	12	0
Entrance money	91	18	3
Donations—			
Mr Dale	20	0	0
Mr Walton	10	0	0
Total	£1,030	8	0

During last winter over £200 was received by sewing meeting tea, goods sold, &c., which has not been included in the above amounts.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[By THE "OLD CROW."]

There is probably no play that has recently been put upon the stage at the Theatre Royal, Consett, that has proved more popular than *Mariéka*, the one this week playing to good houses. It is an advance on the average drama of its class, and the plot is interesting and absorbing from the rise to the fall of the curtain. It has so far had a very lengthy run, and such is the favour the piece has met with in every town visited, that there is little prospect of it being withdrawn from the boards for a long time to come. To lovers of the interesting in melodrama, *Mariéka* can be cordially commended. The company responsible for its presentation, is a thoroughly capable one, and the staging of the piece, considering the small space available, is altogether most praiseworthy. The houses ought to be good to-night (Friday) and to-morrow.

By the morning post on Tuesday there came to me—from what source I know not—a programme of an entertainment, to be given on Thursday evening next at the National Schools, Consett, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. There was no indication as to the sender, nor any intimation as to why it was addressed to me. If it has been sent in order that the attention of readers may be called to the forthcoming recitals of Mr W. S. Vallance, a note of request to that effect ought at least to have accompanied the programme. That is the usual mode of procedure. If a preliminary notice of a performance is worth anything it is surely worth asking for. In this instance, on the assumption that the programme reaches me from an authoritive source, I leave my objections; but I shall take as a favour if all who desire entertainments noticed in this column will express themselves to that effect in writing as an evidence of *bona fides*.

It is many years since I had the pleasure of sitting before Mr W. S. Vallance, but quite twelve years I should think; but I have a vivid recollection of the pleasure he afforded to the audience, of which I was one on that occasion. He was at that time the wag par excellence, and shone conspicuously as an elocutionist of a very high order. He is, I believe, to-day just as popular as ever, and has still the power of holding his audience enthralled as of yore. In pathetic pieces and humorous he is equally at home, and we feel disposed to laugh and cry with him alternately, and very often—though we blush to confess it—a pearly tear may be detected trickling down the heated cheek ever and anon as we hobnobbed with him in the sacred tenderness of the recital's pathos; and the next moment our face beam with delight, we brush away our stupid tears, our hearts palpitate, our countenances assume a broad grin, accompanied by the most spontaneous of hearty laughter as the pathetic gives place to the irresistibly droll. Such was the effect of Mr Vallance's reciting twelve years ago, and there is little doubt his powers are equally great to-day. A really splendid programme of pieces is to be submitted on Thursday evening, and they will give plenty of scope for the famous elocutionist to show his versatility. The Rev F. Steggall is announced to take the chair.

Dr Macdonald has been lecturing all over the district during the last few days as well as at Consett. He seems to be a great lover of Shakespeare, for his lectures, as a rule, are on the great dramatist's plays. As Consett he appears to have given a delightful hour to his audience on "Macbeth," and at Jarrow, more recently, the subject selected was "The merchant of Venice," which proved a most attractive one. Speaking in the course of his remarks of the poet he said it was a delight to him to talk of the many plays of Shakespeare. There was so much in them; they seemed to be such a work of art that they could read them through and through and over and over again without finding fault with them. In concluding an interesting and instructive discourse, Dr Macdonald said:—"I would have liked to have done it better, but what I have done may help you to read with more understanding the plays of Shakespeare. You should take care to throw away anything which appears to you to be bad, and remember that the bad is intended to show the character of bad people, not to corrupt us. Read with a wise, true, and humble heart, and you will find that good will result and teach you a great deal of good."

LEEK AND VEGETABLE SHOWS.

BLAYDON

The first annual show in connexion with the Leek Club, held at Mr Brooks's, Railway Inn, Blaydon, was opened on Saturday. The marrows unanimously were pronounced splendid leeks shown. Good prizes were offered by the committee for the three best leeks and the best bouquet of flowers. The leeks had departed, J. Lowden took first prize, his specimens measuring 9in. by 1½in. R. Turbitt took second, and Wm. Hepple was awarded third prize. For the best bouquet, R. Lambert took first prize, W. Kendal second, and R. Allen third. In all seventeen prizes were given. Mr George Scott, Blaydon, was judge.

WINLATON.

The third annual show in connexion with the Queen's Head Leek Club was opened on Saturday afternoon at Mr John Atkinson's, Winlaton. Lowes was awarded first prize for three best leeks, Wm. Grundy took second prize, and R. Forbes was awarded third, all the specimens measuring upwards 12in. For the best bouquet of chrysanthemums first prize was taken by J. Stobbs, J. Atkinson being second, G. Forbes, 3rd, thirdly. There was also a large collection of dahlias, garden, and other flowers, which were much admired. A large number of persons visited the show. Mr T. Battensby, Axwell Park, performed the duties of judge.

GREENSIDE.

On Saturday afternoon, the seventh annual show in connexion with the Greenside Leek Club, was opened at Mr J. G. Snowdon's, Black Horse Inn. There were 54 competitors, and many of the exhibits were fine specimens of culture, both as regards size and quality. The most notable were those exhibited by M. Wheatley, his specimens measuring 24in. by 12in. Winning first prize, to the value of £12, were offered. There was also a grand display of dahlias and pansies, exhibited by Mr Winship, Greenside. J. Henderson, Blaydon Burn, and Mr Geo. Scott, were judges. The following are the principal prize-takers:—M. Wheatley, J. Greener, Wm. Kennedy, J. Wood, J. Maughan, F. Maughan, J. Wilson, J. Gray, R. Henderson. The show remained open till Monday night.

BLACK HEAD ROW (ST. LEGER) SHOW.

This show was held on Saturday last, at the house of Mrs Hodgson, Shield Row. The exhibits were of an exceedingly good quality, as the first prize, which was £5, given by Mr John Liddoume, of The Cutley, was a prize worth competing for. Some trees of the finest bean quality and beauty were taken by the members of the show for decoration purposes alone. Subjoined is a list of the prize-winners. Mr Fawcett, of Tanfield Lea, obtaining the first prize:—1st, W. Fawcett; 2, G. Corker; 3, R. Ridley; 4, John Hall; 5, E. Dodds; 6, T. Swinburn; 7, Jas. Wilkinson; 8, J. Summerbell; 9, J. Anderson; 10, W. Cockburn; 11, H. Scott; 12, W. Blake; 13, J. Robson; 14, W. Dixon; 15, J. Curry; 16, J. Golden; 17, A. York; 18, J. Wilson; 19, R. Bland; 20, R. Holland; 21, R. Bell; 22, W. Hunter; 23, J. Irwin; 24, J. Bourn; 25, W. Harrison; 26, D. Scott; 27, T. Zi, T. Metcalfe; 29, T. Brown; 30, G. Graham; 31, J. Patinson; 32, T. Robson; 33, R. Atkinson; 34, E. Temple.

Sporting Items.

TROTTING MATCH AT COWN HILL.—The trotting match held at Cown Hill, Weardale, on Saturday, resulted as follows:—1, T. Wilson, Biggens, near Frosterley; 2, J. W. Watson, Wolsingham; 3, J. Simpson, Alston.

QUOIT MATCHES AT LEADGATE.—On Saturday afternoon, a quoit match for £5 a-side was played in the Commercial Inn grounds, Leadgate, between Robt. Johnson, of Leadgate, and J. Askew, of Dipton, the contest being 60 quoits, 10 yards distance, 45 points game. There was a large attendance. Johnson won easily, the scores standing:—Johnson, 45; Askew, 15. Mr J. Wigham, of Westwood, was referee. Johnson afterwards played Kelly, of Dipton, the latter winning the game.

BROOMHILL GUN CLUB.

The members of this club held their shooting on Saturday in a field, kindly granted for the occasion by Henry Elsdon, at Broomhill, near Ebchester. There was a good muster of spectators. After the shooting there was a grand supper provided for the members of the club by Mr and Mrs Ralph Calvert, Raven Inn, Broomhill. Scores:—Henry Drury, 20, 11111111; Henry Walton, 20, 10110111; William Bearpa, 21, 110111; William Edgar, 18, 11111111; T. Thos. Turnbull, 21, 1111011; Edward Parker, 16, 1111011; William Wood, 20, 1101101; T. Pigg, 19, 1111011; William Weston, 21, 110111; G. George Weston, 18, 1011111; Ralph Calvert, 18, 0000000; Richard Wood, 18, 1001101; Benj. Burrell, 20, 1111111; George Barron, 20, 11101; J. John Thompson, 21, 0111110; James Hornsby, 21, 1111100; Thos. Mason, 19, 1000111; Wm. Oxnam, 19, 0011111; Robert Burtswell, 18, 1101 0101; Joseph Stubbs, 18, 1101111; Thomas Gill, 20, 17, 0011011; John Rutherford, 21, 1111 111; John Leyburne, 19, 1110111; George Temperley, 18, 1111011; Robert Smith, 23, 1111 111; William Vasey, 18, 1111111; Thos. Simpson, 17, 1111111; William Mace, 19, 1111011; Jos. Allan, 19, 0011010; Thomas Walton, 22, 1 1111111; Henry Foster, 20, 1111100. The stake was divided.

LEADGATE RUNNING GROUNDS.

On Saturday, the trial heats of a £15 120 yards handicap, promoted by Mr Jos. Laidlaw, Queen's Head, were run off at these grounds. Some 400 spectators were present. Details:—Heat 1—A. Daley, Consett, 8yds, 1; J. Fairgreaves, Leadgate, 21, 2; W. Elliott, Consett, 22, 3; C. Moses, Tow Law, 22, 4; J. Hagan, Leadgate, 23, 0. Won on the post. Heat 2—J. Gibson, Consett, 22yds, 1; W. Rob on, Dorbridge, 18½, 2; G. Brown, Leadgate, 23, 3; A. Matthews, Leadgate, 22½, 4; J. McEnany, Ex. Castle, 23, 5. Won by a foot. Heat 3—J. Prince, Leadgate, 23, 1; F. Swinburne, Benfieldside, 17½, 2. Won by a foot. Heat 4—J. Wallace, Consett, 22, 1; T. Allison, West Auckland Mill, 19, 2; J. Miller, Blackhill, 22, 3; T. Bury, Whickham, 22, 0; T. Smith, Murton Colliery, 18½, 0. Won easily. Heat 5—J. Hall, Cutler's Hall, 19, 1; W. Swan, Leadgate, 22, 2; G. Walton, Consett, 22½, 3; R. Railton, Newburn, 19½, 0; R. Jordan, Newcastle, 11, 0. Won by a foot. Heat 6—J. Crawford, Consett, 17, 1; E. Lee, Consett, 22, were both disqualified, as neither of them would break the tape. Heat 7—G. Hall, Consett, 21, 1; J. Wake, Jarrow, 22, 2. Won by half a yard. Heat 8—F. Newman, Swalwell, 18½, 1; T. Nicholson, Leadgate, 21, 2; J. W. Wilson, Leadgate, 22, 3; M. Anderson, Leadgate, 18½, 4; H. Stark, Jarrow, 15½, 0. Newman and Nicholson ran a dead heat, and after running over 10 yards more, Newman was the winner. Heat 9—J. Hill, Top, 17, 1; W. Hall, Bradford, 9½, 2; J. Graham, Jarrow, 17, 3; W. Cain, Medomsley, 19½, 4; J. Atkinson, Gateshead, 12½, 0. Won easily. Heat 10—O. Keenan, Marley Hill, 20½, 1; T. Cockburn, Catchgate, 13½, 2. Won by a yard. Heat 11—S. Cooper, Leadgate, 15, 1; R. Reed, Consett, 23, 2; T. Emmes, Whickham, 21½, 3; C. Telford, Consett, 22, 0; G. Teasdale, Dipton, 21, 0. Won by a foot. Heat 12—T. Elliott, Blackhill, Dipton, 15, 1; C. Hodgson, Consett, 12½, 2; F. Ryan, Consett 21, 3; D. Harrison, Consett, 20½, 4; C. Randall, Whickham, 19, 0. Heat 13—J. Lamb, Jarrow, 17, 1; J. Hepple, Burnhope, 10, 1; J. W. Robson, Pontop, 21½, 2; Isaac Thurwell, Leadgate, 18½, 3; W. Hall, Jarrow, 22, 0; J. Lamb, Whickham, 18, 0. Heat 14—T. Hulme, Gateshead, 12, 1; J. T. Wilson, East Tanfield, 19, 2; H. Hunter, Greenwood, 19½, 3; B. Small, Leadgate, 23, 0; W. Dobson, Whickham, 17, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 15—James Haggerstone, Leadgate, 18½; W. Bates, Crookhall, 17, 0; G. Robinson, Annistford, 10, 0; J. Wood, Ryhope, 15, 0; W. Smith, Sunderland, 12, 0. Won easily. Heat 16—G. Bailey, Tow Law, 18½, 1; J. Gordon, Ryhope, 10, disqualified. Heat 17—J. Black, Leadgate, 20, 1; F. Forster, Esh Winning, 18½, 2; R. Johnson, Blaydon, 18, 0; R. Burton, Ryhope, 12½, 0. M. Howdon, Stockton, 15½, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 18—G. Mudd, Tanfield, 20, 1; J. Hunter, Medomsley, 21, 2. Won by a foot. Heat 19—J. Ainley, Gateshead, 18, and W. Williams, Whickham, 18, disqualified. Heat 20—S. Ward, Allendale Cottages, 21, 1; J. Atkinson, Consett, 22, 2; Leamon, Moor Pit, 20, 3; A. Burnhope, Leadgate, 22½, 4; J. Jackson, West Hartlepool, 10, 0; W. Walton, Workington, 11, 0; T. Conlon, Newcastle, 18, 0. Won easily. The following acted as officials:—Mr R. McCurley, Leadgate, handicapper; F. Small, Leadgate, pistol-fire; and Mr J. Smith, Pontop, referee. The finals will be run off shortly, the following being the draw for the second round:—Heat 1—Daley, J. Wallace, Wrangham, and Gibson. Heat 2—Ward, Mudd, Wake, and Green. Heat 3—Elringham, Haggerstone, Hall, and Black. Heat 4—Hulme, T. Wallace, Newman, and Cooper.

DARKWOOD

A TALE OF LONEMOOR.

CHAPTER XII.

WILL SHE ACCEPT HIM?

The clock chimed the hour of midnight before Miss Norreys stirred from her rapt attitude before the fire, and before she touched the bell at her elbow the clock chimed twelve.

The East Indian glided in in her soft flowing robes of unstiffened silk, and laid out her mistress's night robe.

Miss Norreys exchanged her evening dress for a white cashmere wrapper trimmed with swansdown, and resumed her seat, while Naya opened a large dressing case heavily bound in silver, and brought out brushes and combs mounted in ivory, and ornamented with monograms in silver.

While she brushed out the long silken lengths of dusky hair she furtively glanced now and then at the pale, olive face, with its thoughtful look, and noted how white were the usually scarlet lips, and what dusky shadows lay underneath the great brown eyes.

"Missy is not well to-night," she said, softly. "Missy is tired with all this excitement of accident and visitors."

"Yes, I am tired, Naya," said Miss Norreys, wearily. "How is your patient to-night?"

"She is sleeping like a baby, Missy," answered Naya. "She has wakened only once this afternoon. The doctor came in again to see her, but he said that she was doing well."

"I wish I could see her presently," said the lady. "How your touch soothes me, Naya. My head throbs in every part to-night."

The maid brushed gently and continuously in silence. When she had finished, and had coiled the dusky masses in a coronal around Miss Norreys's head, the latter arose, saying—

"Lay out my night-things, Naya, while I look in upon your patient."

She passed into the inner room, while her attendant prepared her couch.

The light was turned low in the bedchamber. Its soft mellow rays fell upon the low brass bedstead and the girl, who was enclosed in those softfalling curtains, lay in a deep, dreamless sleep.

Miss Norreys stood by the bedside and looked down upon the sleeper. The girl's hair of bronze-gold streamed in massive waves over the lace trimmed pillow. Her pure face, Greek in its outline, sweet and lovely as an angel's vision, was calm in its repose. The pansy-dark eyes were thinly veiled by their long curved lids. The thin red lips were slightly parted. Her night-robe, which belonged to Miss Norreys, was unbuttoned at the throat, and the lace frill fell away from the slender throat and milk-white neck. How beautiful she was. Yet even in her sleep a look of weariness was upon the young face—the shadow of a great trouble hung over her.

Miss Norreys looked upon her first in admiration then in tenderness. She knelt down beside the bed and kissed the fair face framed by fine lace. And an infinite yearning filled the lady's soul for this tender young creature with the shadow of sorrow upon her.

"Poor child, she has suffered, and she is but a child!" she thought. "An orphan, doubtless; poor, of course; a hired companion in Lord Darkwood's home—a companion to that vulgar overgrown girl! Poor child."

She stooped and kissed Gwen with a tenderness such as none but Gwen's lover had ever exhibited to her before.

"I must keep her as long as I can," thought Miss Norreys. "Matters have turned out differently from my expectations. I will not abandon myself to my lonely home—I will not myself to others. Else I shall go mad with these haunting memories! I must forget myself in making others happy."

She knelt long at the bedside, and finally returned to her dressing room, where a bed had been prepared for her.

"I shall keep her mistress, suddenly, "I think I shall fill Beechmont with visitors. I begin to tire already of its solitude. I might go up to London for the remainder of the season, but I am in no humour for town galeties." [illegible]

"Who would come at this season, missy?" asked the East Indian.

"Many people with whom I became acquainted during my stay in town, besides others whom I have long known," answered Miss Norreys. "There is Mrs. General Kenright, under whose care I came from India nearly a year ago. She is still in England, and would be delighted to visit me. She knew papa, too, and that would be a link between us. And there is Miss Darkwood, Miss Kenright and Miss Emily, both delightful girls. And there is Colonel Warburton, who accompanied us from India. He has changed into a home rupert since he came to England. He stood in great awe of the London season. Besides, I fancy that he is more than half in love with Miss Kenright, and if he had a chance would ask her to marry him. And there are two young relations I made in London, Miss Ensor, and her brother, Sir William Ensor, who are very agreeable, and who would gladly become members of my family, should I ever call them so. Lord Chilton, I met him often in town, and, although Parliament is in session, I know he could come also.

Naya smiled.

"Lord Chilton is very handsome, missy," she suggested. "I wish he would come."

"He is younger than I," said Miss Norreys. "I like him as a friend, and he would make a very pleasant cavalier for Miss Emily Kenright or for Miss Ensor."

"Lord Chilton, missy," said the East Indian, with unwonted energy, "that you would think of yourself sometimes, instead of always thinking of others. Why don't you have a title and husband to adore you?"

A cloud settled heavily upon Miss Norreys's brow.

"I shall never marry, Naya," she declared. "Never speak to me again of marriage. I hate mankind, I often think. At any rate, the man does not live whom I would marry."

"You wouldn't marry this Lord Chilton, then?"

"No. He is little more than a boy, Naya. He has recently come into his title and property. He is not the death of his father. I saw much of him in London, and he has made me his *confidante*. He loves some one else, Naya, some young girl in Yorkshire or Lincolnshire, I forget which, I in some way lost. He has sought everywhere for her, but in vain. But even if he loved me, I should but smile at his folly, Naya, for I am dead within me. I have lost the power of loving."

Naya shook her head. She did not quite believe this statement, although she knew it to be made in sincerity. Her mistress was a woman who would have trouble to live all her life alone, the woman thought, and she longed to see her mistress happily married. She knew how desolate was that life Miss Norreys had led, and how dreary was what might of anguish Miss Norreys now endured, and what a void reigned in her aching heart.

The maid prepared her mistress's bed and retired. Naya shaded the light softly, and went out to her own chamber, which adjoined the bedroom Gwen now occupied.

Miss Norreys tossed long upon her pillow, with that one thought and that one image possessing her mind—the thought and image of Lord Darkwood's heir.

The next day Gwen was better, and was up and dressed, her box having been sent with that of the Lady Georgina. She were harem in a sling, and did not venture to leave Miss Norreys's private apartments, perfect quiet and seclusion being deemed necessary for her. She lay all day on the ottoman, and Naya read to her and petted her, and Gwen was strangely happy.

The heart had gone forth to her beautiful lecturer in enthusiastic love such as young girls often feel for others of their sex. Miss Norreys seemed to her the incarnation of beauty, goodness, and nobleness, and she bestowed upon her an entirely ascetic worship such as she had never felt before for any one.

And Miss Norreys, touched by her admiration and adoration, half for her, a yearning tenderness, that was as new as strange.

"They are already as loving as two sisters," thought Naya, delightedly, loving her mistress too well to entertain a spark of jealousy. "Missy ought to keep this girl with her. She ought to let her go back to Dunholm Castle. She might be missy's companion, and be petted and loved as the heart's content. Missy wants a plaything like this girl."

Perhaps Miss Norreys thought so too, for she devoted herself to Gwen upon this day; and the second day Gwen, conceiving herself injured by these attentions to her companion, sulked and sat apart for hours, making herself decidedly disagreeable.

Lord Darkwood called on the third day, also to inquire after Miss Myner. He saw Miss Norreys, had an interview with her, and went away, his infatuation deepened and strengthened into a great passion.

He had no suspicion that he had ever seen Miss Norreys before, but he was resolved to make her his wife.

This had already become the leading purpose of his life—his one ambition—his great and fixed determination.

She was rich, of excellent family, of wonderful beauty. She met in full all his requirements. He satisfied his reason and his heart. "His wife which had swept an open field before him nearly always, was bent upon the accomplishment of his design.

And Miss Norreys recalled purpose in his admiring glances, his softened tones, his very attitude.

After he had gone she thought—

"He loves me. He intends to ask me to be his wife. I have said that I should never marry, yet if he asks me to marry him, perhaps I may. And therein will lie my revenge. I almost think that I will marry him."

She pondered the question often throughout that day and during the days that followed.

During that day also she wrote out the invitations she had designed sending, and dispatched them to their several addresses.

Gwen's stay at Beechmont was prolonged for a week, it not being deemed advisable for her to return to Dunholm Castle sooner.

Her recovery under the care she received was rapid. The Lady Georgina was for the most part good-natured, and enjoyed her visit. The friendship between Miss Norreys and Gwen deepened with every day and hour, but the former made no attempt to win the girl into her service as companion.

Lord Darkwood called at Beechmont every day. His devotion had become patent to the household, including the Lady Georgina, the Dunholm Castle retainers, and even to the Lady Georgina, who was quite unreconciled to the idea of her father's second marriage.

The marquis desired the two girls to remain at Beechmont as long as possible, in order to afford excuse for his daily visits to Miss Norreys; but that lady graciously informed him that she expected visitors, and invited him to come often during their stay, saying that she should depend upon him to assist in their entertainment.

At the end of the week, Georgina and Gwen, now herself again, returned to Dunholm Castle. Before they quitted Beechmont, letters had been received from the various persons invited, accepting Miss Norreys's invitation, and the guests were expected to arrive during the following week.

Gwen had heard that Lord Chilton visited at Beechmont, and her heart thrilled at the sound of his name. She believed Lord Chilton to be the father of her lover, Ronald Chilton, whom she deemed false to her, and she longed to see him, herself unknown.

"Ronald will not be here," she said to herself. "It is well. I could not bear to look upon his face again."

And yet Ronald, her lover, was the Lord Chilton who was to arrive at Beechmont.

Would they meet? And, if so, what would come of that meeting?

(To be continued.)

HANDYSIDE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINES.

HANDYSIDE'S CONSUMPTION CURE.

Those who have not heard of Handyside's Consumption Cure, should go to any place where Handyside meets his patients, and they will not be surprised that the number of deaths have decreased from 80,000 to 80,000 deaths per annum. It has lately been discovered to cure the most malignant cases of cancer.

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LOCAL FLOWER SHOWS.

FELLSIDE.

On Saturday, the 22nd annual exhibition was held in a field contiguous to the village, kindly granted by Mrs Stones, tenant farmer. The weather proved favourable, and there was a large mustre of spectators from the surrounding district. The band of Blackhill, music was performed by the Marley Hill Brass Band, under the leadership of Mr F. Gregory. The show of the exhibits, taking class with class, there were sections of a quality beyond praise. For instance, in the space allotted to foliage plants nothing finer has ever been seen at this show. There was a charming show of cut flowers. The fruit was good, and the vegetables competed among one of the most perfect specimens. There was a capital display of bread, butter, and eggs. The arrangements were faultlessly carried out by Mr J. Clarke, secretary, and an energetic committee. The judges were:—Fruits, flowers, and vegetables: Messrs W. Reed, Dunston Hill, and E. Brockbank, Newcastle. Bread, butter, and eggs: Mrs Shaw, Bird Hill House, and Mrs Wigham, Byer Moor. A series of sports were likewise brought off, and the successful proceedings finished with a ball, which was also numerously attended. Appended is a

LIST OF PRIZES.

FLOWERS

Two stove or greenhouse plants, in bloom—1, T Sim pson; 2, W Hall; 3, J Cawthorn.

Pot of fibruna—1, T Simpson; 2, W Waller; 3, W Armstrong.

Cineraria—1, T Simpson; 2, J Cawthorn; 3, W M Handcock.

Dark tuberoses—1, T Simpson; 2, W M Handcock; 3, J Cawthorn.

Two zonale geraniums—1, T Simpson; 2, J Cawthorn; 3, M Cawthorn.

Fuchsia—1, R Nicholson; 2, W M Handcock.

German stock—1, W Dawson; 2, W Armstrong.

Antirrhinum—1, J Gardener; 2, R Coupland.

Calceolaria shrubby—1, J Cawthorn; 2, W Vickers.

Scarlet geranium—1, J Cawthorn; 2, W Armstrong.

Two foliage plants, ferns allowed—1, T Simpson; 2, W Oliphant.

Pelargonium—1, W Waller; 2, W Armstrong.

Everlasting plant—1, W Dawson; 2, R Maughan.

Six dahlias, dissimilar—1, J Cawthorn; 2, M Cawthorn; 3, R Nicholson.

Three dahlias, dissimilar—1, J Cawthorn; 2, M Cawthorn.

One dahlia—1, M Cawthorn; 2, J Cawthorn.

Six French marigolds, striped—1, R Coupland; 2, W Parkin; 3, W M Handcock.

Six marigolds—1, J Cawthorn; 2, C Vickers; 3, W Parkin.

Six African marigolds—1, R Coupland; 2, R Maughan; 3, W Armstrong.

Six African marigolds, orange—1, R Maughan; 2, R Coupland; 3, W M Handcock.

Six fuchsias—1, R Nicholson; 2, C Vickers; 3, J Cawthorn.

Six pansies, dissimilar—1, R Nicholson.

Six pansies, dissimilar—1, W Vickers; 2, W M Handcock; 3, R Nicholson.

Six globe amaranths—1, M Cawthorn; 2, J Cawthorn; 3, R Nicholson.

Six stands of phlox drummondi spikes—1, R Morton; 2, W M Handcock.

Three balsams—1, J Cawthorn; 2, W Armstrong.

Three spikes of gladioli—1, W M Handcock; 2, C Dawson.

Six zinnias—1, J Gardener; 2, J Cawthorn; 3, M Cawthorn.

Three bottles of cut flowers—1, A Battensby; 2, J Cawthorn.

Best bouquet of hardy annuals—1, A Battensby; 2, J Cawthorn.

VEGETABLES.

Six round white potatoes—1, T Maughan; 2, Hy Maughan.

Six white kidney potatoes—1, J Cawthorn; 2, W Maughan.

Six round red potatoes—1, R Nicholson; 2, R Morton.

Six red kidney potatoes—1, T Elliott; 2, Wm Amos.

Six summer onions—1, W Vickers; 2, W M Handcock.

Three leeks—1, H Nicholson; 2, J McQueen; 3, J Hopkes.

Twelve roots of beet—1, J McQueen; 2, John McQueen; 3, J Cawthorn.

Three stalks of rhubarb—1, R Coupland; 2, R Maughan.

Twelve pods of peas—1, James McQueen; 2, John McQueen.

Twelve pods of beans—1, M Cawthorn; 2, R Maughan.

Six winter onions—1, W Dawson.

Early cabbage—1, M Cawthorn; 2, R Morton.

Six scarlet runners—1, W Vickers.

Six cauliflower—1, T Simpson; 2, H Nicholson; 3, J Young.

Three carrots—1, W Amos; 2, W Dawson.

Three parsnips—1, R Coupland, jun; 2, R Maughan.

Savoy cabbage—1, H Nicholson; 2, R Morton.

Scotch cabbage—1, R Coupland; 2, R Morton.

Three white turnips—1, W Vickers; 2, W Hall.

Three yellow turnips—1, W Amos; 2, R Maughan.

Three leeks, blanched—1, J Seisey—1, James McQueen; 2, J Cawthorn.

Twelve pods of kidney beans—1, W M Handcock; 2, R Armstrong.

FRUIT.

Four apples—1, James McQueen; 2, T Maughan.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

FLOWERS.

Six dahlias, four dissimilar—1, J Cawthorn; 2, M Cawthorn.

Hand bouquet, open to members—1, J Oliphant; 2, A Battensby.

Best bouquet of cut flower—1, A Battensby; 2, J Oliphant.

Two fuchsias, dissimilar—1, J Cawthorn; 2, T Sim pson.

Twelve globe asters—1, M Cawthorn; 2, J Cawthorn.

Two French asters, two strip—1 French marigolds—1, M Cawthorn; 2, R Coupland.

Six pansies, dissimilar—1, H Hardy annuals—1, J Cawthorn.

Balsam—1, J Oliphant.

Twelve French marigolds, six striped and six self—1, R Coupland; 2, W Parkin; 3, R Maughan.

Four button-holes, dissimilar—1, W Oliphant; 2, J Cawthorn.

Six trusses of geranium bloom—1, J Rocket

BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

On Wednesday week, the ordinary meeting was held in the Town Hall Buildings, Shotley Bridge—Mr Jos. Eltringham presiding. Members present: Messrs J. Siddall, A. E. Turner, R. Murray, J. Lax, G. J. Robinson, the clerk (Mr J. Boddy), and the surveyor (Mr J. Dixon).

THE WIDENING OF CHURCH BANK.

The Surveyor reported that Mr Moffatt, of Shotley Bridge, would be satisfied to settle the matter with reference to the widening of Church Bank footpath if the Board would restore the retaining wall on his land.

Mr MURRAY proposed, and Mr SIDDELL seconded, that the Surveyor be instructed to do the same.

The motion was carried.

MR JENKINS'S LETTER.

Mr MURRAY proposed that the letter from Mr Wm. Jenkins, manager of the Consett Iron Company, dated 5th September, as to the kerbing and cementing Cemetery Road, abutting the park, be referred to the Highway Committee, with power to act in the matter.

The proposition was seconded by Mr LAX, and carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following accounts were recommended to be paid:—

	£	s.	d.
Surveyor's monthly account	52	2	6
Rent of Board-room	7	10	0
Birtley Iron Company	43	6	9
Total	£102	19	3

On the motion of Mr MURRAY, seconded by Mr LAX, the report was adopted, and cheques were signed for the various amounts, including the treasurer's salary and audit stamp.

NEW ESTIMATE.

The Finance Committee also reported that the following estimate supplied by the Surveyor, was examined, and the Lighting Committee having approved of it recommend the Board to pass the same, and order a rate of 10d in the pound for the ensuing six months:—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	100	0	0
Rent	7	10	0
Incidentals	20	0	0
Stationery	10	0	0
Gas and lighting	152	0	0
Highways	400	0	0
Medical officer	7	17	6
Audit	4	0	0
Footpaths	100	0	0
Hospital	20	0	0
Main drain (Snows Green)	200	0	0
Total	£1,021	7	6

Full rateable value on houses, £8,921 10s at 10d in the pound, £371 14s 7d; one-fourth on land, £6625 at 10d in the pound, £26 0s 10d; three-fourths on houses, £4,036 5s at 10d in the pound, £170 11s 4d; to receive from the County Council, £450—total, £1,028 6s 5½d.

It was agreed, on the motion of Mr MURRAY, seconded by Mr SIDDELL, that a rate of 10d in the pound be levied for the ensuing six months.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Building and Sanitary Committee reported as follows:—

A plan for additions to house in Benfieldside Road for Mr R. Murray, we recommend to be passed.

A plan for a washhouse intended to be built at the back of his house in Cutlers' Hall Road for Mr G. Rochester, we recommend to be passed.

A plan of stable, coach-house, and hay-loft for Mr R. G. Barclay, intended to be built at Cauldwell. We find the drainage shown to empty into the intended new drains, the plan we therefore recommend this plan to be passed on condition that provision for the drainage be made to the Board's satisfaction until the main sewer is put in.

A plan for new house at Blackfine for Mr Thos. Gallagher. This plan has no sections shewing height of rooms. We cannot recommend it to be passed until completed as the Bye-laws demand, if the plan is completed as required, and form filled in, the Surveyor is to allow the work to be proceeded with until next month.

Main sewer—This plan to stand over for another month for further consideration.

The report was adopted, and the plans mentioned were stamped.

A NEW SLAUGHTER-HOUSE.

Mr SIDDELL proposed that a license be granted to Mr John Wilson, Blackfine, for the slaughter-house examined and reported upon by the Inspector.

This was seconded by Mr LAX, and agreed to.

A NEW BACK STREET.

The Clerk was instructed to reply to Mr W. Hall, of 3, Prospect Terrace, Blackhill, that his letter had been referred to the Highway Committee with regard to the making of a back street.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON LABOUR.

A letter was read from the Royal Commission on Labour asking the Board to favour them with certain returns, and the Clerk was instructed to forward the same.

The Surveyor reported that he had received a letter from Mr John Eltringham, of Messrs Wilson Sons, architects, Newcastle, stating that they had no intention at present to carry the main drain to their Summerhill estate.

The matter was allowed to remain over.

THE GAS COMPANY.

The agreement of the Gas Company for the supplying of gas for the ensuing lighting season was issued.

Mr ROBINSON moved that the charge of the Gas Company for the use of the lamps be referred to the Lighting Committee for consideration.

This was seconded by Mr TURNER, and unanimously agreed to.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr ROBINSON, seconded by Mr LAX, that the Gas Company be requested to re-number the lamps, which had been painted out.

Carried.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr Dixon) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the month your workmen have been employed on the several highways and streets in your district scavenging, gathering off loose stones, and dressing up. Your stone breakers are preparing material for the ensuing season. Arrangements have been made with Mr Moffatt with regard to the Church Bank wall. With regard to number 2,287 the contractor had promised to have the work done as soon as materials come to hand. The kerb and channel at Blackfine and Shotley Bridge will be commenced with shortly. The kerb and channel on the N.E.R. bridge will be laid down as soon as it comes to hand. Messrs Moses Stephenson, and Carey have commenced to make their portion of Dixon Street. As instructed I saw the Consett and Leadgate Surveyors and asked them if their Board intended to have the steam roller this season. Consett do not feel disposed to have it, but Leadgate will take it for a week. After gathering this information I wrote to Mr West informing him that this Board had agreed to have his roller for a fortnight, providing he would supply it at 25s per day. He is prepared to let us have it at the above price. The telephone poles have been placed at the back of St. Cuthbert's Terrace. Plan for wash-house intended to be built at Cemetery Road for Mr Swinston; plan for wash house at Thomas Street for Mr Stirling; addition to plans for Mr Hall; plans for two villas intended to be built for Mr J. Eltringham. Your Building Committee have had a meeting, when the following plans were laid before them:—Plan for new sewer from Shotley Bridge to Snows Green; plan for addition to house at Benfieldside for Mr Murray. Your committee will report on these plans. As directed, I have inspected the slaughter-house at Blackfine, belonging to Mr Wilson. This place is a wood erection in a field, and is in a very clean state, but there is no water laid on to it. I would suggest that the Board grant a license to this place, as it is a good distance from any dwelling.—Yours &c., J. DIXON.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector (Mr Dixon) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—I have inspected your district and find the ashpits well cleansed on the high portions of your district, but I cannot say that a portion of Wood Street is in a sanitary condition. I wrote to Mr Eltringham, architect to Messrs Joshua Wilson and Brothers, stating if they were prepared to be at part of the cost of main sewer from Mr Barclay's house to Summerhill. The reply was that they were not prepared to be at any cost at the present time. I have collected and paid to treasurer the following sum:—General district rate £26 7s 1d.—Yours &c., J. DIXON.

The reports were adopted.

This was all the business of importance.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—On Monday, Mr Murray had forward 6 fat cattle, which sold up to £18 10s; 120 fat sheep and lambs. Sheep to 47s 6d; lambs to 33; 13 cows and heifers, to £30; 31 pigs, 7s to 67s; calves to 21s. Poultry to 12s each. There was a large company of buyers present, and prices ruled throughout. Quotations:—Beef, 8s per stone; mutton, 8½d, and lamb, 8d per lb.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, 73 dairy cows and heifers, 11 fat cattle, 20 calves, 130 fat sheep and lambs. Calved cows made up to £23 10s; cows to calve, to £22 15s; fat cattle, to £18; calves, to 23s; fat shearlings, to 40s.—Top, Mr F. Sanderson, Littlehilton, Brancepeth: fat lambs, to 22s 6d—top, Mr Sowerby, South Church. The great special sale of mule and B.F. ewes and keeping lambs took place yesterday; horses and store cattle, Saturday, Sept. 26th.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr James Turnbull had forward on Monday, 20 fat cattle, 8 prime cattle, 5 in-calving and new-calved cows, 1 young bull, 130 fat sheep and lambs, 1 young boar, 3 porkpigs, 20 young pigs, 1 horse, harness, spring cart, shovels, blocks, &c. There was a fair attendance of buyers, and trade for cattle was very good throughout, with an upward tendency. The sheep trade ruled dull, at late market rates.—Prices as follows:—Fat cattle: Heifers, to £20 12s 6d; bullocks, to £19 5s; fat cows, to £18 5s—top, Mr A. L. Maynard, Newton Hall. Grazing cattle, to £8 17 6d; milch cows, to £24 5s; fat lambs to 28s; fat shearlings, to 47s 6d—top, Birtley Iron Co.; fat ewes, to 36s—top, Mrs James Bradford, Vigo. Honey boar pig, £1 2s 6d; young pigs, to 16s; pony, £7 12s 6d.

SINGULAR OCCURRENCE NEAR LINTZ COLLIERY.

A NEWCASTLE MAN ATTACKED.

HIS DEPOSITIONS TAKEN.

A rather serious case is at present being investigated by the Consett police authorities. It appears that on Friday evening, Joseph Henry, aged about 30 years, living in Beaumont Road, Newcastle, came on a short visit to his brother-in-law, Andrew Scholllins, a miner at Lintz Colliery. In the course of the night Henry proceeded to Dipton—a couple of miles distant—and partook of drink at two public-houses. He left Hill Top about eleven o'clock to return to Scholllins' house, when Henry states that he was followed by a number of men—about a dozen—who began to throw stones at him as he was travelling along the mineral railway which crosses the Tanfield Moor. Henry concealed himself behind some whins, but his assailants continued to throw stones into the bush, the result being that one of the missiles struck him on the forehead, inflicting such a serious wound that Henry was rendered insensible. He does not recollect what happened immediately afterwards, but about daylight on Saturday morning, when he regained his senses, he found himself divested of his jacket, waistcoat, and boots. (His clothes have since been recovered.) He managed, however, to make his way to the Lintz Colliery, where he sat down in one of the fire holes. Here the man was found between five and six o'clock by the brakesman, who took him and laid him down upon some old waste inside the engine house. Sergeant Thornton and P.C. Rogerson were communicated with, and they had the man conveyed to his brother-in-law's house where he was attended to by Dr Greensill, of Burnopfield.

At the case was of such a serious nature Dr Attwater, of Whickham, was also telegraphed for. Dr Attwater advised the police to have Henry's depositions taken, as he did not seem likely to recover from the effects of his injuries, and Dr Greensill gave a certificate that Henry was suffering from a fracture of the skull, which was of a very serious nature. Accordingly Sergt. Thornton sent word to the foregoing effect to the Consett Police Station on Saturday night, and at a late hour Coun. J. Annandale, J.P., of Shotley Bridge (chairman of the Consett Bench), accompanied by Supt. J. Oliver, and other police officials, proceeded to Lintz Colliery to take down Henry's depositions, their task not being completed till an early hour on Sunday morning.

The man's sworn affirmation is substantially the same as the foregoing statement. The police have arrested John Wm. Wilson, Dipton, and Patrick Hogan, Hill Top, miners, on a charge of attempted murder. Wilson declares that Henry and himself fought three rounds, and that it was the other man that threw the stone. Henry emphatically denies that he ever fought with Wilson at all. He also states that he does not know the reason that his assailants attacked him as he was a stranger to the district and had no quarrel with anybody. The other man in custody has not apparently made any statement either one way or the other.

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

At the Consett Police Court, on Monday—before Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson—John Wilson, miner, Dipton, and Patrick Hogan, miner, Hill Top, were brought up charged with the attempted murder of Joseph Henry, Newcastle, near to Lintz Colliery, late on Friday night, or early on Saturday morning.—Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) represented the prosecution, and called Sergt. Thornton, who deposed that he had seen the complainant at 10 o'clock on Sunday night, when he found him dangerously ill and unable to attend court. He was quite delirious.—The Magistrate: Was the complainant injured by these two men?—Mr Welford: Yes; his skull is fractured.—Supt. Oliver applied for a remand, and handed to his worship the sworn depositions of the complainant. The accused, who did not say anything, were remanded in custody for eight days.

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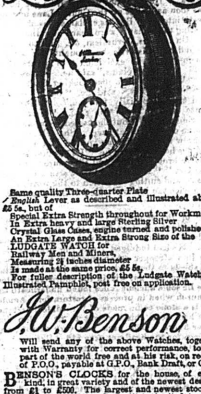

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MEETING AT LEADGATE.

On Wednesday night, Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P., who is now sojourning for a short while near to Shotley Bridge, commenced his usual autumn campaign throughout the North-Western Division of the county of Durham by addressing a public meeting of his constituents in the Miners' Hall, Leadgate. Despite the short notice, the place was crowded to excess by a most intelligent and enthusiastic working class audience. The chair was occupied by Mr J. W. Winter, Leadgate, who was supported by the hon. and learned member and Mrs Atherley-Jones; Mr and Mrs R. G. Barclay, Shotley Bridge; Mr John Orr, Annfield Plain (president of the Durham Colliery Mechanics' Association, and vice-president of the North-West Durham Liberal Association); Mr Eccles and Mr M. Robson, Leadgate; Mr Adam Brodie, Liberal agent, Consett, and others.

The CHAIRMAN stated that there were two candidates for the constituency at the next general election. The Liberal Unionist candidate (Mr J. Dunville), who, he supposed, receive the support of the Tories, had not yet addressed a meeting at Leadgate; but he firmly hoped that all working men would vote for Mr Atherley-Jones at the next election. He mentioned that at the present time the Tory party were engaged in trying to disfranchise the working classes by objecting to their votes, and had it not been for the activity displayed by the Liberal agents in that division a considerable number would have been deprived of their votes. Indeed, they had tried to deprive him of his vote, because he had removed from one side of the railway to the other, but happily they did not succeed. He trusted they would remember this fact at the next election. (Applause.)

Mr ECCLES proposed the following resolution:—"That this meeting declares its devotion to the principles of Liberalism, and expresses its continued confidence in Mr Atherley-Jones as the member for the division."

(Loud cheers). He said it was the duty of all working men to take a great interest in labour questions, and from what he had learnt of Mr Atherley-Jones's conduct and votes in the House of Commons he seemed in full sympathy with the questions which concerned the working classes generally. (Applause). He would very much like to have heard Mr Gladstone speak at Newcastle, but was afraid that he would not have the opportunity of seeing the great statesman who had done more for the working classes of the country than any other individual. (Cheers).

Mr J. ORR, in seconding, said that there was not much danger of the people of Leadgate—in fact, the people throughout the division strongly adhered to the principles of Liberalism, which they had so manfully and straightforwardly carried out since North-West Durham became a Parliamentary Division. There had been some noisy reports since Mr Dunville came into the field, that a large number of men who voted Liberal at the last election were now Conservatives or Unionists. These converts might exist somewhere, but he had looked with his non-political eye, and could fail to discover them. (Laughter and applause). If, asserted the speaker, they looked the House of Commons through, they would not find another member who had so consistently and forcibly advocated the claims of the working classes in this country as Mr Atherley-Jones had. (Cheers). He regarded the Liberal party as the true friends of the working classes, and enumerated the incomplete measures of reform passed by the Tories, instancing the Employers' Liability Act, the Mines Regulation Act, and the Education Act, as cases in point. He looked forward to the return of the Liberals to power for a further instalment of measures which would benefit the working classes. (Cheers).

The resolution was carried by acclamation.

The CHAIRMAN said that he had heard from an agent of the Tory party that it was a question whether Mr Dunville's friends would contest that division at the next election, and even if he did, he would be beaten by Mr Dunville. (Laughter). He asked Mr Atherley-Jones if there were truthful there statements?

Mr ATHERLEY-JONES, who was accorded a very hearty reception, said that he was sorry that he had not visited his constituency and addressed meetings of the electors more frequently than he did. As it was five years since he had been there, he must admit that he had been rather remiss in visiting Leadgate. However, he read in the *Consett Guardian* week after week the gallant achievements of the Leadgate Exiles (cheers) and the Leadgate Park (renowned cheers) football clubs. He knew they were sound Liberals at Leadgate, and he had been visiting other places with a view of bringing wandering sheep to the fold. He said that they were on the eve of a general election. He did not suppose, at the outside, it would be many months before they would be confronted with the personality of Mr Dunville. (Laughter and cheers.) They would soon be called upon to exercise the privileges which they first received some seven years ago. He did not think that Mr Dunville would manage to kick a goal, and he (Mr Atherley-Jones) did not think that he was going to "touch down." (Renewed laughter.) It had been said that he (the speaker) did not intend to come from his constituency at the next election. He could assure them that so long as there was an ounce of shot left in the locker he intended to stand for North-West Durham. (Applause.) It was only when it was indicated to himself that his tenure of office as member for North-West Durham should come to an end, it was only in that contingency, and that contingency alone—that he would withdraw from his position. (Cheers.) He was going to trouble them that night with the serious aspect of politics. The hon. member then briefly referred to the reforms initiated by the Chartists many years ago, some of the measures having been passed by the Liberal party. He dwelt upon the subject of Home Rule, and Mr Gladstone was returned to office seven years ago, when the Home Rule Bill was introduced—(applause)—but was rejected through the defection of a number of Liberals. At a subsequent general election six months afterwards they had, he said, seven less years under the Conservative *regime*. The Tory party had by force redress Irish grievances, and would restore peace and contentment to Ireland; but for the last six years the British Parliament had not been a British Parliament at all, but had been engaged in dealing with Irish affairs, to the conclusion of Scotch, English, and Welsh business. In fact, the time had come when England should ask for a Home Rule Parliament to deal with English and Scotch affairs. (Laughter.) The Government had paid over thirty millions of money to Irish landlords, laid down railways, constructed harbours and canals, all at the British taxpayer, and even went so far as to offer a subsidy for a Roman Catholic university in Ireland; but when they saw the Protestant spirit of the country against them, they dropped the scheme like a hot brick. (Laughter.) The Irish pleaded for Home Rule and an Irish Parliament in Dublin, and then they would deal with the land question and open up the industries of the country. The Irish people's thirst and desire for Home Rule had not diminished one iota during the past seven years. The progress of Mr Balfour's policy has not tended in the slightest degree to ame liorate the condition of the peasantry of Ireland, and had miserably failed to satisfy the aspirations of the Irish race. He felt confident that the Liberal party would be returned to power at the coming election, when Ireland's grievances would be remedied. (Cheers.)

Votes of thanks to the chairman and speakers ended a successful meeting.

Since the opening of the new park at Liscard, Cheshire, great improvements are being made in the vicinity. Amongst others a Baptist Church has been ordered, and the designs and erection of the building have been entrusted to the well-known firm of Bruce and Still, contractors for iron churches, &c., Liverpool, and the work is being rapidly proceeded with. The chapel is to seat 500 persons, with committee-rooms, &c., complete, and will be erected on a site immediately opposite the park.—*Liverpool Journal of Commerce.*

Mr James Joicey, M.P., on Friday night addressed a large meeting of his constituents at Birtley. He criticised the attitude of Sir Edward Sullivan, who is to oppose him as a Liberal Unionist, at considerable length, and afterwards criticised the work of the past session. A hearty vote of confidence was afterwards unanimously passed in Mr Joicey.

REVISION COURTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.

On Wednesday, Mr Edward B. Henderson, Barrister-at-law, held a court in the Benfieldside Edge Road Board Schools to revise the lists of voters for the following polling districts contained in the North-Western Division of Durham:—Benfieldside, Conside and Knitsley, Ebchester, Edmondbyers, Healeyfield, Hunstanworth, Iveston, Jedburgh and Maglewell. Mr Adam Brodie, accountant, and Liberal registration agent, Consett, and Mr M. Foggon, Blackhill, appeared on behalf of the Liberal party, while Messrs J. G. Murray, solicitor, Consett, and Newcastle, and J. Royston-Booth represented the Conservatives and Liberal Unionists.

The Revising Barrister said he was pleased to see Mr Murray in his place that morning, because he had heard that he had been ill. He hoped that he had recovered from the same.

Mr Murray thanked His Honour, and the business was proceeded with.

The assistant-overseer for Edmondbyers presented the lists for this district. No new claims were put forward.

The name of John Batey was objected to being put on the lodgers' list for Healeyfield by the Conservatives. Mr Booth said he claim did not pay any money at all, and the claim was not a good one.—The assistant-overseer (Mr Scott) said it was quite true what Mr Booth advanced.—The claim was disallowed.

A STRONG HINT.

The Revising Barrister informed the overseers that in future all claims and objections should be printed, and not written. He was mentioning this wherever he went. It would give more satisfaction to have the claims printed, which was proper, and just for. The written lists caused confusion, annoyance, and trouble; besides, everybody could not read everybody else's writing.

The assistant-overseer (Mr Copeland) appeared to put in the number of the voters' roll.—The name of Rev James John Cundill was removed off the ownership list, owing to his removal to Redcar.

Mr Murray objected to the claim of John Lawson, of Lamb Shields, being put on the ownership list. It was a new claim, and was not a proper qualification.—The Revising Barrister: Does the man appear to prove his claim?—The Overseer: No.—Mr Murray: The claim is not good, and the man was not present to prove it.—The Revising Barrister: Everybody did not come to the court to prove their claims. They can't all come.—The Overseer: This man owns 58 acres of land, and pays £12 as rates for the same. There was no mortgage on the land.—After further discussion, Mr Henderson allowed the claim.

The names of Joseph Robson and Charles Stevenson were struck off the ownership list.

The claim of Mr Scott was allowed to be put on the occupiers' list for Ebchester.

Two lodgers named Temperley, living with their mother at the Chelmsford Arms, Ebchester, put in claims certifying their qualification to be placed on the lodgers' list.—Mr Booth said that both of the young men paid 5s per week, and they were good sons to their mother. Both claims were good. One of the men worked on the farm for his mother, whilst the other conducted the business connected with the hotel for his mother. The Barrister said he did not think the claims had been made out, and disallowed them.

CONSIDE AND KNITSLEY.

Mr Wm. Elliott, assistant-overseer, produced his lists for Conside and Knitsley.

William Thomas Gaskill, Consett, was objected to by the Conservatives, on the ground of insufficient qualification.—Mr Foggon produced Gaskill's rent-book, which showed that he had lived in his present dwelling since Jan. 15th, 1890.—The claim was allowed.

Patrick McCourt, of Nelson Street, Consett, claimed as successive, which was allowed.

Richard O'Connor's claim was objected to by the Conservatives on the ground that his wife paid the rent up till Christmas last.—Mr Foggon said that the man worked for the Consett Iron Company, and his wife paid the rent to the agent when he came round. The rent was now paid at the offices.—Mr Murray contended that this man's wife was the occupier of the house, and kept lodgers until she married O'Connor.—The claim was sustained.

Respecting the claim of John Walker, of Rose Mount, Consett, to be put on the occupiers' list, Mr Foggon said that Walker had been the occupier of the house for eight years.—The overseer: He has not. He may have been in the house 18 years, but he is not the occupier. Sarah Walker is the occupier and had been for years.—Mr Murray said that was his wife.—Mr Brodie: She is the tenant.—Mr Booth: John Walker is looked upon as the tenant by the landlord.—Mr Brodie: Mrs Walker is the tenant.—Mr Murray: Not at all.—Mr Brodie: He was not on the list last year for this house.—Mr Murray: This man was evicted.—Mr Elliott: The landlord has returned to me Mrs Walker as the tenant of this house.—After further discussion, Mr Henderson asked if the man was earning anything?—Mr Murray: No, sir.—The Revising Barrister: Then I take it for granted that his sons carry the house on, and Sarah Walker is put on the books for convenience. I will allow the claim.

The name of James Gowland was struck off the list, the overseer remarking that the claim was not good.

The claim of Robert Armstrong, Blanchland Street, Blackhill, was next considered.—Mr Foggon stated that the man claimed as a successor in the occupation from Ridley Street to a house in Blanchland Street on June 27th, 1890.—The Revising Barrister allowed the claim.

Owen Quigley, of 19, King Street, Consett, was objected to.—Mr Murray said that the man was not an inhabitant occupier.—The overseer stated that Quigley had been returned to him by the Consett Iron Company as the occupier of the house.—Mr Murray: He pays the rent for the house in order to allow a widow and her children to reside in the same.—Mr Booth said he wrote to Quigley, and was told distinctly that the man did not reside there.—Mr Brodie: I am positively sure the man resides at this house. If this was not the case, do you think the Consett Iron Company would allow such a thing to go on?—Mr Booth: It is done in many cases. What is to stop a man if his name is on the books?—Mr Brodie: The company have to get from door to door, every single day, to see that their workmen occupy the houses.—The claim was disallowed.

John Armstrong, Robert Carruthers, Patrick Dacey, Thomas Dunne, William Hall, and George Phillipson, all of Consett, were objected to by the Conservatives, on the ground of not having sufficient qualification; and the Barrister struck out the names of those of them who were not present to support their claims.—Three lodgers' claims were allowed.

A considerable amount of time was occupied in revising these lists, owing to the numbers of many of the houses having been changed.

BLACKHILL.

Mr Foggon, on behalf of Hugh Bell's claim to be put on the lodgers' list, said that Bell had been on the old lodgers' list before, but was omitted by the list on last year.—Mr Henderson allowed the claim.

William Whittle, of 4, Thomas Street, Blackhill, was objected to by the Conservatives.—He claimed as a lodger, and Mr Brodie said the man paid 10s per week for his room.—Mr Murray said the man lived in a house which was rented at 6s per week.—The overseer: I believe the landlord pays 10s per week for the house.—Mr Murray: I do not dispute the man pays 10s per week for his room, but it includes something else.—Mr Brodie: The landlord told me himself that this man paid the sum stated for his bedroom.—The Revising Barrister said he did not see how the man could pay 10s per week for the use of his bedroom if he was only a lodging man. He is a *bona-fide* lodger, but at the same time I do not think he pays the sum stated. However, I will allow the claim.

John Hughes and Bernard Ward were both objected to on the ground that they were under age, and the claims were disallowed.

James Eltringham's claim to be placed on the ownership list was objected to by the Conservatives, but on the will of the property being produced by Mr Foggon, the objection was withdrawn.

John Guthery was objected to by the Conservatives owing to his insufficient qualification.—Mr Eltringham said the man was entitled to be placed on the ownership list, and was properly qualified.—The claim was sustained.

George Plate, of Shotley Bridge, was objected to being placed on the ownership list for occupier, by the Conservatives.—The Overseer said that Mr Plate was the owner of the house.—Mr Brodie: The claim is good.—Mr Murray: How do you know?—Mr Brodie: Why, I know what Mr Plate told me himself.—The Overseer: The claim is good, because I have seen the agents.—The claim was allowed.

Robert Pearse was objected to by the Conservatives.—Mr Eltringham said that this man had lived in this house, which he owned, for a number of years.—The Revising Barrister: The man ought to have come to prove the name.—The claim was disallowed.

Robert Thompson and Thomas Willis were both objected to being put on the ownership list by the Conservatives.—Mr Eltringham said that Thompson owned a freehold house; but he did not know anything about Willis.—Mr Murray said that since objecting against Willis he had ascertained that his claim was good, and he was properly qualified.—Mr Brodie said both men were qualified, as the evidence was the same in both cases.—Mr Henderson thought not. He had received no definite evidence with regard to Thompson's qualifications. He would allow Willis's claim, but not in the other case.

IVESTON.

The lists for Iveston district were gone through, and several objections raised by the Conservatives were sustained.

MEDOMSLEY.

William Rowlands, miner, of Allendale Cottages, was opposed by the Conservatives on the ground that he never lived in the house, No. 1, Medomsley, as stated on the list, but should have been No. 65.—Mr Booth stated that he left this house at the end of June for Allendale Cottages.—Rowlands said it was true that he once lived at No 65, Westwood, and not the other number.—Mr Foggon said the recent census night's account for the valley took in the number of the house.—Rowlands said he left the house at Westwood to go to another one on the 21st July.—Mr Cooke, the overman at the colliery, would know where he left the house.—The Overseer: The house belonged to the Consett Iron Company, and he removed to another one belonging the same firm.—The Revising Barrister: It is a very remarkable thing that you don't know the date when you left the house. If you will only say when you did leave I will allow the vote.—Rowlands: I believe it was the 21st July.—The Revising Barrister: That is not the point. You only think that you did. Had you any objection served upon you?—Rowlands: Yes sir; but I did not read it.—The Revising Barrister said it was very foolish for people to come to the court when they were objected to, and not bring the necessary information. He did not like to strike people off the register; but he was very much inclined to do so. Could you bring some further information before the rising of the court.—Rowlands: I have to go to work this afternoon.—Mr Brodie said if Mr Henderson would allow the case to stand over till the next court at Tanfield he would try and procure the necessary information.—The Revising Barrister said he would do so, and forthcoming I will re-instate the name on the list.

John English, miner, 122, Allendale Cottages, appeared in support of his claim to be put on the list. English said he had lived in the house six years last January. After he got married, he changed his name from Milburn to English, and that was the reason he was left off the list.—The Revising Barrister: You are entitled to your claim, and I will allow the same.

When going through the lists, the Revising Barrister informed the overseer that whenever a voter was claiming as a successive to state the same.

The Conservatives objected to a considerable number of minors on these lists owing to their removal from one house to another, and their names were struck off.

During the sitting of the court which lasted from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Liberals never made one objection.

TANFIELD.

Yesterday (Thursday), Mr Henderson, barrister, sat at the Pack Horse Inn, Tanfield, to revise the lists of Parliamentary and County Council voters for the parishes of Collierley and Tanfield, Stanley-cum-Tanfield (including Beamish and Lintz Green). The political parties were represented by the same gentlemen as appeared at Benfieldside on the preceding day.—The business was of a purely formal character. A great many claims were sustained by both parties.

AGGRAVATED WIFE ASSAULT AT EAST KYO.

At the Lanchester Police Court yesterday (Thursday), *John Riley*, miner, was summoned for committing an aggravated assault upon his wife at Kyo, on the 12th inst. Mr Welford, solicitor, T. W. Welford (Consett) prosecuted, and said that this was a very pitiful case, as the parties had been married and lived together for the past 23 years, and that Riley had always been happy and comfortable till the mother-in-law appeared on the scene, and came to their home. The latter seemed to have asked for defendant's "pay" at Blackhill for work, and complainant told him he had better pay the grocery bills himself. On the 11th September, defendant went out to settle the outstanding accounts, and returned home from West Stanley between twelve and one o'clock the worse for drink, being accompanied by another person. He ordered his wife upstairs, and as she was coming leisurely down, he threw the sugar basin at the woman. She picked up the article and tossed it back again at Riley, who then seized his wife by the hair of her head, and kicked her on the side of the face badly. Mr Welford read a certificate given by Dr Anderson, showing that the complainant had sustained injuries of a very serious nature. Mrs Riley left her husband and had not been back since, except for her clothing.

Complainant, who was in such a weak state that she was allowed to be seated while giving her evidence, substantiated the foregoing statement, adding that her husband's earnings amounted to ever £3 per fortnight, and her son made about £1 14s.

The Clerk (Mr A. W. Grainger): Is she not applying for a separation order?

Mr Welford: Yes. But if the defendant agrees to send the mother-in-law away and is bound over to keep the peace, my client is quite willing, for the sake of the children, to go and live with him. He had, however, threatened to "kill the children, and go off to America. We don't want him to do that.

Defendant: She shall never sleep under my roof again. My mother is over 70 years old, and has just come back from America.

George Riley, a boy, gave similar evidence.

Defendant averred that he was willing to pay his wife, but she refused to accept it, and called him nasty names, besides "hoying" a pint pot at his head.

P. C. Lewis gave evidence of Riley complaining to him of his wife's misconduct. He had an ugly cut on the face, and she called him nasty names. They were always quarrelling, and she was provoked at her husband's conduct. Witness had tried to get the woman to hold her tongue.

Defendant stated that the curate of Stanley visited him on the same day, and he went back into the bedroom and shut the door.

Mrs Riley said that she was only showing the curate that they were lawfully married.

Defendant: I thought it was something else when you shut the door.

The magistrates: What do you propose to do?

Defendant: To get shot of her, and I'll keep the two bairns.

She is a bad woman, and will swear my life away.

Mrs Riley denied these allegations, and said she wanted the custody of the children.—She exhibited the girl's eye, which was seriously inflamed, and covered by a shade. The child, she said, had been under the charge of Dr Dimson, but during her absence from the house she had not had a doctor to dress the girl, and the result was that she was likely to lose the eye.

The Clerk: Why don't you get the doctor?

Complainant: Because he turned me out of the house.—Turning to defendant, she exclaimed: When I married you, I had to find you with clothes and boots.

The magistrates found defendant guilty of an aggravated assault, and fined him £2 and the costs, or a month hard labour. They also issued a judicial separation, and ordered defendant to pay 10s weekly towards his wife's maintenance.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[By "STANHOPE."]

Some clever men were in Stanhope during the fair—engineers of the first water. They constructed engines of a new kind, tunnelled Killhope, extended the West Valley Branch through to Alston, erected an Eiffel Tower on Killhope top, utilised the water power of Hertley Ford water fall, and ran engines into Killhope tunnel by electricity, but failed to run them out. So that they are sticking there yet. All this was done by the magician's wand in the lung of a village pub. Edison, the wizard of the far west, was eclipsed and reckoned to be behind the times. Hartlepool produced some of these clever men, and the other was native talent, but the old things they did put Don Quixote into the shade.

The Stanhope Wesleyans have re-modelled their chapel, built an organ chamber, and placed in it a very handsome organ. Their chapel and school property in Stanhope now is extensive. They are a go-a-head lot, and success hitherto has crowned their efforts.

Few ladies have laid as many foundation stones of chapels and schools as Mrs Robson Walton, of Stanhope House, who, last week, took part in the opening of the Egyptian Bazaar at Consett, which realised over £1,000.

The corn and hay harvest this summer are both on together in Weardale. Farmers may be seen winning hay in one field and harvesting corn in the next.

A notorious fish poacher has carried on his depridations in the Wear, at Black Banks, with audacity this last year or two, despite the energetic bailiff, Springer. Springer, by the way, is Mr Bates' daily servant, but without a license, and destroys a large quantity of fish. Spring-heeled Jack cannot catch him. He eludes the grasp of both water bailiff, and keepers with angling fraternity as well. He can go as swift as a steam engine when disturbed, but roots on the trees in Black Bank Woods. He should be apprehended.

At a Bible class, at Frosterley, an article is to be written and read on "How to do away with Stanhope fair." It is easily answered. Only let the jubilee gallopers have the monopoly of the market place another year or two, and Stanhope fair will be a thing of the past. Small tradesmen, showmen, and the like will not go to it, and then the public will cease going as well.

Who wins at Stanhope fair? The publicans are the winners. If it is wet the people are wet too. If it is dry, the people are dry too. If it is hot, so are the people, and they go to Mr Bonniface for cool refreshment. One publican sold over 2,000 bottles on the Friday, and lemonade waggons came into Weardale every day, which they carried away empty as a drum. It is a bad fair if the publicans cannot clear their rents. One of them last Friday night took to the bank a stone-and-a-half of silver and gold. As it is all the fair, so it is as the flower show. It is not the exhibitor that wins the day. The publicans get the lion's share of success again, but their subscriptions are not commensurate with their gains.

An epicure in Butler's village, fond of dainties, espied a lot of fine looking fruit in a green grocer's window. Thinking it was some new Continental fruit he went in and ordered half-a-dozen and took them home to his better half, fancying to himself they would have a treat. The tempting fruit were tomatoes. He could not wait until he got home, but ate them on the spot up the Church lane and bit his teeth into one. But his exclamations of disgust on tasting the tomatoe were heard over the church wall. Oh! Hades, Jerusalem, &c. He took them home and told his wife he brought her a treat. On seeing them she exclaimed "What are they, Tom?" "Bullace plums," said he. "How sweet they look; really what nice bullace they are, are they dear?" "Yes," said he, "but I have purchased them especially for you." "How considerate of you, Tom," she said. "You must eat some too." But she tasted them, and then the scene changed all at once. She felt insulted, and threw them at him, and pelted him with them round the house. Said he "Is the first batch of fruit I've brought home, and I'll assure you it will be the last." "Div ye call that warsh stuff fruit?" said she, and suiting the action to the word, let fly at him with the job lot. He felt like a smartyr.

One of the showmen or small tradesmen who attend Stanhope fair from the district of the Hartlepools had a strange bed on the Saturday night. He had indulged freely during the previous few hours in a stronger stimulant than tea, and was three sheets to the wind. In this jovial condition he had somehow got within the churchyard gates, where he some ancient relic found to underneath the old church when in process of restoration. Among them is a stone coffin made of Weardale limestone, which had been chiselled out of a slim and slender figure. The neck was very narrow, and the place for the head not very big. But our hero had managed to get himself into it for his night's quarters. In the morning, when he awoke he could not tell wherever he was. He could see the sky above him, but for the life of him he could not turn over; he was fast in a stone coffin and a coffin, that is what it was. Had he died, and had they put him there with the intent to bury him, or had he got too much whisky last night and laid down, and someone picked him up for dead and placed him? He had some queer thoughts, but his difficulty was to get out, which he could not on his own account, but it was early, and no one stirring, so he had to lay until a few hours afterwards, when he heard someone, and then he shouted for his life until help came, and he rose from the dead.

A Frenchman on one of the Weardale moors the other day grouse shooting, saw a dead ass which he declared there was over 20,000,000. He shot all day, and managed to kill one bird, although they were so numerous.

The depopulation of Weardale goes on apace. The Weardale Iron Company monopolises the ironstone, and has it locked up, and the Lead Company is not doing much for the dale. A few more years, and something unexpected turns up, Weardale will become a purely agricultural district. At present there is no prospect of anything better, unless it be the long-talked-of railway extension.

Not quite 1,000 miles out of Bonnie Weardale a bashful young man was staying on a visit at a country house. He was asked by a sprightly damsel if he was musical. Upset by the attention of this violin 'd beauty, he gasped out, "Oh, I only know two tunes, Miss Jane, and 'God save the weasel' and 'Pop goes the queen!'"

The adjourned inquest on the quarryman killed by blasting operations at Newlandside limestone quarry disclosed a reckless, careless, and almost a criminal, crime, of the workmen using explosives. The sad fate of the poor fellow ought to be a warning to others to go according to the instructions when using gelatine as an explosive, and to use wooden rammers instead of iron ones. Some sad and terrible accidents occur at the Weardale limestone quarries, but not so many as to them underlinkally are the result of carelessness on the part of the men themselves. The quarrymen should use every endeavour to have the Mines Regulation Act applied to the quarries as early as possible. Many an accident might be prevented by it, and men would not have to run the risk of their lives as often as they have by working in dangerous places if the Government inspectors were dropping into the quarries unexpectedly ever and anon.

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MR ATHERLEY-JONES AT EDMONDBYERS.

Last (Thursday) night, Mr Atherley-Jones, M.P., spoke at another meeting of his constituents at Edmondbyers. Mr H. Burtess presided over a large audience, and a vote of confidence was passed. A full report will be given next week.

QUEBEC DISTRICT NOTES.

[By A "CONSETTITE."]

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Rev F. G. Wesley, on Saturday, entertained the scholars connected with the Day and Sabbath-school to a free tea, provided in the British Schools, Quebec, when about 400 partook of their much-esteemed Vicar's hospitality. After tea, the party retired to an adjacent field, where various innocent games were indulged in. A vote of thanks was passed to the donor for his kindness.

DEPRESSION IN THE COKE TRADE.

Upwards of 20 hands, we understand, have received notice to leave the employment of Hamsteels yards, which is due to the falling off of orders. The oven in use is known as the "Old beehive," which yields an average of about 12 tons of coke, which will be damped down. Except an improvement takes place, the prospects appear somewhat gloomy. The cause is thought to be the rapid rise in the price of gas coal.

NON-UNIONISTS AND THE DURHAM MINERS.

On Monday, the members of the Durham Miners' Association refused to descend the shaft of the Hamsteels Exit Colliery in company with the non-Unionists, the latter having refused to pay the usual contributions to the society. They were given the option of going to ride by themselves. After a little altercation, they immediately rose and availed themselves of the opportunity, and on inquiry, it was asserted, they agreed to pay their Union money. One of the non-Unionists, who was absent the day previous, when ordered to go down by himself in the first cage refused and returned home.

THE HARVEST PROSPECTS

are again at a low ebb, the incessant showers have again proved a great hindrance to the farmers.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, SEPT. 26TH.)

Leadgate Exiles v Spennymoor Town, at Leadgate.
Leadgate Park v Stockton Rovers, at Leadgate.
Dipton Wanderers v Tanfield Lea, at Dipton (N.W. Durham Alliance).
Medomsley v Newcastle North-Eastern, at Medomsley.
Langley Park Rovers v Cornsay Rovers, at Langley Park (N.W. Durham Alliance).
Blackhill Rovers Rugby Club opening game, at Benfieldside—Captain v Vice-Captain.
Dipton Wanderers Reserve v Langley Park Rovers 2nd, at Langley Park.
Tanfield Lea 2nd v Newcastle Vulcan, at Tanfield Lea.
Consett Fell v Medomsley Reserve, at Consett.
Consett Fell B v Leadgate Exiles 3rd, at Consett.
Consett Y.M.C.A. v Cornsay Rovers 2nd, at Cornsay.
Tow Law v Hunwick Rovers, at Tow Law.
Byer Moor v Tanfield, at Byer Moor.
Hedley Harriers 2nd v Oakey's Lilywhites, at Stanley.
Leadgate Park Reserve v Esh True Blues, at Esh.
Derwent Cottage Ramblers v Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's, at Marley Hill.
Delves Lane Rovers v Leadgate St. Ives, at Consett.

—WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30TH.

Consett League v Newcastle Wednesday, at Newcastle.

LEADGATE EXILES V SPENNYMOOR TOWN.—To be played at Leadgate. The Exiles' team will be—Goal, J. McMahon; backs, Wm. Medley (capt.) and J. Cowell; half-backs, T. Bonnaghan, W. Costello, and P. Hughes; forwards, T. Kelly and O. Hughes, right wing; G. Quinn, centre; Jas. McGee and J. O'Neil, left wing. Kick-off at 3 p.m.

DIPTON WANDERERS V TANFIELD LEA.—The above teams will meet in an Alliance match, when the following will be represented by the following:—Goal, R. Freek; backs, J. Walker and A. Tuson; half-backs, T. Wilkes, J. Jones, and J. Bowes; forwards, W. Turner and I. Gillard, right wing; Wm. Smith, centre; T. Walker and J. Leadbitter (capt.), left wing. Referee, J. Dixon. Reserves, Mr T. Hall, Jas. McGeady. Kick-off 3.30.

DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE V LANGLEY PARK RESERVE.—To be played on the following team:—Goal, J. Curtis; backs, T. Teasdale and J. Harrison; half-backs, J. Robinson, Jas. Teasdale, and Jas. Hedley; forwards, J. Knotts, right wing; J. Brown and J. Jordan, left wing; M. Temple, centre.

BLACKHILL ROVERS V BENFIELDSIDE.—At Leadgate. The Rovers will be represented by the following:—Goal, G. Beadling; backs, T. Hewitt and R. Ayre; half-backs, G. Wilson, J. Wilkinson, and C. Bennison; forwards, J. B. Robson and C. Foreman, right wing; A. Burnhope, centre; H. Watsford and J. Hunter, left wing.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE V ESH TRUE BLUES.—At Esh. The Park team will be as follows:—Goal, J. Noble; backs, Gowland and Wilkinson; half-backs, Kennedy, Wilsey, and Stephenson (capt.); forwards, Day and A. N. Osher, right wing; J. Arkley, centre; Hargreaves and Blackpool, left wing.

MEDOMSLEY V NEWCASTLE N.E.R.—At Medomsley. The following will play for the home club:—Goal, T. Bennett; backs, W. Baron and W. Mansell (capt.); half-backs, G. Moon, J. Veitch, and Robt. Abbott; forwards, T. Bell, J. E. Taylor, R. Oash, J. Hunter, and Robt. T. Bailey. Kick-off at 4.

CONSETT Y.M.C.A. V CORNSAY ROVERS.—To be played at Cornsay. Team—Goal, T. Wilson; backs, to be selected by the following:—Goal, McVay; backs, H. Symington and S. Aynsley; half-backs, J. Wilkinson, J. Sanderson, and J. Hope; forwards, J. Johnson, and J. Chrisser, right wing; C. Cooke, centre; J. Jones and J. Hall, left wing. Reserves, J. E. Coxling and Bertram. Umpire, Mr J. Ormerod. Referee, Mr R. Walker.

BLACKHILL ROVERS (LATE CONSETT) RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.—This club will open the season to-morrow (Saturday), with a match between fifteens selected by the captain and vice-captain, on their old field, situated in Hitsch Road, Blackhill. The following are the teams:—Captain's—Full back, J. Ayre; three-quarter backs, A. McCue, G. Hewitt, and J. Anderson; half-backs, G. Smallen and Dr J. Bibby; forwards, R. Stobbs, J. G. Aakew, G. Davison, A. Elliott, J. Robson, H. Taylor, J. Lamley, J. Brannigan, and W. Hall. Vice-captain's—Full back, J. Robinson, G. Stoker, W. Morgan, W. Leybourne, E. Gibson, W. Smith, and D. Aitken.

CONSETT LEAGUE V NEWCASTLE WEDNESDAY.—The League will journey to Newcastle on Wednesday next to play the Wednesday team. The Consett team will be—Goal, T. Wilkes; backs, J. McCarthy and J. McGuire; half-backs, B. Smith, H. Robinson, and W. Finnigan; forwards, P. Bradley and Mr Ferguson, right wing; J. Gallagher (capt.), centre; J. Bradley and J. Swan, left wing.

DELVES LANE ROVERS V LEADGATE ST. IVES.—At Consett. Rovers—Goal, W. Atkinson; backs, J. Pratt and B. Jenkins; half-backs, A. Pratt, J. Devlin, and Wm. Topham; forwards, J. Rawlinson, J. Shield, right wing; F. Smurthwaite, centre; J. Overall and W. Downey, left wing.

CONSETT FELL B V LEADGATE STARLETS.—To be played on Consett Fell, farmer's ground. The following team will represent the Fell—Goal, W. Williamson; backs, W. Bell (capt.) and T. Stanton; half-backs, J. Tweddle, J. Ward, Carr, and A. Eustace; forwards, W. Wake and T. Watson, right wing; W. Atkinson, centre; J. Hackness and T. Dunn, left wing. Reserves, R. Bell and J. Carrill. The Medomsley eleven will be—Goal, G. Forster; backs, J. McCall and Ryan; half-backs, Wm. Bennett, Jas. Bennett, J. Abbott, and J. Ashton; forwards, J. T. Page, W. Walton, T. Walton, Ryan, and Bates.

DERWENT COTTAGE RAMBLERS V MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S.—At Marley Hill. Ramblers' team—Goal, J. Wilkinson; backs, Wilson and Routledge; half-backs, Pattinson, Jeffey, and Marsden; forwards, Graham and Gleasper, right wing; L. McDaggart, centre; R. Wilson (capt.) and T. Snowdon, left wing.

CONSETT FELL B V LEADGATE STARLETS.—On the Fell ground. Consett team—Goal, T. Trout; backs, J. Dunning and Robson; half-backs, T. Wilkes, J. Arkley, and Stephenson; forwards, J. Gillard, right wing; J. Bell, centre; R. Wake, centre; J. Hackness, and J. Bates, left wing. Reserve, Smurthwaite. Kick-off 2.30.

CRICKET.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, SEPT. 26TH).

West Pelton Violets v Shotton Hill, at Sk. Cash Pit.
Burnhope v Harraton, at Harraton.
Craghead Tom Bell v Ushill 2nd, at Ushill.
Esh Winning Church Institute v Colliery Row, at Colliery Row.
Eleven v Twenty-two, at Whickham.
Eleven 2nd v Twenty-two 2nd, at Whickham.
Ryhope v Branish, at Newcastle.
West Dentons v Greenside, at Denton.
Blaydon 2nd v South Shields Temperance 2nd, at Blaydon.

ADJOURNED BREWSTER SESSIONS AT LANCHESTER.

The adjourned licensing meeting for the Lanchester and Consett Petty Sessional Division took place at Lanchester Court-house yesterday (Thursday), before Councillor Jas. Jones (presiding), Messrs J. W. Walton-Wilson, W. B. Van Heandbergen, Frank Priestman, and Rev F. W. Glyn.

Mr T. W. Welford, solicitor, Consett, made application on behalf of Mr W. Aynsley, grocer, Consett, for "off" license for wine and spirits in respect of a new shop at Blackhill, and also a similar application on behalf of Mr Jas. Armstrong, licensed victualler of premises at Blackhall Mill. The licenses were granted.

Plans were submitted for additions to the Stanley Inn, West Stanley, and the license of that hostelry, which was adjourned from the annual licensing meeting, was renewed.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By "ANNFIELDITE."]

MISSION WORK.

The open-air mission at Annfield Plain continues to make headway. The service on Friday night was well attended, and addresses were delivered by Messrs J. Macpherson, T. Gales, and P. Reay.

RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.

In connection with the missionary work of the Religious Tract Society, a public meeting was held in the Wesleyan Reform Chapel, on Monday night. The Rev James Craig, D.D., association secretary of the society, was a deputation, and delivered an able and interesting address. Rev John Gornall, vicar of Collierley, presided.

CATCHGATE FREE CHURCH.

On Sunday, sermons were preached by Rev A. Bromley. On Monday evening, Mr Bromley delivered a lecture in the same place of worship, taking for his subject—"Machoth; or a character in the Wilderness." The chair was occupied by Mr E. Robson, of Kyo.

POLITICAL.

People in the Annfield Plain district are to have a rare political treat next Tuesday night, in the