Correspondence.

EPLY TO THE REV. T. ASHCROFT'S CHALLENGE.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

n Sir,—I observe in last week's issue of your challenge to Spiritualists from the Rev. T. Ash- Kindly allow me to reply to it through your , as I attended the rev. gentleman's lecture, ed at Allendale Cottages, on the 15th July. I gave him a public challenge, on behalf of my ed friend, Mr. J. W. Mahoney, to discuss the t of Spiritualism, in the ordinary methods of de- but he would not accept it, being desirous to see phenomena on the platform. We were willing to that condition, providing Mr. Ashcroft would let the phenomena of Christianity, and thereby prove cipleship, in compliance with his Master's injunc- which are laid down very plainly in the 16th chap. k and 14th verses to the 18th, Luke, 10th chap. 17th 20th verse, and many other passages too numerous ation. If he is a true disciple, and believes in these , I do hope he will accept the challenge, and strate the tenets enjoined on a believer in Jesus, will undertake the task, we will do our part to strate some of the phenomena of Spiritualism. Be erstood that we do not pretend to produce the mena occurring in our *seances* on public platforms; mply say that the phenomena occurrs conditionally. . Ashcroft stated in a lecture he delivered at Con- st year that he had sought admission into the ualists' *seances* and he had been refused. He then d to go to my house or Weir's Court in Newcastle, red to take him, and to my disgust, and his shame, d that he would not go. I now extend to him an —I will take him to a series of *seances* if he will go. ight be able to explain how it is done, and by such nation do much goo i to the world, and rescue thou- out of its grasp; not only illiterate men, but such r. Wm. Crooks, F.R.S. (editor of the *Quarterly nal of Science*), Mr. A. R. Wallace, Mr. Cromwell y, Professor Loliner, T. P. Barkas, F.G.S., and a of other intelligent men, eminent in the world of e, literature, and art.—Yours truly,

WILLIAM TODD.

nt Street, Leadgate.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

,—I have noticed in your issue of August 20th, a signed by the Rev. T. Ashcroft, which adverts to llenge given to the Consett Spiritualists on July 5th and 16th, and an effort is made by Mr. T. Ash- to leave the blame for its non-acceptance on his ents. Now, sir, the facts of the case, so far as I oncerned, are as follows:—On the occasion of Mr. roft's recent lectures against Spiritualism, a chal- was given at the close of each meeting to the local ualists to bring a representative to discuss the s of modern Spiritualism, and produce table mani- tions each evening on the platform. The non- tualists to undertake to do likewise, and a failure on r side to be subject to a forfeit of £5. This chal- was accepted *in part* on my behalf. The form cceptance of the challenge took, or, more strictly king, the cross-challenge of the Spiritualists, was : the Spiritualists, on their part, would undertake to ce the phenomena on the platform on the condition the Christians would agree to produce the miracu- events, or something like them, which are recorded e New Testament. This is the form of challenge, and nly form which the Consett, Blackhill, or Allendale itualist agreed to in any authoritative manner, so the reference to a cabinet and the forfeiture of £100 event of failure to elicit phenomena, can have d only to an individual challenge and not binding n the Spiritualists.

r. Ashcroft's challenge, in the form stated in his r, was *never* accepted by the local Spiritualists, and ight go further and say that it never will be accepted. itualists declare at all times that they do not profess roduce the phenomena before a public audience, and T. Ashcroft should know this well enough, since he a letter of mine a year or two ago, which expressed e most explicit manner that his form of challenge d never be accepted. He was then informed that ritualists were not conjurers, and were unable there- to elicit physical phenomena at will. But I may erve that, although the class of phenomena known as ysical phenomena, such as table-movement, materia- tions, &c., cannot be produced to order on the plat- , there are other classes of phenomena which may denominated subjective phenomena, such as trance- iumship, clairvoyance, &c., which are constantly in tation before the public. Physical manifestations uire other conditions than those afforded by a public ence.

would ask Mr. T. Ashcroft, through your columns, he living witnesses of modern Spiritualistic phenomena not have credence for their testimony, what becomes he recorded testimony of the dead witnesses of Bibli- phenomena?

have endeavoured, most earnestly, to bring Mr. croft to a fair and ordinary discussion of modern ritualism, but have failed. I visited his own town est Hartlepool) in the hope that he would attend and me, but all in vain. I again challenge him to a and honourable discussion on modern Spiritualism as many nights as he may desire and in any town ch he may select. If he does not accept of this ightforward challenge, I will follow him wherever delivers his lectures against modern Spiritualism and ose his questionable pretention to the position he as- es, *parvum parva decent*. —I remain, respectfully urs,

J. W. MAHONY.

Anglesey Street, Tozells, Birmingham, August 2 rd, 1880.

BRUTALITY AT CONSETT.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

IR,—I understood from your columns that the moral e of Consett and district had greatly improved during last few years, and yet judge of my astonishment becoming an involuntary spectator of a most dis- ting exhibition which took place at the Tin Mill on Wednesday morning, between ten and eleven lock. I was going leisurely up from Blackhill to nsett on that morning (after the arrival of the train m Newcastle) when my ears were assailed by the oting and yelling of the men and lads working at the reen and railway of the Tin Mill Pit. On turning the place from whence the noise proceeded, I saw that e cause was two lads, who were doing their best to maim h other, and a number of brutes, supposed to be men, d actually left their work to urge on these two des- radoes. I have no doubt the lads would have soon tled their little differences, but the youths of larger owth were doing their utmost to urge the combatants the fray. It is to be hoped that in future such un- ly exhibitions will be put a stop to.—I am, sir, urs truly,

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FRIDAY, Sept. 3rd, 1880.

THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

Since Mahomet will not go to the mountain the mountain has to go to Mahomet. The metaphor is reversed; but we must not forget that in speaking of Irish affairs things go there by contraries. In any case, in leading off with a bull we shall not be out of character with the strange state of confusion into which everything Irish has fallen. A Land Commission has been appointed to collect evidence with an office in Ely Place, Dublin, and all the usual apparatus of the administrative machine. This is the mountain which as we should have thought would have stood while Mahomet made his way to it. Instead of that, it is the mountain which is to more simply because Mahomet is impassive. To drop metaphor, the Land League have given orders to the farmers of Ireland not to appear or give evidence before the Commission, and the result is that already the mountain has begun to move. The Commission, unable to get evidence in any other way, has resolved itself into a roving Commission,—a body of peripatetic philanthropists in quest—like the amiable members of the P.C., over which Mr. Pickwick once presided in blue coat and brass buttons—of antiquities and adventures. Whether the information as to the exact site of Rochester Castle was worth all the moving adventures by flood and field of Snodgrass and his friends the readers of "Pickwick" must judge for themselves. In any case, they have immortalized Mr. Pickwick, and given a new name in the language for that clubbing our forces for scientific outings ending in adventures the reverse of scientific. We are not sure that this Irish Land Commission now on its travels to find out the farmers who will not come to find them out may not end in another touch of adsurdity of the Pickwickian order. It will lead su, we are sure, to such paltry results that we do not know why they are travelling at all. Ireland is no *terra incognita*, and there is no mystery whatever on the subject of land tenure there. It is not a fresh array of facts which we want. They stand out in too dismal distinctness already. But what we want is, some way of dealing freshly with those we have. Of all weak inventions of the Old Whig school for doing nothing, one of the weakest was that of a Commission. It was a contrivance for heaping up statistics and compiling Blue Books which no one could ever look into. What earthly use has ever come of those interminable weather-tables which, the best meteorologists confess, leave us as much in the dark as ever as to whether it will rain to-morrow or not? It is much the same with these Land Commissions, which the Land League laughs at. What we want is, not knowledge but power, and we may say that these nostrums of a Commission as Macbeth to his doctor, "If thou canst, purge these English hence; and if not, throw physic to the dogs." The English will not be got out of Ireland, or the ills of landlordism got rid of by anyone single remedy. Is it not wisdom, then, to tell the poor deluded Irish that they are playing with fire in playing with Socialism? The remedy lies in patient solid work,—in the hundrum task of knitting society together. This is not done all at once; but as for this roving Land Commission it will end its travels, as it began, at Ely Place, with a big Blue Book which no one will open. The *Times*, when it sends over a Commission, sends some one whose letters we at least can read!

Life Assurance.—The *Whitehall Review* says:—"The Prince of Wales has set a good example of providence to his future subjects, His Royal Highness has for some time past been assured with the Prudental Assurance Company for £40,000, and pays a premium of £800 a year." This is an admirable campliment to the position of the office which he has selected for the assurance.

Haswell Memorial Chapel, Burnopfield.—In connection with the opening services of the above place of worship, the Rev. W. Oldfield, of Newcastle, preached on Sunday last three sermons, and at the night service the Chapel was well filled with an attentive congregation. The collections for the day were nearly £4, and the total proceeds for the fortnight being £35. T. H. Bainbridge, Esq., of Newcastle, will preach next Sunday morning and evening, and the Rev. Peter McKensie will also preach and deliver a lecture sometime in September, of which due uotice will be given.

Leadgate.—On Saturday afternoon last, the Primitive Methodists of the above place held a grand musical festival and open-air concert in a spacious field adjoining the Chapel, kindly granted for the occasion by Mr. White, of Pont Farm. The following choirs took part in the afternoon's proceedings:—Shotley Bridge, Consett, Dipton, Annfield Plain, and Spen Colliery, each of them singing two pieces. The excellent style in which the pieces were rendered commanded the admiration of all, listeners more especially, as many of the pieces were anthems of a somewhat difficult nature, and must have taken no inconsiderable amount of practice on their part to enable them to rehearse them so proficiently as they did on this occasion. An excellent tea was provided in the School-room, to which a goodly number sat down. The festival was presided over in a very efficient manner by the Rev. A. Latimer, of Blackhill, and Mr. J. Charlton, of Consett. At the close, votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. White for the loan of the field, also to the various choirs and all who had helped to make the afternoon an enjoyable one.

Local Police Courts.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, Aug. 26th.—Before Rev. J. P. De Pledge (chairman), and G. G. T. Smith, Esq.

Alleged Drunkenness at Craghead.—Granger Simpson, miner, Craghead, was summoned by P.C. Turner for having been drunk.—Defendant pleaded not guilty.—The constable said on the 16th inst. he was on duty near Craghead, and saw defendant going in the direction of his house. He was drunk, and witness saw him go along the wrong road. His wife went up to him and the two commenced to make a noise.—The Chairman: Could Simpson walk?—The constable: Yes, pretty well. Sergt. Fraser was there at the time and can speak to it.—The Chairman: Did you tell him to go home?—The constable: Yes, sir.—The Chairman (to defendant): Have you any questions to ask him?—Defendant: When I left the policeman and went up the road, I was going to seek some men to stack for Mr. Hedley first thing next morning.—The Chairman (to the constable): What time was this?—The constable: Eleven o'clock at night.—Defendant: I was sent to seek the men that night.—The Chairman said they did not consider the case proved, and they therefore dismissed it.

A Crop of Inebriates.—Wilson Coulson, miner, Craghead; Thomas Reed, James McLoughlan, miners, Oxhill; Robert Holmes, miner, Quebec, were severally charged with having been drunk. The cases were proved by Sergt. Fraser, P.C. Turner, P.C. Nicholson, and P.C. Forster. Coulson and McLoughlan were fined 2s. 6d. and the others 5s. each and costs.—John Humphrey, of Harperley Farm, was charged by Sergt. Fraser with having been drunk in charge of a horse. About ten o'clock at night, the officer met defendant between Stanley and Craghead. He was riding on a horse and was drunk. The sergeant took both horse and rider to Oxley's public-house, and was seeking accommodation for them for the night when Humphrey, who had been left sitting on the horse outside, rode off home.—Mr. Welford defended, and attempted to show that Humphrey was not drunk. The magistrates, however, believed the officer, and this not being defendants first appearance for a similar offence they fined him 10s. and costs.

Breach of the Peace.—Thomas Teasdale, miner, Quebec, Felix McTummony, and Arthur Quigley, Cornsay Colliery, were charged with having committed a breach of the peace by fighting. Teasdale and Quigley were bound over and ordered to pay the court expenses. McTummony not answering the summons a warrant was granted against him.

Neighbours' Quarrels at South Moor.—John Trevelyan, miner, was summoned for using threatening language to Mary Lambert, married woman, of South Moor. There was a cross-summons for assault. The parties are neighbours, and quarrelled about their children. Trevelyan took his child near Mrs. Lambert's door, and the latter said she would "drown him with water" if he did not go away. Trevelyan refused to budge an inch, dared the woman to throw the water, which she eventually did. Defendant thereupon threatened her, compared her to a monkey, and upset a rain tub standing near Mrs. Lambert's door. After hearing the evidence of Mrs. Lambert and a witness whom she called, the parties changed places, and Trevelyan swore that Mrs. Lambert threw two bricks at him, one of which struck him on the arm.—The Chairman said there had been faults on each side, and both cases would be dismissed.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, Aug. 30th.—Before A. Town, Esq. (chairman), Jon Priestman, Esq., James Annandale, jun., Esq., and Robert Dickinson, Esq.

Drunk and Disorderly.—James Harrison and John Walker, of Consett, were summoned by P.C. Armstrong for having been drunk and disorderly on 18th ult. The constable said defendants were going to fight, when he went up and separated them.—Harrison, in defence, said Walker followed him along the street in an aggressive attitude, which obliged him to remain on the defensive. He denied being drunk.—The magistrates believed the charge proved, and fined defendants 5s each and costs.—Joseph Ledger, miner, Wood Houses, Jas. Mohun, John Cant, Francis Duffy, Thomas Williamson, Thomas Hagan, and John Buchanan, were severally charged with a similar offence. Mohun was fined 10s and the others 5s each and costs. The cases were proved by Sergt. Cruickshank, P.C. Longstaff, P.C. Phillipson, P.C. Minto, and P.C. Hood.

Chimney on Fire.—Mary Hand was summoned for having allowed her chimney to be on fire at Consett, contrary to the bye-laws of the Consett Local Board. Sergt. Tranmer said he observed dense smoke issuing from the chimney of Mrs. Hand's house, and on going inside he found a large fire in the grate and the chimney on fire.—Mrs. Hand said her little boy, who was an inbecile, set the chimney on fire in her absence.—The Chairman said if Mrs. Hand had kept the chimney properly swept, it would not have caught fire. She was fined 1s and costs, 8s 6d in all.—Mrs. Hand said she was a widow and could not pay the fine. She had six of a family and only one boy (who earned 12s a week) to work for them.—The Chairman (after consulting with his colleagues) said after taking the woman's circumstances into consideration they had agreed to dismiss the case.

A Virago at Hill Top.—Jane McGuire, married woman, Hill Top, was summoned for an assault on Margaret McKie, at Hill Top. Complainant said on Friday, the 20th ult., Mrs. McQuire, without receiving any provocation, struck her on the eye, and afterwards cut her on the head.—A witness named Mary Wood said she saw the women having hold of each other, but could not say which of them was the aggressor, as she did not see the first of it.—Sergt. Nattress said on the day in question Mrs. McKie went to him and complained of having been assaulted by defendant. She was then bleeding very much. Mrs. McGuire, he said, was an exceedingly violent woman—being, in fact, a thorough brute.—Defendant, in defence, said complainant took a brush out of her basket. They then quarrelled, and had a fair stand-up fight.—The Chairman said they considered that an assault had been committed, and fined defendant half-a-crown and costs, 16s. 6d. in all.—The money was at once paid.

Drunk on Licensed Premises.—Patrick McGee, labourer, Flint Hill, was summoned for having been drunk on licensed premises at Flint Hill. Defendant did not appear. Sergt. Nattress said on the 13th ult., about nine o'clock at night, he found defendant drunk in Barron's beerhouse. After being put outside he began to abuse the police.—The Chairman: Was there anything before him when you went into the house?—Sergt. Nattress: Yes, a quart of ale. I saw him have two glasses out of it.—The Chairman: He will be fined 10s. and costs.—George Fenwick, labourer, Dipton, was summoned by the same officer for a similar offence. Defendant lives with his brother, who is a publican at Dipton, and on the 12th ult. he seems to have returned home drunk and created a disturbance. The officer, in answer to the bench, said defendant was not allowed to drink anything in his brother's house.—Defendant, who made a rambling defence, in which he stated that he had had but a single glass of beer on the day in question, was fined 5s. and costs.—Defendant said he hadn't a penny, and would be obliged to go to prison.—Sergt. Nattress said defendant's brother had given him (the officer) money to pay the fine.

Permitting Drunkenness.—Joseph Barron, beerhousekeeper, Flint Hill, was charged with having permitted drunkenness in his house. Mr. Welford defended. Sergt. Nattress said on Friday night, the 13th of August, about nine o'clock, he was on duty at Flint Hill, when he heard a disturbance near defendant's house. He saw McGee (who had already been convicted) and another man go into the house very drunk, and afterwards witness heard the defendant tell them to beware of the bobbies. Witness and P.C. Longstaff, who was with him at the time, then entered the house and saw McGee drink some beer.—Cross-examined by Mr. Welford: I don't know whether McGee got the summons or not. I do not know who ordered the beer which McGee was drinking. Before he went into defendant's house he was staggering about outside.—P.C. Longstaff also gave evidence. He said as soon as the two men entered the house he heard the landlord say "mind, the bobbies will be coming." Sergt. Nattress stepped up immediately after and said "he is here, what do you want with him?" The landlord, who was then seated, afterwards got up and walked into another room. McGee was drunk, and drank some beer in the landland's presence.—Cross-examined: I saw McGee drink two gills of beer in the landlord's presence. It is not true that the defendant told the men to go away.—Mr. Welford said his defence was that the beer was supplied to a third man, and that defendant was not responsible for McGee drinking it. The drink, he said, was supplied by defendant's sister, who did not believe that McGee and the other men were drunk. He expressed a hope that the bench would not be influenced by the conviction in McGee's case, as he understood that McGee had not received the summons, and could not therefore come forward to deny the allegation of drunkenness.—The Chairman said the magistrates were of opinion that this was a worse case of permitting drunkenness than usual, the landlord being present when the men drank the beer.—A fine of 40s. and costs was imposed, but the license was not endorsed.

Pitch and Toss.—Joseph Brodie, Matthew Davison, William Richards, and Thomas Wardhaugh, all of Shotley Bridge, were summoned for having played at pitch and toss on a certain highway.—Mr. Dickinson said before the case proceeded, he wished to object to the summons, the place where the alleged offence was committed not being a public footpath.—The Chairman: Where is it?—Mr. Dickinson: It is a private road belonging to Messrs. Annandale, leading to Howdon Wood, above the Paper Mill.—The Chairman: That is a public footpath, though it is not a carriage-road. The gates are locked, but the footpath is open to the public.—Police-Constable Allison said about four o'clock on Sunday afternoon, the 15th ult., he was on duty in plain clothes, and saw the defendants playing at pitch and toss on Sandy Path Road, near Bridge Hill. He watched them for about-five minutes.—Mr. Dickinson here requested that all witnesses might be sent out of court, a request which was granted.—The constable, resuming, said after passing the men the first time, he concealed himself and watched them for five minutes. He then went up to them, told the defendants he was a policeman, and asked them their names, which they gave. Afterwards, Wardhaugh followed him and got hold of his coat, and offered to bet him 5s. that he would not be fined.—Cross-examined by Mr. Dickinson: He did not speak to the men when he first saw them. It was after watching them five minutes that he went back to them. He suspected the defendants were playing at pitch and toss when he first saw them, as he heard the jink of money. It was not a fact that he had had any difference with Wardhough. He did not go up to Wardhaugh and say, "I have been looking out for you for some time." It was true that he presented himself at the Town Hall, at the last ball held there, and was refused admittance, but it was not a fact that he said he was a detective in plain clothes. Whilst the defendants were gambling, they were sitting on the side of the road. He was aware that men generally played at pitch and toss standing, but latterly they had taken to sitting. He did not tell Brodie that he would make a case of it.—Frederick Collinson, a young man, said he was walking along Sandy Path on the Sunday afternoon in question when his attention was directed by the constable to the defendants, who were sitting by the side of the road. They were playing at pitch and toss. He saw Brodie throw the money up, and observed money pass between all the defendants.—Cross-examined by Mr. Dickinson: I only saw Brodie throw the money up once. The policeman did not tell Brodie that he would make a case of it. It is not true that the constable referred to what had taken place between him and Wardhaugh at the Town Hall.—Mr. Dickinson said his defence was an absolute denial of the charge. On the afternoon in question, he said, the defendants and a fifth man (Joseph White, on whom the summons had not been served) were out for a walk. They sat down at the place described, and White, who had two coins in his hand, threw them up, but this was all that took place. There was no gambling at all, and the men had no intention of gambling. The policeman, he said had been actuated by motives of revenge against Wardhaugh, who was the secretary to the Shotley Bridge Town Hall Company, and who had prevented him from forcing his way into the ball room without paying.—The Chairman said the magistrates considered the case proved. Defendants were fined 10s. each and costs.

Alleged Assault on a Carrier.—John Walker, cartman, Newcastle, was summoned for assaulting Samuel Mann, carrier between Newcastle and Consett. It seems that on the 17th of August, complainant was in Newcastle with his waggon. Another carrier named Foster travels between Newcastle and Dipton, and on the day in question a dispute arose between Mann and Walker, who had been placed in charge of Foster's waggon that day, as to which of them should be the carrier of a certain parcel. It was alleged that Walker assaulted complainant at Newcastle, again when they reached Fellside, that he renewed the attack between this place and Crookgate, and that he again attacked Mann within a short distance of the last-named village.—The Chairman said it appeared that complainant had brought defendant to the wrong court, the alleged assault having been committed within the Gateshead division. The case would be dismissed, but Mann might, if he chose, summons defendant to the Gateshead court.

LANCHESTER FLOWER SHOW.

The annual show of the above old-established Society took place yesterday (Thursday), in a field which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the committee by Mr. Sanderson, of Manor House. The weather was brilliant, and this, combined with the attractions which the place offers to lovers of rustic scenery, drew a great many people from the surrounding villages. The Newcastle Workhouse Band were present, and played some nice tunes from a platform erected near the showtent. Seats were placed in different parts of the field for the accommodation of the public, and the arrangements altogether reflect credit on Mr. Dunn, the honorary secretary, who on this as on all previous occasions, was assisted by an energetic committee. Some fine pot plants were shown in the open class, Mr. Turner, of Witton Gilbert, coming to the front here, and taking many prizes. The coleus were a fine lot, and the awards of the judges (Mr. Moon, of Blackhill, being placed first and Mr. Turner second) met with general approval as indeed they did in all departments of the show. Amongst the flowers the asters shown by Mr. Hall, Lanchester, were particularly fine, being in fact the best specimens set up in the district this season. The fruit was good in all the classes, apples, pears, plums, and currants being [illegible] and of good size. Lanchester is [illegible] for the size and quality of its vegetable [illegible] might have been expected, the [illegible] this department of the show was [illegible] celery, potatoes, cabbages, cauli[illegible] peas, and beet were fully up to the average of previous years. A very interesting feature of the show was an exhibit of wild flowers, the successful exhibitors being Lumley Musgrove, and Master [illegible] was also a show of [illegible]. The judges were Mr. [illegible] croft Park, and Mr. Pragnall, gardener to R. T. Smith, Esq., Colepike Hall, and their awards will be found below. Great interest was manifested in the sports, which began about three o'clock. The chief event was a steeplechase for horses. Four animals entered, namely, Mr. Forster's Bobbie, Mr. Wall's Robert the Devil, Mr. Murray's Bishop Brigg, and Mr. Handcock's Tanfield Flyer. Mr. Forster's horse had the race in hand from the first, and won easily, Robert the Devil being second. Only two competitors entered for the pole leaping, which was won by Smith, of Durham, who cleared 9ft., P.C. Chalmers, of the Newcastle Police Force, getting second money. The handicap flat race resulted as follows:—1st heat—W. Bainbridge, Lanchester, 7 yards start, 1; R. Moor, Durham, 8, 2; R. Clayton, Sacriston, 10, 3. 2nd heat—W. Woodward, Burnhope, 7, 1; W. Smith, Durham, 7, 2; A. Simpson, Witton Gilbert, 12, 3. 3rd heat—Dunn, Consett, 8, 1; J. Evans, Lanchester, 14, 2. 4th heat—W. Littlefair, Lanchester, 17, 1; J. Grievson, Leadgate, scratch, 2. Final—Dunn 1st, Woodward 2nd, Littlefair 3rd, Bainbridge 4th. Mr. Lindsay acted as starter, and Mr. Brotherhood as referee. Putting the 16lb. shot—P.C. Moir, Newcastle Police Force, 35ft. 8in., 1st; P.C. Chalmers, Newcastle Police Force, 31ft. 10in., 2nd; D. Stobbs, Dipton, 21ft., 3rd. J. Beaumont, J. Wall (Lanchester), and J. Spence (Woodlands), also competed. At one corner of the field a cricket match was played between Lanchester and Sacriston, which resulted in an easy victory for the last-named team.

OPEN CLASS.

Flowers.—Best six pansies, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, Mr. Toward; 3rd, Mr. Leybourne. Best six carnations, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, Mr. Hall. Best twelve dahlias, 1st, Mr. Hall. Best six picotees, 1st, Mr. Turner. Best twelve French marigolds, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, R. Toward; 3rd, W. Hall. Best eight African marigolds, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, R. Toward. Best twelve asters, 1st, W. Hall; 2nd, W. Leybourne; 3rd, Mr. Turner. Best six verbenas, 1st, W. Hall. Best six phloxes, 1st, Mr. Leybourne; 2nd, W. Hall. Best six stocks, 1st, Mr. Hall; 2nd, Mr. Moon; 3rd, W. Leybourne. Three pot plants, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, Mr. John Moon. Three coleus, 1st, Mr. John Moon; 2nd, Mr. Turner; 3rd, Mr. W. Hall. Best two petunias, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, Mr. John Moon. Best three ferns, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, Mr. John Moon. Best two coleus, 1st, Mr. Turner. Best pot liliums, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, Mr. Hall. Best two cockscombs, 1st, Mr. Wm. Hall. Best three balsams, 1st, Mr. John Moon. Best six stove or greenhouse plants, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, Mr. John Moon. Best three tricolor geraniums, 1st, Mr. W. Hall. Best light fuschia, 1st. Mr. John Moon. Best three fuschias, 1st, Mr. John Moon. Best dark fuschia, 1st, Mr. John Moon.

Fruit.—Best collection of fruit, 1st, Mr. Richardson. Best twelve kitchen apples, 1st, Mr. Richardson. Best twelve pears, 1st, Mr. Richardson. Best twelve flavoured plums, 1st, Mr. Richardson; 2nd, Mr. George Garthwaite; 3rd, Mr. Wm. Dixon. Best plate of gooseberries, 1st, George Parker; 2nd, G. Garthwaite; 3rd, R. Toward. Best plate of white currants, 1st, Mr. G. Parker; 2nd, G. Garthwaite; 3rd, R. Toward. Best plate of red currants, 1st, R. Toward; 2nd, W. Dixon; 3rd, G. Parker. Best raspberries, 1st, G. Parker.

Vegetables.—Best celery, 1st, W. Hall; 2nd, W. Dixon; 3rd, R. Toward. Best beet, 1st, W. Dixon; 2nd, Mr. Richardson; 3rd, G. Garthwaite. Best cucumbers, 1st, Mr. Richardson; 2nd, G. Garthwaite; 3rd, Mr. Richardson. Best leeks, 1st, W. Hall; 2nd, R. Toward; 3rd, Mr. Dixon. Best cauliflowers, 1st, Mr. Dixon; 2nd, Mr. Richardson; 3rd, G. Garthwaite. Best parsnips, 1st, Mr. Richardson; 2nd, G. Garthwaite; 3rd, W. Dixon. Best spring onions, 1st, Mr. Richardson; 2nd, G. Garthwaite; 3rd, R. Toward. Best autumn onions, 1st, Mr. Richardson; 2nd, Mr. Turner; 3rd, G. Parker. Best rhubarb, 1st, G. Parker; 2nd, G. Garthwaite; 3rd, W. Hall. Best early cabbages, 1st, Mr. Richardson; 2nd, Mr. Leybourne; 3rd, Mr. Dixon. Best kidney potatoes, 1st, G. Garthwaite; 2nd, G. Parker; 3rd, Mr. Dixon. Best white kidney potatoes, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, Mr. Dixon; 3rd, G. Parker. Best white round potatoes, 1st, G. Parker; 2nd, W. Hall; 3rd, W. Dixon. Best red round potatoes, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, G. Parker; 3rd Mr. Dixon. Best kidney beans, 1st, G. Parker; 2nd, Mr. Richardson; 3rd, G. Garthwaite. Best peas, 1st, Mr. Dixon; 2nd, G. Parker; 3rd, G. Garthwaite. Best beans, 1st, Mr. W. Hall; 2nd, Mr. Richardson; 3rd, G. Parker. Best turnips, 1st, W. Hall; 2nd, R. Toward; 3rd, G. Parker. Best carrots, 1st, Mr. Richardson; 2nd, G. Garthwaite; 3rd, W. Hall. Best scarlet runners, 1st, W. Hall. Best collection of vegetables, 1st, W. Hall; 2nd, Mr. Parker.

AMATEUR CLASS.

Plants.—Best petunia, 1st, W. Dixon; 2nd, no name given; 3rd, W. Hall. Best two pot plants, 1st, Mr. Moon; 2nd, Mr. Turner. Best coleus, 1st, J. Moon; 2nd, Mr. Turner; 3rd, W. Dixon. Best fern, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, J. Moon. Best two zonale geraniums, 1st, J. Turner; 2nd, W. Hall. Best two cockscombs, 1st, W. Dixon; 2nd, W. Hall. Best two balsams, 1st, J. Moon; 2nd, W. Dixon. Best tw fuschias, 1st, J. Moon Best three pot plants, 1st, J. Moon; 2nd, Mr. Turner; 3rd, W. Dixon. Best six pansies, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, G. Garthwaite; 3rd, W. Hall. Best six picotees, 1st, W. Hall. Best six carnations, 1st. Mr. Hall. Best French marigolds, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, Mr. Hall. Best African marigolds, no name on card; 2nd, W. Hall; 3rd, Mr. Turner. Best asters, 1st, W. Hall; 2nd, Mr. Turner. Best verbenas, 1st, W. Hall. Best cut roses, 1st, G. Garthwaite. Best stocks, 1st, W. Hall; 2nd, J. Moon. Best cut flowers, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, Mr. Hall. Best phloxes, 1st, W. Hall; 2nd, Mr. Turner.

Fruit.—Best red currants, 1st, G. Garthwaite; 2nd, W. Dixon; 3rd, W. Hall. Best six dessert apples, 1st, G. Garthwaite. Best pears, 1st, G. Garthwaite; 2nd, Mr. Hall. Best gooseberries, 1st, W. Hall; 2nd, G. Garthwaite. Best kitchen apples, 1st, W. Turner; 2nd, W. Dixon; 3rd, no name on card. Best plums, 1st, W. Dixon; 2nd, Mr. Turner.

Vegetables.—Best white kidney potatoes, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, W. Hall; 3rd, W. Dixon. Best white round potatoes, 1st, W. Hall; 2nd, W. Dixon; 3rd, Henry Dixon. Best red kidney potatoes, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, W. Hall; 3rd, Mr. Garthwaite. Best round potatoes, 1st, Mr. Turner; 2nd, Mr. Hall. Best early cabbages, 1st, G. Garthwaite; no name on second card. Best cauliflowers, 1st, W. Hall; 2nd, Mr. Garthwaite; no name on third card. Best celery, 1st, Mr. Hall; 2nd, W. Dixon. Best turnips, 1st, W. Hall; 2nd, G. Garthwaite; 3rd, W. Dixon. Best spring onions, G. Garthwaite; 2nd, W. Turner; 3rd, Mr. Hall. Best carrots, 1st, G. Garthwaite; 2nd, W. Hall. Best tripoli onions, 1st, G. Garthwaite; 2nd, W. Hall; 3rd, Mr. Turner. Best beans, 1st, W. Hall; 2nd, Mr. Turner; 3rd, Mr. Garthwaite. Best leeks, 1st, Mr. Hall; 2nd, Mr. Garthwaite. Best beet, 1st, G. Garthwaite; 2nd, W. Dixon; 3rd, Mr. Turner. Best parsnips, 1st, W. Dixon; 2nd, Mr. Hall; 3rd, Mr. Garthwaite. Best cucumbers, 1st, G. Garthwaite; 2nd, W. Hall; 3rd, W. Dixon. Best French beans, 1st, G. Garthwaite; 2nd, W. Turner; 3rd, Mr. Wilson. Best red cabbage, 1st, G. Garthwaite; 2nd, Mr. Dixon; 3rd, Henry Dixon. Best scar[illegible] 1st, W. Hall. [illegible] rhubarb, 1st, G. Ga[illegible] 2nd, Mr. Dixon; 3rd, Mr. Hall. Best colle[illegible] vegetables, 1st, G. Garthwaite; 2nd, W. Hall.

COTTAGERS' CLASS.

[illegible] two [illegible] 1st, Mrs. Leybourne; [illegible] Brown; 2nd, [illegible] 1st, R. Toward; [illegible] geranium, 1st, W. [illegible] 1st, W. Brown; [illegible] Mrs. Leybourne. Best variegated geranium 1st, R. Toward; 2nd, W. Brown; 3rd, Mrs. Leybourne. Best hand bouquet, 1st, R. Toward; 2nd Mrs. Leybourne; 3rd, W. Brown. Best astesr, 1st Mrs. Leybourne; 2nd, W. Brown; 3rd, R. Toward. Best stocks, 1st, Mrs. Leybourne; 2nd, Ralph Toward; 3rd, William Brown. Best phloxes, 1st, Mrs. Leybourne; 2nd, William Brown; 3rd, R. Toward. Best pansies, 1st, Ralph Toward; 2nd, Mrs. Leybourne; 3rd, William Brown. Best cockscombs, 1st, R. Toward. Best petunia. 1st, R. Toward. Best balsam, 1st, Mrs. Leybourne; 2nd, R. Toward. Best cut flowers, 1st, W. Brown; 2nd, R. Toward; 3rd, Mrs. Leybourne. Best French marigolds, 1st, Mrs. Leybourne; 2nd, R. Toward; 3rd, W. Brown. Best African marigolds, 1st, R. Toward; 2nd, W. Brown; 3rd, Mrs. Leybourne. Best gladioli, 1st, R. Toward.

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Butter.—Mrs. Sanderson, Manor House; 2nd, Mrs. Musgrove, Lanchester.

Best collection of wild fruit and wild flowers, Master Lumley Musgrove; 2nd, W. Lovatt.

Markets.

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Beasts, prime heifers, per stone	9s 3d to 9s 6d
Secondary sorts	6s 3d .. 7s 3d
First-class oxen	9s 0d .. 9s 3d
Middling	6s 6d .. 7s 0d
Cows and inferior	5s 6d .. 6s 6d
Pork	5s 9d .. 8s 9d
Sheep (good vendable wedders) per lb ..	9d .. 9½d
Middling	8d .. 8½d
Lambs	7½d .. 9½d

Newcastle Hay and Straw, Tuesday.—Old land hay, £4 0s 0d to £6 0s; this year's growth, £3 0s to £4 10s 0d; new land hay, £5 0s to £7 5s; this year's growth, £3 10s to £6 0s per ton; wheat straw, 1s 4d to 1s 9d; barley straw, 0s 0d to 0s 0d; oat straw, 1s 3d to 1s 0d per threave. Carts of hay at market, 110; carts of straw, 40.

Hexham Corn Market, Tuesday.—Supplies of grain moderate at our market to-day, with only a thin attendance. Wheat, in good condition, made 48s per qr Barley, 33s 6d; new oats, 32s per qr.

Hexham Provision. Tuesday.—Butter, 1s 5d to 1s 7d per lb; eggs 10 to 12 for 1s; chickens, 1s 9d to 2s 3d; ducks, 2s 0d to 2s 6d; rabbits, 2s to 2s 2d per couple; potatoes, 6d; onions 1s 0d to 1s 8d per stone; cabbages, 1d each; green peas, 1s 4d per peck; gooseberries, 0d to 0d per quart; plums, 2½d to 4d per quart; red currants, 6d per quart; lemons, 2d each; grapes, 6d to 1s 3d per lb; apples, 1s 10d to 2s 3d per stone; flour, extra superfines, 2s 6d; superfines, 2s 4d; fines 2s 2d; maslin, 2s, oatmeal, 2s 4d to 2s 6d per stone.

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Complimentary.—A deputation from the Ebchester lodge of the Independant Order of Good Templars, waited upon the Rev. J. H. Cadman last Tuesday evening, and presented him with a copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the lodge on Monday last; and of which the following is a copy:—Resolved that being pleased to observe the untiring zeal and energy with which the Rev. J. H. Cadman has devoted himself to the work of his high calling, during his two years stay in the Shotley Bridge circuit, we, with extreme gratification, record our high estimate of the same, that we greatly regret the fact of his going from our midst, and the consequent loss of support which the temperance movement in our immediate neighbourhood sustains. And our earnest prayer is that he may long be spared and endowed with power to continue with unabating fervency his Divine Mission in other divisions of "The great field of labour." Further resolved that a copy of the above resolution be presented to the Rev. Mr. Cadman, and also that a copy be forwarded to the Rev. W. Hirst, chairman of the Newcastle district.

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OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

A Parliamentary sitting—of the Commons of course—lasting upwards of twent[illegible] consecutive hours is no longer a curiosity. [illegible] nell, T. P. O'Conner, A. O'Con[illegible] gan, Callan, and Co. in the House, [illegible] this sort of thing. It is sad to find [illegible] Justin McCarthy mixed up with an absu[illegible] tent set. It is curious to find Mr. O'Donnell [illegible] Mr. Shaw holding aloof from it. Their names are not to be found on the side of the nocturnal obstructionists in the first of the nine divisions which, to the disgust of all proper-minded citizens, friends of Ireland included, occupied the sleepless attention of a harrassed Parliament. Let the advocates of the cause which the ill-conditioned Irish party profess to have at heart say what they please, it is clear that their policy is one of brute obstruction. They are sapping the foundations of freedom of discussion by their insensate conduct. They are steadily destroying the privileges which belong to Parliamentary minorities, and the protection which the *lex non scripta* of these extends to crotchety advocates of unpopular measures. When the indignation of the junior member for Northampton is provoked, and Mr. Courtney feels it incumbent upon him to sound a note of warning, it is high time the Irish "patriots" in the House of Commons paused in their wild career. Ireland suffers vastly more from the effects of their representatives in the House of Commons to secure her liberties and promote her prosperity than she is ever likely to suffer from the doings of the most oppressively-evicting landlords that ever turned out tenant.

The *Daily News* had a happy illustration the other day in comparing the "Fourth Party" of Tory obstructives to the *Trois mousquetaires* of Dumas, representing three heroes of the filibustering type, to whom a fourth is added, and whose adventures as bravos of the old school form the plot of the story. Mr. Gorst, Mr. Balfour, Sir D. Wolff, and Lord Randolph Churchill and our modern musketeers, and their crack-brained speeches and hectoring ways are the price we must pay for the success of the Liberals in wresting power at last from the do-nothings of the Conservative party.

Lord Brabourne's opposition to the Employers' Liability Bill must make Mr. Gladstone ask himself, why reward a weak-kneed follower with a peerage, and thus set him free to raise all kinds of factious opposition to measures which, as long as he was in the House of Commons, he would not dare to oppose. A seat in the Upper House is supposed to be an invalid's chair; but as a vantage-ground for safe opposition it is a base requital of favours.

The cruise of the "Grantully Castle" will be almost historic. A Premier already past-three-score years and ten, after a somewhat serious illness, is recommended by his physicians to take a sea-voyage; a large mail steamer is lent to him for the trip; and, instead of going to the Mediterranean he elects to make the tour of the coasts of the British Isles. It may safely be said that no English Premier ever did such a thing before; and it is a voyage which very few, even of the most travelled men have performed. It is, nevertheless, a route of extraordinary interest and beauty; and if, just as there are regular steamers round the Isle of Wight, there were a stated service round the British isles during the summer months, there can be no doubt that it would become the most popular of excursions. The "Grantully Castle" carries a large and pleasant party of the Premier's and Mr. Donald Currie's private friends, and thus the social enjoyments of a yachting excursion are agreeably united with the space and substantial comfort of a large ocean steamer. The details of Mr. Gladstone's route and the names of the ports at which he will stop have been discreetly withheld from the public. Were it otherwise, a convalescent's trip would be turned into a political progress. The reception of the Premier at Gravesend, Falmouth, and Kingston was a sufficient indication of what might be expected elsewhere. Premiers have not even the privacy of Princes. They cannot travel *incognito*. Mr. Gladstone, though so much better, looks much paler and thinner than his wont.

What are the Pessimists after, sending us such alarming telegrams from Bombay which are contradicted next day? Saturday we were full of anxiety on account of a revolt of the Khan of Khelat's troops, which turns out to be a trifling affair greatly exaggerated; and now we know that Ayoub himself is in full retreat, and our only fear is that Roberts will not be able to come up with him and catch him between two fires.

The anniversary of Sedan on Thursday next would have passed off without any public mark of rejoicing, but for these two deplorable incidents coming so soon the one after the other. In the first place, the Gambetta speech at Cherbourg, and, then, that explosion of anti-German feeling at Copenhagen when Baron Magnus toasted France in the person of Sarah Bernhardt. The result of the bad blood raised by these silly outbursts of cheap sentimentality are incalulable, and it may be some years before Sedan is as forgotten as Waterloo. The French have to blame themselves for keeping these memories alive.

Tragedy passes into comedy all too easily in Ireland. The Kilbary eviction case, which nearly led to civil war in Tipperary, has ended in a champagne lunch and a toasting all round of landlord by tenant, bailiff by Ribbon man, and the police by their noble selves. The compromise of a reduced rent and a loan from the Board of Works for drainage would have sufficed for the Saxon; but the Celt is nothing if not demonstrative. Hence the lunch and the toasts all round, and to cap the joke the plaintiff's solicitor, Mr. Reeves, was escorted to the station by the brass band of the village the same bandsmen who had piped to the reapers who disguised in mask illegally cut down the corn. Certainly Erin loves a laugh if at her own expense.

Whatever may be the personal result of the dreary proceedings in relation to the Wimbledon Marking Scandal (an investigation which ought once and for all to put an end to the absurd system of taking evidence at a Court Martial), the affair is instructive in so far as it has revealed to the general public the inner life of the national society whose attractive encampment takes place once a year on the world-famous Common. Admirable as is much of the machinery there in operation, there is a great deal of it which is clumsy and out of date. And there are certain methods of carrying on the business of the shooting which are less suggestive, on the part of the originators, of the wisdom of the serpent than they are of the guilelessness of the dove. Little or no account would appear to have been taken of the mere "pot-hunter," when the rules and regulations of the Association were framed; and yet there can be no doubt that the mere "pot-hunter" is at Wimbledon a very important personage inded. One thing has not come out in the evidence, and one is glad it has not: I mean statements that would go to suggest the extensive prevalence of betting on the shooting. That there is betting goes without saying. We are a speculatively gambling nation. It is satisfactory to know that there is very little of it, comparatively speaking, at Wimbledon. It is less satisfactory to find that crack-shot farming is a custom less "honoured in the breach than the observance" at Wimbledon—and elsewhere. It is obvious that all practices of this description should be discountenanced. Let *the individual* wither, and the *corps* be more and more, the annual gathering of the National Association will be the gainer.

In spite of agrarian agitation, Ireland still presents attractions to holiday-makers, one of whom writes to me from the South-West: "I would recommend all visitors to Killarney, if they desire to see some of the finest scenery in the world, to visit this famed district by way of Cork. Mr. A. Co[illegible], the courteous manager of the Cork and Bandon Line, will give every information to intending tourists. One spot, a perfect paradise on earth, should not be missed. Midway between Cork and Killarney, in the Bantry Bay, nestled in the midst [illegible] the wildest and grandest scenery imaginable, is [illegible] called Glengarriff. Eccles's Hotel is one of [illegible] the United Kingdom, and for the weary [illegible] professional man is the place above all others to re[illegible] E[illegible] visitor is astonished to find so many [illegible] comforts and refinements in the midst of a picturesque wilderness."

BENFIELDSIDE FLOWER SHOW.

The third annual exhibition of the Benfieldside Floral, Horticultural, and Poultry Show was held on Saturday, in a field adjoining Ritson's road, commanding an extensive and charming view of the Derwent Vale. The weather was fine throughout, and, considering the numerous attractions of a similar nature held in the district the same day, the promoters of this rising society have every reason to be satisfied with the attendance of the public, the receipts, we understand, being slightly over what was taken last year. The greenhouse plants and flowers, as well as the horticultural produce, were set up in a spacious marquee, where they were seen to great advantage. The competition was keenest in the open class, where some magnificent plants were shown by Mr. Thirlwell, Mr. Moon, Mr. Ainsworth, and other gentlemen residing in the immediate locality. There was a very fine display of vegetables in all the classes. In the open and amateurs' classes, Mr. J. C. Murray, of Dipton, had some gigantic potatoes, which attracted considerable attention, one of them, a kidney, measuring 6¼in. in length. The judges were Mr. Robson and Mr. Cook, and their awards, which will be found below, were accepted on all hands with satisfaction. The poultry show was held in a separate marquee, and was admitted on all sides to have been the most successful that the Society have yet had. The birds were in fine plumage, but they would have been seen to greater advantage if the marquee in which they were shown had been larger. Mr. Shield of Swalwell, was the judge in this department. His decisions, which are appended, met with universal approval. There was a bicycle race, which was won by Mr. Siddell, Mr. Osborne being second. The Blackhill Teetotal Brass Band were present, and their playing was much admired.

AMATEURS' CLASS.

PLANTS.

Two stove or greenhouse plants in bloom (dissimilar), G. Ainsworth 1st, J. Moon 2nd, J. Thirlwell 3rd.
One fine foliage plant, J. Thirlwell 1st, J. Moon 2nd, G. Ainsworth 3rd.
Two fuschias (dissimilar), J. Moon 1st, J. Potts 2nd, J. Thirlwell 3rd.
Two balsams, J. Moon 1st, G. Ainsworth 2nd.
One single petunia, J. Thirlwell 1st.
One double petunia, J. Potts 1st.
One pot of liliums, G. Ainsworth 1st, J. Potts 3rd.
Two zonale geraniums (dissimilar), J. Potts 1st.
Two coleus (dissimilar), J. Moon 1st, G. Ainsworth 2nd, J. Thirlwell 3rd.
Three British ferns (dissimilar), J. Thirlwell 1st, G. Ainsworth 2nd.
Three exotic ferns (distinct genra), J. Moon 1st, G. Ainsworth 2nd, J. Thirlwell 3rd.

FLOWERS.

Four cut roses, J. Thirlwell 1st.
Twelve French asters, J. C. Murray 1st, J. Moon 2nd, J. Potts 3rd.
Twelve globe asters, J. C. Murray 1st, J. Potts 2nd.
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Six spikes of phloxes (dissimilar), J. Thirlwell 1st.
Four stocks, J. Moon 1st.
Four stands herbaceous flowers (dissimilar), J. Thirlwell 1st, G. Ainsworth 2nd.
Four stands of cut flowers, J. Thirlwell 1st, G. Ainsworth 2nd.
Six stands of cut flowers, each stand one variety, J. Thirlwell 1st, G. Ainsworth 2nd.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes J. C. Murray 1st, G. Bainbridge 2nd.
Six round potatoes, J. C. Murray 1st, G. Bainbridge 2nd.
Two early cabbages, George Renton 1st, George Bainbridge 2nd.
Three early turnips, G. Bainbridge 1st, J. C. Murray 2nd.
Three carrots, G. Bainbridge 1st.
Three parsnips, J. Thirlwell 1st, J. C. Murray 2nd.
Thirty-six pods of peas, G. Renton 1st, G. Bainbridge 2nd.
Twelve pods of beans, G. Bainbridge 1st, G. Ainsworth 2nd.
Four leeks, J. C. Murray 1st.
Two heads of celery, J. C. Murray 1st.
Three roots of beet, J. C. Murray 1st, J. Thirlwell 2nd.

EXTRA PRIZES.

For best collection of vegetables grown within three miles of Benfieldside Station (open to cottagers only), 1st, bottle of brandy (given by Mr. R. Murray), T. Snowdon, 2nd, bottle of rum, Jno. Surtees.

Five stones of best flour, by Mr. Morton, Newcastle, for best floral device (open to all), G. Ainsworth 1st.

An excellent ham, by Mr. James Pallister, Blackhill, for the best mechanical design (open to all) Jon. Maxwell 1st.

For the best collection of vegetables, grown in the town of Benfieldside, the boundaries to be the Tinmill, Highgate, and Number One including Durham Road, Cemetery Road, and Foundry Row (prizes given by Mr. Thomas Simpson, Newcastle), 1st, 5s, George Renton, 2nd, 3s, G. Bainbridge, 3rd, 2s, Wm. Burkitt.

For a bunch of cut flowers, a watering pan (given by Mr. William Strachan) Jno. Thorpe 1st.

For the best three leeks, grown within three miles of the miners' Arms, Highgate, 5s (given by Mr. Robson), T. Snowdon 1st.

A spade (by Mr. Joshua Lax, Shotley Bridge) for six bottles of hardy annuals, amateurs' and cottagers' class, Jno. Thorpe 1st.

For the best window plant, any variety, grown by cottagers in the employ of the Consett Iron Company. To be grown in the window at least two months prior to the day of show. Prizes given by Mr. Thomas Siddell, 1st, 7s 6d, J. Egglestone, 2nd, 2s 6d, G. Hunter.

BUTTER.

For the best two pounds of butter, one salted and one fresh. 1st, 10s (given by Messrs. Eltringham and Bainbridge), Mrs. Martin, 2nd, 5s (given by Mrs. Wilson, Derwent Street, Benfieldside), Rippon Wilson.

EGGS.

For the best six hen eggs, 1st, a pocket Bible (given by Mr. Proud), Henry Bell, 2nd, a small card basket (given by Mr. Mews, Benfieldside), J. G. Sowerby, Gateshead.

For best collection of vegetables (specific), a leg of mutton, given by Mr. Wilson, butcher, 1st, G. Bainbridge.

COTTAGERS' CLASS.

PLANTS.

One light fuschia, Wm. Brown 1st, J. Egglestone 2nd.
One single petunia in pot, T. Snowdon 1st, Wm. Wilson 2nd.
One double petunia in pot, T. Barron 1st, T. Snowdon 2nd.
One pot plant in bloom, T. Snowdon 1st, Wm. Brown 2nd, T. Barron 3rd.
One dark fuschia, Wm. Brown 1st.
One coleus, Wm. Brown 1st, James Wright 2nd.
One balsam, T. Barron 1st, G. Hunter 2nd.
Two zonale geraniums in bloom, Wm. Brown 1st, G. Hunter 2nd, S. Hull 3rd.

FLOWERS.

Four dahlia blooms (dissimilar), show varieties, Wm. Wilson 1st, G. Hunter 2nd.
Six French asters, J. Jamison 1st, R. Lee 2nd.
Six globe asters, J. Jamison 1st, Wm. Wilson 2nd.
Six French marigolds, Wm. Wilson 1st, Jno. Thorpe 2nd.
Four stands of cut flowers, T. Barron 1st.
Three spikes of phloxes (dissimilar), Jno. Thorpe 1st, W. Wilson 2nd.
Three stands of herbaceous flowers (dissimilar), Jno. Thorpe 1st, T. Barron 2nd.
Three stocks, G. Hunter 1st, J. Jamison 2nd.
Six African marigolds J. Jamison 1st.
Three British ferns (dissimilar), T. Barron 1st, Jno. Thorpe 2nd.
Three gladoli spikes (dissimilar) T. Barron 1st.
Three stands of cut flowers, each stand one variety, T. Barron 1st.

VEGETABLES.

Three early turnips, Jno. Thorpe, 1st, R. Lee 2nd.
Three carrots, R. B. Postle, 1st, J. Jamison 2nd.
Two early cabbages, T. Snowdon 1st, S. Hull 2nd.
Six onions, spring-sown, exhibited as grown (tripoli excepted), Wm. Wilson 1st, R. Lee 2nd.
Three parsnips, J. Jamison 1st, T. Snowdon 2nd.
Six kidney potatoes, T. Snowdon 1st, J. Jamison 2nd.
Six round potatoes, T. Snowdon 1st, John Dixon 2nd.
Twelve pods of beans, Wm. Wilson, 1st, W. Burkitt 2nd.
Twenty-four pods of peas, T. Snowdon, 1st, William Wilson 2nd.
Three leeks, William Wilson 1st, R. Lee 2nd.
Three roots of beet, R. Lee 1st, Wm. Wilson 2nd.
One cauliflower, T. Snowdon 1st, Wm. Wilson 2nd.
Two heads of celery, William Wilson 1st, J. Bulman 2nd.
One red cabbage, R. Lee 1st, John Surtees 2nd.

OPEN CLASS.

PLANTS.

Three stove or greenhouse plants, dissimilar, in bloom, J. Thirlwell 1st, J. Moon 2nd, G. Ainsworth 3rd.
Two fine foliage plants, dissimilar, J. Thirlwell 1st, G. Ainsworth 2nd, J. Moon 3rd.
Three fuschias, J. Moon 1st.
Pot of liliums, Wm. Wilson 1st, J. Thirlwell 2nd, M. Redshaw 3rd.
One single and one double petunia, Wm. Brown 1st, M. Redshaw 2nd.
Two balsams, J. Moon 1st, G. Ainsworth 2nd.
Two zonale geraniums, in 10in. pots, dissimilar, Wm. Brown 1st, M. Redshaw 2nd, J. Potts 3rd.
Three tricolour geraniums, dissimilar, Wm. Brown 1st, J. Thirlwell 2nd.
Three plants, suitable for table decoration, in 6in pots, dissimilar, G. Ainsworth 1st, J. Thirlwell 2nd.
Three British ferns, distinct genera, J. Thirlwell 1st, J. Thorpe 2nd, G. Ainsworth 3rd.
Three exotic ferns, distinct genera, J. Thirlwell 1st, G. Ainsworth 2nd.

FLOWERS.

Six dahlia blooms, dissimilar, show varieties, M. Redshaw 1st, John Jamison 2nd, J. C. Murray 3rd.
Six cut roses, six varieties, M. Redshaw 1st, Joseph Robinson 2nd, John Thorpe 3rd.
Six penstemons, dissimilar, Joseph Robinson 1st.
Twelve French asters, J. C. Murray 1st, J. Jamison 2nd.
Twelve globe asters, J. C. Murray 1st, John Jamison 2nd, Wm. Wilson 3rd.
Six phloxes, dissimilar, J. Robinson 1st, Wm. Wilson 2nd, M. Redshaw 3rd.
Six herbaceous flowers, dissimilar, J. Thorpe 1st, T. Barron 2nd, Wm. Wilson 3rd.
Six stands of cut flowers, M. Redshaw 1st.
Best floral decoration for dinner table, G. Ainsworth 1st.
Six stands of cut flowers, each stand one variety, J. Thirlwell 1st.

VEGETABLES.

Four heads celery, two white and two red, G. Renton 1st, R. B. Postle 2nd.
Brace of cucumbers, Joseph Robinson 1st, J. Potts 2nd.
Three roots of beet, John Surtees 1st, R. Lee 2nd.
Six kidney potatoes, J. C. Murray 1st, Wm. Wilson 2nd.
Six round potatoes, J. C. Murray 1st, Wm. Wilson 2nd.
Two cauliflowers, R. Lee 1st, Joseph Robinson 2nd.
Thirty-six pods of peas, Joseph Robinson 1st, Wm. Wilson, 2nd.
Twenty-four pods of kidney beans, Jos. Robinson 1st, R. Lee, 2nd.
Two red cabbages, M. Redshaw 1st.
Twelve summer onions, tripoli excepted, Wm. Wilson 1st, R. B. Postle 2nd.

POULTRY.

CLASS 1—Cock and hen, Spanish, any variety, 1st, M. Anderson, Delves Lane, Consett; 2nd, James Boston, 33, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle; h c, Thomas Gibson, Blackhill.
CLASS 2—Cock and hen, dorking, any variety, no 1st; 2nd, J. G. Sowerby, Ravenshill, Gateshead.
CLASS 3—Cock and hen, cochin china, any variety, 1st, J. G. Sowerby, Ravenshill, Gateshead; 2nd, Henry Hedley, Low Fell, Gateshead; h c, John Brown, Dipton.
CLASS 4—Cock and hen, brahma, any variety, 1st, J. G. Sowerby, Ravenshill, Gateshead; 2nd, Henry Hedley, Low Fell, Gateshead.
CLASS 5—Cock and hen, game, black or brown reds, no 1st; 2nd, Joseph Young, Shildon; h c, A. and J. Bell, Edmondbyers.
CLASS 6—Cock and hen, game, any other variety, 1st, Matthew Clark, Ryton-on-Tyne; 2nd, John Wardle, West Wylam.
CLASS 7—Cock, game, any other variety, 1st, William Stephenson, Lilly Cottages, Dipton; 2nd, James Morpeth, Dipton.
CLASS 8—Cock and hen, golden spangled, Hamburg, 1st, C. and J. Close, Tanfield; 2nd, John Brown, Dipton.
CLASS 9—Cock and hen, silver spangled, Hamburg, 1st, Edward Ward, High Vickly, Cockfield; Mary Ann Heslop, Ebchester; h c, Henry Surtees, Edmondbyers; h c, A. Charlton, Snows Green.
CLASS 11—Cock and hen, silver-pencilled Hamburg, no 1st; 2nd, A. and J. Bell, Edmondbyers.
CLASS 12—Cock and hen, game bantam, 1st, Thomas Pickering, Tantobie; 2nd, John Wardle, West Wylam; h c, James Morpeth, Dipton.
CLASS 13—Cock and hen, game bantam, any other variety, 1st, John Wardle, West Wylam.
CLASS 14—Cock and hen, any breed not mentioned above, 1st, George Nichol, Delves Lane, Consett; 2nd, J. G. Sowerby, Ravenshill, Gateshead; v h c, George Nichol, Delves Lane, Consett.
CLASS 15—Couple of hens, any variety, 1st, H. Hedley, Low Fell, Gateshead; 2nd, Jas. Morpeth, Dipton; extra 2nd, Wm. Stephenson, Dipton.
CLASS 16—Drake and duck, Aylesbury, 1st, J. G. Sowerby, Ravenshill, Gateshead; 2nd, Robert Oliver, Shotley Field; h c, do, do.
CLASS 17—Drake and duck, rouen, J. G. Sowerby, Ravenshill, Gateshead; 2nd, Wm. Walson, Tanfield; h c, E. Lovat, Medomsley.
CLASS 18—Gander and goose, 1st, Robert Oliver, Shotley Field; John Hedley Elliot, Bridge Hill.

PIGEONS.

CLASS 19—Dragon cock or hen, 1st, Joseph Young, Shildon; 2nd, Wm. Taylor, Shotley Bridge; h c, John Pescod, Number One; v h c, John Morpeth, Dipton.
CLASS 20—Antwerp cock and hen, 1st, Richard Walker, Consett; 2nd, Henry Dixon, Loud Cottages, Annfield Plain; h c, do., do.
CLASS 21—Fantail cock or hen, 1st, John Spragon, Shotley Bridge; Wm Taylor, Shotley Bridge.
CLASS 22—Jacobin cock or hen, 1st, J. G. Sowerby, Ravenshill, Gateshead; 2nd, John Brown, Dipton; h c, Wm. Taylor, Shotley Bridge.
CLASS 23—Cock or hen, any other variety, 1st, Wm. Taylor, Shotley Bridge; 2nd, do., do.; extra 2nd, Joseph Young, Shildon; v h c, do., do.; h c, Thomas Pickering, Tantobie.
CLASS 24—Best canary, in cage, 1st, Thomas Lee, Blackfine; 2nd, Pat Owens, Consett; h c, Geo. Farrage, Blackhill.
CLASS 25—Best cage of canaries, containing four birds, 1st, Thomas Lee, Blackfine; 2nd, Squire Hull, Consett; v h c, George Farrage, Blackhill; v h c, John Dickinson, Railway Terrace, Blackhill; v h c, Patrick Owen, Blackhill.

KYO FLOWER SHOW.

On Saturday last, the above show was held in a field near Catchgate, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Joseph Irwin. The day was very dull and foggy, but nevertheless, there was a very good attendance, and the receipts at the gate were quite satisfactory. The flowers were in great abundance and in most beautiful foliage, while the vegetables, &c., were a credit to the district. There were a good many entries in all classes, notwithstanding the prizes were regulated by the receipts, and might have been a failure. The South Derwent Brass Band was in attendance during the afternoon and played selections of music in a manner that thrilled the soul, and the youthful visitors had rather a hard time of it—trying to keep their legs from running away with them—as they wanted to reserve their strength for the ball which was held in the marquee, after the show The attendance at the ball was very good, and dancing was kept up till a late hour, as the dancers never seemed to have had sufficient. A cricket match was played in the afternoon between the Tanfield and Catchgate clubs, which resulted in an easy victory for the latter club, although the scoring on either side was not very good. Appended is the score:—

CATCHGATE.		TANFIELD.	
R. Lawther, b D. Temple	0	D. Temple, b R. Carroll	1
F. Hart, b Jewitt	0	A. Temple, b do.	2
A. Carroll, c Taylor	0	C. Remy, c Hart, b do.	0
J. Robinson, b A. Temple	4	W. Taylor, c Carroll, b Lawther	1
W. Simpson, b do.	0	C. Pringle, sen., c Robinson, b Carroll	0
W. T. Simpson, b do	10	T. Jewitt, run out	4
E. Carroll, b do	0	W. Brown, h w	1
S. Smith, c Fawcett	5	C. Fawcett, b Carroll	0
W. C. Murray, not out	8	M. Coulson, b do.	1
J. Dodds, b D. Temple	0	T. Laidler, b Lawther	0
W. Hardy, run out	4	C. Pringle, jun., not out	0
Extras	5	Extras	0
Total	36	Total	10

There was very little done in the way of sports. A 120yds. handicap foot race was run, and we were surprised to see such running, and have no doubt that Kyo and district will turn out some very good men. There was also a foot-race for boys under fourteen years of age. There was a very good entry in this race, and some excellent running was done by the boys. Among the most prominent amusements were our old acquaintance "Aunt Sally," with its noisy proprietor, and the much-loved game, "Kiss-in-the ring," in which a large number took part. We are very glad to say that the show was in every way a great success, and great praise is due to the members of the committee for their taste in arranging the articles that they could all be seen, and not crowding them on, as we have seen at some shows. Below will be seen the result of the judging, which was done by the following gentlemen:—

Flowers and plants: Mr. Richardson, nurseryman, Ebchester.
Vegetables: Mr. George Humble, Harperley Lodge.
Farmers' class: Messrs. R. Wheatley and Joseph Irwin, sen.
Butter and eggs: Messrs. M. Handy and R. Wheatley.

AMATEURS' CLASS.

STAND FLOWERS.

Three stove or greenhouse plants in bloom, R. Kirsopp 1st, William Anderson 2nd, Wm. Ambler 3rd.
One pot of liliums, R. Kirsopp 1st.
Two Fuschias, dissimilar, Wm. Anderson 1st.
Two Petunias, dissimilar, George Ledger 1st, John Scott 2nd.
Two tricolor geraniums, dissimilar, Joseph Robinson 1st, R. Kirsopp 2nd.
Two balsams, dissimilar, John Anderson 1st, Wm. Ambler 2nd.
Two foliage plants, Jos. Robinson 1st, John Anderson 2nd, Wm. Anderson 3rd.
Three ferns, R. Kirsopp 1st, Jos. Robinson 2nd.
Four Gladioli, dissimilar, G. R. Hobson 1st.
Six dahlias dissimilar, R. Kirsopp 1st, William Ambler 2nd.
Six blooms of roses Wm. Anderson 1st.
Six Pentstemons, dissimilar, R. Kirsopp 1st.
Six French asters, dissimilar, J. Ward 1st, G. Bullerwell 2nd.
Six globe asters, dissimilar, Geo. Ledger 1st, J. Ward 2nd.
Six African marigolds, John Ward 1st, Wm. Ambler 2nd.
Six French marigolds, John Ward 1st, William Ambler 2nd.
Twelve pansies, dissimilar, R. Kirsopp 1st, John Ward 2nd.
Six picotees, dissimilar, Jos. Robinson 1st.
Four stands of cut flowers, John Scott 1st, Joseph Robinson 2nd.
Four stocks, dissimilar, John Anderson 1st, F. Hardy 2nd.
Two cockscombs, John Anderson 1st, William Ambler 2nd.

FRUIT.

Basket fruit, J. Robinson 1st.
Six kitchen apples, G. R. Hobson 1st.
Six desert apples, G. R. Hobson 1st.
Pint Gooseberries, flavoured, G. R. Hobson 1st, Thos. Ridley 2nd.
Six heaviest gooseberries, Thomas Ridley 1st, G. R. Hobson 2nd.
Pint red currants, John Brewis 1st, Thomas Ridley 2nd.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes, white, John Ward 1st, R. Kirsopp 2nd.
Six kidney potatoes, coloured, William Ambler 1st, J. Scott 2nd.
Six round potatoes, white, R. Kirsopp 1st, J. Ward 2nd.
Six round potatoes, coloured, Thomas Ridley 1st, J. Ward 2nd.
Two cucumbers, John Anderson 1st, G. R. Hobson 2nd.
Three turnips, John Jennings 1st, Geo. Ledger 2nd.
Six summer onions, shown as grown, John Brewis 1st, John Dawson 2nd.
Six winter onions, shown as grown, Thos. Ridley 1st, G. R. Hobson 2nd.
Three leeks, George Ledger 1st, Wm. Simpson 2nd.
Three carrots P. Kay 1st, J. Ward 2nd.
Three parsnips, G. R. Hobson 1st, Joseph Robinson 2nd.
Three roots beet, R. Kirsopp 1st, J. Ward 2nd.
Two plants celery, Jos. Ward 1st, G. Bullerwell 2nd.
One early cabbage, George Ledger 1st, G. R. Hobson 2nd.
One red cabbage, J. Jennings 1st, G. R. Hobson 2nd.
One savoy cabbage, John Scott 1st, P. Kay 2nd.
One cauliflower, P. Kay 1st, Wm. Ambler 2nd.
Twelve pods beans, G. R. Hobson 1st, Jos. Ward 2nd.
Twelve pods peas, R. Kirsopp 1st, J. Dawson 2nd.
One Scotch cabbage, John Dawson 1st, John French 2nd.
Twelve eschallotts, Thomas Ridley 1st, Joseph Robinson 2nd.
Three stalks rhubarb, John Ward 1st, P. Kay 2nd.
Collection of vegetables, six varieties—John Ward 1st, Jos. Robinson 2nd.

FARMERS' CLASS.

Six ears white wheat, John French 1st.
Six ears red wheat, George Laws 1st, John French 2nd.
Six ears barley, John French 1st, Geo. Laws 2nd.
Six ears early oats, short, John French 1st, George Laws 2nd.
Six ears tartar oats, John Fenwick 1st, Jos. Watson 2nd.
Three swedes, Jos. Watson 1st, Geo. Laws 2nd
Three yellow turnips, George Laws 1st, John French 2nd.
Three white turnips, Jos. Watson 1st.
Six white potatoes, Jos. Watson 1st.
Six hen eggs, Jos. Hall 1st.
Pound butter, Jos. Hall 1st, Geo. Laws 2nd.

COTTAGERS' CLASS.

PLANTS.

Two stove or greenhouse plants, in bloom, Joseph Robinson 1st, Wm. Anderson 2nd.
Two fuschias, dissimilar, R. Kirsopp.
One light fuschia, R. Kirsopp 1st.
One dark fuschia, R. Kirsopp 1st, J. Newall 2nd.
One pot of liliums, R. Kirsopp 1st, William Ambler 2nd.
One lilium auratum, Joseph Robinson 1st.
Two zonales in pots, Joseph Robinson 1st, John Scott 2nd.
One tricolor, Joseph Robinson 1st, R. Kirsopp 2nd.
One double scarlet geranium, George Ledger 1st Wm Ambler 2nd.
One balsam, John Anderson 1st, William Anderson 2nd.
Six antor liliums, William Anderson 1st, George Ledger 2nd.

FLOWERS.

Three cut roses, R. Kirsopp 1st, William Simpson 2nd.
Six dahlias, dissimilar, R. Kirsopp 1st, Joseph Robinson 2nd.
Three gladoli, dissimilar, John Anderson 1st.
Six French asters, John Burnop 1st, John Brewis 2nd
Six globe asters, George Ledger 1st, John Scott 2nd.
Six French marigolds, John Ward 1st, Jos. Robinson 2nd.
Six African marigolds, John Scott 1st, George Ledger 2nd.
Four stocks, dissimilar, John Scott 1st, D. Armstrong 2nd.
Six pansies, dissimilar, John Ward 1st, Jos Robinson 2nd, R. Kirsopp 3rd.
Six Picotees, three dissimilar, Jos Robinson 1st.
Best window-plant, to be grown in window, R. Johnson 1st, Joseph Irwin 2nd.
Two coxcombs, George Ledger 1st, William Ambler 2nd.

FRUIT.

Pint of gooseberries flavoured, Thomas Ridley 1st, J. Newall 2nd.
Six heaviest gooseberries, Thomas Ridley 1st, George Ledger 2nd.
Pint of Red currants, Thos. Ridley 1st, John Brewis 2nd.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes, white, Joseph Robinson 1st, John Scott 2nd.
Six kidney potatoes, coloured, R. Kirsopp 1st, R. Johnson 2nd.
Six round potatoes, white, John Ward, 1st, Joseph Ward 2nd.
Six round potatoes, coloured, J. Ward 1st, William Simpson 2nd.
Two cucumbers, M. Greener 1st, John Anderson 2nd.
Three early turnips, George Ledger 1st, Joseph Ward 2nd.
Six summer onions, shown as grown, F. Hardy 1st, J. Brewis 2nd.
Six winter onions, shown as grown, John Dawson 1st, Thomas Ridley 2nd.
Three leeks, J. Brewis 1st, Jos. Ward 2nd.
Three carrots, John Ward 1st, Jos. Ward 2nd.
Three parsnips, Joseph Robinson 1st, F. Hardy 2nd.
Three roots of red beet, R. Kirsopp 1st, Jos. Robinson 2nd.
Two plants of celery, D. Armstrong 1st, William Simpson 2nd.
One early cabbage, F. Hardy 1st, William Ambler 2nd.
One red cabbage, Wm. Simpson 1st, John Ward 2nd.
One Scotch cabbage, John Dawson 1st, George Bullerwell 2nd.
One savoy cabbage, R. Kay 1st, Thomas Ridley 2nd.
One cauliflower, F. Hardy 1st, John Brewis 2nd.
Twelve pods of beans, R. Kirsopp 1st, Wm. Simpson 2nd.
Twelve pods of peas, Joseph Robinson 1st, William Simpson 2nd.
Twelve eshchallotts, Thomas Ridley 1st, William Simpson 2nd.
Three stalks of rhubarb, George Ledger 1st, F. Hardy 2nd.
Best collection of vegetables, six varieties, J. Ward 1st, G. Ledger 2nd.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Three swedes, Mr. Hobson's prize, a steel fork, Geo. Laws 1st.
Three white turnips, Mr. R Gray's prize, hedging axe, John French 1st.
Three yellow turnips, Mr. M. Handy's prize, bottle rum, Geo. Laws 1st.
(For those that have no tillage land and cottagers).
By Mr. J. Thompson, Newcastle, 1st prize, a cruit stand, Mr. Jos. Lumley; 2nd prize, butter cooler, Mr. William Bell, given by the society.
By Mrs. Wheatley, best pound of butter, a tea pot, 1st prize, Jos. Hall; by Mr. T. A. Moffat, best pound of butter, piece plate, 2nd prze, Jos. Lumley.
By Mr. Jos. Lumley, six heaviest hen eggs, bottle of rum, Mr. R. Reavley.

AMATEURS' CLASS.

By Mr. R. Henderson, best three stalks of rhubarb, six spring and winter onions, a steel grape, J. Dawson
By Mr. Wilson, Draper, Newcastle, best collection of vegetables, six varieties, Gown piece, value 18s 6d, J. Dawson.
By Mr. A. Brown, Annfield Plain, three best stove or greenhouse plants, dissimilar, in bloom, pair of splendid lustres. The above prize is given instead of parts for first prize in amatuers' class, viz., the fifteen parts, R. Kirsopp.
By Mr. T. A. Moffat, collection of vegetables, viz., two cauliflowers, two heads of celery, three leeks, three turnips, three parsnips, three carrots, brass preserving pan, John Ward.

COTTAGERS' CLASS.

By Mr. W. Crass, best two stove or greenhouse plants, in bloom, silk umbrella. The above prize is given instead of parts for first prize in cottagers' class, viz., the ten parts, W. Robinson.
By Mr. Thomas Cuthbertson, best twelve kidney potatoes and two cauliflowers, a leg of mutton, J. Jennings.
By Mr. M. Atkinson, best two heads of celery, 2s 6d, D. Armstrong.
By Mr. M. Atkinson, best three heaviest leeks, 2s 6d, J. Brewis.
By Mr. B. Wheatley, best two cauliflowers, bottle of whiskey, J. Ward.
By Mr. Joseph Irwin, best early cabbage and two heads of celery, 2s 6d, M. Bates.
By Mrs. Lumley, best two cauliflowers and two heads of celery, bottle of whiskey, J. Brewis.
By Mr. Huddleston, Cross Street, Newcastle, best bouquet of flowers, valuable silk umbrella (to become his property), R. Kirsopp.
By Mr. James Hyslop, Blenheim Street, Newcastle, best collection of vegetables, six varieties, pair of splendid cloth blankets (no vegetables to be grown under glass), J. Ward.
By Mr. G. Temperley, Leud, best two heads of celery and two leeks, 3s, J Dawson; 2s, J. Burnip.
By Messrs. Bullerwell, Henderson, and Kirsopp, best three leeks, 7s 6d, J. Brewis; 5s, G. Ledger; 2s 6d, J. Dawson.
By Mr. George Hobson, best three leeks, a steel spade, (For West Kyo only). M. Bates.
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By Mr. James Thompson, Newcastle, best three leeks and three parsnips, a garden spade, J. Brewis.
By Mr. James Thompson, Newcastle best collection of potatoes, viz., three white round, three coloured round, three white kidney, and three coloured kidney, a steel grape, J. Ward.
By Mr. A. Balfour, Newcastle, best six fancy pansies, 5s worth of garden seeds, J. Robinson. By Mr. J. Robinson, for the second best do. 2s 6d R. Kirsopp.
By Mr. A. Bolfour, Newcastle, best buttonhole, three shillings worth of garden seeds, G. Ledger; two shillings worth of do. W. Anderson.

BLANCHLAND FLOWER SHOW.

This Society held their thirty-eighth annual show on Saturday last in a field (kindly granted by Mr. Davison) conveniently situate in the beautiful and picturespue vale west of Blanchland. The weather being delightfully fine, the show was in every respect successful. It is noteworthy that although it is nearly forty years since the Society was formed, some of its founders are successful exhibitors, under whose counsel, and by the infusion of young blood, the Society is in a flourishing condition, ample proof of which is borne out by the quality of the produce shown. In the floral department, the competition was not great, yet some good specimens were shown in nearly all the stands in the various classes. In the fruit and vegetable department the competion was close, and the quality of the produce would have done credit to Societies of greater pretensions. The most successful competitors were Messrs. R. Jewitt, who took eighteen prizes; James Robson, fourteen; Thomas Swallow, thirteen; John Down, twelve; Job Oliver, H. Carr, T. B. Elliott, H. and W. Oliver each took eight; Wm. Price, six; and J. Palliser, four. The remaining honours were pretty equally divided between T. Hutchinson, J. Taylor, Thos. Parker, J. Hutchinson, M. Temperley, J. H. Parker, and T. Taylor. A special prize, given by the president (Rev. G. W. Gurley), for the best collection of vegetables, was awarded to Mr. R. Jewitt, Mr. James Robson being second. Mr. Jewitt also earned first prize for best four roses, given by the same gentleman; Mr. J. Oliver being awarded first prize for two pot plants, given by Mr. Richardson. There were twenty-seven entries for the best pound of butter, Mrs. Teasdale, of the Travellers' Rest, carrying off the first prize, a handsome timepiece, given by the Society; Mrs. Davison (Whittles) gaining second—a tea pot, given by Mr. J. Thompson, Newcastle; Mrs. Jameson, Crosshills, being awarded third—a butter-cooler, given by Mr. J. Price. Judges for the flowers and vegetables: Mr. Crozier, Shotley Hall, and Mr. Baynes, Shotley Bridge; for butter: Mr. William Wilson and Miss J. Wright, Shotley Bridge. The Leadgate Brass Band was in attendance, and discoursed a programme of the most popular music, to the evident satisfaction of all present. Great interest was displayed in a cricket match, played on the ground, by Benfieldside and Rookhope clubs, the result being a victory for the former by one run. Scores respectively: twenty-five and twenty-four.

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By order of the Directors,
August 21st, 1875. M RICHLEY, Secretary.

W. H. PLATT & Co.
Manufacturers of all kinds of
STEAM ENGINE AND PUMP PACKING,
SPECIALLY made for and adapted to Marine, Locomotive, and Stationary Engines, Pumps, &c.
PRICE LISTS and SAMPLES on application to their sole Agent,
STEPHEN DAVISON,
CUSTOM HOUSE CHAMBERS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. 443o

NOTICE TO FARMERS AND OTHERS.

GEORGE HOBSON

TAKES this opportunity of thanking his numerous Friends for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him during the many years he has been in business, and begs to inform them that he has now got his Mill under thorough repair, and, with the addition of extra CRUSHING and SPLITTING MILLS, he is now in a position to fully meet the requirements of his Friends and the Public. Particular attention will be paid to Grinding, Crushing, or Splitting Grain for Farmers and the Trade.
Try G. H.'s CRUSHED OATS and BEANS for Horses.
Try G. H.'s CRUSHED MIXED HORSE FEED.
Try G. H.'s MIXED COW FEED.
Try G. H.'s MIXED PIG FEED.
Pure BARLEY MEAL, PEA MEAL, INDIAN MEAL, and every other Article in the Trade on the most reasonable terms.
HARPERLEY STEAM AND WATER CORN MILLS,
(Warehouse, Catchgate),
NEAR ANNFIELD PLAIN,
ESTABLISHED 1817.
Agent for the Live-Stock Condiment Company's CHAMPION SPICE, for Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Pigs, Dogs, Poultry, Game, Stacking Hay, &c. 390o

JOHN T. DOVE,
FORTH BANKS, NEWCASTLE,
MANUFACTURER of Concrete, Cement, Chimney-pieces, Portland Cement, Plaster, Hair, Laths, Tacks, &c.
IMPROVED GRANITE CONCRETE FLOORING
For Station Platforms, Stables, Warehouses, &c.
CRUSHED BRICKS and GRANITE always on hand
OFFICES AND WORKS—FORTH BANKS. 305n

HOBSON AND LIDDELL,
CORN, OILCAKE, MANURE, & IMPLEMENT MERCHANTS,
NEVILLE STREET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

NOW ready for immediate delivery, Phospho and Ammonia, Fixed Guanos, Half-inch Bones, Dissolved Bones and Bone Meal, Top Dressings, Potato and Turnip Manures, Nitrate of Sola, Salt, Superphosphates, &c.
Farm Implements in Stock from all the principal makers. Agents for the Northern Fire and Life Insurance Co., and the Norwich and London Accident Association. 941n

JOHN JENKINS,
AUCTIONEER,
HOUSE AGENT, AND APPRAISER
TRAFALGAR STREET, CONSETT.

PARTIES leaving the Neighbourhood can have their Furniture, &c., turned into Cash on the shortest notice. 660a

Parties Furnishing will do well to Visit
WILLIAM WILKINSON'S
FURNITURE WAREHOUSE,
CATCHGATE,
Where they will find a large and well-assorted Stock of FURNITURE, HARDWARE, PERAMBULATORS, LOOKING GLASSES, CLOCKS, WATCHES, and JEWELLERY, Wholesale and Retail.
A PRESENT to each Purchaser of Half-a-Guinea Wedding Ring.
WASHING and MANGLING MACHINES.
AGENT for McDOMES and ELLIOTT'S DRILLING MACHINES for Coal and Stone.
HORSE NAILS, Patent and Hard Wrought.
AGENT for HICKMAN and CLIVE'S COFFIN FURNITURE.
FLOCKS, FEATHERS, and RABBIT DOWN always on Hand.
N.B.—A large Assortment of New CRYSTAL, PERISCOPIC, & EUREKA SPECTACLES always on Hand. 181o

THE LANCHESTER COMMON ACT with the AWARDED ROADS, QUARRIES, WELLS, WATERING PLACES, &c., set out by the Commissioners by their Award, dated 13th June, 1781; also a note of the various
CUSTOMS OF THE COPYHOLD OF MANOR OF THE SEE OF DURHAM.
Edited and Compiled by ROBERT JACKSON, for upwards of thirty years Managing Clerk in the Copyhold Office, Durham, and late Bailiff of the Manor.
The whole of the remaining copies of this useful work, which was published at 3s. 6d., having been purchased by ROBERT JACKSON, *Guardian* Office, Consett, he has determined to reduce the price to *Three Shillings* per copy (post free) in order to ensure a speedy clearance.
Also on hand a few copies (being an exact facsimile) of the *Original* LANCHESTER COMMON ACT, recently published by Mr. JOHN CALVERT, at the reduced price of *Two Shillings* (post free).
Every owner or occupier of property within the boundary of Lanchester Common should possess a copy of either of these editions.
Mr. JACKSON will be glad to forward copies of either of these editions by return of Post. For which Halfpenny Postage Stamps or Post-Office Orders made payable to ROBERT JACKSON, Consett must be received.

Business Announcements.

T. SWAINSTON'S PRICE LIST.

Please note carefully the Prices of the undermentioned Articles:—

Flour, Fines, 1s. 11d. per stone; Superfines, 2s. 1d. per stone. Scotch Oatmeal, 2s. 2d.; English Oatmeal, 2s. 4d. Sugar, 2½d. and 3d.; Lump, 3½d. and 4d. Cocoa (Frys) 1s. 2d.; Epps; 1s. 4d. Coffee, Mixed, 1s. and 1s. 2d.; whole, 1s. 4d. and 1s. 6d. Tea Dust, 1s. 4d.; good Leaf, 1s. 8d. and 2s.; Strong and Well-flavoured, 2s. 6d. and 3s.; our choice 3s. 8d. Tea cannot be surpassed by any in Town, for a two pound parcel 3s. 4d. per pound. Fine Currants, 4d.; very fine and free, 5d. Raisins, 4½d. and 5d.; Sultannas, 5d. Lemon Peel, thin, 7½d.; thick, 9d. Nutmegs, 3d. per oz. Rice, 2d. per pound, or 2s. per stone. Barley, 2d. per pound or 1s. 9d. per stone. Black Pepper, 6d.; White, 10d. per pound. Baking Powder, 5d. and 10d. per tin. Box Starch, 4d. and 5d.; Blue, 8d. per pound, or 2½d. per quarter pound. Matches, Blacking, and Black Lead, 3d. per dozen. Dip Candles, 4½d.; Wax, 8d. per pound. 3-pound Bottle Jars, 1s. 0½d.; 2-pound Raspberry Jam, 1s. 2d. Fine Mixed Biscuits, 6d. per pound. Soap, best Pale, 4d. per pound, or 4s. 3d. per stone; Do., second Do., 3d. per pound.; best Mottled, 4d. or 4s. 3d. per stone; Grey do., 3d. per pound, or 3s. 3d. per stone. Washing Soda, 8d. per stone; Dry Soap, 3d. per pound, or 3s. per stone. Butter, 1s.; Fine do., 1s. 2d. Lard, 7d. per pound, Bacon, whole Shoulder, 5d. per pound; about two stone sides, 6s. 6d. per stone. Whole Hams. Fine old matured Hams, our usual quality, 9d. per pound, whole, 14 to 20 pounds. Salmon, Lobster, Sardines, Pickled Tongue, Corned and Roast Beef, Relish, and everything connected with the Trade equally Cheap.

T. SWAINSTON,
12, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT,
THE SHOP FOR CASH BUYERS. 202o

THIS SPACE
IS RESERVED FOR
MR. JOHN HALL,
GROCER,
ANNFIELD PLAIN. 416o

CASH DRAPERY SUPPLY STORES,
NEXT DOOR TO THE POST OFFICE,
ANNFIELD PLAIN.

JOHN VARDY AND CO., PROPRIETORS.
(LATE W. PLENDER AND CO.)

WE have purchased largely of Plain DRAPERY GOODS at lowest Old Prices, and are giving our Customers the advantage.
We are Selling the Best Calicoes, at the Price, in the County of Durham.
Our Stock of Flannels, Shirtings, and Linens is Large and Cheap.
Our Dresses surprise everybody (being so Cheap) and always give satisfaction to the wearer.
We keep a Large Stock of Millinery and Fancy Goods.
We hold the Largest and Cheapest Stock of Ready-made Clothing in the District.

All Buyers of Drapery Goods will Save Money by Visiting the
CASH DRAPERY SUPPLY STORES AT ANNFIELD PLAIN,
49n JOHN VARDY, & Co., PROPRIETORS.

A TRIP TO NEWCASTLE FOR NOTHING!!!

OPENING OF NEW PREMISES.

DONALD BAIN,
THE WELL-KNOWN CHEAP DRAPER, HAS OPENED THE CENTRAL PREMISES,
No. 23, GRAINGER STREET
(TWO DOORS FROM NUN STREET), NEWCASTLE,
WHERE you will be supplied with the Newest, Best, and Cheapest DRESS and DRAPERY GOODS in the Provinces. Apart from this, D. B. will allow to Purchasers of Thirty-five Shillings worth of Goods THEIR FULL RAILWAY FARE, within a radius of Thirty Miles from Newcastle.

NOTE NUMBER AND ADDRESS—23, GRAINGER STREET. 457n

DENTAL SURGERY

EIGHTH YEAR OF ATTENDING CONSETT.

MR. MARKHAM, SURGEON DENTIST, of Newcastle, Attends No. 4, MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, EVERY MONDAY, from Eleven till Three.

ESTABLISHED IN NEWCASTLE 1830. 637n

ECONOMY IN ALES!

OCTOBER BREWINGS.

WILLIAM AYNSLEY, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT, AND FRONT STREET, LEADGATE.

SIX AND NINE GALLON CASKS.—CASH PRICES.

	Six Gallons.	Nine Gallons.
Mild Ales	7s. 6d., 8s. 6d., 9s. 6d	10s. 6d., 12s., 13s. 6d.
Bitter Ales	7s. 6d., 9s. 6d	10s. 6d., 13s. 6d.

Bass and Co's 33s. India Pale Ale ....18 Gallons for 30s.
Bass and Co's 27s. Mild Burton ....18 Gallons for 24s.

BOTTLED ALES AND STOUT.—PER DOZEN.

	Half-pints.	Pints.
Bass and Co's India Pale Ale	2s. 0d.	3s. 3d.
Bass and Co's Sparkling Mild Ale	1s. 9d.	2s. 8d.
Maunders' Invalids' Stout	2s. 0d.	3s. 3d.
Nourishing Stout	1s. 9d.	2s. 9d.

	Half-gallons.	Gallons.
Fine Old Glenlivet Whiskey	9s., 8s., 6s. 9d.	18s., 16s., 13s. 6d.
Fine Old Jamaica Rums	9s., 8s., 6s. 9d.	18s., 16s., 13s. 6d.
Old Tom Gins	From 6s. 0d.	From 12s. 0d.
Brandies	From 6s. 9d.	From 13s. 6d.

BRITISH WINES.—PER BOTTLE.

Port Wine	1s. 2d.
Sherry	1s. 2d.
Tent	1s. 2d.
Orange	1s. 2d.
Raisin	1s. 2d.
Raspberry	1s. 2d.
Ginger	1s. 2d.

Goods Delivered Daily to any part of the Neighbourhood.

WILLIAM AYNSLEY, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT, AND FRONT STREET, LEADGATE. 18?o

Public Notices.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

DISTRICT AUDITOR'S SUMMARY [illegible]D PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1880.

DR. 1879.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance in Treasurer's hands		389 16 11
" Surveyor's "		15 0 0
RECEIPTS.		
First Rate made May 7th, 1879, on £21,383 7s. 6d., at 10d. in the Pound	890 19 5½	
Recoverable Arrears	7 11	
	891 7 4½	
Less Irrecoverable	125 18 2¼	765 9 2¼
Second Rate made November 5th, 1879, on £21,242 17s. 6d., at 1s. 6d. in the Pound	531 1 5½	
Less Irrecoverable	32 14 1	498 7 4½
FROM OTHER SOURCES.		
Private Improvements		5 19 9
Market Tolls		7 8 3
Rents for use of Board-room		17 0 0
Bank Interest		4 16 5
Manure Sold		7 4 0
Sundry small Sales		2 5 6
Penalties		5 6
		£1,713 12 10½

CR. PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
IN RESPECT OF HIGHWAYS.		
Labour	106 2 11	
Contracts	100 16 10	
Team Work	47 4 4	
Tradesmen's Bills	8 4 3	
Surveyor's Salary	20 0 0	
Materials	179 15 8	
		462 4 0
SEWERAGE.		
Consett Hall Road New Sewer	71 6 0	
Consett Fell "	17 13 4	
Spencer Street "	26 8 0	
Cleaning Settling Ponds	5 5 0	
Ordinary	19 6 5	
		139 18 9
PUBLIC STREET IMPROVEMENT.		
Sherburn Terrace Kerbing	15 10 6	
Gibson Street Cementing	33 1 5	
Ordinary	59 10 3	
		108 2 2
Watering Streets		7 18 11
Public Lighting		452 18 7
Private Street Improvement		4 9 9
FIRE BRIGADE.		
Drill	11 15 0	
Water, &c.	1 15 0	
		13 10 0
PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.		
Pinfold Rent	0 2 6	
Water to Fountain & Trough	2 5 0	
Repairs	2 16 8	
		5 4 2
Scavenging		32 17 2
Plans		0 2 10
ESTABLISHMENT CHARGES.		
Election Expenses	12 8 2	
Advertising	9 2 8	
Stationery	17 6 0	
Salaries of Officers	115 0 0	
Salary of Medical Officer	10 10 0	
Audit Expenses	4 3 6	
Gas and Water	2 13 0	
Agreement Stamp	1 1 0	
Stamps and Carriage	1 6 10	
Rates and Taxes	5 6 11	
Repairs	2 2 7	
Fire Insurance	1 0 0	
Disinfectants	0 5 6	
Registrar for Returns to Medical Officer	0 5 6	
Justice of the Peace Newspaper	1 4 6	
		183 15 9
		£1,411 2 1
Balance in Treasurers hands		286 5 9
" Surveyor's "		15 15 0
" Collector's "		0 10 0½
		£1,713 12 10½

28th July, 1880. F. J. RADFORD, Deputy Auditor.

7, Collingwood Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 4th August, 1880.

GENTLEMEN,—I have Audited the Accounts of your Local Board for the year ended 25th March last, and found them in very good order.
The Rates appear to have been carefully collected, and the Vouchers were all in good order.
The New Form of Books prescribed since the 25th March last will doubtless receive due attention.
I herewith send Summary of Receipts and Payments, and remain,
Very faithfully yours,
F. J. RADFORD, Deputy District Auditor.
The Chairman and Members of the Consett Local Board.

C. W. BROADHEAD has removed from No. 5, Victoria Street to No. 24, Middle Street, Consett. Business as usual till alteration of Premises. 548o

PRIZE BRAN at Hurbuck Farm, near Consett.—Terms may be known on application to Mr. OLIVER, Hurbuck.

EMIGRATION! EMIGRATION!!

THE AMERICAN LINE SAILING to PHILADELPHIA is the nearest Route to PITTSBURG.—Passengers booked to any Railway Station in America, at the lowest Rate, by Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett, Sole Agent for this district. 286o

WASHING! WASHING!

GENTLEMEN can have their LINEN done up in First-class Style on the Shortest Notice. Terms very Moderate.—Mrs. M. THOMPSON, Laundress, Cutlers' Hall, Shotley Bridge. 256o

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, AND QUEENSLAND.

PASSAGES secured to any of the above Colonies on Application to Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett, Agent for the Queensland Government. 286o

MRS. CLEMINSON'S SCHOOL, WEAR TERRACE, BISHOP AUCKLAND.

THE Three Junior Pupils sent to the late Local Examinations of the University of Durham passed:—Two in honours; one of them in first-class, and gained a prize. Four Pupils passed the last examination of the School of Art. One passed the last Cambridge examination in honours. 277o

CONSETT AND DISTRICT POULTRY, PIGEON, AND CAGE-BIRD SOCIETY.

THE COMMITTEE of the above Society have great pleasure in Announcing that they have decided to hold their FIRST ANNUAL SHOW as early in November as convenient.
379o THOS. ROBINSON, Hon. Sec.

NOTICE.

ANY PERSON found gathering BRAMBLES MUSHROOMS, or trespassing in pursuit of GAME on the FARMS of Middlehead, Middles, Oliverord, Lyredene, Rowley, Allerhead, and Whickham Grange will be prosecuted. 162o

LOOK OUT FOR THE
HAMSTERLEY, BLACKHALL MILL, AND MILKWELL BURN FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S
FIRST FLOWER SHOW,
On September 25th, 1880.
For SCHEDULES apply to Mr. ROBSON, Derwent Cote Gate. See Bills. 420o

A GRAND TREAT AT
TANFIELD LEA PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL,
On SATURDAY, September 4th, 1880.

COME AND SEE BREWIS
ROAST THE BULLOCK,
And have your DINNER off the same.

The FIELD will be open to the public at Ten o'clock.
DINNER on the Tables at Two o'clock.
ADMISSION to the Field, Sixpence each; Children, under the charge of their Parents, admitted free.
DINNER—Gentlemen, 1s. 6d.; Ladies, 1s.
TEA will be provided at a reasonable charge. 424o

THE AUCKLAND UNION PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY.
ESTABLISHED 1857.

Offices—56, North Bondgate, Bishop Auckland.

THE Directors are prepared to ADVANCE MONEY on approved securities. The repayments may spread over 16 years, or any less number, to suit the means of borrowers.
INVESTING SHARES may be entered at any time, and withdrawn, if required, at a month's notice.
PROFITS are divided every three years.
The Interest and Profits paid to members on Completed Shares has averaged 6¼ per cent. per annum.
Any further particulars may be obtained of Mr. GEO. STILLMAN, 56, North Bondgate, Bishop Auckland; or Mr. JOHN ELLIOTT, Palmerston Place, Consett. 300o

NOTICE! NOTICE!!

A MEETING in reference to the formation of a SCIENCE CLASS will be held in the Stanley National School, on Tuesday, September 7th, at Seven o'clock p.m., when all Young Men are earnestly requested to attend. 444o
All Information respecting the Class will be given.

DIPTON POULTRY AND PIGEON SHOW.
THE FIFTH ANNUAL
EXHIBITION
OF POULTRY AND PIGEONS
WILL BE HELD
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 1880.
ENTRY FORMS or any Information may be had on application to
447o THOMAS BOWES, Hon. Secretary.

THE GUARDIANS OF THE POOR OF THE LANCHESTER UNION invite TENDERS for supplying the Workhouse at Lanchester with FLOUR, GROCERIES, BUTCHER MEAT, PETROLEUM, COFFINS, &c. for Six Months, from the 30th September, and with NEW MILK for Twelve Months, from the same date.
Forms of Tender, specifying the Quantities of the various Articles required, may be had on application to me, the undersigned, to whom Tenders, Sealed and Endorsed, with Samples as far as practicable, should be sent not later than the 15th inst.
The Guardians do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any of the Tenders. By Order,
WM. H. RITSON, Clerk to the Guardians.
Lanchester, Sept. 2nd, 1880. 449o

HASWELL MEMORIAL CHAPEL, BURNOPFIELD.

CONTINUATION OF
OPENING SERVICES.

ON Sunday, September 5th, Mr. T. H. BAINBRIDGE (of Newcastle-on-Tyne), will preach in the Morning at Half-past Ten, and Evening at Six.
A Collection at each Service in aid of the Building Funds.
In continuation of the above Services, it is expected that in the latter end of September the Rev. PETER McKENZIE will Preach and deliver a Lecture. 323o

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

JOHN ROXBOROUGH, DECEASED

ALL PERSONS to whom JOHN ROXBOROUGH, lately of Woodhouse Close Colliery, near Bishop Auckland, in the County of Durham, but since of High Stables, near Medomsley, in the said County, Innkeeper, deceased, stood Indebted at the time of his death, on the 23rd day of April, 1880, are requested forthwith to send, if they have not already done so, to the undersigned, the Solicitors of the Administratix of the Deceased, particulars of their Claims and Demands against the Estate of the Deceased.
Dated this 24th day of August, 1880
TROTTER, BRUCE, AND TROTTER,
425o Bishop Auckland

IN the MATTER of the Companies' Act 1862, 1867, and 1877; and in the MATTER of the TRAVELLERS' ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY, Limited.—The CREDITORS of the above-named Company are required, on or before the 20th day of September, 1880, to SEND their names and addresses and the PARTICULARS of their DEBTS or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors, if any, to Mr. James Waddell, of No. 1, Queen Victoria Street, in the City of London, Public Accountant, the OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR of the said Company; and if so required by notice in writing from the said Official Liquidator, are, by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at the Chambers of the Master of the Rolls, in the Rolls-yard, Chancery Lane, in the County of Middlesex, at such time as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Monday, the 1st day of November, 1880, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the said Chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.
Dated this 5th day of August, 1880.
ROBERT MARSHALL, Chief Clerk.
HANBURY, HUTTON, and WHITTING,
62, New Broad Street, London, E.C.,
383o Solicitors for the Official Liquidator.

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...ROBERT MARSHALL, Chief Clerk.
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Public Notices.

MILLINERY! MILLINERY!!

THE COMMITTEE of the Consett Co-operative Store, having engaged a practical Milliner of great experience, beg to announce that this Branch will be conducted in the Drapery Department in future.
The Milliner will be in attendance on Monday, September 6th, 1880. 461o

NOTICE OF RESUMPTION OF SCIENCE AND ART CLASSES AT THE CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE STORE.

THE Students and Intending Students of the Science and Art Classes are invited to meet the Committee on Friday, the 10th inst, at Seven o'clock p.m., to confer and make arrangements and select subjects for the coming Session. 460o

TO COW KEEPERS AND OTHERS.

A QUANTITY of OATS, with the STRAW, will be Sold by Private Contract, at Annfield Plain, in small Lots to suit Purchasers. Offers will be received by Messrs. JOSEPH and WILLIAM LUMLEY, from the 6th to 9th of September, 1880. Likewise will show the Lots, on application, to intending Purchasers. Terms—Ready Money. 459o

SERVICE OF SONG.

ON WEDNESDAY, September 15th, 1880, a SERVICE OF SONG will be given in the National School, Burnopfield. The Choir of the Parish Church, assisted by a few friends, will sing the Service of Song, entitled, "THE HOLY LAND." Several Instrumentalists of the neighbourhood have kindly promised to assist in the accompaniment. Doors open at Half-past Six, to commence at Seven o'clock. Admission—Sixpence; Reserved Seats, Two Shillings. Proceeds will be given to the Vestry Fund. 456o

THE CONSETT LOCAL BOARD invite TENDERS for DRESSING and RE-SETTING about 60 Lineal Yards of KERBING, Gand about 124 Superficial Yards of CEMENTING.
Specification and Conditions may be seen at the Board-room, on and after Saturday, the 3rd inst.
Tenders marked "Cement" will be received up till Six o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the 8th inst.
By Order of the Board,
JOHN ELLIOTT, Clerk.
Local Board Office, Consett, Sept. 2nd, 1880. 441o

THE LICENSING ACT, 1872.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Greencroft, in the County of Durham, and to the Superintendent of Police of the West Division of Chester Ward, in the said County of Durham, and to all whom it may Concern.

I, JAMES SMITH, now residing at Greencroft Cottages, in the Township of Greencroft, in the County of Durham, Miner, Do Hereby Give Notice, that it is my intention to apply at the adjourned General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Justice Room, Lanchester, on the Twenty-third Day of September next, for a License to hold any Excise License or Licenses, to Sell by Retail, in pursuance of the Act 11 Geo. 4 and 1 William IV., c. 64, and Acts amending the same, Beer, to be consumed off the House or Premises thereunto belonging, situate at Greencroft Cottages, in the said Township, of which Premises, I, JAMES SMITH, of Greencroft Cottages, am the Owner or Lessee, and which said Premises are now in my occupation.
Given under my hand this Twenty-sixth Day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty,
445o JAMES SMITH.

THE LICENSING ACT, 1872.

35 and 36 Victoria, cap. 94, sections 40 and 50.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFCATE FOR REMOVAL OF LICENSE.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Conside and Knitsley, in the County of Durham, and to the Superintendent of Police of the West Division of Chester Ward, in the said County of Durham, and to all whom it may Concern.

I, THOMAS DUNNE, now residing at Mount Pleasant, Consett, in the Parish of Lanchester, in the County of Durham, Do Hereby Give Notice, that it is my intention to apply at the General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden, by adjournment, at the Justice Room, Lanchester, on the Twenty-third Day of September next, for an order sanctioning the Removal of a License, now in force and held by ISAIAH FAULKNER, for the Sale of all Intoxicating Liquors, to be consumed either on or off the Premises, at certain Premises situate at Sherburn Terrace, Consett, in the said Parish of Lanchester in the County of Durham, and known by the sign of the "Grey Horse," of which premises JOSEPH JOHNSON, of the City of Durham, is the Owner, from the said Premises to a house belonging to me, the said THOMAS DUNNE, situate at Mount Pleasant, Consett, aforesaid, in the Parish of Lanchester, in the West Division of Chester Ward, in the said County of Durham, now in my possession, and of which License, when removed, I desire to be the holder.
Given under my hand this Twenty-eighth day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty,
446o THOMAS DUNNE.

THE LICENSING ACT, 1872.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Conside and Knitsley, in the County of Durham, and to the Superintendent of Police of the West Division of Chester Ward, in the said County of Durham, and to all whom it may Concern.

I, PATRICK McDONALD, now residing at Consett, in the Parish of Lanchester, in the County of Durham, Beerhousekeeper, Do Hereby Give Notice, that it is my intention to apply at the Adjourned General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden, at the Justice Room, in Lanchester, on the Twenty-third Day of September next ensuing, for an order sanctioning the removal of a License now in force and held by GEORGE CRANSTON, of Iveston, in the said Parish of Lanchester, and County of Durham, for the Sale of Excisable Liquors by Retail, to be drunk or consumed in or at a certain House and Premises situate at Iveston aforesaid, in the West Division of Chester Ward, in the said County, and known by the sign of "The Mason's Arms," from the said Premises to a House and Premises thereto belonging, situate in Middle Street, Consett, and known as the "Shakespeare Hotel," in the same Division, and now occupied by me, of which License, when removed, I desire to be the holder, and which said last-mentioned Premises I intend to keep as an Inn, Ale-house, or Victualling-house. RICHARD MURRAY, of Benfieldside, is the Owner of both the above-mentioned Premises.
Given under my hand this Third Day of September, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty,
463o PATRICK McDONALD.

THE LICENSING ACT, 1872.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Conside and Knitsley, in the County of Durham, and to the Superintendent of Police of the West Division of Chester Ward, in the said County of Durham, and to all whom it may concern.

I, PATRICK McDONALD, now residing at Consett, in the Parish of Lanchester, in the County of Durham, beerhousekeeper, do Hereby give Notice, that it is my intention to apply at the Adjourned General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Justice-room, in Lanchester, on the 23rd day of September, now next ensuing, for an order sanctioning the removal of a License now in force, and held by ANDREW MOODY, of Honey Hill, in the said Parish of Lanchester, and in the County of Durham, for the Sale of Exciseable Liquors by Retail, to be drunk or consumed in or at a certain House and Premises situate at Honey Hill, Waskerley, aforesaid, in the West Division of Chester Ward, in the said County, and known by the sign of the "Moorcock" Inn, from the said Premises to a House and Premises thereto belonging, situate in Middle Street, Consett, and known as the "Shakespeare" Hotel, in the same Division, and now occupied by me, of which License, when removed, I desire to be the holder, and which said last-mentioned Premises, I intend to keep as an Inn, Ale-house, or Victualling-house. RICHARD MURRAY, of Benfieldside, is the Owner of both the above-mentioned Premises.
Given under my hand this 3rd day of September, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty.
462o PATRICK McDONALD.

Lost.

LOST, STOLEN, or STRAYED, a SKY-TERRIER DOG. Answers to the name of "Sky."—Whoever returns the same to Shotley Grove House will be Rewarded; whoever detains the Dog after this notice will be Prosecuted. 454o

Wanted.

WANTED, an AGENT to push First-class Lubricating Oils. Commission—10 to 15 per Cent.—Box 201, Post Office, Liverpool. 281o

WANTED, immediately, a Young MAN. A good Ploughman and General Farm-worker. Reference required.—Apply to Mr. JOHN E. SIMPSON, High Bradley. 453o

WANTED, AGENTS.—A genuine Agency is offered to Shopkeepers, Clerks, &c., having spare time. Orders taken from Illustrated List (Samples optional). None unable to give references as to respectability need apply.—For Terms and full Particulars send stamped directed envelope to the Agency SUPERINTENDENT, the Musical Instrument Club Company, Hexham-on-Tyne.

For Sale.

FOR SALE, a BICYCLE, by KEAN. 46 inches Very Strong. Price, £4.—May be seen at 244, Nelson Street, Leadgate. 448o

FOR SALE, a First-class COUP CART. Also a Set of CART HARNESS, nearly new.—Apply to Mr. J. CALVERT, Consett. 451o

WELL WON OLD LAND HAY FOR SALE. In Pike. Apply to Mr. W. J. SCOTT, Grocer, Front Street, Consett. 442o

FOR SALE, several HORSES, COBS, and PONIES, quiet to Ride and Drive in Double and Single Harness.—Apply to Mr. JOHN BRODIE, Shotley Bridge, or JOS. BELL, Highgate. 217o

FOR SALE, New and Second-hand CONVEYANCES of every description.—Apply to Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Consett, or to JOHN BRODIE Jun., Shotley Bridge. 811h

To Let.

COMFORTABLE LODGINGS for One or Two Young Men at No. 6, Murray Street, Blackfine, Blackhill.

TO LET, a Four-roomed HOUSE in Watling Street, Leadgate.—Apply to Mr. M. ROBSON. 418o

TENTS TO LET, 120 feet by 30 feet, and 60 feet by 30 feet, on reasonable terms.—Apply to EDWD. LOVAT, Medomsley, by Lintz Green. 9o

TO LET, an OLD-LAND FOG EATAGE for about 8 or 10 Beasts.—Apply to Mr. T. THOMPSON. Westwood Farm, near Westwood Colliery. 457o

THE Annfield Plain Co-operative Society's Hall is now Open for Public Entertainments. Terms on application to the Manager, Mr. ADAM BROWN. 616n

TO LET, the EATAGE of 11 Acres of CLOVER FOG, and 13 Acres of OLD LAND FOG at Carribees Farm.—Apply to Mr. JOHN TOWNS, Consett.

TO LET or SELL—Entry in October—the HOUSE of 8 Rooms, in Delves Lane, in the occupation of the Rev. P. O'FLAHERTY.—Apply to Mr. JOSEPH MURRAY, Consett. 250o

TO LET, the present TOWN HALL, with the Largest Room in the district in connection therewith, suitable for Balls, Concerts, Sales, or Public Meetings, &c., &c., situate at Catchgate.—Apply to GEO. HOBSON, Harperley Mills. 174o

TO BE LET, a LARGE WAREHOUSE, lately used as a Flour Warehouse, with large Cellar underneath, situate at Catchgate, suitable for a Grocer and Provision Merchant, or any other business requiring plenty of room.—Apply to GEO. HOBSON, Harperley Mills. 175o

TWO Four-roomed HOUSES; also one HOUSE with Five Rooms, for Sale. These Houses are quite new, and will be Sold to pay a good percentage. A rare opportunity for anyone who wants a really good House.—Apply to Mr. WM. KNOX, Builder, &c., Mount Pleasant, Consett. 423o

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

TO PARTIES LEAVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, DECLINING HOUSEKEEPING, OR ABOUT TO EMIGRATE.

ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett, is prepared to Advance CASH on HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE for Sale by Auction, or will purchase FURNITURE to any amount for CASH on application at his Office, Town Hall, Consett.

Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett.—Last Four days of the Important Sale of Linen and Woollen Drapery, in Liquidation.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed to state that Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, September 4th, 6th, 7th, and 8th, are the last Four days of the Sale of Superior LINEN and WOOLLEN DRAPERY belonging the Estate, when the remaining portion will be cleared out without reserve.
Sale to commence at Half-past Seven o'clock in the Evening. 445o

East Parade, Delves Lane, Consett.
Sale of Superior Household Furniture, the property of the Rev. P. O'Flaherty, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises in East Parade, Consett, on Monday, September 13th, 1880, the Superior Household FURNITURE and Miscellaneous EFFECTS, as follows:—Splendid Bed-room Suite of Hungarian Ash, comprising handsome Bedstead, Wardrobe, Washstand, with Marble Top, Dressing Table, with Mirror, Pedestal Cupboard, Two Chairs, Towel Aires, and Cornice Pole and Rings; Chest of Drawers; 6 Dining-room Chairs; Easy Chair; Rocking Chair, in Hair-seating; 2 Tables; Round Table; Kitchen Table; 6 Kitchen Chairs; 2 Washstands; 4 Iron Bedsteads; 2 Half-tester Bedsteads; Down and Feather Beds; Mattress; Gilt Mirror; Iron Bed Chair; 2 Stretcher Beds; Cot; Swing Glass; 3 Chandeliers; Four-leaf Folding Screen; Bronze Umbrella Stand; 7 Fenders; 2 Desks; small Bath; Plate Rack; Scales and Weights; together with a large quantity of Miscellaneous Effects and Kitchen Utensils—Pots, Pans, Earthenware, &c.
Sale to commence at One o'clock exactly. 452o

Templetown, Consett.—Well-built and Pleasantly-situate Dwelling-house for Sale.

MR. ADAM BRODIE respectfully intimates that the Four-roomed DWELLING-HOUSE at Templetown, occupied by Mr. THOMAS ARMSTRONG, as Tenant, not having been Sold at the Auction on Thursday, the 24th June, may be treated for privately on application to the AUCTIONEER, Town Hall, Consett.

TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

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

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

A. PHILLIPSON,
GENERAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, HOUSE-AGENT, &c., DIPTON.

CASH ADVANCES made, and FURNITURE, &c., Bought for Cash. Business done Promptly, and upon Reasonable Terms. 27o

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3RD, 1880.

ECHOES FROM BLACKHILL.

[BY INCEDO.]

Perhaps there was nothing in the last issue of the *Guardian* which interested me so much as a paragraph which occurred in the report of the Co-operative Society's meeting at Consett. A gentleman visited Consett (so the story goes) and was so impressed by the intelligence of the people that he presented the works of Thomas Carlyle (thirty-seven vols.) to the members of the Co-operative Society. I wonder what sort of people this gentleman had been in the habit of associating with, that our cousins at Consett produced so favourable an impression upon him. Would that he might visit Blackhill!

Standing on the bridge which spans the railway at Benfieldside Station the other afternoon, I witnessed a curious phase of character. Just as the huge engine shrieked "good-bye," a woman came tearing along, gesticulating with her umbrella as if she would give a kingdom for a ride, and much to our astonishment, the train was brought to a stand. No sooner, however, did the would-be passenger observe this generous act on the part of the railway officials than she settled down into a jog-trot step; nor would shouts or remonstrance induce her to quicken her movements. The consequence was that the engine belched forth a dense cloud of steam, gave one whild whoop, and dashed onward, leaving the perverse daughter of Eve ample time and opportunity to return to a right frame of mind by the time the next train came up.

One of the oldest inhabitants in this locality passed away the other day. We allude to Mrs. Liddell, who died at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Thomas Rukin, at the ripe age of eighty-seven. Mrs. Liddell was the mother of a large and very respectable family, more than one of whom have found a grave in a foreign land.

The Rev. J. H. Cadman preached his farewell sermon, in the Wesleyan School-room on Wednesday night, to a large and appreciative audience. Besides being an earnest and highly-popular preacher, Mr. Cadman is a staunch supporter of the Temperance movement, and during his sojourn in this district he has gained the esteem of a large circle of friends, by whom he will be long remembered.

I see by the last issue of the *Guardian* that the Shotley Bridge Sweep is ill. This comes of sporting about the country in a semi-nude condition. There is no stealing a march upon Nature; her laws are as unalterable as they are rigid. But while lamenting that Joe should pay so little regard to the laws of health, I am not prepared to lay siege to his dwelling with an army of wasps. The reading public was startled by the inhuman action taken in this matter by the Co-operative Store. Probably that Society, knowing that Joe was of a poetical temperament, conjectured that the hum of the wasps would soothe the invalid into tranquility. But wait awhile, ere Joe tune his lyre again, and this by no means noble-spirited Society may have reason to rue their run. I was glad to learn that Mr. Carss had a word to say in the interests of humanity, the more especially because it proves that with all Mr. Carss' faults and failings he is not vindictive. There are few men who have more cause to owe the Sweep a grudge than Mr. Carss, but, happily, he rises superior to earth-born animosity.

I am afraid that the Floral Fête celebrated here last Saturday was far from being a success. But apart from financial considerations, it is painful to think of the amount of rowdyism to which it gave play. Boxing booths and their attendant train of attractions are not calculated to raise the moral tone of our community.

Local and District News

MEDOMSLEY WESLEYAN CHAPEL BAZAAR.—We regret to learn that unintentionally we omitted, in our report of this bazaar last week, the names of two ladies — Miss Ellen Robinson and Miss Stephenson, of Allendale Cottages—who presided at stalls, and who laboured most industriously to make this bazaar a success.

FITS.—EPILEPTIC FITS OR FALLING SICKNESS.—SENSATIONS, GIDDINESS, FAINTS.—A certain method of cure has been discovered for this distressing complaint by a physician, who is desirous that all sufferers may benefit from this providential discovery. It will cure the most hopeless case after all other means have been tried. Full particulars will be sent by post free of charge. Address:—Mr. WILLIAMS, 10, Oxford Terrace, Hyde Park, London. 227

SHOTLEY SPA.—Through the liberality of Mr. Smith, M.P. for Tynemouth, and Hugh Taylor, Esq., of Chipchase, the children and teachers of the North Shields Day Schools, to the number of 867, had an excursion to Shotley Bridge Spa on Tuesday last. The children were in charge of Mr. Spence, of Chirton Cottage, North Shields, and they seemed to thoroughly enjoy the buns and tea which had been provided for them. The party were much struck with the beauty of the scenery, Nature just now looking her brightest, and all seemed to enjoy the day's outing very much.

CRICKET.—CONSETT *v.* CHESTER-LE-STREET.—A match was played between the above clubs, on the ground of the latter, on Saturday last, and resulted in a victory for Consett. The visitors having won the toss, elected to go in first, and very quickly amassed the respectable total of 116: thanks, mainly, to the two grand innings, played by the two "crack" batsmen of the club. The bowling of the veteran Murdock for Chester-le-Street was good; but their fielding was, to say the least, indifferent. Chester-le-Street made but a poor stand against the Consett bowling, the whole eleven being quickly disposed of for the small sum of twenty-two thus leaving the visitors the victors by ninety-four runs

HARVEST PROSPECTS.—The glorious weather of the past few days has ripened the crops very much, and in several parts of the district farmers have commenced to harvest. Already, the in Lanchester and Derwent valleys, a good deal of grain is cut and in stook, and should the beautiful weather continue the backward crops will be greatly benefited. On all hands it is allowed that both oats and wheat are more than an average crop, whilst barley, although fully an average for straw, is scarcely up to the average for grain. Both peas, beans, tares, and turnips look extremely well, and the two former crops are almost cleared off the land.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The anniversary services in connection with the above Sunday-school were celebrated on Sunday and Monday last. The Chapel in Wood Street being much too small to hold the congregations which gather on special occasions, the anniversary services are held in the spacious Town Hall, and even this large building was crowded in the evening. Mr. T. Huddlestone, a "local" of great renown, conducted the services, and fully sustained the reputation he has gained in this district as a brilliant and successful preacher. It is almost needless to state that the singing of the children and choir—this being the great attraction to many of the audience—was pleasing. Mr. Urwin's talent as a teacher of singing was too plainly shown in the very excellent and celebrated choir which was in attendance, to need any comment. The children also recited portions of scripture, poetry, and dialogues in a manner which reflected great credit on their trainers, the marvel being how such "wee mites" could be brought to remember their pieces. Liberal collections were taken at the close of each service in aid of the school funds.—On the Monday following, a field-day was held. The children assembled in the Chapel at one o'clock, and walked in procession to a field near Elm Park (kindly granted by C. Wilson, Esq.), where they were regaled with tea and cake. A public tea was also provided for the public at four o'clock.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Weary of Life.—Derangement of the liver is one of the most efficient causes of dangerous diseases and the most prolific of those melancholy forebodings which are worse than death itself. A few doses of these noted Pills, act magically in dispelling low spirits and repelling the convert attacks made on the nerves by excessive heat, impure atmospheres, over-indulgence, or exhausting excitement. The most shattered constitution may derive benefit from Holloway's Pills, which will regulate disordered action, brace the nerves, increase the energy of the intellectual faculties, and revive the failing memory. By attentively studying the instructions for taking these Pills, and obediently putting them in practice, the most despondent will soon feel confident of a perfect recovery.

TRAIN ACCOMMODATION FOR ANNFIELD PLAIN.—At a crowded meeting held at the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain, on Wednesday night last, to consider the desirability of having railway communication to this district, it was unanimously resolved:—"That the North-Eastern Railway Company be petitioned to open a Passenger and Goods line from Consett to Newcastle, to pass trhough Leadgate, Annfield Plain, Stanley, &c., and meet the Team Valley line, also at each of the above centres, a meeting should be held and a committee appointed to obtain signatures for the petition." A committee has been appointed for Annfield Plain, and consists of Mr. Lamb, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Greener, Mr. Mitchinson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sterling, and Mr. Hobson, the latter gentleman to be Chairman. Representatives from Stanley, Tanfield, Tantobie, and Leadgate, attended the meeting. Mr. Hobson of Harperley presided.

MARRIAGE REJOICINGS AT CONSETT.—On Wednesday last, Front Street presented a gay appearance on the occasion of the marriage which was solemnised that morning in the Wesleyan Chapel, between Henry, third son of our respected townsman, Mr. J. W. Davison, and Miss Rachael, fourth daughter of Mr. John Reece, of Blackhill. The bride and her bride's-maid (Miss Smith, of Villa Real, and Miss Jones) were the first to arrive at the Chapel. The bridegroom, accompanied by his brother, Mr. W. Davison, and Mr. L. Jones, entered the sacred edifice shortly afterwards, and the interesting ceremony proceeded, the officiating minister being the Superintendent of the Circuit, Rev. J. Shearman. The bride was given away by her father. After the nuptial ceremony was over, the happy pair, amidst showers of rice, the good wishes of their friends, and the music of the organ, took their departure to Newcastle *en route* for Harrogate, where they will spend the honeymoon.

SALVATION ARMY, CONSETT.—The second anniversary of this religious organisation was celebrated on Sunday last, when the streets were paraded by the Army followers, and stirring addresses were delivered in different parts of the town. Major Dowdle preached to crowded audiences in the morning and evening, whilst Mrs. Dowdle delivered an earnest and effective address in the afternoon. Major Corbridge and Mrs. Dowdle also addressed a crowded house on Monday night, and in the course of his address the Major gave a detailed account of the operations of the Army. We are glad to perceive that this work still prospers throughout the different stations, and that recently, at Consett, it has received a fresh impetus from the earnest labours of Captain Russell, the present evangelist, and we can unhesitatingly affirm from our own knowledge that great good has been brought about through its operations. Although its members are recruited almost exclusively from the lowest orders, it is pleasing to note how well organised they are at Consett, and how constantly and persistently they come out to do battle for the religion of Jesus Christ. We can cordially say that we wish them every success.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—The usual fortnightly meeting of the Guardians of Lanchester Union was held in the Board-room, Lanchester, on Thursday, at which were present—Messrs. J. Annandale (presiding), W. M. Annandale, John Bowey, J. Buckham, J. Collinson, W. H. Hedley, G. Hobson, W. Logan, R. Mitchinson, T. Pringle, H. Ritson, W. Shell, G. G. T. Smith, J. Wilkinson, and Rev. J. P. De Pledge. After the relief of the poor had been attended to, the Building Committee reported that the various works were progressing satisfactorily. The Committee recommended the erection of a tank in which to store water for use and also to attach four hydrants which would be serviceable in case of fire. There would be sufficient pressure to reach almost all parts of the buildings. At present there was no storage of water, and if a fire was to break out the results might be serious. The Board agreed to the recommendation of the Committee. The Treasurer's sheet shewed a balance in hand of £3,395 0s. 4d, which, after the payment of checks signed that day amounting to £869 2s. 3d, will reduce the amount in hand of Treasurer to £2,526 18s. 1d. There was no other business of importance, and the Board adjourned.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—A respectable company assembled in the Wesleyan Chapel at the above place on Friday night last to hear a lecture by the Rev. F. Kellatt, of London. Mr. J. Hunter, of North Shields, was in the chair, and in introducing the rev. gentleman expressed a hope that what they were about to hear would make them better Christians, better citizens, and more devoted to God's cause. The subject of Mr. Kellett's lecture was "God in History." The lecturer detailed the struggles of the early Christians, and shewed that they had been supported and sustained in their faith by the directing hand of God. At the close of the address, the Rev. J. H. Cadman moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer for his services that evening, and likewise for the eloquent sermon he had delivered in the same building that afternoon. Mr. Cadman explained that a debt rested upon the Chapel, and the services that day had been in aid of the trust funds. The amount owing was some £80, but he was glad to be in a position to announce that the effort put forward that day would almost remove the incubus, over £65 having been realised, in which sum was included a donation of £20 by Mr. George Richardson. (Applause.)—The motion having been seconded by the Rev. J. Shearman, and carried by acclamation, Mr. Kellett responded. He said his visit to Shotley Bridge that day was the result of a promise which he made some time ago to Mr. Richardson, whom he met in London. He was glad to find that Mr. Richardson was their treasurer, and that he supported Methodism in such a practical way.—Mr. Richardson proposed and Mr. Muir seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and to the ladies who had provided the tea, which was held in the Temperance Hall that afternoon. This motion, which was supported by the Rev. J. Fielden, was also carried by acclamation, after which the doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced. The tea tables were given by Mrs. George Richardson, Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Mrs. Nicholas Brown, Miss Hardy, and Mr. Joseph Oley.

CONSETT FLOWER SHOW.

The annual exhibition of the Consett Floral and Horticultural Society was held on Wednesday afternoon in the Reservoir field, and was a decided success. The weather was fine, and a large number of people attended the show in the course of the day. The exhibits were as usual divided into three classes—open, amateur, and cottager. In the first-named class the plants shown by Mr. John Moon, of Blackhill, and Mr. Andrew Trotter, of Shotley Grove, were greatly admired. The flowers were an average show. Mr. Moon also took a large proportion of the prizes in the amateurs' class for plants and flowers, an extra prize of a writing desk, given by Mr. J. W. Davison, for the best fuschia and geranium, being won by him. In the cottagers' class Mr. George Marley (Leadgate), Mr. John Chaytor (Delves Lane), Emmerson Robson (Sherburn Terrace), John Anderson, and Squire Hull came prominently to the front. The vegetables were a fair lot. We observed in the open class that a collection of vegetables was disqualified, not having been entered in time. This was the case in several other lots of vegetables shown. There was an attractive display of fruit. Three prizes were given for the best six dishes, open to greengrocers and fruiterers. Mr. Trotter, gardener at Shotley Grove, was awarded first prize, Mr. W. Boal, Consett, second, and Mr. Chas. Almond, Consett, was third. Some dissatisfaction was expressed at what was considered to be the unfairness of allowing Mr. Trotter to exhibit in this class. The fruit exhibited by Mr. Boal and Mr. Almond was ripe and well-grown, and the committee very properly awarded each an extra prize. The judges were Mr. Storey, of Greencroft, and Mr. Copeland, Durham, whose awards, which are appended, gave every satisfaction. The proceedings were considerably enlivened by the sports, which continued until darkness set in. The handicap foot-race was won by Davison of Castleside. The donkey race created a good deal of amusement. Mr. William Dickinson officiated as starter. There was also a greasy-pole, from which dangled a leg of mutton. This, after a good many attempts, was eventually secured by a lad named Thompson. The Leadgate Saxhorn Band was in attendance, and played choice selections of music.

OPEN CLASS. (FLOWERS).

Extra prize by Mrs. George Brown, for the best lady's hand bouquet, a silver cup, C. Lovett 1st. Extra prize by Thomas S. Atkinson, for the best four stands of cut flowers, a lady's hat or bonnet, Andrew Trotter, Shotley Grove, 1st. Extra prize by the society, for the best four decorative plants, in bloom, John Moon, Blackhill, 1st, Andrew Trotter, Shotley Grove, 2nd. Three fancy foliage plants, John Moon 1st, Andrew Trotter 2nd. Two stove or greenhouse plants, in bloom, C. Lovett 1st, John Moon 2nd. Three balsams, John Moon 1st, John Chaytor 2nd, Andrew Trotter 3rd. Three zonale geraniums, in pots, dissimilar, John Moon 1st. Two petunias, in pots, dissimilar, John Moon 1st, Andrew Trotter 2nd. Two coleus, dissimilar, John Moon 1st, A. Trotter 2nd. Six ferns, Andrew Trotter 1st, John Moon 2nd. Two cockscombs, Andrew Trotter 1st, J. Moon 2nd. Fours fuschias, dissimilar, John Moon 1st. Two fuschias, dissimilar, John Moon 1st, Andrew Trotter 2nd. Twelve dahlias, dissimilar, Andrew Trotter 1st. Six stands of cut flowers, Andrew Trotter 1st. Twelve French asters, C. Lovett 1st, Andrew Trotter 2nd, John Moon 3rd. Twelve globe asters, Andrew Trotter 1st. Six roses, cut, C. Lovett 1st, Andrew Trotter 2nd. Six spikes of phloxes, Andrew Trotter 1st. Floral decoration for dinner table, John Calvert 1st. Six dishes of fruit, open to greengrocers and fruiterers, Andrew Trotter 1st, Mr Boal, Consett, 2nd, Mr Almond, Consett, 3rd. Bunch of black grapes, A. Trotter 1st. Bunch of white grapes, Andrew Trotter 1st. One melon, Andrew Trotter 1st. Six apples, C. Lovet 1st, Andrew Trotter 2nd. Six dessert apples, Andrew Trotter 1st.

VEGETABLES.

Four heads of celery, two red and two white, John Calvert 1st. Brace of cucumbers, C. Lovett 1st, George Marley 2nd, Andrew Trotter 3rd. Two cauliflowers, C. Lovett 1st, Andrew Trotter 2nd, John Calvert 3rd. Thirty-six pod of peas, George Bainbridge 1st, Andrew Trotter 2nd. Twenty-four pods of kidney beans, A. Trotter 1st, C. Lovett 2nd. Twelve summer onions, Andrew Trotter 1st. Three roots of beet, Andrew Trotter 1st, Emmerson Robson 2nd. Six round potatoes, Andrew Trotter 1st, George Bainbridge 2nd, John Chaytor 3rd. Six kidney potatoes, C. Lovett 1st, John Anderson 2nd, Andrew Trotter 3rd. Three turnips, John Anderson 1st, Emmerson Robson 2nd, John Chaytor 3rd. Three parsnips, C. Lovett 1st, Andrew Trotter 2nd, John Calvert 3rd. Three carrots, John Anderson 1st, Emmerson Robson 2nd, John Calvert 3rd. Collection of vegetables, Andrew Trotter 1st, George Bainbridge 2nd.

AMATEURS' CLASS (FLOWERS).

Extra prize by Mr. J. W. Davison, a writing desk, for the best fuschia and geranium, John Moon 1st. Two decorative plants, John Moon 1st. Hand bouquet of flowers, John Moon 1st, John Calvert 2nd. Group of plants, John Calvert 1st, B. Morgan 2nd. Two coleus, John Moon 1st. Two balsams, John Moon 1st. One petunia, John Moon 1st. One zonale geranium, John Moon 1st. Three ferns, John Moon 1st. Two fuschias, John Moon 1st. One light fuschia, John Moon 1st. One dark fuschia, John Moon 1st. Twelve French marigolds, John Moon 1st. Four stocks, John Moon 1st. Six stands of cut flowere, John Moon 1st.

FRUIT.

Pint flavoured gooseberries, George Bainbridge 1st. Six heaviest gooseberries, George Bainbridge 1st.

VEGETABLES.

Six kidney potatoes, George Bainbridge 1st. Six round potatoes, George Bainbridge 1st. Two early cabbages, George Bainbridge 1st, Thomas Atkinson 2nd, John Calvert 3rd. Three early turnips, George Bainbridge 1st, John Calvert 2nd. Three carrots, John Calvert 1st, Thomas Atkinson 2nd, George Bainbridge 3rd. Three parsnips, John Calvert 1st, Thomas Atkinson 2nd, George Bainbridge 3rd. Twenty-six pods of peas, Thomas Atkinson 1st, John Calvert 2nd, George Bainbridge 3rd. Twelve pods of beans, George Bainbridge 1st, John Calvert 2nd. Two heads of celery, one white and one red, John Calvert 1st, John Moon 2nd, Thomas Atkinson 3rd. Two cauliflowers, John Calvert 1st. Twelve summer onions, John Calvert 1st. Six tripoli onions, John Calvert 1st. Three r[illegible] of beet, Thomas Atkinson 1st, George Bainbridge 2[illegible]. Collection of vegetables, John Calvert 1st.

COTTAGERS' CLASS (PLANTS.)

Best collection of greenhouse plants, George Marley, Leadgate, 1st, Emmerson Robson 2nd. Two greenhouse plants, Emmerson Robson 1st, John Chaytor 2nd, John Anderson 3rd. Two fuschias, Emmerson Robson 1st, John Chaytor 2nd. One light fuschia, Emmerson Robson 1st, John Chaytor 2nd. One zonale geranium, John Anderson 1st, Squire Hull 2nd, John Chaytor 3rd. Two coleus, John Chaytor 1st, George Marley 2nd, Emmerson Robson 3rd. Two balsams, Emmerson Robson 1st, John Chaytor 2nd. One dark fuschia, John Chaytor 1st, Emmerson Robson 2nd, John Anderson 3rd. One lilium, John Chaytor 1st. One petunia, Emmerson Robson 1st, John Anderson 2nd, Squire Hull 3rd. One tricolor geranium, E. Robson 1st, John Chaytor 2nd, Squire Hull 3rd. Two ferns, George Marley 1st, J. Chaytor 2nd, E. Robson 3rd.

FLOWERS.

Three stands of cut flowers, Squire Hull 1st, John Chaytor 2nd. Three stocks, John Chaytor 1st, Squire Hull 2nd, George Marley 3rd. Four dahlias, John Chaytor 1st. Three fancy dahlias, John Chaytor 1st. Six asters, Emmerson Robson 1st, John Chaytor 2nd, George Marley 3rd. Six globe asters, Squire Hull 1st, Emmerson Robson 2nd, John Chaytor 3rd. Six pansies, dissimilar, Emmerson Robson 1st, John Chaytor 2nd, George Marley 3rd. Six French marigolds, John Chaytor 1st, Squire Hull 2nd, Emmerson Robson 3rd. Six African marigolds, Emmerson Robson 1st, John Chaytor 2nd. One bicolor geranium, John Chaytor 1st, Emmerson Robson 2nd, Squire Hull 3rd.

FRUIT.

Pint of gooseberries, Jacob Ritson Bowe 1st, John Chaytor 2nd, John Anderson 3rd. Pint of red currants, Emmerson Robson 1st, John Chaytor 2nd, John Anderson 3rd. Twelve heaviest gooseberries, Jacob Ritson Bowe 1st, John Anderson 2nd.

VEGETABLES.

Best collection of vegetables, Emmerson Robson 1st, George Marley 2nd. Three early turnips, Mr. Hall, Allansford, 1st, John Anderson 2nd, Emmerson Robson 3rd. Three carrots, Mr Hall 1st, Emmerson Robson 2nd, John Anderson 3rd. Two early cabbages, John Anderson 1st, Jacob Ritson Bowe 2nd, Emmerson Robson 3rd. Six onions, Emmerson Robson 1st, Mr Hall 2nd, John Anderson 3rd. Three parsnips, Emmerson Robson 1st, John Chaytor 2nd. Six kidney potatoes, Emmerson Robson 1st, Mr Hall 2nd, John Chaytor 3rd. Six round potatoes, Emmerson Robson 1st, Mr Hall 2nd, John Chaytor 3rd. Twelve pods of beans, John Anderson 1st, Emmerson Robson 2nd, Jacob Ritson Bowe 3rd. Twenty-four pods of peas, Emmerson Robson 1st, Jacob Ritson Bowe 2nd, John Anderson 3rd. Three leeks, Emmerson Robson 1st, John Chaytor 2nd, Jacob Ritson Bowe 3rd. Three roots of beet, Emmerson Robson 1st, Jacob Ritson Bowe 2nd, John Chaytor 3rd. Two cauliflowers, Mr Hall 1st, Emmerson Robson 2nd, John Anderson 3rd. One red cabbage, Mr Hall 1st, Jacob Ritson Bowe 2nd. Two heads of celery, John Chaytor 1st.

EXTRA PRIZES.

For the best fuschia, an excellent lamp, given by Mrs Brown, Havelock Street, Consett, Emmerson Robson 1st. For best hardy annuals, basket of plums given by Mr J. Cant, Consett, John Chaytor 1st

THE UTILISATION OF OLD INDIA RUBBER.—The following process for utilising old india-rubber, of which many hundred tons are thrown away as waste substances, has just been patented in Germany. The rubber waste is subjected to distillation in an iron vessel over a free fire, with the aid of superheated steam. The lighter oils which come over first are separated from the heavier products. The latter, when thickened and vulcanised in the usual manner, are found to possess all the good qualities of first-class natural rubber.

CHARITY.—True charity is the sweetest and most attractive of qualities. It smooths away the angles and rubs off the roughness and diminishes the friction of life. It adds grace to the daily courtesies and makes burdens easier to be borne. The loving heart is the strong heart. The generous hand is the hand to cling to when the path is difficult. There is room for the exercise of charity everywhere—in business, in society, and in the church; but first and chiefest is the need for it at home, where it is the salt which keeps all things sweet, the aroma which makes every hour charming, and the divine light which shines star-like through all gloom and depression.

MARRIAGE.—When a young man wants to marry a girl, he has already made up his mind that she is worthy of him; otherwise he would not wish to marry her. The next thing for him to do is to make a rigid examination of himself to see whether he is worthy of her. In this he should be unsparing of his own faults and shortcomings. If he comes to the conclusion that the girl is better than he is, let him at once and resolutely set himself to reform his own character and to eradicate its defects. If, on the other hand, he finds that he can conscientiously say that he deserves her hand, he may safely conclude that, if her affections are not preoccupied by another, he can win her by fair and honourable and open means, and without resort to clandestine plans or practices.

RHYTHMICAL EXTEMPORISATION.—Herr Hankam, otherwise Halm, a facile and fertile improvisatore, now exhibiting his extraordinary gifts nightly at one of the most fashionable assembly-rooms of Berlin, was recently "starring" at Chemnitz, where a somewhat heavy strain was put upon his powers of rhythmical extemporisation by the following subjects, propounded to him at different times by waggish members of the general public, solicited to supply him with themes for his poetical impromptus: "The reflections of a lobster whilst boiling;" "Dialogue between the strings of a Straduarius violin upon perceiving a child's toy-fiddle;" "Thoughts of a gnat hovering round an engaged couple;" "Monologue by the father of seven unmarried grown-up daughters;" "Philosophical considerations of an ordinary house-fly perambulating the bald head of an eminent statesman."

PRAISE.—As a general thing we are too chary in praising and encouraging the efforts of the young, too free in criticising and depreciating them. Many a child's powers in various directions are thrust back into inactivity by the cold unappreciative reception they meet with. Children quickly adopt the sentiments of their elders, and soon learn to put the same value on their own powers that others do. The parent, the teacher, and the employer can easily teach self-depreciation which may cling through life, and for ever prevent the development of powers that under more favourable auspices might have proved a blessing to the community; or, on the other hand, by cheerful encouragement and wholesome commendation, they may nourish many a tiny germ of ability and talent that may one day come to a mighty influence, a perceptible power, in the world.

LAWN TENNIS.—This may be called an historical game. It was a favourite one with the French monarchs, as well as with some of the English Kings. The celebrated picture by David, "Le Serment de Jeu de Paume," or "Oath of the Tennis Game," conceived in the classic manner, and representing that portion of French historical incident when Louis Seize, having forbidden certain measures, the malcontents met in the Tennis Conrt, and, while appearing to play a game, swore to effect their will, denotes its popularity at that period. While Galen speaks of it in Greece, the Lydians played it in the reign of King Atyx, many years before Christ; and in Middle Ages it was much resorted to in Italy. Of royal players the noted ones were Henry II. of France, Henry of Navarre, and Henry VIII. of England.

STATISTICS.—The rage for statistics, which is one of the distinguishing traits of French character, has led one of the idlers of Paris to compute what could be done with a milliard of francs, if represented by the actual weight of metal required to make up that sum in coin of the Republic. The mass of gold composing a fortune of this amount would weigh 650,000lbs., and would occupy a space of about 18 cubic yards. If it were drawn out into thin wire it would provide a line capable of being stretched round the whole circumference of the earth. In order to carry the gold treasure in question it would require 64 railway vans, making up a train extending over 1,300 feet of railway. To carry off a milliard francs worth of gold metal in one block, 6,000 men would be needed; if arranged in a row on the ground touching one another, the gold 20-franc pieces would make a line of some 800 miles, while if they were piled one upon another, the pillar would be 33,000 metres high, or about eight times the height of Mont Blanc.

THE PATRON SAINT OF UPHOLSTERERS.—It may not be generally known, even to Biblical students, that St. Paul is accounted the patron saint of upholsterers. Such is the fact in England. His credentials are probably supplied by Acts xviii. 3; he came unto Aquila and Priscilla at Corinth, "and because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers." This year the festival of the Apostle of the Gentiles occurred on January 25th—Sunday—and it was not professionally commemorated by the upholsterers of York until the following evening, when they met and discussed "a capital dinner;" and a York paper assures us that, "after the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been duly honoured, the craft drank to the memory of St. Paul."

CUT AND CUT.—A jealousy of the lower classes aping the dress of their superiors runs through all the ancient sumptuary laws. Camden tells a story of a Sir Philip Calthorpe, who in the time of Henry VIII. "purged a shoemaker of Norwich of the proud honour our common people have to be of the gentleman's cut." Hearing from his tailor that John Drakes, a local shoemaker, had ordered himself a winter cloak "of the exact like cut he should make for Sir Philip," the knight instructed the tailor to make his garment "as full of slits as the shears could cut." The cloak and the copy were thus duly made, and the disgusted shoemaker, on receiving his jagged purchase, "swore never to follow gentlemen's fashions again."

HOW AN OWL'S HEAD REVOLVES.—A writer in a contemporary who had read a story about an owl wringing his own neck off by looking at a man who was walking around him tested the matter by experiment. He obtained a specimen and placed him on the top of a post. "It was not difficult," says the writer, to secure his attention, for he never diverted his gaze from me while I was in his presence. I began walking rapidly round the post, a few feet from it, keeping my eyes fixed upon him all the while. His body remained motionless, but his head turned exactly with my movements. When I was half-way round, his head was directly behind. Three-quarters of a circle were completed, and still the same twist of the neck and the same stare followed. One circle, and no change. On I went, twice round and still that watchful stare and steady turn of the head. On I went, three times round, and I began really to wonder why the head did not drop off, when all at once I discovered what I had failed to notice before. When I reached half-way round from the front, which was as far as he could turn his head with comfort, he whisked it back through the whole circle so instantaneously, and brought it facing me again with such precision, that I failed to detect the movement, although I was looking intently all the time."

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CONSETT BRANCH
TRAINS.—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS.		1,2,G.	1,2,G.	1,2,G	1,2,G.	1,2,G
		A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Newcastle	dep.	5·45	9·40	12·30	2·40	5·35
Scotswood	„	5·52	9·47	12·37	2·47	5·42
Swalwell	„	5·59	9·54	12·43	2·53	5·49
Rowland's Gill	„	6·9	10·4	12·53	2·3	5·59
Lintz Green	„	6·15	10·10	12·59	2·9	6·5
Ebchester	„	6·28	10·23	1·12	3·22	6·18
Shotley Bridge	„	6·34	10·29	1·18	3·28	6·24
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill)	arr.			1·25	3·35	
	dep.	6·42	10·37		4·40	6·33
Knitsley	„	6·54	10·49		4·52	6·44
Lanchester	„	7·3	10·58		5·1	6·53
Witton Gilbert	„	7·14	11·9		5·12	7·4
Durham	arr.	7·25	11·20		5·21	7·15

DOWN TRAINS—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS		1,2,G.	1,2,G.	1,2,G.	1,2,G	1,2,G
		A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M
Durham	dep.	7·25		11·45	3·30	8·0
Witton Gilbert	„	7·37		11·57	3·42	8·13
Lanchester	„	7·50		12·10	3·55	8·25
Knitsley	„	8·2		12·22	4·5	8·37
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill)	arr.				4·15	
	dep	8·15	9·10	12·35	3·45	8·50
Shotley Bridge	„	8·20	9·15	12·40	3·50	8·55
Ebchester	„	8·24	9·19	12·44	3·54	8·59
Lintz Green	„	8·34	9·29	12·54	4·4	9·9
Rowland's Gill	„	8·39	9·34	12·59	4·10	9·14
Swalwell	„	8·47	9·42	1·7	4·17	9·22
Scotswood	„	8·54	9·49	1·14	4·24	9·29
Newcastle	arr.	9·5	10·0	1·25	4·35	9·40

SUNDAYS.

LEAVE	a.m.	p.m.	LEAVE	a.m.	p.m.
Newcastle	7·30	7·15	Benfieldside	8·35	8·20
Scotswood	7·37	7·22	Shotley Bridge	8·40	8·25
Swalwell	7·44	7·29	Ebchester	8·44	8.29
Rowland's Gill	7·54	7·38	Lintz Green	8·54	8·39
Lintz Green	8·0	7·45	Rowland's Gill	8·59	8·44
Ebchester	8·13	7·58	Swalwell	9·8	8·53
Shotley Bridge	8·19	8·4	Scotswood	9·14	8·59
Benfieldside (arr)	8·25	8·10	Newcastle (arr)	9·25	9·10

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STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.		P.M.
Newcastle	dep.	7·10	4·10	....	7·30
Scotswood	„	7·17	4·17	....	7·37
Swalwell	„	7·24	4·2[illegible]	....	7·44
Rowland's Gill	„	7·34	4·35	....	7·54
Lintz Green	„	7·40	4·41	....	8·0
Ebchester	„	7·53	4·54	....	8·13
Shotley Bridge	„	7·59	5·0	....	8·19
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill)	arr.	8·5	6·7	....	8·25
	dep.	9·20	....	....	
Knitsley		9·32	....	....	
Lanchester		9·41	....	....	
Witton Gilbert		9·52	....	....	
Durham	arr.	10·5	....	....	
STATIONS.		A.M.			P.M.
Durham	dep.	7·55	....	....	
Witton Gilbert	„	8·7	....	....	
Lanchester	„	8·20	....	....	
Knitsley	„	8·32	....	....	
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill)	arr.	8·45	....	....	
	dep.	8·50	....	....	5·30
Shotley Bridge	„	8·55	....	....	5·35
Ebchester	„	8·59	....	....	5·39
Lintz Green	„	9·9	....	....	5·49
Rowland's Gill		9·15	....	....	5·55
Swalwell	„	9·22	....	....	6·2
Scotswood	„	9·29	....	....	6·9
Newcastle	arr	9·40	....	....	6·20

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GOING EAST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Newcastle	dep.	5·45	12·30	2·30
Benfieldside	„	6·50	1·30	4·30
Rowley	„	7·0	1·40	4·40
Burnhill Junction	„	7·10	1·50	4·50
Tow Law	„	7·23	2·3	5·3
Crook	arr.	7·35	2·15	5.15
	dep.	7·45	2·30	5·25
Bishop Auckland	„	8·10	2·5[illegible]	6·0
Darlington	„	8·52	3·40	6·4[illegible]
Stockton	„	9·20	4·8	7·18
Middlesbro'	„	9·33	4·20	7·33
Saltburn	„	10·10	[illegible]·55	8·10

GOING WEST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Saltburn	dep.	5·46	11·15	4·[illegible]5
Middlesbro'	„	6·21	11·47	3·29
Stockton	„	6·31	11·[illegible]	3·37
Darlington	„	7·15	12·45	5·5
Bishop Auckland	„	7·43	1·13	5·33
Crook	arr.	8·8	1·38	5·58
	dep.	8·10	2·20	6·5
Tow Law	„	8·27	2·32	6·2[illegible]
Burnhill Junction	„	8·42	2·45	6·35
Rowley	„	8·52	2·55	6·45
Benfieldside	arr.	9·5	3·5	6·55
Newcastle	arr.	10·0	4·3[illegible]	9·40

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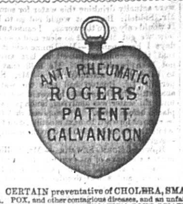
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CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, the members sitting at one o'clock instead of three, on account of the flower show. There were present Mr. Calvert, Mr. Collinson, Mr. Aynsley, Mr. Dunne, Mr. Siddell, Mr. Davison, and Mr. Hudson. Mr. Calvert, in the absence of the regular chairman (Mr. Jenkins), was called upon to preside. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

The Amalgamation Scheme.—The Chairman said he supposed this matter might be allowed to drop.—The Clerk (Mr. Elliott): Yes.

Carr House Crossing.—Mr. Siddell said on the 18th August several of the members met Mr. Cudworth, engineer to the North-Eastern Railway Company, at Carr House Crossing, and after a good deal of talk Mr. Cudworth eventually agreed to alter the crossing in the way that the Board wished. The road would be widened near Mr. Bell's garden. —Mr. Aynsley: Is it proposed to build the wall back on the other side?—Mr. Siddell: Yes.—The Clerk said he had sent Mr. Cudworth a tracing of the alterations required, and had received the following reply:—

North-Eastern Railway, Darlington Section,
Engineer's Office, Darlington, Aug. 20, 1880.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of the tracing you sent me, and will bring the subject before my directors early next month. I regret you have not noticed the conclusions come to at the interview we had on the 18th inst., as it is not unlikely that two months' hence the individuals present may have settled down under different impressions of what passed.—Yours truly,

Wm. Cudworth.

J. Elliott, Esq.

—The Chairman said it was evident that Mr. Cudworth considered the members of the Board were not to be relied on. (Laughter.)—Mr. Siddell said Mr. Cudworth was at first inclined to do nothing in the matter, but their Chairman soon put him right.—Mr. Hudson said he never saw a man so soon put right as he was when Mr. Jenkins tackled him.—The subject then dropped.

Infectious Hospitals.—Mr. Collinson said the Benfieldside people seemed to have thrown this project overboard.—Mr. Siddell: The question is—is a hospital needed?—The Chairman: We have had plenty of that. Remember it is flower show day. (Laughter.)—The Clerk, in answer to Mr. Dunne, said there was no correspondence on the subject.

The Park Scheme.—An Explanation.—The Chairman having read the minute relating to the verbal offer made last month by Mr. Siddell, the latter gentleman said it was all correct excepting that part which said that the Board were to have the land free.—The Clerk said that was what he had down in his rough minute.—The Chairman: If my memory serves me right, Mr. Siddell said we were to have the free use of the ground.—Mr. Shell: He certainly said we were to have it rent free.—Mr. Davison: Yes.—Mr. Siddell: Rent free, but the land was not to be given.—The Clerk said there was a letter from Mr. Jenkins on the subject. It was as follows:—

Consett Ironworks, Blackhill, Co. Durham,
12th August, 1800.

Dear Sir,—I regret that by some misapprehension on the part of Mr. Siddell or myself, there has been some confusion as to the views taken on this subject, and I hasten to correct the misunderstanding which has arisen. It was not my intention, nor had I the authority, to make any offer of the land referred to for this purpose. All that I desired to know for the Consett Iron Company was, whether the Board itself was unanimous as to entertaining any expenditure in this direction, and to what extent? And, as I have set forth clearly in my letter of the 2nd inst., if the Board desire to approach the owners of the land with any reasonable scheme, my Company will entertain favourably any proposal for aiding in the object you have in view; but, please understand distinctly, that the Consett Iron Company are not in the position of being in any way committed; and I shall be glad to hear from the Board what they desire further in the matter.—Yours truly,

W. Jenkins.

J. Elliott, Esq., Clerk, Consett Local Board.

—Mr. Dunne: We had better carry the matter forward to next meeting, when Mr. Jenkins will probably be here. We cannot go into all these things to-day.—The suggestion was agreed to.

Street Improvement.—The Chairman said the Surveyor had given him an estimate of the probable cost of cementing the footpath in front of Mr. Harvey's property in Medomsley Road (for which he is agent), and he had sent this to Mr. Harvey, informing him at the same time that the other owners in the place had formed the footpaths at their own expense. He had not received a reply, but had no doubt Mr. Harvey would instruct him to do what was needed.—The Clerk: (with regard to the footpath at the east side of Front Street), Mr. Taylor refused to cement his portion of it.

The Water Supply.—The Surveyor reported that he had, as instructed at last meeting, obtained a sample of the water supplied by the Consett Water Company, which he had given to Dr. Renton, the Medical Officer.—Mr. Dunne said the Board decided to send the water to the county analyst, and not to Dr. Renton, although he (the speaker) suggested in the first instance that the analysis might be made by their Medical Officer.—The Clerk said the Surveyor did not know the Analyst's address, and had taken it to Dr. Renton.—The Chairman here read the following report from Dr. Renton:—

Gentlemen,—My attention has frequently been drawn during the summer to the occasional discoloured state of the water supplied through the Water Company's mains. The samples I have examined have not varied from those analysed some years ago by Mr. Richardson and Mr. Ainsworth. The sample given me by Mr. Rippon at your request, certainly contained a larger per centage of vegetable debris than is usually found. In other respects it is perfectly wholesome for domestic purposes, and as this excess of peaty matter only occurs after heavy rainfall, it cannot be directly hurtful to the constitution of the consumer, as is proved by the fact that, not only has enteric fever (which sometimes arises from contaminated water) diminished in the Consett and neighbouring sanitary districts, since the Water Works were completed, but the general death-rate has materially declined, although other circumstances, particularly the more perfect system of drainage which we now enjoy, may have added to this happy change. I most unhesitatingly give the palm to the scheme by which we are supplied, at our very doors, with a full and regular stream of fresh water. I do not infer from the above that it is recommendable to drink a solution of peat out of preference, or that, by doing so, it might not have temporary, though obscure, ill effects on the system, but whatever baneful results may have followed its use, I have hitherto failed to detect symptoms traceable to the water, or that the death-rate is influenced or any special complaint induced after heavy rainfall. On visiting the source of our water supply a few days ago, I was surprised to find so large a balance of water in reserve; this being so, it is a mater of regret that we are not supplied more regularly direct from the springs with water (which is very much cooler and less discoloured than that from the reservoir) during the summer. The measles epidemic has greatly subsided, though the number of cases of diarrhoea is daily increasing. I notice sometimes most offensive odours in passing through many of the streets, notably in those designated as the Company Rows, John Street, Pitt Street, and William Street. I would, therefore, recommend the free use of McDougal's powder or some other de-derising agent to all uncovered ashpits, &c., open drains, and untrapped grates, so as to minimise the possibility of an outbreak of enteric fever this autumn.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. M. Renton, Officer of Health.

Consett, September 1st, 1880.

—Mr. Shell: That report is certainly very flattering to the Water Company.—Mr. Siddell: I should like to ask Mr. Calvert how it happened that the water was so particularly clear and cool on the 11th and 12th of last month.—The Chairman: Was that in the Works?—Mr. Siddell: Yes.—The Chairman: I can only account for it on the supposition that the workmen were not getting water out of the pond in front of Blackleg Row supplied to them. I am given to understand that the men were actually drinking this water for some time.—Mr. Siddell: But that would not go to Blackhill. It would only go to the works. I cannot understand how we got the water so clear and cool these two days I have named.—Mr. Dunne said it appeared that the resolution passed at last meeting had not been carried out. He held that it ought to have been attended to.—Mr. Shell said perhaps Dr. Renton had sent the water to the analyst.—Mr. Dunne said he would not be satisfied until the water was analysed, and a proper analysis placed before them. He proposed that the matter be carried forward to next meeting, and that meanwhile the water be submitted to the county analyst. —Agreed to.

Howdon Burn Sewage.—Mr. Collinson submitted a scheme of his own for the purification of the above stream. The plan met with general approval, and it was decided to give it a trial by way of experiment.

The Surveyor's Salary.—The following report was read:—

Office, Parliament Street, Consett,
Aug. 20th, 1880.

Gentlemen,—We, your Finance Committee, met as directed last meeting to consider Mr. Rippen's application for advance of salary. After due consideration, we recommend that his salary be advanced £20 (say £10 as surveyor, and £10 as inspector). We also recommend that in addition to the registrar of births and deaths paying £2 per year for use of room, the Guardians' rent be advanced from £13 to £20.—Yours respectfully,

Wm. Aynsley, Thos Dunne.

—Mr. Aynsley said it appeared the Surveyor had a salary of £90 a-year, in addition to which he lived rent free, which was calculated at £10 per year, making his total salary £100 a-year. The Board Room, however, was used by the relieving officer, the registrar, public vaccinators, and others, who had to be supplied with firing, and had to be cleaned after; which cost him some £24 a-year, so that the salary actually paid to the Surveyor seemed to be only £75.—After considerable discussion, Mr. Davison moved and Mr. Shell seconded, that the salary be advanced £20 a-year.—The motion was unanimously agreed to.—The members decided to allow the Guardians' rent to remain as at present.

Footpaths.—Several members expressed their surprise that the cementing had not been continued at the foot of Front Street.—Mr. Siddell said he understood that the new footpath was to be continued right round the corner. He moved that this be done, and that the width of the path at that point be six feet.—Mr. Shell seconded the motion, which was carried.

Surveyor's Report.—The following report was read:—

Office, Parliament Street, Consett,
September 1st, 1880.

Gentlemen,—During the past month, your highways have had due attention, and I am still preparing road material for the ensuing season. Mr. Kell has finished the kerbing, channelling, and cementing in Front Street, in a very satisfactory manner. I have embraced the opportunity to fill up the deep ditch by the side of footpath, in Knitsley Lane, with a portion of the refuse from Front Street. I request your permission to provide about 150 loads of broken slag, a portion of which I will require for Taylor's Lane, and the remainder for short lengths of other roads in your district. As the season is fast approaching when the footpaths will have to have attention, I ask you to determine what shall be done to footpath on Pasture Drift Road. I find on examination that there is scarcely any stone underneath the limestone chippings, and in order to make a good footpath, it will be necessary to excavate and remove the earth and put in a foundation of broken stones. The necessary repairs in public streets are receiving attention. The additional gas lamps have been put up, as directed by you. Your district still keeps in a fair sanitary condition. I have given a good deal of attention to it during the past month. In order to keep the ashpits clean, I have served sixteen notices to abate nuisance, the whole of which have been attended to. I have had your main sewer behind Harvey Street opened, and find it requires flushing, and suggest that an arrangement be made with the secretary to the Water Company to do it.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

Wm. Rippon.

It was decided to improve the condition of the footpath in Pasture Drift Road by putting a new foundation into a portion of it and giving it a fresh covering of limestone chippings.—Mr. Shell said a great deal of money had been spent on Pasture Drift Road. He thought that the footpath leading from Consett to the Iron Works required as much attention. This footpath, he said, was very extensively used, and very little attention was given to it.—Mr. Aynsley said as the season for cementing would soon be over, and as the Board had already decided to do the work as soon as practicable, he moved that the footpath adjoining the Church be cemented.—Mr. Dunne seconded the motion, which was carried. The Surveyor was instructed to advertise for tenders. Mr. Rippon was also empowered to purchase metalling.

Nile Street.—On the suggestion of Mr. Aynsley, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Consett Iron Company, asking them to cover in an ashpit in Nile Street.—There was no other business before the Boaad.

BURNOPFIELD FLOWER SHOW.

This Show was a decided improvement on previous exhibitions, the produce being, as a rule, all of exceptionally good quality. During the afternoon a good company gathered on the grounds and enjoyed the exhibition. The following sports were gone through—Cricket Match, for a Bat, given by the Society, was won by the Brunswick Club from Newcastle; a Foot Ball Match was played between a new club from Hobson and one from Newcastle, it was watched with much interest by the visitors, and was won with a hard tussel by the former club; a Mile Race was run, and won by Mr. Paris, Leazes, Mr. Dobbie coming in second; there was much interest taken in a Donkey Race, which was won by Mr. T. Todd's Donkey, of Bat House, Stocksfield, the second being Mr. Thompson's Donkey, of Burnopfield. After the Show there was a Ball, held in the tent, which was well patronized. It was led off by Mr. J. Smith and Miss Thompson of Burnopfield. Messrs. Davis and Smith acted as M.C.'s. The Music was supplied by the Spen Reed Band. The Judges were Messrs. Scott (Dunston Hill), Davidson (Gibside), and Grice (Hamsterley), and for the Farmer's Class, Messrs. Kirkup and Atkinson. Appended are the awards:—

OPEN CLASS.

Pot Plants.—Four decorative plants, not less than two in bloom (fuschias and geraniums excluded), J. Cawthorn 1st, A. Cairns 2nd. Four fuschias, two dissimilar, W. Scott 1st. Two balsams, W. Ambler 1st. Three coleus, dissimilar, J. Hood 1st, A. Cairns 2nd. Two zonale geraniums, dissimilar, W. Scott 1st. Two petunias, in pots, dissimilar, W. Scott 1st, J. Hood 2nd. Four British ferns, in pots, named, dissimilar, Master Grice 1st, A. Cairns 2nd.

Cut Flowers.—Six dahlias, three dissimilar, J. Cawthorn 1st, J. Spoors, 2nd. Six French asters, W. Handcock 1st, J. Cawthorn 2nd. Six globe asters, three dissimilar, J. Spoors 1st, J. Hood 2nd. Six African marigolds, J. McQueen 1st, J. Cawthorn 2nd. Six French marigolds, J. Cawthorn 1st, J. McQueen 2nd. Six cut roses, three dissimilar, G. Hall 1st, J. G. Ismay 2nd. Six trusses of geranium blooms, three dissimilar, Miss Atkinson 1st, G. Hall 2nd. Six carnations, three dissimilar, J. Maughan 1st, W. Scott 2nd. Four stands of cut flowers, J. Cawthorn 1st, A. Cairns 2nd. Six stocks, W. Scott 1st, G. Hall 2nd. Twelve pansies, J. Cawthorn 1st, W. Handcock 2nd. Six gladioli, dissimilar, L. B. Handcock 1st. Six stands of verbenas, three dissimilar, three trusses of each variety, W. Scott 1st. Three Stands of phloxes, dissimilar, three trusses of each variety, J. Spoors 1st, J. Hood 2nd. Three stands of penstemons, dissimilar, three trusses of each variety, W. Scott 1st, W. Handcock 2nd. Hand bouquet, R. Charlton 1st, Miss Atkinson 2nd.

Fruits.—Bunch of Grapes, J. Lawson 1st. Melon, Mr. Gourins 1st, R. Charlton 2nd. Eight pears, dessert, J. Lawson 1st, Miss Atkinson 2nd. Eight kitchen apples, J. Ismay 1st, A. Cairns 2nd. Eight apples, dessert, G. Hall 1st, J. Ismay 2nd. Pint of gooseberries, flavoured, W. Scott 1st, G. Hall 2nd. Pint of black currants, in strops J. Lawson 1st, J. Ismay 2nd. Pint of red currants, in strops, J. Hood 1st, T. S. Watson 2nd.

Vegetables.—Two vegetable marrows, R. Witty 1st, J. G. Ismay 2nd. Two cucumbers, suitable for table, J. Ismay 1st, J. Lawson 2nd. Three heads of celery, J. Lawson 1st, J. G. Ismay 2nd. Two cauliflowers, J. Ismay 1st, W. Dawson 2nd. Eighteen pods of peas, L. B. Handcock 1st, J. McQueen 2nd. Eighteen broad beans, J. Lawson 1st, W. Scott 2nd. Eighteen pods of kidney beans, A. Cairns 1st, Miss Atkinson 2nd. 8 summer onions, shown as grown, J. Spoors 1st, A. Cairns 2nd. Three roots of beet, W. Handcock 1st, J. Ismay 2nd. Six round potatoes, A. Cairns 1st, J. Cawthorn 2nd. Six kidney potatoes, W. Scott 1st, R. Maughan 2nd.

AMATEURS' AND COTTAGERS' CLASS.

Pot Plants.—Three greenhouse plants, in bloom (fuschias and geraniums excluded), W. Scott 1st. Two fuschias, dissimilar, W. Scott 1st, J. Hood 2nd. Light fuschia, W. Scott 1st, J. Hood 2nd. Dark fuschia, W. Scott 1st. J. Hood 2nd. Two zonale geraniums, dissimilar, J. Hood 1st, W. Scott 2nd. Two geraniums, tricolors, W. Scott 1st. Bronze geranium, W. Scott 1st, J. Hood 2nd. One pelegorium geranium, W. Scott 1st. Two balsams, W. Dawson 1st, W. Scott 2nd. Two petunias, W. Scott 1st, B. Mason 2nd. Pot of liliums, W. Scott 1st. Two coleus, dissimilar, B. Mason 1st. Two British ferns, named, dissimilar, J. Hood 1st.

Cut Flowers.—Four gladioli, two dissimilar, L. B. Handcock 1st. Four dahlias, two dissimilar, J. McQueen 1st, R. Maughan 2nd. Six asters, J. Spoors 1st, L. B. Handcock 2nd. Six globe asters, J. Spoors 1st. Three stands of cut flowers, W. Scott 1st. Six French marigolds, J. McQueen 1st, W. Handcock 2nd. Six African marigolds, J. McQueen 1st, W. Scott 2nd. Four stocks, W. Scott 1st, J. Hood 2nd. Six pansies, dissimilar, W. Handcock 1st, L. B. Handcock 2nd. Four cut roses, W. Scott 1st. Three stands of phloxes, dissimilar, two of each variety, J. Hood 1st. Three stands of antirrhinums, dissimilar, two of each variety, L. B. Handcock 1st, J. Hood 2nd. Three stands of penstemons, dissimilar, two of each variety, J. McQueen 1st, W. Scott 2nd. Hand bouquet, J. Hood 1st.

Fruits.—Six dessert apples, G. Hall 1st, W. Scott 2nd. Pint of gooseberries, flavoured, G. Hall 1st, W. Scott 2nd. Pint of red currants, in strops, J. Hood 1st, J. Eltringham 2nd. Six heaviest gooseberries, W. Scott 1st, G. Davis 2nd.

Vegetables.—Two cucumbers, G. Hall 1st, S. Blyth 2nd. Six kidney potatoes, W. Scott 1st, J. McQueen 2nd. Six round potatoes, W. Handcock 1st, J. McQueen 2nd. Early cabbage, W. Handcock 1st, J. Marley 2nd. Three early turnips, Mr. Turner 1st, J. Eltringham 2nd. Twelve pods of peas, J. Spoors 1st, J. McQueen 2nd. Twelve pods of broad beans, W. Scott 1st, W. Bland 2nd. Twelve kidney beans, J. Hood 1st, G. Davis 2nd. Three leeks, W. Dawson 1st, G. Hare 2nd. Two heads of celery, S. Blyth 1st, W. Dawson 2nd. Cauliflower, W. Dawson 1st, W. Bland 2nd. Six onions, spring sown, shown as grown, J. Spoors 1st, W. Bland 2nd. Six onions, winter grown, L. B. Handcock 1st, R. Maughan 2nd. Three roots of beet, L. B. Handcock 1st, Mr. Turner 2nd. Three carrots, S. Blyth 1st, W. Dawson 2nd. Three parsnips, W. Handcock 1st, J. Spoors 2nd. Vegetable marrow, W. Dawson 1st, W. Scott 2nd. Six eschellotts, G. Davis 1st, L. B. Handcock 2nd. Three stalks of rhubarb, W. Hunter 1st, J. Coulson 2nd. Savoy, G. Hall 1st.

FARMERS' CLASS.—(Open.)

Twelve ears of wheat, J. Kirkup 1st, J. Thompson 2nd. Twelve ears of barley, Mr. Callonder 1st, J. Kirkup 2nd. Twelve ears of short oats, M. Adamson 1st, J. Thompson 2nd. Twelve ears of Tartar, J. Kirkup 1st, J. Thompson 2nd. Three swede turnips, J. Thompson 1st Mr. Callonder 2nd. Three white turnips, J. Thompson 1st, J. Kirkup 2nd. Six large sound hen eggs, J. Thompson 1st. Six white field potatoes, J. Kirkup 1st, J. Thompson 2nd. Six red field potatoes, J. Kirkup 1st.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

By the Society, for the best dish of fancy butter, not to exceed 2lbs, an electro butter knife, Miss Gladders. By Miss Adamson, Burnopfield, for the best two pounds of plain butter, a butter cooler, W. Hindhaugh. By Miss Witty, Burnopfield, for the second best do. 2s 6d, J. Thompson. By Mr. M. Adamson, for the best table decoration, flowers only, 10s 6d, (the flowers to become the property of the prizegiver), J. Hood. By Mr. Turnbull, Leazes, for the second best do, one pound of tea, R Charlton. By Mrs. J. Turnbull, provision merchant, Leases, for the best collection of vegetables, consisting of two carrots, two parsnips, two beet, two leeks, two turnips, and two early cabbages, a ham, J. Spoors. For the second best collection of vegetables, as above, one pound of tea, (the produce for this prize must be the exhibitor's *bona-fide* growth, otherwise the prize will be forfeited), W. Dawson. By Mrs. Clark, Leases, for the best balsam and best petunia, a leg of mutton, W. Scott. By the Society, for the second best do, 2s 6d, W. Ambler. By Mr. Hood, Lintz Green, for the neatest arranged basket of cut flowers, half-a-dozen tea knives, T. Gowing. By Mr. Watson, merchant tailor, Burnopfield, for the second best basket of cut flowers, one pound of tea, Master Grice. By a friend, for the best hand bouquet, 5s, J. Cawthorn. By the Society, for the second best do, 2s, R. Charlton.

Open to amateurs and cottagers only.

By Messrs. Stuart and Mein, nursery and seedsman, Kelso, for the best four blooms of roses, eight fine named gladioli, L. B. Handcock. By Mr. Dawson, for the best red cabbage, shown as grown, 2s 6d, T. Potts. By Mr. W. Scott, for the best three balsams (dissimilar), 3s, W. Dawson. For the second best do, 2s, W. Scott. For the best six globe asters, 3s, J. Spoors. For the second best do, 2s, W. Handcock. By Mr. Watson, seedsman, Town Hall Buildings, Newcastle, for the best three stands of cut flowers, twelve gladioli bulbs, named, R. Maughan. By Mr. J. Nichol, joiner, Burnopfield, for the best three roots of beet, two red cabbages, one unglazed light, W. Dawson. By Mr. W. Appleby, joiner, Burnopfield, for the second best do, 2s 6d, (the produce to become the property of the prizegiver), J. Cawthorn. By Mr. W. Scott, for the best four heaviest gooseberries, one each of red, white, green, and yellow, 3s, L. B. Handcock. By Mr. Watson, Pont Burn, for the best two leeks and two heads of celery, a garden rake, W. Dawson. For the second best do, a garden reel, J. Hood. By Mr. Baker, for the best cauliflower, red cabbage, and three roots of beet, one Black's Patent No. 2 garden steel spade, W. Dawson.

Correspondence.

BIBLICAL—THE "WISDOM" OF GOD AND THE "WORD" OF GOD.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Wherefore also said the *wisdom* of God—"I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute." Luke, 11. 49.

My Dear Mr. Editor.—Many years ago, before (I think) either the old or the New Presbyterian Church was built, when as yet the U.P. congregation held service in the Tinmill School-room, I heard Dr. Bruce of Newcastle, deliver a lecture there, on the "Word" or "Wisdom" of God. In that lecture he entered learnedly and largely into the personifications of wisdom many and beautiful, as found in Solomon and other Jewish writers. And, no doubt, many of your more scholarly readers will know that, this personification ultimately became so intensified as to assume in the Greco-Jewish mind a distinct personal existence. This distinct personal entity of wisdom, although separate from God, or the absolute Divinity, was ever associated with Him, as His creative agent, and as His minister or supreme angel in the accomplishment of his purposes.

Again, any of your readers who may be well read in the Unitarian Controversy towards the close of the last, and the early part of the present century, will know of *one* peculiar reading being given to the proem to the Gospel of St. John. Instead of our Orthodox and Universal reading. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God," the reading suggested was, "In the beginning was Wisdom, and Wisdom was with God, and God was Wisdom," much in the same manner as we have it in Martin Luther, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and *God was the Word*, (und Gott war das Wort). The days I speak of were the days of the Unitarian giants: the days of Priestley, of Lardner, of Belsham, and Lindsey. Do not misunderstand me—I have no sympathy with their opinions: *none whatever*: but they were giants for all that. I have heard the *best* of their successors, and can only cry out, "Ichabod." However, this is somewhat away from any more immediate subject, or perhaps I should say object. If any of your readers look into their New Testaments, and read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the text which forms the topic of this communication (Luke xi and 49), they will perhaps have a faint notion, such as I have, that the "Wisdom of God," mentioned there, is a *book*, from which the text given is really a quotation. Of course your theological readers will know that there are books here and there appealed to in both testaments: books which are now lost to us. I need only mention the book of "Jasher." mentioned in Joshua, and the book of "Gad, the Seer," and the book or books quoted by Jude in his very peculiar epistle in the New Testament.

I may state here, also, that in my Latin Beza the "wisdom of God" in the said text is capitalised, thus, "Sapientia Dei," indicating some speciality by way of book, personality, or traditional. In the Greek of Dean Alford it is *not* capitalised, nor is it capitalised in Griesbach cum Knapp; and Vater has a Latin note to the effect that it is not necessary to suppose "sophia tou theou" (wisdom of God) to be a book, but to be simply the concrete wisdom of God, formulated as an abstraction. To this idea of Vater I can only give, as a faint objection, that the remainder of the text, "I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute," seems to be a true quotation from a book or from a personality. Of course the question is an open one, and may form an interesting exercise to some of your many readers who indulge in biblical literature—*Au revoir*,—youre truly,

Jon. C. Wylie.

Grammar School, Blackhill, 20th August, 1880.

P.S.—By the way, should any religious student look into Adam Clarke upon the succeeding text, as given by *Matthew*, he may be interested. (I write here from memory only.

EMIGRATION TO NEW ZEALAND.

LETTER FROM AN ANNFIELD PLAIN MAN.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Dear Sir,—I have just received a copy of your paper and therein I see a letter from a Mr. Wilson, from Otago, New Zealand, showing the evil effects of overdone emigration. I can endorse a good deal of what he says.

I have met with something that may interest your readers, if they are as interested in the question of emigration now as they were last year. Most of them will have heard of the Rev. J. Berry, who visited England last year. He is the prince of emigration agents.

This gentleman told the people that he was only on a visit, and out of pure kindness, he told them of "a land flowing with milk and honey." He induced thousands to come out, telling them of land to be had at £2 per acre. But he did not mention that it would take years of hard toil and labour to clear it of the bush. He told them of the flowers and the sunshine, and how men could make from 8s. to 10s. or 12s. per day. He did not tell them that New Zealand is one of the most uncertain places for work in the whole world.

Everything is double English prices here, and travelling more. Rents are very high—14s. or 15s. per week for a cottage the same as your four-shilling cottages, and are made of wood. Suits of clothes are from £5 10s. to £7; boots 30s., and a good many of the small articles, such as matches, blacking, &c., are six times the home prices.

New Zealand is the heaviest debted country in the world. The population is less than Liverpool, yet it owes twenty-seven millions. After that comes the various towns and villages, which have borrowed to the extent of about £100,000 more.

Mr. Berry when in England mentioned the railway as assets against the above debt. Railways are only half finished here, with the narrow gauge, and not a station in the whole country. Railways are only made for political purposes, and often laid in parts to suit followers of parties in the House. Many of the railways don't pay. Nothing does pay with the Government, they are so liberal with the money they borrow from England, the various boards and councils following suit.

We have had a Civil Service Commission to enquire into the expenditure of the colony. The details are startling, and are a disgrace to the country.

I will give you an instance of how they manage the Native Land Department. Some time ago 70.000 acres was bought and paid for by Government. When the land came to be cut up for sale only 7.000 acres could be found! This may seem hardly creditable, but it is a fact. A book could be filled with such-like cases, which are fit only for South American Republics.

Nothing strikes a stranger more than to see the number of banks in the towns and villages here. They pay heavy interests to the shareholders—from fifteen to twenty per cent. The name of the bankers is Legion. They are everywhere. They have gone far beyond the limits they were intended for. They buy up houses, lands, sections, or anything; they are more like pawnshops. Poor men are complaining that they cannot bid for anything in the shape of a house or any other thing, without bidding against a bank manager, who buys as a speculator. It is astonishing how little real current coin is in the country. Everybody more or less seems to depend on the bank. It strikes me very much as coming from your district, where banks are few and money real.

Your readers will think by the above that I am one of Mr. Berry's disappointed ones; but my friends at Annfield Plain know better—that, as I left home with ill health, and went to Tasmania and on to here, I have spoken of things as I find them, and have no interest to speak otherwise.

I enclose an extract from the Government "Gazette," which goes to show when Mr. Berry was in England he was a paid agent, and not a disinterested man, as he made himself out to be. He also asked the Government here to give him some hundreds of pounds extra (for what think you) for the number he sent out to starve. He also asked to stay one year more at the salary of £600 and £250 expenses. Not bad for a disinterested rev. What do such men as these, who do not dig their own gardens, know about work. I would advise all your readers to see his phamphlet, or *Christian World* for July or August 1879.

Mr. Berry, Judge Bathgate, and all the rest of them are connected with the land rings. Government have had some difficulty in stopping Bathgate, as it is a nice money-making business. I also enclose comments on this great question by the New Zealand Press, and hope you will insert them week after week, as you find room. I give you a rather dark side, as Mr. Berry gives the other in his book. People ought to knew both sides of a question.—I remain, dear sir, yours respectfully,

John Lee, late news-agent, Annfield Plain.

Patea, July 10, 1880.

A SPLIT AT SHIELD ROW.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Dear Sir,—As I was at Shield Row on Wednesday night sen., I saw about four men and two women come singing down the place, and making inquiries I was told they had separated themselves from the Wesleyan Methodists at Kip Hill, through a lock-out (of the chapel) they had. They journeyed on to the low end of Shield Row, singing and giving exhortations. At last they found a resting-place. Their leader, I was told, preached from these words—"Unto you is the word of this salvation sent," and two of the other brethren gave a short exhortation. If ever they get on, I think the generations which are to follow will be able to sing "Small and feeble was their day, when they first the work begun," &c. It was announced that Mr. T. Wilson, of East Castle, would preach on Wednesday, but it would be better if Wesleyan local preachers would not encourage splits and divisions. They call themselves the Evangelical Band. They intend commencing a Sunday-school —a very good institution, for which they will want books, &c.—I am, yours, &c.,

An Observer.

THE SHOTLEY BRIDGE SWEEP.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—Will you kindly oblige the poor Sweep to thank our local athorits for their kind attention they have paid to my letters, and your correspondent, the "Awd Pitman," for his friendly advice, which advice I will follow if the Co-operative Committee continues to place their barrels or anything else that will cause a nuisance before my deere. I was very Sorry indeed, Mr, for the "Awd Pitman's" Marrow, but I hope he is better and at work by this time. Most scertenently If I hat been there I would undoutely have disenfected him with Macdougal's powder, which would take and send the sting back to the Wasp, from whence it came, and mak it sting it-self to that degree, as you would really think it would be as big all-together as the Co-operative Committee. May I ask, has not our local athorits power to shift a nuisance from a street which has been used by the public over a hundred years, on which now stands an encroachment, namely, the Store Shoe-shop. Now, Mister, how, in the name of common-sense, can they claim any of the said Street to be their private property? In my opinion, they cannot, no more than the Sweep or his Cudy can either by the old or new Act of Parliament, for it has been used too long for them to do so. Well, if their Shoe-shop has stood the same, then, in this case, Jack is as good as his Master, and it's for the properjoters and tenants to stop the obstruction, and for our local athorities to stop the nuisance.—Yours affectionately,

The Poor Sweep.

Shotley Bridge, 1st September, 1880.

RAILWAY ACCOMMODATION FOR ANNFIELD PLAIN AND THE DISTRICT.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian

Dear Sir,—In my former communication on this subject, I only wished to draw attention to the fact of there really being a necessity for such accommodation. I now wish to make a few remarks on the necessity, and offer a few suggestions how to proceed to have the matter laid properly before the directors. A short time ago it was generally supposed that there was an intention on the part of the North-Eastern Railway Company to make a branch line from the Team Valley line, to come through the villages of Pelton, West Pelton, Pit Hill, Beamish, Shield Row, Stanley, the Tanfields, Annfield Plain, and so on by Leadgate and join the Consett branch. I am sure in making a calculation of the population in such a district, it cannot be set at less than thirty or forty thousand, so that it will readily be seen that railway accommodation is really required for such a large population, without taking into consideration the goods and mineral traffic that such a line would get. I would suggest that public meetings should be held as early as possible in all the places I have mentioned, and petitions sent from each meeting to the directors. I am glad to see, from an advertisement in your columns, that a public meeting will be held at Annfield Plain this week, and I trust there will be a large and enthusiastic gathering.—Yours, &c.,

Justitia.

West Stanley.

WESLEYAN METHODISM AT HAVANNAH, STANLEY.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Dear Sir,—It was said by Rev. T. W. Blanchard, of Shotley Bridge, in the year 1872, in a work entitled, "Sketch of the History of Methodism in the Shotley Bridge Circuit," "This place (Stanley) is of recent origin, and the Methodists who have migrated hither were connected with the Kip Hill Society. A small cottage was converted into a meeting-house in 1870, where the services are still held. A chapel is much needed, and if the members on the spot made an effort worthy of themselves, the means would no doubt be forthcoming." Well, sir, since the year 1870 the Wesleyan Methodists have had a society at Stanley, and there has been many made for a new chapel. I suppose the ground had been marked out, but after all the scheme seems to have fallen through. Another effort has been made, however, and on Thursday, Aug. 19th, a beautiful iron structure was opened for divine service. The opening service was conducted by the Rev. Hampson S. Eckersley, of Newcastle Elswick Road Circuit, this gentleman delivering a most splendid and impressive sermon from Ecclesiastes iv, 13. At the close of the sermon, the Rev. J. Fielden announced that the place had been duly licensed for public religious service. After the service, the friends adjourned to the mission-room for tea, at which about 300 sat down. In the evening Mr. Eckersley delivered a lecture. Subject: "Portrait Busts from Early Methodism." He handled his subject in the most masterly manner, evoking from the audience continual applause. The chair was ably occupied by Mr. J. Urwin, of Dipton.—On Sunday, August 22nd, the Rev. Wm. Goudie preached two sermons—in the afternoon from Proverbs iv, 8, and in the evening from St. John's Gospel, viii, 12—to overflowing congregations. Mr. Goudie has made many friends at Stanley. The proceeds for the two day's services amounted to nearly £20. The chapel is 22ft. wide, by 44ft. in length, and will accommodate 200 persons. The builder is Mr. Saunders, of London. Mr. Eckersley, speaking of the ease and comfort of preaching in the building, said it was perfect in the acoustic properties. The edifice cost about £260, exclusive of foundation, &c.—On Sunday last, the Rev. W. H. Milward preached two sermons. In the afternoon the text was from the 1st Cor., [illegible] 24; in the evening, from Hebrews, ix, 28. There was a very full chapel in the evening. Mr. Milward preached with his usual ability and great freeness. At the close of each service, liberal collections were taken.—I am, yours respectfully,

Dissenter.

September 1st, 1880.

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MARRIAGES.

Consett—At the Wesleyan Chapel, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. J. Shearman, Mr. Henry Davison, of Consett, to Miss Rachael Reece, of Blackhill.

DEATHS.

Old Cornsay—On the 27th ult., aged 10 months, John, son of John and Hannah Brown.

Blackhill—At 18, Rogers Street, Blackhill, on the 1st inst., aged 87 years, Appolina Weatherston, relict of Thomas Liddell, late of Lauder, Berwickshire. Interment at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Saturday, 4th inst., at three o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation.

Castleside—On the 2nd inst. aged 2½ years, Philis Jane, daughter of John and Elizabeth Copeland.

Catchgate—On the 26th ult. aged 6 months, David William, infant son of Eustace and Elizabeth Balleny.

Leadgate—At 16, West Street, on the 23rd ult, aged 6 years, John Bartholomew, the beloved son of John Thomas and Priscilla Bainbridge.

Jarrow—At 12, Humbert Street, on the 1st inst, aged 6 years, Mary Lillico, daughter of W. M. Patterson, formerly of this journal.

Australia—On July 19th, Jane Main, wife of Robert Main, late of Consett.

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