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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1884.

OUR FOOD SUPPLY.

IT may be said that, taking one consideration with another, the farmer's lot is not a happy one. This year has, it is true, been, on the whole, a favourable one to him as far as the harvest is concerned. The ingathering of the crops has so far proceeded that there can no longer be any doubt that the yield of our cereal crops has been abundant, and that the larger proportion of them has been gathered in under very favourable conditions. To the public this is a matter of unqualified congratulation; but it is not necessarily so for the farmers. An abundant yield means a lowering of prices. The farmer may have more grain, but he gets proportionately less for it; and then not only has the harvest been good in our own country but in other European countries and in America, so that our farmers, who always have to contend against foreign competition, find foreigners sending us grain at unusually low prices. Mr C. S. REED, M.P., "the farmer's Member," has made some remarks on this subject which cannot well be controverted. He asked how could the farmers grow wheat at 4s 6d per bushel; it was a price he had never heard of before, and he hoped he should never hear of it again. He disputed the axiom that farmers ought to grow food for the people; the first duty of a farmer was to live, and if he could not grow wheat he must grow something else, although it would not produce so much food for the people, and would not perhaps find so much employment for the poor. Mr REED did not say what else the farmer ought to grow, but we may suggest to our farmers that a large field for the employment of their capital and labour is open to them in producing larger quantities of poultry, milk, butter, and eggs, for all of which there is an increasing demand in this country, and for all of which (for we import enormous quantities of preserved milk) we are still greatly dependent on foreign market. Fully admitting that it is no part of the farmers' duty to supply the country with food, and that they have a right to look upon their occupation as a trade, and to study first and foremost their own interest, it is impossible to deny that this interest and that of the public are to some extent antagonistic. When the farmer obtains high prices, the public suffer; when the farmer obtains low prices, the public benefit. But here another consideration arises. Flour and bread are not so cheap as they ought to be in view of the diminished price of wheat, and there is a natural outcry against this. The farmers obtain lessened profits, but the public do not get the full benefit of this, while millers and bakers are getting an undue share of profit. There is still another consideration affecting the whole of our food supply in this country—the enormous rates for carriage. The session before last there was a royal commission on this subject. A mass of evidence was adduced showing that the railway companies charge rates for the conveyance of goods, merchandise, and good which are grossly unfair and seriously burdensome to producers and consumers. Nothing, of course, has come of this royal commission. Evidence has been massed together; the whole subject has been shelved, and the railway companies still charge just what they like, to the serious injury of manufacturers, traders, food-producers, and consumers.

THE WEEK.

FRANCE has borrowed an idea from the international code of the East. M. Ferry will not admit that he is at war with China. He has dismissed her ambassador, seized her territory, and ordered the bombardment of her one arsenal. But he will not accept the responsibility of a declaration of war. A more mischievous course than this it would have been difficult to discover, if M. Ferry and his advisers had searched the precedents from Grotius downward. It is a course absolutely void of justification, even if the attitude of France toward the Chinese had otherwise been justifiable. To European residents in the treaty ports it is a menace of the most serious kind. A war conducted in the desultory manner which has marked the French operations in other parts of the world involved great risks to neutral trade, and a certainty that Canton and other cities where the bellicose part of the Chinese race is found would speedily be rendered uninhabitable for Europeans. But a policy of reprisals intensifies these dangers to a degree which will cause M. Ferry's government to be regarded as an enemy by every commercial State. All the advantages which neutrals derive from the well-understood rules of war are denied to them. Instead of adjusting their commerce to definite general laws they will find it at the mercy of a French squadron engaged in filibustering operations throughout the China Seas.

A state of war imposes upon each belligerent clearly defined duties toward his opponents, but it confers upon him rights which are equally distinct. It is the business and duty of all his subjects to abstain from all intercourse with the enemy, and under the commission of their Sovereign to further in all legitimate ways the hostile objects of the State, to harass the enemy's trade, and to destroy his power. The whole action of the State and its forces in this condition of belligerency is directed to the single aim of injuring, or, if possible, annihilating the common foe. His ships are fair prey upon the sea, his merchants may be banished from the territory. All debts due to his subjects are suspended, and every contract formed with them goes into abeyance. But none of these acts on the part of the hostile State is an injury or insult to the opposing Power, or would constitute a grievance in itself, however they might be reckoned upon in the eventual settlement of a peace. Each belligerent, too, may call upon neutral Powers to abstain from rendering aid to his opponent, and may forfeit the property of any of their subjects who engage themselves in the hostile cause. The nations must stand aloof until the war is at an end. In all these circumstances there are advantages to belligerents, and it is of these advantages that the Chinese are by M. Ferry's policy deprived. Under a state of reprisals the hostile Power observes its own standard of right and wrong. It is fettered by no rule of law; it is freed even from the feeble restraints of public opinion. We may expect to hear on one day of a bombardment, on the next of a town laid under ransom; now of a province seized, and now of a population decimated. Killing, when the slayer is a Chinese, will be murder; seizure, when the active agent is a Chinese, will be piracy; opposition, when the opposers are Chinese, will be a crime. Of the ordinary rights of a nation China is deprived. From appeals to the laws of civilised warfare she is debarred. All this, so far as concerns France and M. Ferry's policy. It is a policy designed with a duplex object. Should China acquiesce, her commerce, territory, and people are at the mercy of French admirals and generals. The direct alternative is to assert the belligerent rights which she seems to be denied, to accept the odium and danger of the war which is thrust upon her, and to sacrifice to her pride and the cunning and obstinacy of her rulers, the integrity of her empire. There is only one other course, and it is acceptance of the rôle which M. Ferry has planned for her—a virtual subjection to France.

AFTER all, the Corrupt Practices Act of 1883 was not so complete an Act of oblivion and indemnity as it promised to be. It gave us a *tabula rasa* so far as related to political offences, but it did not wipe off old scores so completely as might have been desired where peccadilloes not purely political in their character were concerned. Mr. Puckridge, of Sandwich and Boulogne, has discovered this to his cost. Mr. Puckridge was an ardent politician in that splendid spring of 1880 when the political world seemed for a few months to have renewed his youth. He was steeped in political enthusiasm, and he was "yellow" to the heart's core. What may be the precise political significance of a yellow ribbon in the southern part of Kent is not material. Its significance is political. And Mr. Puckridge, in the exuberance of his enthusiasm, and the keenness of his partisan sympathies, enlisted his dog in the cause he had at heart by dyeing the faithful creature a beautiful yellow. It was a happy inspiration, at the moment, Mr. Puckridge felt. It typified that oneness of feeling, that community of ideas, which is so touching when it develops itself in canine and human natures. But it was not altogether a happy inspiration. Politics, the novelty of the situation, the sudden elevation in canine society, and the excitement of the time, were too much for the dog, and he died when his political fame was at its height. Fame and high politics and yellow dye killed him. Mr. Puckridge's sympathy for the dog, which had been so intense when he made him a member of his party, harrowed his soul when he was summoned before the magistrates of Sandwich to account for the death of his dog, and when he found himself sentenced to six weeks' hard labour without the option of a fine, he could endure the situation no longer. He did not stay to prosecute the appeal of which he gave notice. He fled to Boulogne, and forfeited his bail. For four years Mr. Puckridge has been an exile, surveying the "dear white cliffs" from Boulogne. But on Thursday his longing heart brought him back to Sandwich upon a flying visit, and in the evening when he was returning to France he was arrested. Considering that four years have elapsed, and that there has been an Act of Oblivion and Indemnity for worse offenders, may not Mr. Puckridge hope that the Home Secretary will extend it to him?

No impartial person can read Lord Spencer's communications to the Archbishop of Tuam without the conviction that the charge preferred by the informer Casey against the Irish officials is a fabrication. Casey was one of the murderers of the Joyce family at Maamtrasna. He and Anthony Philbin gave Queen's evidence. But Casey has at last yielded to the influence of neighbours and others who are anxious to discredit the administration of the law in Ireland, and has declared that he swore away the life of Myles Joyce because Mr. Bolton threatened him with hanging. This charge has been taken up by certain politicians in Ireland, who have always maintained that because Myles Joyce died protesting his innocence, he was murdered by Lord Spencer. The Lord-Lieutenant has made a careful inquiry into the whole case, and has established beyond the shadow of a reasonable doubt that Casey's accusations are utterly void of foundation. No interview between Casey and Mr. Bolton, of the kind described by Casey, ever took place. Mr. Bolton saw the informer twice in the presence of other persons. It is ridiculous to suppose that the Crown Solicitor can have threatened Casey; for, to put the matter on no higher ground, the case against the prisoners was overwhelming without the evidence of the informers. Three men followed the murderers to the cottage of their victims, and identified them all. This evidence alone would have secured the ends of justice. "There was no conceivable reason or motive on the part of the Crown or any of its officials, nor has any been suggested why Myles Joyce, or any of the others, if innocent, should have been singled out, and an effort made to convict them. They were arrested and prosecuted on the one ground that the information given by the three Joyces was fully believed and left no doubt as to their guilt."

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The new Midlothian campaign opened in truly magnificent style. There was only one opinion possible about the Premier's speech of Saturday. It was a debating speech, and it constituted far the finest contribution to the great ex-sessional debate, only to be paralleled indeed by the right hon. gentleman's succeeding orations during this week. It will take the Marquis of Salisbury and his friends some hard work to find a plausible answer to the arguments adduced by the Premier on Saturday. But the chief point of practical importance lies in the consideration given to Lord Cowper's suggestion of compromise. If the Conservative Peers were now to express their acquiescence in Lord Cowper's scheme of arrangement, it seems possible that the Premier would consent; and although he expressed his doubts as to the willingness of his party to make any such concession to the Upper House, his own personal influence would settle the matter at once and without serious controversy. It is to be hoped a spirit of "sweet reasonableness" may descend upon the Conservative leaders even in the eleventh hour, and that this envenomed agitation may soon be relegated to the oblivion which has overtaken many not dissimilar political incidents.

Reports are still ripe of dissensions in the Cabinet, and that Mr Gladstone's hand has been forced by his colleagues at last in the matter of a spirited policy in Egypt. For my part, I am not inclined to pay much attention to these reports, which are mostly the manufacture of the loungers on the steps of the Carlton Club. Still, like all gossip, they have their grain of truth to their bushel of chaff—the grain of truth being that Lord Northbrook probably insisted as a condition of going out to Egypt that something effective should be done to rescue Gordon.

Three press-men went down together by agreement to Hatfield to test the reality of these political pic-nics, and how far the Conservative working man is a *bond fide* element in such demonstrations. I met one of the trio yesterday, and he told me that there may have been 2,000 or 3,000 at the outside, and that at no time was the riding school in which Lord Lytton spoke more than half-full. The railway authorities had been told to prepare for 30,000, so we can estimate the amount of shrinkage in the affair.

The press has been busy, on the negative side, in disposing of Lord Ampthill's post at Berlin. The Duke of Argyll is not to have it for one reason, or Mr Goschen for another; Lord Napier and Ettrick for a third reason; while a fourth wiseacre has excellent reasons why Lord Lyons is not to be uprooted from Paris and transplanted to Berlin. In fact, there are so many impossible men that on the principle of survival of the fittest it is easy to say who is not to get it. But who is?

The Duke of Edinburgh cannot be said to have won golden opinions from all sorts of men during his cruise in Dublin Bay. But, then, the fault is not entirely the Duke's. The loyal portion of the population gave him a hearty welcome; but the mob and the municipal authorities, acting apparently in concert, were in the sulks, and the result was that there was no loyal address and no official recognition of his presence in Dublin.

The gratification of the farmers at the favourable harvest is marred by the extreme lowness of the prices which they are able to obtain for their wheat. They have now to contend against the wheat-growers of Hindoostan as well as against those of America, and it is becoming a question whether British agriculturists will not have to renounce the cultivation of wheat altogether. It is hard that the cheapness of this grain should injure the English producer without benefiting the English consumer—or, at any rate, the London consumer. The quartern loaf still maintains its price here, although it has gone down so much as a penny or twopence in some parts of the provinces. Mr Plimsoll has not yet published the result of his promised experiment in the New Kent Road, and in the meanwhile the reason for the persistent high charges of London bakers remains an inscrutable mystery. A Royal Commission ought to be appointed to examine the matter. My own belief is that a part of the mischief arises out of the exigencies, or supposed exigencies, of the London market. The "custom of the trade" is to agree to purchase so many sacks of flour, delivery to be extended over so many months, with an option of purchasing the whole amount at a given time; and it all depends upon the fluctuations of the market whether the bargain is profitable or disastrous. It is, in fact, a piece of commercial gambling.

The proposal to hold in London an Exhibition of American manufactures is one which may commend itself to the devotees of Free Trade amongst us, and no doubt it would be highly gratifying to our American cousins. But it is hardly prudent to carry our complaisance to the Yankee to the point of offending our own countrymen. Our manufacturers have sufficient difficulty in adhering to the doctrine of Adam Smith and John Stuart Mill when they find their goods taxed 70 per cent on entering America, whilst the Americans are enabled to undersell them in the English markets. But it would be adding insult to inqury to lend the prestige of a popular Exhibition to the American rivalry by which our own trade is already so heavily handicapped. I fancy that as the Yankees more and more find a market for their manufactured articles in this country, our traders will begin to call in question the dictum of Lord Beaconsfield that reciprocity is dead.

Most villages have their haunted or otherwise mysterious house. In one little Kentish village, not far out of Town, the chief house in the place, a fine large family mansion, has not been occupied for a generation. Thirty years ago the landowner died, the house was shut up, and has remained ever since untenanted and almost unentered. All offers to take the place were refused, though about £200 a year might have been obtained as rent. At length the family have sold this unremunerative property, and all the village wonders under what spell the house has been placed, and how the spell has been broken.

Old Mr Bohn's death at the ripe old age of 88 has removed from the world a man who well served his day and generation—and himself also. He was a man of remarkable literary taste, as well as of extraordinary enterprise. His famous "Libraries" of reprints had a most salutary effect in the diffusion of learning. They enabled even men of moderate fortune to become collectors—in a modest sense. It was an unfortunate accident that, from a lack of discrimination, his reprints were at one time in danger of ministering to pruriency. But he saw his own error, and instituted an *index expurgatorius* of his own. He was himself an author, and a careful and accurate translator from the German. His "Libraries" are now in the hands of Messrs Bell and Daldy. His eldest son is a barrister on the North-Eastern Circuit and a connoisseur of old china.

Correspondence.

☞ *We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, nor do we undertake to return their communications.—Ed. C.G.*

MR CHAMBERLAIN AND THE FRANCHISE.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—In Mr Chamberlain's speech at Birmingham (on August 5th) he poured out his indignation on the House of Lords for presuming "to stand between two millions of people and their political rights," serenely unconscious, apparently, that the Ministry of which he is a member was standing between half a million of women and their political rights. The reasoning used by Mr Chamberlain and others in favour of extending the franchise to county householders applies, with hardly the change of a word, to the extension of the franchise to women householders, and it does not look as though these statesmen were much impressed by the force of their own arguments, when we find that those identical arguments, applied to a parallel case, fail to convince themselves.—I am yours &c.,

F. P.

August 29th, 1884.

"PERSPECTIVE" AND "INCEDO."

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Your correspondent, "Incedo." I hope will not be offended if I ask him to read my letter again; because I think he must either have been in a hurry or else nearly asleep when he read it. If he ever did so, he must have skimmed over it and then left off at "True Co-operation" and very probably gone to rest; but it seems "True Co-operation" has also retired with him, not only that, but it has haunted him, hence the article to you. Had he read my letter aright he would have see that the force of my letter was *equality* in the ready money system, *and then it would be a step near True Co operation.* I did not say that the ready money system was the only thing necessary for "True Co-operation," but I say that ready money is part and parcel of the Co-operative principle. I think he ("Incedo") will agree with me that a business on ready money can be better carried on, both satisfactorily and profitably to members and conductors, and will pay much better in the end. I fail to see how a society could be carried on without ready money from some source. We know that the Co-operative system is only carried on by what its members contribute, and what they generally contribute to the capital is their profits upon their purchases; therefore, a person paying money down for his goods is more benefit to the society than the man only paying for his goods about every three months. Who is the gainer? The society and the man who runs his account for three months gains from the ready money payer, and the ready money man is the loser. I am not going into figures to show how much, but I think it is very plain. Again, how can "Incedo" make out that the ready money system is against the working man. It may be inconvenient at times, but in the end it is his best friend—let a working man have his wages to go and purchase with he will profit more by paying down than by letting his account run on; he will save at the very least 5s at almost any private dealer's over the credit purchaser, but let him go to the Shotley Bridge Society and pay his money down what will be gain over the credit purchaser? Nothing! Shotley Bridge Society may have been a model society, but I am sorry to say it has fallen below that now, and "Incedo" need not discuss this point, because it would not be profitable, and I have not the least doubt in the course of time the members will themselves see were the mistake is, and have it rectified. Now, in conclusion, I can only say I fully expected an explanation upon the two statements, but none has been forthcoming from either, so the public may take it for granted that it was only "bounce," not a reality.—I am, &c.,

"PERSPECTIVE."

Shotley Bridge, 2nd Sept., 1884.

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LANCHESTER RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

This Authority met at Lanchester on Thursday se'nnight, under the presidency of Mr Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P. The members in attendance comprised the Revs J. P. De Pledge, J.P., and Chas. Gillow; Messrs John Wilkinson, W. Logan, Geo. Hobson, R. W. Shaw, J. W. Hodgson, T. Siddell, J. Eltringham, W. Shell, J. Collinson, T. Pringle, H. Hornsby, J. Buckham, W. Bell, J. Bowey, the clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson); and the Inspector (Mr J. W. Rounthwaite).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, were signed by the Chairman.

EBCHESTER WATER SUPPLY.

Mr Chas. W. Balleny, of Ebchester, attended the meeting, as a deputation on behalf of the inhabitants of Ebchester and the immediate locality, to urge upon the Authority the necessity of assisting them in procuring a supply of Consett water in the places referred to. Mr Balleny explained that several meetings of the ratepayers had already been held, and they had made representations to the Consett Water Company to lay in their pipes to Ebchester Hill, Ebchester Village, Medomsley Edge, and Broomhill. The secretary had replied to the effect that his Company would do this if the residents would guarantee ten per cent. of the cost of laying down the pipes—estimated at something like £400 and £450—between the Hat and Feather public-house, at Derwent Cottages, to Mr Carr's residence below the Railway Station. At a meeting held on Saturday evening, the sum of £50 was guaranteed by the principal householders, which reached ten per cent. on £400; but it was deemed advisable to ask that Authority to assist them in getting the Consett water pipes laid into the village. Unfortunately, he possessed very little information on the subject, inasmuch as Mr Humble, the gentleman who had had the matter in hand, was unavoidably prevented from attended the meeting, and he (Mr Balleny) had been requested to come at the eleventh hour. In hurrying away, he had forgotten to bring with him the memorial, which was signed by the leading residents of Ebchester Hill and the village. He had seen, however, Mr Humble that morning, and he understood that gentleman to say that he had seen Mr Wiles, the secretary to the Consett Water Company, and that gentleman informed him that if the Authority ordered them to lay in water into those villages, they would do the work. The only supply at present was a trough by the side of the road leading from the Railway Station, and at the present time there was only something like six inches of water in it. If the pipes were laid right into the village, he felt sure that most of the people would have the pipes fixed into their houses.

Mr SHELL, as overseer for the township, said the meeting was held on Saturday to consider the subject, and he could assure the members that the inhabitants were very badly off for a proper water supply.

The Clerk stated, in reply to the members, that the Sanitary Authority could empower the Consett Water Company to lay in their pipes to any village which did not possess an efficient water supply, providing they guaranteed a certain percentage on the original cost thereof.

Mr COLLINSON suggested that the Authority should instruct the Water Company to lay in the pipes to the above-mentioned villages, guarantee 10 per cent. of the cost, and levy a special rate upon the township to cover the expenditure incurred.

Mr SHELL thought they might safely instruct the Water Company to lay down the pipes.

After some further remarks, the Clerk was directed to write to the Consett Water Company for particulars, and the matter will be definitely settled at the next meeting.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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

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

GENTLEMEN,—During the last fortnight the contract for out-fall sewer at Langley Park has been pushed forward, and will, I expect, be completed in a few days.

George Albert Wherly was summoned on the 7th inst. for non-payment of cost of water pipes and fittings laid into his property at Langley Park by order of the Authority, but the case was settled out of Court by the defendant paying the amount with costs in full.

There are still a small number of houses at Langley Park which have not any proper water supply.

Edward Rutter, builder, of Esh, has again neglected the bye-laws by failing to give notice of his intention to commence with a new building, viz., additions to Langley Park Schools, and also by covering up drains at the same place without having them inspected by your Surveyor.

971. Notice was served on Thomas Blandford, agent for the owner, to abate a nuisance at Gorcock Hall by putting in proper 6in. drains and sinks, on the 30th May last. He has not complied.

Informal notice was also sent to trustees of Blackburn to abate nuisance at Catchgate by putting in proper sink and trap. No notice has been taken.

Under the direction of your Committee, I attended at Local Government Enquiry at Craghead Colliery on the 12th instant, and gave evidence on the matter in dispute.

Nuisance notices served during the month ..	1
Letters written with respect to nuisances	24
Plan approval notices sent out..............	7
Plans received and examined...............	4
Habitation certificates sent out............	1
Villages, hamlets, &c., inspected..........	22

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

J. WM. ROUNTHWAITE.

Lanchester, 28th August, 1884.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

August 28th, 1884.

Your Committee recommends that the following plans be approved, subject to the matters marked on each plan being attended to, viz:—

543. Marquis of Bute, farmhouse, Burnopfield.

550. Henry Prevell, outbuildings to house, Dipton.

That plan (551) of J. Hunter for cart-shed in yard of house at Langley Park be received.

That plan (552) of Wm. Davison for house near Consett be disapproved, being contrary to bye-laws in certain particulars.

That in future the Authority issue along with the habitation certificate the certificate required under the 6th section of the Public Health (Water) Act, 1878, for dwelling-houses erected since the passing of the said Act.

The report was adopted, and the recommendations of the Committee therein were agreed to.

MR HALL'S CLAIM.

In reference to the claim of Mr Stephen Hall, contractor, of Prudhoe, for extra excavation work performed in connection with the Dipton village sewerage scheme, a letter was read from Mr Lamb, solicitor, Newcastle, intimating that he had advised his client to accept the terms offered by the Authority on the 4th ult., and if a cheque for £19 were forwarded to him (Mr Lamb) he would send a receipt for full discharge.

Mr LOGAN proposed that the letter be accepted, and that a cheque be drawn in favour of Mr Hall.

This was agreed to.

THE OLD QUARRY AT CATCHGATE.

Mr HOBSON drew attention to the offensive stench arising from sewerage and filth settled in the old quarry at Catchgate, and thought something ought to be done to get the stuff drained away.

The Inspector said that no remedy could be of any avail unless the quarry was filled up, and the sewerage conveyed elsewhere.

The Authority instructed the Inspector to report next month the best remedy for dealing with the nuisance.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The Medical Officers submitted the following reports:—

Lanchester District.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The following are the fresh cases of catching diseases that have appeared in this district during the past four weeks.

Four cases of typhoid at Ushaw Moor; three cases of whooping cough at East Hedleyhope, and two cases at Hedleyfell; thirty cases of diarrhoea at Quebec, twenty at Hamsteels Colliery, six at Newhouse Cottages, and three at Esh; eight cases of diarrhoea and three of scarlet fever at Langley Park; three cases of scarlet fever at Lanchester, and three at Burnhope.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN WILSON.

Aug. 28th, 1884.

Medomsley District.

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

GENTLEMEN,—No fresh cases of zymotic disease have come under notice since my last report, and the whole of the Medomsley district is in a good sanitary state with one exception.

At Medomsley Edge and down to Ebchester Hill great inconvenience is felt from almost total want of water for domestic and other purposes, and as the population is increasing very much in the Medomsley district these houses ought to have a sufficient supply of pure water for drinking, &c. A deputation will wait upon your Board to-day for the purpose of having this part of the district supplied with water, which, I trust your Board will earnestly consider.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. T. BOLTON.

Aug. 27th, 1884.

Eastern District.

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

GENTLEMEN,—A few weeks ago scarlatina was imported into this district from an adjoining parish, where, I understand, it has been epidemic some time. Only five cases have been notified to me so far all of which have occurred in detached houses, on the outskirts. As the disease is fairly well isolated, I expect there will be no further spread.

Diarrhoea is very prevalent over the entire district. I have come across about 200 cases during the month. The disease attacked old and young indiscriminately, and in many instances in a severe form. Those that ended fatally were weakly children under the age of one year.

The mortality for the month is rather above the average, 30 deaths were registered, being equal to an annual ratio of 21 per 1,000 on the estimated population. The increased death-rate is due to diarrhoea, six of the deaths were caused by that disease.—I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

T. BENSON, Medical Officer.

Aug. 26th, 1884.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST CHOLERA.

A code of regulations drawn up by the Union Medical Officers was submitted, being directions to householders as to the best means for preventing the spread of the cholera epidemic in the event of the infection visiting this district.

It was resolved to have 2,000 copies of the same printed and posted throughout the Union.

This was all the business.

WEARDALE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The ordinary fortnightly meeting was held on Friday, in the Board-room, Stanhope, the members present being Messrs C. Bainbridge (chairman), G. R. Wooler, G. Curry, W. Rippon, W. Ridley, T. Crawhall, J. V. Walton, H. Watson, Dr Livingstone, M. Reed, and T. Robinson.

THE CHARGES OF OFFICIAL NEGLIGENCE.

In regard to the charges of negligence made at the last meeting against the assistant oveeseer for Stanhope (Mr Morley), Mr Crawhall, one of the overseers, addressed the following letter to the Board:—

"Stanhope, Aug. 22nd, 1884.

DEAR SIR,—The overseers of this parish held a meeting in the vestry yesterday to consider the delay in collecting the poor-rates. The overseers strongly impressed on the collector the necessity and importance of having all collected and paid over to the treasurer on the date of your precept. At present the account stands in bank £870 1s 8d, and the balance, say £130, to make up the call of £1,000 due to the 2nd of June, Mr Morley most firmly promises to collect and pay into the bank on Tuesday next, the 26th inst., and the precept of £1,000 due on the 2nd prox. Both collectors promise to collect and pay in full on Friday, the 26th September next. This, we hope, will be so far satisfactory to your Board, as the best and all the overseers could do in the matter, as they are powerless to do more, but if you can point out any further authority we may have we will feel obliged. The parish in Vestry appoints the Assistant-Overseer, and your Board appoints the collector, and the overseers appear to have no real control over either, but appear to be responsible for any neglect. If this be so the sooner such a state of affairs are altered the better. Yet it may be pointed out that there is a remedy which rests with the Guardians of the Union.—Yours very truly,

"THOMAS CRAWHALL."

The Clerk also read a letter from Mr Morley, informing the Board that he paid the call of £1,000 into the bank on Monday last, according to his promise.

RELIEF STATISTICS.

A return, showing the number of paupers in receipt of relief on the 1st of last July, was read by the Clerk. The in-door paupers then numbered 74, as against 68 of the preceding year; out-door paupers, 515, against 519 last year; the total out-door and in-door numbering 589.

The Workhouse Master reported 75 inmates in the House last week, the corresponding week in last year showing 69, and increase of 6. Mr Rippon had examined the House and found everything in good order.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr Harrison, the relieving-officer, being yet unable to resume his duties, had his leave extended for another month.

A FASHIONABLE BOARDING-HOUSE.

Mr CURRY, at the conclusion of the business, asked leave to make a few remarks on the case of an old lady named Mrs Robinson, of Elm Park, who was now in the House. He asked what authority the overseers of Tow Law had to send her there. She was kept by her son, Mr Robinson, of Elm Park, agent to Mr Wilkinson, but that was not a House for such as her. It was a House for the destitute and not for independent people. (Laughter.) Stanhope was getting, as they would all know, quite a fashionable place. Lodging-houses were full, public-houses overcrowded, and the only place left for visitors was the Workhouse. (Renewed laughter.) This old lady has been there during the summer, and as the weather was now turning cold, he had great pleasure in proposing that she be now sent at her son's expense down to her winter's quarters on the very first fine day. (Laughter).

Mr LEE, in answer to the Chairman, said the House was really for the poor only; therefore, the son of the old lady will be be requested to effect her removal.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The ordinary fortnightly meeting of the above Authority was held afterwards, under the presidency of Mr Bainbridge.

THE WATER SUPPLY OF FROSTERLEY.

Since last meeting the committee appointed to report on the sanitary condition of Frosterley had visited that village, and had concluded that some practical and general system of drainage is required. Some of the houses are drained into a runner at the east-end. Another portion of the village is drained into cesspools, but the sewage of the bulk of the houses was received into Mr Morgan's mill dam, causing a great nuisance. By putting down one main sewer right through the centre of the village, from the east-end to the mill, and two grand sewers, the whole village would be drained into one outlet to the Wear.

The Surveyor estimated the cost of carrying out this scheme to be abont £207.

Dr LIVINGSTONE said there were good stone drains through Frosterley going into the mill dam, and if they were trapped, ventilated, and flushed with water, these would do well enough.

Mr WALTON, as one of the inspecting committee, said they had suggested a thorough system, which in the end would be better than patching the old drainage up.

The Surveyor mentioning that a channel of water which should be run into the dam was now diverted from its proper course, it was eventually decided that for the present he should see this put right, and give the owner of the mill-dam notice, to clear it out.

AN ANONYMOUS COMPLAINT.

An anonymous letter, posted in London, but containing a complaint as to the sanitary condition of Wolsingham, had been received by the clerk, but the Board refused to hear it read.

The most wholesome and nutritious of confections is far less consumed than it would be were it not for the greatly adulterated articles sold under the name of chocolate. Every cake of chocolate bearing the name of Cadbury is guaranteed to consist solely of pure Cocoa and white sugar, and may therefore be given to children with perfect safety. Chocolate makers by special appointment to the Queen.

THROAT IRRITATION AND COUGH.—Soreness and dryness, tickling and irritation, inducing cough and affecting the voice. For these symptoms use Epps's Glycerine Jujubes. In contact with the glands at the moment they are excited by the act of sucking, the Glycerine in these agreeable confections becomes actively healing. Sold only in boxes, 7½d., tins, 1s. 1½d., labelled "JAMES EPPS & Co., Homoeopathic Chemists, London." A letter received: "Gentlemen,—It may, perhaps, interest you to know that, after an extended trial, I have found your Glycerine Jujubes of considerable benefit (with or without medical treatment) in almost all forms of throat disease. They soften and clear the voice.—Yours faithfully, GORDON HOLMES, M.D., Senior Physician to the Municipal Throat and Ear Infirmary."

WEARDALE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The twenty-eighth anniversary of the above society was held near St. John's Chapel, on Saturday. There were close upon 300 entries, made up of 117 cattle, 91 sheep, and 87 horses. The entries in all the departments showed a large increase on the previous one, mainly due to the inducements offered by the enterprising management. The weather being splendid, an immense number patronised the show. The quality and condition of horses, cattle, and sheep was excellent, several well-known animals in the prize area being embraced, notably Mrs Armstrong's bull—Northumbria—winner at the Coquetdale, Hexham, Beamish, and Allendale shows. In the open class bulls, the first prize was awarded to the "Prince of Howl John," the property of Messrs Vickers, of Howl John, Weardale. This animal was also the winner of the cup given by Mr Jos. Bee for the best animal in seven classes on Saturday. The first prize yearling bull belonged to Mr T. Golightly, of Nentwater. In the class for cows about three years old, "Belle of Howl John," belonging to Messrs. J. and W. Vickers, took first honours. In the three classes for diary cows, the blue ribbon was awarded to animals belonging to Mr Thomas Lonsdale, Weardale; Mr W. Lowes, Queensberry, Weardale, and Mr James Spark, Wearhead. There were good rings of heifers and heifer calves. Tue saddle and harness and pony classes are always interesting ones, and bring a stud of Dales "galloways" into the ring. Mr J. Gowland's Don took first for saddle and harness. The silver cup of the society for best pony, any age, not exceeding 14½ hands, was carried off by Mr J. Foster (Rookhope). Dr Arnison's prize of £2 for the best pony, any age, not exceeding 14 hands, was won by Mr A. Bell's (Teesdale). The black-faced sheep both in the open and park and forest classes were well filled and some excellent animals were exhibited. Dr Arnison's prize of silver butter cooler for the best butter was won by Miss Emerson, of Unthaugh.

A lunch was held afterwards in the Town Hall, provided by Mr Bell, of St. John's, to which a large company sat down. Mr Hopkins, deputy-chairman of Weardale Mining Company, presided, jointly with Dr Arnison, J.P., Mr Geo. Balters (London), and Mr Maxfield (Sheffield).

NEW LOCAL WORK.

VIEWS OF MANSIONS AND PLACES OF INTEREST IN THE LANCHESTER AND DERWENT VALLEYS; and Portraits of Local Men. By GEORGE NEASHAM Durham: 46, Old Bailey.

Mr Neasham has just issued a handsome volume of artistic illustrations of mansions and scenery in the famed Lanchester and Derwent valleys, with portraits of living and dead celebrities thereabouts. It is a large book, being of the size known as royal quarto, and seems to have been got up regardless of expense. The portraits are really works of art. There is quite a speaking likeness of Mr Kearney, of The Ford, and an equally good engraving of his house. The historic mansion of Greencroft makes a fine picture, but not more so than the village and church of Lanchester which nestle in the bosom of the valley below it. This last view is an etching, and has been taken from the bridge at the east end of the village. Mr Thomas Colpitts Granger, Queen's Counsel, and some time member of Parliament for Durham City, occupies a place in the book. Those who still remember Mr Granger's figure will agree that it is a faithful likeness. We learn that Mr Granger was born at Flass Hall, that he was called to the bar of the Inner Temple in 1832, and that he died twenty years later, immediately after a victorious election at Durham, and when the highest honours of the legal profession were within his grasp. Speaking of his popularity as a pleader, Mr Neasham says:—"Durham juries from all parts of the county were known to lean very much to Mr Granger, so much so that it is said that Mr Justice Cresswell came down one assizes to stop such favouritism. On the verdict being taken in one of the cases in which Mr Granger was engaged, when the jury were asked whether they found the prisoner 'Guilty or not guilty,' the foreman replied calmly, 'we find for Tom Granger my Lord,' which verdict, though satisfactory to the jury, did not meet with Mr Justice Cresswell's approval. Mr Granger contested the city of Durham on Liberal principles on five several occasions, and was thrice returned as one of its representatives. Beaten first in 1835, two years afterwards he maintained a severe struggle against Mr Harland, the representative of the old Whigs, but was again defeated by the narrow majority of two. He took his defeat, after the heat of the contest died away, in good part. So did his friends; and the consequence was after that he had the whole of the Liberal party at his back. In 1841 he was returned with Capt. Fitzroy, and subsequently had the honour of having Mr Bright for his colleague. He stood another victorious contest in 1847, and was again returned in 1852. But Mr Granger never recovered from the fatigues of the contest. He died in the hour of a popular triumph, but his memory both as a politican and a lawyer, still survives, both in the city and county of Durham." There is also a portrait of William Hedley, the inventor of the locomotive. Mr Hedley died at Burnhopeside, near Lanchester, and there is a very pretty and effective view of the house and grounds there, as well as a striking portrait of one of Mr Hedley's sons, the present owner of Burnhopeside.

Other portraits of gentlemen still living include Mr W. Jenkins, manager of the Consett Iron Works; Mr Matthew Kearney, Mr John Surtees, the artist, and Mr Joshua Lax. Mr R. Surtees, Mr John Renton, Mr John Graham Lough, Mr W. Hedley, Mr T. C. Granger, and Mr John Annandale, are worthy representatives of a past generation.

Among the other views which deserve to be particularised are engravings of Colepike, once the estate of the notorious Stoney Bowes, and afterwards of the eccentric Lady Peat, but now the seat of Mr E. Taylor Smith, the veteran fox-hunter; and Broadwood, another stately mansion belonging to the same family. Among the local places pourtrayed are Consett, Shotley Bridge, Hamsterley, Greenhead — Lough's birthplace: Greencroft, Crookhall, Shotley Bridge Paper Mills, Medomsley Church, and Ebchester Church. Some of these little sketches are exceedingly fine, and the book as a whole is both a handsome and an interesting volume for the drawing-room table.

CATARRH OF THE BLADDER.—Stinging, irritation, inflammation, all kidney and kindred complaints cured by "Buchu-paiba." At Chemists. Newbery and Sons, Agents, 1. King Edward Street, London, E.C.

TOWLE'S PENNYROYAL AND STEEL PILLS FOR FEMALES quickly correct all irregularities, and relieve the distressing symptoms so prevalent with the sex. Boxes 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d., of all Chemists. Sent anywhere on receipt of 15 or 34 Stamps by the maker E. T. TOWLE, Chemist, Nottingham.

DR. BARDSLEY'S ANTIBILIOUS PILLS.—For eradicating all impurities of the blood from the system they have no equal. They have never failed to effect a cure, giving tone and strength to the system debilitated by disease.—Sold by all Chemists in Boxes at 1s 1½d and 2s 9d. Box sent post free on receipt of 15 or 35 stamps. Wm. Mather, Wholesale Druggist, Manchester.

ONE BOX OF CLARKE'S B41 PILLS is warranted to cure all discharges from the Urinary Organs, in either sex (acquired or constitutional), Gravel, and Pains in the back. Guaranteed free from Mercury. Sold in Boxes, 4s 6d each, by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the World; or sent to any address for sixty stamps by the Makers, THE LINCOLN AND MIDLAND COUNTIES DRUG COMPANY, Lincoln. Wholesale Agents, BARCLAY & SONS, London, and all the Wholesale Houses.

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

TOW LAW LOCAL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting was held at the Local Board Offices, High Street, Tow Law, on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Mr Jos. Ridley, chairman. Members present:—Messrs W. Atkinson, L. P. Wherly, W. Ridley, J. W. Schofield, W. Kitchen, J. Bond, Dr Johnstone, and the clerk (Mr E. Milburn).

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed; as also the proceedings of a special meeting held on Wednesday, August 20th.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Inspector submitted the following monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of Tow Law Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—Owing to the long continuation of the drought, my report will necessarily be brief. During the month, the ashpits and privy nuisances have been attended to. The nuisances complained of in my last report at the Queen's Head and the Millstones Inn yards for defective spouting, drainage traps, &c., after due notice forwarded by post, are now undergoing repairs. The open sewerage shaft at the Mechanics' Hall, recommended to be properly trapped, or boarded up, has not been done according to notice, but a branch drain has been made, and connected with the Local Board's main sewer at the west-end of Grove Road, which is no doubt a great improvement. The notice sent to Messrs Ferens and Love for defective spouting at Inkermann Cottages has not been complied with. With reference to the notice served personally upon Thomas Hall, the occupier of the Old Barracks property in Bridge Street, for defective sanitary arrangements has likewise not been attended to.—Remaining, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

WM. GARRAWAY, Nuisance Inspector.

It was agreed to remind the defaulting parties to comply with the notices already sent to them.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

This monthly report is given below:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Tow Law Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—On account of the almost tropical weather, your main roads have been preserved in splendid condition. As per instructions last month, I have procured about 60 tons of limestone for the Wolsingham Road, and which, by the kind permission of the managers of the Weardale Iron Works, is being broken on the Company's ground at Thornley Lane Ends. The remainder of the stone-breaking is progressing favourably.

A trap has been placed under cover at Thornley Road; and the dilapidated property belonging to Mr U. Chesters has been properly barricaded at a cost of £4 10s.

The property-owners in St. Alban's Street have not done anything towards making that street. I have received the sum of £5 from Mr H. Armstrong for last year's rent for use of purifying house at the Gas Works.

MONTHLY PAYBILL:

	£	s.	d.
Main Roads: Manual labour	4	3	6
Other Roads: Manual labour	2	14	3
Gas Works: Foreman's wages......	5	16	0
Street Watering	0	7	0
Office Cleaning.....................	0	6	0
Making a total of..................	13	6	9
Leaving a balance in hands of the Surveyor	3	15	8

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN HILLARY.

It was decided to extend the drain at the south side of Bridge Street and have the existing portion cleaned out as soon as possible, and affix a cesspool at the lower part thereof. The Surveyor was directed to flush most of the sewers during the hot weather.

ST. ALBAN'S STREET.

Several of the property owners in St. Alban's Street have intimated their willingness to allow the Board to cement, kerb, and channel their respective portions of the footpath required to be made; and the Clerk was instructed to write and obtain the consent of the remainder of the proprietors prior to proceeding with the work; the expenses incurred being of course duly apportioned among the several owners of the property.

FINANCIAL.

The Clerk reported the balance in hand to be £273 3s 3d, from which sum must be deducted the accounts for the present month, the paybill amounting to £34.

THE BURIAL GROUND QUESTION:

SELECTION OF A SITE.

It was mentioned that a special meeting of the Board was called, when Dr Hoffman, the Government Inspector, examined the several sites selected for the proposed cemetery at Tow Law on the 20th ult. The members accompanied Dr Hoffman on his tour of inspection, and that official while approving of all the sites fixed upon, gave preference to the field adjoining the existing Burial Ground at Dan's Castle as being the most suitable. Accordingly, the Board appointed a deputation to wait upon Miss Elliott and Mr J. T. Proud, solicitor, of Bishop Auckland, to ascertain upon what terms they would be willing to sell two acres or thereabouts off the field adjoining the Dan's Castle Burial Ground; but the deputation had not yet interviewed those parties.

Mr WHERLY and Mr TEASDALE submitted that the Board had no right to appoint a deputation for such a purpose, the meeting having been especially convened to accompany Dr Hoffman during his inspection.

The Clerk read some additional correspondence relating to the subject, and after a long discussion, Mr WHERLY proposed that the Board treat with Mr W. Ridley for a portion of his field in Thornley Lane.

Mr TEASDALE seconded the motion.

Mr KITCHEN moved, as an amendment, that a deputation be formed to meet the executors of the late Mr W. Elliott, and endeavour to purchase a site adjacent the old Burial Ground at Dan's Castle.

This was seconded by Mr W. RIDLEY.

On being put to the meeting, the voting was as follows:—For the motion (5)—Messrs The Chairman, Wherly, Teasdale, Schofield, and Bond. For the amendment (4)—Messrs W. Ridley, Kitchen, Atkinson, and Dr Johnstone.

The resolution was therefore carried.

Mr W. RIDLEY raised an objection to selling the field. He submitted that it was not a suitable site for the purpose, as the ground was riddled with holes, and the pit workings, which were only a few feet from the surface, were flooded with water, which was constantly springing through the earth. If they buried the bodies in such a place, they would ultimately sink into the water.

Dr JOHNSTONE (warmly): In my opinion, it is the worst place in the district. It is a wretched hole, and I wouldn't bury a dog there.

Mr ATKINSON: Dr Hood, our Medical Officer, condemned this site. He maintained that Dan's Castle was the proper place.

Mr RIDLEY: I do not wish to sell the field, because it is not a proper site, and there is a drift running through the middle of it.

Mr ATKINSON: I once heard Mr Bond say that the best thing we could do was to toss all our dead bodies into pit holes. I think we are about to adopt that practice now.

The CHAIRMAN: It is no use talking about pit-holes. You will find some at Dan's Castle.

Mr SCHOFIELD: I suppose the whole of the ground in this locality will be honeycombed?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr BOND: Well, it is no use haggling over this subject all night. If Mr Ridley refuses to sell his land, then there is an end to the matter.

Mr WHERLY denied that Mr Ridley refused to dispose of his field, and mentioned that in March last that gentleman offered to let the Board have two acres off that particular field for £75 per acre.

Mr RIDLEY: But I withdraw that offer now.

Mr TEASDALE: It would have been much better if you had told us this before.

Mr BOND (to Mr Ridley): Why do you refuse now?

Mr RIDLEY: Because there are several matters in connection with this field that I do not like, and which I was not aware of when I conceded the offer.

Mr TEASDALE: Well, the next thing will be to choose a site outside the Local Board district.

Mr RIDLEY explained that he did not like to refuse to sell the Board the extent of land they required, as it would appear that he was desirous of defeating the objects of the majority of the members in order to carry his own views. He could assure the members that he entertained not the slightest self-interest in the matter. His objection to selling the ground was raised solely for the benefit of the Board and the ratepayers generally. If they purchased the land, he even doubted whether the Government Inspector would approve of it.

Mr TEASDALE: But Dr Hoffman has already told us that he will not offer any objections to that site.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, if we cannot agree upon any other.

Mr TEASDALE: It is not right for Mr Ridley to fall back upon the Board as he has done to-night.

Mr WHERLY: No, it looks very like springing a mile under us.

Mr BOND did not think the Board had been dealing fairly with Mr Ridley. After asking him to name a price for his field, the Board were bargaining for other sites. They were making themselves the laughing stock of the country.

Dr JOHNSTONE: When the question was last discussed, Mr Flemming's site was considered "A1."

Mr RIDLEY repeated his reasons for not selling the ground; and the members believed that in raising these objections, he was not actuated by any selfish motives.

Mr BOND: I know what Mr Ridley said when the matter was first broached.

The CHAIRMAN: What is that?

Mr BOND: When the Board were considering the sites in Thornley Lane, Mr Ridley said, "Why not buy that field of mine at the opposite side of the road. It is better than the other site."

Mr RIDLEY: I said nothing of the sort. (Laughter).

Mr WHERLY: The next step will be just to let the minority have their own way in the matter.

Mr SCHOFIELD: No, no.

Mr ATKINSON maintained that the views of a large section of the Board ought to be taken into consideration.

Mr RIDLEY affirmed that it would cost the Board £150 to drain the land, and he questioned very much whether the Board would obtain Mr Straker's permission to encroach upon his ground.

Dr JOHNSTONE: Dan's Castle ground will not require draining.

Mr TEASDALE: But a hole like that will require to be drained.

Mr WHERLY and Mr BOND did not think there would be much difficulty in draining the site.

Mr RIDLEY said that if the Board converted a portion of that field into a cemetery, they would deprive him of his water-course for supplying the cattle; besides, he believed that his title deeds restricted the land being utilised except for agricultural purposes only.

Mr KITCHEN thought this a fatal objection; but Mr TEASDALE said the Waskerley water could easily be laid into the field, if necessary.

Dr JOHNSTONE stated that he should certainly make a reservation in his will, forbidding his relatives to bury his body in the proposed cemetery. He pointed out that the great object of burial grounds was to inter the bodies so as to get them decomposed and converted into mother earth as speedily as possible. On the proposed site, bodies might be buried, and remain for years in a damp, hard clay, before becoming decomposed.

Mr RIDLEY also objected to a small place like Tow Law possessing three separate burying places, which was another argument in favour of the Dan's Castle ground.

After a protracted and lively discussion, Mr RIDLEY promised to give a definite answer in a day or two; and a special meeting of the Board was arranged to be held next Monday evening. Mr Snowball, mining engineer, will be deputed to make three trial holes in the site, and prepare the necessary plans and specifications.

BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

An adjourned meeting of this body was held in the Board-room, Town Hall Buildings, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday evening. There were present—Messrs Jas. Annandale, J.P. (in the chair), J. Smith, R. Murray, Wm. Wheatley, W. Wilson, A. E. Turner, H. Carss, F. Priestman, J. Dowson, J. Eltringham, W. Telford, J. Booth (clerk), and J. Dixon (surveyor).

The minutes of the July meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to £97 19s 4d that had been submitted for payment.

On the motion of Mr CARSS, seconded by Mr MURRAY, cheques for the same were signed.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr Dixon) gave the subjoined report:—

To the Chairman and Members of Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month your workmen have been employed on the several highways and streets in your district water-tabling and dressing-up.

The water has been laid into the urinals at Shotley Bridge (from local sources) during the month.

The Water Company have put in an extra fire-plug on Cutlers Hall Road. This will be very useful in case of fire.

According to instructions, your workmen have put in an extra overflow drain on Cutlers Hall Road.

Repairs to flags on Messenger Bank have been done during the month.

Your lamps have been erected and lighted.

I have prepared an estimate for the next half-year's expenses. The same has been laid before your Finance Committee.

I have collected and paid to treasurer the following sum:—

General District Rate £41 14s 0d

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

Shotley Bridge, Aug. 20th, 1884.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During this month, I have inspected your district several times. I found several ashpits over full. This is on account of the farmers being busy with their hay. I hope to have all these cleaned out shortly.

With regard to Mrs Hagan and the property she lives in, I find that the house belongs to a Building Society at Sunderland. I have written to the secretary of this society. I have had no reply from him yet.

Mr Musgrove has commenced with the alterations to his property, which will be completed shortly.

Messrs Ridley and Cutter have been wrote to with regard to covering ashpit, &c., at the Bridge End public-house. They have promised to have the work done without delay.

According to instructions, I have had certain bills distributed round your district relating to cholera.

I would suggest that a new trough be got for the Bridge Hill watering place, as the old trough is done.

The following plans have been stamped during the month; duplicates having been supplied:—Messrs Musgrove, Baillie, Burial Board, and Cheeseman.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

Shotley Bridge, Aug. 20th, 1884.

GAS AGREEMENT.

The Clerk presented this agreement to the Board, which he said, would require their seal. The only alteration in it to that of last year was that the price of gas would be 3s per 1,000.

Mr MURRAY moved, and Mr WHEATLEY seconded, that the agreement be completed, which was carried unanimously.

MR ROCHESTER'S PLAN.

Mr WILSON moved, and Mr TURNER seconded, that the amended plan of Mr Rochester's, for a new kitchen, one four-roomed cottage, and two out-offices at Baxton Burn, be stamped, which was agreed to.

MR CARSS' COMPLAINT.—THREAT TO SUE FOR DAMAGES.

On this matter the Sanitary Committee reported as follows:—"The drain from Mr Carss' house and main sewer at the junction was opened, and we found a stone drain coming from the property above Mr Carss', belonging to Mr Purvis and others, and joining the Board's main sewer in front of Mr Carss' by a 12in. junction; and also the old stone drain coming from Mr Carss' water-closet, &c., joining the above old drain at this junction, and the connection is not properly made. Your Committee are of the opinion that while the water flowed down the old stone drain, your sewer had backed the water into Mr Carss' stone drain, and overflowed the water-closet. As the Board's main sewer would be running full pipe during the storm, and would not be able to take in the water from the old drain, your Committee would not advise as to whether the Board is liable for damage or not."

Mr CARSS said that it was thirty years since he and other property-owners placed in a stone drain at Cutlers Hall for the purpose of draining that block of property. Notwithstanding that the drain was in perfect working order, the Board laid in another sewer in Cutlers Hall, and in the process of laying this down, they had cut off a portion of the stone drain immediately opposite his water-closet, and made a junction into the new sewer. The result of this was that he and his household could hardly live for the dreadful stench of the sewer gas. He might say that the whole length of the drain was intact except that part where the Board had damaged it, and if there were only seven yards put in, it would make the drain perfect, and so stop further nuisance.

The CHAIRMAN: Then the question is, who will have to bear the expense of doing this?

Mr CARSS: Since the Board destroyed it, of course they will have to do the work.

Mr SMITH thought if Mr Carss had had his drain trapped and properly connected with the main sewer (as he ought to have had), the nuisance would never have occurred.

Mr CARSS: What! after you have destroyed a drain that was answering its purpose perfectly, and then putting an inadequate sewer in, and want me to join my drain with it. I say, never! And, what is more, if I cannot get satisfaction here, I will get it somewhere else.

Mr TELFORD: I know this much, that I was served with a notice from this Board to connect my water-closet drain with the main sewer, and I did so. This has always been the rule.

Mr CARSS: Then, if this Board does not know the law, I will teach them it. You serve a notice on me, and I will show you what's what.

The Clerk: If this stone drain was considered insufficient to drain the property, then the Board were quite justified in putting in another drain——

Mr CARSS (interrupting): No, no. In the first place, the Board emptied the sewage into Baxton Burn, but on Mr Wilson complaining of this being a nuisance, the Board brought it down on a line with our property in Cutlers Hall. The old stone drain was then perfect, and did its work immensely, and has done so for nearly thirty years; then how can you say that the drain was insufficient. The fault is an over-pressure of sewage. There has been several blocks of houses erected at Consett, and we get all their sewage through our pipe, and it is not at all adequate for such. What you want to do is to put the old stone drain into proper order, and use it as an overflow drain.

Mr SMITH: Would it be engineering commonsense to have two main sewers running side by side?

Mr CARSS: That's just what it wants to stop a recurrence of the nuisance.

Mr SMITH: Well, but the nuisance you complained of was caused by the late very heavy thunderstorm.

Mr CARSS: Bosh; are you going to tell me that within the last thirty years we have never had worse storms than the last one referred to.

Mr SMITH: At any rate, I may say that if your drain was properly connected with the main sewer, there would be no further nuisance.

Mr CARSS: I think you would change your opinion if you only saw the place. But the question is, who has to put the drain right and pay for the damages incurred?

The Surveyor said the sewer was not sufficient for the surface water, and in case of floods, the Board could not be responsible, as it was the act of Almighty God.

Mr CARSS: Prior to this Board damaging our drain, we never suffered by nuisances, although there were floods greatly in excess of this last one. Then nobody else but the Board can possibly be to blame. If the Board would only put the old drain right, that would stop further nuisance.

Mr SMITH: If you had not your drain properly trapped you would still get the gas from the sewage.

Mr CARSS: That is doubtful. I think I have as much practical knowledge as our Surveyor or any gentleman sitting on this Board (and I will take the opinion of the public for it), and if the Board takes my advice, and just put in a 9in. pipe from the end of Emmerson's sewer to the other part, then you will have a complete drain that will provide you for the next 100 years. It would act as an auxiliary drain for the main sewer and then be of manifest service, which could be done at very little cost.

After a little further discussion had ensued, the CHAIRMAN asked the Clerk his opinion on the matter.

The Clerk, after reading the 18th section of the Public Health Act, which provides that any local authority may close up any sewer, on condition that another be provided, so that no nuisance be created, and further quoting the 32nd and 33rd Bye-laws, he went on to say that the facts of the case as he understood them were that there was a stone drain in Cutlers Hall which passed Mr Carss' and other people's property there. In consequence of the drainage of that portion of the district being inconvenient, seeing that it went into the river, it was thought advisable that a new main sewer should be put in passing the said property, and verbal notice was given to the occupiers to have their drains connected to the main sewer, for which purpose junctions were left. This, however, had not been done. Owing to an extraordinary storm of rain, the main sewer was completely filled, and the water going down the old drain could not find its way into the main sewer, so that it was backed into Mr Carss' water-closet, thereby doing the damage complained of. Whether the damage would have been as great if the connections had been made, he could not say; but he had it as a fact that in an ordinary way, if they had been made, the main sewer was sufficient to carry the water away——

Mr CARSS (interrupting): It would not have made the least difference.

The Clerk (resuming) said that seeing that the storm was an act of the Almighty, the Board had no control over it whatever, and could not be at all responsible.

Mr CARSS: But I contend that the damage was not on account of the storm; it was the extra amount of sewage from Consett, with no further provision made for it. Then it must be the fault of the Board.

Mr DOWSON: According to your theory, the nuisance will be transpiring afresh every day.

Mr CARSS: There is the fact that there is a continual smell; and as never before you altered our drain had there been a nuisance, it must be your fault.

Some further discussion ensued, in which most of the members thought Mr Carss to be the party responsible for the damage he sustained; and

Mr CARSS said that he would send in his bill of damages at next Board meeting, and if the Board would not recoup them, he would take action, and if he could only get a judge that possessed a grain of common sense, he was certain of winning his case.

Mr SMITH then moved, and Mr TELFORD seconded, that all the owners of property abutting the main sewer in Cutlers Hall be served with notice to connect their drains with the same.

The motion was carried, Mr Carss alone dissenting.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE TOWN HALL.

Mr R. G. Barclay, manager for Messrs Hodgkin, Barnett, Pease, Spence, and Co., bankers, Shotley Bridge, appeared before the Board on behalf of that firm to inform them that they had been the purchasers of the Town Hall. Of course, they intended to make a bank-house upstairs, which would do away with the public hall. However, thinking that some of the people in the district would complain of them doing away with the principal room in that district, they were prepared to leave the room undisturbed, if the Board would take the upstairs portion of the building, either as ordinary tenants or on a lease, at the annual rental of £40, with the understanding that they keep it in proper repair. He then presented the Board with a plan of the alterations proposed to be carried out.

Mr MURRAY: Is the £40 over and above the £15 we pay for this room?

Mr Barclay: Yes.

On the motion of Mr CARSS, seconded by Mr WHEATLEY, the matter was left in abeyance until the next meeting.

MR STEPHENSON'S PLAN.

On the motion of Mr CARSS, seconded by Mr ELTRINGHAM, Mr Stephenson's plan for house and shop at Blackhill was stamped.

NEW RATE.

The Surveyor presented an estimate of the expenditure for the ensuing half-year, and recommended a rate of 1s in the pound, which the Finance Committee supported.

Mr CARSS moved, and Mr DOWSON seconded, that a rate be issued as recommended, which the members agreed to.

THE OVERFLOW AT CUTLERS HALL.

On the motion of Mr CARSS, seconded by Mr MURRAY, this matter was deferred until the whole Board inspected that part of the district on Wednesday, the 10th inst, when steps will be taken in regard to it.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

This report, along with the financial statement will be found in our advertising columns, which the members consider exceedingly satisfactory.

APPLICATION FOR A SEWER.

A letter was read from Mr Richard Murray, in which he wished the Board to provide him with main sewer accommodation for his thirteen new houses behind Durham Road, Blackhill.

A long discussion ensued on the subject, when it was eventually proposed by Mr TURNER, that the Surveyor be instructed to lay down a 9in. sewer in Cross Street, near the Wesleyan Chapel, and that the cost be apportioned to those whom it would affect.

Mr DOWSON seconded the proposition, and it was carried unanimously.

PLANS.

The following plans were submitted and passed:—Plan of eight cottages for Mr Robinson at Blackhill; plan of proposed addition of pantry and bath room for Mr G. Eltringham; and plan of stable and two stick-houses at Highgate for Mr Isaac Hunter.

NEW TROUGH.

With reference to the request made by the Inspector in his report regarding a new trough at Bridge Hill, it was proposed by Mr SMITH, and seconded by Mr TURNER, that the Inspector be instructed to get an iron one in the place of the old wooden one, which was agreed to.

TAKING OVER NEW STREET.

A letter was read from Mr Wilson, asking the Board to take over that portion of his street which he had made according to the instructions of the Board.

The matter was left in the hands of the Building Committee to report on.

BROKEN DOWN WALL.

Mr CARSS wished to draw the attention of the Board to the fact that a wall near Mr Wheatley's premises had been pulled down, which made it very dangerous for pedestrians. He begged to move that the owner be requested to put it right.

Mr ELTRINGHAM seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

The Board then adjourned.

LOCAL FLOWER SHOWS.

HEDLEYHOPE.

The committee of the Hedleyhope Horticultural and Industrial Society held their fifth annual exhibition in a field near Hedleyhope Colliery, (kindly granted by Mr Joseph Holroyd, of Low West House), on Saturday. The exhibits which were decidedly of a superior class and above the average of former years, were shown in a spacious marquee (165ft. long) erected by Mr Gowland, of Crook. Good cut flowers were shown in all classes, especially in the open class. Messrs Bainbridge, Heseltine, Gibson, Hindmoor, Moses, Burrell, Bell, Harle, French, and Teasdale showing fine blooms, and were the principal prize-takers. In the stove and greenhouse class Messrs Teasdale, Burrell, Hindmoor, Harle, and Heseltine had some good exhibits. The frame and window plants in some cases were much better than we have ever seen at the show before, a row of them all in bloom looking exceedingly pretty, and showing to advantage that when care is bestowed on geraniums, &c.—even where there is not the advantage of a green-house—they amply repay the labour of tending them. In the vegetable classes, which were confined to the workmen at Messrs B. Samuelson and Co., Old and East Hedleyhope Collieries, good articles were shown, the potatoes especially being a capital show, and causing keen competition. The principal prizetakers were Messrs Walliker, Harle, Couper, Nelson, Moses, Holliday, Dyson, Milburn, Gray, and Armstrong. For cut flowers (cottagers' class) the exhibits were hardly so good, owing probably to the lateness of the season. However, creditable flowers were exhibited, the principal share of prizes falling to Messrs Walliker, Couper, Harle, and Nelson. In the industrial department some pretty quilts, hearthrugs, wool-worked pictures, cruel work, wool shirts, &c., were shown. Mrs Armstrong again took the lead for quilts, whilst Mrs Barnes took first honours for the best wool-worked picture. Mrs Richardson took first for white bread, Mrs Dickinson doing the same for brown bread. In the open class for schools the majority of successful exhibits went to the Wesleyan school, Tow Law, especially for writing and drawing. The freehand and shaded drawing was very neat. A pretty map or two of England was shown, whilst some good specimens of sampler work and knitting were shown. E. Roberts, belonging to East Hedleyhope School, exhibited a nice garment showing feather and herring bone stitching. The judge for flowers was M. Hardisty, of Bishop Auckland. The judges in the industrial section were Mrs Graham (Sunniside), Mrs Hood (Tow Law), and Mrs Dees (Hedleyhope), and although there were a large number of entries, their awards appeared to give general satisfaction. The total number of entries in all classes numbered about 700, and the sum offered in prizes was somewhat like £40. The show was numerously patronised.

In addition to the floral exhibits, a comprehensive programme of sports were put forward. The principal feature—tug of war—brought forth three sets of competitors, the prizes offered being £1 12s and 16s respectively. The first honours fell to the old Hedleyhope team, who (after a hard struggle) beat eight of their opponents from East Hedleyhope. Other sports resulted as under—Sack race—1st 5s, M. Lee; 2nd 3s, T. Turnbull; 3rd 2s, Jas. Toal. Three-legged race—1st 5s, Moore and Dixon; 2nd 3s, Murray and Tramner; 3rd 2s, Tomlinson and Turnbull. Stone gathering—1st, Pearson; 2nd, Morgan; 3rd M. Lee. Kite-flying—1st 3s, G. Crozier; 2nd 2s, Edward Brown. Bun eating—(for boys)—1st, John Irvine; 2nd, P. Quinn; 3rd, John Hindgill. Smoking contest—1st, Gallagher; 2nd, R. Smith; 3rd, J. Greenwood. Seven clubs entered the football competition, which ended in favour of East Hedleyhope 2nd, who beat the Hedleyhope team. The other teams who contested were Tow Law 1st and 2nd; East Hedleyhope 1st; Hedley Hill; and Waterhouses. The evening closing in rapidly about seven o'clock put an end to one of the most successful shows the committee have held. Where all in connection with the show worked so hard to make the show successful it would be invidious to mention more than the energetic president Mr Wild and the secretaries Messrs. Barnes and Armstrong. Amongst those who patronised the show we noticed Mr W. Hanson and Mr Ward (Middlesbro'), Dr Johnson and Mr Wild (Crook), and several others. Mr Richardson, Tow Law, was judge for football, the judges in the other sports being committee men told off for the purpose. The Sunniside brass band played several selections of music during the day under the leadership of Mr Campbell, Tow Law.

BLANCHLAND.

A very successful flower show was held at Blanchland, on Saturday afternoon, and was largely patronised.

LANCHESTER.

The thirty-fourth yearly exhibition of the above society came off on Saturday, in a field near to the Parish Church, kindly granted by Mr J. Nicholson, of Manor House. The exhibition was, in all respects, a very successful one, and although the number of competitors was not so numerous as on former occasions, the quality of the plants, flowers, fruit, and produce on view, reached the usual standard. Some magnificent cut roses were shown by Mr R. Walton, of Bell Vue House, Lanchester, who gained the first prize in this class, and his exhibits were the admiration of everyone who visited the place. Master George Walton also took first prize for some splendid wild ferns and flowers. Among the chief exhibitors and prize winners were Messrs J. Moon (Blackhill), Turner (Witton Gilbert), Laws (Hamsteels), Hall (Lanchester), Wilson (Lanchester), Wilson (Ormsby Hill), R. Toward (Lanchester), Pallister (Ormsby Hill), W. Dixon (Lanchester), H. Lamb (Blackhill). The judges were Messrs Storey (Morpeth), Stoddart (Greencroft), Wigham (Burnhopeside Hall), and Burns (Snows Green). The Stanley Reed Band discoursed popular selections of music. A grand ball was held in the large tent at night, Mr Burrell acting as M.C. A number of sports were also arranged, the quoit match being won by G. Lawson, of the Black Horse, Burnhope Colliery; Anderson, of Westwood, being second; and Embleton, of West Stanley, third. The cricket matches will be found reported in another column. The secretary, Mr Henry Dixon, of The Lodge, deserves credit for the success attending the exhibition.

BURNOPFIELD.

The eleventh annual exhibition of flowers, fruits, and vegetables of the Burnopfield Floral and Horticultural Society was held in a field (granted by Mr Thomson, Burnopfield), on Saturday. Like previous years the flowers and plants were excellent, while the vegetables, both in number and quality, far exceeded any show in the past. The principal prize-takers were—Messrs W. M. Handcock and H. Marley, Sheep Hill; G. Robinson and W. Hunter, Busty Bank; W. Dawson, Crookgate; J. Spoors and T. Potts, Byer Moor; J. Coulson, School Houses; S. Nicholson, Marley Hill; J. Marley, R. Maughan, J. McQueen, and W. Oliphant, Fellside; J. Cawthorn, Windy Hill; J. Battensby and J. Lawson, Whickham; W. Scott, J. Nichol, and Eltringham, Burnopfield; Whillas, Rowlands Gill; J. Hood, Lintz Green; J. Patton, Lintz Ford; M. Mason, B. Mason, J. Lown, G. Watson, and W. J. Cawthorne, Hobson; W. Armstrong and J. Rowell, Clough Dene; J. Scott, Kyo; W. Watson, Tanfield; and R. Bell, Hamsterley. Farmers' class—Messrs M. Adamson, Leazes; Thompson Burnopfield; T. Cuthbertson, jun., Crookgate; R. Bowman, Fellside. Butter—Mrs Thompson, 1st; and Miss Black 2nd. Bread baking—Miss Hunter 1st, Miss Appleby 2nd, and Mrs J. Best 3rd. Writing—J. T. Bell 1st, J. Biggs 2nd, and R. Handcock 3rd. Hemming—Maria Arkless 1st, Emily Cawthorn 2nd, and Ada Cuthbertson 3rd. Best made garment—Mary Arkless 1st, and A. Davies 2nd. Skipping—Miss Battie 1st, Miss Mason 2nd, and Miss Cawthorne 3rd. During the day the Tanfield Lea Prize Band was in attendance. In the evening a ball was held.

THE SPEN.

The sixth annual floral and horticultural show was held in a field kindly granted for the occasion by Messrs Errington, Spen, on Saturday afternoon. As this is generally the best show in the district, of course it has been looked forward to with a great amount of interest. The weather being very fine, there was a very large number of spectators present from all parts of the country-side. The exhibits, which were arranged in a large marquee, were exceedingly good, and better stuff could hardly have been shown, especially the vegetables and fruit, each of which were well represented both in the open and cottagers' class. The butter, eggs, and honey in the farmers' class were perhaps not so plentiful as might have been expected, but what were shown were exceedingly good. The committee should be highly complimented on the able manner in which the arrangements were carried out. The popular Spen Excelsior Reed Band was in attendance, in full costume, and played, under the able leadership of Mr C. Summersides, a choice selection of dance and operatic music in their usual style. During the afternoon a number of sports were brought off, of which we give a full list below. In the evening the band adjourned into the marquee to hold a ball, when Mr J. Wishart acted with great satisfaction in the capacity of M.C. We may just add that from the very beginning to the end everything passed off in a nice orderly and highly successful manner, resulting in a great measure from the untiring energy displayed by the secretary (Mr G. Wishart, jun.), who has filled that office since the show first commenced, and whose efforts throughout have been ardently seconded by a zealous committee. Mr Robson, Birtley House, and Mr Patting, Lintz Ford, officiated as judges of the flowers, &c. Appended is a

COMPLETE LIST OF AWARDS.

OPEN CLASS.

PLANTS.

Greenhouse plants—1st W. Watson; 2nd T. Atkinson; 3rd P. Jeavins.
Two fuchsias—1st T. Atkinson; 2nd C. Farrar.
Two zonale geraniums—1st T. Atkinson; 2nd P. Jeavins.
Two greenhouse ferns—1st T. Atkinson.
Two coleus—1st W. Watson; 2nd T. Atkinson.
Two balsams—1st T. Atkinson.
Two cockscombs—1st R. Bell.
Two petunias—1st T. Atkinson; 2nd P. Geavins.
Three gladiole spikes—1st J. Battensby; 2nd T. Atkinson.
Four spikes of phloxes—1st W. Allison; 2nd F. Murray.
Three spikes of stocks—1st C. Farrar; 2nd F. Murray.
Six dahlia blooms—1st J. Cawthorn; 2nd P. Jeavins.
Six hollyhock blooms—1st T. Atkinson; 2nd J. Battensby.

CUT FLOWERS.

Three bunches of cut flowers—1st J. Cawthorn; 2nd J. Battensby.
Six cut roses—1st T. Atkinson; 2nd J. Battensby.
Six French asters—1st F. Murray; 2nd J. Battensby.
Six globe asters—1st W. Allison; 2nd F. Murray.
Six French marigolds—1st J. Cawthorn; 2nd M. Clark.
Six African marigolds—1st J. Cawthorn; 2nd J. Armstrong.
Twelve pansies—1st J. Cawthorn; 2nd J. Battensby.
Hand bouquet—1st J. Battensby; 2nd F. Murray.

FRUIT.

One melon—1st R. Bell.
One bunch of black grapes—1st R. Bell.
One bunch of white grapes—1st R. Bell; 2nd C. Farrar.
Six heaviest gooseberries—1st W. Fellas; 2nd T. Atkinson.
Pint of gooseberries—1st T. Atkinson; 2nd R. Bell.
Pint of white currants—1st R. Bell; 2nd T. Atkinson.
Pint of red currants—1st R. Bell; 2nd M. Davison.
Pint of rasps—1st C. Farrar; 2nd M. Clark.
Six pears—1st J. Battensby; 2nd C. Farrar.
Six plums—1st C. Farrar.
Six dessert apples—1st C. Farrar; 2nd M. Davison.
Six kitchen apples—1st T. Atkinson; 2nd M. Davison.

VEGETABLES.

Best basket of vegetables—1st R. Bell, 2nd C. Farrar.
Two cucumbers—1st R. Bell.
One vegetable marrow—1st R. Bell, 2nd C. Farrar.
Three leeks—1st W. Allison, 2nd W. Lee.
Two early cabbages—1st F. Murray, 2nd C. Farrar.
Two red cabbages—1st R. Bell, 2nd F. Murray.
Three carrots—1st M. Davison, 2nd R. Bell.
Three parsnips—1st J. Cawthorne, 2nd F. Murray.
Three roots of beet—1st R. Browell, 2nd M. Davison.
Three stems of rhubarb—1st F. Murray, 2nd J. Armstrong.
Twelve pods of peas—1st M. Clark, 2nd J. Cawthorne.
Twelve pods of beans—1st C. Farrar, 2nd W. Fellas.
Six spring sown onions—1st M. Clark, 2nd R. Bell.
Six winter sown onions—1st W. Lee, 2nd M. Davison.
Two cauliflowers—1st M. Davison, 2nd F. Murray.
Three turnips—1st F. Murray, 2nd W. Allison.
Six red round potatoes—1st M. Dawson, 2nd W. Fellas.
Six white round potatoes—1st F. Murray, 2nd J. Cawthorne.
Six white kidney potatoes—1st C. Farrar, 2nd J. Cawthorne.
Six red kidney potatoes—1st M. Davison, 2nd A. Errington.
Twelve heaviest kidney potatoes—1st W. Allison, 2nd C. Farrar.
Two Scotch cabbages—1st C. Farrar, 2nd H. Errington.
Two savoy's—1st R. Bell, 2nd H. Errington.
Two heads of celery—1st C. Farrar, 2nd R. Bell.
Twelve eschallots—1st R. Browell, 2nd T. Wellis.
Twenty-four pods of kidney beans—1st W. Allison, 2nd M. Davison.

SPECIAL PRIZES FOR OPEN CLASS.

Best collection of vegetables—1st F. Murray, 2nd W. Lee.
Six bottles of cut flowers—1st J. Battensby, 2nd T. Atkinson.
Twelve best roses—1st W. Allison, 2nd J. Battensby.
Six dahlias—1st J. Cawthorne, 2nd P. Jeavins.
Six spikes of gladioli—1st J. Battinsby, 2nd T. Atkinson.
Two heads of celery and two cauliflowers—1st F. Murray, 2nd R. Bell.

COTTAGERS' CLASS: PLANTS.

One Fuchsia—1st C. Farrar, 2nd G. Wishart.
One zonale geranium—1st T. Wells, 2nd G. Wishart.
Two window plants—1st W. Rodham, 2nd C. Farrar.
Two greenhouse ferns—1st G. Wishart.
Two coleus—1st W. Richardson, 2nd R. Todd.
Two balsams—1st W. Richardson.
Two petunias—1st T. Wells.
Three gladiole spikes—1st R. Todd, 2nd T. Robson.
Four spikes of phloxes—1st E. Robson, 2nd G. Wishart.
Three spikes of stocks—1st R. Todd, 2nd G. Armstrong.
Three bunches of cut flowers—1st G. Wishart, 2nd W. Richardson.
Six dahlia blooms—1st J. Armstrong, 2nd R. Todd.
Six French asters—1st J. Armstrong, 2nd E. Robson.
Six globe asters—1st G. Carr, 2nd W. Richardson.
Six French marigolds—1st G. Wishart, 2nd J. Armstrong.
Six African marigolds—1st R. Todd, 2nd E. Wishart.
Twelve pansies—1st W. Richardson.
Hand bouquet—1st W. Richardson, 2nd T. Wells.

VEGETABLES

Three parsnips—1st T. W. Bewick, 2nd W. Lee.
Three roots of beet—1st W. Carr, 2nd G. Carr.
Three stems of rhubarb—1st J. Armstrong, 2nd E. Wishart
Twelve pods of peas—1st W. Richardson, 2nd Wm. Brown.
Twelve pods of beans—1st J. Bell, 2nd R. Todd.
Six spring sown onions—1st R. Todd, 2nd S. Parker.
Six winter sown onions—1st S. Elliot, 2nd E. Robson.
Two cauliflowers—1st J. Armstrong, 2nd W. Rodham.
Three turnips—1st T. Robson, 2nd S. Parker.
Six red round potatoes—1st S. Elliott, 2nd E. Wishart.
Six white round potatoes—1st E. Robson, 2nd W. Richardson.
Six white kidney potatoes—1st R. W. Davison, 2nd J. Armstrong.
Six red kidney potatoes—1st W. Richardson, 2nd E. Robson.
Twelve heaviest potatoes—1st R. Todd, 2nd W. Richardson.
Two Scotch cabbages—1st C. Farrar, 2nd R. Todd.
Two savoy's—1st W. Rodham, 2nd R. Todd.
Two heads of celery—1st T. Robson, 2nd E. Wishart.
Swelve eschallots—1st S. Elliott, 2nd J. Armstrong.
Twenty-four pods of kidney beans—1st R. Todd, 2nd E. Robson.

FRUIT.

Heaviest six gooseberries—1st J. Bell, 2nd J. Armstrong.
Pint of gooseberries—1st J. Armstrong, 2nd G. Carr.
Pint of black currants—1st J. Armstrong.
Pint of white currants—1st G. Carr.
Pint of red currants—1st J. Armstrong, 2nd W. Richardson.
Pint of rasps—1st J. Armstrong, 2nd J. Armstrong.
Six pears—1st G. Watson, 2nd R. Todd.
Six plums—1st R. Todd, 2nd G. Carr.
Six dessert apples—1st M. H. Wells, 2nd G. Watson.
Collection of hardy fruit—1st G. Watson, 2nd J. Armstrong.

VEGETABLES

Basket of vegetables—1st E. Robson, 2nd T. Robson.
Two cucumbers—1st R. Mitchinson.
One vegetable marrow—1st R. W. Davison, 2nd T. Robson.
Three leeks—1st T. Wells, 2nd J. Wishart.
Two early cabbages—1st W. Lee, 2nd W. Richardson.
Two red cabbages—1st J. Stonehouse, 2nd J. Armstrong.
Three carrots—1st H. Thompson, 2nd J. Armstrong.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Collection of vegetables—1st J. Armstrong, 2nd R. Todd.
Three summer onions and two cabbages—1st C. Farrar, 2nd J. Stonehouse.
Three leeks—1st W. Lee, 2nd T. Wells.
Two heads of celery and two cauliflowers—1st J. Armstrong, 2nd T. Robson.
Three white and three red kidney potatoes—1st W. Richardson, 2nd J. Armstrong.
Two early cabbages and three leeks—1st E. Robson.
Hand bouquet of wild flowers—1st G. Carr, 2nd W. Lee.
Dandie of honey—1st W. Richardson, 2nd J. Armstrong.
Three spikes of stocks—1st R. Todd, 2nd W. Rodham.

FARMERS' CLASS.

Three swede turnips—1st T. Waters, 2nd J. Robinson.
Three yellow turnips—1st W. Robinson, 2nd J. Robinson.
Three white turnips—1st W. Robinson, 2nd T. Waters.
Twelve heads of wheat and twelve heads of oats—1st G. Errington, 2nd W. Anderson
Twelve heads of barley—1st W. Elsdon, 2nd G. Errington.
One pound of butter—1st J. Robinson, 2nd L. Bullerwell.
Six hen eggs—1st Mrs Robson, 2nd T. Waters.

The sports were a great success, resulting as follows:—£8 was given for horse-leaping, which was closely contested, the first and second prizes being awarded to Mr Dickinson, Chesterwood, "Speculation" first, and "Lady Armstrong" second, six entries. Fifteen minutes go-as-you-please for 35s, when Robert Charlton took first prize, T. H. Arthurs, Gateshead, second, and J. Urwin, Shotley Bridge, third, nine entries. A great deal of dissatisfaction was expressed amongst the runners, on account of Arthurs arriving just before the race commenced and after the handicapping was made, but they came to terms when he (Arthurs) was put back two laps, which he made up all but about ten yards off Charlton when the race finished, Arthurs accomplishing twenty laps to Charlton's eighteen. There was a donkey race advertised, but as Mrs Errington's "Skipping Jenny" was the only one to enter, it was, of course, a walk over. £7 was given for the Spen steeplechase, which was a very good race, each of the horses being well managed and very equally matched. The race, a capital one, caused a great deal of excitement. Mr M. Adamson's "Countess" landing first, Mr T. Forster's "Billy" second, and Mr J. Dickinson's "Speculation" third. There were five entries. Mr Hedley, Rectory Terrace, Gosforth, Mr W. Grey, Sherburn Tower, and Mr George Brown, Consett, ably acted as judges of the racing.

The 24th of October next is the date fixed for the release of the Tichborne claimant from Pentonville.

"ROUGH ON CORNS."—Ask Chemists, Perfumers or Grocers for "Wells' Rough on Corns." Quick, complete, permanent cure for hard or soft corns, warts, bunions. 7½d. and 1s. bottles.

Mr Joseph Livesey, the pioneer of total abstinence and the originator of the teetotal pledge, died on Tuesday afternoon at his residence Bank Parade, Preston, aged ninety-one years.

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NORTH-EASTERN TRAFFIC RETURN.—The return for the week ending August 30th shows a decrease of £14,970 compared with the corresponding period last year. The increases are:—Passengers, £1,021; dock dues, &c., £179; and the decreases—Merchandise and cattle, £8,160; and minerals, £8,010. The total decrease this half-year is £104,037.

MAN'S NOBLEST WORK.—This is an age of great and works wonderful inventions. Steam, electricity, water, air, all are made to serve man, but unquestionably the greatest inventions are those which preserve man's health and prolong his life, and among the greatest of these are Stanton's Cough Pills. There effects are truly wonderful, and hundreds are happy to-day who once looked forward to an early grave. For Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma Loss of Voice, Hay Fever, Hoarseness, Croup, or any Affection whatever of the Throat, Chest, or Lungs, Stanton's Cough Pills will positively cure. We can cheerfully recommend them to all, and can unhesitatingly say they are the only sure cure for Throat and Lung Affections. Sold by all Chemists in Boxes at 13½d and 2s. 9d Box sent post free on receipt of 15 or 35 stamps. Wm. Mather, Wholesale Druggists, Manchester.

DEATH OF THE "FATHER" OF ENGLISH PRESBYTERIANISM.—The Rev John Morris, "Father" of the English Presbyterian Church, died at the residence of his son (Mr J. G. Morris), No. 12, Tunstall Terrace, Sunderland, on Thursday night, at the advanced age of 92 years. The deceased gentleman, who was very widely known, was not suffering from any specific bodily ailment, but simply enduring the natural infirmities of old age. For nearly 35 years the deceased laboured in the cause of religion in Sunderland; his figure was well known throughout the many years of his pastorate. He was the "father" of the Newcastle Presbytery, and was the oldest minister in the synod of the English Presbyterian Church. The deceased was ordained at Houghton-le-Spring in 1826, being the first Presbyterian minister of that place. After 20 years of earnest labour at Houghton he went to Sunderland, where he was minister until 1878. He leaves a widow and one son to mourn his loss.—The funeral of the late Mr Morris took place on Monday in Bishopwearmouth Cemetery.

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches." These famous "lozenges" are now sold by most respectable chemists in this country at 1s. 1½d. per box. People troubled with a "hacking cough," a "slight cold," or bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Asthmatic affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are on the Government stamp around each box.—Prepared by JOHN I. BROWN & SONS, Boston, U.S. European depot removed to 66, Farringdon Road, London.

Business Announcements.

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MORISON JOHNSTON,
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Begs to announce that he has commenced the Business of AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, in conjunction with his present business, which will be carried on as usual. He trusts to receive the support of his friends and the public generally.
☞ All Accounts of Sales settled promptly. 396t

JOHN FREEK,
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N.B.—As J. F. has a REGISTRY OFFICE in connection with his Business, Ladies wanting Servants would do well to give him a call. 384

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

A. D. MACLEAN & CO.,
MANUFACTURERS OF SAUSAGE MACHINES, FRUIT DRESSERS, SCALE BEAMS, WEIGHING MACHINES, COFFEE MILLS, COFFEE BOXES, CANISTERS, TREACLE CISTERNS, &c., &c.

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Public Notices.

NOTICE.—The GAME on Old Crook Hall Estate is strictly preserved. Trespassers will be prosecuted. 546t

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THE REV. WILLIAM S. REEMAN, Vicar of Fatfield, will Preach TWO SERMONS in St. James' Church, Burnopfield, on Sunday, September 14th, 1884. Collection for Choir Expenses. 535t

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☞ NOTICE.

THE GAME, &c., upon Bunker Hill Estate is Strictly Preserved. All Trespassers will be Prosecuted and Stray Dogs Shot. 510t

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BENFIELDSIDE CHURCH.

GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW ORGAN, by Mr. WILLIAM REA, who will perform Organ Recitals, on Wednesday Evening, September 10th, 1884. Service to begin at Half-past Seven. 528t

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A HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH WORKING CLASSES, from the days of Alfred the Great, to the death of John Kane. From the French. With a Preface by Louis Blanc. Translated and Annotated by JON. C. WYLIE. 257t

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ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1884,
AT ANNFIELD PLAIN. 519t

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CASTLESIDE.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

SPECIAL SERVICES, Sunday, September 14th, 1884. Morning, 10·30 a.m.; Evening, 6·30 p.m. Preacher—Rev. J. M. LAYCOCK, M.A., Vicar of St. Marks, Barrow-in-Furness. 554t

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THE BAZAAR for Collierley Church will be Opened on October 6th. Friends are requested to send Contributions in Money or Goods as early as convenient to any Member of the Committee, in order that arrangements may be completed.

Mrs. MITCHINSON, Treasurer.
Mrs. GORNALL, Secretary.

September 3rd, 1884. 537t

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

ON SUNDAY, September 7th, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT at 8·20 p.m., for LONDON.

Fare, There and Back, Third Class, 13s. 6d.

The Return Train will leave Kings Cross Station, London, at 10·30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 9th.

For further Particulars see Bills. 551t

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BY GEORGE NEASHAM, DURHAM.

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Mr. ROBERT JACKSON, proprietor of the *Consett Guardian*, has been appointed Sole Agent for the Sale of the above Work in the Consett District, and will send a copy to any address on receipt of a Postal Order for One Guinea. 525t

Public Notices.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875.

DISTRICT OF BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

DISTRICT AUDITOR'S SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 25th MARCH, 1884.

March 25th, 1883.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance in hands of Surveyor			15 0 3
District Rate made 7th March, 1883.			
Houses, £7,378 0s 0d., at 1s.		368 18 0	
Land, ½ value £656 10s. 0d. at 1s.		31 16 6	
Houses, ⅔ value, where Owner is assessed, £3,467 12s. 6d., at 1s.		173 7 7½	
		575 2 1½	
Arrears from last Rate		0 17 3	
		575 19 4½	
Less Void Property	5 13 11½		
Arrears Recoverable	0 17 3		
		6 11 2½	569 8 2
District Rate made 29th Aug., 1883.			
Houses, £7,424 0s. 0d., at 1s.		371 4 0	
Land, ½ value, £655 2s. 6d. at 1s.		32 15 1½	
Houses, ⅔ value, where Owner is assessed, £3,474 17s. 6d., at 1s		173 14 10½	
		577 14 0	
Arrears from last Rate		0 17 3	
		578 11 3	
Less Void Property	2 19 10½		
Arrears Recoverable	0 8 6		
		3 8 4½	575 2 10½
Highway Rate, made 21st Feb., 1883—			
Arrears from last Account			2 13 8
Private Improvements			28 18 5
County Authority—			
Contribution to Main Roads			182 1 11
Local Government Board—			
Grant in aid of Main Roads			91 10 7
Do. Inspector's Salary			22 10 0
March 25th, 1884.			
Balance due to Treasurer			43 2 9
			£1,530 8 7½

March 25th, 1883.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance due to Treasurer			25 16 4
HIGHWAYS—			
Main Roads	515 10 4		
Other Roads	243 7 3		
Mason Work	14 18 11		
Tools, Repairs, &c.	0 14 11		
		774 11 5	
Sewerage		4 5 5	
Scavenging		40 0 4	
PUBLIC LIGHTING—			
Wages	35 18 0		
Gas	158 12 10		
Lamps, Repairs, &c	11 13 4		
		206 4 2	
OTHER PUBLIC WORKS—			
Street Improvements	13 11 7		
Stones Cement Footpath	74 11 7		
		88 3 2	
Private Improvement Works		24 7 11	
Election Expenses		22 0 0	
SALARIES—			
Surveyor	150 0 0		
Clerk	47 10 0		
Medical Officer	15 15 0		
Treasurer	5 0 0		
		218 5 0	
ESTABLISHMENT CHARGES OTHER THAN SALARIES—			
Rent of Board-room	22 10 0		
Printing, &c	20 7 7		
Advertising	4 3 6		
		47 1 1	
OTHER EXPENSES—			
Water Supply	3 0 0		
Watering	21 7 7		
Drinking Fountains, &c	1 10 11		
Fire Brigade	2 7 6		
Derwent Road Contribution	15 0 0		
Miscellaneous	12 3 8		
		55 12 7	1481 6 1
March 25th, 1884.			
Balance in hands of Surveyor	15 0 3		
Do. Collector	8 5 11½		
			23 6 2½
			£1,530 8 7½

22nd August, 1884. JAMES RADFORD, District Auditor.

BENFIELDSIDE URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 25th August, 1884.

Gentlemen,—I have Audited your Year's Accounts to the 25th March last, and am reminded that it is for the fifteenth time, having seen the commencement of your Board's proceedings.

During all the above time the latter have been very satisfactory, and no case of objection occurs to me as having been made at an Audit.

You have an extensive district, and I am glad to find you got £91 10s. 7d. from the Treasury Grant in addition to the County Allowance.

The requisite papers for the latter have been prepared, as also the New Statutory Form of Financial Statement prescribed by the Local Government Board, Audit Stamp being £4. You have also a Summary of Receipts and Payments to be Advertised in a Newspaper.

You are to be congratulated on having met all your demands without recourse to a loan, and it is to be hoped you may require none.

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

The Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Urban Sanitary Authority. 558t

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LANCHESTER CHURCH.

ON SUNDAY, September 7th, SERMONS will be Preached, in the Morning (10·30) by the Rev. R. BRENT, Vicar of Holmside; and in the Evening (6·30) by the Ven. ARCHDEACON WATKINS.—On FRIDAY EVENING, September 12th, Special Service at 7 o'clock, at which the Rev. CANON BODY, of Durham, will Preach. Collections in aid of Church Expenses. 542t

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DERWENT ANGLING ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING of the Members of the above Association will be held in the Town Hall, Shotley Bridge, on Thursday Evening, the 11th inst., at Seven o'clock p.m., to elect a Secretary in place of Mr. Eli Burton (who is leaving the neighbourhood), and to transact any other business which may be brought before the Meeting.

545t ELI BURTON, Hon. Sec.

MARY GREEN, DECEASED.—NOTICE.—Pursuant to the Act 22 and 23 Victoria, cap. 35, persons having Claims against the Estate of MARY GREEN, late of 20, Durham Road, Blackhill, in the County of Durham, Grocer (who died the 13th day of May, 1884, and Probate of whose Will was granted on the 6th day of June, 1884, by the District Registry at Durham), are requested to send in particulars of their Claims to RICHARD PALLISER, of South Benwell, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, or to THOMAS YOUNG, Dock Inn, Bull Ring, North Shields, Executors of Deceased, on or before the 30th of September, at the expiration of which time the said Executors will proceed to distribute the Assets of the Deceased, having regard only to the Claims of which they shall then have had notice. And persons indebted to the said MARY GREEN, deceased, are requested to pay over their said debts to ANN MARTINDALE, of 20, Durham Road, Blackhill. 555t

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CO-OPERATIVE
CHEAP TRIP TO TYNEMOUTH,
ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 1884.

☞ FARE, 1s. EACH.

At Three o'clock p.m. the Co-operative Lifeboat, No. 1, will be Launched in Cullercoats Haven.

At Six o'clock p.m. a Free Concert and Public Meeting will be held in the Tynemouth Aquarium. Admission by Ticket.

Excursion Trains will run as follows:—

	P.M.	P.M.
Consett - -	1·10 -	1·20
Shotley Bridge - -	1·15 -	1·25
Ebchester - -	1·19 -	1·29

Returning from Tynemouth at 8·45 and 8·55 p.m.

Tickets for Trip can be had by Members only at the Society's Office, and from the Order Seeker, and must be applied for before September 9th

N.B.—The Places of Business will be open on Friday Evening, the 12th Sept., till Nine o'clock p.m., and CLOSED on the 13th (the day of the Trip) at Eleven o'clock a.m. punctually. 559t

Sales by Auction.

By Messrs. Nicholson and Murray.

500 LAMBS.

☞ Royal Auction Mart, Agricultural Hall, Benfieldside.

MONDAY NEXT SEPTEMBER 8th, 1884.

500 Keeping Lambs, comprising Grey-faced Half and Three-parts Bred and Cheviots. Several top lots.
120 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
5 Fat Cattle.
12 to 18 Dairy Cows and Heifers.
20 Heifer and Bullock Stirks.
1 Colt Foal, out of a Cleveland Mare, by "Scamp."
Several Geld Cows, Calves, Pigs, &c.

Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt.

552t NICHOLSON & MURRAY, Auctioneers.

Property Sale at the Royal Hotel, Benfieldside, on Thursday, September 25th, 1884.

MR. JOHN S. MURRAY, Auctioneer, will hold a SALE OF HOUSE PROPERTY, SHARES, &c., as above.

PRESENT ENTRIES—

A FOUR-ROOMED HOUSE, with every Convenience, just completed, ready for occupation, pleasantly situated near the Railway Station, Blackhill.

A FOUR-ROOMED HOUSE, in Benfieldside Edge Road.

8 THREE-ROOMED HOUSES, situate near the Wesleyan Chapel, Blackhill.

3 NEW COTTAGES, at Highgate.

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Further Entries respectfully solicited.

Sale at Seven o'clock.

Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside. 530t

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ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

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Entries respectfully solicited.

A. T. CRAW, Auctioneer
JOHN PEEL, Proprietor

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

Monday, September 8th, 1884.—Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett.—Sale of Superior Household Furniture and Effects.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed by Mr JOHN BONES and others, who are leaving the neighbourhood, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett, on Monday, September 8th, 1884, the Superior Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, as follows—Chest of Drawers and Bookcase; 2 Bed-room Chests of Drawers, Mahogany Sofa, in Hair seating; Good Couch, in Leather; 3 Mahogany Chairs, in Hair; Lady's Easy Chair, in Hair; 6 Windsor Chairs; Arm Chair; Rocking Chair; Washstand and Dressing Table, Oilcloth and Hearthrugs; Iron and Brass-mounted Bedsteads; Feather Bed, Bolsters, and Pillows; Good Spring Mattress; 15 yards Felt Carpet; Clock; Swing Glass; Tailor's Iron; 2 Excellent Wringing Machines; together with the whole of the Kitchen Requisites, including Pots, Pans, and Earthenware, and China and Glass.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. No Reserve. 550t

FOR SALE, 125 SHARES in the Consett New Town Hall Company.—Apply ADAM BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett. 477t

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Thursday, September 11th, 1884.—Sproat's Farm, Whittonstall.—Distress for rent under the Agricultural Holdings' Act, 1883—Sale of Farming Stock, Implements of Husbandry, Hay and Corn Crops, Household Furniture, and sundry Effects.

ADAM BRODIE, of Town Hall, Consett, duly authorised to act as bailiff under the Agricultural Holdings' Act, 1883, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Sproat's Farm, Whittonstall, under Distress for Rent, the FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY, and other EFFECTS, as follows:—

LIVE STOCK.—4 Horses; Dun Pony; 16 Young Heifers and Bullocks; 2 Cows; 35 Sheep and Lambs; 4 Pigs; a quantity of Poultry, &c., &c.

IMPLEMENTS, &c.—Reaping Machine, by Samuelson; Grass Cutter, Wray; Hay Rake; Hay Tedder; Thrashing Machine; Hay Cutter; Turnip Pulper; Weighing Machine and Weights, by Day and Milward; Oil Cake Crusher; Dog Cart; 2 Coup Carts; 1 Long Cart; 2 Sets of Cart Gears; Sundry Odd Harness; Cart Shelving; a quantity of Sacks; Troughs and Sheep Racks; Ladders and Rakes; Forks, Spades, and Shovels; Barrow; Water Barrel, &c., &c.

HAY AND CORN.—4 Stacks of New and Old Land Hay, 35 tons or thereabouts; and about 24 acres Barley; 17 acres Oats; 5 acres Potatoes; 5 acres Turnips; 13 acres Turnips and Rape.

Also the Household Furniture and Sundry Effects.

Full particulars in posters and other advertisements.

Sale to commence at 12 o'clock, noon. 549t

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

By Mr. Joseph Oley.

Valuable Household Furniture, and Desirable Detached Residence for Sale at Shotley Bridge.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY is instructed by Mr. ELI BURTON (who is leaving the neighbourhood), to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at his residence, Poplar House, Shotley Bridge, nearly the whole of his Valuable Household FURNITURE, &c. Mr. OLEY will also Sell on same date (unless disposed of by Private Contract), the very desirable Detached RESIDENCE, called "Poplar House," Shotley Bridge, containing Eight Rooms, Front Garden, and every Convenience. Particulars of above will be given in Posters and next week's *Guardian*.

Sale Office, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge. 544t

Valuable Block of Freehold Property for Sale.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, having received instructions from the Proprietor, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Ship Inn, Blackhall Mill, on Wednesday, the 10th day of September, 1884, and subject to such conditions as will be read at the time of Sale, all the above

BLOCK OF FREEHOLD PROPERTY,

With a Frontage of 16 yards, and from Back to Front, 36 yards more or less, with 2 Self-contained DWELLING HOUSES, with Front Shops, and 3 Rooms each, a Butcher's Shop and One-stalled Stable behind the same, with W.C.'s and Coalhouses, and now occupied by the Owner, Mr. Ward, and another.

The Property may be viewed by applying to the Owner, who will give full particulars, and to the AUCTIONEER, 10, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge.

The Sale will commence at Six for Seven o'clock p.m. prompt. 432t

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THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,
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Sales by Auction.

Trafalgar Street Sale-rooms, Consett.

MR. JOHN JENKINS will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, September 8th, 1884, a large quantity of valuable New and Second-hand FURNITURE, belonging to parties leaving the neighbourhood, consisting of 2 Second-hand Painted Presses; New Mahogany Press; Mahogany Lobby Drawers; High Kitchen Drawers; 2 Second-hand Desk Beds, in good condition; Mahogany Tester Bed; 2 Iron Tester Beds; 2 French Beds, with Mattresses; Feather, Down, and Flock Beds; Mahogany Cheffioneer Bed; Four-poled Bed; 2 Mahogany Bookcases; Centre Table; Mahogany Sofa; Couch; Excellent Thirty-hours' Clock, in Oak Case; Timepiece; Kitchen Tables; Tea Tables; Washstand and Dressing Tables; Swing Glass; Towel Rails and Cornice Poles; Large Pan and Steamer; 2 Large Oval Pans; Tubs; Pails; 2 Large Pictures; together with a large quantity of Crockery.

Sale to commence at One o'clock. 547t

By Mr. William Nicholson

Golden Lion Inn, Wolsingham.

MR. WILLIAM NICHOLSON, commissioned by Mr. GEORGE DOWSON, of Baxton Bank, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday, September 15th, 1884, the whole of the Surplus FARMING STOCK, removed for convenience of Sale, consisting of—

85 Very Prime Fat Mule Lambs.
32 Mule Lambs, for Keeping Purposes.
22 Black-faced Wethers, Prime Fat.
1 Black-faced Tup
Several Half-bred and Black-faced Ewes

N.B.—As the Baxton Bank Stock is so well known in the neighbourhood, comments from the Auctioneer is unnecessary.

Sale to commence at Nine o'clock a.m. prompt. 561t

JOHN CRAWFORD,
AGRICULTURAL VALUER AND FURNITURE AUCTIONEER,
25, VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT.

Business done promptly and on reasonable terms.

Business Announcements.

THE NEW
COAL AND STONE BORING MACHINE
From 20s. and 25s. each, complete with Drills; also BURY'S and HARDY'S PATENT STEEL PICKS and SHAFTS, DRILLS, JUMPERS, and STEMMING GEAR, Wholesale and Retail at

THOMAS BOSTON'S,
NUN STREET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

CARRIAGES.

J. COWEN,
CARRIAGE BUILDER,
HEXHAM,

HAS FOR SALE, NEW DOG CARTS and WHITECHAPELS of most substantial make, elegant designs, and fine finish. For quality and price they are the cheapest in the market, and never fail to give satisfaction.

Carriages of any description built to order.

Repairs of all kinds well and cheaply done.

Gentlemen waited on, and Estimates given. 668s

MOST MONEY LENT
On Silver Plate, Watches, Jewellery, Diamonds, and other Precious Stones, Plated Goods, Cutlery, Guns, &c., &c., at

J. & E. WILSON'S,
The Oldest Established and Largest Pawnbroking Business in the North of England. Established 1780.

12, PILGRIM STREET
FOUR DOORS BELOW BLACKETT STREET.
PRIVATE ENTRANCE: FIRST SIX DOORS IN HIGH FRIAR LANE.
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

N.B.—A large Stock of New and Second-hand WATCHES, Gold and Silver GUARDS, ALBERTS, &c., on Sale at the Lowest Prices.

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1884.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

The readers of the *Guardian* get about as much fun now-a-days in perusing the reports of the periodical meetings at Lanchester as they formerly did at the vehement thrusts and parries at our district Local Boards. Peace and concord, until the present week, dwells at home; but in the Eastern division of the district it is not so. The tide of battle has rolled to Lanchester; and parson, priest, and gentleman stand back to back and brand to brand. There has been some sharp-shooting and desperate hand-to-hand encounters of late, and the reason that the world has not been startled by what the old lady called a "cat-as-strove" is not because there has been no back strokes going. If the reader ever mingled with the spectators at a modern tournament, he or she, as the case may be, could hardly fail to observe that the troopers excelled, almost to a man, in what is known as the back stroke. By a round, sweeping blow they usually missed the lemon, or cut the cord by which it was suspended; but the second, or back cut usually sent the lemon flying. This is exactly how things stand at Lanchester. The gentlemen who meet in conclave in that sleepy hollow are adepts at slashing at that part of their adversaries' person where no cavalier likes to be wounded. It is a very good thing to have a friend in court, as the saying is, but the public have an odd way of forming conclusions of its own. A man has a perfect right to espouse the cause of his friend, irrespective of the righteousness of the point at issue. If a man is in the right, anybody will stand by him; but friendship goes beyond that. This, of course, holds good in private life only; public men who labour for the good of the many cannot very well follow the dictates of their better nature. More than one of the gentlemen who sit in the council chamber at Lanchester seem to have over-looked this particular, and to have forgotten the tenure of office is not necessarily so stable as certain of them imagine. An infusion of fresh talent into the deliberations of this assembly would break the fatal spell; and put, at least, a momentary check upon the wranglings by which the Lanchester meetings have latterly been brought into disrepute. I have touched upon the nobler side of the subject—that of friendship—but there are not wanting those who cannot see their way to look at the matter in that light. The motives from which the basis of the controversies spring are said to be a purely servile character. Of that I cannot, however, speak. But the public will no doubt say its say, and by a peculiar process of its own assign to each disputant the exact modicum of merit his capabilities and deserts entitle him. This is the thorn in the flesh of the public man. Every "pot-house politician" assumes the right to weigh him in the balance, and measure him by rule of thumb. Our friends at Lanchester should remember this and be a little more circumspect in their actions no less than their utterances. It is a pity that gentlemen of position should set the world so sorry an example.

I hardly know what to think of the wish on the part of the ironmasters to reduce still further the already low wages of the slave-toiling ironworker. It was thought that we had seen the worst; and that the next change, however slight, would at any rate have been in an upward direction. I would be the last man to write anything that would be likely to foster a spirit of discontent among working men, but the case of the ironworker is so exceptional that the proposed reduction has taken the public by surprise. There is no class of men in the British Isles who labour so hard for the bread which perisheth as the men engaged in the iron manufacture; and yet, strange to tell, the scale of remuneration for the great mass of the toilers is meagre in the extreme. The lot of the agricultural labourer and the ordinary stone-breaker is a happy one compared to the man who stands by a flaming furnace day and night, or strains every muscle by sheer application and repeated effort. There are, of course, a few old standards in the various departments who still are fairly well paid; but these are posts which are held by fixtures, and are obtainable only by the few. The passport to these situations is steadiness, and attention to the plain work-a-day routine of the department, rather than to intellectual or scholastic attainments. A famous warrior used to boast that every soldier in his army carried a marshal's baton in his knapsack; and so, too, may the well behaved scrap laddie dream dreams of big pays and happy days. There has been some talk from time to time of reducing these "big money men," as they are termed, and of bringing them nearer to a level with their less fortunate fellows. Much could be said on both sides, as Sir Roger de Coverley used to say, and the *pros* and *cons* are so nicely balanced that I myself have sometimes leaned to the one side, then to the other. It is questionable, however, that were the disideratum brought about even now; that the particular section of the workmen who stand most in need of increased remuneration would profit much by the long talked-about equalisation. There is a curious proverb to the effect that the fat sow is always fed; and the poor man will tell you that it was so in the beginning; and that, moreover, it will continue to be so arranged till the end of the chapter. Indirectly the employers would not profit greatly, even did they manage to secure the lion's share of the crumbs. There would not be that incentive to promotion which the present system affords; and tact and skill meeting with no proportionate reward, a class of inferior workmen might rise the while. This, however, parenthetically, the all-absorbing question now in the balance is the latest move towards 5 per cent. of a reduction. The counter claim by the men will perhaps tend to make the opposing forces remain in equipoise until the turn of the year, by which time the wheels of industry will, let us hope, have quickened their speed by many evolutions an hour.

A revival in the shipbuilding trade will, of course, be the precurser of a change for the better in the iron industry. There is much talk about the state of the former; and it was cooly asserted by the men lately on strike that the masters had any number of orders, which on the settlement of the wages question would be duly trotted out; but subsequent events disproves the assertion. There is very little change in the outlook on the Tyne. Few of the best-known yards are doing much. Messrs McIntyre's yard is silent as a sepulchre, and Messrs A. Leslie and Co.'s establishment is also very quiet. Messrs S. Davies and Co. have done next to nothing this year, and there are other yards where the prospects are very little better. At the yard of Messrs Wigham, Richardson and Co. four of the foremen received fourteen days' notice recently, and their engagements will, consequently, terminate this week-end. This firm have this week, however, laid down a keel for a boat measuring 340 feet. In fact, Messrs Palmer's and Messrs Swan and Hunter's are about the only yards on the Tyne where the work is being pushed forward. The last-named are busy, and arrangements are now being made to start a double-shift to push a-head with frame turning.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

The Consett Wesleyan day-schools held their annual treat on Friday last in the new Recreation Ground.

On Sunday, sermons were preached in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Consett, by the Rev W. Graham, of Haltwhistle. On Monday night a public meeting was held.

Mr Milner, chemist, Consett, sole agent for the Tar Elixir Sheep Dip, informs us that the manufacturers, Messrs Ness and Co., of Darlington, have been awarded the Gold Medal for the Tar Elixir Dip, and for their Thymo-Cresol Disinfectants (powder and fluid), at the London International Exhibition.

Resignation of the Consett Local Board Surveyor.—We are informed that Mr William Rippon has resigned his situation under the Consett Local Board, and is about to institute legal proceedings against Mr Shell for slander and libel.—A requisition is being signed, requesting the Chairman (Mr Wm. Jenkins) to convene a special meeting to receive Mr Rippon's resignation, and to arrange the preliminary steps for the appointment of Surveyor, Inspector, and Collector.

Police Inspection.—On Wednesday afternoon, the Hon. C. G. Legge, Her Majesty's Inspector, made his annual inspection of the officers and constables of the Lanchester Petty Sessional Division in a field at the rear of the County Buildings at Consett. There were 45 members of the County Police Force on parade, including Supt. Oliver (Consett), and Inspector Davison (Lanchester). Col. White, the Chief-Constable, was also present. The men underwent an exhaustive drill by Sergeant Norman, and the Captain complimented them on their smart appearance, and the able manner in which they had gone through the various movements. Later on, Captain Legge examined the police cells, offices, and other buildings; and also made a close scrutiny of the official records, books, and documents, and expressed himself highly pleased with everything he saw.

BLACKHILL.

Benfieldside Stock Auction Mart.—Messrs Nicholson and Murray sold on Monday 7 fat cattle at from £15 to £18 10; 28 calving cows and heifers, £10 10s to £23; 25 young cattle, £3 to £8; 185 fat sheep and lambs, 21s 6d to 55s; 8 young pigs, 15s to 19s; 1 pork pig, £3 10s; 5 calves, 19s to 25s; geese, 3s 5d; grapes and shovels, 1s 7d to 2s; cows and grazing cattle made less money, but all were sold.

Field-Day.—The members of the United Methodist Free Church, Blackhill, held a "field-day" on Saturday afternoon, in a field at Blackfine, situated at the foot of the Blue Heaps. The Sunday scholars, about fifty in all, were regaled with tea and buns about five o'clock. During the afternoon a number of games and amusements were arranged, in addition to sports promoted by Mr Richardson, for which prizes were given to the successful competitors.

WOLSINGHAM.

New Football Club.—A new football club has been formed at Wolsingham under Association rules, with the Rev A. Currie as president; J. B. Metcalf, captain; R. Peart, vice-captain; R. Mather, treasurer; J. G. Gibson, secretary, Angate Street, Wolsingham.

LANCHESTER.

Re-Opening of the Parish Church.—This ancient edifice, which has been undergoing repairs, will be re-opened for divine service on Sunday next, on which occasion sermons will be preached—in the morning by the Rev Richard Brent, vicar of Holmside; and in the evening by the Ven. Archdeacon Watkins. On Friday evening next, a special service will be held, when the Rev Canon Body, Diocesan Minister, will preach the sermon. Collections will be taken at all the services in aid of the church expenses.

CORNSAY COLLIERY.

Temperance Meeting.—On Wednesday se'nnight, the temperance brass band, followed by a large number of members of the Independent Order of Good Templars and blue ribbonites, marched the streets of Cornsay Colliery to a meeting which was to be held in the British Schools, where a large gathering assembled. Addresses were given by Messrs T. Spark, C. Mobbs, T. Bainbridge, and M. Peverly. Songs were sung by Misses Alport, Skelton, and Browell, and recitations were given by Mr Pendleton, of Hedley Hill. Mr Browell presided. The meeting was a very successful one.

WEST STANLEY.

Primitive Methodist Sunday School Union: Stanley Circuit.—The Sunday-school Union Committee and Teachers' Council was held at Stanley, on Saturday, under the presidency of the Rev John Waite. This being the first meeting of the committee since the division of the circuit, the meeting elected officers for the management of the affairs of the Circuit Union, which resulted as follows: Chairman, Rev J. Waite; secretary, Mr Philip Reay; treasurer, Mr George Bainbridge. The visitors' reports for the past quarter was then read, after which a lengthy conversation followed on the condition of the schools, and means were suggested for more efficiently carrying out the great work of leading the children to Christ. The Rev J. Waite, Mr R. Smith (Stanley), and Mr G. Straughan (West Pelton), were appointed visitors; Mr W. Atkinson and Mr J. Sasbury were also appointed to make special visits during the next quarter. There were six schools represented out of the eight in the circuit, namely: Stanley, West Pelton, Annfield Plain, Burnhope, Craghead, and Tanfield Lea. Mr G. Bainbridge and Mr R. Armstrong were appointed to represent the committee at the next circuit quarterly meeting. The next council meeting was appointed to be held at West Pelton, to be followed by a public meeting. After the business of the committee and the singing of a hymn, Mr Philip Reay, of Annfield Plain, read an an excellent paper on "The relation of the church to the Sunday-school." Some conversation afterwards took place on the subject, after which a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Reay for his valuable paper.

BLAYDON.

Bankruptcy Examination.—The public examination of Geo. Thompson, boot and shoe maker, Blaydon, was held yesterday (Thursday), at the Newcastle Bankruptcy Court, before Mr Daggett, Registrar. The debtor said he commenced business in 1872 with £100 of his own money. He estimated his assets at about £260, and his debts at about £270. He only required time to pay his creditors in full. His takings during the last three years would average £800 or £900 a-year. His household and personal expenses had been about £2 10s a week. He was bankrupt about two and a half years ago. He paid 20s in the £ and all costs, but he never got his discharge, as he did not apply for it.—The examination was adjourned for a week. A meeting of creditors was held afterwards, and an offer of 15s in the £ was made. There were not proofs in, and the meeting was adjourned.

Derwent Rifle Club.—On Saturday the usual fortnightly handicap sweepstake competition took place at the Club Range, Bues Hill, Blaydon. The conditions were as usual. Ranges, 200, 500, and 600 yards; seven shots at each range. The weather was very favourable at 200 and 500 yards, but the fog rendered shooting at 600 yards almost impossible, and reduced the scores very considerably. The following were the highest scorers, all of whom, with the exception of Capt. Douglass, shot with Snider rifles:—

	200	500	600	Allowance	Tl
Pt. W J Coulson, Newcastle	30	30	27	0	87
Captain Douglass, Blaydon	29	26	22	5	82
Col.-Sgt. Killin. So. Shields	31	28	13	9	81
Sergeant Green, Scotswood	28	22	12	18	60
Co. S.-t.-Mjr Symons, G'hd.	30	24	25	0	79
Corp. J. Catton, Newcastle	26	12	21	18	77
Corp. J. Storar, Scotswood	30	25	15	6	76

Local Board.—The monthly meeting of the Blaydon Local Board was held yesterday (Thursday) in the Boardroom, under the presidency of Colonel Cowen.—The medical officer (Dr Brown) reported that summer diarrhœa (English cholera) was still prevalent to an extent not witnessed for years past.—A deputation waited on the Board with regard to the water famine at Victoria Garesfield.—The Chairman said the Board was not to blame for the present state of affairs. The fault originally lay with the persons who built the houses there without first seeing that there was adequate water supply. The Board, however, had done its best to get a supply of water. For two years they had been endeavouring to get a scheme carried out for supplying Victoria Garesfield, Barlow, Spen, and Winlaton. They had applied to the Newcastle Water Company and to the Consett Water Company, but neither company would supply them. The only supply that they had was that from which the Ryton district got its water. They had power to take half of that. But before they could do so they must have money to construct the necessary works. They had accordingly applied to the Local Government Board for leave to borrow £7,000, and they had now received a reply stating that a Local Government Inspector would be sent down to enquire into the project. Until that was done, he did not see that they could do anything more in the matter.—A discussion ensued as to what was to be done in the meantime, but the Chairman said that was a matter for the people themselves.

WEARDALE.

Extension of Leadmining.—On Wednesday, Mr Hopkins and Mr Maxwell, accompanied by Mr Blenkiron and Mr S. Watson, agents, attended at Rowantree, near St. John's Chapel, to consider the practical carrying out of a suggestion made to them by some of the miners recently discharged from the London Company's Mines, Bollihope, of making a trial. After due consideration, operations will be commenced forthwith. A number of the above miners from Bollihope have been employed by the New House management, who are very anxious to give as many work as they possibly can, they having already done much to assuage the distress hitherto existing.

DURHAM

A Defaulting Miners' Treasurer.—John Sanderson, secretary of the Bearpark Lodge of the Durham Miners' Association, was summoned on Wednesday at Durham County Police Court, under the Friendly Societies' Act, with refusing to pay the sum of £18 9s due to the Northumberland and Durham Miners' Permanent Relief Fund. Mr Radford, Newcastle, prosecuted.—Defendant admitted the money was due, and said he would pay it if he was allowed time.—The Bench made an order for the amount to be paid within seven days, otherwise a distress warrant would be levied.

RYTON-ON-TYNE.

The death is announced, at an early hour yesterday (Thursday) morning, of the Rev John Reed. Mr Reed was parish priest of Newburn, and afternoon lecturer at Newcastle Cathedral. He was ordained in 1826, and licensed to the curacy of Ryton. He was inducted to the living of Newburn in 1832. He was 81 years of age, and was known as the "father" of the diocese.

TOW LAW.

Accident.—On Tuesday, as an old man named Robert Proud, who resides in Baring Street, Tow Law, was engaged in thatching one of the corn stacks belonging to the Weardale Iron and Coal Company, his foot slipped accidentally off the ladder, and he fell a considerable distance on to the ground. The man's back was injured and sprained by the fall, and he now lies in a dangerous condition. Dr Hood is in attendance upon him.

CROOK.

Good Templars in Session.—The South Durham District of Good Templars held a session at Crook on Saturday, and a public meeting, presided over by Councillor Woods, of Hartlepool, D.C.T.

WATERHOUSES.

English Cholera.—A fatal case of Asiatic cholera is stated to have taken place at Hamilton Terrace, near Waterhouses. The medical men of the district, to whom the sufferer's symptoms have been described, have, however, expressed an opinion that the case is one of very bad English cholera, and not the scourge which so many people are standing so much in dread of at the present time.

PELTON FELL.

On Wednesday, at the Durham Petty Sessions, Henry Moralee, pitman, of Pelton Fell, was fined 10s, for stealing two almanacks and a fruit loaf from the Railway Tavern, Castle Chase.

Police Items.—At the Chester-le-Street Petty Sessions, on Wednesday se'nnight, James Miller was charged at the instance of Carr Bell with trespassing in pursuit of game on land in the occupation of Col. Fife-Cookson, on August 8th.—John Anderson, game watcher, stated that he saw the defendant in the field with a dog, and on charging him with the offence Miller struck him in the face, and afterwards offered him money to compromise the case.—The Bench took a lenient view of the offence, and inflicted a fine of 1s and costs.—For committing an assault upon a girl named Elizabeth Russell, a boy named Wm. Liddle was fined 6d and costs.—Henry Ford was charged by P.C. Crabb with having been drunk on the 9th of August.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

BURNOPFIELD.

Serious Gun Accident.—A Youth Shot.—A serious gun accident is reported from Burnopfield. It appears that on Saturday evening, one of the youngest sons of Dr Watson, of that place, was out shooting, and, while passing over a wall, he placed the butt end of the gun on the ground, when it exploded, striking the unfortunate youth in the face, seriously injuring his eyes, nose, and cheeks. Dr. Alfred Mantle, of West Stanley, was speedily in attendance, but the condition of the wounded youth is exceedingly critical.

LANGLEY PARK.

Fifty of the miners employed at Langley Park colliery (the property of the Consett Iron Company) are under notice to leave.

DIPTON.

Accident.—On Wednesday night, at a late hour, a boy named Thos. Armstrong, belonging to Dipton, was admitted to the Newcastle Infirmary suffering from severe injuries to the head caused by falling from a cart. He remains at that institution in a precarious condition.

WASKERLEY.

Annual School Treat.—On Friday afternoon, the children attending the Waskerley P.M. Sunday school had their annual tea, provided chiefly through the liberality of the schoolmaster, Mr Heaviside. On these occasions, not only the school children but all the little children in the village, and the choir are also invited. After partaking of a good tea, the children were invited by Mr Baty, chairman of the Board, to sojourn to his field, where they had games of various kinds for pennies; they also had nuts, sweets, buns, &c. Mr Baty, Mr Gowland (vice-chairman), and Messrs John Gowland, Wallace Graham, and Joseph Robson did their utmost to amuse the children, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. After the shades of night had fallen, the young men and women adjourned to the school-room and had a dance, which terminated one of the pleasantest afternoons enjoyed by the choir and children at Waskerley.

SPEN COLLIERY.

A Pit Heap on Fire.—The old pit heap at the Spen Colliery, belonging to the Marquis of Bute, is reported to be on fire, and great fear is being held for the outhouses and stacks, which have lately been put up, belonging to the Messrs Errington, of the Bute Arms, and the Spen branch of the Blaydon Co-operative Society, both of which are in close proximity to the heap. The fire, which is supposed to have arisen from natural causes, will, it is expected be soon exhausted, as operations will in a few days be commenced to cart away as the conflagation is of course internally.

Steamboat Excursion.—On Saturday sen'night, the members of the Primitive Methodist chapel, Spen, engaged the steamboat *Providence* (Captain Armstrong, commanding) for a trip to Tynemouth Haven, from Blaydon Haughs. They left Blaydon at seven o'clock, a.m., and after a very pleasant day, returned from Tynemouth at five o'clock, p.m., reaching Blaydon about half-past seven, where Messrs Errington had sent a waggon for the younger fraternity, and which landed at the Spen at 8·30 p.m.

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

Primitive Methodist Sunday School.—The scholars in connection with the above school were entertained to tea by the teachers on Saturday afternoon, when a large number partook of the good things provided. In the evening, a service of song, entitled "The Pioneers of Primitive Methodism," was given by the choir to a large and highly-respectable audience. Conductor, Mr M. Robinson; harmoniumist, Mr J. J. Cuthbert; reader, Mr J. Fidler. A coffee supper afterwards took place in the school-room, when a large company partook of an excellent repast, provided by Mrs Huggup and Mrs Crisp. The tables were presided over by Miss E. Bates and Miss J. A. Sanderson, and great credit is due to them for the excellent manner in which they performed their duties. The whole of the proceeds were in aid of the Sunday school funds.

QUEBEC.

Presentation.—On Saturday evening, a numerous company of the workmen and officials of Hamsteels Colliery assembled at the house of Mr Richard Wall, of the Hamsteels Inn, to present Mr Joseph Raw, late cashier at the colliery, with a gold watch and albert, spirit stand, with decanters, and purse of gold; also with tea and coffee service, and diamond ring for Mrs Raw, on the occasion of his leaving the district. Mr Henry Hornsby, manager, presided. After the usual loyal toasts, Mr Hornsby, in proposing the health of their guest, referred to his long connection with Hamsteels Colliery, extending over ten years, to the respect in which he had been held by all, both workmen and officials, to the harmony that had ever prevailed in their daily intercourse, and to his abilities as of a very high order. They had felt he should not be allowed to leave them without some tangible mark of their regard and esteem being presented him. He then formally handed over the above-mentioned articles.—In responding to the toast, Mr Raw confessed he was unable to understand what services he had rendered to merit such a handsome present. After learning that something of the kind was being talked of, he had never anticipated there would be collected one half of what had been. The amount raised was quite beyond his expectations. He tendered to all, workmen and officials, in his own and wife's name, his warmest thanks, remarking that the sight of any one of those articles would never fail to re-call to his mind thoughts of his good friends at Hamsteels.—Thereafter Mr Hornsby, on behalf of the Hamsteels cricket club, presented Mr Raw with a meerschaum pipe, to which that gentleman responded in suitable terms.—Other toasts of "The Chairman," "Vice-chairman," "Committee," "Officials," "Workmen," and "Host and Hostess" followed, interspersed with songs supplied by individual members of the company. Altogether a highly enjoyable evening was spent, and the company broke up at a late hour.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Workmen have commenced the erection of a footbridge over the North-Eastern Railway at Chester-le-Street.

Sudden Death.—Yesterday (Thursday) evening, a sudden death occurred near Perkins Villa, Chester-le-Street. An elderly woman, named Ann Jennings, had been on business to Chester-le-Street. She was apparently in her usual health, and left shortly after five o'clock for home. After crossing the Beamish Railway she was observed to stagger and fall. On assistance reaching her life was found to be extinct.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

St. Cuthbert's Church, Benfieldside.—The magnificent new organ, which has just been erected in this place of worship by Messrs Nicholson, of Newcastle, will be opened next Wednesday evening, by Mr Wm. Rea, of Newcastle. A short service will be held, commencing at 7·30 p.m., after which recitals will be given by Mr Rea. A short sermon will be preached by the vicar (Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin). Offertories will be taken for organ fund and expenses.

The Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Show.—*(To the Editor of the Consett Guardian).*—Sir,—In your last issue while describing the late Agricultural Show held at Shotley Bridge, you omitted to state that the winner of the prize, kindly given by T. Foreman, Esq., M.R.C.V.S., for horse-shoeing, was won by George Bradley.—I am, sir, yours faithfully, Douglas Drake, M.R.C.V.S. (late judge).—[The prize in question was attributed, in the judge's schedule, as having been awarded to "Messrs The Consett Iron Company," and not to any individual workman.—*Ed. C. G.*].

LEADGATE

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—On Sunday last, a flower service was held in the above place. Favoured with fine weather, the Sunday scholars, lead by their teachers, processioned the place. In the morning, afternoon, and evening, services were held in the chapel. The front of the platform was beautifully decorated with flowers, and a well-arranged programme, consisting of dialogues, scripture, and poetry was well recited by the scholars, while excellent sermons were delivered by Mr D. Reed. Choice selections of music were also rendered by the scholars, assisted by the choir. A collection was taken at the close of each service in aid of the Sunday school funds. On Monday the flowers were sent to the Consett Iron Company's Infirmary and the Lanchester Workhouse for the comfort of those there, each flower bearing a beautiful scripture card.

CASTLESIDE.

School Board Meeting.—A monthly meeting of the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board was held in the Castleside Board Schools on Monday afternoon, under the presidency of Mr T. Muse (chairman), the members in attendance being Mr R. Walton, Mr E. Leybourne, besides the clerk (Mr R. Ward). The Master's Report showed the number of scholars on the roll to be—Boys, 106; girls, 108; total, 214. Average present, 186; absent, 28. Cash banked during the month, £10 12s 8d. The Master further reported that the last month (as they would know) had been one of exceptional difficulty, owing to the alterations; as during the whole of it, the joiners and plasterers had been at work in the school-room. This state of things very materially interfered, not only with the progress of the children, but especially with the discipline, and would, the Master feared, prove a very serious drawback to a successful examination. Consequently, he suggested that a request be forwarded with the present returns, asking for the examination to be fixed as late as possible. It would also be advisable to supply any deficiency in the stock of school books (not a large quantity) before the inspection. The Master appealed for the Board's co-operation in connection with the cases of several children he mentioned, as to whether they should be presented for examination or not; and the members agreed to consider the cases in committee.—The Clerk was instructed to write an efficient communication to Mr Bernays, the Government Inspector, asking him to defer his inspection as late as possible in the month of October.—Again no report was submitted by Mr Proud, the Attendance Officer, although he had attended the schools that forenoon, and it was mentioned that that official had threatened to resign his position, but no formal resignation was forthcoming.—The only other business was the signing of the cheques in payment of the current month's accounts.

MEDOMSLEY.

Fatal Accident to a Local Tourist.—On Sunday morning, a young man, named Mr Walter Hedley, aged fifteen years, son of Mr W. H. Hedley, mining engineer under the Consett Iron Company, of Medomsley, died at the house of Mr John Wales, Stanhope, from the effects of serious injuries received a week past Monday, whilst exploring a romantic place called Linnkirk Cave, at Stanhope. A boulder gave way, and fell upon his leg, cutting it very severely.

HINTS FOR THE HOME.

Home.—You are to be pitied if you cannot find your first and greatest happiness at home. There is why you should find it. The independence that comes to a man when his day's work is over and he feels that he has run out of the storm into the quiet harbour of home, where he can rest in peace with his family, is something real. It does not make so much difference whether you own the house or whether you have one little room in that house; you can make that room a true home to you. You can people it with such sweet fancies that it will be fairly luminous with your presence, and it will be to you the very perfection of a home. Against this home none should ever transgress. It should be the place to find true love and courtesy.

Tact.—Everybody recognises "the man without tact." He is perpetually treading upon the corns, mental and moral as well as physical, of all with whom he associates. He has no perception of light and shadow in his dealings with mankind. The world is to him a coarse daub, and he is destined to smudge it with his awkward thumb. "Stiff in opinions, always in the wrong," he provokes and pains. A stupid consistency, a consistent stupidity are his wonted characteristics. And the worst of it all is that of his condition none is so little aware as himself. He fancies that he is kind because he never wished to be cruel, and direct because he is bungling. On the other hand, the man or woman of tact—usually the latter—is at once manifest to his or her surroundings. The delicate consideration for others never obtruded as a virtue, the tone in daily life that at once assists and soothes us—like the step of the good dancer that gently compels the partner to fancy he is dancing as well—the dexterous management of conversation—all leave us too grateful to be doubtful.

Married Folks Would be Happier if they tried to be as agreeable as in courtship days. If they kissed and made up at once after every quarrel. If each would try and be a real support and comfort to the other. If household expenses were always proportioned to receipts. If women were as kind to their husbands as they were to them when lovers. If each remembered the other was practically a human being, not an angel. If men were as thoughtful for their wives as they were for them when sweethearts. If both parties remembered that they were married for worse as well as for better. If there were fewer silks and velvet street costumes, and more plain, tidy house dresses, and street ones, too, for that matter. If there were fewer "please, darlings," in public, and more polite manners in private. If wives and husbands would take their pleasure *as they go along*, and not degenerate into mere toiling machines. Recreation is necessary to keep the heart in its place, and to try and get along without it is a big mistake.

What a Woman can Do.—She can say "No," and stick to it for all time. She can also say "No" in such a low soft voice that it means "Yes." She can sharpen a lead-pencil if you give her plenty of time and plenty of pencils. She can dance all night in a pair of shoes two sizes too small for her, and enjoy every minute of the time. She can pass a display window of a draper's shop without stopping—if she is running to catch a train. She can walk half the night with a noisy baby in her arms without once expressing the desire to murder the infant. She can appreciate a kiss from her husband 50 years after the marriage ceremony has taken place. She can suffer abuse and neglect for years, which one touch of kindness or consideration will drive from her recollection. She can go to church, and afterwards tell you what every woman in the congregation had on, and in some rare instances can give a faint idea of what the text was. She can look her husband square in the eyes when he tells her some cock-and-bull story about being "detained at the office," without betraying in the least that she knows him to be a colossal liar. She can—but what's the use? A woman can do anything or everything, and do it well. She can do more in a minute than a man can in an hour, and do it better. She can make the alleged lords of creation bow down to her own sweet will, and they will never know it. Yes a woman can do everything with but one exception—she cannot climb a tree.

James Ridgway of Booth-town, Halifax, was apprehended on Monday, charged with causing the death of a young woman named Granley, with whom he had cohabited. During a quarrel—she being, it is stated, in drink—he struck her with his fist on the head and breast, causing her to fall down and instantly expire.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

Monday, Sept. 1st.—Before Jas. Annandale, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

William Jenkins, ironworker, Puddlers Row, Consett, pleaded guilty to this offence, committed on Sunday afternoon, 23rd ult.—P.C. Bell spoke to finding the defendant drunk and swearing and creating a disturbance, in Front Street, and he was fined 5s and 5s 6d costs.

Michael Green, a chimney sweep (who was represented by his mother) was also summoned on a charge of drunkenness.—P.C. Watson said that on Friday night, August 22nd, shortly after eleven o'clock, he observed the defendant in a very intoxicated state at Leadgate.—A fine of 5s and costs was imposed.

Bernard Ward was charged by P.C. Thompson with having been drunk and incapable in Bottle Bank, Blackhill, on Saturday evening last.—As the defendant was unable to pay the usual penalty of 10s 10d, including costs he was committed to gaol for seven days.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Patrick McCrory, of 26, Albert Row, Consett, a young man, pleaded guilty to a charge of playing at pitch and toss on the 30th August.—P.C. Newton stated that about two o'clock on the previous Saturday afternoon, he saw the defendant along with two or three other men, gambling in Princess Street, Consett.—Defendant, who had nothing to say in answer to the charge, was mulcted in a fine of 5s and 5s 10d expenses.

VAGRANCY.

An old man, named Thomas Thompson, was placed in the dock charged with vagrancy by begging.—The evidence of P.C. Newton was to the effect that at three o'clock last Saturday afternoon he was proceeding along Trafalgar Street, Consett, when he noticed the prisoner begging from door to door. He fetched the man to the Police Office, and ascertained that he had a quantity of bread in his possession, besides 9d in coppers. Witness had previously cautioned the prisoner, but the latter denied the statement, adding that he "worked a shift whenever he could get one."—Prisoner was committed to the House of Correction with hard labour for one week.

BASTARDY ARREARS.

Richard Thompson, a respectably-dressed youth whose address is 31, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge, was brought up (on remand) to show cause why he had failed to contribute the sum of £2 10s 6d, due on a bastardy order to Elizabeth Margaret Telford, of Consett.—Prisoner, in answer to the Chairman, declared that he had no intention of paying the money, and as the case necessitates two justices to adjudicate thereon, it was remanded to Lanchester.

ALLEGED LARCENY AT CONSETT.

Edward Quinn of the Shakespeare Hotel, Consett, was brought up to answer a charge of stealing two silk pocket handkerchiefs and other articles, the property of John McDonald, of Consett, on the 30th July.—Evidence in support of the case having been adduced by Mrs McDonald (who stated that she did not desire to press the case) and Sergt. Murphy (who spoke to apprehending the prisoner on the preceding Thursday) this case was also adjourned till Thursday.

THE PROPOSED PUBLIC PARK FOR CONSETT AND BLACKHILL.

A public meeting—the third of a series—in support of the Blue Mountain Public Park and Recreation Ground Scheme, took place at Mr R. Murray's, Royal Hotel, Benfieldside, on Monday night, there being a very fair attendance of the residents of Consett and Blackhill. Mr William Dodds, of Mount Pleasant, Consett, was voted to the chair.

The Chairman observed, in opening, that the movement so far had been successful, and had received a great amount of support. He had encountered a great number of people who held different ideas on the subject, but this was, he found, owing to some misapprehension. They were, however, desirous of instructing the people upon the question, and he was glad to see that the whole of the people were changing their opinions. A very large number of inhabitants had signed the petition in favour of the scheme, and they hoped to obtain at least 1,200 signatures. When the memorials were all sent in they required an influential deputation to present such to the Consett Iron Company, urging them to carry out their original scheme and give the Blue Mountains and the adjacent fields to the use of the public to be transformed into a Park and Recreation Ground. The Revs J. T. Storey, vicar of Blackhill, Alex Baillee, Presbyterian Minister, Blackhill, and E. W. Jenkins, Highgate Baptist Minister, cordially co-operated with the movement, and he would suggest that these three gentlemen be nominated to form the deputation. With regard to the Rev T. Smith, of St. Mary's, Blackhill, who was one of the chief supporters of the scheme, he (the Chairman) was sorry to say that that gentleman was at present away from home, and would thus be unable to act as a member of the deputation.

Mr J. Palliser stated that already 800 signatures had been appended to the petitions in favour of the movement; and they were sanguine of obtaining at least 12,000 names before calling in the memorials.

Mr M. McNally proposed that the Rev F. Steggall, vicar of Consett, be added as a member of the deputation; but Mr W. S. Davies opposed, on the ground that the rev. gentleman was not in favour of the movement.

Mr J. S. Murray desired to know if any direct evidence was forthcoming that the Rev F. Steggall was an opponent of the movement? If not, he should certainly second Mr McNally's proposition.

The Chairman, on being thus appealed to, stated that he had a short conversation with Mr Steggall that forenoon, but he could not aver that the rev. gentleman was really opposed to the Park Scheme, although he declined to sign the memorial; but Mr Steggall appeared to be under the false impression that their object was to upset, mislead, or supplement the children's recreation ground proposed. The rev. gentleman, however, promised a donation towards the undertaking.

Mr J. S. Murray replied that the Vicar of Consett was not so callous to the interests of the people of the district as go against them in a scheme like this. In seconding Mr McNally's proposition, the speaker pointed out that no gentleman had done more for the parish, or saved the ratepayers a greater amount of money than Mr Steggall (hear, hear); and mentioned the efforts of the rev. gentleman in providing ample school accommodation by voluntary means, instead of saddling the ratepayers with the burden of a School Board.

Mr R. Murray regretted that Father Smith could not officiate as a member of the deputation, as the question affected the interests of the whole of his flock—or fully one-half of the inhabitants—and he was sure that Mr Smith cordially approved of the scheme. If Mr Steggall was willing to sign the memorial, he would certainly be in favour of the rev. gentleman comprising one of the deputation. He explained that the petition asked the Consett Iron Company, should they not be willing to carry out their original intention of converting the Blue Heaps into a public park, to throw them open to the public, as the Heaps, in their present state, were preferable to any other site in the district. The work of beautifying and laying out the grounds could be accomplished by voluntary effort; and thus they would be benefitting others at the same time as they were benefitting themselves

Mr Palliser stated that if £2,000 were expended on the Blue Mountains, it would employ 200 men at £1 per week for ten weeks.

Mr W. Turner said that he for one should not object to a rate been levied to meet the expenditure so incurred.

Mr McNally stated that some time ago a comprehensive park scheme was formulated, and he wished to know if they intended to ask the Consett Iron Company to give the whole of their ground, or did it embrace the property owned by the trustees of the Sherburn Hospital.

The Chairman replied that they were not making any definite proposal to the Iron Company as to the extent of area required; but they would be willing to accept whatever ground the Company were desirous of handing over to the towns. The whole of the beautiful parks in Lancashire were laid out during the cotton famine; and he felt assured that they would be relieving many families who were on the verge of starvation if they carried out a similar scheme at the present opportune moment.

After a lively and protracted debate, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr H. Carss, to ask the Rev F. Steggall to form a member of the deputation on condition that he signed the memorial.

The deputation was then appointed as under:—Revs F. Steggall, T. J. Storey, A. Baillie, and E. W. Jenkins; Messrs W. Palliser, Thomas Dunne, George Freak, W. Smith, W. Dodds, Hy. Lamb, W. Meir, Dan Williams, and P. Maund.

Another meeting was arranged to be held to receive the report of the deputation and to report progress.

WOLSINGHAM PETTY SESSIONS.

Tuesday, Sept. 2nd.—Before the Rev G. P. Wilkinson (chairman), and the Rev R. H Grey.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

Henry Little, shoemaker, was charged with being drunk on the highway at Wolsingham.—Fined 12s 6d including costs.

James Renahan, labourer, for being drunk on the highway at Wolsingham.—Fined 15s, including costs.

Thomas Wheatley, of Tow Law, miner for being drunk on the highway at Wolsingham.—Fined 5s and costs.

Elizabeth Allison, widow, for being drunk on the highway at Wolsingham.—Fined 7s 6d, including costs.

John Robinson, miner, for being drunk on the highway at Tow Law, on the 22nd ult.—Fined 7s 6d, including costs.

John Bolan, labourer, for being drunk on the highway at Tow Law, on the 12th ult.—Fined 7s 6d, including costs.

John Morris, miner, for being drunk on the highway at Tow Law.—Fined 7s 6d, including costs.

James Barnsley, of Hedleyhope, miner, for being drunk at Tow Law, on the 22nd ult.—Fined 7s 6d, including costs.

Peter Knox, of Hedley Hill, miner, for being drunk on the highway at Tow Law, on the 24th ult.—Fined 10s, including costs.

George Graham, ostler, for being drunk on the highway at Tow Law, on the 24th ult.—Fined 7s 6d, including costs.

William Wheatley, miner, for being drunk on the highway, on the 23rd ult.—Fined 7s 6d, including costs.

William French, miner, for being drunk on the highway at Tow Law, on the 22nd ult.—Fined 7s 6d, including costs.

Henry Wood, varnisher, for being drunk on the highway at Tow Law, on the 25th ult.—Fined 7s 6d, including costs.

George Cheesman, of Sunniside, miner, for being drunk on the highway at Tow Law, on the 25th ult.—Fined 7s 6d, including costs.

ADULTERATED LIQUOR.

Isaac Dolphin, of Tow Law, licensed victualler, was fined £1 and costs for selling rum and whiskey which was below statutory strength.—Defendant admitted himself at fault, but pleaded mitigating circumstances, adding that he always had the name for selling good liquor.

ADJOURNED LICENSING SESSIONS.

Courtship Under Difficulties.—The adjourned Brewster Sessions for the Stanhope Division were held to-day. There were no applications for new licenses, and only one name appeared on the black list, viz: that of Ann Whitfield.—Superintendent Siddell stated to the Bench that Mrs Whitfield had been convicted for keeping open her premises during prohibited hours, but in extenuation he might say that the person found on the premises at the time was "courting the landlady."—The Chairman: Perhaps he has married her since?—Superintendent Siddell: No, your worship, but probably he still continues to court. (Laughter).—The Chairman (smiling): That will do; that will do.—The license is renewed.—All the existing licenses were renewed.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

Thursday, September 4th.—Before M. Kearney, Esq. (chairman), the Rev J. P. De Pledge, and Geo. G. Taylor Smith, Esq.

BASTARDY ARREARS.

Richard Thompson, of Shotley Bridge, a respectably-dressed young man, was committed to prison for one month, for refusing to contribute £1 8s 6d owing as arrears in bastardy to Elizabeth Margaret Telford, of Consett.—Prisoner said the child did not belong to him, and he did not intend to pay the money. He would sooner go to prison.—The Chairman said the prisoner was liable to be sent to gaol for another term of imprisonment after he was released. He would soon tire of that sort of work.

SHE WOULDN'T MARRY HIM: AMUSING CASE.

Edward Grant, a Consett young man, who is a member of the Salvation Army Corps, was brought up to show cause why he had failed to contribute £2 1s 6d due on a bastardy order to Martha Greenwell, a domestic servant, also of Consett.—Prisoner said he was quite willing to pay the money, but as he had been out of employment for some time he was not in a position to do so. He had on various occasions offered to marry the young woman, but she refused to accept him. (Laughter.)—Prosecutrix: He has behaved very badly towards me, and I don't wish to have anything to do with him. If he cannot pay the money he ought to be sent to gaol.—Prisoner: Well, I have done my best under the circumstances. I courted the girl when she was only 17 years of age. I again proposed this morning to marry her, and even offered to put in the names at the Register Office, but she says she will not have me. (Loud laughter.)—The Chairman (to prosecutrix): He has tried to do his best by offering to marry you.—Rev J. P. De Pledge: I think you are a foolish young woman in not accepting his offer.—Prisoner was sent to gaol for one month, with hard labour.

NIGHT POACHING: HEAVY SENTENCE.

John Batey, of Iveston, was charged, under the Poaching Prevention Act, with being found on the farm of Mr George Nicholson, of High Woodside, near Greencroft, on the night of the 1st inst., for an unlawful purpose.—The case was proved by P.C.'s Hall and Watson, who both spoke to finding the defendant, about eleven o'clock at night, standing on the highway opposite a gate on the above farm. When the officers arrived on the scene, the defendant moved away from the gate, and Watson proceeded to search the man, but found nothing upon him. Hall moved towards the gate, and observed the net (produced) stretched over it. Defendant also had a terrier dog ranging the field, and Watson watched the animal pursue a hare in the direction of the net. On being charged with night poaching, the defendant denied the offence.—Batey offered, in defence, a long rambling statement, to the effect that neither the net nor the dog—which was only a Bedlington terrier—belonged to him. He alleged that when the police could not discover anything upon him, one of the officers pulled the net out of his pocket, and placed it across the gate, when the other constable appeared to find it; for the purpose of making a case against him.—The Chairman said the Bench were not so silly as to believe all that rubbish and nonsense. It was one of the most flagrant and audacious case of poaching that had ever been brought under their notice. The defendant was committed to prison for three months; at the expiration of that date to find two sureties in £5, and himself bound over in the sum of £10 for his good behaviour for a further term of twelve months.

NEWS IN A NUT-SHELL.

Two deaths occurred in Bolton on Monday from sunstroke—one the case of a man aged 26, and the other that of a man 60 years of age.

The wife of a labourer at Carlisle Gas Works, named Lenon, has given birth to four daughters. The infants and their mother are all doing well.

Mr. J. B. W. Lee, an Edinburgh solicitor in large practice, was arrested on Monday charged with misappropriating a sum of £1,000 entrusted to him for investment.

Captain Cecil Otway, of Newcastle Court, Radnorshire, who contested the Radnor boroughs on the retirement of Lord Hartington in 1880, died at Brighton on Sunday evening.

The wreck of the Dione has now been brought in shore, about a mile below Gravesend. She will be patched up as the tide will allow, so as to enable her to float. The dimensions of the hole in her side are found to be about 60 feet by 10 feet.

On Monday the judge of the Blackburn county-court granted an injunction restraining Mr. Thomas Grime, deputy mayor of Over Darwen, from polluting the river Darwen by tipping ashes therein. The complainants were the corporation of Over Darwen.

A gentleman named Johnson, when about to proceed to New York by a steamer in the Langton Dock, Liverpool, fell from the gangway of the vessel on to the bulwarks, and thence into the water of the dock. He sustained very severe internal injuries from which he died on the following day.

A Dublin evening paper learns on excellent authority that the Irish law officers have upon a full investigation of the case, advised the Lord Lieutenant not to grant an inquiry into the statements made by the informer Casey [illegible] evidence against Myles Joyce in the Maamtrasna murder case.

OUR LADIES' COLUMN.

The beautiful weather enjoyed through all the earlier days of this month ought to have rejoiced the hearts of all the holiday folk, wanderers by flood and field. Those who have not yet set out on their travels can scarcely hope to find September as gracious a month as was August. It was indeed a return to the summer of the poets which for more than 10 years has been mourned as among the absent.

> Now, bright Arcturus glads the teeming grain,
> Now golden fruits on loaded branches shine.

It has been ideal harvest weather, such as artists revel in, when transferring the rich colouring of "the happy autumn fields," as the Poet Laureate would write, to canvas. Scarcely yet have the golden sunsets set in, which are the glory of September, but midday and afternoon lights and shadows have this year been in perfection. Artists are proverbially discontented, dissatisfied people. The way to perfection, writes a great author, lies through a series of disgusts. There is a species of discontent which may well be qualified as divine, which a man experiences on seeing his actual work fall so far short of his ideal. But there is another frame of mind which finds vent in grumbling at externals, and these suffering people do not always find sympathisers. Labour saving machines are sadly prosaic features in the life poetical. Perhaps future artists will discover that a reaping machine is picturesque, and can be made to look pretty in a picture. To our old fashioned eyes the human element is wanting, the men and women scattered over the field, sickle in hand, cutting down the golden grain. The figures lent life to the scene, and tempered the commercial aspect of harvest work with beauty. In Scotland and Ireland the women are wont to tie red cotton handkerchiefs over their heads as a protection from the sun, and the bright spots of colour scattered over the field supply the artists who are looking out for subjects with exactly what they most admire. The prettiest of all crops is the oat, but as it is more of a northern than a southern produce, it is not yet ready for the reaper. In those far away counties where oats form so important a harvest consideration to the farmer, the ingathering is not for at least a month later than it would be in the south of England. The goddess Ceres must especially rejoice over oats as a crop. The sickle, with which in her hand she is always represented, will never become obsolete for the oat crop, as it is found that the cutting by machine is exceedingly wasteful, and not to be practised if economy is considered advisable.

A learned society at Coburg has been making experiments with oat growing, the results of which are rather startling to people who think that they know perfectly well how much or how little Nature can do. Dr. Weissenborn states that barley can be produced from oat stalks, and this without sowing any other seed. Beds were sown with oats very late—about Midsummer—and cut twice as green fodder before shooting into ear. The consequence was that a considerable number of oat plants did not die in the course of the winter, but were changed in the following spring into rye, forming stalks that could not be known from those of the finest rye. It is too late this year for anyone to verify the Coburg experiments, but next year it will be possible to prove or disprove so extraordinary a statement.

Bee-keeping has lately been a subject very much in the front. Amateurs who take up hobbies do not usually make profit upon their pursuits, but an apiary can be made to yield a return under proper management. In spite, however, of the spread of bee-keeping honey is not cheaper than it used to be. The combs are whiter, and the honey purer than when the bees were left to make their own domestic and industrial arrangements, but it is doubtful whether the artificial feeding gives such delicious results as when the bees ranged at will over clover fields and moors. Good old Dr. Watts called upon us to admire the structural capacity of the bee. "How skilfully she builds her cell, how neat she spreads the wax," the nursery was apostrophised to admit. Yet now the march of education has invaded the straw hive. No longer is the bee to be allowed to run up additional chambers in any direction he pleases, making additions to the royal nursery according to traditional usage. Science has followed him, and disciplined his work. Model cells are set before him, and he is so circumscribed and constrained that he must build his cells the right shape and size for the boxes which are to be eventually dispatched to customers by parcel post.

When the Health Exhibition was first opened to the public an ingenious writer who managed to see a great deal that was invisible to other people's eyes, rashly wandered out of his depth. He described in forcible language a mechanical figure designed to illustrate the evil effects of tight lacing. First we were informed the figure drew the cords of her corset slowly but surely, until her waist became like that one celebrated in song, but a span in width. Then ensued groans of agony, and, the strings being released, the waxen goddess returned to her original shape, the size which nature had originally meant her to be. Such a lesson as this, administered thus in public, ought to have had a most beneficial effect. Few women could look unmoved upon the torture, and the moral effect of such an illustration was testimony to the exceeding value of a Health Exhibition. The hours which we spent on repeated visits to the exhibition, searching for that mechanical figure, if all summed up would have written a tract. When at last a lacing and unlacing figure was discovered, it had nothing whatever to say to the health aspect, it was merely a display and a very clever one, of a new eyelet hole which will certainly supersede the old one. Instead of the cord, passing through the eyelet it runs round the outside, on a kind of barrel, or inverted stationary pulley. The sooner we have our boots laced on the new principle the more comfort we shall enjoy. It is such a drawback to having winter boots fastened with lacings that the fingers soil in tightening the strings; whereas in the new eyelet one draw of the two ends of the laces will complete the operation. The hook under which the lace passes on a gentleman's boot, tempted many ladies to imitate the superior sex in this little detail. But the hooks were so destructive to the hems of dresses, leaving the braid at the edge frayed and shabby, that the hooks had to be abandoned.

Children's dresses for the seaside this year are wonderfully fanciful. It is difficult to believe that the little ladies who wear these elaborately got up costumes ever play on the sands, build castles and dig trenches round them. Certainly they would never plunge their hands down into the depths of a rocky pool to capture a small crab or feel what a sea anemone is like on closer acquaintance. Supposing that the chief part of the dress is navy blue serge, two petticoats would be supplied for wearing with the same bodice and tunic. The economy of this arrangement, even if the dress be of cheap materials, will commend itself to mothers. The tide, we all know, comes in twice daily, and has no respect for even the most elaborate design in a sand mansion. Mounting guard at the drawbridge until the last moment possible generally affects little skirts upon which waves break. There are also minor calamities that necessitate frequent changes of skirts when the same bodice will continue doing duty. A Sunday skirt and a week day one may be part of the same dress. The navy blue serges are trimmed with pipings of red and bands of white serge, which border the tunic, form a waistcoat, and trim cuffs. The week-day skirt would be of plain blue pleated. The Sunday one would have alternate pleats of blue and white, a broad of one colour and two or three narrow of the other, and broad stripes would be laid on round the kilting; possibly the whole three colours would be worked into the pleats. Over the tunic a hempen net is thrown, and caught up at one side, a toy fish hanging in the midst where a lady carries her fan.

SOMETHING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

SHE LAID DOWN HER LIFE.

At first sight the incident related below may seem to young readers very sad; but just think, boys and girls, would it not have been much more sad if the Indian maiden of whom it is told had shrunk back from her noble deed of self-sacrifice, however many years of life she might have saved by doing so? Besides, as the poet says, "To every one death cometh soon or late." We never think it a very sad thing when a good man dies at the end of a long and useful career. It seems quite natural that, having fulfilled the purpose of his life, he should be called to his reward, and the higher work that awaits him. But to some—as to Samson of old, though in a far better sense—it is given to accomplish in their early death, as much as, or even more than, others have done in a long lifetime. From the little stone-heap which marks her lonely grave, Lododa Dophanee "being dead yet speaketh." Why then, though cut off in her youth and beauty, should we think the story of her death a sad one?

At a spot on the north shore of the long Chesterfield inlet which forms the north-eastern corner of Hudson Bay, may be seen a little heap of mossy stones, which both the Dogrib Indians and the Esquimaux say is the grave of Lododa Dophanee. This is her story:—

Grim, one-eyed old Shuglowineh, the Dogrib chief, led up his tribal family one summer, as usual, from their winter huts at Yath Kyed to the seaside at Savesevik, for the fishing season had at last arrived. Brown skin tents were erected on the shore, in which dwelt the Indian warriors with their squaws and children. The older members of the party were mostly ugly and repulsive looking, but among the younger were some youths, tall, active, and straight-limbed, and several comely girls. Of the latter, the fairest was Lododa Dophanee (Child of the Beautiful Squaw), the daughter of the rugged old chief.

One day a large boat entered the cove and was hailed by the Indians with cries of joy. It contained traders from York Fort who annually visited the coast to exchange with the savages, ammunition, salt, cloth, and rum, for furs. But this year there came with the traders a person of a very different stamp—Henry Enderby—a young missionary from England. The boat with the traders stayed but a day or two, but the missionary remained through the summer. He earnestly sought to master the Dogrib dialect, and having to some extent succeeded he wrote words on slips of wood, and by pronouncing them, taught the Indians to recognise them by sight. He then, on larger slips, wrote sentences giving the rude, fierce savages lessons of love and goodwill. On the bare cliff behind where their tents stood, can still be traced, painted in ochre or vermilion, the half-effaced words "Bungar" (love), "Targluk nuk" (do not kill) and "Algooka" (kindness), which formed part of sentences he wrote there. The wooden slips are said to have had such sentences as these—"Do not hate, do not kill, all men are brethren," "Worship the Great Spirit in the sky who loves you; you are his children." "The Great Spirit sends the fish and the birds," &c. We do not know what the old chief and his sons thought of all this, but it is certain that in Lododa Dophanee, Mr. Enderby made a true convert. She soon became his helper and interpreter, readily grasping the meaning and spirit of his teachings, and then clothing them in such words as the others could best understand.

When the winter commenced Mr. Enderby left for England. In bidding the Indians farewell he asked them to remember and practise the things he had taught them, but in the moment of parting it was to the faithful young princess that he confided the care of his work, telling her that he left it a trust in her hands to watch over her people and keep them from evil. Shortly after his departure the Indians returned to their winter quarters.

When the next summer arrived old Shuglowineh again led his people to Savesevik, but hardly were the tents pitched when one of the Dogrib warriors who had gone some distance along the foot of the cliff in the direction of a place called Darkak returned, with the news that he had seen, encamped there, a party of the Esquimaux, between whom and the Red Indians of the north, a most implacable hatred existed. In a frenzy of rage the Dogribs swore they would neither eat nor sleep till they had shed the blood of their foes. When the midnight sun sank for a little time behind the cliffs, the Esquimaux would probably be all asleep, and it would be easy to surprise and kill them. In vain did the gentle Child of the Beautiful Squaw strive to soothe her savage father. In vain she pointed to the words on the cliff, or held some of the wooden tablets before the eyes of the warriors. They were mad with the thirst for slaughter. What could she do? How could she fulfil her charge and keep them from evil? Well she knew that to approach the Esquimaux to warn them, would be at the price of her own life since they had never spared the life of a Dogrib captive. But no other course was open, and so, as the midnight sun sank towards the top of the cliffs, the noble-hearted young princess, looking to the source of all power, for strength to keep her from wavering in her purpose, stole away from the camp and went quickly along the beach towards Darkak. The rest of the story is soon told. Sound asleep in their tents, the Esquimaux heard in the early morning a woman's voice outside and, springing up, saw a Dogrib girl standing on the beach. She waved her hand to them and called in the Esquimaux tongue "Twauve, Illeuk" (Go hence! Fly from here!). It was hardly possible that they should understand or guess her generous motives, and the next moment a flight of arrows from their whalebone bows pierced her and she fell. But alarmed, if not warned, by her coming, the Esquimaux struck their tents and made good their escape up the coast. Dying at their hands the heroic girl had saved their lives, and had saved her people from the curse of bloodguiltiness. Shuglowineh, with his warriors, coming up not long after, found only the dead body of his daughter. And so it happens that the little pile of mossy stones on the beach near the foot of the cliff marks the grave of Lododa Dophanee.

JACK, AND JIM, AND JOE.

There was an old woman had three sons,
  Jack, and Jim, and Joe;
Joe to the East, and Jim to the West,
  And Jack to the North would go.
Joe came back with a chest of tea,
  From the far-off land of China,
And Jim came back with a bag of rice
  That was grown in Carolina;
And Jack came back with a fat Scotch ox;
  And the mother thanked the three;
And they all sat down to a joint of beef,
  Rice pudding, and nice hot tea.

NUTS TO CRACK.

1.—Buried Proverb.—Silver How's soft heathery hills mean stores of domestic comfort. Illnesses, misdeeds, makeshifts, will, indeed, sadden and onerate us never more.

2.—Rebus.—

YY & YY.

3.—In wind, not in rain.
In Spaniard, not in Dane,
In kind, not in cross.
In profit, not in loss.
In year, not in day.
In straw, not in hay.
Whole names a season.

4.—I consist of eleven letters, and am the name of a man mentioned in the Bible. My 5, 8, 9, 10 is a place attractive to all; my 1, 2, 7, 9 is a herb; my 3, 6, 9, 10 is a large city in the south of Europe; my 11, 5, 8, 7, 10 is entire; and my 4, 11, 6 is a number.

5.—I went to the 7, 3, 4,
  And left my little wife;
With my 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
  I took many a soldier's life.
While sitting in the jungle
  I was stung by a 7, 3, 1, 2;
My *whole*, seven letters, when placed aright,
  Will bring a bird to view.

6.—Square Words.—To control; a line of elevated land; what is not always to the swift; a term used in surgery.

7.—Breezy; a particle; a frame; a girl's name.

—Diamond.—The first of first; what it once took nine men to make; the last of all; an interdict; the first f last.

LAST WEEK'S KERNELS.

1.—There is no new thing under the sun. 2. Horseman-ship. 3. Westminster Abbey. 4. Dew-drop. 5. 15.

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CHAPTER XLVIII.

THE AMIABLE WOMAN WHO MURDERED HER HUSBAND AND CHILDREN.

When the evidently nervous gentleman had complied with the professor's request by seating himself on the very edge of a chair, and had furthermore placed his hat on the carpet and performed a trumpet blast on his nose with the assistance of an old-fashioned yellow bandana handkerchief, he drew a kind of leather letter-holder out of the breast pocket of his coat, and undoing it, extracted therefrom a small *carte de visite*, which he gazed at for a moment with apparent fondness, then kissed, and last of all handed to the professor with the remark:

"There, ma'am; did you ever in all your life come across such a bonnie dame as that?"

"Her face is the index of her heart," answered Aunt Rachael, after she had looked at the portrait intently for half a minute or so through her gold-rimmed spectacles, and she added with a gush, "What would not the great Lavater have given to have encountered so favourable a specimen of our poor weak fallen human nature? The contemplation of a countenance like this is enough to restore our waning confidence in our species. We can almost picture to ourselves our first mother before the Fall. Seraphina, my dear, what is your opinion?"

"Perhaps I'd better be paying my fee, ma'am, before I get too much opinion, or I might be running off and cheating you, you know," interrupted the countryfied-looking man good naturedly, and with a broad grin traversing his rubicund visage as though he had uttered something remarkably witty and absurdly comical.

"My dear sir," retorted the professor, "'tis true that *some* persons might behave so; but not one with your open, candid expression and generally benevolent aspect. I don't think that in the whole course of my professional experience I have ever seen two such faces placed in close juxtaposition as I now behold in the pictured lineaments of this dear, sweet, angelic being, and the honest, worthy countenance that surmounts your own broad, manly shoulders. You two were evidently cut out for each other. Yes, half a guinea, if you please; or a guinea if you would like your own lineaments studied from the life, and nicely written out to send to the lady, which I think would be a very pretty and delicate attention on your part. What is your opinion, Seraphina?"

"It coincides with your own, mother. I should say it would be a hundred pities not to have it done."

"Well, ma'am, we'll see about that presently," retorted the farmer-like looking individual. "The lady first, if you please. There's half a sovereign and sixpence—a crooked sixpence, for luck. And so you think the dear creature is everything that's perfect?"

"Even the great Lavater, whose unworthy pupils we are, would have failed to discover a single blemish in either her features or her expression," gushed the wily professor.

"But he would have had no difficulty in detecting a hundred perfections and a thousand amiabilities in their place," echoed Seraphina, remembering her mother's counsel about the honey.

"And that forehead of her's? You don't consider it too low or too bulgy, ma'am?"

"Her mind is so great that it is *bound* to bulge. Her head wouldn't hold it else."

This from Aunt Rachel, and, Seraphina added, "positively *obliged* to bulge outwards."

"And the eyes, ma'am? What about that cast in them, if you please?"

"A cast? My dear sir, it is not, rightly speaking, a cast. 'Tis an estimable thing, and often noticeable in over-conscientious people. It arises from a continuous but unconscious attempt to look *inwards*. 'Tis the lamps of the mind interrogating the main springs of that mind's actions, or perhaps I should say conscientiously *striving* to interrogate them."

"Bless my heart and soul, what a surprising science physic and gonomy is!" exclaimed the seeming countryman, scratching his head. "I'll never call anyone 'Boss Eyes' after that. Well, ma'am, now we comes to the nose. You'll excuse me taking notes of all that you says in my little pocket book, but it's so wonderful that I really must have it all down. Now, her nose is, I'm well aware, what folks in our part would call a *turnup* or perhaps a *pug*, but I do hope and trust that you, at all events, will be able to say a good word for it."

"I should like to hear any ignoramus say a *bad* word of it in my hearing," ejaculated the professor in accents of virtuous indignation. "Oh, that the glorious science of physiognomy were sown broadcast over the land, so that all, in short, might know their neighbours better. My dear sir, *that* nose marks the innate piety of its possessor. *Excelsus, excelsior, extremus vel summus*, for common English cannot express my opinion of such a nose. With all who train themselves to look upward—in a pious sense of the word I mean—the nose will more or less get a twist in the same direction—I mean *incline the same* way."

"You are giving me great comfort, ma'am; indeed you are. Now next we comes to the mouth. I've been told that it's too wide, and the lips a deal too straight and narrow."

"An excellent thing too, sir—a *most* excellent thing. The mouth has become narrow, and the lips straight and thin through a constant biting them and constraining them in early youth so that nothing that was in any way evil should pass out therethrough. My knowledge of the great science of physiognomy assures me that this estimable lady was in her youth addicted to—or, rather I should say the victim—of violent emotions, and under their influence she was accustomed to express her thoughts and sentiments a little too strongly and unguardedly, but by tightly compressing her lips she learnt to restrain and master her intemperate speech. Does your opinion coincide with mine on this point also, my dear Seraphina?"

"Precisely, mother. In my opinion her mouth is her most beautiful and perfect feature."

"More and more wonderful. And her chin, ladies—her chin? If you can give a good report of her chin also I shall be *completely* happy. You see it recedes as if trying to hide away in her throat."

"Which shows how modest and retiring her whole disposition is, and how feminine and pure. The possessor of a chin like that would never be froward or forward. She would honour her husband and love her children, and find her chief delight in her own household," said the professor.

"Well now that *is* satisfactory. Would you mind just signing your name in this book, ma'am? I've got it all down just as the words flowed from your very lips."

Professor Sanderson signed her name *as such* in the very spot that he pointed out, and then he closed the little book with a snap, and replaced it in his breast pocket.

"And so you've larned all these wonders out of books!" he exclaimed then, in tones of admiration. "And would this Mr. Lavater back you up in all that you've just said, ma'am?"

"Indeed he would, sir, for all our knowledge is derived from that great man."

"All—all from that great man," echoed Seraphina, by way of confirmation.

"Could you show me chapter and verse for it, as the saying is, out of his own works?"

"Bless my soul—no. Why, my dear sir, the knowledge that we have brought to bear on this individual case, which you have submitted to us, has been culled from hundreds of distinct pages, a morsel here and another morsel there. You might as well ask two children to point you out the exact spots where they have plucked each individual blossom contained in their aprons full of flowers. In both cases the feat would be impossible."

"But you are perfectly sure that the lady is perfection, especially about honouring her husband, loving her children, and finding all her joys in her household, ma'am?"

"Oh, *quite* sure," rejoined the professor and her daughter, in the same breath.

Thereupon their caller put on a more puzzled expression than ever, and exclaimed—

"Good gracious me; then I wonder what made her poison her husband and three children at Liverpool the other day, in order to run away with another man to America? That picter of her was taken in gaol after she was captured and brought back. You can keep it, ma'am, as a natural curiosity, for I've got two or three more at home. ... my own character, I'll call another night. For the present I wish you a good evening, ladies."

And chuckling consumedly, whilst assuming an entire change of manner which caused him to look not at all like an innocent country bumpkin, their visitor winked his dexter eye, nodded knowingly, and, putting on his hat, quitted the room and the house.

For nearly five minutes after the front door had slammed shut behind him, Aunt Rachel and her daughter sat staring at each other almost semi-idiotically.

Then the latter burst suddenly out with, "Honey seems to be quite as dangerous a commodity as vitriol or vinegar, mother. I believe that man is a detective, and came here on purpose to drag us within the meshes of the law. Well, we *are* in a precious fix."

"Oh, dearie me, how poor, weak, unprotected women are persecuted" thereupon sobbed the elder lady. "If the hypocritical wretch hadn't kissed the picture so lovingly before he handed it to me I wouldn't have gone on at such a rate, for I'm sure I never beheld a more hideous and revolting face in all my life. Dear me, what is to be done?"

It was an easy question to put, but Seraphine could by no means answer it.

CHAPTER XLIX.

SALLY JACOBS GIVES ROSE HER OPINION OF THE MARQUIS.

After the Marquis of Scampertown had quitted Crabtree-row, Rose Roscorla fell into even a deeper and darker fit of mental depression than was usual to her, and this notwithstanding, or, indeed, it seemed *because* of, the brilliant career that had opened before her.

Truth to tell, the thought of marrying the Marquis of Scampertown, young and handsome though he undoubtedly was, and kind-hearted and noble-minded though he seemed to be, was, nevertheless, nothing short of repulsive to her, and, though he had acted in a manner which her reason and common sense told her that she should both honour him and be grateful for, that obstinate inner voice of hers *would* whisper that his motives were sinister without vouchsafing the least explanation as to the how and in what manner they were so.

When Rose came to tell her now bosom friend, Sally Jacobs, of the marquis's proposals, and the manner in which he had urged them, to her intense surprise the girl, instead of being dazzled by her good fortune, and advising her to embrace it at the earliest possible opportunity, lest it should slip through her fingers, frowned and shook her head.

"Don't have anything to do with him, Miss Rose," said she; "if you do you may depend upon it that you'll rue it. He's a fox pretending to be a lamb, that's what *he* is. What has he pushed a whole sovereign into my hand for each time I've let him out of the front door, I wonder? Even marquisses don't give gold away for nothing, and looking at me the while as though he was a pious old Methody minister, which isn't nattrel in a rich young lord of twenty-five at most; no, that I'm sure it isn't. I'd have thought better of him if he'd given me a chuck under the chin and a pleasant joke, for I'm not that mortal plain-looking girl that I used to be, am I?"

"You were never a plain girl, Sally. You only didn't take so much pride in your personal neatness and appearance as was needed. Your hair is beautiful, and now that you wash it twice a week with a little soda in the hot water, it's far more golden than red in colour, whilst white curd soap, and plenty of it, used with rain water instead of hard, has made your complexion absolutely brilliant. Then, Sally, you are so much more tidy than you were."

"Oh, yes, I know it all, and feel it all, and nobody calls me *Carrots* or *Carroty Sal* now, and it's even 'Miss Jacobs' with many of them that used to do so; and, what do you think?—the young man who used to holloa after me the loudest of all, and drive me mad almost, now wants to be my sweetheart! And I'm not at all sure that I won't have him for one, just after I've plagued him a little longer to serve him out for the past, for he's very nice looking and very steady, and has uncommon pleasant ways with him when one knows him better. I mean with regard to bringing me sweet nosegays, and a playing on the concertina when we're out walking together, which makes it very nice to me who likes music. But to come back to the markiss, Miss. As I said before, he's acting a part, and ain't his own nattrel self—and dad says the same. Why, he's got the name of being a reg'lar wild 'un—a vicious, and not only a foolish wild 'un, mind you. Can you make such ways rightly agree, Miss, with his primness here, where he looks like a young misshinery who would feel grateful rather than otherwise to be sent out to those furrin' parts where they generally get baked and then eaten cold by the natives?"

"I don't know, Sally, I'm sure. I came to you hoping that you'd praise the marquis and tell me that I ought to be very grateful to him, and to marry him."

"And I daresay, Miss Rose, that was just the kind of advice that he's been squeezing sovereigns into my hand, and looking lamb-like all the while for me to give you. Bless you, he knows that it's impossible for two gals of our age to live in the same house along with only their fathers and not to grow friendly more or less, no matter what is the difference in their position. That's what's trotted his sovereigns out, and made him put on a look as though butter wouldn't melt in his mouth. But I'm fly to all his artful dodges, and I wish that you was as wide awake too, Miss Rose."

"But I *must* marry him, for my dear father's sake, it seems to me, Sally."

"Then all that I can say is, marry him from this house and in a reg'lar church."

"Alas! I fear that beggars mustn't be choosers, dear. It is a great condescension on the part of one who is so noble and exalted in rank to seek to marry me at all, and he might not, under the circumstances, care for the publicity of a public wedding, because, in such a case, those new-fashioned society, or, rather, *scandal* papers, would find out who I was, and where I came from, and all that I had lately been doing, and give it forth to the world, which would naturally annoy him excessively. Then he is by no means an ardent suitor, and really seems as though he was only ready to marry me in order that he might thereby be able to do good to my poor father."

"Well, Miss, you must be a hinnocent to swallow all *that*. That markiss is a humbugging you to the top of his bent, as the saying is. You can never have looked in a glass for a single minute at a stretch and believe that any mortal man would think of an old gent, no matter how much afflicted he might be, or however well he may have known him and liked him, more than of a lovely young gal not yet eighteen, an' the exact image of your own pretty self. Pah! even an archbishop wouldn't be equal to the likes ov that, leave alone a young harem-scarem lord, like the one we're talking of."

"Oh, Sally, don't try to set me still more against him, whatever you do, for I can see no other way in which to escape from sorrow, misery, aye, and from actual want as well, except by marrying him. We have not so much as half-a-sovereign left in all the world, Sally; and he, upon whom I so fully trusted, has failed me altogether. My bracelet must have been stolen from him by some dishonest servant, and he evidently believes that he gave it back to me 'ere he left the cab, and so regards me now as almost a swindler."

"No one could think *that* of you, who knew you ever so slightly."

"*He* does, or he would at all events have answered my letter. Instead of which he treats me with silent contempt and disdain. No, Sally, I have no powerful friend in the world but the Marquis of Scampertown. I have to choose between him and the workhouse or the union, and in either of *those* places I should be parted from my father, whereas in his house I shall not."

"Oh, my dear Miss Rose, I can plainly see that as far as you yourself are concerned, you'd quite as soon go to the workhouse or the union as you would go to the altar with this, I am certain, deceptive and wicked man. But I'm sure I don't see any need of your doing either. Many folks have been down to their last sixpence before their fortune's took a turn, and I'm certain dad would feel hurt at your even mentioning the word rent before better times came."

"And if your father was well off, I might be tempted to impose on his good nature, for the sake of my own father. But I know that at present he has hardly, on an average, two days' work a week, and that you are depending on the rent of these rooms for almost the bread you eat. Under such circumstances we must not remain a burthen on you."

"A burthen is a load what's felt, and anything that either dad or I could do for *you* would never be felt, Miss. But don't be downcast, my dear, for there's a good dozen ways of keeping the wolf from the door yet. There's the two gold sovereigns that I told ye about yet untouched, and you're most heartily welcome to them, Miss Rose."

"No, no, Sally; if I am driven to touch the Marquis of Scampertown's money, it must be as his wife. I could not do it in any other manner without degradation."

"That'll be a dear way of winning the right to make use of it. And, sure, there's other money knocking about besides *his*. Goodness knows you've a sweet voice of your own, and I believe there's many a worse one than mine; and if we was to try the streets a bit of a night, when the gas was bright and cheerful, I'm sure what with our looks thrown in — leastways, *your* looks, Miss Rose—that we'd make it a paying game. If you feel shy at first you need only look on the ground, and I'd collect the money and do all the cheeky work; and then, you know, we needn't try it on very close home where we are known, for Islington isn't anything like half an hour's walk, and Lower-road, or the High-street, with the thousands of young gents from the country that swarm in them parts, would be a profitable locality, I'll wager. Come, Miss Rose, let us only try."

"Oh, I couldn't—I couldn't. I'd die for very shame," sobbed the poor girl, perfectly breaking down at last. "Yes," she added, "I think I'd rather die than even attempt it."

"And, of course, I should have known it, brought up as you have been," retorted Sally Jacobs, remorsefully. "But I'll tell you what, dear Miss Rose, I'll just go out alone and sing for the both. What's the use ov a friend if they stick at a trifle like that."

But our heroine, with tears in her eyes, begged Sally not to think of such a step, and at last won from the brave girl a reluctant half-consent to abandon the project.

(*To be continued.*)

Cricket.

Winlaton Amateurs v. Close House.—Played at Close House on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by three runs. Score:—Close House, 40; Winlaton Amateurs, 43.

Consett and District 2nd v. Crook 2nd.—The return match between these two clubs was played on Saturday afternoon, on the ground of the latter at Benfieldside, and ended in a win for the visitors. Score:—Consett, 90; Crook (for seven wickets), 91.

Whickham v. Jarrow.—Played at Jarrow on Saturday, resulting in a victory for the visitors by six runs. Score:—Jarrow, 56; Whickham, 62.

Whickham Juniors v. Scotswood Red Star.—Played at Whickham on Saturday, resulting in a victory for the home team by two runs. Score:—Whickham, 31; Scotswood, 29.

Dunston v. Marley Hill.—Played on Saturday at Dunston, and resulted in a very easy victory for the home team by 116 runs the scores being Dunston, 154, and Marley Hill, 38. Messrs Chard and Walls for Dunston bowled in capital form, the former securing six wickets for 20 runs, and the latter four for 16 runs. In batting for Dunston Messrs McIntyre (42), Leadbitter (18), Chard (10), and Walls (33 not out), played well, and fairly collared the Marley Hill bowling. For Marley Hill Messrs Clark and Jefferson did best with the willow.

MEDOMSLEY JUNIORS v. ALLENDALE JUNIORS.

This match was played on Saturday, on the ground of the Medomsley Juniors, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team by 16 runs. Score:—

MEDOMSLEY.		ALLENDALE.	
J. Hunter run out	2	W. Leath run out	0
M. Watson b Leath	2	M. Murphy c Snowdon b Hunter	5
T. Snowdon c & b Leath	0	D. Davison b Watson	1
G. Brown b Leath	0	P. Murphy c Charlton b Watson	2
R. Wilson b Murphy	1	W. Rutherford b Huntr	0
J. Simpson c Marrs b Leath	7	J. Marrs b Hunter	2
J. Davison c Rutherford b Murphy	0	J. Whitfield c Brown b Hunter	0
R. Charlton c Walton b Leath	1	J. Leath b Hunter	0
J. Bramble b Leath	4	J. Pattinson ht wkt b Hunter	0
M. Hunter not out	1	A. Davison not out	2
R. Bramble b Leath	0	R. Walton b Hunter	0
Extras	13	Extras	4
Total	31	Total	16

WEST STANLEY v. CHARLTON'S SCRATCH TEAM.

This match was played on Wednesday, August 13th, on the West Stanley ground, and after a most pleasant and exciting game, resulted in a victory by nine runs for the picked team. Score:—

CHARLTON'S TEAM.		WEST STANLEY.	
R. Chaytor run out	13	J. Hunter c Atkinson b Chaytor	4
E. Reay run out	1	W. Dodds c Atkinson b Young	2
H. Young b Harkness	7	P. Harkness c Atkinson b Chaytor	4
R. Atkinson b Harkness	9	J. G. Mann b Young	0
J. Laidler b Mann	1	R. Knox c & b Young	1
H. Handcock b Mann	0	J. Summerbell b Young	7
R. Tranmer b Harkness	0	R. Gibson c Laidler b Chaytor	0
T. Jewitt b Harkness	0	I. Harkness b Laidler	8
N. Proudlock b Mann	0	G. Dunweedie c Atkinson b Laidler	2
J. W. Hodgson b Harkness	4	T. Hall not out	3
W. Charlton not out	3	J. Dixon b Young	0
Extras	6	Extras	4
Total	44	Total	35

BURNHOPE v. LANCHESTER SCRATCH TEAM.

Played at Lanchester Flower Show on Saturday last, and resulted in an easy victory for the Burnhope team by one run and eight wickets to fall. Score:—

SCRATCH TEAM.		BURNHOPE.	
W. Smith c Cummings b Richards	2	C. Cummings b Dodds	9
R. Oliver c Gair b Richards	3	H. Hovvels c Marsh b Oliver	0
P. Flynn b Gair	0	H. Knowles not out	9
J. Garthwaite c Young b Gair	3	H. Young not out	3
J. Marsh c Knowles b Richards	0	W. Dyson	
M. Lawson b Richards	1	I. Richards	
O. Dodds b Richards	5	T. Brown	
F. Swainston c Gair b Richards	1	C. Smith	to bat.
G. Wilson b Richards	0	J. Crawford	
J. Watson not out	1	G. W. Turnbull	
J. Pallister c Cummings b Young	0	J. Gair	
Extras	11	Extras	7
Total	27	Total	28

BURNHOPE v. SACRISTON.

Played at Lanchester Flower Show on Saturday last, and resulted in a draw in favour of Burnhope team. Score:—

SACRISTON.		BURNHOPE.	
W. Lynn c Smith b Gair	3	I. Richards b Mordue	1
J. Mordue b Gair	5	G. W. Turnbull c Lynn b Mordue	0
W. Swindle c Richards b Young	1	C. Smith c Robinson b Lynn	0
M. Liddle c Brown b Young	1	H. Young c Mordue b Lynn	0
W. Kindred l b w b Young	3	H. Knowles run out	4
J. Linnard c Smith b Young	4	W. Dyson not out	5
M. D. Robinson b Gair	6	C. Cummings not out	8
T. Green b Young	6	T. Brown	
J. Peacock c Turnbull b Young	0	J. Crawford	to bat.
M. Robson not out	0	J. Watson	
T. C. Kitchen b Gair	0	J. Gair	
Extras	4	Extras	4
Total	33	Total	22

HAMSTERLEY v. WESTWOOD.

This match was played on the ground of the former and resulted in an easy victory for the home team. Score:—

HAMSTERLEY.		WESTWOOD.	
J. Brown b J. Clark	8	J. Bell run out	2
M. Goodwin run out	14	J. Lonsdale b Goodwin	1
J. Richardson c and b West	1	W. West b Wood	0
J. Smailes c Bell b West	0	J. Clark b Goodwin	7
H. Stewart b J. Clark	1	J. Clark c Wood b Goodwin	3
B. Hunter c & b Waltn	33	T. Simpson b Goodwin	4
T. Anderson b West	0	R. Dawson run out	0
T. Storey b West	1	D. Clark b Wood	0
F. Richardson b West	36	W. Walton c Richardson b Goodwin	1
D. Little not out	7	J. Dawson not out	0
J. Wood b Walton	7	R. West c Anderson b Goodwin	0
Extras	10	Extras	4
Total	118	Total	22

MEDOMSLEY v. WEST PELTON.

Some grand cricket was witnessed on Saturday, between Medomsley and West Pelton, at West Pelton. The home team went to the wickets first, Messrs R. Hume and G. Lee playing well for 20 and 24 respectively, all being dismissed for 76 runs. Little hopes were entertained whether the score would be rubbed off before time for stumps to be drawn. Messrs T. Murphy and A. Little then went to the wickets to represent Medomsley; some steady playing was witnessed at first, runs were made very slow, until these two batsmen were properly set, and then some good all-round cricket was displayed. The bowling was changed time after time, but all failed to get the leather behind either of these two batsmen's willows until the score went up to 74, when Little playing a grand forward ball was cleverly caught for 34. Only three runs were needed to win, and when time was called the visitors had obtained 80 runs for one wicket. T. Murphy carried his bat out for 24 not out, while G. E. Milburn took seven wickets. Score:—

WEST PELTON.		MEDOMSLEY.	
R. Hume c Walton b Milburn	20	T. Murphy not out	24
G. Cumming c and b Milburn	2	A. Little c and b Mole	34
J. Humble c Milburn	1	F. Jackson not out	2
R. White c Walton b Milburn	2	G. Milburn	
G. Lee b Little	24	F. Robinson	
F. Mole b Little	5	E. Charlton	
T. McKindley b Snowdon	0	G. E. Milburn	to bat.
Dr Kilham b Milburn	1	G. Walton	
W. Hall not out	2	G. Graham	
T. White b Milburn	0	J. Adamson	
D. Appleton st Walton b Milburn	5	F. Archer	
Extras	14	Extras	20
Total	76	Total	80

BURNOPFIELD v. TANFIELD.

The return game was played at Burnopfield Flower Show on Saturday. The home team took the bat first, but the first few men could make no stand against the bowling of Messrs Jewitt and Laidler, four wickets being down for ten runs. The game now looked like a certain victory for the visitors, until Messrs Hogarth and Rogers got together, and by some good cricket they put 13 runs on to the score before Hogarth was bowled for 10; while Rogers kept his wicket until the last man was in, being ultimately caught at long-field by Handcock after scoring 17, the total being 51. The visitors then sent Brown and Bowes to the wickets, but the latter was clean bowled by Finlay the first ball, his successor, Jewitt, being unfortunately run out without a single run being made. No stand was made until Laidler and Reay were together, when they troubled the bowlers for a considerable time, scoring eight and five respectively. H. Handcock, after making a three hit, had to retire hurt, a substitute being sent in for him, the last wicket falling for 29, thus leaving a margin of 22 runs in favour of Burnopfield, for whom Mr Reed officiated as umpire. Score:—

BURNOPFIELD.		TANFIELD.	
J. H. Cuthbertson b Jewitt	3	W. T. Brown run out	4
G. Lamb b Laidler	4	J. Bowes b Finlay	0
G. Cooper lbw b Jewitt	0	T. Jewitt run out	0
T. Southern b Laidler	0	J. Laidler b Hogarth	8
R. Armstrong run out	7	T. Morton run out	4
R. Dent b Laidler	2	E. Reay b Finlay	5
W. Hogarth b Laidler	10	T. Swinburn c and b Hogarth	2
J. H. Rogers c Handcock b Jewitt	17	H. Handcock not out	3
G. Finlay c Brown b Laidler	1	J. G. Hearne b Hogarth	0
T. Knotts c Brown b Laidler	0	E. Bowes b Hogarth	0
A. Davis not out	1	R. Watson run out	0
Extras	6	Extras	3
Total	51	Total	29

KIP HILL v. WEST STANLEY.

This match was played at West Stanley on Saturday last, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by ten runs. Score:—

KIP HILL.		WEST STANLEY.	
R. Herron b P. Harkness	0	J. Summerbell b Herron	0
W. Morpeth c Knox b P. Harkness	0	P. Harkness run out	4
T. Adamson b P. Harkness	0	J. Benfold b Temple	6
J. Dodds c Nicholson b Knox	0	R. Knox c Morpeth b Herron	5
J. Summerbell c Knox b P. Harkness	3	W. Hutchinson b Herrn	0
D. Temple b P. Harkness	7	J. Nicholson c and b Temple	2
W. Watkin b Knox	23	W. Askew b Herron	[illegible]
R. Seymour b Knox	2	J. Rose b Temple	1
T. Edwards b Knox	1	I. Harkness not out	1
A. Trelease not out	3	J. Dixon b Herron	0
J. Adamson b P. Harkness	7	J. Curry run out	2
Extras	0	Extras	5
Total	46	Total	36

Sporting Items

Hewing Match at Victoria Garesfield.—On Saturday morning a hewing match took place at Victoria Garesfield between B. Walker and G. Poole, both of the same place. When B. Walker hewed 19 ten cwt. tubs in three hours, but Poole after hewing 14 tubs gave up.

Rabbit Coursing at Dipton.—On Saturday afternoon, the rabbit sweep, promoted by Mr Samuel Curry, was run off in fine weather, and in the presence of a large company of spectators. Results:—First round—Allendale Lass beat Port Wine, Port Wine beat Dolly Varden, Little John beat Wild Mint, Little Fan beat Allendale Lass, Dolly Varden beat Wild Tommy, Nun beat Lefroy, Nun beat Little John. Second round—Port Wine beat Allendale Lass, Little John beat Little Fan, Nun beat Dolly Varden, Nun beat Lefroy. Third round—Nun beat Port Wine, Nun beat Little John and took first and second prize money. Judge, Mr Samuel Curry; pistol-firer, Mr Joseph Wilkinson.

Newcastle Rifle Association.—The members of the above association held their fourteenth prize meeting on the Urpeth Haughs range, near Birtley, on Friday. The officer in charge of the ground was Capt. D. A. Macdonald, with Surgeon W. C. Wicks in charge of the hospital tent. The other officers on the ground were—Capt. Burgess and Capt. Catcheside, with Capt. Jobling. The entries included many of the volunteers from distant corps, who were present at the Durham County Meeting on the previous days.

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A commanding officer was once inspecting a military hospital. He came to a bed whereon a soldier lay with a heavy attack of typhus. "Ah! ah!" said he, "Typhus! Very bad! very bad! The patient either dies or goes mad, mind that; had it myself once!"

A French landed proprietor and a colonel of Dragoons had a deadly quarrel; blood only could wash out the insults that had passed between them. Both men were eccentric to a degree, and they agreed that lots should be drawn, and that the loser should at once proceed to some retired spot and shoot himself. The next morning the opponents and their seconds met at a small *café* outside the town. Lots were duly drawn, the landed proprietor proving the winner. The colonel took his bad fortune calmly; he wrote a few lines on a piece of paper, which he handed to his second, took an affectionate farewell of all, and forgave his more fortunate adversary, as a Christian gentleman ought to do. He then, accepting the loaded pistol, moved steadily into an adjoining room and closed the door. The others remained breathlessly awaiting the detonation which was to convey to them the *finale* of the tragedy. At last it came; eagerly they ran to the door of the fatal chamber, when it was thrown open, and the supposed defunct stood on the threshold, grasping the smoking weapon. "Heavens, gentlemen," exclaimed he, with a bland smile, "is it not unfortunate? I have missed myself!"

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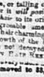

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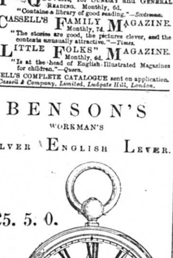

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From the SATURDAY REVIEW.
TWO SUMMER STORIES.

Those wandering Englishmen who have found themselves on the lofty piazzas of a Saratoga hotel in the height of the torrid season, or who have sat in cool comfort on the hospitable verandahs of a Newport cottage, where lawns of an almost English richness of verdure slope away to the pleasant waters of Narragansett Bay, cannot but have made the acquaintance of a variety of fiction known in the United States as the "summer novel." The wandering Englishman will, no doubt, have seen many of the pretty girls of America reading the flat quarto pamphlets into one of which the pirate-publisher reprints the solid three volumes of the English novel; but he must have noticed, by the side of these thin piratical octavos, certain stouter octavo volumes stitched in paper covers. These latter were Summer Novels, and they are generally of American authorship. Their chief characteristics are brevity and liveliness; for the Summer Novel is the reverse of the Convalescent Novel. As we understand the matter, the convalescent requires a novel of gentle interest, of exciting episode, and of interminable length; while the general reader in summer seeks rather for a short tale which will keep him quietly awake during a sultry afternoon. The ideal Convalescent Novel is the great epic of the great Dumas, with its many sequels, wherein all the daring deeds are duly set down of the Three Musketeers. The ideal Summer Novel is Mr. Howell's "A Chance Acquaintance" or Mr. James's "Siege of London," truly books for an idle hour—bright and brief. It is as Summer Novels that we must describe the two books* before us. One of them is American in authorship and the other is English; one of them is by an experienced teller of tales, and the other is plainly enough a first attempt; one of them is by a man, and the other, in spite of a masculine *nom de guerre*, is obviously the handiwork of a woman; one covers almost the whole of the heroine's life and the other confines itself to the setting forth of the events of six weeks; but the one and the other are Summer Novels in their brevity, their simplicity of plot, and their liveliness of narration. "In Sunny Switzerland" is the work of an educated lady—a book which can be taken up with pleasure. The sentiment is wholesome, and it does not sink into sentimentality. The character of Mr. Folliot is very neatly hit off, and suggests that the writer may develop a strong power of character-drawing; and the two sisters, Eleanor and Verna, are painted with sympathetic touches.

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THE CHOLERA EPIDEMIC.

[CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAMS.]

MADRID, FRIDAY.

Eight deaths from cholera occurred yesterday in the province of Alicante.

DEATH OF MR FOLGER.

NEW YORK, THURSDAY, MIDNIGHT.

The death is announced of Mr Folger, the Secretary of the Treasury at Geneva, a watering place near Ontario.

THREATENING A TEETOTAL ALDERMAN AT POOLE.

Alderman Norton, of Poole, has been the recipient of a letter threatening him with death if he renews his teetotal crusade against the publicans.

THE LORD LIEUTENANT'S VISIT TO KILLARNEY.

A large contingents of military and police have been drafted into Killarney, in expectation of the arrival of the Lord Lieutenant on a visit to the Earl of Ketmare. The Town Commissioners have declined to present an address.

THE SOUDAN.

The Central News is informed that Colonel Webber who is about to leave for Egypt has been appointed director of the army telegraphs for the Nile Expedition.

FAILURE OF A FLOUR FACTOR.

Failure was announced in the London Bankruptcy Court to-day (Friday) of Mr F. W. Engholme, flour factor, Mark Lane. Liabilities, £21,000.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENQUIRY AT LANCHESTER TO-DAY.

This (Friday) morning, Mr Knollys, Local Government Inspector, opened an official enquiry at the Board-room of the Lanchester Workhouse, into the qualification of Mr James Fairley, of Craghead, to sit as a Guardian for the parish of Lanchester. Mr Strachan, barrister, of Newcastle (instructed by Messrs Hoyle, Shipley, and Hoyle), represented Mr Fairley; while Mr Lisle, solicitor, Durham, appeared for Mr John Buckham, the sitting Guardian for Lanchester. A large number of gentlemen interested were present, including Messrs Geo. G. Taylor Smith, J.P., Wm. Hedley, John Wilkinson, J. W. Hodgson, H. Hornsby, J. Towns, J. Wall, J. Turnbull, W. Logan, T. Armstrong, J. Eltringham, Rev J. P. De Pledge, &c.

Mr Knollys having briefly stated the purpose of holding the enquiry,

Mr STRACHAN explained, at considerable length, the case for Mr Fairley, who he submitted was the sole owner of Shafto House, and the Woodlands on the Middles Farm, which he rented from Mr Wm. Hedley.

Mr JAMES FAIRLEY, on his oath, examined by Mr Strachan, said: I am the tenant of the Woodlands, and I hold the same from Mr Wm. Hedley. I am sole occupier of the Woodlands. The Messrs Hedley Bros. had not, in any form whatever, the occupation of the Woodlands. The hind looked after and mended the fences. That person is managing the farm. I keep two cows, and I have the right to bedding and eatage, and the rabbits. The Colliery Company pays the rates in respect of the Woodlands. I am manager of the Messrs Hedley's colliery. I pay nothing for the Woodlands; they are given to me as a perquisite, and of course I pay nothing for them. Shafto House is also a perquisite. If I did not possess the house and lands, I should naturally expect more salary. I have occupied Woodlands seven or eight years. I was living at Pelton from 1875 to 1878, and while residing there Mr Hedley gave me instructions to look after Woodlands Farm, and I was to have the use of the Woodlands and the right of shooting. The Woodlands is rated at £13. I have been occupier of Shafto House since May, 1878, and up to the present year I have always exercised my right of voting. In the year 1881, I was nominated as Guardian, and no objection was lodged. I was nominated in the following year and was elected. This year my nomination paper was duly sent to the Returning Officer (Mr Ritson), and that gentleman informed me just after the papers were sent in, that my nomination was objected to. Mr Ritson asked me first if I was rated for any other properties in the parish, and I replied, "No, only for Shafto House and the Woodlands." Mr Ritson then said, "You will be disqualified," and I simply asked "Why." Mr Ritson declined to assign any reasons, inasmuch as they might be used against him. I asked him if I did not stand on the ratebook just as I did before, and he said "no." On April 2nd, I sent a notice to Mr Ritson requesting him to remove the objection from the list of Guardians. On the 7th April a voting paper was sent to me. The papers were collected next day. As I received no reply to the notice I forwarded to Mr Ritson, I afterwards petitioned the Local Government Board. [Receipts were produced showing the amount of rates paid by Mr Fairley.]

By Mr LISLE: The conversation between myself and Mr Hedley was only a verbal arrangement. I was to occupy the Woodlands as manager of the farm, and not as being connected with the Colliery. Supposing any trees were to be cut down on the farm, Mr Hedley was at perfect liberty to do so, and also a right to enter the farm for that purpose. Mr Hedley has exercised that right; and I have ordered men to cut wood down on behalf of the Colliery. Neither Mr Hedley nor the Colliery had the right of grazing cattle in the woods—no person besides myself. I have sent cattle in there within the last twelve months.

[Enquiry proceeding.]

Market Reports.

NEWCASTLE FLOUR, Saturday.—Hungarian, 2s 8d; American, 2s 0d; No. 1 superfine, 2s 0d; superfines, 1s 10d; fines, 1s 8d; households, 1s 6d; seconds, 1s 6d; ryemeal, 1s 9d; wheatmeal, 1s 8d; oatmeals, English, 2s 4d; Scotch, 2s 2d per stone; 4lb loaf, 7d.

NEWCASTLE FRUIT AND POTATO, Saturday.—Scotch potatoes, 6d to 8d; English do., 6d; onions, 1s 6d to 2s per stone; figs, 5d to 10d per lb; apples, 1s to 1s 6d per stone; cauliflowers, 1d to 3d each; oranges, 9d to 1s 6d per dozen; strawberries, 6d to 8d per quart; foreign cherries, 5d to 6d per lb; English do., 8d; gooseberries, 5d to 6d per quart; shell peas, 1s 6d per peck; cabbage, roots, and other classes at late rates.

NEWCASTLE MEAT AND POULTRY, Saturday.—

	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.
Prime large beef	0	9 to	1	0	Pigeons, pr couple	1	6 to	1	9
Prime mutton	0	11	1	0	Turkeys, per lb	0	0	0	0
[illegible] Pork	0	9	0	11	Turkeys, pult-	7	0	8	0
Veal	0	8	0	11	Partridge, brace	0	0	0	0
L[illegible] per lb	1	0	0	0	Pheasants	0	0	0	0
[illegible] beef	0	2½	0	7	Geese, per lb	0	[illegible]	0	[illegible]
[illegible] mutton	0	5	0	9	Goslings, each	7	0	[illegible]	6
[illegible]	0	0	0	0	Hares, each	0	0	[illegible]	0
" [illegible]	0	7	0	9½	Leverets	2	6	4	6
" [illegible]	[illegible]	8	0	9	Rabbits, couple	2	9	3	[illegible]
" [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hens, each	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	9	[illegible]	0	0	0	0
Ducks, per couple	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	6	[illegible] but-				
Ducklings, per [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	[illegible]	[illegible] per lb	1	0	1	2
Chickens	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] eggs 11 for 1s				
Wild ducks, brace	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Salmon, per lb	1	2	1	8
Quails, per couple	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Do. trout	0	11	0	[illegible]
Grouse per [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]					

HEXHAM [illegible], Tuesday.—Butter, 1s 2d to 1s 4d per [illegible]; black game, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per brace; grouse, 0s 0d to 0s 0d; hares, 2s 6d to 2s 6d; rabbits, 2s 3d to 2s 9d per couple; chickens, 1s 6d to 2s; ducks, 2s 3d to 3s 3d; potatoes, 8d per stone; [illegible] 2d to 2½d per lb; [illegible] 2s per st.; currants, [illegible] per stone; geese, 0d to 0d per lb; pears, 0d per lb; onions, 1d to 4d; cabbages, 1d to 2d each; flour, extra superfines, 1s 10d; superfines, 1s 8d; fines, 1s 6d; [illegible] 1s 4d; oatmeal, 2s 4d per stone.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE, Tuesday.—The arrivals from a distance consisted of 27 head of cattle, 35 sheep, and 509 pigs from Aberdeen and the districts in the North-east [illegible]; 180 beasts from Ireland; 1732 beasts and 1,74[illegible] sheep and lambs from foreign countries.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

At the monthly meeting of this body, held at the Public Buildings, Parliament Street, Consett, on Wednesday night, the Rev F. Steggall presided, in the absence of the chairman, Mr W. Jenkins, J.P. The members who attended were Messrs T. Siddell, J. W. Davison, W. Shell, Wm. Aynsley, J. Collinson, W. R. Taylor, Thos. Dunne, James Palliser, and the Clerk (Mr T. W. Welford).

THE GAS AGREEMENT: DELAY IN LIGHTING THE LAMPS.

The Clerk read an agreement entered into between the Shotley Bridge and Consett Gas Co. and the Board, by which the former arranged to supply the 211 ordinary public lamps, for 16 weeks, commencing on August 25th, (a period of 1,600 hours), at the rate of £2 4s per lamp; and two Brays patent lamps of 80 candle power, at £6 per lamp. The ordinary lamps would be supplied with gas at the rate of 5 cubic feet per hour; and the Brays lamps at 20 cubic feet per hour.

The Clerk stated that there was a reduction of 2s 8d per lamp upon the ordinary lamps; and from 10s to 12s upon the Brays lamps.

Mr SHELL: How is it we were so late in lighting the lamps this season? We were at least a fortnight behind the Benfieldside people; and we have had some exceedingly dark nights lately.

The Clerk: Well, there were two nights we missed. I gave notice to the Secretary of the Gas Company, on Monday, 18th ult., to light up the district on the succeeding pay Friday night, but unfortunately Mr Richley was then staying in London, which occasioned some delay, and the lamps were not lit till the Monday following.

Mr SHELL: It is rather a serious matter that the town should be left in darkness simply because the Secretary of the Gas Company happens to be from home.

The Clerk stated that he was partially to blame, inasmuch as Mr Richley requested him to give seven day's notice previous to lighting-up the lamps; but as he (the Clerk) was away when the communication arrived, he could only give five clear day's notice.

Mr AYNSLEY said that the Secretary of the Gas Company received the Clerk's letter on Thursday morning. Immediately after the receipt of the notice, the men were despatched to fix the lamps, but they could not complete the work in a single day.

Mr DUNNE said that the Company might possibly make up the deficiency by lighting up during the full moon.

The CHAIRMAN observed that there were a few dark nights in which they could easily make up the specified number of hours.

On the motion of Mr SHELL, seconded by Mr COLLINSON, it was resolved to accept and stamp the agreement.

THE COUNTY COURT OFFICES.

The Clerk stated that he had written to the County Court Authority, requesting them to deliver up possession of the upper room of the Local Board Offices on the 1st April, 1885, but had not yet received any reply.

Mr SIDDELL explained that he moved at the last meeting, that the Consett County Court should be allowed the use of the room at a rental of £45 per annum, instead of £30 as stated in the *Guardian*.

THE PARK SCHEME.

The subjoined letter relating to this subject was read:—

Consett Iron Works,
Blackhill, Co. Durham,
15th August, 1884.

Mr T. W. Welford, Consett,

DEAR SIR,—I have duly received your two letters of the 7th inst., one of which was enclosed the petition presented to the Board by several Consett householders on the subject of recreation ground for the people of Consett.

I beg leave to return the petition herewith, and to state that it is not the intention of the Consett Iron Company at the present time to spend money upon certain lands which have been spoken about and described as the "Blue Mountains" in the formation of the same into a Park—nor is it the intention of the Company to hand over the use of the large field at the end of Parliament Street for recreation purposes.

My Directors, however, are very desirous that as a temporary measure the said large field may be occupied occasionally with certain limitations during the fine summer months for recreation purposes by the Consett Iron Company's workmen, their wives, children, and others, and I am about carrying this into effect as far as it is practicable.

There has obviously been some misapprehension with regard to this field, and I am happy to say, that I have had the advantage of an interview with four of the prominent householders who signed the petition, and have explained to them to their satisfaction what is intended to be done to this field.—Yours truly,

W. JENKINS.

After a brief conversation, the Board decided to take no action in the matter.

ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE HIGHWAYS.

The report of the annual inspection by the Board, on the 11th August—at which Messrs Davison, Steggall, Dunne, Carss, Aynsley, Palliser, and Collinson were present—was read, and the several clauses considered in *seriatim*:—

Leadgate Road.—Too narrow at Crookhall Bank Head.

The Clerk was directed to write to the Manager of the Consett Iron Company, calling his attention to the suggestions contained in the last report of the Highway Committee, viz., that the railway abutting the footpath be removed, and a fence erected.

Knitsley Lane.—Loose stones at the bridge, and the Board recommend check rails for the crossing.

It was agreed to call the Company's attention to this matter also.

Castleside Road.—Stones too large and loose on the railway bridge.

The Board instructed the Clerk to write to the North-Eastern Railway Company, requesting them to repair the roads crossing all the bridges in the Local Board district.

Selby Lodge.—Road and footpath.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr AYNSLEY, seconded by Mr SIDDELL, that a footpath be constructed from the east side of the Lodge as far as the cottage opposite; and on west side along Taylor's Lane.

Pemberton Bank.—The Surveyor stated that a portion of this bank, which formerly belonged to the Benfieldside Local Board, had recently been transferred to the Lanchester Highway Board. It was in a bad state of repair, and the Board thought it advisable to draw the attention of the Highway Board to its present condition.

Mr TAYLOR promised to bring the subject under the notice of Mr Drummond, of Hole House, the waywarden for that district.

Ridley Street: Crossing and Gulley.—The Surveyor said the crossing had been repaired, but as it was impossible to fix the gulley, he had taken the grate out for the present. At some future date, however, he might perhaps replace a gulley a little lower down, or higher up the street.

Bath Street: Back street towards Rose Mount.—This matter was carried forward for the Surveyor to produce the block plan at the next meeting.

Three Streets belonging the Consett Iron Company.—It was recommended that these streets be taken over by the Board, providing the Company gave a guarantee that certain portions of the footpath be made.

It was decided to request the Consett Company to complete the cementing of the footpath at the high end of Princess Street, fronting the site for the proposed County Court Offices.

THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE FOOTPATH.

It was moved by Mr SHELL, and seconded by Mr SIDDELL, that that the cement footpath in West Victoria Street, be accepted by the Board.

Mr COLLINSON: Do you really think, gentlemen, that the footpath is in a fit state to be taken over? There has not been one single thing done to the path since it was first condemned by our Surveyor. I always maintained that as soon as the footpath was improved to the satisfation of the Surveyor, I should not object to the Board taking it over. Several members admit that the footpath is not satisfactory, therefore it ought not to be accepted by us until it is so.

Mr SHELL: But we do not admit that the work has been imperfectly done.

Mr COLLINSON: Well, the gradient at one end is so high, that the water stands upon it in wet weather, and people have to plodge through these pools. The formation of the footpath is not what it ought to be.

Mr DUNNE: It is much better than some of the cemented footpaths in the district.

Mr DAVISON suggested that it would be advisable to break-up the defective cementing.

Mr PALLISER: Oh, it will answer very well, although the path might be much better.

Mr SHELL: I think, after considering the circumstances, that we ought to accept it.

Mr COLLINSON: If the Surveyor will give his opinion that the work is performed to his satisfaction, I will not say another word.

Mr SIDDELL: The footpath has turned out much better than was expected.

Mr COLLINSON moved an amendment that the footpath be not taken over by the Board until it is made to the approval of their Inspector.

Mr DAVISON seconded.

The CHAIRMAN said he should be guided by the views of the Surveyor, and he asked that official if he considered the cementing to be satisfactory?

The Inspector: No, it is not satisfactory, in my opinion.

Mr DUNN: It is unfair to ask the Inspector such a question before putting the resolution to the test. It will tend to bias the views of the Board.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr Rippon is our Surveyor, and I submit that we ought to be guided by his opinions.

The Surveyor pointed out that the footpath appeared all right during the dry season; but in wet weather, pools of water stood upon it.

Mr DUNNE: The members of the Board have personally inspected the footpath, and having given their opinion, they have really taken the matter out of the hands of the Surveyor.

Mr DAVISON: It was fine, dry weather when we examined the path.

The original motion was eventually carried, three members voting in favour of the amendment, and five against it, Mr Taylor being neutral.

Mr COLLINSON replied that the decision of the Board was so utterly ridiculous in the face of the Surveyor's assertion, that he was really astonished at their conduct.

The Clerk stated that he forwarded such a "high-falutin" letter to the Co-operative Store Committee condemning the footpath, that he was at a loss to know who he should address this communication to.

The CHAIRMAN: Oh, send it to the Secretary.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Subjoined is the Surveyor's (Mr Rippon) monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—The roads in your district are in the same good order as you saw them three weeks ago. Your streets have been properly scavenged and watered as occasion required. I have received from Messrs Ord and Maddison 91 tons 7 cwts. of rough limestone, the most of which is broken and ready for use. I have, as directed by you, laid about 100 lineal yards of 9in. main sewer from opposite Mr Collingwood's property at Rose Mount to Care House. The improvements ordered by you at Mr Powell's property, Mount Pleasant, are being carried out. Some proper understanding ought to be come to with regard to macadamising the street at this place.

On August 22nd I observed that the public footpath in Medomsley Road was obstructed by reason of a quantity of stones, lime, and scaffolding being placed thereon opposite the new portion of the British Schools. I asked Mr William Shell, the contractor, to make it safe, but to this he demurred. I then served him with a written notice to forthwith put up a proper board or fence according to the Act, in order to protect the public. This notice has also been disregarded and the work has proceeded without any provision being made for the protection and convenience of the public at large.

I have closely inspected your district and report it as a whole, in a satisfactory condition. In several cases, however, owing to the farmers not leading manure, I have been obliged to send carts to remove the refuse, and charge the parties with the cost. I have had the sewerage manure taken out of three of your settling ponds.

I have certified that two houses built by Mr W. Shell in Sherburn Terrace, and two houses built by Mr Aynsley at Mount Pleasant, to be in my opinion fit for human habitation.

I have received and paid to Treasurer the following amounts:

	£	s	D
General district rate	40	12	1
Gully grate sold	0	5	6
Removing house refuse	0	14	9
Market tolls	1	10	6

I am, gentlemen, your humble servant,

WILLIAM RIPPON.

Consett, Sept. 3rd, 1884.

The Surveyor announced that he had recovered the whole of the rate, excepting about £10.

IMPROVEMENTS AT MOUNT PLEASANT.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr SHELL, and seconded by Mr COLLINSON, that official notices be served upon Messrs Aynsley, Dunne, Powell, John Suddes (East Butsfield), and the Consett Iron Company to construct the road and footpath leading from Mount Pleasant towards the Blue Mountains.

It was likewise resolved, on the proposal of Mr DUNNE, and seconded by Mr AYNSLEY, that notice be given to the owners of the street at the back of Mount Pleasant to make the same as far as Mr Davies's house. This arrangement, it was explained, would allow the householders a means of egress at either end, and would also improve the surroundings of the new property overlooking this back thoroughfare.

POST OFFICE ACCOMMODATION.

The Clerk read the following letters:—

Consett Iron Works,
Blackhill, Co. Durham,
9th August, 1884.

DEAR SIR,—I enclose herewith the long-delayed reply from the General Post Office, relating to our appeal for a separate special building for our post office accommodation in the town of Consett. Please read this to Mr Shell, who took an interest in the matter, and I think it would be well to get half-a-dozen of the members of the Board to form an opinion as to what reply should be made. I think the answer given to us very unsatisfactory and disappointing. Does Mr Shell, or any of the other members know of any North of England town of the size of our little Consett township which has had the special and reasonable accommodation we are seeking? It would be curious to know whether the present postmaster has given better accommodation than there was when Mr Shell's motion was made in April last. Kindly look to this and get Mr Shell to stir in the matter with the other Members of the Board, and let us see what reply we shall make. My feeling is we should not let this slip but press again as far as we can for what we want.—Yours truly.

Mr T. W. Welford. W. JENKINS.

General Post Office, London,
8th August, 1884.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 15th April, I am directed by the Postmaster General to state, for the information of the Consett Local Board, that, after careful enquiry, he is of opinion that the circumstances of the case are not such as would warrant compliance with the Board's application for a separate building for the Post Office business in that town. In towns with larger population and business than at Consett the Post Office duties are carried on side by side with private business, as a rule, with as much expedition and convenience, so far as the public are concerned, as in offices specially built or occupied for the purpose. It is understood that a separate counter for Post Office business is provided in the Consett Post Office, and that the accommodation generally is sufficient for the requirements of the business: and this being the case, there is no ground for calling on the Sub-Postmaster to make any change.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

G. W. SMYTH,
For Secretary.

W. Jenkins, Esq.

It was determined to allow the subject to remain in abeyance until further particulars have been collected.

MR SHELL AND THE SURVEYOR: EXTRAORDINARY CHARGES: A "SCENE."

After the paragraph in the Surveyor's report had been read, Mr SHELL asked: Where did you get authority, Mr Surveyor, to order me to put up hoarding?

The Surveyor indicated a certain section of the Public Health Act, which was read by the Chairman.

Mr SHELL said he did not dispute the right of the Surveyor to put up the hoarding, but he questioned his authority to compel him to erect hoarding from time to time, and entirely overlook other individuals. He might ask the Surveyor if he always ordered builders to put up hoardings when engaged in the construction of new buildings?

The Surveyor: Not unless something dangerous is likely to arise.

Mr SHELL: You have nothing to do with what may be dangerous.

Mr SIDDELL: I think our Surveyor is vested with some little discretionary power in such matters——

Mr SHELL (interrupting): I must ask the Surveyor——

Mr SIDDELL: Wait a moment, Mr Shell. If the building operations are not dangerous to the public, the Surveyor might surely allow a contractor to proceed with his work, without putting him to the expense of erecting hoardings.

Mr SHELL: I suppose you consider this particular building dangerous, and necessary to be fenced off?

The Surveyor: Yes, I do.

Mr SHELL proceeded, in the course of a lengthy speech of about half-an-hour's duration, to explain that the footpath in Medomsley Road was between 13ft. and 14ft. wide. It was not a place where there was much traffic. He did not desire to speak personally or offensively in any way, but he certainly thought that the Surveyor had treated him most unfairly and unjustly. He (the speaker) was busily engaged, on the Friday night, in making arrangements for the Flower Show to be held in the Town Hall, when the Surveyor came and conversed with him, apparently in a very friendly manner, touching the "blowing-up" there had been at the late audit, and on leaving, Mr Rippon abruptly asked, "Are you going to put any hoarding around the British Schools?" He (Mr Shell) replied that he thought not, when the Surveyor retorted, "Well, I'll see whether you do so or not." Subsequently, that official met his son, and said to him, "Tell your father to put up some hoarding around the British Schools." He was sorry the Surveyor displayed such a spirit of animosity towards him. He was sure that he could point out buildings in course of erection, or alterations in progress, even in Medomsley Road at the present time, which were far more dangerous than the works in connection with the enlargement of the British Schools. He did not wish to individualise, but he would affirm that in Pasture Drift Road, a block of new houses had been erected, and the contractors—Messrs Ridley, of Tow Law—had never been requested to put up any hoardings. Mr Shell then enumerated several glaring instances where, he alleged, he had been subjected to harsh treatment at the hands of the Surveyor. He pointed out that in Medomsley Road, near his residence, a heap of rubbish was allowed to remain on the footpath; and in Melbourne Street, a quantity of bricks were standing on the flagging, and not a single word was said about the obstructionists. What he complained of was the action of the Surveyor in compelling him to go to the expense of erecting hoardings, while other builders were allowed to get off "scot free." He would assert that within the last two years, he was the only builder—with a single exception—who had erected hoardings around new buildings. The Surveyor might reply that he had brought Mr Knox before the magistrates, and obtained a conviction against him for failing to put up the necessary hoarding around certain erections in Sherburn Terrace; but, strange to relate, four more houses were subsequently built adjacent to this property, and the parties were never even asked to hoard the places in, although heaps of stones and rubbish covered the footpath. He (Mr Shell) saw the necessity for hoarding new buildings, and he had always carried out that plan until he had observed that he was the only contractor in Consett who incurred this expense. Why the Surveyor should pass over other builders he could not say. In falling out with that official, it had certainly caused him a vast amount of trouble and annoyance, not to mention the expense he had been put to. He did not think it necessary to differ with a person before compelling him to do his duty, or to enforce the law. The partiality and inconsistency of the Surveyor was very great. This trait was so exceedingly well-known that he need not comment upon it. What had transpired at that Board in several instances strikingly exhibited this characteristic, and notably with reference to the Medomsley Road sewer. In consequence of this vaccillation and inconsistency, the Surveyor had been almost asked, time after time, to resign his situation. The Board were entirely disgusted with such conduct, and they considered it high time that some notice should be taken of it, and the Surveyor be requested to resign his office. If he had been asked by Mr Rippon in a civil and courteous manner to erect the hoardings, he most assuredly would have done so; but he strongly protested against the tyrannical and domineering attitude that official assumed towards him. If he had been civilly requested to erect the hoarding, he would have willingly done so in the present instance; but he objected most strongly to be stuck up as a target to be continually fired at by the Surveyor to that Local Board. He had also to complain that whenever any motion had been carried by the unanimous vote of the Board, the same individual had been speaking about the town, and telling the people that it was "all Mr Shell's doing"—"Mr Shell had done so-and-so." He maintained that it was not right for the Surveyor to do this; and, moreover, with reference to the water-closet question, that official was degrading his office in informing the property-owners that they were not under any obligation to put in water-closets, as the Local Board could not force them to do so. If the Surveyor only came and spoke to him in a civil manner, he was sure he would receive a civil answer. Several influential ratepayers had complained to him about the uncourteous and domineering air of the Surveyor towards them. He thought that when Mr Rippon had any dealings with the ratepayers, he ought to treat them in a civil and obliging manner. He should not forget that these self-same individuals paid his salary—and very good wages too. When appointed to this office, the Board never intended for him to act in such an arbitrary, despotic, and domineering manner. Instead of approaching the ratepayers in a proper way, he went to them with his kid gloves on, armed with a little brief authority; consequently, the parties were afraid to speak to him. He could say a great deal more touching the matter, but he considered he had uttered sufficient to let them know the partial and inconsistent conduct of their Surveyor to a certain section of the public.

Mr SIDDELL: Are you going to make a motion, Mr Shell?

Mr SHELL: Not unless I move that the Building Committee be requested to investigate the whole of the foregoing details at some early date. I feel very strongly upon this question. My name has been dragged prominently before the public in connection with different matters by the Surveyor. With reference to breaking into the main sewer in Delves Lane, and connecting the same with my pipes without putting in a junction, I might state that within a month afterwards, the Surveyor actually ordered his men to do the same thing. At the same time, my name was mentioned as having allowed some houses to be occupied without obtaining habitation certificates for the same; but only the other day, when I asked the Surveyor to inspect two houses in Sherburn Terrace with a view to granting habitation certificates, that official replied, "Oh, it will be all right. Its only a matter of form."

Mr COLLINSON: Perhaps the Surveyor will kindly enlighten, us or offer some explanation for his conduct? If not, I shall propose a resolution.

The Surveyor: It will be a very difficult matter for me to follow Mr Shell in all that he has stated.

The CHAIRMAN: You can confine yourself to this particular question—Why you compelled Mr Shell to erect hoardings and overlooked the rest of the contractors? That is the question for you to answer.

The Surveyor: Mr Shell blames me for this. It is the Public Health Act that requires——

Mr SIDDELL: That is not the question. What Mr Shell complains of is that you compel him to erect hoardings round new structures, and you never even ask other contractors to do so.

The Surveyor: I deny that.

Mr AYNSLEY: I think we should have some answers to the charges made by Mr Shell against the Inspector. Mr Shell is quite aware that when engaged in extensive building operations it is necessary to erect hoarding around the property for the protection of the public. He asserts with some justification that he is the only party in the district who has been called upon to do this. I think it will be well for our Inspector to state his reasons why he particularly requests Mr Shell to put up hoardings, and allows other builders to go scot-free?

The Surveyor: There is no builder in the district who is allowed to go scot-free. I make all parties alike.

Mr DUNNE: Mr Shell specifies three distinct charges against the Surveyor. First, he states that in Harvey Street, three houses have been pulled down and re-built without any barricading being erected; second, that a number of houses were built in Sherburn Terrace without the necessary hoardings being affixed, although a builder had previously been convicted and fined for similar negligence; in the third place, that he (Mr Shell) has been requested to do in Medomsley Road what the Messrs Ridley in Pasture Drift Road and many other persons have never been asked to do.

The Surveyor: If Messrs Ridley had fixed any poles in Pasture Drift Road they would certainly have been requested to erect proper hoardings the same as everybody else. I did not consider the operations in Pasture Drift Road were in any way dangerous to the public.

Mr SHELL: You are not allowed to put your own construction on such points. All you have to do is to see that the Act is lawfully enforced. I should be very sorry to individualise Messrs Ridley or any other person, but, nevertheless it is true that during the progress of the whole of their building operations they have never been asked to put up hoardings or to barricade these places off. Besides, the footpath in Medomsley Road is almost as wide again as that in Pasture Drift Road, and for every person passing along the former 100 persons travel up and down the latter thoroughfare. No one has complained of the alleged obstruction; the poles have only been erected a fortnight, or so; and in a few days the "obstructions" will be cleared away. If the Surveyor had only approached me in a proper manner, I would have had the work done in three or four days. The schoolmaster (Mr Hyden) said there was no danger, as he could easily keep the children off.

The Surveyor denied that he was actuated by malice, or that he entertained any vindictive feelings towards Mr Shell. There had been a distinct charge made against the Messrs Ridley for not erecting the necessary barricading in Pasture Drift Road. If they have infringed the law, the best way would be to summons them.

Mr SIDDELL: No, it is you that ought to be summoned for not discharging your duties.

The Surveyor explained that in building the property in Pasture Drift Road, all the work was done from the inside, consequently no poles or obstructions were placed upon the footpath. The law sets forth that whenever the footpath is obstructed, and likely to endanger the lives of the public, then the places must be fenced off.

Mr SHELL: Was not the footpath in Pasture Drift Road obstructed to a greater extent than the footpath in Medomsley Road?

The Surveyor: No. There must be some danger in erecting scaffold poles and other appliances.

The CHAIRMAN observed that it seemed unnecessary to put contractors to the expense of erecting hoardings when no danger was likely to accrue.

Mr SHELL: Is there more danger attached to one building than another? Why do you make flesh of one party and fish of the other?

The Surveyor: How many houses have you barricaded?

Mr SHELL: I have hoarded everyone I have erected.

The Surveyor: You have only hoarded the two houses in Sherburn Terrace.

Mr SHELL: Was not your house and several others fenced off?

The Surveyor: No.

Mr SHELL: Then you are telling a "base lie." (Sensation).

The CHAIRMAN called for order.

Mr COLLINSON said he looked upon houses built from the inside being almost as dangerous as those erected from the outside.

Mr DAVISON proposed that in all cases where buildings are being erected or altered adjoining the public streets, the bye-laws as to the erection of hoardings must be strictly carried out. He urged that this rule should be universally applied.

Mr SHELL said he would have great pleasure in seconding the proposal, only he considered there was no necessity for it, seeing that the Public Health Act provided for such emergencies.

Mr COLLINSON: It may do some good if we express an opinion upon the subject.

Mr SIDDELL: I think the Surveyor should be admonished for abusing his discretionary powers, and he ought to be instructed to perform his duties in a consistent and impartial manner. It is most improper for a person occupying his position to conduct himself in such a manner. He ought, in future, to treat everyone he comes in contact with with due civility and courtesy.

The CHAIRMAN: It is exceedingly painful to me to observe such behaviour.

Mr SHELL thought that, after the expressions of opinion given, no discretionary powers should be left in the hands of the Surveyor, after the manner in which that official had treated them during the past few years.

Mr SIDDELL said that the Surveyor ought to fulfil his duties in a straightforward and impartial manner.

The Surveyor pointed out that he did not entertain any ill-feeling; and that he had no discretionary power in such matters.

The CHAIRMAN: You have not used your discretionary powers. You have not exercised your authority in the cases mentioned.

The Surveyor: Simply because I did not think the footpath was obstructed according to the meaning of the Act.

Mr SIDDELL: Your judgment ought to be much better and more accurate than that. No party can pull down a house and rebuild it without causing danger of some sort. The thing is monstrous and outrageous. You will have to be more consistent and impartial, and not allow private feeling to interfere with you properly performing your duties to this Board.

The resolution of Mr Davison was at length agreed to, and the subject collapsed.

GARDEN STREET.

Petters were read from Messrs Carrick, Thomas Swainston, and R. Curry and Co., asking the Board to take over their portions of the thoroughfare leading from Gibson Street to Thomas Street, which had recently been made.

Agreed to.

HARVEY STREET.

Mr M. McGurk wrote to the Board, asking for the kerbing and channelling in Harvey Street to be attended to, as he intended to repair the footpath fronting his property.

The matter was left in the hands of the Highway Committee.

FRONT AND MIDDLE STREETS.

It was resolved, on the proposition of Mr DAVISON, that the Surveyor be authorised to repair the broken patches of the cemented footpaths in Front and Middle Streets.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

A very satisfactory and gratifying report from Mr James Radford, district auditor, was read, and it was decided to have the same (together with the statement of the receipts and expenditure for the past year) published in the newspapers.

The Board adjourned shortly after 8 p.m.

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COUNTY POLICE INSPECTION.—On Wednesday, the members of the Gateshead division of Durham County Constabulary were inspected by Captain Legge and Lieut.-Colonel White, in the Drill Hall of the 5th Durham Rifle Volunteers, Gateshead. Inspector Colling, 6 sergeants, and 42 constables were on parade. The men are a fine body, and their appearance and that of their clothing appeared to be all that could be desired. The Inspectors afterwards visited the police station in West Street.

INTERESTING TO POOR LAW GUARDIANS.—A somewhat novel application was made to the Lanchester Justices yesterday (Thursday), by the Lanchester Board of Guardians, for permission to send six Roman Catholic pauper children, at present inmates of the Tudhoe Home, out to Canada, under the supervision of a new colonization scheme, recently founded by the Roman Catholic archbishops and clergy, and which has the approval of the Local Government Board. The names of the boys are:—Peter McCleer (13), John Thomas Waterson (12), John Callan (8), Thomas Cullerton (7), Philip Cullerton (9), and James McKenna (11). All the boys except McKenna eagerly expressed their desire to emigrate to America, and the Bench gave their assent. The lads will be sent out forthwith with a view to being started in business, or placed at work amongst the farmers. McKenna wished to reside with his sister at Blackhill, but the Guardians object to this, and have decided to detain the lad in the Workhouse until a suitable situation is procured for him.

WORKMEN'S TREAT IN WEARDALE.

On Friday afternoon, a pleasant event, considering the depressed state of the lead trade, took place among the Weardale miners, when the Weardale Lead Company entertained the whole of their employes at the Board Schools, Newhouse, to a knife and fork tea, served up by Mr John Emerson, King's Head Inn, St. John's Chapel. The total number invited was over 800. Amongst those present were the following directors from London:—Mr George Batters, Mr Maxfield, Mr Hopkins, and Mr Broughton; also Mr and Mrs J. Rogerson and family, Croxdale Hall; Mr and Mrs Blenkiron and family, New House; Mr Stewart, Mr S. Watson; Mr and Mrs J. Thompson, Burtree Pasture House; Mr G. Philipson, Mrs Whitehead, the Rev R. and Mrs Shepherd, Dr. Hewitson, Miss Nattrass, &c. While the good cheer was discussed Mr C. Peart's band played some fine selections, which contributed much to the enjoyment of the day. After the cloths had been removed a public meeting was held.

Mr HOPKINS, deputy-chairman of the company, presided. He regretted the absence of Mr Richardson, occasioned by circumstances over which he had no control, and proceeded to express his pleasure at seeing them. He referred to the momentous question of the lead trade, in which all present were concerned. (Applause). It was above a hundred years since ore was at so low an ebb. His hearers were aware of the difficulties existing at the time when the company embarked upon the present speculations. In the Weardale Mines, one year ago, everything was in semi-ruin. Up to the present time they had struggled to get things in decent shape; but still much was to be done. Nevertheless, the prospect was fair; but facilities were wanted for dressing the ore for market. No matter, though lead was produced from Germany and Spain by means of miners in these countries being poorly paid, if they (the miners) co-operated with the company, who were ready to accept practical suggestions conducive to Weardale's prosperity, they could boldly face the present crisis. They had no desire to lower wages, but rather to cement good reciprocal feelings, which, he argued, was the true way to restore the valley to the prosperity of yore. (Loud cheering).

Mr BATTERS, who had a hearty reception, endorsed the previous speaker's remarks, amidst much applause and laughter. After a few witty allusions to his co-directors, urging his hearers to educate their families to a moral standard of high excellence, which must ultimately bring about genuine results, the speaker proceeded to give an eloquent and instructive lecture on his observations in America, which elicited loud applause.

The Rev Mr SHEPHERD (vicar of St. John's) moved a complimentary vote of thanks to the directors for their kindness, and referred to the recent visit of Earl Stanhope and Sir John Mowbray, who expressed a favourable opinion as to a railway up the valley. (Cheers.) He urged upon the people to pull energetically together, and bring the matter to a successful issue.

Mr N. RACE, on behalf of the miners, amid lusty cheers, wished the directors hearty success, believing, as he felt all would believe, that they had done their best, and hoped God would bless their speculations in the dale. Such friendly gatherings as these had long been wanted to bring both employers and employed to a proper sense of their relations to each other.

The vote was carried with ringing cheers, and also one to

The CHAIRMAN, who, in acknowledging, paid a high tribute to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for the reciprocal manner in which they had endeavoured to aid them in developing the minerals in these royalities. He called for three cheers for them, which were given; and also moved a vote of thanks to their managers', coupled with the name of Mr Blenkiron, chief agent.

This was supported by Mr BATTERS, and carried.

Mr BLENKIRON replied in kindly terms, concluding by the earnest wish that he might retain the confidence of both masters and men and a continuation of good understanding hitherto existing.

Mr BATTERS deprecated the London Company blaming the Commissioners for the collapse in Bollihope. It was folly to say so.

The proceedings then terminated.

NORTH OF ENGLAND IRON AND COAL, MIDDLESBOROUGH, TUESDAY.—The iron market to-day was pretty nearly in the same condition as for several weeks past, the amount of business transacted being about *nil*, and prices about stationary. Consumers were reluctant to buy, as they confidently count upon further reductions in price, and reiterate their opinion that the combination of producers will not endure much longer, or if it does, the principle of fixing the price will have to be abandoned, for it is notorious that while all are quoting not less than 37s per ton for No. 3, only a few makers get that regularly, and the others have to put into stock such iron as they cannot dispose of at 37s. Sales are made by merchants and other makers at 36s 4½d, and even 36s 3d has been taken, and consumers are therefore reluctant to give 37s. Merchants will now sell forward at 36s 4½d, as they expect to be able to buy at less, and the outlook certainly is not in favour of higher prices. The monthly statistics, which are expected to show an increase of stocks, will not do much to strengthen the market, but rather the reverse. The statistics for September will doubtless be better, as this is usually a good shipping month. Cleveland pig iron warrants are offered at 36s for No. 3 prompt cash, but no one is prepared to buy them at present. Grey forge, which is usually only 1s per ton below No 3, and has even been dearer than that quality, is now obtainable at 34s, the difference being greater than was ever before known; and it will be impossible to keep No. 3 up if some improvement in the demand for and price of No. 3 does not take place. The finished iron manufacturers still keep to their old figures, but report that it is as difficult as ever to procure orders. A little more work is being executed this week, but it has been taken at prices which will not yield profits, and those manufacturers do well when they get their money back again. The quotations are the same as have been in force for nearly five months, but it would be a very difficult matter to say what the realised prices were. The steel trade is dull, and the Eston works are still closed. The amount of business transacted in the coal trade is very small, but deliveries on account of old contracts are going on briskly from the majority of the collieries. Prices are well maintained. Coke-making is less briskly carried on, but the supply is still in excess of the requirements.

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BIRTHS.

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WHICKHAM BANK.—28th ult., the wife of Louis C. Ridley, of a son.

HEDLEY HILL.—29th ult., the wife of Thomas Bell, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

CONSETT.—Victoria House, 29th ult., aged 85, Mr Thomas Oliver.

TANTOBIE.—30th ult., aged 43, Mr John Riddell.

MARLEY HILL.—Andrew's House, aged 41, Ann Middleton.

URPETH COLLIERY.—30th ult., aged 80, William Stott.

STANHOPE.—31st ult., aged 16, the result of an accident, Walter Morton, second son of William Henry and the late Victoria Janet Hedley.

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