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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 1883.

A BURIED CAUSE.

WE suppose it has been on the principle of speaking nothing but good of the dead that the COMTE DE CHAMBORD has been more honoured and eulogized in the short period since his death than he was during a life of considerable extent. As is often the case with mourners for a deceased relative, journalists have been especially moved by the funeral obsequies at Goritz to realize that a blank has been left by the Prince who has now become a character of history. It has been fully recognised that he was the representative of an old and venerable cause; and that if the cause itself was not worthy, he was at least a worthy representative of it. As long as the last of the elder BOURBONS still lived, many people were prejudiced against him because he represented a political system distasteful to them; but as this system has died with him, his former depreciators can afford to take a generous view of his character. As the Grand MONARQUE once declared the state to be himself, so his just deceased descendant might have regarded the monarchical principle in France as identical with his own personality. Indeed, in the true spirit of a Frenchman, he at different times epigrammatically expressed his conception and consciousness of this identity. Thus he compared France to a wreck driven hither by the winds and waves. But, said he, the wreck at last comes to the shore: "I am the shore." France, however, did not come to him; and now that he has disappeared from the world, she must be left, according to his view, to wander on a shoreless sea. But we may be told that the COMTE DE CHAMBORD has left a successor in the person of the COMTE DE PARIS; that it is only an individual that has vanished, while the principle and cause survive, and have now a new representative. This would doubtless be the case if the late Prince had been restored to the royal throne of France. There would then have been simply an illustration of the old saying—"The King is dead! Long live the King!" But the COMTE DE CHAMBORD had no actual and tangible throne to bequeathe; he had only a claim and a principle—or perhaps we might better say, a claim as founded on a principle. The formal claim the COMTE DE PARIS may inherit and take up, on account of his remote descent; the principle he is debarred from inheriting or taking up, by reason of immediate ancestry. During all the years of the Second Republic and the Second Empire, and during the former years of the Third Republic, the grandson of LOUIS PHILIPPE was the acknowledged representative of another cause and principle than those personified by the COMTE DE CHAMBORD. The former was the champion of constitutional monarchy as opposed to the principle of absolution and divine right. He and all the members of his family have identified themselves with the principle of a king that reigns without governing. That principle was so objectionable to the late Prince, that he would not at the cost of yielding to it accept the throne that was virtually offered to him a few years ago on that condition. As for the COMTE DE PARIS he could hardly, with any consistency, put in a claim for a more authoritative position than that held by his grandfather. Thus we are right in considering that the COMTE DE CHAMBORD's cause and principle are dead and buried with him. It has therefore happened rather appropriately that through certain family misunderstandings the Orleans Princes abstained from attending the funeral of the deceased COMTE, there as it were to take over the inheritance of his cause and principle. As the case now stands, the COMTE DE PARIS is simply in the position of the heir-at-law, who succeeds to a legal right while leaving the family traditions to be cherished by others.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

The unsuccessful Liberal invasion of Rutland excited considerable public interest, more on account of the special circumstances of the case than because of the intrinsic importance of the contest. The little county had been in undisturbed possession of the Conservative party for many years, the last contested election having occurred in 1841, when a Liberal and a Conservative member were returned. Since then that small portion of our land has had rest from that party strife carried on all around it; and the consequence has been that the electoral register has been greatly neglected. Out of 1,768 names enrolled, it has been stated that fully 200 are duplicates, while a large number of persons qualified to vote have never been put upon the register. It was time, therefore, that a contest took place, in order to stimulate both parties to pay attention to the register. A circumstance which gave peculiar interest to the contest was its being fought just a day before the Corrupt Practices Act came into operation. It has therefore been the last election under the old law; but, of course, the first election under the new law will have a still more special interest to many persons. By the way, it may be consolatory to some of the beaten Liberals of Rutland to reflect that Mr Lowther's majority—666—is the number of the Beast, in Revelations.

The volcanic eruptions in Java, like the earthquake in Ischia, seems to have been under-represented by the early telegraphic reports. From these it was not evident whether any considerable sacrifice of human life had occurred, though it was natural to suppose that at least a few persons had fallen victims to the dreadful visitation. But later reports put the probable number of killed at 100,000. This is a terrible total of victims to a single volcanic eruption, and we should have to look back a considerable distance in history to find a parallel to it. It certainly seems to bring home to our time a vivid realization of the great Pompeian disaster, about which we have been in the habit of reading as calmly as of Noah's flood. The subterranean commotions accompanying the Java eruption appear also to have considerably modified the geographical features of land and sea; so that an entirely new survey will be required of the much-navigated Straits of Sunda, between Java and Sumatra.

The latest telegrams from Zululand and Constantinople certainly do not encourage Englishmen to meddle with the government of foreign countries. Travelling in Zululand is said to be out of the question, as law and order are not at an end, and marauders and plunderers go about, unchecked; and this because our interesting *protégé* Cetewayo is neither willing to follow our advice, nor able to carry out his own views. The Sultan appears to be little better off. Brigandage is rife throughout Turkey, and the audacity of its perpetrators surpasses anything we can imagine possible. On the Adrianople railway in broad daylight a merchant has been seized by brigands; and although £1,800 ransom has been offered, he is still a prisoner. Smyrna appear to be infested by more than "forty thieves," and passengers getting out of the trains are taken off with little regard to nationality, and put to ransom by these desperadoes. Under such circumstances tourists will think twice before embarking for the East, and our Government will show wisdom by having as little to do as possible with such rotten concerns as Turkey and Zululand.

There seems to be a good deal of mystery about the prosecution of the nine supposed dynamite conspirators in custody at Glasgow. They are reported to have been privately examined before the Sheriff on Tuesday, but no formal charge has been made public, if any has been brought against them. Under these circumstances, comparatively little interest is exhibited here in the case, for the public have been rather satiated with prosecutions of Irish conspirators, and mystery is not here calculated to excite curiosity, as it sometimes does. Meanwhile, it seems that we have not entirely got rid of the Gallagher case, a controversy with the Home Office having arisen about the distribution of the rewards. Sir William Harcourt has stated that before awarding a third-class reward of £50 to Mr Pritchard he consulted with the Birmingham authorities; but these say that they recommended Pritchard for a first-class reward of £200.

"Good friends, for Jesu's sake forbear to dig the dust enclosed here! Blest be the man that spares these stones, And cursed be he that moves my bones!" So is supposed to say a certain Will Shakespeare in the inscription over his tomb at Stratford-on-Avon. Will it be believed that a certain Dr Ingleby has proposed to bring this curse on his head for moving Shakespeare's bones, and that the Mayor and Vicar of Stratford are asked to be consenting parties to what seems little less than sacrilege! Of course, the antiquarians have some supposed scientific object in view. They perhaps want to study Shakespeare's cranium, and to say with Hamlet, "Alas poor Yorick!" But from the way in which the proposal was denounced by the Mayor of Stratford at the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, there appears to be little prospect of this outrage being carried out.

Another public man and conspicuous official has passed away. Marwood has himself reached that bourne to which it had been his function to despatch others. But he died naturally, of the disease from which he had been suffering for some time, and we are assured that it is a mere absurdity to attribute his death to the instrumentality of Irish Invincibles. Marwood has not fulfilled the saying that a threatened man lives long; but at least he has evaded any attempt at revenge by the friends of his Irish victims. It is worthy of remark that, in spite of the character of his office, his death seems to have excited a considerable amount of sympathy, while some persons evince curiosity to know how he himself met the fell destroyer whose instrument he had been for a dozen years.

Quite the most interesting article in the Reviews this month is Dr Russell's account of Ischia, which is written in excellent taste. Our own "Special" does not dilate on the Special Providence by which he was summoned away from Casamicciola only a week before the whole place, hotel and all, was rocked into ruins. Still, it was a remarkable escape, and adds point to a narrative which is as interesting and graphic as Bulmer's "Last Days of Pompeii."

Now that our Ministers are resting on their oars with reference to the Suez Canal question, and that there appears no immediate likelihood of any improvement in that direction, the great Jordan Valley scheme is perhaps receiving more attention than it really deserves from a practical people. Of that silence it might be said, to parody a celebrated utterance, "It is magnificent; but it is not business." So the Porte seems to think, for it has just refused to Admiral Inglefield, as representing promoters of the project, permission for making surveys on account of the proposed canal. It is true the refusal has been couched in guarded terms that the Porte "did not consider that the time had yet arrived when it would be expedient to grant such permission." But the Porte has in recent times received such a training in the art of evasion by the *suaviter in modo* tone, that perhaps this ought to be understood as a decided rebuff for the Jordan Valley projectors.

The School Board for London supplies to its teachers annually 100,000 books and 230,000 cards, to be distributed as rewards to children for regular attendance; yet since this system of rewards was adopted the attendance has only increased by some 0·3 per cent. Consideration of this unsatisfactory state of things has moved the Board to address a circular to the teachers in which it is pretty evidently assumed that the rewards have been improperly applied. But surely, if this should be so, the Board has means of making investigations, and detecting any cases of misappropriation. But any conceivable number of such cases would not account for the absolute failure of this method of stimulating attendance. It does not seem to have occurred to the Board that children or their parents, who have no sense of the value of education, are not likely to be influenced by the prospect of receiving rewards only valuable to those who duly appreciate knowledge. Perhaps, if the Board gave away the value of the prize books in cash, the attraction would be more effective to some of the irregular attendants at its schools.

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LEADGATE WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW MINISTER.

The anniversary of this place of worship was celebrated on Sunday last, and despite the unpropitious weather, the services were largely attended. In the morning and evening, two appropriate sermons were preached by the Rev Wm. Douglas, from Bedale, Yorkshire, the newly-appointed minister to the Shotley Bridge and Consett circuit. The rev. gentleman is a fluent and eloquent speaker, and his discourses were interesting and impressive, and could not fail to produce the desired effect upon the hearers thereof. A children's service was held in the afternoon, when addresses were delivered by Mr Douglas and other gentlemen. At the conclusion of each service, a collection was taken in aid of the chapel trust funds. The choir also sang a selection of hymns suited to the occasion.

On Monday night, a public meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, which was fairly attended. The chair was occupied by Mr John Buckham, circuit steward, of Lanchester. After the proceedings had been opened by singing a hymn and prayer offered by the Rev W. Hare (Superintendent Minister),

The CHAIRMAN rose and said he was always pleased to meet with the people of Leadgate, as there appeared something so homely amongst them. It was always a matter of temerity with him to take the chair on any occasion, but he had occupied that position at Leadgate as often as any place in the circuit. During his term of office as circuit steward, he could assure them that the friends generally had made frequent use of him. (Laughter and applause). The Chairman thereafter called upon

Mr R. C. FORSTER, of Consett, to address the meeting. He said there seemed to be a pleasant prospect to them as a church, and he rejoiced in the signs of the times. They had closed another year, and were entering, he hoped, a pleasant and joyous year, as they had at the present time unusual grounds for high expectations. The friends at Leadgate were very fortunate in starting the circuit year with their chapel anniversary. (Loud applause).

The Rev G. LORD, Free Church minister, of Blackhill, delivered an impressive address, in the course of which he apologised for the absence of his colleague, the Rev C. Longstaff, who was announced to speak. The rev. gentleman, he said, was planned to visit Waskerley that evening, and as he had not attended that village for two months, the friends compelled him to fulfil his engagement.

The CHAIRMAN, in calling upon the Rev W. Douglas to speak, said this was not the recognition meeting, but merely an introductory meeting. The recognition of the rev. gentleman would take place at Blackhill sometime next week.

Mr DOUGLAS, on rising, met with a cordial reception. He observed that he was introduced to the friends at Leadgate by preaching to them three times on the previous day. He thought that was sufficient introduction, but he presumed he would have to continue performing his duties until he was "recognised." He was happy to stand before them that night as a Wesleyan Methodist, and he was glad to meet with a minister belonging to a branch of the Free Methodist Church. (Applause). He admired their wisdom in taking the advantage, whenever a strange minister came to the circuit, of inviting him to take part in their anniversary services, and endeavour to make a little money out of it. Nevertheless, they were not quite so wise as the people in one place where he (the speaker) had to visit. They took greater advantage than even the Leadgate friends did in connection with their anniversary. He had occasion to go as a deputation to a small island, about 1½ miles long and ½ mile wide, and which was situated about 40 or 50 miles from the coast. A minister only went to this island once every four years, and it was only possible to land with safety on it a few months in the year. He was sent from the Shetland Islands to preach on the occasion of the chapel anniversary, and to perform other duties in connection with the Church. As soon as he reached the island, men and women rushed *en masse* down to the beach. He observed one of the men running with a chair, and he began to wonder what it could be for, but he was not long kept in doubt. He (Mr Douglas) was told as soon as he landed from the boat, that he was to mount this chair and make a speech. He did so, and a collection was afterwards made. That was but a beginning. He next proceeded to the house of Jerome Wilson. By-the-bye, there were 52 church members in that island, and 48 of that number bore the name of Wilson. (Laughter.) There was a great deal of marrying and inter-marrying, because the people saw no one else. (Renewed laughter.) When he reached Mr Wilson's house the people began to shout "Hurrah! for the new minister!" He was forthwith taken by the same man who carried the chair, into a room where there was a large fire, and set into a chair, and a charge of 1d was made for the privilege of shaking hands with him. (Loud laughter.) By this ingenious method, some 10s or 12s were raised. The same individual wished to try another dodge, although he (the speaker) thought he had gone quite far enough. This man wanted the people to pay 2d for every house he went into. (More laughter). Of course, he protested against that, as he thought this charge might retard his work in visiting, and the people might not wish him to enter their dwellings. Concerning their own chapel anniversary, there should be certain elements of success prominently shadowed before their minds. There must be, for instance, a definite object in view. They had a definite object in building the chapel, so as to enable the people to meet together to sing and pray, to secure the salvation of precious souls, and to evangelise the people. This certainly was a noble object. He hoped that they took great interest in the various prayer meetings. There is also the class meeting, which they, as members of a Christian Church, ought never to neglect. Then there is the beautiful singing by the choir. He was struck on the preceding day by the singing of their well-trained choir: it was really good congregational singing. The congregations in the circuit he was stationed at previously were somewhat small, and even if the whole congregation did sing with all their might the music was not so lusty and hearty as the singing at Leadgate. He believed in congregational singing, and although it was a very good thing to have an anthem now and then, still it must be borne in mind that the duty of the choir is to lead the congregation—one of the constituent elements of Wesleyanism. There were some hymns in their books which were sung over and over again. There was something exceedingly pathetic and expressive in the personal pronoun used in those hymns. Then there are other means of ministering in connection with the chapel—the preaching of the Gospel to secure the conversion of sinners. In the days when Caxton discovered the art of printing and when newspapers first began to be published, it was said the functions of a preacher were entirely gone. But it was not so. When a man speaks eye to eye, and face to face, his words have greater power and effect than if a sermon were read in the columns of a newspaper, book, or periodical. They should be punctual in all the services of God's house, and do things at the proper time and place. They must not make a hobby of any particular thing. Another element of success was this—the determination not to be baffled. There were many things contending against the success of the Church. The Press was sometimes against them; and the flippiness and giddiness of the age. Infidelity and secularism were waging against them; and sometimes they were troubled with the financial prospects of the Church. However, they must make up their minds to overcome all these difficulties. A further element of success was self-denial and self-sacrifice. They must not be proud and conceited, and think they can do better than anyone else; but they must have some confidence in their own powers. They must not be bigoted, and despise other Christian workers. If their society was prosperous, they should rejoice; if however, they were declining, they should be glad that other sections of the Church were progressing. When he thought that they had in the Shotley Bridge Circuit 80 local preachers all working, what a great amount of good could be accomplished if every one was filled with the spirit of God. If they went forth in the name of the Lord with a full determination to win souls, he was sure their efforts, however feeble, would be crowned with success. They should remember, too, in connection with the work of the Church, that they as members were individually responsible for its welfare. Every one had a certain duty to perform, and they should do this to the best of their ability. (Applause).

The collection was then taken, and after a few observations had been offered by other speakers, the meeting closed with the customary votes of thanks being passed to the Chairman and those who had taken part in the proceedings.

LOCAL FLOWER SHOWS.

LANCHESTER.

The thirty-third annual exhibition of flowers, fruit, vegetables, plants, &c., of the Lanchester Floral and Horticultural Society was held on Saturday in the Manor Field, through the kind permission of Mr Sanderson. The exhibits were arranged in a large marquee, the hothouse plants, in full bloom, being tastefully set out in the centre, forming a group that could hold its own against similar arrays at much larger shows. The show of cut flowers was very good. There was not an extensive nor yet a very luscious display of fruit, but what was exhibited was purely the growth of the district, and was not discredited by any foreign importation. The vegetable classes were well represented, and the exhibits in several classes were really excellent. There was a creditable show of writing for boys and girls for the special prize presented by Mr Dunn, of the National Schools. The patronage bestowed upon the show was not quite up to the average, but still sufficiently large to increase the balance in hand of £9 2s 0½d, which the society had to commence the year with. In the open class for six stove or greenhouse plants, Mr J. Moon took first prize, Mr Jacob Rowell second, and Mr J. Laws third. In fruit and vegetables, Mr George Parker and Mr Garthwaite carried off a large number of prizes. The other prize-takers and exhibitors were—Messrs Turner, Leybourne, R. Dixon, R. Toward, T. Sadler, W. Snaith, T. Wilson, W. Brown, W. Hall, and J. Scott. The Stanley Band was present during the afternoon. Two cricket matches were played, and a variety of other sports indulged in, for which the society gave prizes.

BLANCHLAND.

The forty-first annual exhibition of the Blanchland Floral and Horticultural Society was held on Saturday, in a field kindly granted by Mr R. Davison, of the Commercial Inn, to whom the thanks of the committee are due. The weather was fine, and there was, as usual, a large attendance of visitors. In the number of exhibits there was a slight decrease, but the quality was above the average, evincing the great taste and skill of the exhibitors in bringing the various products to perfection. The principal prize-takers were R. Jewitt, H. Carr, and T. Swallow, of Slaley; E. Oliver, J. Armstrong, and M. Temperley, of Blanchland; and others. A football match between the Hexham and Castleside clubs was played on the grounds, the former winning the prize ball which the committee offered to the successful team. The game resulted in a win for the Hexham players by one goal and three touches down to one touch down. The try was obtained by Rogan, and he cleverly converted it into a goal. Teams:—Hexham Star—T. Rogan, back; J. H. Hope, three-quarter back; J. Graham (captain) and P. Davidson, half-backs; Isaac Baty and R. Gregg, quarter-backs; E. Baty, J. Forster, J. Aynsley, J. Lee, W. Peart, R. Forster, F. Summers, J. Wilkinson, and E. Kearney, forwards. Castleside—G. S. Brown, back; R. Davidson and T. Adamson half-backs; R. C. Davidson and R. Howells, quarter-back; J. Robinson, T. Robinson, W. Harkness, W. Pattinson, C. Toward, J. Walton, J. Lee, W. Harker, H. Nattrass, and G. Brown, forwards. The Blackhill Prize Brass Band considerably enlivened the proceedings by performing a choice selection of classical and dance music in a most efficient style. In the evening there was a display of fireworks, and a ball was held, which was well attended, dancing being kept up until a late hour.

HEDLEYHOPE.

On Saturday the committee of the Hedleyhope Collieries' Horticultural, Industrial, and Poultry Society held their fourth annual exhibition in a field near Tow Law. The exhibits were fully up to the average as to quality, although not quite so numerous in the workmen's classes. However, this deficiency was more than counter-balanced by the addition of an open class for stove and greenhouse plants, and cut flowers. The vegetables shown were in some respects superior to what we have seen in previous years, and did great credit to their respective growers. Some good work was shown in the industrial classes, and drew a larger number of sight-seers than any other part of the exhibition. In the poultry classes several good pens were exhibited. We were sorry to see so few exhibits in this class, and without the committee can secure a larger number of entries it will hardly be wisdom on their part to continue this part of the annual show. Several good prizes were given for tug-of-war contests, hurdle racing, sack racing, bun eating, skipping, &c. A leg of mutton was also given for climbing the greasy pole. The tug-of-war contest between the cokemen of the two collieries resulted in an easy victory for the East Hedleyhope team. However, when the East Hedleyhope cokemen's team fell against the Old Hedleyhope miners team they had to give place, the miners literally dragged them across the mark in the first and third tries; in the second some of the miners fell, and before they could recover themselves the cokemen had hauled them over the central point. The skipping contest was exceptionally good. The girl who got the first prize won with a total of 1,440. The second reached a total of 600. The judging seemed to give satisfaction: Mr Hardisty, of Bishop Auckland, officiated for flowers and vegetables; Mr Bearpark, of Northallerton, for poultry, &c.; Mrs Armstrong, for butter and eggs; and Mrs Wild and Mrs Graham for the industrial department. The following were the principal prizetakers—Messrs. Harle, sen., Bell, Burrell, Davison, Hindmoor, F. Robson, Cowper, Lockey, Armstrong, Nelson, Walliker, Gray, Milburn, Cook, Christison, Dargue, Moses, Dixon, Mesdames Armstrong, Simpson, Dodds, Barnes, Maughan, Holroyd, Misses Roberts, Simpson, and others.

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THE SHOCKING MURDER OF A CONSETT GIRL IN NATAL.

FURTHER EXAMINATION OF THE PRISONER.

The *Natal Witness* of July 28th contains the following additional particulars touching the awful tragedy in the city:—The preliminary examination into the charge preferred against the native Ujan, or Uwinda, of having, on the evening of the 13th July, outraged and murdered Mary Ellen Murphy, a native of Consett, on the Camp Drift Road, was resumed at the Resident Magistrate's Court on Tuesday morning, before Mr Chas. Barter, R.M., and Mr R. F. Morcom, the clerk of the Peace. The first witness called was

Sister Mary Benzer, of the Roman Catholic Convent, who deponed: The prisoner was employed as kitchen Kafir at the Convent. On the evening of the murder Ujan went to fetch the milk as usual, and did not return until about seven o'clock. He then rushed into the kitchen, and when I asked him what had kept him so late he said, "Hamba lapa," and pointed in the direction of the river. He never looked me in the face, but kept looking down on the floor. His appearance was very strange, and he appeared frightened. After handing me the milk, he did not go away as usual, but remained holding the handle of a saucepan in a strange way. I asked him what was the matter with him. He then came near the lamp and showed me his two fingers, bleeding. He was still trembling and shaking. I dressed his two fingers—the middle and ring fingers of the right hand; but not a third finger, which was slightly scratched. I asked how he received these injuries, and he replied that it was in cleaning the kitchen floor. He had washed out the kitchen on that afternoon, but had only used a brush with a long handle; and after he had finished I saw his hands and there was nothing the matter with them. I said that that could not be true. The wounds were fresh when I saw them. I felt somewhat nervous at the prisoner's strange appearance, and told him to go and rest, and return at eight o'clock. He returned at eight o'clock, still with the same strange look and appearance, but did not shake or tremble as he had done before. The prisoner was in the habit of killing fowls, but I do not think any were killed during the week previous to his arrest.

Dr. Ward, District Surgeon for the Umgeni Division, deponed: I have examined, along with Dr. Gordon, the pieces of blood-stained cloth cut from the trousers worn by the prisoner, and find that although the blood might be that of a mammal it is not the blood of a fowl. I believe it to be human blood.

Mrs Murphy, the mother of deceased, was then called, and deponed: I do not know the prisoner. On the evening of the day on which my daughter lost her life, I went out to watch for her. I was to take the mare down to bring her over the drift. Shortly after I went out I saw my daughter coming along the flat on this side of the Gaol Hill. I stood watching her as she walked along the flat, and down on the little hill by the short cut which passes closes past the pits made by the soldiers quarrying stone. I continued watching deceased until she was hid from my sight by the bushes, which form the hedge of the enclosure directly opposite and across the road from the spot where the short cut re-enters the road. She again came in sight clear of the thick bushes, and walked along the road in full view of the house. I told the children their sister was coming, and went to the stable to get the horse ready. I never saw my daughter alive again. On coming out with the mare, I asked the children if their sister had come to the drift. They said she had not, and one of children said she had heard a scream which seemed like Mary Ellen's. I at once got on the mare, and although both my sons and my husband went past the gaol into town, and enquired everywhere, we could find no sign of my daughter. When I was passing the spot where the body was found, the mare became restive, and reared, and I asked my son to look at her mouth. He did so, tightening the curb, and I then galloped on. After enquiring, and neither hearing nor seeing anything of deceased, I felt sure something had happened to her, and subsequently on making a thorough search about the place where I last saw her, my son, Peter James, screamed out that he had found the body in the ditch. I ran to the spot, and my husband and I lifted the body on to the edge of the road. I took off a glove and found the pulse still, but the chest was warm. My husband went for the doctor and the police, and I stayed by the body until they came. In addition to the other marks which the body showed, the teeth had cut the lips, which had blood on them.

Peter James Francis Murphy, thirteen years of age, deponed: The deceased was my sister. I do not know the prisoner. When I arrived home from night school on the evening of the 13th, I found my father and mother searching for my sister, and, assisting in the search, I came upon the body in the ditch. When I found it I screamed out, and my father and mother, and the Coolie, Boolakie, ran to the spot. The deceased had complained of being annoyed by Kafirs.

Patrick Joseph Murphy, brother of deceased, said: I work in Mr W. E. Bale's office, and got home about five o'clock on the night my sister was murdered. I saw my mother standing watching for my sister, about twenty minutes after five; and, subsequently, when my mother missed her, I went to search. The mare got restive opposite the spot where the body was afterwards found, and my mother, thinking the bits were not right, told me to see to them. I did so, and my mother galloped on. I walked on, and saw a Kafir running quickly up the path from the Gaol gardens. The Kafir was about fifteen yards from the garden gate when I saw him, but I could not recognise him again. This must have been about 6·35, because the passenger train had just passed up the Gaol Hill ten minutes before. I know the prisoner by sight, having first seen him on the 21st of June. He was pointed out to me by deceased, while we were returning home together—we were about 200 yards nearer home than the water at the foot of the Gaol Hill, when my sister first drew my attention to the prisoner. Two other Kafirs were also pointed out by my sister as having annoyed her, but they walked on along the Edendale Road. The prisoner walked quickly towards the little hill near the bend of the river; and, when we neared him, I took such particular notice of him that I was on the point of going up to him, when my sister told me not to. I had a full view of the Kafir's face, and swear that the prisoner is the same man. The prisoner went into the pits quarried by the soldiers; and when he was going in my sister again looked at him, and said he was the Kafir who followed her.

Toby, a mission native, deponed: I was in the Bishop's grounds when the prisoner left, about five o'clock on the evening of the 13th, to go for the milk. I saw him when he returned, with the wounds on his fingers, and he then said, before any of us had asked him, "See, I have hurt myself. I fell down while going for the milk." He was asked how he came to hurt the back of his hand, when he said that he had fallen backwards in the lane.

Charlie, another native employed at the Convent, deponed to speaking to the prisoner before he left at five o'clock for the milk. He had no wounds on his hands then, and when he afterwards showed the wounds he explained that he had fallen.

The deposition of Inspector MacDonald, Acting Superintendent of Police, which generally deals with the story of the case as has already appeared, was then read over to the prisoner.

The examination was again adjourned.

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this board was held in the Castleside School, on Monday afternoon, the chairman (Mr T. J. Muse), presiding. The were also present Messrs H. Lee, J. Milner, J. Walton, R. Robson, and R. Ward (clerk).

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

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

The following statistics for the past month were submitted by the master (Mr Duckworth):—

Number on Roll 189
Average in attendance 160
Percentage attendance 84
Cash banked £9 19s 10d.

THE ENLARGEMENT QUSTION.

At the last meeting the Clerk was instructed to write to the Education Department asking their sanction towards making considerable additions to the schools, on account of there being insufficient accommodation provided in them; and also requesting their Lordships to make certain districts outside the Board's district contributary, as they thought the parents of the children from the outside districts were entitled to pay rates for the education of the children as much as those within the district. Mr Ward wrote to the Education Department, and received the following reply:—

SIR,—According to your letter of the 13th inst., I am directed to state that the figures given by you, and the fact that your having had to refuse admission to children of your district, sufficiently prove an enlargement of your schools absolutely necessary.

My Lords accordingly call upon your Board to submit plans and specifications for such enlargements as soon as possible, and on approving such plans and specifications, and afterwards an estimate, will be prepared to recommend a loan from the Public Works' Loan Commissioners.

I am to enquire within what school district the twelve children for whom your Board provide accommodation without being obliged to do so reside.

At the same time, I am to point out that it is doubtful whether, if the number of these extra-parochial children do not exceed twelve, it would be advisable to have recourse to the issue of a formal order for contribution—a procedure attended with considerable trouble and some expense.

It is possible that my Lords might entertain a proposal from your Board to charge a somewhat higher weekly fee for children from outside your district; if it could be shown that such fee was within the means of the parents.—I have the honour to your obedient servant,

P. CUMMIN.

R. Ward, Clerk to the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board.

The CHAIRMAN said, with regard to the number of extra-parochial children mentioned in the letter, they could not take that as a criterion, as they had had sometimes upwards of 40 children from the outlying districts, and there was no doubt they could get more if the outlying districts were added to their's.

Mr WALTON considered it highly important that the outlying districts should be made contributary, and urged that the matter be carried on with more energy until they gained their point.

The Clerk said the reply had just been what he anticipated. There would be so much trouble and expense attached to the alterations, that made him think they would not carry out the Board's request.

Mr WALTON: The Educational Department does not so much complain of the expense, but of the trouble, and this, I think, we should look over; because, if our request was carried out, it would greatly relieve the ratepayers in the district. I am of opinion, therefore, that it is our bounden duty to carry the thing forward.

Mr LEE: I quite agree with Mr Walton, as there is nothing gained without trouble.

The CHAIRMAN thought their Lordships would not make the outlying districts contributary; but as to raising the school fee, they could not think about such a thing, as the parents of the children from the outside districts were only farm hinds, and they could not expect them to pay a larger fee.

Mr MILNER: I am perfectly satisfied we could not raise the fee, as it takes them all their time to pay the present fee.

Mr ROBSON: Supposing the Education Department do not sanction our wishes, will we then have to enlarge the schools?

The CHAIRMAN: Oh, yes. There are 183 children above the age of five, and 46 between three and five years in our district, who are all eligible to attend school; while we only have accommodation for an average attendance of 145. This shows that there will have to be accommodation made for at least 100 more.

Mr ROBSON: Certainly: we must not make the schools too small this time.

The Clerk thought that, taking all things into consideration, it would be their best plan to write to the Education Edpartment stating the feeling of the members on the matter and then ask their advice thereon.

All the members thought this would be their best course, and instructions were given to the Clerk to carry it out forthwith.

According to request, Mr John Smith, architect, Shotley Bridge, attended the meeting to consult with the Board as to the best style of making the proposed alterations to the schools. The subject was pretty freely discussed, and it was finally resolved to add a room to hold 60 children on the north end of the school, and a class-room (which would also serve as a Board-room) to accommodate 40 children at the south end.

At the suggestion of Mr LEE it was also resolved to have a heating apparatus placed round the whole of the schools, on account of the fires being insufficient to heat them in the winter.

Mr Smith promised to submit plans, estimate, &c,, to the Board by their next monthly meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The mother of one of the children attending the Board School made an application, through the Chairman, for the Board to allow the school fees of her son to run on, as her husband was off work ill, and there was little money coming into their house. As soon as she was able she would pay the money.

On the motion of Mr MILNER, seconded by Mr ROBSON, the request was granted.

After signing the cheques, the Board rose.

EARLY LAYING FOWLS.—Mr James Taylor, of South Moor, had a hatching of chickens brought out on March 25th. One of the pullets started to lay on June 8th, laying about a month, then commenced to brood. If she had only been set she would have had a hatching of chickens out now.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.—The weekly return of traffic, shows an increase of £2,891 in passengers, and £2,049 in merchandise and cattle; and a decrease of £44 in minerals, and £129 in dock dues. The total increase to date is £29,630.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLOWER SHOW.—In our report of this show held at Shotley Spa on the 25th ult., we referred to the paucity of attendants at the tea tables, and not to the quality of the provisions, which were of superior quantity. The crush of visitors to the tea tables no doubt placed those in charge of the refreshments at a serious disadvantage.

THE PARCELS POST.—One of the first to make use of the new Parcels Post was H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, who received a dress body through the post, addressed to Her Royal Highness, "care of His Grace the Duke of Richmond, Goodwood," from the celebrated ladies' tailor, Redfern, of Cowes, at a cost of 6d. Its price per rail would have been 1s 9d. It was posted early on Wednesday, the 1st inst., and reached its destination safely the same day.—*Vanity Fair*, August 4th.

TEMPERANCE FESTIVAL AT BURNOPFIELD.

The annual *fete* of the Burnopfield Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society was held at Lintz Colliery on Saturday last. The weather being favourable, the proceedings commenced at 1.30 p.m.. After some few people had assembled, the racing began on the splendid bicycle track recently opened by the Lintz Amateur Bicycle Club. The track is now in splendid condition, the defects noticed at the opening ceremony having been remedied, and the ground vastly improved.

Details of the sports: 1 MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP. Heat 1—W. Colman, scratch, 1; H. Baker (aged 14), 220 yds., 2. Good race, won by 5 yards. Heat 2—W. Brett, 100, 1; W. Ferguson, 20 2. Won by a yard. Heat 3—Wm. Harkess, scratch, 1; R. Dunn, 300, 2; R. Harrison, 60, 3. Won by 10 yards; a foot between second and third. Heat 4—Andrew Parker, 40, 1; M. McGee, 165, 2. Splendid race, won by 4 yards. Final heat—Barker won by a foot; Coleman being second, and Harkess third, a yard dividing the latter. The prizes awarded were a riding suit and a bicycle spanner.

80 YARDS FLAT RACE (for boys under 15)—Heat 1—R. Bradford, 1; T. Gladders, 2. Heat 2—J. Henderson, 1; E. Blythe, 2. Final heat—Bradford, 1; Gladders, 2.

TWO MILES BICYCLE RACE.—W. Ferguson, 1; W. Harkess, 2. The race was run rather as a matter of amusement for the spectators than otherwise. First one took the lead and then the other, lap after lap, until at length Harkess won by about 6 yards.

HOOP RACE FOR BOYS.—Robert Fall, 1; James Paxton, 2.

At the conclusion of the sports, a public tea was provided in the Lintz School-room, which was partaken of by about 150 adults. The following young ladies waited at the tables:—Misses A. Sanderson, Morris, Gladders, Nixon, Fanny and Agnes Blythe, Hindhaugh, and Weedy.

After the tea, an adjournment was made to the bicycle track, where the Sunday school prizes were to have been given away, but a threatening shower drove teachers, scholars, and prizes back into the school-room. After the books were arranged in order as first, second, third, and fourth prizes, the curate (Rev C. E. Couchman) after reading the list of about 100 scholars who had been successful during the past year, intimated that the whole of the reward books had not arrived, consequently those boys and girls who did not receive their prizes that afternoon must not be disappointed, as they would get them in due course. The awards were afterwards distributed by the Rev. W. S. Reeman, vicar of Fatfield. Whether it was the races; and the tea, and the giving away of the prizes coming all together on one day—or whether it was the sudden rush from the bicycle track to the school-room which agitated the children, it is difficult to say; but the chattering of little tongues and shuffling of small feet was less easily suppressed than usual, and it would be well for both parents and teachers to remind their children that when they are called together to receive prizes, they should show gratitude for the trouble taken in their behalf, by being as quiet and orderly as possible. As the giving away of the prizes took some time the entertainment, which was to have begun at seven o'clock, was a quarter of an hour late. The school-room, however, was nicely filled. After the usual hymn and prayer, the chairman, Mr Reeman, made a short introductory speech, and the programme was then begun. Throughout the evening, the recitations, choruses, duets, and songs were well given, and showed both the ability and praiseworthy efforts of the performers. The dialogue, "Charity never faileth," gave much amusement to the audience. Mr Geo. Hindhaugh and Miss Weedy acted the parts of Mr and Mrs Sutherland well, while Messrs Pretty, Ward, and Braidford as three jovial Irishmen in vain trying to coax Mr Sutherland to go and drink "a pint of tenpenny," caused great laughter. The other noteworthy pieces were:—Recitations, "Yorkshire Humphrey," Mr W. Ward; "Bernado and Alphonus," and "Bernado's Revenge," Mr George Fitzsimons; duet, "Land ahead," Misses Morris, Gladders, Nixon, and A. Blythe; song, "May," Miss Morris; and a trio by Misses Ann Gibbons and Tomkins, and Mr Joseph Gibbons. Towards the end of the programme the Chairman gave an address on the subject of temperance, which combined both humour and good advice, and after a final chorus, "Men of Halech," by the choir, the entertainment was closed with prayer. Three people responded to the invitation to strengthen the good cause by remaining afterwards to join the society.

On Sunday last, the Rev W. S. Reeman preached twice in St. James's Church, Burnopfield, the evening sermon treating specially on the subject of temperance.

FUNERAL OF JAMES CAREY.

The following is extracted from the *Grahamstown Journal*:—The interment of the mortal remains of James Carey took place on Tuesday afternoon, August 7th, a little after four o'clock, in the burial-ground a few hundred yards in the rear of the North End prison, Port Elizabeth. The District Surgeon, Dr. Ensor, was greatly distressed at the bare idea of the body being committed to the ground without any funeral service, and on consideration resolved to say a few words on the occasion. The Assistant Magistrate (H. Halse, Esq.) proceeded to the gaol at three o'clock for the purpose of superintending the arrangements for sepulture, and Doctor Ensor accompanied him. As no notice of the burial had got abroad very few people had any idea of what was about to take place, but the fact of three or four cabs standing at the gaol door attracted a few idlers. Mr Jones, the undertaker, arrived with the coffin at 3.45, and his assistant conveyed it to the mortuary. There lay the body of James Carey. The features appeared composed in death. The corpse was placed in the coffin, and the latter was conveyed to a vehicle outside—the distance to the grave being nearly half-a-mile. Mrs. Carey and her children were in the gaoler's quarters, and, although efforts were made to dissuade her from following the remains of her deceased husband, she resolved on doing so, and with her baby and her son occupied the first cab, Doctor Ensor following in the second cab, and the Assistant Magistrate in a third cab. The cortege then slowly moved off to the grave, on arriving at which the body was lowered by the undertaker's men. The most perfect silence prevailed although a good many coloured people and children attracted by the procession had assembled. When the body was lowered into the grave, Dr. Ensor, who for some time previous had laboured under strong emotion, spake in a clear and distinct voice as follows:—"Friends, in the absence of any official minister I think it only right that a few words should be said over the grave of this poor man. Let us pray."—Every head was immediately uncovered, and Dr. Ensor proceeded thus:—"O Thou omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient Ruler of the Universe, we restore, as is fit, the mortal remains of this our weak and erring brother to his mother earth. His immortal part we are certain is also under thy guidance and control. We bow to the Omnipotent! Yet we would, at the same time, remember, that mercy is the attribute of God himself. In mercy then look down on these—the widow and the helpless orphans—as they stand beside this open grave. Grant that Time, the Consoler as well as the Avenger, may throw a thick veil over their past. Grant, Lord, that in all their future they may seek and find thee to be a very present help in time of trouble, and the Comforter of the Widow and Orphans in their affliction. Amen."

Earth was then thrown on the coffin, and thus terminated the funeral obsequies of JAMES CAREY, whose name is now part of the history of the present generation.

BLUE RIBBON MEETINGS AT BLACKHILL.

On Sunday last, the six days' series of Gospel Temperance meetings held in the United Methodist Free Church, Blackhill, conducted by Mr John Fawcett (Newcastle), were brought to a successful termination. The first meeting was presided over by the esteemed vicar of Consett (the Rev F. Steggall), and during the week the following gentlemen were on the platform and took part in the proceedings:—Revs E. W. Jenkins, G. Lord, Foster Raine (Hexham); Messrs Palliaser, Davison, Frankland, Wagstaff, King, and other gentlemen. The opening night was but thinly attended, but each night the audience grew larger until the sacred edifice was completely filled. It was a pleasing feature to see the large gathering of workmen, and much enthusiasm was thrown into the meetings by the earnest and stirring addresses of Mr Fawcett, whose characteristic style of retaining the attention of his hearers during his discourses was unique. The solo singing was most successful, Miss Wheatley, of Consett, gaining high eulogiums for her sweet and pathetic rendering of "Where is my wandering boy to-night?" and other sacred solos. Mr Frankland was highly successful in his recitations, and well received by the audience.

The number of pledges registered were over 200, who had not previously signed the pledge, the larger portion being working men.

The Sunday services were alike successful. At the morning service, Miss Thompson preached; and in the afternoon a fellowship meeting was conducted by Mr J. B. King and Mr Fawcett. An evangelistic service was held in the evening, the chapel being again crowded, and was conducted by Mr Fawcett, who delivered an address and sang a solo entitled "Yes! there is pardon for you;" when Miss Thompson concluded the service with an able discourse from the text "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a Salvation?" and Miss Wheatley singing with great effect "I shall be satisfied." A prayer meeting was afterwards held, when six persons were united to the church. During the week Mr Ward Davison conducted the choir in his usual able manner.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SCHEME.

CONSETT CENTRE.

In connection with the above, a public meeting was held in the National Schools, Consett, on Saturday evening, to make definite and final arrangements for a course of lectures to be delivered in Consett centre during the ensuing term, which commences in October next. There was a small but influential attendance. The chair was taken by Mr Wm. Jenkins, J.P.

The CHAIRMAN, in introducing the business, referred at length to the success of the last course of lectures, and said that the guarantors should feel that their money was well spent, seeing that as a result, upwards of 200 persons profitably spent twelve Saturday evenings during the past winter. He trusted that the course on "Chemistry" would be given. The lecturer, Prof. E. W. Small, B.A., B.Sc., proposed to deal with the air we breathe, the water we drink, gases and explosions in mines, and the metallurgical processes carried on in the ironworks. Surely such a course, when illustrated not only by diagrams, but by experiments, as proposed by Mr Small, would be most useful and attractive. He (the chairman) would support this course as heartily as he had done the other. (Applause).

The Revs. F. Steggall (Consett) and J. W. Mitchell (Leadgate), Messrs W. H. Hedley (Medomsley), C. Parnaby, McKean, Cooke, Teare (Benfieldside), and others then addressed the meeting.

It was proposed by Mr SCOTT, seconded by Mr PARNABY, and unanimously agreed to:—"That the services of Evan W. Small, Esq., B.A., B.Sc., be secured to deliver during the ensuing winter, a course of lectures on "Chemistry."

It was also resolved that the lectures should be given on Saturday evenings.

Mr NICHOLS next moved that the charges be the same as hitherto—2s 6d for adults, and 1s 6d for persons under 18 years of age.

The Rev J. W. MITCHELL seconded, and the proposition was carried.

The Rev F. STEGGALL suggested that the senior scholars in the various elementary schools of the district might be induced to attend the lectures.

The CHAIRMAN said that the suggestion was a good one, and he himself would buy sixty tickets and present them to the various teachers of the elementary schools in the district, to be given to the elder scholars according to their discretion.

An opinion was expressed that school managers would probably offer an additional half-dozen to the most deserving scholars in their respective schools.

Accordingly, it was moved by Mr HARRISON, and seconded by Mr COOKE, that the charge for children attending the elementary day schools be reduced to 1s each.

Considerable discussion ensued touching this proposal.

The CHAIRMAN thought they should not swamp the meeting by having the place filled by scholars. It was not a bad idea, if it did not interfere with the adults. The danger, however, was in making them lectures for school-boys instead of for grown-up persons.

The Hon. Sec. (Mr Hyden) read a letter from Mr J. Priestman, J.P., who expressed regret that business arrangements prevented his attendance, but promised £5 to the guarantee fund. A letter promising help from the Consett Co-operative Stores was also read.

Mr COOKE said if the suggestion was carried out, he had no fear of the result. As far as he was concerned he would like to see the lectures attended by the senior scholars.

Mr SHOTTON considered that the proposition to reduce the charge for scholars was a little mistake. If the subject had been brought prominently before the scholars prior to the last course, he felt sure there would have been a larger attendance of pupils.

The CHAIRMAN had a very strong belief that if children could come for 1s or 1s 6d, a very large number would attend. If, however, they changed the character of the meetings, they might run the risk of having too many children present. He thought they might confine the number from six to eight in every school, and leave the subject to the Executive Committee to determine *pro rata* on the attendance how many scholars should be allowed to come.

Mr HYDEN pointed out that if they wished the children to attend, they should make a charge of 1s; if they did not, then let the price remain at 1s 6d.

Mr TEARE said the charge of 1s struck him as a reasonable sum. He thought there was a class of children who would be much better listeners, and who would appreciate and be much more interested in the lectures than the bulk of grown-up people. They wanted the children to be graduated for these lectures, in future, and this was a subject which might prove interesting to the young folks. (Hear, hear, and applause).

Ultimately Mr COOKE proposed, and Mr HEDLEY seconded, that 100 tickets at 1s be issued for scholars attending the elementary schools in the district.

This was a agreed to.

It was resolved, on the proposition of Mr COOKE, seconded by Mr HEDLEY, that the first lecture should be free.

Mr C. PARNABY begged to move that in future each guarantor should receive a complimentary ticket for every 5s subscribed. He said that some of the guarantors last year complained that the very class the lectures were especially to benefit, never attended them; and that those who could afford took advantage of the reduced charge for the course. If his suggestion were carried out, then the guarantors would have a certain number of tickets which they could present to persons who really deserved them.

The CHAIRMAN said he did not remember any distinct complaint being made by any guarantor.

The Rev J. W. MITCHELL thought that 2s 6d for the course was a reasonable charge, and any working man who was in the least interested in the lectures could surely raise that amount. If such people were not desirous of paying 2s 6d for the course, he was afraid they could not even get them to attend the lectures by offering them 2s 6d to come. (Laughter).

After further remarks, Mr PARNABY agreed to alter his resolution so that each subscriber to the guarantee fund should receive a complimentary ticket for every 10s subscribed.

Mr COOKE seconded, and the motion was adopted.

The meeting the proceeded to elect the officers and Executive Committee, with the following result:—Mr W. Jenkins (chairman), Mr J. Priestman (vice-chairman), Mr C. P. Douglas (treasurer), Mr G. T. Hyden (secretary); Executive Committee: Rev F. Steggall, Messrs Ainsworth, Hall, Cooke, Parnaby, and Teare.

A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings, which were throughout most enthusiastic.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Monday evening, when it was agreed to ask by circular for subscriptions from influential resident gentlemen and M.P.'s for the division, and to send letters to each of the three local boards of Consett, Leadgate, and Benfieldside, asking them to become subscribers either in their individual or corporate capacity.

FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION AT VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

The first annual exhibition of plants, flowers, vegetables, and pigeons, intended to be held in connection with Victoria Garesfield Colliery Accident Fund, took place on Saturday afternoon, in the old school-room in the above village. Considering that this is an entirely new venture, having only been projected little more than a fortnight, the exhibition proved to be a great success, and the result even exceeded the most sanguine anticipations of the promoters. There was a pretty display of plants and flowers, the bouquets of wild flowers being really magnificent, and it would astonish the dwellers in our large towns and cities to know that such beautiful specimens were growing by the wayside and in the plantations surrounding our country villages. There was likewise a splendid collection of garden produce on view, and it was apparent to all that the people at Victoria Garesfield evidently spare no pains and pride themselves on the large and proportionate growth of vegetables in that village. In addition to the above, there were writing competitions for scholars attending Victoria Garesfield and Spen Colliery Schools, but the latter thought it advisable to hold aloof from the movement. The competitors were divided into two sections—children over 11 years of age, who should write small hand; and children under 11 years, who wrote half-text, suitable prizes being offered for the same. Each child had to write the sentence—"Hear instruction, and be wise; and refuse it not"—on one page of the copy book. Some excellent specimens of handwriting were exhibited, causing the judges some little trouble in arriving at a decision, and plainly indicating that Mr Smith, the head master at Victoria Garesfield Schools, had exercised great care and diligence in bringing his scholars to such a standard of efficiency. The writing of a girl, under 7 years, named Ellen Campbell, was so beautiful, that the judges awarded her an additional prize. The judges were: Flowers, &c., Mr Harrison, Beda Lodge, The Spen; pigeons, Messrs Joseph Robson and W. Stonehouse, Victoria Garesfield; writing, Messrs G. Dawson and G. T. Hyden, Consett. The following is the complete

LIST OF AWARDS.

FLOWERS AND PLANTS.

Best fuchsia—1st 2s, J. Duffy; 2nd 1s, Edwd. Poole.

Best geranium—1st 3s, Thomas Wells; 2nd 2s, P. Duffy.

Two window plants (dissimilar)—1st and 2nd 3s and 2s, Edward Poole.

Six French asters—1st 2s, R. Parkin; 2nd 1s, R. Todd.

Six globe asters—1st 2s, J. Armstrong; 2nd 1s, Thos. Robinson.

Six French marigolds—1st 2s, R. Parkin; 2nd 1s, Edward Robson.

Six African marigolds—1st and 2nd, 2s and 1s, Edwd. Robson.

Twelve pansies and four dissimilar—1st 2s, W. Cetrey; 2nd 1s, R. Parkin.

Stocks, five dissimilar—1st 2s, R. Todd; 2nd 1s, Thomas Robson.

Begonia—1st 2s, M. Duffy; 2nd 1s, Thos. Wells.

Best bouquet of cut flowers, exhibitors to bring them from any quarter—1st 5s, G. Ford; 2nd 2s 6d, Thomas Robson.

Bouquet of wild flowers, not to exceed 14in. in width—1st 5s, James Brown; 2nd 1lb. of tea, E. Wishart.

Best collection of ferns—1st 10s, J. Armstrong; 2nd 2s 6d, W. Armstrong.

VEGETABLES.

Best three leeks—1st 5s, G. Carr; 2nd 2s 6d, W. Cetrey.

Two early cabbages—1st 1lb. of tea (given by Mr W. Anderson), John Stonehouse; 2nd 1s, Jas. Barker.

Two red cabbages—1st couple rabbits (given by Mr Davison), John Veal; 2nd 1s, J. Clasper.

Three carrots—1st 2s, G. Carr; 2nd 1s, J. Scott.

Two parsnips—1st 2s, G. Carr; 2nd 1s, R. Todd.

Three roots of beet—1st 2s, Thomas Minks, 2nd 1s, James Scott.

Three stems of rhubarb—1st teapot value 3s (given by Mrs Howie), J. Brown; 2nd 1s, R. Mitchinson.

Twelve pods of peas—1st 2s, James Brown; 2nd 1s, G. Carr.

Six spring onions—1st, 2s, E. Robson; 2nd 1s, G. Carr.

Six winter onions—1st, two young cockerels (given by Mrs Manning), E. Robson; 2nd 1s, John Steed.

Best collection of leeks—1st John Davidson; 2nd W. Cetrey; 3rd Thos. Robson.

Heaviest potatoes—1st R. Todd; 2nd R. Mitchinson.

Best two heads of leek, beet, and celery—1st Thomas Minks; 2nd Thomas Robson.

Twelve pods of beans—1st, print dress (given by Mr P. Crane), J. Clasper; 2nd, game hen (given by Mrs Duffy), R. Parkin.

Two cauliflowers—1st, a vest (given by Mr F. Clements, tailor, Spen), Thomas Robson; 2nd, 1s, J. Armstrong. (The produce awarded first prize becomes the property of the donor).

Three turnips—1st, couple rabbits (given by Mr Shield), W. Tell; 2nd, garden rake (given by Mr S. Knotts), R. Mitchinson.

Six round white potatoes—1st, garden spade (given by Mr G. Liddle), G. Carr; 2nd, watering pan (given by Mr G. Tweddle), W. Stonehouse.

Six round red potatoes—1st, garden gripe (given by Mr W. Hall), Thos. Minks; 2nd, watering pan (given by Mr Hooker), W. Cetrey.

Six white kidney potatoes—1st, beast heart (given by Mr J. Davison), E. Robson; 2nd, 1s. R. Davidson.

Six red kidneys—1st, (given by Mr Atkinson), Thos. Robson; 2nd, 1s, J. Stonehouse.

Two Scotch cabbages—1st, beast tongue (given by Mr W. Atkinson), P.C. Farrer; 2nd, 1s. R. Todd.

Two savoys—1st, 1lb tea (given by Mr Kenleyside), R. Todd; 2nd, 1s. R. Stonehouse.

Two heads of celery—1st, pair ladies slippers (given by Mr James Farrage), R. Todd; 2nd, 2s, Jno. Veal.

Best collection of potatoes, three varieties of kidney and round, and three of each variety—1st, 10 lbs beef (given by Mr W. Anderson). Ed. Robson; 2nd, print dress (given by Mr D. Harris), R. Todd. (The produce awarded prizes becomes the property of the donors).

Best three parsnips, carrots, and turnips—1st, felt hat (given by Mr D. Harris), W. Cetrey; 2nd, 2s, R. Todd.

Best three heads of celery, three round and three kidney potatoes, and collection of vegetables—1st, seeds value 5s (given by Messrs. Finney, Mosley Street, Newcastle), Jno. Veal; 2nd, 2s, R. Todd.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Best collection of vegetables, six varieties, two of each kind (open class)—1st, pair cloth blankets, value 23s (given by Mr J. Heslop, Newcastle), R. Todd; 2nd, a vest (given by Mr G. Henderson, Broomhill), Thos. Robson. (The produce awarded prizes becomes the property of the donors).

Best collection of vegetables, six varieties, two of each kind (confined to workmen at Victoria Garesfield Colliery)—1st, copper kettle, Thos. Minks; 2nd, garden spade (given by Messrs. Proctor and Sons, Newcastle), R. Todd.

PIGEONS.

Best pair of Homer pigeons, cock and hen (confined to boys at Victoria Garesfield)—1st, book on management of pigeons, value 2s (given by Mr J. Tucker), Thos. Joyce; 2nd, pocket knife value 1s 6d (given by Mr A. Ward), S. Potts; 3rd, 1s, J. Brett.

WRITING COMPETITION.

(For scholars attending Victoria Garesfield Schools; prizes of books awarded by Mr J. Parker, newsagent):—

For the best writer amongst boys—1st and extra prize, James Mathieson; 2nd, Thos. Ford.

Best writer amongst girls—1st, Margaret McWatt; 2nd, Annie Ford.

(Open to scholars attending Victoria Garesfield and Spen Schools. In the following classes prizes of useful books were presented by the proprietor of the *Consett Guardian*):—

Best writer: Boys from 11 to 14 years of age—Robt. McWatt; under 11 years—Thos. Ford.

Girls from 11 to 14 years—Louisa Harbour; under 11—Jemima Mathieson. In this class an extra prize for excellence of writing was awarded to Ellen Campbell, aged seven years.

For scholars who attended most regularly and punctually out of 438 times the school was opened—1st, Geo. Mitchieson, who made 438 attendances; 2nd, Mary Henderson, 437; 3rd, Wm. Richardson, 436.

When the school-room was thrown open to the public shortly after two o'clock, the place was soon filled, and the exhibition continued to be largely patronised throughout the afternoon. Selections of music were performed by the Spen "Jumbo" band. A ball was held in the evening. The committee are to be congratulated on the success attending their efforts on the present occasion.

Local Police Courts.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, Sept. 3rd.—Before A. TOWN, Esq. (in the chair), and J. PRIESTMAN, Esq.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

Robert Cooper was summoned for being drunk and incapable at Consett on the 25th ult.—P.C. James Roper stated that at two o'clock on the morning in question he found the defendant lying asleep by the roadside in Delves Lane. He woke him up and saw that he was intoxicated. After some trouble he persuaded the defendant to walk off home.—Cooper denied emphatically that he was drunk, and he desired to know if he was in the state described by the officer, why he was not locked up at once?—The Chairman informed the defendant that the police had no right to take him into custody unless he was creating a disturbance.—Sergt. McClymont (sworn) said he saw P.C. Roper arouse the defendant, and on going up to the man, he found him in such a state of drunkenness that five minutes elapsed before he could get a rational word from him. He (witness) informed the defendant that if he did not go straight home he would be locked up.—Defendant protested that he was perfectly sober. He had been working hard that day; and happening to rest himself by the roadside he suddenly fell asleep. He knew perfectly well when he was roused up by the police officer.—Six previous convictions having been proved against defendant, he was merely fined in the sum of 2s 6d and 6s 6d costs.

James and *Thomas Grey*, brothers, both pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk at Blackhill on the 25th August.—P.C. Best adduced that shortly after eleven o'clock on Saturday night, he saw the defendants very drunk in Durham Road. Subsequently he found them lying in Turncoat Row, being unable to get into the house.—Defendants were mulcted in a penalty of 2s 6d each and costs.

Edward Finnegan, a youth, was summoned by P.C. Best for being drunk in Bottle Bank, Blackhill, at half-past eleven o'clock on the night of August 25th. Afterwards the officer found the defendant lying behind Mr Christopher's haystack.—A similar fine was imposed in this case.

William Bell was fined 2s 6d and expenses, or seven days' hard labour, for being intoxicated in Derwent Street, Blackhill, at eleven p.m., on the 25th ult.

James Guinety also admitted being guilty of the same offence on the 25th ult.—P.C. Best noticed the defendant drunk in Bottle Bank, Blackhill, at 11.30 p.m., and subsequently found him along with Finnegan behind Mr Christopher's haystack.—Defendant was ordered to pay 2s 6d and costs; in default, to be imprisoned for a week.

DRUNK ON LICENSED PREMISES.

A young man of the name of *John Campbell*, was placed in the dock on a charge of being drunk on the licensed premises of Mr Dickinson Taylor, Station Hotel, Blackhill, on Saturday evening last.—P.C. Garbutt deposed that at 10.45 p.m., accompanied by P.C. Hudson, he visited the Station Hotel, and there found the defendant in the tap room, along with two or three other men. There was a quart jug, three-parts filled with beer, standing in front of them. The defendant was sitting fast asleep, with his head resting on the table. He called the attention of Miss Taylor, the landlord's daughter, to the defendant, and after some trouble he was awakened up. Witness and P.C. Hudson then led the man out of the house, but he was so inebriated that he staggered about and was unable to stand. As the defendant wished to lie down on the footpath, they were obliged to lock him up.—The Chairman: Do you know whether the defendant obtained the drink in the Station Hotel?—Officer: I did not see him served, but his companions had some liquor before them.—Defendant: I was drunk when I entered the Station Hotel. I have no knowledge of getting any drink there.—Defendant was let off after paying a fine of 2s 6d and 6s 10d costs.

DRUNK AND ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

Patrick Evans, a youth employed at the Brick Works, pleaded guilty to charges of being drunk and disorderly, and assaulting P.C. Simpson at Consett, last Saturday night.—P.C. Dodd testified that shortly after eleven o'clock p.m. on the 1st inst., the defendant was causing a loud disturbance in Trafalgar Street, with a large concourse of people gathered around him. He was swearing and shouting at the top of his voice.—P.C. Simpson stated that when he was taking the prisoner into custody the latter kicked him on the legs with a pair of heavy clogs all the way to the Police Station.—Defendant complained that the officer tore the front of his shirt; but P.C. Simpson asserted that this was torn through Evans fighting with another man previous to his appearance on the scene.—Sergt. McClymont spoke to the defendant kicking P.C. Simpson violently on the legs whilst he was being escorted to the lock-up. When they reached the Police Station, the constable's legs were found to be bleeding.—The charge of drunkenness was dismissed. For the assault, Evans was fined 20s, including costs.

GATESHEAD COUNTY POLICE.

TUESDAY, September 4th.—Before R. FORSTER Esq.

TRESPASS IN SEARCH OF GAME.

Mark Cawthorne was charged with trespassing in pursuit of game on land at Chopwell Wood, belonging to Mr Jonathan Priestman, J.P., of Shotley Bridge.—The case was proved, but the defendant contended that he had leave from his masters, who owned part of the Hamsterley estate, to free access over all their land. The statement, however, was denied by Mr Priestman's keeper.—Defendant was fined 18s and costs.

ALLEGED THEFT OF A WATCH AT WHICKHAM.

Ellen Teck, a married woman, was charged with stealing a silver watch and guard, the property of Mary Ann Bell, a domestic servant at Green Farm, Whickham, on the 24th ult.—The defendant was remanded for a week, in order that another charge of a similar nature might be preferred against her.

FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR VICTORIA GARESFIELD.—About one o'clock on Saturday last, a lad of 12 years, named George Murray, residing with his parents at Winlaton, was killed on the Garesfield wagon-way. He was knocked down by a number of wagons, which passed over his body, causing instantaneous death.

Business Announcements.

NINTH YEAR OF ATTENDING CONSETT.

MR. IMARKHAM, SURGEON DENTIST, of Newcastle, Attends at Miss WILLIAMS', No. 4, MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, EVERY MONDAY, from 1-30 p.m. to 3-30 pm.

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ANNFIELD PLAIN,

FOR TEAS, GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, FLOUR, AND ALL KINDS OF FEEDING STUFFS, PATENT MEDICINES, DRAPERIES, READY-MADE CLOTHING, &c., &c.

KINDLY COMPARE THE FOLLOWING PRICES—

FLOUR:—FINES, 1s. 8d.; SUPERS, 1s. 10d.; PATENT PROCESS, 2s.; HUNGARIAN, 2s. 6d. per stone.

☞ TEAS:—Mixed, 1s. 4d., 1s. 8d., 1s. 10d. 2s. 0d., 2s. 6d., and 3s. Indian Tea, Pure, in ¼ and 1lb. Packets, 2s., 2s. 6d., and 3s. 6d. COFFEE—Pure or Mixed, from 10d. to 1s. 3d. RICE—6d. and 8d. per Quarter Stone. Ground Rice, 2d. per lb. BUTTER—Good, 1s., Fine, 1s. 2d., Finest, 1s. 3d. BUTTERINE, 10d. to 1s. per lb. PURE LARD, in Tins, 2½lbs. 2s. 3d.; 7lbs., 4s. 3d., 14lbs. 8s. CHEESE, 6d. to 10d. per lb. MILK, 1lb. Tins, 5½d. SOAPS, from 2d. to 4d. per lb., or 8d. to 1s. per quarter stone. Marsden's White Curd Soap, 4d. per lb. CANDLES—Dips, 6½d., Paraffin Wax, 6½d. FINEST GOOSEBERRY JAM, 4s. 3d. per stone.

ALL 1s. 1½d. PATENT MEDICINES FOR 9½d.

☞ TERMS CASH. 2½ PER CENT. DISCOUNT.

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BRANCH—MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT. 683r

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BEST VALUE IN DRESSES AND DRAPERIES.
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N.B.—Mr. MATTHEW WILLEY, Iveston Road, Leadgate (late with GEORGE HAWDON, Rate Collector), will be happy to wait upon you, on receipt of Post Card, and submit Patterns and Prices of our well-known Dress and Drapery Goods. All Parcels forwarded at once, CARRIAGE PAID! 99s

HARPERLEY AND CATCHGATE STEAM AND WATER CORN MILLS,

NEAR ANNFIELD PLAIN, *VIA* LINTZ GREEN,

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MILLER AND CORN MERCHANT, GARDEN AND FIELD SEEDSMAN, GROCER AND PROVISION MERCHANT,

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INDIAN MEAL, PEA MEAL, BARLEY MEAL, BOXINGS, SHARPS, AND BRAN.

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Thoroughly Cleaned by New and Improved Machinery, Spiced, or otherwise, to order.

HOBSON'S IMPROVED CONDIMENT FOR HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, PIGS, POULTRY, &c., &c., Cheapest and Best in the Market.

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This Calf Meal is an excellent substitute for milk, and what is of very great importance to Stock Breeders, it tends greatly to save calves from that inflammatory fever commonly called quarter-ill.

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PERMANENT CLOVER AND GRASS SEEDS has been tested and approved by the leading Agriculturists of the district upwards of thirty-five years.

PRICE LISTS ON APPLICATION. 427r

Business Announcements.

THOMAS LATHAM,

FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

T. L. BEGS to announce that he is now showing a LARGE STOCK OF NEW GOODS FOR THE PRESENT SEASON, consisting of BLACK AND COLOURED DRESS MATERIALS, MILLINERY, BONNETS, STRAW HATS, FLOWERS, CORSETS, GLOVES, LACES, FRILLINGS, &c., &c., GREY and WHITE CALICOES, HOLLANDS, FLANNELS, SHEETS, SHIRTINGS, FINGERING, WOOLS.

MEN'S FELT HATS, TIES, BRACES, SHIRTS, FRONTS, COLLARS, &c.

THE ABOVE GOODS WILL BE FOUND THE CHEAPEST EVER OFFERED IN THE DISTRICT.

☞ PATTERNS FORWARDED POST FREE ON APPLICATION.

NOTE THE ADDRESS:—

THOMAS LATHAM,

(OPPOSITE NORTH-EASTERN BANK), 124s

FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

DISTRICT AUDITOR'S SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOT THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 29TH, 1883.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Balance in Treasurer's hands			88 0 10
Do. Surveyor's hand			40 0 0
Do. Collector's hand			0 0. 0½
RECEIVES.			
1st Rate made May, 1882, at 11d. in the pound	1556 18 2½		
Less Irrecoverable	41 14 7½		
		1015 3 7	
2nd Rate made Nov. 1882, at 10d. in the Pound	959 2 2½		
Recoverable Arrears	0 6 8		
	959 8 11½		
Less Irrecoverable	6 15 2½		
Recoverable	0 6 8		
	7 1 10½		
		952 7 1	
FROM OTHER SOURCES.			
By Market Tolls			9 15 9
,, Rents			21 4 0
,, Bank Interest			2 13 0
,, Penalties			1 4 3
,, Public Street Improvement			131 2 7
		£2261 11 1½	

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
PAYMENTS.		
IN RESPECT OF HIGHWAYS.		
To Labour	160 7 1	
,, Team Labour	119 2 1½	
,, Tradesmen's Bills	15 7 3	
,, Materials	335 8 6	
	630 5 11½	
SEWERAGE.		
,, Pasture Drift Road	85 5 0	
,, West Derwent Street	34 18 2	
,, Ordinary	62 0 6½	
	182 3 8½	
,, Public Lighting	43 16 4	
,, Watering Streets	26 16 1½	
,, Scavenging	37 11 7½	
PUBLIC STREET IMPROVEMENT.		
,, Front Street, Cementing, &c.	107 19 8	
,, Middle Street do.	176 6 3	
,, Ordinary	69 12 11½	
	363 18 10½	
,, Public Convenience	13 11 4	
FIRE BRIGADE.		
,, Drill	11 10 0	
,, Water Company	6 13 9	
,, J. Scaife	0 2 6	
,, Attending Fire at Consett Hall	3 3 0	
	15 10 3	
,, Salaries of Officers	176 5 0	
,, Salary of Medical Officer	15 15 0	
ESTABLISHMENT CHARGES.		
,, Stationery	12 15 4	
,, Advertising	11 8 0	
,, Gas and Water	6 5 0	
,, Stamps	2 13 5	
,, Rates and Taxes	5 5 4½	
,, Fire Insurance	1 0 0	
,, Registrar for Returns to Medical Officer	1 2 6	
,, "Justice of the Peace" Newspaper	1 4 6	
,, Ordinary	52 0 0	
	93 14 1½	
,, Audit Stamp	4 0 0	
,, Hospital	19 2 10	
,, Bank Interest	0 5 0	
,, Private Street Improvement	1 3 4	
	1988 16 7	
,, Balance in Treasurer's hand	253 0 0	
Do. Collector's hand	2 11 3½	
Do. Surveyor's hand	17 3 3	
	£2261 11 1½	

27th August, 1883. JAMES RADFORD, District Auditor.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1st September, 1883.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Accounts for the Year endgd 25th March last have come before me for Audit, and have been certified.

Summary of Receipts and Payments had been carefully prepared in the Clerk's Office, as well as the Statutory Financial Statement in duplicate. That for the Local Government Board has been forwarded, Audit Stamp being 5s.

It is satisfactory that you have no loan.

The Surveyor shewed me your recent improvements; the town, at early morn, appeared to advantage as to cleanliness, and it is to be hoped the good class of dwellings put up by the Company may have an elevating influence on the occupants.

The Books and Accounts had been made up in a very painstaking manner. The Ledger and Surveyor's Accounts might be a little less elaborate, as I have pointed out to the Clerk and himself.

Security may be required from the Treasurer if there is not already a bond.—Sec. 194, Public Health Act, 1875.

Tottenham v. Rowell, 49 L.J., ch. 147, is an authority to shew that private improvement apportionments are a "charge" on property, and may be recovered by Chancery proceedings, although the Statutory remedy may have lapsed.

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

The Chairman and Members of the Consett Urban Sanitary Authority. 155s

SURGICAL DENTISTRY.

HENRY DELLOW,

SURGEON DENTIST,

1, NEW BRIDGE STREET (Corner of Higham Place), NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

17 Years with the late Messrs. NIGHTINGALE.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH of superior make on most Reasonable Terms, and all Surgical Operations skilfully performed. Attendance Daily, 41, New Bridge Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 877q

THOMAS MILNER,

CENTRAL CHEMIST, CONSETT,

At this season of the year desires to draw the attention of the public to the following preparations, viz:—

BOWEL COMPLAINT MIXTURE for CHOLERA and DIARRHŒA, prepared as recommended by the Local Board of Health.

EFFERVESCING FRUIT SALTS, IN BOTTLES, 1s. EACH.

MILNER'S Vegetable Aperient Dandelion Podophylin PILLS, specially recommended for diseases of the Liver and Stomach. Full directions for use with each Box, 7½d. and 1s. 1½d.

POTASSIUM SARSPARILLA MIXTURE, for Purifying the Blood. In Bottles, 1s. 4d. and 2s. 6d.

QUININE and IRON TONIC, 1s. and 2s. 6d. per Bottle.

ORANGE QUININE WINE, prepared according to the British Pharmacopœa, in Bottles of various sizes.

Finest New Season's COD LIVER OIL, 1s. and 2s. a bottle.

BALSAMIC COUGH MIXTURE, one of the finest Remedies for Coughs, Colds, &c.

COMPOSITION POWDER and COMPOSITION ESSENCE.

Also a New Remedy recommended for Corns.

LAMONT'S Magnetic Belts, Chest Protectors, and Appliances of every description for Lumbago, Rheumatism, &c.

SPECTACLES AND EYEGLASSES TO SUIT ALL SIGHTS

SHEEP DIPS AND HORSE AND CATTLE MEDICINES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

OILS, PAINTS, COLOURS, AND VARNISHES, IN EVERY VARIETY.

☞ N.B.—Kindly call at 7, SHAKESPEARE STREET, and ask for Circular of Specialities. 77s

CHEAP STATIONERY DEPOT.

JASPER COCKBURN,

STATIONER, NEWSAGENT, PRINTER, BOOKBINDER, FUTURE FRAMER, CONFECTIONER, AND DEALER IN FANCY GOODS,

13, FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

☞ Books not in Stock may be had at a short notice.

Agent for the Eureka-Tinted Perescopic Spectacles, Fuller's Dye Works, &c., &c. 424r

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CELEBRATED

FELT 2s. 6D. HAT,

49, CLAYTON STREET,

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. 754q

DENTISTRY.

SUPERIOR DENTISTRY AND REASONABLE CHARGES.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH from 3s. to 5s.; complete Upper or Lower Sets, containing 14 teeth, 30s. to 50s.; a perfect fit; and all work guaranteed and warranted for five years. 714s

MONS. VAN GELDEREN,

SURGEON DENTIST,

17, ELDON SQUARE, NEWCASTLE.

Public Notices.

NOTICE.

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

LOOK OUT! LOOK OUT! LOOK OUT!

THE ANNFIELD PLAIN RACES will be held on Wednesday, September 19th, 1883. For particulars see Bills. 145s Post Entry. JOHN LUMLEY, Sec.

Public Notices.

☞ SPEN.

REMEMBER the SPEN FLOWER SHOW and SPORTS, September 15th, 1883.

RECORD RACE—1st Prize, Gold Ring; 2nd, Gold Pin; 3rd, Felt Hat. Entries, 1s.

☞ Good Prizes for Running, Jumping, Obstacle, Stone Picking, and Back-racing if the Entries are satisfactory.

THE WELL-KNOWN SPEN BAND WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE. 140s

MR. NICHOLAS MORGAN, the Great Mesmerist and England's Phrenologist, will demonstrate the WONDERS OF MESMERISM and the truth of PHRENOLOGY, in the ASSEMBLY ROOMS, Consett, to-night, Friday, September 7th, and each of the 2 following nights. His Entertainment offers a RICHFEAST OF FUN, and Instruction. Every person should see it.

Doors open at 7-30. Admission, 1s., 6d., and 4d. See other Announcements. 148s

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

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

M. RICHLEY, Secretary.

Gas Office, Shotley Bridge. 146q

R. VON DIX,

THE PHOTOGRAPHER,

MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT.

HALF-DOZEN CARDE-DE-VISITES AND ONE CABINET FOR 3s. 6d. SPLENDID FINISH.

NOTICE.

THE FURNESS RAILWAY COMPANY have opened an Office at 49, Collingwood Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, where all information as to the Barrow Docks, also Tariffs for Dock Dues, charges for loading and discharging, rates, &c., can be obtained from

S. WALTON, Traffic Agent. 873r

T. C. CAMPBELL,

SURGEON DENTIST,

GRAINGER STREET, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE

ARTIFICIAL TEETH made on the most approved principles, of the best materials, and finished in a superior style, supplied on terms to suit the convenience of everybody.

A PERFECT FIT GUARANTEED. NO EXTRACTION OF STUMPS NECESSARY.

Complete Upper or Lower Sets, from £3 to £4 10s. From 4s. to 10s. per Tooth.

Partial Sets, containing upwards of Six Teeth, from 2s. per Tooth.

TEETH SCALED, CLEANED, STOPPED, AND EXTRACTED. Children's Teeth Regulated.

All Operations skilfully performed. Charges strictly moderate.

NITROUS OXIDE GAS, FOR PAINLESS DENTISTRY. FEE, 5s.

CONSULTATIONS FREE.

☞ Patients may be attended at their own homes by appointment, by letter or otherwise. Wherever possible, Railway Fare will be allowed to patients from the Country. 122s

GRAND GALA AT SHOTLEY SPA.

☞ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 1883.

110 YARDS OPEN HANDICAP (35 Entries)

1st Price, £3; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10s. Entrance 1s. each.

WRESTLING (CUMBERLAND STYLE). FINAL BEST OF THREE FALLS.

1st Prize, £2 10s.; 2nd, 15s.; 3rd and 4th, 5s. each. Entrance 1s. each.

QUARTER-OF-A-MILE OPEN HANDICAP. (15 Entries)

1st Price, £1 10s.; 2nd, 7s. 6d.; 3rd, 2s. 6d. Entrance, 1s. each.

☞ Entries for above events to be sent as soon as possible to Mr. CHAS. RICHARDSON, Shotley Bridge.

AN OBSTACLE RACE and STONE-PICKING or SACK RACE will be added if the entries in above events are satisfactory. 84s

☞ Sports to commence with the 110 Yards Handicap at 2-30 p.m., and Wrestling at 4 o'clock.

THE SPEN EXCELSIOR REED BAND WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

THE LICENSING ACT, 1872.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR JUSTICES' CERTIFICATE.

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

I, JOHN NEVIN, now residing at Lintz Colliery, in the Township of Tanfield, in the County of Durham, Do Hereby Give Notice, that it is my intention to apply at the Adjourned General Annual Licensing Meeting, to be holden at the Justice Room, Lanchester, on the 20th day of September next, for a License to hold any Excise License or Licenses to Sell by Retail, in pursuance of the Act 11 Geo. IV, and 1 William IV, c. 64, and Acts amending the same, Beer, to be consumed either on or off the House or Premises thereunto belonging, situate at Lintz Colliery, in the said Township, of which Premises, Charlotte Nevin, of Lintz Colliery, is the Owner, and which said Premises are now in my occupation.

Given under my hand this 29th day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-three. 125s JOHN NEVIN.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

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

Medomsley.—Sale of Substantial, Commodious, and Well-built Property.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed to offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Hotel of Mr. SAMUEL MACE, Royal Oak Inn, Medomsley, on Thursday, September 20th, 1883, at Seven o'clock in the Evening, subject to Conditions to be then and there produced and read, all that Substantial Commodious, and Pleasantly-situate HOUSE and SHOP, at Medomsley, as at present occupied by Mrs. ROBERT MOFFATT as a Grocery and Provision Store, containing Double fronted Shop, Sitting-room, Parlour, Front and Back Kitchens, and Three good Bed-rooms, together with Warehouse, Stable, Coal Byre, and large Yard behind, and every Convenience attached and thereunto belonging.

☞ This is a good opportunity for Property-buyers, as the premises are laid out in the most convenient manner, and are in good repair.

The Tenant will shew the property, and further particulars may be had on application to Mr. JOHN MILBURN, of Allendale Cottages, the Owner, or from the AUCTIONEER at his Office, Town Hall, Consett.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Joseph Oley.

East Billingside Farm.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, September 12th, 1883, the AWAY-GOING CROPS upon the above Farm, belonging to Mrs. ELIZABETH CLARKE,
MR. JOSEPH OLEY, Auctioneer,
Comprising—11 ACRES OATS.
9 ACRES BARLEY.

Three Months' Credit will be given on approved Security, or Sixpence in the Pound for Ready-money.
Sale on the Premises at Three o'clock p.m. 124s

Fern Cottage, Castleside.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY, honoured with instructions from the Representatives of the late Mrs JANE WATSON, of Castleside, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the House of Mrs. DAVISON, Smelters' Arms Inn, Castleside, on Friday, the 21st day of September, 1883, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, and subject to such Conditions as will be read at the time of Sale, all that excellent

COPYHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE,

Known as Fern Cottage, containing Seven Rooms, with all Out-offices, having Gardens both front and back.

The above Residence is desirably situated in the salubrious, prosperous, and increasing village of Castleside, and near to the great leviathan Ironworks, Consett.

The above Property has very recently been thoroughly repaired, and may be viewed, and further information will be given on application to Mr T. J. MUSE, Provision Merchant, Castleside, and the AUCTIONEER, Shotley Bridge. 157s

MR. OLEY will also SELL the whole of the valuable Household FURNITURE in the above Fern Cottage, Castleside, on Saturday, September 22nd, 1883, belonging to the deceased Lady named in the above advertisement, full particulars of which will be given in Posters.
Sale to commence at One o'clock p.m. 158s

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

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

Fenwick's Terrace, West Stanley.—Monday, September 10th, 1883.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, commissioned by Mr. JOHN J. DAWSON, who is Emigrating to Australia, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at above Place and Date, all his Choice Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE, Superior 9-Stop HARMONIUM, in Rosewood, 50-in. BICYCLE, best Coventry make, with all the latest improvements, little worse than new, LIBRARY OF BOOKS, with a host of other Lots. See Bills at once.
Sale to begin at Half-past One o'clock. 122s

Quarry Row, Tantobie.—Saturday, September 15th, 1883.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, commissioned by Mr. S. WATT, who is leaving the neighbourhood, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above Place and Date, all his choice Household FURNITURE and other heterogeneous lots. See Bills.
Sale to begin at Two o'clock. 154s

Catchgate.—Monday, September 17th, 1883.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. GEORGE CHATTOR (who is Emigrating to Australia), will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date, all his very excellent Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE, BOOKS, &c.
See Bills without delay.
Sale to begin at One o'clock. 153s

126, Gas House Square, West Stanley.—Wednesday, September 19th, 1883.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr. JOHN JOPLING (who is Emigrating to Australia), will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date, all his very valuable Household FURNITURE, and General Effects.
Sale to begin at Half-past One o'clock. 154s

A. PHILLIPSON,
GENERAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, HOUSE-AGENT, &c., DIPTON.
CASH ADVANCES made, and FURNITURE, &c., Bought for Cash. Business done Promptly, and upon Reasonable Terms. 27e

EMIGRATION TO AMERICA
Great Reduction in Fares by the American Line.
ONLY £4 PER ADULT!
For reliable information, apply to A. PHILLIPSON, Auctioneer, Dipton, or to WILLIAM ROBINSON Medomsley. 125r

By Mr. P. Osborne.

Lintz Colliery, near Burnopfield.

MR. P. OSBORNE, acting under instructions from Mrs. CHARLOTTE NEVIN, who is about to remove to smaller premises, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday, the 17th September, 1883, at 1·30 p.m., a large quantity of Household FURNITURE, COUP CART, SOW and PIGS, and about 30 Head of Well-bred POULTRY. Particulars in Posters. 143s

By Mr. J. Jenkins.

Trafalgar Street Sale-Rooms, Consett.

MR. JOHN JENKINS will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday First, September 10th, 1883, in the above Sale-Rooms, a large quantity of Valuable New and Second-hand Household FURNITURE, comprising — Excellent Wardrobe; Mahogany Chiffioneer Bed; Mahogany Desk Bed; Mahogany Lobby Drawers; Mahogany Three-quarter Chest of Drawers; Mahogany Press; Dressing and other Drawers; Couch, in Hair seating; Arm Chair, in Hair-seating; Rocking Chair, in Hair-seating; 6 Polished Kitchen Chairs; Windsor and Cane Chairs; 2 Arm Chairs; Mahogany Centre Table; Card Table; Kitchen Tables and Tea Tables; Brass and Iron Tester and French Bedsteads; Poled and Camp Bedsteads; several Pairs Mattresses; Feather, Down, and Flock Beds; useful Writing Desk; Clocks and Timepieces; Cornice Poles; Towel Rails; Perambulator; 2 Cradles; Child's Cot; Parlour and Kitchen Fenders and Fire-irons; Pans; Kettles; Crockery Ware; together with other Useful Goods.
Sale to commence at One o'clock. 163s

By Mr. John Crawford.

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

Business done promptly and on reasonable terms.

Mr. A. T. Crow.

Peel's Great Northern Horse Repository, Haymarket.
The Oldest Established in the City.

SALES BY AUCTION of HORSES, CARRIAGES and SADDDLERY, EVERY TUESDAY, at Two o'clock
Entries respectfully solicited.
A. T. CROW, Auctioneer
JOHN PEEL, Proprietor

By Mr. Thomas M. Dawson.

PERSONS having Goods for Disposal should send them to a Central Auction Room,
Where there is a regular Weekly Sale held every Friday.
Where there is always a large attendance of Buyers.
Where the Auctioneer's experience can be trusted to secure a fair price.
Where prompt and ready settlements are always made.
Where the Auctioneer will Purchase the Goods, and thereby undertake the risk of Sale.
Where the Auctioneer will advance Cash prior to the Sale.
Where Goods of every description are regularly Sold.
Where?
AT "THE" AUCTION ROOMS,
6, MARKET STREET, AND 16, HOOD STREET,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THOMAS M. DAWSON, AUCTIONEER. 835

Sales by Auction.

By Messrs. Nicholson and Murray.

Royal Auction Mart, Agricultural Hall, Benfieldside.

ON MONDAY FIRST, September 10th, 1883.

6 FAT CATTLE, 1 very Prime Fat Bull.

60 FAT SHEEP AND LAMBS.

12 VERY SUPERIOR INCALVING COWS,

Also, expected, if they get forward in time, other 20 Cows.

60 GRAZING HEIFERS.

500 HALF-BRED AND GREY-FACED LAMBS.

100 GEESE.

Strong useful Dog Cart and Harness; Set of Spring Cart Harness; Set of Gig Harness; 10 Cheese, &c.

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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, SEPT 7TH, 1883.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

The die is cast, and the knowledge-seeking section of the dwellers in Consett and district will next winter have the mysteries of chemistry made plain to them. I am very far from being a pessimest, for I almost invariably gild the future with hues which Time, unbidden, tinges with less attractive tints, but I cannot refrain from declaring that I believe the subject to be one which will not meet with general acceptance. It is all very well to talk about the people of Consett being specially interested in metallurgy. That may be, and if all men were clerks and schoolmasters the subject would be appropriate enough, but working men as a rule know little about chemistry and care less. It seems to me that too much stress is laid upon the fact that the Consett Centre, next to Cardiff, towered above all other centres. 230 is a very respectable average attendance, and judging from these figures the outside world will be led to think that Consett is as famous for the intellectual status of its inhabitants as it is for the manufacture of ship-plates and pig-iron. I have no desire to break the spell, but there is one thing which cannot have escaped the observation of local men, who in former years have tried to raise the wind by lectures and failed. There are gentlemen in the Consett district as qualified, both by aptitude and education, to interest an audience as any Cambridge University lecturer, and yet I know not one that could command 230 persons for one evening, to say nothing of twelve successive lectures. How then did a district so circumstanced win so distinguished a place in the gallery of fame? A writer, in a recent issue of the *Consett Guardian*, while admitting that the success which attended the lectures could be traced to several causes, dwelt particularly upon the influence of the chairman, the deputy-chairman, the first-class committee, and the many amiable qualities of the secretary. Nor was the lecturer forgotten, for had he, been an angel sent from heaven he could not have earned a more flowery recommendation than that accorded to him by "Ad Referendum." Praise is a very good thing, but like most of the good things of this life, it is lavished upon those who, if they do not actually merit it, could at least do very well without it. At the same time no one will deny that the leading spirits in the course of lectures referred to well deserve a word of praise, from the chairman downward. They laid the foundation, but the superstructure was raised by that unstable, never-to-be-trusted dame—the public. There is no getting over that: no one man, nor body of men, could bring between two and three hundred people together through dub and mire for three months in succession. It was not the subject, although it has been said that it was "eminently suited to the inhabitants of the district." That is a most extraordinary statement and if it is true, the people of Consett have not tarried long between light and darkness. But who, bar "Ad Referendum," will say that the subject was well-chosen? To the outsider the attendance would seem to favour that theory, but the man who has come in contact day by day with the working men, whose presence brought up the average, will tell another tale. The lectures were a failure financially, and but for one cause, and one alone, they had been a failure in attendance also. The secret of their success lay in the hour set apart for asking and answering questions. That was the "open sesame"—the farce after the play—that drew the crowd, and if the reader has mixed with the audience as they trooped to their homes he will, if he cares to tell the truth, admit that the butt of every jest was—the questions. Some people are naturally inquisitive; they would pump a philosopher as dry as a nutshell, and never had the Consettonion such an opportunity of gratifying this propensity.

But it is no use talking about a subject, the question ought rather to be: what was the subject that was not handled, abused, or murdered at question time? There was hardly a theme that imagination could body forth that was not made subservient to the occasion, and ambitious to become profound, many became ridiculous. In this, sir, more than anything else, lay the charm of the University Lectures. Some may storm at the bare idea, but it is not the first time that men have gnashed their teeth when the truth was told, nor will it be the last. Personally, I have no doubt whatever but much good was accomplished, but it was in a round-about way, and it is much better to put things exactly as they are. I cannot understand why any man could assert that the subject was "eminently suited to the inhabitants of the district," when it is well known that if that term is to be accepted according to the usual rendering the inhabitants are working men, and few, if any, have come to the front in this intellectual wapinschaw. The heroes and heroines were men and women who labour not by muscle, but by brain and pen; the subject was beyond the grasp of the ordinary working man, as the list of honours but too plainly show. Their turn will, however, come next—

"Men have not wings, they cannot soar;
But they have feet to scale and climb,"

says Longfellow, and there is no reason to suppose that with the advantages accruing from the many aids to improvements, Consett will remain behind other towns similarly circumstanced. It is to be regretted that a more attractive subject was not forthcoming for the next course of lectures, but nobody in the district is, it appears, to blame. The fault lies in the system, one lecturer having to "do" several districts, no one subject being got up for one particular locality. There is no doubt but the most will be made of the subject, and if the usual hour is given for fancy to rove in chemistry is just as likely to command a good company as was "The mind, and how to use it." It is to be hoped that this will be the case, and, indeed, there are many reasons why this should be "a more excellent song than the other." The lectures have now been established, and as a house-to-house canvas is about to be resorted to they will in very truth become a veritable household word.

The railway arrangements for Shotley flower show were wretched in the extreme, and crowds declare they will never again visit Shotley Bridge. The scene at the Railway Station was disgusting, the conduct of the visitors being more like savages than civilized beings. Excursionists from Shields, Sunderland, Newcastle, and Carlisle were mixed up indiscriminately, and the utmost confusion prevailed, people imagining that they were being whirled any way but the right way. The carriages were filled to suffocation, one-half of the passengers having to stand or sit on the knees of their companions in tribulation. The station gates were shut—not when the proverbial horse was stolen, but when a huge crowd to the number of several thousands had congregated on the platform. Three heavily-laden trains came up, and getting their complement, vanished in the gathering gloom, and then the gates were opened! Had they been closed when one-third of the number had entered, passengers might have been allowed to take their seats without the risk of getting their necks broken. When the trains came up the rush to get inside was a regular head-over-heels scramble, but happily there were few children or drunken men in the crowd, or there is no saying what the consequences would have been. I saw strong men seize young lads by the neck and drag them from the carriage so that they themselves might secure a seat. But the most extraordinary incident that came under my notice was that of a buxom dame, who finding every door closed against her turned her attention to the window of a first class carriage which was partially drawn. The door was locked, but not to be done the good woman looked wistfully at the half-drawn window and pressing forward she thrust her head and shoulder in, and in less time than it takes to tell it her heels vanished through the aperture! She did not make a graceful somersault, but it was not a time for ceremony; nor do I suppose that she will ever know who gave her the friendly lift. Determined not to be outdone by a woman some half-a-dozen lusty fellows followed her in rapid succession; and when the guard came and found the carriage full and the window broken he nearly went into a fit, but there was no time for reprisal, and for once at any rate perseverance did not go unrewarded.

It will take a good man to fill Marwood's shoes. He "cut the breath" upon purely scientific principles, and none but experts need aspire to the office. I have heard it rumoured to-day (Thursday) that a Tyneside man stands first for the post. He is, it is said, no novice at the work, having, as he himself declares, "hanged as many as a hundred Sepoys in a day." He is an old soldier, and was for some time a policeman at the Central Station, Newcastle. He often boasts of his achievements in the hanging line, and regrets that on the suppression of the rebelion his occupation was gone. Of course there is a difference between strangling Sepoys and hanging Englishmen, but it is always a point to have one's finger in the pie, and the Tyneside veteran chance may, peradventure, be good enough to win.

Local and District News.

The anniversary of the Castleside Wesleyan Chapel was held on Sunday, when the Rev. J. Reynolds, of Headingly, preached in the afternoon and evening.

BURNOPFIELD *v.* MARLEY HILL.—Return match played at Marley Hill on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by 54 runs. For the visitors Messrs Southren, Beardmore, and Armstrong played well; while for the home team Messrs Clark and Thirlaway tried hard to avert a defeat. Score: Marley Hill, 33; Burnopfield, 87.

PRESENTATION AT HOLMSIDE.—The members of the Holmside Cricket Club met the other evening, when George Ridley, secretary, handed to Mr W. Rutter a purse of gold to be presented to Mr R. Burn, captain of the club, who is about to leave the district. Mr Rutter, in making the presentation, said the members were very sorry at losing such a captain, and wished him every success in the future. Mr Burn suitably returned thanks. After the presentation a very enjoyable evening was spent.

ANNFIELD PLAIN WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Sunday the Rev William Taylor, the newly-appointed minister to the Annfield Plain station, preached for the first time in this chapel. In the morning Mr Taylor selected the passage from Isaiah—"As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you," and forcibly set forth the care which a mother cherished for her children, He ably shewed the care which our Saviour exercised towards the human family, and more especially to those who were found walking in wisdom's ways.—At night, the rev gentleman discoursed from the parable of "The Prodigal Son." The collections were in aid of the Trust funds.

GATESHEAD COUNTY POLICE COURT.—On Tuesday, before R. Forster and A. Town, Esqs., *George Armstrong* was charged by P.C. Robson with being in a drunken statt at Blaydon, on the 18th August. He was fined 2s 6d and costs.—*Wm. Gibson, Henry Watson*, and *Wm. Little*, of Crawcrook, who were summoned by P.C. Reynolds for being drunk and fighting at Ryton, on the 25th ult., were similarly fined.—*Mary Ann Hunter, Isabella Henry*, and *John Marron*, of Blackhall Mill, were severally charged by P.C. Pattison with being drunk and disorderly at that village on Aug. 25th. Marron and Henry were fined 5s, and Hunter 1s and costs.

DISPROPORTIONATE DISTRIBUTION OF LICENSED HOUSES.—The brewster sessions already held in this district have shown in several places a disproportionate distribution of drink facilities which is worthy of notice. For instance, at Lintz Colliery, where upwards of a thousand persons live, there is no fully-licensed house, while at Winlaton, which boasts of about two thousand inhabitants, no fewer than ten such places are to be found. Again, at Cornsay Colliery, with 2,072 inhabitants, only one licensed inn exists, while along Scotswood Road, Newcastle, such inns are to be found at not more than from one to two hundred yards apart. This anomalous state of affairs, it need scarcely be said, affords satisfaction to no one.—"Robin Goodfellow" in *Weekly Chronicle*.

DEATH OF AN OLD CONSETT TRADESMEN.—We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr David Imrie, for many years a tradesman in this town, which melancholy event occurred on Friday last, 31st ult., in the 74th year of his age. Mr Imrie commenced as a chemist in Front Street, Consett, in 1858, where he continued in business up to between two or three years ago, when declining health compelled him to retire. For about eight weeks previous to his death, he was confined to his bed, and during that time he suffered heavily. Deceased was of a literary turn of mind, and several of his poems have appeared from time to time in our columns. In 1859, when the *Consett Journal*—the first newspaper published in Consett—was established, Mr Imrie acted as editor, and since that time he has evinced great interest in the progress of our local press. After his retirement from business, Mr and Mrs Imrie resided with their son-in-law, Mr Thomas Swainston, grocer, of Middle Street. He leaves a widow and several children to mourn his loss. The interment of deceased took place on Monday afternoon, his remains being followed to Benfieldside Cemetery by a large number of the tradesmen. The funeral service was impressively read in the Cemetery Chapel by the Rev A. Baillie, while the Rev W. Hale officiated at the grave.

PICNIC AT LITTLE GREENCROFT.—The teachers of Consett Baptist Sunday-school, in response to a hearty invitation from their much-esteemed friend, Mr Balleny, of Little Greencroft, held a picnic at that gentleman's residence on Saturday afternoon last. The weather was all that could be desired, and shortly after arrival the party was entertained to tea in true picnic style by Mr Balleny, and the viands being *recherché* in the extreme, full justice was done to them. Amusements of every description were indulged in, and a continual run of pleasure was kept up until about dusk. Before returning home, the party sung several choice hymns before the venerable host, and to whom the Rev J. Roach proposed a vote of thanks for his unsolicited but thoroughly gracious invitation, expressing at the same time a hope that he might enjoy long life together with excellent health. Mr Lowes, superintendent of the school, seconded the proposition, which was carried with renewed acclamation, three ringing cheers being heartily accorded. Mr Balleny thanked them for their demonstrative but sincere thanks, and he was amply rewarded to see that the "outing" had been enjoyed by all. If spared for another year, it would afford him much gratification in again entertaining them. After other pieces had been rendered, the company wended their way homeward, they having spent a most delightful day.

BREWSTER SESSIONS.

The yearly licensing sessions for the Wolsingham section of Stanhope division were held on Tuesday.—The Chairman said it was very satisfactory to find that there had only been two innkeepers, and no beerhouse keepers, convicted during the twelve months, as against an increase of convictions previously. His Worship reminded the innkeepers of the great agitation now going on against their business. For his own part, he had found no class of men who conducted their business more respectably than innkeepers generally; and he only wished that in the ensuing year there might be still less to complain of. He hoped that if they met again—if they should be spared to do so—there would be a clean bill of health.—All the existing licenses were renewed, including those of two innkeepers subsequently charged with permitting drunkenness.—No licenses of any kind were applied for.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, Sept. 6th.—Before M. KEARNEY, Esq. (chairman), Rev J. P. DE PLEDGE, and GEO. HEDLEY, Esq.

THE EDUCATION ACT.

The undermentioned parents were summoned by Mr W. Ward, on behalf of the Lanchester School Attendance Committee, for neglecting to send their children to school, viz:—*Louisa Garthwaite*, Craghead, fined 5s, including costs; *Michael Daley*, Craghead, fined 2s 6d; *George Coates*, Craghead, 5s; *George Atkinson*, fireman, 5s; *Elizabeth Jobson*, widow, West Stanley, 2s 6d.

IMPUDENT ROBBERY AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Alexander Reed, a tramp, was brought up in custody charged with stealing three pairs of boots, valued at £1 0s 9d, from the establishment of Messrs Tyler Bros., at Annfield Plain, on the night of the 30th ult.—Miss Dodds, an assistant in the shop, stated that between six and seven o'clock on the night in question she saw the prisoner take down three pairs of boots which were hanging outside the window. She spoke to the man, requesting him not to take the boots away. Prisoner replied that he would "make short work of her," and then ran off. She followed in pursuit, but her brother happened to come up and take the boots from him.—John Dodds said he observed the prisoner running away followed by his sister. He ran up to the man and overtook him. He found the boots produced concealed under his coat.—James Scaife, manager for Messrs Tyler Bros., proved the value of the boots produced by the previous witness to be £1 0s 9d.—P.C. Hadwin deposed that when he apprehended the prisoner, and accused him of the theft, he admitted the charge, and said he hoped the magistrates would give no less than six months.—On being charged in court, the prisoner pleaded guilty to taking two pairs of boots.—Reed was committed to gaol for three calendar months, with hard labour.—The prisoner informed the Bench that they had better take his portrait when they were at it. (Laughter).

DESERTING FROM THE MILITIA.

A young fellow, named *George Watson*, now staying at Ushaw Moor, was put forward on a charge of deserting from the 3rd Battalion (Cumberland) of the Border Militia Regiment, stationed at Carlisle.—The prisoner admitted the charge, and was fined 40s and costs; in default, to be imprisoned for one month.

UNJUST SCALES.

John Tulip, grocer and provison merchant, of Cornsay Colliery, was summoned for having in his possession, on the 17th August, a pair of large scales which were deficient 3 ozs. 13 drs. against the purchaser.—Supt. Oliver, Inspector under the Weights and Measures Act, said that on the day referred to he examined the weights and scales in the defendant's establishment, and found a flour scale to be 3 ozs. 13 drs. against the buyer. On one end of the beam of the scale he discovered an iron nut, weighing about 3 ozs., which he produced, and when this was removed the scale was still ½ oz. against the purchaser. The defendant must have known that the scale was defective before he placed the nut on it to make it worse than what it really was.—The defendant was likewise charged with having in his possession a pair of small scales 3 drs. against the customer. When Mr Oliver removed a piece of lead fastened to the bottom of the scales (which were only used for light weights) they were found to be correct. He drew the defendant's attention to the matter, when he replied that his shopman must have done it.—The defendant pleaded guilty to both offences. He alleged that on the day previous to Mr Oliver's visit, the scales had been thoroughly cleaned, and he believed they had not been properly adjusted.—In reply to the Bench, the Superintendent said this was the worst case of the kind that had been brought under his notice.—The magistrates were of opinion that the circumstances atttached to the present case were not altogether creditable to the defendant, and looked rather suspicious. He would be fined £1 and costs for each offence.

William J. Rutter, grocer, of the same place, was also charged by Mr Oliver with having on his premises, on the 17th ult., a set of small scales which he found, on being tested, to be 7 drs. against the purchaser. The Superintendent explained that the plate at the bottom of the scales had recently been broken, and that would probably be the cause of the defect.—The Chairman said it was strange that as a rule these defective scales were against the purchasers. However, as this appeared to be the result of an accident, they would let the defendat off on paying the costs.

WOLSINGHAM PETTY SESSIONS.

TUESDAY, Sept. 4th.—Before the Rev G. P. WILKINSON (chairman), and Rev R. H. GRAY.

DRUNKENNESS.

John Bowe, labourer, was charged with being drunk on the highway, at Wolsingham, on the 19th ult.—Fined 10s, including costs.

Joseph Angus, millwright, was charged with being drunk on the highway, at Wolsingham, on the 13th ult.—Fined 20s, including costs.

James Bowe, labourer, was charged with being drunk on the highway, at Wolsingham, on the 19th ult.—Fined 20s, including costs.

Sarah Donagan, widow, was charged with being drunk on the highway, at Wolsingham, on the 12th ult.—Dismissed.

John Haygarth, of Sandy Carrs, labourer, was charged with being drunk on the highway, at Tow Law, on the 29th ult.—Fined 10s, including costs.

James Merriot, was charged with being drunk on the highway, at Tow Law, on the 26th ult.—Fined 10s, including costs.

William Wheatley, bricklayer, was charged by Sergt. Rispen with being drunk on the licensed premises of Thomas Fletcher, Black Bull Inn, Wolsingham, on the 6th ult.—Fined 5s and costs.

TRESPASSING.

John Laws, of Sunnyside, grocer, was charged by Supt. Darrell, of Newcastle, with trespassing on the North-Eastern Railway, near Sunnyside, on the 20th July, after being cautioned.—Fined 30s, including costs.

PERMITTING DRUNKENNESS.

Thomas Fletcher, of Wolsingham, innkeeper, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his premises, the Black Bull Inn, on the 28th July.—The evidence of a man named Ralph Johnson, who had been convicted for being drunk in Fletcher's house on the above date, was not satisfactory, and the case was dismissed.

Thomas Sheriff, beerhouse keeper, Wear Valley Inn, Wolsingham, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises, on the 14th ult.—P.C. Smurthwaite proved visiting defendant's house about 3 p.m. and found a man sitting asleep with a glass of beer before him. He awoke him and found he was drunk. He called the attention of Sheriff's daughter to the man. She said she did not know he was as bad as he was.—The magistrates said there was a doubt in the case, and it would be dismissed.

STEALING TIMBER.

Thomas Wilson, of Tow Law, miner, was charged with stealing a piece of pine timber, valued at 1s 6d, from the Weardale Iron and Coal Company, at Tow Law, on the 1st inst.—The evidence not being satisfactory the case was dismissed.

John Dawney, a boy, was charged with stealing ten pieces of timber, at Tow Law, the property of Thos. Aynsley, on the 1st inst.—The evidence not being satisfactory the case was dismissed.

DAMAGE.

Marshall Willis, of Tow Law, school boy, was charged with doing damage to a bill and newspapers, the property of John Rispin, of Tow Law, on the 14th ult.—Dismissed.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.

David Frain, of Tow Law, driver boy in the mine, was charged with assaulting one Charles H. Rispin, of Tow Law, news boy.—Dismissed.

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WEDDED BUT NO WIFE:

A TALE OF A GREAT WRONG.

By GRAHAM PONTON,

Author of "A Daring Venture for Wealth," "Angela," "Who Killed John Royds?" &c., &c.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

FURTHER EXTRACTS FROM MR. RHYLSTONE'S DIARY.

May, 185—.

Our acquaintance with Mrs. Lyon has become gradually more intimate. I must confess she fascinates me greatly, and at the same time occasionally repels me. When in her presence her sad eyes, so wonderfully deep and pathetic, seem always to be making a mute appeal to me. Our conversation, however, is never of anything but the most common-place kind; the latest works—Mrs. Lyon is a great reader, and studies a class of literature of a higher than ordinary kind—the passing events of the day, and nothing more. My aunts say she is precisely the same with them. She never speaks of her husband, but seldom of her son, which seems so strange in a widow with an only child. My Aunt Kitty, who, although she is a great invalid, is a woman of much penetration, and, as I often say, has studied more deeply and learnt more of the nature of men and women from her sofa in the drawing-room at the Manor House, than most women have done who have led active lives for years in the world, is strongly of opinion, that Mrs. Lyon has endured and is perpetually thinking of some great sorrow. It is impossible to look at her, in fact, without seeing that there is a history of some kind behind those masses of grey streaked hair and those sorrowful eyes, which give Mrs. Lyon an appearance of age which it is easy to see is premature.

If any one could gain her confidence it would certainly be my Aunt Kitty. Everyone I ever knew trusts and confides in her. Believing very strongly that it would do Mrs. Lyon good if she could be brought to speak of her private griefs to someone; a few weeks ago I suggested to my aunt that she should try and win her confidence. In my capacity as a clergyman, and thus as one having a right to offer consolation to the afflicted, I did indeed think of speaking to Mrs. Lyon myself. One day when on visiting her I found recent signs of emotion on her countenance; but a feeling of delicacy from the fact that I am an unmarried man deterred me. It is certainly one of the gravest disadvantages that an unmarried clergyman has to contend with in his association with his parishioners, that his position is a somewhat delicate one as regards the female portion of them when also unmarried.

My Aunt Kitty then undertook the task, and a very favourable opportunity presented itself. Mrs. Lyon, who is frequently so good as to read to my aunt, whose failing sight renders such a service a great one, had been sitting as usual on a low chair by the couch, when suddenly she burst into an uncontrollable fit of silent weeping. My poor aunt, who is one of the most tender-hearted of women, said her grief was something terrible to witness. She endeavoured to sooth her as well as she could, but all her efforts were vain for a time.

At last Mrs. Lyon seemed completely to recover herself, and apologised, saying she had been subject from childhood to such sudden and causeless attacks. Aunt Kitty, not to be deceived, endeavoured quietly and tenderly to induce the poor lady to unburthen her sorrow, but in vain. Mrs. Lyon waived off every attempt to probe into her history, and finally took her leave, my aunt says, almost gay and light-hearted.

May, 185—.

I am getting more and more puzzled with Mrs. Lyon, and am gradually beginning somehow to feel a sort of dread of her. She repels all sympathy, although God knows we would be willing enough to give it her. Ever since that day when she had the fit of weeping at the Manor she has gone there less and less frequently. Latterly she has made the excuse that she is busily engaged in preparing for the departure of her son, who is going on a tour through Europe, which, indeed, is the case; but her time is certainly not very much absorbed by what she has to do.

Every time I go to visit her I return with a haunting dread that one day or other there will be some terrible revelation with respect to her past life. Heaven forgive me if my suspicions do her wrong; but now it seems to me as if the secret, for such there is undoubtedly connected with her life, is one not so much of sorrow as of crime. My brother Neville, indeed, was the first to suggest such a possibility. He was down here lately staying with me, when one night Adrien Lyon, the son of my parishioner, came here and hastily summoned my brother to pay his mother a visit, stating that the village medical man was absent, and that she had suddenly fainted, and every effort to restore her had failed. The poor young fellow seemed terribly agitated.

On his return Neville told me that his patient was better, and added, "She wants your assistance more than mine. I cannot minister to a mind diseased." He said, however, that she is suffering from an affection of the heart, which may end fatally very suddenly; but told me he did not think she ought to be informed of it, at any rate, at present. Next day I went down to see her and found her looking somewhat pale, but otherwise shewing no signs of her recent illness. She received me with her usual quiet self-restraint. Once, and once only, did she seem in the slightest degree agitated. A sudden sharp pang appeared to seize her while she was talking, and she fell back on the sofa looking deathly pale. A decanter of wine stood on the table, I hastily poured out a glass and held it to her lips. She drank a little and revived somewhat.

"Don't leave me," she whispered, "the pain is gone."

She then sat up and said abruptly, "Does Dr. Rhylstone, your brother, think me seriously ill?"

I, remembering my brother's caution, gave an evasive answer.

She then continued, "Oh, you do not know how much I wish to live until Adrien—" and then she paused.

I supposed she alluded to her son's approaching departure for the Continent, and soothed her as well as I could, reminding her that communication anywhere across the Channel was now so easy, should her illness assume any serious turn her son could easily be recalled.

I took my leave and on returning homeward met Adrien. The boy is as great a mystery to me as his mother. The expression of his face is singularly hard, stern, and set for one so young. He seems to me to be too much alone. I have asked him up once or twice to the vicarage, but he has always declined, saying he must spend the evening with his mother. On several occasions he and I have walked together. He is extremely intelligent and highly educated. I have expressed wonder he has no desire to enter some profession, but he seems to be a lad without ambitions; yet one would not so judge by his face. He came to visit me this evening, it being the last but one he had to spend in Stourton; and he has left me much troubled and distressed. Our former conversations had been chiefly devoted to discussing literary matters, but being the last time on which I might have an opportunity of speaking with him, and seeing that he was about to start upon a journey where he would be exposed to numberless temptations, I thought it well to embrace the opportunity of speaking with him on religious subjects. I had observed that he has always accompanied his mother to church since his stay here, and there was nothing to complain of in his demeanour, except that he never remained to the celebration of the Holy Communion, always retiring at that time with his mother. This I thought nothing of, as I concluded that her health being weakly she was unable to sustain the fatigue of a long service, and that he left with her to accompany her home. Alas, however, I find his absence arises from a far different cause. The unhappy young man is a complete infidel. He listened to me when I spoke of religion with perfect respect; but informed me in as many words that he was an unbeliever. It is simply appalling. He rejects the idea of a futurity altogether, and denies even the existence of a God. I was so completely taken aback at first that I was almost speechless; but afterwards endeavoured to reason with him quietly and calmly. It was, however, useless. He confessed that from his boyhood he had never been accustomed to any religious training; that when at school he had learnt nothing of religion; and that at the University in Germany, at which he studied, he had imbibed still more strongly sceptical opinions. All my arguments were in vain; he simply listened and smiled bitterly once or twice when I spoke of redemption through Christ. I did not know what to do and finally was obliged to let him go. I can but pray for him. His scepticism cannot be the result of his mother's training, in fact, he seems to have seen little of her until within the last few months, except at distant intervals. When she is better I must speak to her on the point; perhaps her influence might have some effect on him. I was almost moved to tears of pity for him when he said farewell to me. He looked so pale and sad in the moonlight as he shook hands at the door and thanked me for my kindness to his mother. As he left he said, "Don't think more hardly of me, Mr. Rhylstone, than you can help." Think hardly of him! Poor fellow, one cannot think of him with anything but pity. His cold set face, out of which all hope and joy seem to have fled, haunts me even now. Does he know his mother's secret, and is it that which has so warped his nature? What can be the mystery of their lives?

CHAPTER XXXIX.

ADRIEN TAKES UP THE BURDEN.

The village of Stourton-on-Sea is small and straggling, and lies nestled in a deep gorge on the southern coast of England. The village itself, where the fisher-folk live, and the post-office and the few shops are situated, lies at the foot, and the hills on each side are here and there dotted with houses surrounded with gardens, and most of which are let as lodgings to the visitors who frequent the place in summer. Among the best is that known as The Cottage, which had at the time of our narrative been taken by Mrs. Lyon.

It was the last night. All Adrien's preparations had been made for his journey, and he and his mother sat alone in the cottage drawing-room.

Pale and haggard, Mrs. Lyon lay on the sofa, and Adrien sat at her feet on a low stool.

She at length broke the silence.

"Listen to me, Adrien," she said, sadly; "you have now to learn a part, and only a part, of the secret of my life; some day, perhaps, you may know all; although that knowledge can only bring you unhappiness."

"Mother," replied Adrien, "ah! mother, if you would but tell me all now it might be better. At any rate I could help you to bear the trouble, whatever it may be, which rests upon you."

"Ask not too much, my son."

"Not if it would pain you, mother, but you don't know what this *half* knowledge of some calamity endured; some terrible grief that has cast a shadow over both our lives, has been to me ever since I could remember. Often long nights have I lain awake thinking of it, dreaming of it, wondering about it. It has made me old before my time, mother, and it is killing you. Oh, mother, I pray you tell me."

"Patience, my son. Believe me, it is better far that you should never know, but something tells me you will. Meanwhile, listen to me."

"I attend, mother."

"You leave to-morrow for France."

"Yes."

"Then hear me while I tell you the purpose for which you go there. You are not going altogether merely to travel and to see the world, although ultimately your journey will end in that, perhaps. Now summon up all your courage, all your determination, Adrien. In Paris there lives a man who has wronged me more than ever man ever wronged woman. You must seek out that man and avenge my honour."

"Mother, did he—?"

"No," continued Mrs. Lyon, hastily, "no, do not imagine I mean that sort of dishonour; because in the eyes of the world there was none such."

Adrien gave a sigh of relief. "What am I to do, mother?" he asked.

"Had I been a man," she continued, "I could have revenged my own wrongs. You as my son must stand in my place. Adrien, you must find this man. He is rich, he is eminent, but you can easily find some means of meeting him. Your relationship to Viscount Proudfoot, with the introductions you are provided with, will easily enable you to enter the best English society in Paris. The man you are to seek frequents the houses of the English, and you are sure to meet him. Now mark me. You must find cause to insult him as publicly as possible. There must be no road open to him to vindicate his position in society but one. Do you understand me?"

"Mother," whispered Adrien, hoarsely, "do you mean to slay this man?"

"Already, more than once, Adrien, you have faced an opponent in a duel, is it not so?"

"Yes, mother, that was different; the men had insulted me or we met for the honour of others; now this—why should I slay this man?"

"Surely my son is no coward. Surely my foe is my son's foe, and an insult to me is one to him?"

"Coward, mother, no! None ever applied that name to me," replied the young man, warmly, "and I forgot for the time. Yes, your foe is my foe."

"I knew it my son, I knew it. You are skilled in fencing, at least they say so. You ought to be for you have been well instructed. So probably has been your opponent, but you will go, Adrien, you will seek this wretch, you will be the avenger of your mother."

Adrien's face grew very pale, he remained silent.

"Adrien! my son, Adrien!" cried Mrs. Lyon wildly, throwing her arms round him, "answer me, Adrien."

The words came slowly; they were, "I will."

"That is my own dear brave boy," she exclaimed. "You will go, you will meet him. You will return. Then we shall be happy together. We will go to London, Adrien, you and I, we will take a house near your uncle, we shall give entertainments, for we are rich; and my Adrien shall be courted and caressed by the fairest women in London. My handsome Adrien!"

He gazed in astonishment on his mother. She seemed changed in a moment. Years on the instant appeared to have been taken from her life.

"But," she went on rapidly, almost wildly, "it is your last night, Adrien, and I must drink success to you. Ring the bell, and desire Weston to bring a bottle of that sparkling Burgundy you like. The wine we drank together when you came of age."

He rose silently and rang.

When the wine appeared, she gaily poured out a glass for him and one for herself. She even compelled Weston, the butler, who had been with her during her long sojourn in Italy, to drink success to his young master's journey. She drank gaily; the man with an affectionate look towards his young master.

Adrien alone of the party looked gloomy; he drank as if the wine were poison.

In the early dawn of the morning mother and son were again together. Ill as she was, Mrs. Lyon had determined to bid a final farewell to her son.

She strained him to her breast as he stood in the hall ready to go, and kissed him. Her parting words were: "In the heart." No sign of emotion crossed Adrien's face as he turned away and went out to his doom!

(*To be continued.*)

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.*)

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLOWER SHOW.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

MR EDITOR, DEAR SIR,—In your issue of 31st August you publish a report of the Shotley Bridge Flower Show, in it you say the show was visited by between 40,000 and 50,000 (?) people (a rough calculation). I consider the person a rough calculator indeed; if the gate money and the numbers given were compared, what a contrast! I will just run over a few figures and compare the people visiting the show, and the money taken at the gate. Take the lowest estimate at sixpence each would be £1,000. There was only a little over £150 (£6) taken at the gate, and out of that amount over £130 was taken after 4 p.m. (say £135), that would represent 5,400 people, and say 1,000 at one shilling, that will bring the whole amount up to £185 taken at the gate. Now we will consider that the number of subscribers and those that gained admittance during the "crush" were 3,600, that makes a grand total of 10,000 people, and I consider that the above is above the number of people at the show. The people that came by rail to Shotley Bridge and Consett Stations were under 6,000, where did the other (taking the lowest estimate) 34,000 come from? This, I think, requires a little correction before a balance sheet is laid before the subscribers.—I am, &c.,

A RESIDENT.

THE POLLUTION OF THE RIVER DERWENT.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

DEAR SIR,—On reading in your last issue, the report of the meeting of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority, I learnt that one member averred that "when the Consett settling ponds were cleaned out" (he must have meant "*while* they were *being* cleaned out) "the stench arising therefrom could be smelled right by the side of the Derwent," and another added "yes, even a distance of six miles."

Now, sir, although these words are extremely ambiguous, and are anything but a specimen of the rather difficult art of precise thought, I conscientiously and emphatically assert that such is not the case, (where the abominable stink does *in reality* come from and which requires the attention of the local authority is only too well known), and that these statements made purposely to misdirect public opinion call for immediate retractation.

Sir, it is quite evident these members are trying to father the pollution of the Derwent upon Consett, and thus shield themselves, who appear to be the real polluters of the river.

I say *real* polluters sir, because Mr W. F. K. Stock, F.C.S., F.I.C., the County Analyst in his report of July 18th, 1883, to the Consett Local Board, and which appeared in your issue of August 3rd, affirms that having analyzed samples from *above*, where the Consett sewage enters the Derwent, and 100 yards *below* the same point, he finds so little difference between them as to sewage pollution that any remarks he might make of one would apply almost equally well of the other. I need scarcely add, that the evidence of Mr Stock would have weight in any *superior* court. And after analyzing two more samples—one from below the Paper Mills and the other from below Shotley Bridge—he (Mr Stock) declares that the refuse from the Paper Mills contains thirty-five times more organic polluting substances than is poured into the river by Howden Burn; and, further, that Shotley sewage pollutes the Derwent fifty-six times more than Howden Burn.

Thus, sir, there is thrown into the Derwent within the Benfieldside Local Board district below Howden Burn ninety-one times more organic polluting matters, than is contained in the Consett sewage after its passing through their settling ponds, and which flows into the much abused, though comparatively harmless rivulet—Howden Burn.

Thus our neighbours down the bank seem also down the burn for all their persistent (though vain) efforts to make Consett the scapegoat, appear to be made for the sole purpose of directing the attention of those who have a just cause of complaint, against innocent persons, while they themselves the real polluters skulk under the mask of innocence.

Sir, if I mistake not, it will appear from the above, that Mr Lax is rather lax in his remarks, and no doubt many of your readers, as indeed I myself, would like to be as clever as Mr W. M. Annandale who it appears, is able, while perambulating along the banks of the Derwent six miles from Consett to separate the smell arising from sewage impurities (in the river?) from all other smells prevalent there, and this being done to dissect it and inform the public that one ninety-second part of it creates a *perfect* nuisance.

Sir, I think it will now be clear that the old adage still holds true, for our friends lower down, appear desirous of removing a mote out of their neighbour's eye when in reality there is a beam (ninety-one times as big) in their own.

What we want sir, to make the Derwent approach, in some degree, to its pristine purity is a rigorous enforcement in the neighbourhood of Shotley Bridge of the Rivers Pollution Act, 1876.—I am, Mr Editor, yours sincerely,

A CONSETTONIAN BRED AND BORN.

Sept. 3rd, 1883.

SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS.—During the spell of fine weather from the 15th until the end of last month, a remarkable number of excursion and pleasure parties visited the Spa Grounds. Since Mr Chas. Richardson undertook the management of the grounds, they have, it is said, become every day more popular as a holiday resort in the North of England.

VALUE OF PROPERTY IN THE DIOCESE OF DURHAM DURING THE COMMONWEALTH.—Between the time of Pudsey and the reign of Elizabeth, the value of land remained much about the same, but we find its value greatly enhanced towards the middle of the seventeenth century. By means of the Book of Rates, a manuscript copy of which the author possesses, we are enabled to approximate with some degree of certainty the value of property within the county palatinate about this time. In Bedlingtonshire, for instance, then part of the See of Durham, the charge in the Book of Rates was £6 13s 4d, proportionable to £666 13s 4d, which was the rack-rent per annum. This was in 1655. In Norhamshire and Islandshire, also included in the palatinate, the rack-rent amounted to £1,870 in the first-named and £2,490 in the last-named shire, the total amount charged in the Book of Rates in respect of both shires being £45 15s 1d. Of the four wards in Durham, Darlington stood highest, Stockton being next, Chester next, and Easington lowest, in point of value. The total sum charged in the Book of Rates is £1,086 14s 2½d, which at twenty shillings for every £100, gives a rack-rent for the four wards of about £108,600. A comparison of the above figures with the present value of property will show how vast and rapid has been the development of the resources of the county. Two hundred and forty years ago, the total annual value of property within the township of which we are treating, and which then included the constableries of Consett and Benfieldside, did not exceed £700; now, however, the annual rateable value is upwards of £61,000. Probably the gross annual value in these three townships alone now exceeds £100,000, nearly as much as the whole county was worth during the protectorate of Oliver Cromwell.—*From the History of West Durham, by Geo. Neasham.*

CLOSING OF A COLLIERY VILLAGE IN DURHAM.

At the Durham County Petty Sessions on Wednesday, before the Rev A. D. Shafto and other magistrates, application was made by Mr William Lisle, acting on behalf of the Durham Rural Sanitary Authority, for a magisterial order to close the whole of the colliery houses at Broompark, in Durham, 49 in number, the property of the North Brancepeth Coal Company, on account of their unsanitary condition. The action of the Authority was based upon the following report of the medical officer of the Union (Mr W. C. Blackett), which was read by Mr Lisle:—"Keeping in view the points specified in the recent memorandum of the Local Government Board as regarded the dangers to be guarded against, and likely to arise to the public health, from polluted sources of water supply and foul air, caused by the dirty surroundings of dwellings, I beg to call your attention to facts which relate to the subject. At Broompark there are 49 houses belonging to the North Brancepeth Coal Company in a bad sanitary condition; they are without a proper and sufficient water supply and drainage. There have been several deaths from fever, and I advise you to take the necessary steps, and declare the cottages, in their present condition, to be unfit for human habitation."—Mr J. A. Ramsay, of Langley Old Hall, the agent of the colliery company, said he did not oppose the application. He admitted that the property had fallen into decay, but it was not so bad as painted by the doctor. Many of the houses had been empty a long time.—The Chairman said the Bench would grant the order, and the houses must be vacated within seven days.—Mr Ramsay said the owners would take care, if the houses were to be re-occupied, to have them put into a good sanitary condition, and then certificates of fitness for human habitation would be applied for.—In consequence of these proceedings, there has been a general exodus from Broompark during the last few days. The tenants of the North Brancepeth Coal Company have been accommodated with houses at Langley Moor, Boyne Colliery and Littleburn, the property of the same owners. There are also a number of Ushaw Moor strike hands located at Broompark who will now have habitations to seek elsewhere. The working of the Broompark Colliery was abandoned some years ago, the coal underneath being brought to bank at Littleburn Colliery.

The corn harvest has just begun in the neighbourhood of Wolsingham.

The Frosterley Wesleyan Methodist Chapel anniversary services were held last Sunday. Mr T. E. Fenwick, of Alfreton, Derbyshire, preached morning and evening.

GAME TRESPASS AT USHAW MOOR.—At the Durham County Petty Sessions, on Wednesday, *Joseph Dunn*, an Ushaw Moor strike hand, was fined 10s and costs for trespassing in pursuit of game on the land of Messrs. Ibbetson and Coxon, farmers, at Ushaw College.

MR NICHOLAS MORGAN'S ENTERTAINMENT.—By referring to our advertising columns it will be seen that Mr Morgan will begin a series of mesmeric and phrenological demonstration to-night in the Assembly Rooms, Consett. He is so well known and justly appreciated by our readers as to require no recommendation from us, hence we merely draw attention to his coming once more amongst us, feeling assured that he will receive a hearty welcome and the generous support of all true lovers of knowledge and health-inspiring amusement.

BENFIELDSIDE STOCK AUCTION MART.—Messrs Nicholson and Murray sold at their Royal auction mart on Monday 68 fat sheep and lambs, 765 keeping lambs, 21 small fat cattle, 12 cows, 114 grazing cattle, 1 calf, 6 pigs, 19 geese, and 1 horse. There was a large and influential company present, and the whole were soon disposed of. Fat cattle, £11 10s to £18 10s; cows, £11 10s to £18; grazing cattle, £4 10s to £16 15s; half-bred lambs, 25s to 32s 6d; mule lambs, 19s to 26s; black-faced lambs, 13s; calf, 28s; pigs, 22s to 42s; geese, 5s 11d each.

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THE DROWNING CASE AT BLANCHLAND.—On Friday last, an inquest was held at the Miners' Arms Inn, Bay Bridge, Blanchland, by Mr W. Brewis Elsdon, deputy-coroner, touching the death of William Barron, 57 years of age, a blacksmith to trade, whose dead body was found, under circumstances already reported, in the river Derwent, near Bay Bridge, on the previous Wednesday. From the evidence, it seems that the deceased, who was addicted to drinking, had for three years being living apart from his wife. He was last seen alive on Saturday morning, when he appeared to be sober, but depressed in spirits. Deceased's hat, coat, vest, and two small parcels were found on the river side. There were no signs of any struggle on eithr side of the river, nor were there any marks of violence about the body. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that Barron was found drowned in the river Derwent on the 29th ult, but there was not sufficient evidence to show how or when he was drowned.

WEARDALE LEAD AND IRON MINES.—A very important feature in the economical working of the Weardale lead and iron mines has been under consideration by the two companies now working the Upper Weardale minerals, the Weardale Lead Company and the Weardale Iron and Coal Company, for some time, and is about to be satisfactorily settled. Where metalliferous veins traverse the limestones, frequently both ores are to be found in close proximity, hence one company in getting their special mineral may win also that of the other company, and the arrangement is for the companies to exchange minerals not their own, at given prices. As in former years the iron company won quantities of lead ore at some of their mines, this arrangement is important in the working of iron, for when lead ore is won in the pursuit of iron, it will cheapen the cost of winning the iron—a great disideratum in the working of the minerals in Weardale. These minerals are rich in quality, but carriage particularly in iron, is considerable, hence anything done to lessen the expense in bringing the ores to market will help the dale. The iron company is working fairly well at present, but the stock on hand checks any extra demand. The mines, however, are on about full time, and the old Slitt Pasture Mine will probably soon be opened. The lead company's mines in Kilhope, we understand, are promising. Preparations for further development are progressing. Upon the whole, the iron and lead industries, and the limestone quarries at Stanhope are working steady.

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Cricket.

WHICKHAM V. DUNSTON.—Played at Whickham on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for the former by 20 runs and 6 wickets to fall. Score—Dunston, 35; Wickham, 55.

CONSETT v. LANCHESTER.

This match was played at Lanchester Flower Show on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for the former. Messrs I. Richards and P. Gibson again played in their usual admirable style for the visitors, and Messrs Garthwaite and Lowes were the only batsmen who were able to make any stand for the home team against the excellent bowling of Messrs Stephenson and Turnbull. Score:—

CONSETT.		LANCHESTER.	
I. Richards c Wilson b Lowes	20	G. Turton b Turnbull	0
J. Stephenson b Lowes	0	J. Dixon b Stephenson	1
P. Gibson lbw Hall	19	Robinson c M. Gibson b Turnbull	2
J. Richards lbw Lowes	0	Lowes b Stephenson	10
J. Turnbull b Garthwaite	11	Garthwaite b Turnbull	10
W. Jackson b Hall	0	Pallister c J. Richards b Turnbull	2
M. Gibson b Garthwaite	2	J. March not out	6
R. Marshall run out	8	Sudd[illegible]s b Turnbull	0
W. Ramsay b Hall	0	R. Hall b Stephenson	0
N. Raw c March b Garthwaite	2	T. Waugh b Stephenson	0
J. Askew not out	1	W. Wilson b Stephenson	0
Extras	12	Extras	6
Total	75	Total	37

DIPTON v. LANGLEY PARK.

Played at Lanchester on the Flower Show ground, on Saturday last, and after a pleasant game the Dipton team were declared victors. Score—

DIPTON.		LANGLEY PARK.	
T. Tindale b Mar	10	W. Smith c Hooper b Thompson	10
J. Greenfield c Smith b Anderson	8	G. Moss c Hooper b Thompson	8
R. Tindale c and b Mar	12	J. Lumsden b Porter	5
F. Thompson b Mar	0	J. Crawford b Thompson	0
F. G. Hooper c Crawford b Mar	1	J. Cooper b Porter	0
W. Ridley st Smith b Anderson	3	C. Anderson b Porter	1
J. W. Hodgson b Lumsden	12	A. Dodds b Porter	1
J. Belt c Crawford b Anderson	0	J. Mar c Thompson b Porter	7
R. Greenfield b Lumsden	2	R. Newton c and b Porter	0
W. Porter c Dodds b Anderson	3	R. Angus not out	2
W. J. Mackay not out	2	D. Samuel b Porter	1
Extras	2	Extras	9
Total	55	Total	44

TANFIELD v. MEDOMSLEY.

The return match of the above clubs was played on the Medomsley Ground on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for the visitors by 42 runs. After play an adjournment was made to the pavilion where a sumptuous spread was provided by the home team. After all doing justice the company departed after a pleasant and enjoyable game. Appended are the scores—

TANFIELD.		MEDOMSLEY.	
J. Laidler c Little b Cawthorn	0	A. Little B Jewitt	3
W. T. Brown b Walton	26	W. Lalster c Attbey b Jewitt	6
T. Morton b Walton	24	J. Murphy c Handcock b Laidler	3
T. Jewitt c Walton b Little	17	M. Milburn c Swinburn b Jewitt	33
T. Swinburn b Walton	0	T. Murphy b Laidler	1
G. Atkinson b Milburn	1	R. Craytor c Swinburn	0
H. Hancock b Walton	10	G. Milburn b Laidler	2
C. Attbey lbw Walton	0	R. Cawthorn b Laidler	9
J. Bowes b Walton	11	J. Adamson b Jewitt	1
W. Hetherington	3	G. Walton b Laidler	0
F. Bowes b Walton	0	J. Snowdon c Bowes b Laidler	2
H. Nicholson not out	4	J. Walton not out	1
Extras	17	Extras	10
Total	113	Total	71

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CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

At the ordinary meeting of this Board, held in the Parliament Street Offices, Consett, on Wednesday night, Mr W. Jenkins, J.P., presided. There were present the Rev F. Steggall, Messrs. T. Siddell, J. W. Davison, W. R. Taylor, John Collinson, W. Shell, W. Aynsley, H. Carse, T. Dunne, and J. H. Hudson, the clerk (Mr T. W. Welford), and the Surveyor (Mr W. Rippon).

The minutes of the last monthly meeting, and likewise of two special meetings held during the month of August (the latter to consider the Shotley Bridge Gas Company's terms for lighting the public lamps), were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

WATER-CLOSETS *v.* PRIVIES.

At the last meeting, it was resolved on the motion of Mr Shell, and seconded by Mr Hudson, that notice be given to Mr Cornforth to erect two water-closets in place of two privies, and to cement his yard.

The Surveyor intimated that Mr Cornforth desired to see the Board with reference to the notice served on him. He understood that Mr Cornforth wished the two privies to remain, and he would erect on additional water-closet. At present there were six tenants in the yard, using two privies.

Mr Shell observed that the recommendation was made at the instance of the Medical officer, who had taken great interest in the matter. The reason the doctor suggested water-closets in lieu of privies was because the filth from the privies was percolating through the pavement in the yard.

Mr Carse: The question is, will the nuisance be remedied if the privies remain as they are?

Mr Shell: The doctor was of opinion that it would not.

The Surveyor said the ashpits might be covered in. The yard was paved with bricks.

Mr Aynsley would certainly urge that the recommendation of the Medical Officer be carried out.

Mr Hudson maintained that it was not the duty of the Medical Officer to become an architect and prescribe certain architectural improvements for buildings and structures. The doctor could only report on the existence of a nuisance, and if it was for the Board to deal with it.

Mr Shell considered it very strange that at the previous meeting Mr Hudson had seconded the proposition, and was now protesting against the action of the Board in serving notice on Mr Cornforth in accordance with the foregoing resolution.

Mr Hudson denied that he seconded the proposition. He was the only member who protested against such ridiculous bosh being passed.

After further remarks, Mr Cornforth was called into the room, and said that he had received notice to erect water-closets in the place of the two privies. He wished to ascertain if it would satisfy the Board if he built a single water-closet, and allowed the privies to remain.

The Chairman said that on the recommendation of the Committee and the strong advice of their Medical Officer, they had carefully considered the question, and decided to carry out what was thought to be reasonable.

Mr Cornforth promised to construct the water-closets as requested. He asked, with regard to the yard, would the Board allow it to remain as it is. The yard cost him £4 10s. during the time of a previous surveyor, to have it laid with bricks. If the Nuisance Committee only visited the yard, they would find everything all right.

Mr Collinson said there was no complaint against the yard except that the filth was oozing out between the bricks.

Mr Carse pointed out that the doctor recommended the whole of the houses to be closed, as the yard was too small, and the Board, as an alternative to the above, agreed that the yard should be cemented.

Mr Shell was in favour of the yard being cemented, but he thought they might have the portion nearest the ashpits taken up and re-laid.

Mr Siddell maintained that the Board had no authority to compel any person to cement his yard.

Mr Hudson: I hold the same opinion, Mr Siddell. All we can do is to order any person to abate a nuisance.

Rev F. Steggall observed that there were not a dozen cemented yards in Consett.

Mr Dunne considered it very singular that they should pass a resolution at one meeting, and the gentleman who then appeared most anxious to see the work carried out, came at the following meeting determined to upset all their previous recommendations.

Mr Hudson: I held at the last meeting that we were altogether wrong in ordering these yards to be cemented.

Mr Carse: Allow me to say, Mr Chairman, that we have power to decide whether a yard shall be cemented or paved.

Mr Hudson: We can only deal with the nuisance, and see that a person remedies the same.

Mr Shell said that, with the exception of the confined space, the yard was much better than some of the other places the Committee inspected.

Mr Dunne believed that when the water-closets were put in and the yard re-bricked, the place would be quite healthy.

Mr Hudson maintained that it was not the duty of the Medical Officer to recommend that such and such buildings should be taken down, or suggest how other structures should be erected.

Mr Dunne: This Board cannot close a house without the Medical Officer first condemning it.

Mr Hudson: Yes, he has the right to judge and report to us on whatever he considers to be a nuisance.

Mr Collinson suggested that Mr Cornforth should be requested to take up the pavement in that portion of the yard nearest the privies and excavate all the soil that was thoroughly saturated with filth, and re-lay it with bricks. They might see how that answered for awhile.

Mr Carse read the bye-laws on the subject, which set forth that the materials used in the formation of drains, &c., should meet with the approval of the Board.

Mr Siddell: There is nothing mentioned there about cementing.

Mr Carse: Is there not? Well, you might as well have it inserted in your bye-laws that you must mix sugar with your whiskey. (Laughter).

Mr Hudson moved that they accept Mr Cornforth's offer.

Mr Carse: You must first give notice to rescind the previous resolution.

Mr Shell: The only question is whether the original resolution has to be carried out or not.

Mr Hudson said they were regularly passing plans for the Consett Iron Company, where the yards were always paved and the ashpits not covered in.

The Chairman: You do not understand the circumstances of this case, Mr Hudson. There is insufficient yard accommodation for these six cottages, and the Board accepted the doctor's recommendation to have it cemented instead of the other alternative of pulling down the whole of the houses. For all the new cottages for the Consett Company, there was a certain area of yard room for every dwelling.

Mr Hudson contended that there was sufficient yard accommodation in the present case.

At length, Mr Collinson moved that the question of cementing Mr Conforth's yard be left in the hands of the Surveyor as an alternative that when the present brick pavement is taken up, the whole of the impure sub-soil be removed, and the pavement re-laid to the satisfaction of the Surveyor.

The proposition was agreed to, on being seconded by Mr Davison.

Mr Wm. Raw, of Blackhill, also attended the Board, and explained that a notice had been sent to him which he could not understand. It was alleged there was a nuisance in William Street, but having visited the premises, he could confidently assert that there was not a nuisance in existence.

The Clerk read a copy of the notice served on Mr Raw, but the latter declared that there was not a better yard in Consett. He knew of many instances where the Board passed plans for building privies within 5ft. of the dwelling-houses.

The Chairman said the notice was served in accordance with the advice of their Medical Officer and confirmed by the Sanitary Committee, who reported that there was a nuisance on the premises.

Mr Raw denied that there was. He had held the place for 15 years and had never received a single complaint. It was only in June last that he attended the Board under similar circumstances, and he was then told that they did not approve of water-closets being substituted for privies. If they could find on referring to the Public Health Act that privies were a nuisance then, he would give in.

Mr Collinson: You will be quite aware, Mr Raw, that privies in a healthy condition are not considered a nuisance. The other week we came upon several privies that were a perfect nuisance, and owing to the difficulty experienced in getting the ashpits cleaned out; we recommended that water-closets should be constructed to supersede the privies, and the ashpits fixed at each end of the yard, the same as has been done in the adjoining yard belonging to Mrs Chatton.

Mr Carse: The Medical Officer reported to us that there was a nuisance, and we confirmed that statement by personally inspecting the premises.

The Chairman said there must have been made up that there was a nuisance.

Mr Raw maintained that the yard was quite healthy, as during the past 15 years there had been three births for every single death. (Laughter).

The Chairman: Perhaps that death ought not to have occurred. We have made up our minds to have these nuisances removed.

Mr Raw: I ask the Chairman, that I visited the place to-day, and cannot find a nuisance. When privies are kept clean they are as healthy as anything else.

Mr Collinson: That is just the point, Mr Raw; when privies *are* kept clean.

Mr Raw: There are upwards of 1,000 square feet in the yard for the six cottages, and there is ample room to clean them out.

The Chairman: Too little space.

Mr Raw: I beg you wish to pull down all the privies in the town, by all means do so. I base my arguments on the Public Health Act, and I consider the privies are not a sufficient distance from the back doors. I am willing to do everything that is reasonable. If water-closets are to be put in, they would have to pull down all the privies throughout the town.

The Chairman and other members intimated that the notice would have to be carried out in its entirety.

Mr Raw said there were 49 houses in Puddler's Row where the privies were only 3ft. 8in from the back doors, besides open drains were running close past the foundations of the houses. It was strange that the Medical Officer had not reported these to be nuisances.

The Chairman replied that two blacks did not make one white. They were merely carrying out the instructions of the doctor. They must begin to reform somewhere, and they would come to these other places in course of time.

Mr Raw: You place the opinions of your Medical Officer above what is set forth in the Act of Parliament. There is no written law declaring privies to be nuisances. It was only in June that the Board told me they objected to having water-closets in Medomsley Road.

Mr Collinson pointed out that there was a wide difference between Medomsley Road and William Street. In the present case there was considerable difficulty in getting the privies cleaned out.

Mr Raw: No difficulty whatever.

Mr Carse: It is a case of 10 to 1. Mr Raw says that there is not a nuisance, and the members of the Board declare that there is. The only question is which side shall go down and which shall keep up.

Rev F. Steggall considered they were going too far in making alterations to structural arrangements after they had been carried out to the satisfaction of their Surveyor. He did not approve of water-closets, as the tenants, if they choose, could make them as great a nuisance as privies.

The Chairman explained that it was on account of the yard being too narrow that the privies became objectionable. If they were cleaned out every day or week they would still become a nuisance, simply because they were over close to the back doors. Under these circumstances, they must adopt the water-closet system in lieu of privies.

Mr Shell did not think it would be any great hardship to Mr Raw to confirm with the notice. It was a much greater nuisance to carry the refuse and filth in buckets past the back doors, and have it lying in the streets for several hours until the carriman came to take it away.

As other members having spoken, Mr Carse moved that Mr Raw be requested to carry out the provisions of the notice.

Mr Shell seconded, and the proposition was carried.

Mr Raw having been informed of the decision of the Board, said he hoped they would pull down the whole of the privies in the town, so that the nuisances arising therefrom would not affect William Street.

Mr G. K. Schellenberg wrote to the Board, pointing out that it would be utterly impracticable for him to carry out the recommendations in the notice served on him relative to altering his slaughter-house premises in Gibson Street, Consett.

As there was a slight informality in the previous notice, it was resolved to serve another notice on Mr Schellenberg, requesting him to conform with the instructions contained therein.

SEWAGE FARM.

The Rev F. Steggall presented to the Board a lengthened report in which he pointed out the defective arrangements of the settling ponds, and made certain suggestions for remedying the same.

The Chairman said it had been ascertained that there were two 18in. pipes flowing into the settling ponds, and only a single 18in. pipe conveying the water out. In case of a flood, there is no means of getting rid of the overflow, and the consequence was that the surplus water spread over the land belonging the Consett Iron Company. Therefore, he asked them what they intended to do to abate the nuisance?

The Surveyor admitted that the sewerage ran over the land when there was a thunderstorm. Dr Dunne remarked it was very singular that whenever inquiries had been made about these ponds, the Surveyor had always replied they worked satisfactorily, knowing at the same time that the water was allowed to flow over the Company's land.

After discussing the subject, it was resolved, on the proposition of the Chairman, that the Nuisance Committee and Mr Steggall should call in the supplementary assistance of Mr Douglas, engineer, to consider the question thoroughly, and report result at an adjourned meeting of the Board.

GOODS AND PASSENGER STATION AT CONSETT.

The Chairman read the following:—

The deputation consisting of W. Jenkins, Esq., J.P., Rev F. Steggall, Mr W. Aynsley, and Mr W. R. Taylor, appointed for the purpose of urging upon the Directors of the N.E.R. Company, the importance of a Goods and Passenger Station for Consett on the new Annfield Plain Branch Railway, at or about the Old Carr House Station in Delves Lane, waited on the same at their offices in York, on Thursday, the 9th August. The subject was fully discussed, and the Directors informed the deputation that no arrangements had been made in regard to either Goods or Passenger Stations, and assured the deputation their representations would be fully considered by them.

SLAG *v.* WHINSTONE.

The Surveyor was instructed to use as much slag as possible in repairing the main roads, in seeing that this material was equally as good, if not better, than limestone or whinstone.

EAST GREEN STREET.

Respecting the flagging to this street, caused (it being alleged) by the subsidence of the underground workings of the Consett Iron Company, Mr Aynsley suggested that notice be served upon the Company to repair the same.

Mr Shell proposed, as an amendment, that the Board should perform the work, and charge the Consett Company with the cost thereof.

Mr Carse said this was illegal.

Mr Dunne considered it would be far the better plan to carry out Mr Shell's proposal, as the street was now in a very dangerous state.

Mr Aynsley seconded the amendment, which was carried without opposition.

FOOTPATH IN TINMILL PLACE.

Mr Carse proposed that the proprietors be called upon to defray the cost of cementing 4ft. of the footpath, the Board bearing expense of doing the remaining 8ft.

As an amendment, Mr Shell moved that the proprietors should bear one half of the cost of cementing, kerbing, and channelling the footpath, the Board agreeing to do the other half.

Mr Taylor seconded this.

Mr Siddell said they need not proceed further with the amendment, as the property-owners would not agree to it.

The Surveyor explained that the proprietors desired to at the expense of cementing one-third of the footpath, the Board doing the remaining portion, and allow the kerbstone and channel to remain as at present.

The Chairman said the proposal ought to be carried out, as it was highly desirable this important thoroughfare should be cemented.

Mr Siddell considered the amendment both arbitrary and unjust. The ratepayers in that locality had contributed their share towards widening and cementing the footpath in Middle Street, and they ought not to treat them harshly.

Mr Dunne thought the whole of the cementing, kerbing, and channelling should be done by the owners, and the other two-thirds by the Board.

Mr Siddell seconded.

The amendment was then put to the meeting, when six members voted for and three against it.

TAYLOR'S LANE.

The Surveyor promised to repair this highway as soon as convenient.

CEMENTING STREETS.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr Dunne, seconded by Mr Carse, that the Board should consider the cementing of the footpath around the Wesleyan Schools in Gibson Street; and that notice be served on the different proprietors to cement their portion of the footpath in Gibson Street, John Street, &c., within a period of two months.

OVER-CROWDING IN THE TOWN.

Mr Carse moved that the bye-laws relating to lodging-houses be referred to the Sanitary Committee to report thereon at the next meeting, when the Board could fix upon a proper code of rules.

Mr Dunne thought it would be better for the Board to devote a whole day in revising and rejudging their bye-laws.

Mr Collinson said that the Committee appointed to consider the bye-laws relating to lodging-houses could be referred to the Sanitary Committee to report thereon at the next meeting, when the Board could fix upon a proper code of rules.

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Mr Carse said he had perused the bye-laws time after time, and he felt sure that if they were to go through them carefully they would find several passages that required to be altered.

The Clerk promised to convene the Bye-laws Committee together sometime during the present month, to further consider the question.

DRINKING WATER.

The Surveyor said the samples of drinking water had been submitted as requested to Mr Askwith, the Consett Iron Company's engineer, and that gentleman at once saw there was something wrong with the sample taken from the tap at Beech Grove. Since then the Company had put in a valve for the purpose of flushing the pipes, and the water had considerably improved.

Mr Carse said that in this locality owed a debt of gratitude for the combined action taken by the three Local Boards in endeavouring to get a pure supply of drinking water.

BUILDING-HOUSES ON FLATS.

Mr Carse inquired if the Building Committee had entertained whether the yard accommodation for the houses proposed to be erected in flats was double that of any ordinary dwelling-house?

The Surveyor stated that the yards would be exactly the same size.

Mr Carse said the Building Committee ought to be ashamed of themselves for passing plans in such a state.

Mr Davison replied that the Building Committee had not passed the plans; that was done by the full Board. The Committee objected to the houses being built on flats.

Rev F. Steggall said the Building Committee did not point out to the Board that the yard room was unsufficient.

Mr Aynsley (pointing to some more plans lying on the table): Here are some more plans for houses to be built on flats. Mr Carse.

Mr Carse (humorously): There are too many "flats" sitting round this table. (Laughter).

THE GAS AGREEMENT.

The Clerk read the agreement between the Board and the Shotley Bridge Gas Company, by which the latter agreed to light 193 public lamps in the district until the 26th April next for £2 6s 8d each; and one Dog's 60 candle burner for £5 6s 8d.

Mr Carse was proceeding to condemn some of the clauses of the agreement, when

Mr Siddell intimated that he should have attended to his duties properly, and brought that subject forward at the special meeting called to consider the matter. It was merely a waste of time to discuss this question again and again.

Mr Shell: It is wasting time to talk rot and nonsense.

Mr Carse said the agreement was not before the Committee when they were discussing the matter. If any member of the Board had been present at the meeting the Gas Company there would have been some saving clauses in it.

Mr Siddell said it was useless to discuss the question already done. He was merely a waste of time.

Mr Carse explained that he was not complaining of what had been settled as to the price of gas. He only wished to have saving clauses inserted in certain cases—say, when any damage was done to the lamps, and it was not immediately attended to.

The Surveyor said if any of the lamps were injured, the damage was at once repaired.

Mr Collinson proposed, and Mr Siddell seconded, that the agreement be signed, and this was done.

GLOBE LAMPS.

Mr Aynsley informed the Board that the Gas Company, at their half-yearly meeting on the previous day, had agreed to fix globes to all the lamps along Pasture Drift Road at their own expense.

Mr Dunne thought the Gas Committee should have their attention drawn to the necessity for lamps being erected in the new streets recently formed by the Consett Iron Company. He moved that the Gas Committee be requested to confer with Mr Douglas as to the erection of new lamps in these streets, and where they should be placed; also to decide upon fixing lamps where necessary in other portions of the town.

This was seconded by Mr Siddell and agreed to.

The question of erecting additional lamps on the road from the Ironworks to Consett Hall was also left in the hands of the Gas Committee.

TAKING OVER NEW STREETS.

A memorial was read, signed by Messrs Whitehead, Harrison, Hall, and Amos, asking the Board to take over their respective portions of the street in Garden and Store Streets, which had been properly paved and cemented to the satisfaction of the Surveyor, and dedicate the same to the public; also requesting that a lamp should be fixed at the corner of Garden Street and Store Street.

The latter portion of the petition was referred to the Gas Committee.

It was pointed out that one of the proprietors—Mr McNally—had declined to complete his portion of the street.

It was decided to serve notice on Mr McNally asking him to have the street paved and cemented in seven days.

PROPOSED SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE FOR CONSETT.

The Clerk read the subjoined report:—

It is recommended that the direction contained in clause 7 of the Education Act of 39 and 40 Vic c 79 sec. 33, be adopted by this Local Board, and that the necessary steps be taken to carry out the same forthwith.

W. Jenkins.
F. Steggall.
Thos. Dunne.
J. W. Davison.

31st August, 1883.

The following extracts from the Act of Parliament were also read:—

"On the application of the Urban Sanitary Authority of a Local Government District, which is not and does not comprise a Borough, and which is co-extensive with any parish or parishes not within the jurisdiction of a School Board, containing according to the last published census for the time being a population of not less than five thousand, the Education Department may by order authorise the Sanitary Authority of that district to appoint, and thereupon such Authority may appoint a School Attendance Committee, as if they were the Council of a Borough, and that Committee, to the exclusion of the School Attendance Committee appointed by the Guardians, shall enforce the provisions of this Act in the Sanitary district, and be in that district the Local Authority for the purposes of this Act, and all the provisions of this Act shall apply accordingly as if the Sanitary Authority were the Council of a Borough.

"Provided that the expenses (if any) of a School Attendance Committee appointed by an Urban Sanitary Authority shall be paid out of a fund to be raised out of the poor rate of the parish or parishes comprised in the district of such Authority, according to the rateable value of each parish, and the Urban Sanitary Authority, shall, for the purpose of obtaining payment for such expenses have the same power as a Board of Guardians have for the purpose of obtaining contributions to their common fund under the Acts relating to relief of the poor, and the accounts of such expenses shall be audited as the accounts of other expenses of the Sanitary Authority."

"Any bye-laws in force in an Urban Sanitary district, or any part thereof, before the appointment of a School Attendance Committee by the Sanitary Authority of such district, shall continue in force, subject nevertheless to be revoked or altered by the School Attendance Committee of the Sanitary Authority, in pursuance of section 74 of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, as amended by this Act.

"Where an Urban Sanitary district is not and does not comprise a Borough, and is not wholly within the jurisdiction of a School Board, and is not within the foregoing provisions of this section, the Urban Sanitary Authority of that district may from time to time appoint such number as the Education Department allow, not exceeding three, of their own members to be members of the School Attendance Committee for the Union in which the district or the part thereof not within the jurisdiction of a School Board is situate, and such members, so long as they are members of the Sanitary Authority, and their appointment is not revoked by that Authority, shall be members of the School Attendance Committee, and have the same powers and authorities as if they had been appointed by the Guardians."

Mr Carse moved the adoption of the recommendation of the Committee to form the Local Board district into a separate school district.

The Chairman said that without doubt the Attendance Officer appointed by the Lanchester School Attendance Committee was a thoroughly efficient person, but the Board considered that if they had a man of their own they would have more control over him.

Mr Carse observed that at the recent conference of school managers, the statistics produced by some of the teachers were really startling with regard to non-attendance. In the aggregate, the number of absentees in one quarter was upwards of 4,000 out of 10,000 attendances. This was a very serious matter when they took into account that the registration Government grant now depended on the average attendance.

The Chairman thought there was very great room for the school managers for the work they had accomplished without the aid of a single penny from the rates.

Rev F. Steggall said if they appointed an attendance officer of their own, they would cease to contribute anything towards Mr Ward's salary.

Mr Hudson inquired if the Guardians at Lanchester had been asked to appoint an Attendance Officer for Consett?

Mr Carse: No, it is of no use.

Mr Hudson thought they should have appealed first to the Guardians. For the two or three schools in Consett, there was not enough work for an Attendance Officer.

The Chairman explained that it was utterly impossible for Mr Ward to look up the absentees for the Consett Union. There was a population of 10,000 in their own district; and he thought they were entitled to have an Attendance Officer. They only paid less than £1 a week, and the person appointed would not have to devote his whole time to the work.

Mr Hudson contended that if the Guardians had stationed an Attendance Officer in their district, it would have been much cheaper for them. They were only increasing the rates.

Rev F. Steggall maintained that it would be cheaper and far better for them to have an officer of their own, than be dependent on the Attendance Committee at Lanchester.

The Chairman said the township had been invested with £10,000 by means of these voluntary schools. Was it too much, he asked, for the ratepayers to appoint a man who could whip in all the absentees and secure a good average attendance?

Mr Hudson said the Board should not have acted in the way they had without first consulting the Lanchester Guardians.

The Chairman said the managers of the four schools in Consett had been seriously considering whether it would not be advantageous to appoint an Attendance Officer themselves, only they had discovered that it would not be a legal office.

Mr Carse said the voluntary schools had been a great blessing to the township, and he thought it was as little as they could do when the managers came and asked them to appoint a school officer.

The Chairman remarked that they in Consett ought not to be beholden to Lanchester for anything they required. He thought the whole of the Petty Session cases and the business of the Guardians should be transacted in Consett; and they should not cling to the old-fashioned method to going to Lanchester for everything they required. If they would only work with him, these things would come to pass.

THE ROAD AT MOUNT PLEASANT.

A letter was read from Mr W. Knox, complaining of the disgraceful state of the road leading from Mount Pleasant to his house.

It was decided to refer the question to the Chairman, who promised to see what could be done.

THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ACT.

A circular was read from the Felling Local Board, asking the Consett Board to sign a petition for presentation to Parliament praying for the amendment of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1879; transferring the legal authority for carrying out the provisions of the above Acts from the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions to the various Local Boards in the district.

Several members expressed a favourable opinion regarding the proposal, and the memorial was eventually referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Taylor, Aynsley, Carse, and Shell.

ENCROACHMENT ON THE FOOTPATH.

Mr Jesse Hall, manager of the Co-operative Store, Consett, wrote to the Board asking that the hoarding around their property in Newmarket Street, which was found to encroach on the footpath for a few inches, should be allowed to remain until they intended to build on the plot, which would in all probability be sometime next year.

It was ruled by Mr Aynsley, and seconded by Mr Shell, that the fence should be set back and the footpath cemented the proper width.

This was carried.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Local Board.

Gentlemen,—During the past month the streets and highways in your district have been kept in good order.

I have covered a portion of West Victoria Street with broken limestone, and I intend to put it with broken whinstone, Prospect Street, which was very much cut up with carting materials to the new buildings, has been covered with broken slag. I have at present in stock about 400 tons of limestone, 200 tons of whinstone, and 50 cubic yards of selected slag broken and ready for use.

Your streets also have been properly scavenged and watered when required, and all refuse has been promptly removed.

Mr Ridley has finished his contract for putting in main sewers very satisfactorily.

Mr Carse has let the contract for new culvert near the Slag Heap, is carrying it out in a proper workmanlike manner, and I expect by next meeting to report the whole of the works completed. I observed that a temporary erection has been put up in the corner of a field near Mount Pleasant. There are some few streets in your district which requires to be named, and there are others such as Derwent Street and Court Street would be much better changed, as they often confuse people, especially strangers, in addition to which there is the trouble, inconvenience, and delay caused by letters, parcels, &c., miscarrying.

There are three lamp posts in Harvey Street, and two or three on the Tinmill Road, would be better if removed nearer the edge of the footpath.

I have certified that ten houses belonging to the Consett Iron Company, two belonging to Mr Wm. Doddy, and one belonging to Mr Harrison Dobson to be in my opinion fit for human habitation.

I have frequently and closely inspected your district, and find the ashpits as a whole with only a small quantity of house refuse in them.

Disinfectants have been freely used to keep down offensive smells, and every precaution has been taken to preserve the public health.

I have received and paid to treasurer the following amounts

	£	s	d
General district rate	1	4	6
Market tolls	1	4	6
Removing house refuse	1	0	6

I remain, Gentlemen, your obedient servant.

Sept. 5th, 1883. William Rippon.

RE-NAMING THE STREETS.

The question of re-naming several of the streets, and naming the whole of the new streets, was left in the hands of the Chairman.

PLANS.

The undermentioned plans were passed, subject to duplicates being deposited with the Board:—For two houses in Shotley Bridge Terrace, for Mr W. Shell; two houses to be built in flats in Delves Lane for Mr Shell; and a dwelling-house in Medomsley Road for Mr John Allen.

The Board, after deliberating from five o'clock until half-past ten, then adjourned until next Wednesday.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

MARRIAGES.

At the Register Office, Lanchester.—On the 1st inst., Mr G. W. Dodds, to Miss M. Reay, both of Stanley.—Same day, Mr J. Graham, to Miss E. Makepeace, both of Leadgate.—4th inst., Mr W. Galley, of Cornsay Colliery, to Miss S. A. Cranston, of Hamsterley Colliery.

Wingate.—29th ult., John Estell Gibson, third son of Henry Gibson, to Mary, eldest daughter of Thompson Jones, Witton Gilesfield.

Durham.—St. Giles' Church, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. J. G. Norton, M.A., vicar, Richardson Peele, solicitor, Mary Maria (Minnie), only daughter of Alderman Foren, J.P., all of Durham.

DEATHS.

Consett.—31st ult., aged 74 years, Mr. David Imrie.

Blackhill.—3rd inst., aged 56, Sarah, beloved wife of the late James Wear.

Leadgate.—3rd inst., Margery Ann Worley, wife of E. Worley.

Derwent Top Edges.—2nd inst., aged 72, George Bell, late of Gosforth.

Broomhill Colliery.—28th ult., Sarah, wife of E. Forster.

Ramshaw.—19th ult., Elizabeth Bratton, aged 22.

Wingate.—1st inst., aged 12, accidentally killed on Garesfield waggon-way, George, son of Mr John Murray.—5th inst., aged 14 years, Robert Steel Crawford, son of Jacob and Sarah Crawford.

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