

TEESDALE UNION.—ATTENDANCE OF THE GUARDIANS FOR THE YEAR 1878-9.

Table with columns: Names of Guardians, Board Meetings, Committee Meetings, Rural Sanitary Authority, School Attendance, Assessment, Total. Lists names like Mr. B.W. Gibson, Mr. J. Hall, etc.

FAIRFIELD AUCTION MART, DARLINGTON.

Monday, May 20th, 1879. Sale to commence with the Milk Cows at 10 o'clock, Fat Cattle and Sheep at 11 o'clock, Store Cattle at 1 o'clock.

BARNARD CASTLE.

At the WYTHEM TESTAMENTAL, BARNARD CASTLE, On Wednesday, the 11th June, 1879.

At half-past Three o'clock precisely, MESSRS. TARN, AUCTIONEERS.

ALL that FREEHOLD DWELLING HOUSE, used as a Temperance Hotel, with the Gardens adjoining, situate in Galgate, Barnard Castle, in the occupation of the owner, Mr. Thomas Kipling.

The Premises consist of a Spacious Entrance, Three Sitting Rooms, Nine Bedrooms, Two Kitchens, Larder, and other convenient Back Premises, and have a Frontage to the principal street of 72 feet. The Workshop adjoining will be sold with the Premises.

The Garden behind contains about 600 Square Yards, and is well cultivated. The owner has recently spent a large sum in alterations and improvements, which make the premises complete for the hotel business.

The Property is in the most improving part of the town, and the proposed ornamentation of the street in front will add to its attractions as a comfortable place of resort for its ever-increasing number of visitors.

In addition to the business of the Hotel the proprietor has carried on that of a photographer, for which the premises are admirably adapted. The Studio standing in the Garden is for Sale by Private Treaty, and will be sold separately. Offers are invited.

Further particulars and permission to view may be obtained from the Owner or

R. T. RICHARDSON, Solicitor, Barnard Castle.

Middleton-in-Teesdale. Sale of Valuable Household Furniture, comprising Massive Old Carved Black Oak Cabinet, date 1681, Massive Old Carved Black Oak Sideboard, Old Carved Black Oak Centre Table, 2 Old Carved Black Oak Decks, Old Carved Black Oak Fancy Table, &c. &c.

MESSRS. TARN favoured with instructions from Mr. Dr. Makins, who is leaving the neighbourhood, will sell by Auction, on Saturday, May 24th, 1879, at Middleton-in-Teesdale, the following very Valuable Household FURNITURE, Feather Beds, Hair Mattresses, &c. &c. &c. Catalogue on demand: First-class mahogany sideboard, 64 feet long; large mahogany centre table, table cover, mahogany card table, rosewood circular table, with marble top; mahogany hall table, with marble top; mahogany side table, with drawers; mahogany sofa, mahogany Jacobean elbow chair, mahogany easy chair, in hair; 6 small do., hair-seated; birch folding chair, with cushions, mahogany reading desk, rosewood portable writing desk, 4 antique elbow chairs, with hair cushions; large pier glass, in gilt frame; do., in mahogany frame, 2 gilt window cornices and crimson curtains, Brussels and Kidderminster carpets and hearth rugs, several fenders, ash pans, fire irons, coal vases, 3 iron bedsteads, with straw mattresses; 4 feather beds, hair mattress, 6 do. do., 6 pairs of blankets, quilts, first-class mahogany washstand, with marble top and back; mahogany dressing table, mahogany dressing case, mahogany folding washstand, 4 mahogany spring toilet glasses, towel airer, 6 bedroom chairs, cane-seated; chamber service, chest of drawers, painted maple; washstand, do.; oak dressing table, oak bed chair, painted washstand and dressing table, 4 mahogany window poles, rings and curtains, bedroom carpets, stair matting, wool and door mats, timepiece, umbrella stand, several busts, 2 birch elbow chairs, painted press, kitchen tables, snap table, kitchen chairs, 2 elbows, clothes horse, oak tool chest, kitchen fender and fire irons, dinner service, plate warmer, trays, smoothing-iron, brass and other pans, tin and coffee pots, 2 chandeliers and 2 pendents, 2 brass candlesticks, knives and forks, bread tins, dish covers, jugs, pails, water can, large metal safe, a quantity of books, and various other articles.

The Auctioneers beg to say that the whole of the above furniture is in good condition, the old carved oak especially worthy of attention.

Sale at 12 o'clock prompt.

At the WYTHEM TESTAMENTAL, BARNARD CASTLE, On WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of MAY, 1879.

At half-past Three o'clock precisely, Subject to such conditions as may be then produced, MR. DALRYMPLE, AUCTIONEER.

ALL that FREEHOLD COTTAGE, TWO STABLES, OUTBUILDINGS, YARD and PREMISES adjoining, situate in Thorngate Wynd, Barnard Castle, in the occupation of Messrs. Rudd.

Lot 2. All that DWELLING-HOUSE, with Ware Room above, Cart Shed, Engine and Boiler Sheds, Site of Corn Mill, spacious Yard and Premises, situate in Thorngate Wynd aforesaid, and abutting on the river Tees, lately used as a Corn Mill by Messrs. Rudd.

Also, at the same time, if not previously disposed of by private contract, a High Pressure STEAM ENGINE, with Boiler and Shafting, now fixed and standing on part of the premises described in Lot 2.

The above premises are Freehold, and for many years until recently destroyed by fire, a lucrative business was carried on. The position of the site, with Frontage to the River of about 25 Yards, makes the site very valuable for a first-class business.

Mr. J. Kirby will show the premises; and further particulars may be known on application to Messrs. Rudd, the owners, or

MR. R. T. RICHARDSON, Solicitor, Barnard Castle.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—Shortly there will be a Large and Varied FURNITURE SALE in the Music Hall, Barnard Castle, of which full information will be given. Any one having surplus Furniture to Dispose of will find this a rare opportunity. JOHN PARKINSON, Auctioneer.

Market place, Middleton-in-Teesdale. MR. JOHN ALLINSON will sell by Auction, on Saturday, May 24th, 1879, all the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c. belonging to Mr. William Lowes, of Middleton. For Particulars see handbill. Sale at 10 o'clock. Mount Pleasant, May 21st, 1879.

FOR SALE, Two Stacks of Old Lead HAY, by weight or otherwise.—Apply to WILLIAM BARR, Bank, Barnard Castle.

A STACK of Good HAY for SALE.—Apply to A. RAINE, Bank, Barnard Castle.

TO BE LET, A HOUSE, situate in Galgate, Barnard Castle, containing Ten Rooms, with Attic, Bath Room, and Good Cellars.—Apply to BENJAMIN ARNOLD.

TO LET, No. 15 Montalbo Terrace, Barnard Castle. Parlour, Sitting Room, Kitchen, 4 Bedrooms, W.C., &c. Good Garden. Rent moderate. Apply to THOS. PATTERSON, No. 18, Montalbo Terrace.

TO LET, 137 1/2 SHEEP SHEDS on Burns Moss, Darlington. Apply to JOHN WILSON, Howden Hill, Cleasby, Darlington.

FOR SALE two Mares useful for draught purposes, or breeding.—Apply to JOHN BARR, King's Head Hotel, Barnard Castle.

WANTED, HOUSEKEEPER and GENERAL SERVANT, of Middle Age, to keep house for a Gentleman.—Apply by letter to "A," at Office of this Paper.

TO LET, with immediate possession, the Greyhound Inn, situated in OVERYGATE LANE.—For rent apply to T. J. DOWSON, Dalton Fields.

16 TONS of HAY for SALE, delivered in two-ton lots, either at Middleton-in-Teesdale, Bowness, or Kirby Stephen.—Apply R. BARKER, Barnard Castle.

CATTLE & PIG FRENDS.—On Sale, a large quantity of slightly discoloured Indian Meal, cheap. At J. EVAN'S, Demons Milk, Barnard Castle.

THOMAS BRADLEY, ACCOUNTANT AND ESTATE AGENT, AND PUBLIC AUDITOR Under the "Friendly Societies Act, 1875," and the "Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1874," for the Counties of Northumberland and Durham.

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DEBS to inform his numerous friends and the public generally that he has commenced business at the above address, where he hopes to receive a share of their patronage. All who favour him with their orders may depend on receiving a stylish fit, combined with good workmanship and the very best material, at the lowest remunerative prices.

WHOLESALE PAINT DEPOT. J. GRAHAM, CHEMIST, GROCER, & WHOLESALE PAINT STORE.

Antient Mansion House, Bank, Barnard Castle. GENUINE White Lead, and every variety of colour, and shade in Paints, of the best quality, sold retail, mixed ready for use, in large quantities at 4d. per lb., small quantities 6d. per lb.

Turpentine, Raw and Boiled Linseed Oil; Oak, Carriage, Copal, and Paper Varnishes, Knotting, &c.; Gold Size, Gold Leaf, Gilt; Vermillion, and all rich colours, in powder; Paint Brushes, &c.

The above are bought direct from the manufacturers, and buyers may depend upon getting the best article.

Estate Agents, Contractors and Painters, taking large quantities, special terms.

ESTABLISHED 1829. HARRISON AND SON, 4 HIGH ROW, DARLINGTON, WATCH AND CLOCK MAKERS, GOLD AND SILVER SMITHS, JEWELLERS AND OPTICIANS, AND IMPORTERS OF WATCHES, CLOCKS, & MUSICAL BOXES.

HAVE the pleasure to announce the completion of their extensive alterations, and that they are now able to show one of the FINEST and BEST SELECTED STOCKS IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND, comprising Ladies' and Gentlemen's Gold and Silver Watches, Keyless Centre Seconds, Stop Watches, Repeaters and Adjusted Levers, Geneva and Workmen's Watches; Clocks in Ormolu, Marble and Wood, suitable for Drawing and Dining Rooms, Library, Hall, Office, Presentation and Wedding Presents.

GOLD AND SILVER JEWELLERY, Consisting of BRACELETS, CHAINS, BROOCHES, EARRINGS, LOCKETS, STOPS, LENSES, &c. RINGS, SCARF PINS, SLIPPERS, Bridesmaids' and Monogram Lockets made to any design.

SILVER AND ELECTRO-PLATE CUTS, &c., for Shows, Athletic Sports, &c. A Catalogue of 400 Drawings sent gratis on application.

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64, CORNHILL, LONDON. WILLIAM J. VIAN, Secretary. Agent for Barnard Castle: MR. J. HUNT, Bank.

THE TEESDALE MERCURY. BARNARD CASTLE, MAY 21st, 1879.

An Appeal from the Churchwardens of Staindrop (which is printed in another column) reminds us that Staindrop Church, from its historical associations, is worthy of all the care that can be bestowed upon it.

The first church at Staindrop is said to have been founded by King Canute, about the year 1030, when he gave his "vill" of Staindrop to St. Cuthbert. It was subsequently enlarged, and in great part rebuilt, by the Nevilles of Baby Castle. The edifice, as it stands, is a study for the architect as well as for the historian and the antiquary. Of fair proportions, it is a model of what the church-builders of the "olden-time" could do when at their best; and the stately structure is properly the chief boast of the inhabitants of the place. But the interior conveys far more of interest to the spectator than anything he views outside. Here, amidst lofty pillars and noble arches,

are the tombs of men whose names will live in English history as long as England itself survives. Here are the monuments of the Nevilles, the old lords of Baby. One of the tombs is that of Ralph Neville, first Earl of Westmorland, whose second wife was a daughter of John of Gaunt, "time-honoured Lancaster." This Earl was ancestor of a royal race. He was grandfather of Warwick, "the Kingmaker," and father of Cicely (sister of Fuller as "the dearest instance of frail human felicity"), who married Richard Plantagenet, Duke of York, was mother of Edward IV. and Richard III., and grandmother of Edward V. and of Elizabeth, Queen of Henry VII., from whom our gracious sovereign Queen Victoria is descended.

In another quarter of the church we behold the monuments of the Yanes, Maris of Darlington and Dukes of Cleveland, who have been owners of this fair domain for more than two hundred and fifty years. Here is the monument of Henry, second Earl of Darlington, who, as a youth fought bravely at Dettingen and Fontenoy, at both which battles he was wounded (at the latter severely), and who yet survived the "perils of food and field," and lived to a good old age at his castle at Baby, "an ornament to his native country and county." Here also is the magnificent altar-tomb of William Harry, first Duke of Cleveland—a sagacious statesman and powerful subject. Here, too, is the monument of Henry, second Duke of Cleveland, whose benevolence and unostentatious gifts endeared him to multitudes, and cause him to be held in loving memory. Here also are the marble tombs of successive Countesses of Darlington and Duchesses of Cleveland, with inscriptions commemorative of their piety and charity. Staindrop Church is likewise the burial place of more than one County worthy, amongst whom we may name John Lee, Esq., the friend of Lord Eldon, and who, in turn, filled the post of Solicitor-General. In the steeple is a peal of six musical bells, presented, in the last century, by Mrs. Baby Vane, whose liberality and tender care for the poor are not yet forgotten.

In the adjoining cemetery repose the remains of Thomas Freshfield Scarth, Esq., for many years the esteemed and trusted agent for the Baby estate, and in perpetuation of whose name the "Scarth Memorial Hall" has been raised at Staindrop. The churchwardens, in their appeal, say, truthfully:—"This old church has come down to us, and is enjoyed by us, 'without money and without price.' Hallowed alike by its consecration, and by the many generations of worshippers who have met within its walls, and now sleep peacefully under its shadow, it has come into our hands, and will still stand, a monument of God's glory and man's devotion, when we have long been gathered to our fathers. . . . It is therefore earnestly hoped and believed that all worshippers within its walls and worshippers elsewhere, will welcome this as a common opportunity in which all may agree, and work together for the grand old House of God which stands among us; and which we are bound to regard as an heirloom which we must hand over to our descendants, not the worse, but the better, for having been in our use and possession." We cordially commend the appeal to the attention of our readers, and we wish the churchwardens all success in their disinterested labours.

The gallantry of Lieutenants Melville and Coghill, in saving the colours of the 24th Regiment at Inasdale, brings to our recollection an equally brave exploit performed by a more humble soldier—a native of North Yorkshire—about the middle of the last century. The facts may be narrated as follows:—At the battle of Dettingen, in Germany, fought between the English and French, on the 16th of June, 1746, a private soldier in Bland's dragoons distinguished himself by a heroic action. His name was Tom Brown. He was born at Kirkstatham, and a large oak-tree near the gates of the hospital there marks the site of the cottage in which he first drew breath. His father, who was a blacksmith, planted the oak in his garden on the day his son was born, observing that "the plant might come to a tree when his son became a man"; but little thinking that his boy would attain the celebrity that was afterwards attached to his name. Our hero was bred a shoemaker, but, preferring the profession of arms, he enlisted into the Banickhill Dragoons, from which he was drafted into Bland's regiment of cavalry, and sent to Germany. In the early part of the battle of Dettingen he had two horses killed under him, and lost two fingers of his left hand; yet, when he saw the standard of his regiment borne off by some French horsemen, in consequence of a wound received by the cornet, he galloped into the ranks of the enemy, shot the soldier who had seized the colour, and, recovering it, placed it between his thigh and the saddle, and indomitably fought his way back, a distance of eighty yards, surrounded by his foes, who vainly endeavoured to kill him and repossess themselves of the standard. In this valiant exploit Brown received eight wounds in the face, head and neck; three balls went through his hat, and two lodged in his back, whence they could never be extracted. Whilst Tom was being right and left, two of the Frenchmen detached themselves from the others, and pressed forward to intercept his retreat, but he encountered them in full career; with one stroke of his sword he smote off the right arm of the foremost, and transfixed the second with the point of his weapon. He triumphantly regained his comrades with his prize, and was greeted with ringing cheers. King George II., in person commanded the English army at Dettingen, and he warmly praised the bravery of this devoted soldier. Tom, after partially recovering from his wounds, served for a short time in the Horseguards, and would have been rewarded with a commission but for his want of education. The pain of his wounds continuing to trouble him, he obtained his discharge from the army, with a pension of £20 a year. He retired to Yarn, where he died, and was buried on the 18th of January, 1746. The name of Tom Brown spread throughout the kingdom; prints representing him were sold in abundance; his achievements were painted on sign-posts; and, in many an English village, the likeness of Tom Brown and the Marquis of Granby (a military leader of the period) placed over the doors of public-houses, divided the popular admiration. At Yarn there is even yet an inn known as the "Tom Brown." The sword that he used at Dettingen—a straight blade, three feet long, with a brass basket-hilt,—is still, we are informed, preserved at Kirkstatham; together with an engraving of him, by Blair, showing his face with an sword-cut upon it. He was of powerful and athletic build, five feet eleven inches high, and 28 years of age when he received the standard at Dettingen.

Wanted a CERTIFICATED MASTER for MICKLETON SCHOOL.—For particulars apply to W. B. BELL, Vicar of Lankirk, Mickleton, Darlington.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, BARNARD CASTLE. WANTED, for the above Society, a YOUNG FEMALE to serve in the SHOP. Must be quick in Accounts. The Shop is open from a quarter to Eight in the Morning till Seven in the Evening, except Saturdays, when it closes at half-past Nine. A half-holiday is allowed each week. Applications to be made to the Committee, in own handwriting, on or before SATURDAY, MAY 24th, 1879, not later than 4 o'clock p.m., stating salary required.—Pro the Society, JOHN LONGBOTOM, Secretary.

PROPOSED WARMING APPARATUS FOR STAINDROP CHURCH. APPEAL TO THE PARISHIONERS. THE past long and severe winter has brought home to us all, very forcibly, the necessity of making our Parish Church comfortably warm during the cold weather. Various means to effect this object have been tried. Stoves, both coal and gas, have been used. The result being that attendance at Church, during the past winter, has been a source of bodily discomfort to all, and of positive danger to the aged and infirm.

A movement has been set on foot to supply this want without delay. It is proposed to heat the Church by means of hot water. A plan has been prepared by Messrs. W. Richardson and Co., of Darlington, and the Parishioners will shortly be asked to contribute towards the cost.

We are fortunate in having, as our fellow-parishioner, His Grace the Duke of Cleveland, who, we understand, is much interested in the matter. But it is thought that the most direct plan, and that which will best prevent loss of time, is for each of us to contribute according to our means, and when we have done what we can, we may reasonably look to His Grace to come forward and aid us.

We cannot be too often reminded that we are indebted to the liberality, successions, and self-denial of our ancestors for the beautiful sacred edifice which forms one of our most interesting relics from its architectural features and its historical associations. A building which dates back before the Conquest, and which none can contemplate without feelings of pride in its possession.

This old Church has come down to us, and is enjoyed by us, "without money and without price." Hallowed alike by its consecration, and by the many generations of worshippers who have met within its walls, and now sleep peacefully under its shadow, it has come into our hands, and will still stand, a monument of God's glory and man's devotion, when we have long been gathered to our fathers.

We ought then to count ourselves fortunate that an opportunity is offered us to link ourselves to those good men of the past in their work for God, and to join hands with them, to a small extent, in perfecting their work. And though many of our fellow-parishioners led now to worship elsewhere than within its walls, yet all must feel that they have a common share in its privileges, which they may enjoy, if they will, and which future generations may desire to use.

It is, therefore, earnestly hoped and believed that all worshippers within its walls and worshippers elsewhere, will welcome this as a common opportunity in which all may agree, and work together for the grand old House of God which stands among us; and which we are bound to regard as an heirloom which we must hand over to our descendants, not the worse, but the better, for having been in our use and possession.

THOMAS RAILTON, T. S. TAYLOR, Churchwardens.

A Fortune for a Trifle, £20,000 for £1. FULL PARTICULARS of this most advantageous opportunity is offered us to link ourselves to those good money speculators, guaranteed by Government, will be sent free on application, enclosing a stamped directed envelope, to JOHN FORBES, Esq., 8, Craig's Court, Charing Cross, London, S.W.

WELL-BRED BULL, the property of GIBSON TALLENTS, Holwick, will serve Cows at 3 shillings each.

WELL-BRED BROWN, at Mr. Pearson's, Bowness Mill.—Sows to be sown: 6d. per day for keep.—All demands to be paid before the sows are taken away.

MR. G. GRAHAM, Barnard Castle, has now ready for sale, FANCY GERANIUMS and CALCEOLARIAS.

WOODLAND RACES AND SPORTS will be held on SATURDAY, the 14th of JUNE, 1879, when liberal Prizes will be given.—For Horse Race, £12 10s.; Pony Race, under 14 hands, £5 5s.; Pony Race, 12 1/2 hands, £3 17s. 6d.; Horse Leaping £10.—Particulars in Bill.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the next general annual meeting of the trustees of the said roads, will be held at the house of John Wall, Egglestone, in the County of Durham, on Tuesday, May 27th, 1879, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of auditing and settling the treasurer's and surveyor's accounts to the 31st of December last, and forming an estimate of the expenses of maintaining the said roads for the present year.

Also to appoint new trustees in the room of those who are dead, and the transaction of any other business necessary. JOS. O. MORRIS, Clerk to the Trustees. Egglestone, April 26th, 1879.

D. BERRY AND SON, HOBIERS, &c., THANKFUL to the public for the kind patronage bestowed upon them for the past 30 years, beg to intimate that Mr. W. BERRY, their representative, will be glad to receive any orders on their behalf, which shall have their prompt attention.

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS. HOGGITT'S FAMED LAMBING OILS, in Bottles 1s., 1s. 6d., 2s. 6d., 3s. 6d., and 5s. each. Prepared and sold by JOHN BADCOCK & SON, MCDONAGH'S, WILSON & KITCHEN'S, COOPERS and other DIPS always in stock. Special Terms to large consumers. DIPPING APPARATUS supplied Free of Charge to Purchasers.

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