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THAT Fashionable Journal, the *Morning Post*, in an article on Velveteens, observes:—"In no city in the world is all that pertains to dress and personal adornment submitted to a keener criticism than in Paris. One of the most striking examples of Articles of attire of English Manufacture satisfactorily passing such an ordeal is afforded by the favour with which

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WANTED, THREE APPRENTICES to the Millinery and Dressmaking.—Apply T. Garbutt, Commerce House, Barnard Castle.

LOST, from the Paddock adjoining the Vicarage of Kirkby Hill, between Richmond and Barnard Castle, a CHESNUT COLT FOAL; white hind foot, white star on forehead.—Any one returning the same to the above address will be rewarded.

WINE & SPIRIT DEPARTMENT.

J. DAWSON & SON, BARNARD CASTLE, in anticipation of the coming season, will be obliged if their friends will return all EMPTY JARS bearing their name and that of Eeles & Co., Caldwell, for re-casing and repair.—J. Dawson & Son avail themselves of this opportunity of again tendering their best thanks for, and soliciting a continuance of, past favors.

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A Large Assortment of

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OF THE NEWEST DESIGNS,

From ½d. to 1s. each.

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At 6d. and 1s. per Packet.

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Respectfully announces that he has commenced business as above, and he hopes, by strict attention, combined with moderate charges, to merit a share of public patronage and support.

N.B.—A large assortment of HATS, CAPS, TIES, &c.

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ANY of our Local Stones, from £2 10s. each Beautifully-sculptured Carrara and Sicilian Marbles; and Shap Red, Peterhead and Aberdeen Silver-Grey Granites, from £5 10s. each.

Engraving beautifully executed, and Old Memorials renovated.

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MANOR HOUSE,
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SWEEP! SWEEP! SWEEP!

THOMAS MORLEY, Well Yard, Barnard Castle, begs to announce that he has commenced the business of CHIMNEY-SWEEPER, and he hopes, by strict attention, to merit the public patronage and support.—Note the address: Thomas Morley, Well Yard, Horse Market, Barnard Castle.

NOTICE.—BED and BREAKFAST may be had at JOHN LONGBOTTOM'S, Thorngate, Barnard Castle, on the most reasonable terms.

W. HEWITT begs to announce that he has opened a FANCY GOODS SHOP, on the Bank, BARNARD CASTLE, with a well-selected stock of Velveteens, Cashmeres, Shawlettes, Ribbons, Frillings, Laces, Fents, Stockings, Fancy Buttons, &c.—A call will oblige.—Agent for J. Fenwick & Son, Great Northern Dye Works, Hexham and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

MONEY! MONEY!! MONEY!!!

A PRIVATE GENTLEMAN is open to make ADVANCES to Householders, Farmers, and others, on their own personal security; distance no object. The greatest secrecy observed.—Apply, by letter, to B. Hyman, 78, Grange-road, East, Middlesbrough. [Private Residence.]

A WELL-BRED BRAWN kept by J. W. Arrowsmith, Hereford House, Staindrop, at 4s. per sow. All sows remaining more than one day will be charged 3d. per day for meat. All demands to be paid before removal.

Monday First.

Fairfield Auction Mart, Darlington, Weekly Live Stock Sale at 9·30 a.m.

MESSRS. TARN will Sell by Auction, at their Mart, every Monday, a number of choice DAIRY COWS, FAT and STORE CATTLE, SHEEP, LAMBS, &c.

Sale to commence with the Milch Cows at half-past 9, Fat Cattle and Sheep at 10, and Store Cattle following.

Hayberries, Mickleton, Darlington.

Nook, Mickleton, Yorkshire.
Farm Stock Sale by Auction.

MESSRS. TARN, favoured with instructions from the Executor of the late Mr William Parkin, will Sell by Auction, on Saturday, November 25th, 1882, at Mickleton, the whole of the Valuable STOCK, Crop, Implements, Dairy Utensils, &c. comprising 5 good young cows, spring calvers; 3 good heifers, spring calvers; 4 good spring calves, 3 Leicester ewes, 1 Leicester gimmer lamb, 1 do. tup lamb, 3 fat pigs; 1 useful black mare, 15 hds. 3 in. high, good in all gears; 1 do. bay horse, 14 hds. 3 in. high, quiet in all gears; 2 stacks, 1 large mow, and 1 loft of well-won old land hay, one stack of which may be taken off the premises; 1 stack of oats; 3 fields of unbroken fog, 3 do. overeaten fog; 7 acres pasture eatage, till next spring, a quantity of potatoes, ¾-acre of swede and yellow turnips, a good crop, in lots, and may be taken off the premises.

Coup cart, long cart body, grass cutter, iron wheel plough, scuffler, harrows, hay sweep, hay spade, winnowing machine, 2 ladders, rakes, forks, cow chains, cart and plough gears for one horse, dairy utensils, and various other articles.

Sale at 1 o'clock.

Hayberries.

WHORLEY HILL,

1½ Mile from Winston, and 4 Miles from Barnard Castle.

Sale of Live Stock, Crop and Farm Implements, on Friday, November 24th, 1882.

MESSRS. TARN, instructed by Miss Dodds (who is declining Farming), will submit to Public Competition, on the above day, the whole of the Live STOCK, Crop and Implements, at Whorley Hill, comprising:—

Cattle.—6 heifers and young cows, some fit for the butcher; 2 bullocks, rising three years old, do.; 2 cows, due to calve about Christmas; 2 do., spring calvers; 1 heifer, do.; 1 do., rising two years old, barren; 2 bullocks, rising two years old; 4 spring calves.

Sheep.—18 half-bred ewes, forward in condition; 20 three-parts-bred shearlings, fat; 30 three-parts-bred lambs, forward in condition; 1 Leicester two-shear tup.

Horses.—Bay horse "Prince," 9 years old; bay mare, "Trimmer," aged; black mare "Diamond," do.; bay horse, "Rattler," 3 years old, quietly worked; bay filly, 2 years old, by "Crown Prince"; bay do., 1 year old, by do.; filly foal, by do.

Pigs.—1 sow in pig, 2 strong pigs.

Crop.—1 large long stack of well-won old land hay, which may be taken off the premises; 1 long stack of hay, to be consumed on; 2 stacks of oats, 1 do. of barley, 1 do. of wheat, 5 acres of soft turnips, 12 rows of potatoes, 20 acres of May-day eatage, thirteen of which are unbroken fog; 13 acres of over-eaten clover fog, till February; 57 acres of pasture eatage, till 6th of April next. The Hay, Turnips, Straw and Eatage, will be apportioned in lots to suit purchasers.

Implements.—2 coup carts, 1 long cart, 4-wheel dog cart, with two pairs of shafts; set of good harness, Cambridge roller, stone roller, garden roller, corn reaper, horse rake, haymaker, 2 iron wheel ploughs, double mouldboard plough, iron scuffler, 2 pairs of harrows, seed do., clod crusher, drag, corn drill, double turnip drill, 4-horse thrashing machine, winnowing machine, 2 wheelbarrows, sheep troughs, pig troughs, large stone trough, 2 pairs of stone gate-posts, 2 ladders, rakes, forks, shovels, cow chains, blacksmith's tools, grindstone, old iron, cart and plough gears for 3 horses, &c., &c.

Credit for the crop, on approved security, till the 1st of March, 1883, or 4d. in the pound allowed for Cash.

Sale at 12 o'clock.

WHITE HOUSE FARM, Morley, near Evenwood.
Sale of Cattle, Horses, Implements, and Hay, &c.

MR J. BLACKETT (instructed by Mr Robert Brunskill), will Sell by Auction, on Saturday, the 25th November, 1882, at White House Farm, Morley, the Valuable CATTLE, &c., comprising:—1 good cow, May calver; 1 good heifer, June calver; 1 good geld cow, 1 good geld heifer, 1½ year old; 1 bullock, 1½ year old; 1 aged horse, quiet in all gears; 1 colt 2 years old, by "Sir Roger"; 3 geese and gander, and 12 head of poultry.

Implements.—Long cart, coup cart, horse rake, and single horse reaper, Wood's; also 2 stacks of well-won hay, to be taken off the premises.

Credit will be given on Approved Joint Security for the Hay, until the 22nd day of March, 1883, or 6d. in the pound for Cash.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock.

Foster Hill, Woodland, Nov. 14th, 1882.

BARNARD CASTLE AUCTION MART.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29TH, 1882.

SIDNEY TRERY will Sell by Auction at the above Mart, a Choice Lot of CALVING COWS, GRAZING BEASTS, SHEEP, &c.

6 very superior bullock stirks, rising 2; 8 very grand bullocks, 2 years old; 1 dog cart phaeton, with poles, shafts, and brake.

Sale at 10 a.m.

Cleatlam, Staindrop.

SIDNEY TRERY, instructed by Mr Sayer, will Sell by Auction, on Saturday, November 25th, 1882, the following Household FURNITURE, Hay Stack, &c., as follows:—Square dining table, mahogany sofa, covered in hair; mahogany pole, rings, and crimson curtains, pictures, gun, matting, mats, kitchen table, 7 kitchen chairs, brass fender, fire irons, fire dogs, cradle, trays, 4-post bedstead, mattress, carpet, table and glass, new drugget, 6 bedroom chairs, towel rail, washstand, cupboard, glass, dressing table, ornaments, jars, dishes, pans, 3 kettles, India rubber wringer, fish pan, steamer, delf rack, paste board, a quantity of butcher's tools, blocks, 2 sets of scales, weights, trestles and tables, sheep rack, on wheels; wheelbarrow, scythe, rakes, forks, ladder, hay spade, brushes, brooms, pots and pans, pig troughs, water tubs, a very grand sow, 1 stack of well-won old land hay, to go off the premises.

Credit will be given till 1st March, for the Hay, or discount for Cash.

Sale at 12 o'clock.

TO BREWERS, SPIRIT MERCHANTS, &c.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

(By direction of the Trustees of the late Mr. James Brass),

On Friday, the 8th of December, 1882,
At Half-past Two o'clock in the Afternoon,
At the Black Bull Inn, near Whorlton,
in the County of Durham,

MR. SIDNEY TRERY, Auctioneer,

ALL That Valuable Freehold PUBLIC HOUSE, called the "Black Bull Inn," in the Township of Whorlton, with the Cottage, Brewhouse, Stable, Coach House, Barn, Cow Byre, and other Outbuildings thereto adjoining, and also the GARTH, and 4 CLOSES of excellent MEADOW and PASTURE LAND, thereto adjoining, and containing about 10 ACRES, and now in the occupation of Mr. John Thompson, as tenant.

This old-established Inn is about 4 miles from Barnard Castle, on the high road leading to Darlington. It is near the Winston Coal Field, and is in good condition and repair. The House has a good Cellar, and is well adapted for the business. Part of the purchase money may remain on the Property if required.

Further particulars may be obtained on application to Mr. John Brass, of Ingleton; Mr. Robert Race, of Folly, Lynesack, the Trustees; Mr. J. G. Brass, Bede Terrace, Barnard Castle; to the Auctioneer; or to R. T. RICHARDSON, Solicitor, Barnard Castle.

HILTON GRANGE, NEAR STAINDROP.

IMPORTANT SALE OF FARMING STOCK, HORSES, HAY, CORN, EATAGE, IMPLEMENTS, &c.

DAVID ARMSTRONG,

Honoured with instructions from Mr Wm. Watson (who is declining farming), will SELL BY AUCTION, on Tuesday, the 28th of November, 1882, as follows:—

CATTLE.—6 fat bullocks; 19 fat heifers: 4 geld cows, forward in condition; 2 stot stirks.

SHEEP.—50 excellent half and three-parts bred hogs.

PIGS.—7 pigs, 12 weeks old.

HORSES.—Bay mare, "Dapper," aged, stinted to "Waxwork"; bay mare, "Fannie," 4 years old, by "Waxwork"; bay mare, 2 years old, by "Waxwork"; brown colt, 2 years old, by "Waxwork"; brown yearling filly, by "Waxwork"; bay yearling filly, by "Waxwork"; brown yearling colt, by "Tam o' Shanter," dam by Garibaldi"; 1 foal, by "Waxwork" 2 foals, by "Clydesdale Tom."

IMPLEMENTS.—3 long carts, 2 coup ditto, grass cutter, by Kearsley; corn reaper, by Samuelson; 2 horse rakes, hay turner, Cambridge roller, wood ditto, 3 sheep racks, 12 sheep troughs, corn drill, scrubber, double furrow plough, 2 single ditto, 2 double broad ditto, 2 scufflers, 3 sets harrows, implement bogie; singletrees, sheep netting and stakes, ladders, gears, wood props, a quantity of sawn wood, &c.

HAY, CORN, TURNIPS, AND EATAGE.—3 stacks well-won hay, 7 stacks wheat, 7 stacks barley, 6 stacks oats, 16 acres Swede turnips, in 4 acre lots, 35 acres of splendid grass eatage, till May Day; 120 ditto till 6th April next. The hay will be sold with May Day eatage, according to conditions read on day of sale.

The lots being numerous, the Sale will commence at 12 o'clock to a minute.

The auctioneer has every confidence in drawing the attention of the public to this sale, the above stock, horses, eatage, &c., being of the very best description.

Belvedere, Bishop Auckland.

TO BE SOLD CHEAP, a few Copies of the PARALLEL NEW TESTAMENT (1611-1881).

R. W. ATKINSON,
BOOKSELLER, BARNARD CASTLE.

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Fit, Style, and Punctuality may be relied upon.

Immense Stock of Patterns to select from.

HUTTON & ADAMTHWAITE,

BONESETTERS,
SOULBY, NEAR KIRKBY STEPHEN.

MR. ADAMTHWAITE will attend at the Turk's Head Hotel, BARNARD CASTLE, every other Wednesday. The next attendance will be on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, 1882.

MR. J. W. MARSHALL has OPENED the PIANOFORTE ROOMS in Blackwellgate, with an entirely New Stock of PIANOFORTES, selected by himself from the Manufactories of the best London Makers.

PIANOFORTES by Broadwood, Collard and Collard, John Brinsmead and Sons, Kirkman and Sons, R. Allison and Sons, and Doerner Stuigard, to select from.

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A PARCEL OF MUSIC from London Daily. Also a quantity of the Newest SHEET MUSIC at One-fourth the Marked Price. Books and Folios suitable for Presents.

Tuning and Repairing in either Town or Country by thoroughly competent workmen.

Darlington, August 3rd, 1882.

HOUSE AND SHOP TO LET, in the Bank, Barnard Castle.—Immediate possession.—Apply to Mr T. Errington, Butcher, Barnard Castle.

WEDDING RINGS! WEDDING RINGS!

EVERY Purchaser of J. KENNEDY'S Noted Guinea-Gold Wedding Rings, presented with half-a-dozen finest Nickel-Silver Tea Spoons, and pair of Sugar Tongs to match. Watches direct from the best manufacturers. A numerous assortment of Jewellery and Fancy Goods, Electro-plate at the lowest possible prices. Spectacles by English Makers, suitable for all ages and sights. Wedding and Birth-day Presents. Wanted, for Cash, Antique Silver-plate, China, Carved Oak, Pictures, &c.

Agent for J. Pullar & Sons, Dyers to the Queen, Perth.

J. KENNEDY,
Queen Street, Barnard Castle.

JOHN GRAHAM, Chemist, &c., Ancient Mansion House, BARNARD CASTLE.

CEMENT & PLASTER DEPARTMENT.

Best Portland Cement £2 10s. per Ton (in Ton-lots); 3s. per cwt.; less quantities 6d. per stone. Best Boiled Allplaster, £2 per Ton (in Ton-lots); 2s. 6d. per cwt.; less quantities 4½d. per stone. A few Tons of each always in stock.

TO LET, TWO COTTAGES in Low Startforth.—Apply, J. C. Harrison, Startforth Lodge.

HUNTING APPOINTMENT.

The Teesdale Harriers will meet on Saturday, Nov. 25th, at Bowes, at 10·45.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** Anonymous communications can on no account receive attention. Every contribution must be authenticated (in confidence) with the name of the writer.

We cannot insert anonymous replies to letters that have appeared with the real names and addresses of the writers.

We decline to return rejected communications.

Correspondents would oblige by writing on one side of their paper only.

THE

Teesdale Mercury.

BARNARD CASTLE, NOVEMBER 22ND, 1882.

At a meeting of the Teesdale Board of Guardians, on Wednesday last, the Clerk stated that, though they had advertised for a Porter for the Workhouse, they had had but one applicant. We may remark that the advertisement (which appeared in our columns) would be read by many hundreds of people in Teesdale and the adjacent districts, as well as by not a few at a greater distance, and it must have been the smallness of the proffered salary, £15 a-year, that deterred persons from applying for the situation. The guardians have now resolved to offer £20 a-year, so that, without much further advertising, they will doubtless have an abundance of applicants.

Mr W. M. Egglestone, of Stanhope (well-known in the field of local literature), has favoured us with the first part of his work on "Stanhope and the Neighbourhood." We have read the book with great attention, and have thereby gained much valuable information. We can very cordially recommend Mr Egglestone's new venture, and can bear testimony to the carefulness and accuracy that have been exercised in its preparation. As may be anticipated, much space is devoted to lead-mining (the staple industry of Weardale), and Mr Egglestone traces its history back to the earliest period. Stanhope Church and Castle, Bishop Butler, and other notable places and persons receive due mention; the statements as to ancient forest customs, old hunting expeditions, &c., will be specially attractive to the antiquarian reader; whilst modern details are given in an able and pleasing manner. We may add that the book may be had, post-free, from the Author, for thirteen penny stamps.

Many of our readers will have noticed the huge Boulder that lies in the bed of the Deepdale Beck, half-way between the mill and the railway-viaduct; and some of them will remember that, at one time, there was a board, bearing some lines referring to the boulder, affixed to an adjacent tree. The board has long been gone, but, through the kindness of a friend, we are enabled to present a copy of the lines that were inscribed upon it, as follows:—

Pray, whence cam'st thou, a stranger in the land?
What stopp'd thy progress in this pleasant Dale?
Wert thou from Shap? and brought by fairy hand,
As felspar crystals mark thee from that Fell?
How cam'st thou here? What bore thee on thy way?
Wert thou by water or by glacier driven?
I'm now thy lord, and here thou long shalt stay,
To raise our thoughts, and praise the God of Heaven!

Few people have any idea of the extensive emigration that has taken place from the Teesdale district, into the United States and Canada, during the last twenty-five years, but evidence of this reaches us, occasionally, in a somewhat interesting manner. For instance, in the spring of last year we published a letter from Mr Lithgow James (Mr James Smith) a member of Miss Emma Abbott's well-known Opera Company, then making a tour in the United States; and in a note to the letter we stated that our correspondent was a son of Mr William Smith, implement manufacturer, Barnard Castle. Mr James Smith, in a subsequent communication, tells us that, on the arrival of the Company at Philadelphia, some few months after he had first written to us, a lady waited upon him, and he found that his visitor was a native of Barnard Castle. On asking her how she had obtained the information that Lithgow James, of Miss Abbott's Company, was James Smith, of Barnard Castle, she replied that she and her husband had the *Teesdale Mercury* forwarded to them every week; she had read his letter in that paper, and on learning that Miss Abbott's Company were coming to Philadelphia, she had determined to call upon him. Mr Smith was introduced to the lady's husband, and was much gratified with the interview. On Miss Abbott's Company arriving at Erie, a gentleman called to see Mr Smith. He also said that he was from Barnard Castle, and regularly received the *Teesdale Mercury*, and had thus learned the identity of Mr Lithgow James. This gentleman's name was John Elliott (a son of the late Mr Archibald Elliott, of Barnard Castle), and he had proceeded to America about 25 years before. His business was that of railway-carriage building, he employed nearly 200 hands, and was in very good circumstances. At Chicago, and other places in Canada and the United States, Mr Smith met with similar receptions. In the mining regions of the United States there are many Teesdale men, all of whom like to hear news from home, and to many of whom this newspaper is regularly forwarded. Only the other day we had letters from three of our readers—one in Nevada (California), one in New York, and one in London (Canada)—asking us questions with regard to Mr Richard Watson's poems.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Two Woodcocks were seen on Westwick Moor on Thursday.

The next chapter of "Robin Rambler's Recollections" will appear in these pages on the 29th inst.

It is announced that a concert will take place in the school-room, at Scargill, on the evening of Tuesday, November 28, for a charitable object.

Mr Bramwell, of Barnard Castle, has resigned his position as Master of the National School in this town.

The Rev. John Sharpe lectured on Monday night in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Barnard Castle, on "Imposition and Impostors." The Rev. Joseph Lee was in the chair.

Last Saturday afternoon the floor of a warehouse, belonging to Mr John Graham, chemist, Barnard Castle, suddenly gave way, the goods and timber falling into a stable beneath. No one was injured.

Boy Killed at Cockfield.—On Sunday afternoon, a young boy, son of Michael Alderson, clambered on to a tank on the Butterknowle Colliery line, and, falling off, alighted on his head, and received injuries which unfortunately terminated in death shortly afterwards.

If you are about to get Married, go to J. T. Young's Bank, Barnard Castle, and purchase one of his Fine Guinea Gold Wedding Rings; they are the best and the cheapest in the district; the demand for them still increases, and he still continues to give a handsome Wedding Present with every ring sold.—*Advt.*

An auroral display of great brilliancy took place on Friday afternoon and evening, and was witnessed by numerous spectators at Barnard Castle. The first manifestations of it were exhibited in the universal disturbance of magnetic needles, rendering telegraphing almost impossible. As the evening advanced the sky became clear, and from 11 till 1 o'clock next morning the sky was canopied with auroral streamers which sprang from every point of the horizon, and culminated in the zenith.

Darlington Hirings.—The chief hiring fair for servants was held on Monday. There was not such a large attendance as on some former occasions, but a good number of engagements were made. Wages did not differ very materially from last year, and good men obtained £16 to £20, strong youths £12 to £14, boys £8 to £10. Of women servants there was a fair number; wages were high; some of the most experienced for farm-house work obtained £15 to £17 each. Ordinary girls £10 to £11, younger girls £6 to £7.

Death of Mr John Dawson Hedley, of Barnard Castle.—On Sunday morning last the remains of Mr J. D. Hedley were followed to the grave by a large number of friends, including the members of the Cricket Club, the members of the Football Club, and also the Fire Brigademen. Deceased, who was a popular cricketer, died on Wednesday last, at the age of 29, much respected. He leaves a widow, to whom the following resolution of the Cricket Club has been sent:—"That it is the unanimous wish of the meeting that a vote of condolence be forwarded to Mrs Hedley, in her great bereavement." The funeral arrangements were solely conducted by Mr Wood, and the Rev. Canon Brown impressively read the burial service.

New Local Company.—The Scargill Lead Mining and Smelting Company, Limited.—This Company proposes to acquire and work mineral properties situate in the manor of Scargill, parish of Barningham, North Riding of Yorkshire. It was registered on the 14th inst., with a capital of £12,800, in £2 shares, with the following as first subscribers:—T. Sample, Bothal Castle, near Morpeth, land agent, 1; J. P. Walton, Acomb, near Hexham, mine proprietor, 1; J. V. Walton, Darlington, lead manufacturer, 1; J. D. Scott, Newcastle-on-Tyne, wine merchant, 1; M. Havelock, Newcastle-on-Tyne, wine merchant, 1; W. Milburn, Newcastle-on-Tyne, shipowner, 1; R. Walton, Stanhope, lead manufacturer, 1; F. R. Goddard, Newcastle-on-Tyne, accountant, 1; registered without special articles.

Death of the Oldest Tenant on the Raby Estates.—The remains of Mr Hilton Heslop, of Marwood, who died on the 15th inst., were interred in the Cemetery, at Barnard Castle, on Monday last. Deceased was 82 years of age, and he was the representative of a family whose name is indissolubly associated with the occupation of land in Marwood. Mr Hilton Heslop succeeded his father on the farm, which he has held under four successive Dukes of Cleveland, and, at the time of his death, it is believed that he was the oldest tenant on the Raby estates, whilst his progenitors had farmed the land from the reign of Queen Elizabeth, A.D. 1570. Mr Heslop was a devoted churchman, and for a long term of years was Churchwarden for Marwood, and, be the weather "fair or foul," the deceased was regularly in his place at St. Mary's Church, each succeeding Sunday, and attended, moreover, most assiduously, to the duties of his office. "Hilton Heslop" came weekly to the Barnard Castle market for many years, the last occasion of his being in the town being at the General Election in 1880, since which time his health has gradually failed. Mr Heslop leaves a family to succeed him, and, practically enjoying the advantages of a perpetual lease, the Heslops of Marwood will doubtless yet long be known in the township. Lovers of the leash will remember that it was in the neighbourhood of the deceased's house that the late Mr Thomas Freshfield Scarth used to enjoy such capital coursing, a district well suited for the sport. The remains of the deceased were followed to the grave by a large number of tenants and friends. The Rev. Canon Brown, M.A., Vicar of Barnard Castle, and the Rev. R. Leamon, Curate of Cotherstone, officiated, both of whom were unremitting in their ministrations during the declining months of the deceased's life.

STARTFORTH.

Holy Trinity Church.—On Sunday last, special services were held in this church, when the church was, for the first time, lighted with gas. The sermon in the morning was preached by the vicar from the words "Ascribe unto the Lord, the honour due unto His Name; bring presents and come into His Courts." Psalm xcvi. 8. That in the evening (to which we shall refer at greater length next week) by the Rev. George Hales, LL.B., Rural Dean and Rector of Barningham, from the words "Command the children of Israel that they bring unto Thee pure oil olive, beaten, for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually." Lev. xxiv. 2. At the evening service there was a very large and attentive congregation, as indeed there always is when the Rural Dean visits Startforth. The offertories, morning and evening, amounted to £4. The standards which have been fixed in the church, are very handsome, each contains nine lights, three on each of the three branches. They were obtained from South Church, Bishop Auckland, at a merely nominal cost. When the church is lit up it presents a very pretty appearance. The whole of the work has been carried out by Mr Hedley, of Queen Street, Barnard Castle, in a thorough workmanlike manner, and to the entire satisfaction of the vicar, churchwardens, and committee. The following committee, ably assisted by the practical advice of Mr William Nevison, have been unremitting in their efforts to bring the work to a successful issue:—Messrs. Watson, Heslop, Marshall, Nevison; and the churchwardens, Messrs. Harrison and Thompson. These gentlemen have saved the parish at least the sum of £20 by securing the standards at so moderate a price.

Further Improvements.—Four new gas lamps have been placed in the road passing the Church from the new foot-bridge. The people of Startforth appreciate very much the advantages arising from a thorough lighting of the roads.