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JAMES P. DALSTON.

parved, in the course of a speech of that on the broadest commercial prin-ded to anything approaching delay. ded to anything approaching delay, the improvements satisfactorily carrymat be on a firm footing. He detailed a they had had with the men in hand, hey must go further afield if they disduties faithfully to the ratepayers.

mainly on the suggestion of Mr Haralred, on the motion of Mr Burn,

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for carting stone be advertised for, the

ittee for superintending the carrying out of every Friday night to examine and pass indemner's accounts for the past week, and committee, who will meet at the same hour, sire cheques for the payment of all such a such meeting."

need to unanimously. THE GALGATE POUNTAIN. sid was about as useless a thing as he town. Now that they had plenty of of opinion that they should put the ood working order, and care should be town. Now that they had plenty of opinion that they should put the good working order, and care should be did not tamper with it.—The Chaird that be endorsed the opinion that the ss.-Mr Arrowsmith supported the attention should be given to this the Surveyor was authorised to apply

ST REIGHING MACHINE IN GALGATE, s read from Mr G. Johnson, which was It is about six months since I wrote to give me leave to put in a new weigh som as the improvement is about to be it to be done at the same time."—Mr Committee. - The Chairman observed tion was that of area. -Mr Johnson are with the ground the same thing.—The

as submitted for a caretaker's house the new Primitive Methodist Chapel, in

HAGGING THE STATION ROAD. starton ROAD. ed in which Mr Kyle had to complete on the station road. There were crossings in and he moved that Mr Kyle have notice the work.—Mr Arrowsmith seconded.—
I move at the same time that John-street
and that we take it over.—Mion had been before the Board, and the ned .- Mr Harris: I for one would to it.-The Chairman : But the matter Board at present is the question of Mr.
The motion of Mr Etherington was

th enquired as to the powers of the seeing the flagging, and was assured wers existed.—The Board resolvedto

STARTFORTH moved "that Mr Nixon be instructed wner of the field adjoining the footpath he highway at Startforth Church Bank maith, to remove the stones off the said THE SILLS

ed to invoke police protection in con-

greport of Dr Mitchell was laid upon the tdeaths were registered during the month from non-zymotic or preventible causes, a is about the average mortality. The ten free from epidemic diseases of all the sick rate has not equalled what we ed in some former years; but, as usual, stdiseases have been bronchitis, inflamma-lungs, and rheumatic ailments. Generally ness the town is much improved to ed to be, but there remain some selfish dirty the would require the services of an inspector and then could not be got to keep their such cleaner than a pig-stye. The late it given us a plague of dust, which watering except in imitation of a drenching rain, for a short time. Nothing but careful and weeping of the whole street can remedy the evils which arise from the filthy we are all compelled to breathe. The apply continues abundant and good. The to me in perfect order, and I note that the imperiest order, and I note that the state of the proposed extended to. I hope and have not lost sight of the proposed extendes as the sawer from the Bank to the foot of Galli the cost is the deterrent, I would suggest the rate the sawer be brought up as far as the lion, so as to intercept the sewers which come il Street and the south side of Galgate. This Pratty relieve the congestion at that point,

UTIVEMETHODISM: BARNARD CASTLE.

14th of May the members of the Loc Association again met in the chapel, when we read by Mr W. Parker, on "Revivals, to Promote them," the president Rev. H. the his in the chair. In introducing his subject, we may also the characteristic and her said the church existed in order to make upon the masses of society, and that having to regard it as our bounden duty to make ante others the condition of salvation. If the
wanted a revival the must work for it.
all effort was the great desideratum, and it
all christians to do their own work in their
y. Some Some can move the hearts of men and I the power of song, others by the faithful of the gospel, and all could do something se the number of the elect. In the discussion the number of the elect. In the discussion of the chairman and sustained by the chairman and sustained by the chairman and ion and difficulty and trial, proclaimed ation and difficulty and trial, proclaimed of mercy, winning trophies for Christ on Kindly reference was made to Mr tome of the points enforced in his paper. I vote of thanks moved by Mr R. Johnson, ed by Mr J. H. Franklin, was accorded as was brought to a close another associate. The next paper is to be given on the a, by Mr Joa. Appleby, and the subject is Relation of the Church to the Temperance

see the Torpedo Washer at John Barnard Castle. The marvel of the cleaned in half the time required by saher.—Adst.

ARROWS STRAY

I was pleased to see reported in your columns, la week, the sermon preached by the Rev. Canon Brown on church extension work. I was much struck with on church extension work. I was much struck with it at the time, it was undoubtedly well worthy of greater publicity than could be had by mere oral delivery. The question why Nonconformity has so much greater hold, and made so much greater progress than the church in these country districts, is one which requires careful consideration at the present day. It can hardly be a matter of doctrine, seeing that there is little difference between that of the Church (at least as propounded by the evangelical section) and that of the Nonconformists, and I am loath to believe that it is because of the set form of liturgy of our church, or the apathy of our clergy. I have given some thought to the question, and the conclusion seems to be that Nonconformity, in theory and in practice, is essentially democratic (I mean in the "purest sense of the word), and as such is more readily adapted to the wants, the feelings, and the aspirations of the people. Each member of a Nonaspirations to the people. It is a management if its affairs, and to my mind this personal individual right, carrying with it a corresponding obligation, has much to do with the living and aggressive state of Noncon-formity at the present time, each person having an active interest in the work. I should regret to think

in a marked degree the difference in the working of the church in the establishment of church rooms or chapels, and that of Nonconformists. It was stated that three rooms were ready, but the men were wanting. Now, in the districts with which I became acquainted, the men were there, and the conventicles afterwards. First there were literally two or three gathered together. It might be a prayer meeting in a to ensure the first fifteen men in the club having blacksmith's shop, or in a loft over a stable, or it might be a small company for preaching in the kitchen of a humble cottage. Then a few children To-day, the annual Colts' match is played at would be gathered together on the Sunday, the worshippers, may be seen dotted all over the North of

England.
Complaint was again made at the Greta Bridge Highway Board last Wednesday, about an encroachreally stirred in the matter, for a stop should be put to the practice of what is in plain English robbing the rubbish." He added a highway did not consist merely the public?

witnessed, if anyone doesn't known the signs, I don't their admitted good taste and judgment. Ahem! mind informing them. Generally two couples will be That the County School intend giving Barn seen coming arm in arm down the flags, he's got on a new suit and a pair of gloves, while her dress is indescribable, it has some white lace round the bottom, some more slung round about in various directions, she has a white veil, and a hat, such a hat, all flowers officers and staff, the fire-hose brigade will accompany we met for the layin difference and staff, the fire-hose brigade will accompany we met for the layin officers and staff, the fire-hose brigade will accompany white gloves. Small boys grin as they pass, and some impudent urchin sings out in a melancholy voice to the square inch.

An excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. Geo. Hales, the Rural Dean, from the words "For my brethren and companions' sake, I will say peace be within thee." I thought, by the way, that Mr Hales did not look so well as when I saw him last. A tea was afterwards held in the old mission room, and was of a most recherché description, the only drawback was term sweltering. In the evening a service of song was given by the Startforth church choir, and was Vicar of Startforth, is to be congratulated upon hav ing brought the undertaking to such; a successful He has worked arduously and indefatigably, and I know now feels the relief from ibility naturally attached to such au

enterprise.

We have had "Queen's weather" for Whitsuntide, much to the delight and enjoyment of the cyclists who came to spend the week end at this ancient place. When I went up the street on Monday morning, I could hardly credit the fact that I was in Barney. The streets were gay with young ladies in summer costumes, crowded with strangers, and here and there were boys shouting "Programmes, twopence each," in the proper orthodox manner, quite unusual in Barnard Castle, while to my surprise I actually saw a telegraph messenger in uniform, with his dispatch bag all complete. I suppose be had been engaged and "got em on" for this special occasion. How very kind of "the powers that be" to furnish us with a nice little lad in uniform. We are progressing in

a nice little lad in uniform. We are progressing in the scale of civilization, "We are, we are, we are!"

But I am digressing. The chief spectacular event of the day was the procession of cyclists, starting in Galgate and going through the Market Place, along Newgate to the Museum, and back by Queen street and King street to the Castle. There were 281 in the procession, while 7 were too late at the tail end to get in before the head had returned into Galgate; they appeared unhappy at their fate. The Teesdale Wanderer' looked very well, and very neat and trim, the two tandems with the married couples were trim, the two tandems with the married couples were nuch admired, and, I heard someone say, solved the question how to be happy though married! (I wish someone would make me a present of a tandem!)
But the most admired of all was a young lady tricyclist
in lightish grey costume who rode alone. She looked

lovely, and was envied by all the other fair creatures, OPENING OF THE BOLDRON MIS. while the gentlemen were lavish in their praise. Why don't the committee give a pair of gloves for the prettiest rider? I was pleased to see such a good gate at the sports. I need not, however, go into any particulars of what took place there, as I understand y friend "Barney" will have a spicy account in his

otes for this week. In the evening, the cyclists made themselves quite at home in the town. They took possession of the Market Place, and having obtained a tennis ball they had a game of rounders, and then cricket, the bat being a battledoor of a very small size, while a hand-kerchief held up did duty for the stumps. "Barney" should have seen how the "yorkers" were skied. The police, after an ineffectual attempt to secure the ball booked on as much amused as anyone. The official bugler of the day, Mr J. W. Woods (Jesmond Cycling Club), was the soul of the party. A smoking concert was held at the Golden Lion Inn, and a dance in the Music Hall, which did not break up until daylight. I understand that so pleased were the cyclists from a distance with the reception they received, and with the place itself, that it is extremely probable the meet will be held here next year. VERITAS.

CRICKET NOTES.

As everyone knows, the draw for the first round of the Durham Cup has taken place, and Barnard Castle active interest in the work. I should regret to think that the Church was not in itself able to minister to are down to meet Crook on June 23rd. Barney the spiritual wants of the country districts, yet it has been, if not completely, yet so far effectually done by the Nonconformists. There is no doubt but that the evolving this small joke, I feel justified in giving it theory of evolution applies to spiritual as well as due prominence in my notes, especially as I found, on mundane affairs, and in this instance it may be a case leaving, that the fence was tarred. It is matter of regret that the first match in the newly-organized of selection, and survival of the fittest.

Having spent some part in my life in country districts, and gone about amongst the people, another remark in the sermon took my attention, which showed in a marked degree the difference in the working of been a capital gate here, and the club ground will take

would be gathered together on the Sunday, the nucleus of a Sunday school. Presently a meeting house would be required. One man would lend his horse and cart to lead materials, others would give twelfth man. I must say I should like to have seen voluntary belp of a like kind, and soon a little structure, more like a barn perhaps than anything else, would be erected. Such lowly places, consecrated by the labour, the devotion, and the piety of the any rate, I should like to have seen him on trial.

few people (only a few I'm glad to say) who are displeased at the increase in the charge of admission ment on Bowes Road. It is actually time some one to the ground. Last season it was 2d., now it is 3d. I suppose the Committee have acted for good reasons, and (if and when decent seats are provided) I don't public. There is an idea that an adjoining owner can think anyone can fairly grumble at the extra Id., when lawfully enclose to within 15 feet of the centre of the highway, and I think one member of the Board ground, the new pavilion, and other useful additions, highway, and I think one member of the Board ground, the new pavilion, and other useful additions, gave it as his opinion that an owner could enclose as much as he liked, so long as he left a road for the public. I had always understood the direct contrary, but to be sure before making an express statement, I mentioned the subject to a legal friend. He told me the maxim was "once a highway always a highway," and that the idea that an adjoining owner could enclose to within 15 feet of the highway was "utter which is "He added a highway direct course for the Board ground, the new pavilion, and other useful additions, are considered. Besides, do the grumblers know of any other club who affords a pleasant afternoon's enjoyment, on a good field, and for so small a charge as 2d. I trow not. But my advice to these folk is this:—Go and possess yourself of a 2s. 6d. season ticket: it is cheaper in the long run, and will admit to the pavilion. I nave possessed myself of one, and for three reasons. (1). It is cheaper. (2). It shows my desire to support the club. (Thirdly and conclusively). The ticket was given me as a member of the press. Talking of the pavilion, when is the work of demoli-

remedy, and I didn't press for an explanation lest I should be debited 13/4! It was something about pulling the walls down, or indicting the offender at the Assizes, or getting a mandamus (which seems to be a kind of order) against the Highway Board, compelling them to take steps against the person making the encroachment. Is there no Mr Hilton on the Highway Board who will look after the rights of the works, the contractors and thought it an opportunity to refer to one or two workmen, the inhabitants of the hamlet and parish, all friends near and far who by their exertions, all friends near and far who by their exertions all friends near and far who by their exertions all friends near and far who by their exertions all friends near and far who by their exertions all friends near and their alms, the mendation is due to Tilburn for his example of refuge. This result inspires the wish of our text and

married they think the ceremony incomplete and not binding until they have marched arm in arm from one of refusing any back doors, big, little, or smaller) are binding until they have marched arm in arm from one end of refusing any back doors, big, little, or smaller) are barren and bore not," but no one whose opinion is end of the town to the other? It is a sight frequently going to finish the boarding decently, and worthy of consideration, no one who has carefully

and white lace, and then last but not least a pair of the team on their return down Newgate, and play

Another good man gone wrong!"

Saturday last proved a very auspicious day for the opening of the Mission Room at Boldron. The building in the afternoon was crowded. Several of the naighbouring clergymen took part in the service.

I had almost forgotten to refer to Saturday's second, would not agree for one instant to the statement than our forefathers and predecessors had lived in vain. Nay, nor that we were, as a body, mere "cumberers of runs (55 to 46.) The pitch was vile—there's no mission—the naighbouring clergymen took part in the service. such a cricket-loving community as the citizens of Cotherstone should be content to play on it. I certainly think Raby would be justified in objecting to play the Cup tie there, but that's their own look out,

not mine.

Cotherstone commenced the batting, but their innings calls for little comment. The redoubtable the intense heat, it was what I heard one old farmer Porter batted as "stoutly" as ever, but Barlow was not in his usual form-in fact, much B(ar)low it. Oh! ain't that awful? Walsh made some big hits, followed by a short concert, both of which were and is quite a gallery player, in fact, one hit went packed. The day's proceedings terminated with a right to the top of the house. The bowling of Barney small display of fireworks. The Rev. H. Jennings, was moderate only, and the fielding (with one or two exceptions), very poor, Hobson, missing easy chances. Their batting also was poor, but for this I don't blame them—good cricket on such a wicket was out of the question. Hobson, how-ever, batted well and carefully, and I think he deserves trial in the first team.

I must congratulate the committee on the success of the Sports. The weather, management, various events and a "bumper" gate all combined to put everyone in capital spirits, and when I saw our still active treasurer on Monday night; his face was oh, so

What I bear : That some of Barney's enthusiastic supporters Cotherstone took more interest in the young lady with the big straw hat than in the cricket. BARNEY.

Saturday, between Barnard Castle second v. Cotherstone. The latter won the toss, and choose to bat tone. The latter won the toss, and choose to bat first. All were disposed of in about an hour in spite of the poor fielding exhibited by the "Flower of Barney" club, who then went to bat, and were easily disposed of in about the same period of time as their opponents. Although one of Cotherstone bowlers has pulled himself well together so far this season, he still needed splicing, which operation was performed the day of this match. Consequently he was absent, or the result might have been fearful for Barney to was absent, or contemplate. The match ended in a win for Cothers

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SION ROOM. INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS.

The dedication services were commenced on Satur-day, and continued on Sunday, and a measure of success was attained which was truly gratifying. The building is plain and substantial, and the general proportions are chaste in design, and exceedingly neat withal, adding much to the general improvement of a village which is not attractive in its general archi-tecture. The opening services were of the most hearty character, and seldom has such religious fervour and legitimate enthusiasm been displayed in the neighbourhood. The work has been carried out under the superintendence of Mr Gibson Kyle, son of Mr Kyle, the well-known contractor. Mr G. Kyle drew all the plans and specifications, and inspected the works from time to time, besides helping in other ways; and as his valuable professional services have been freely at the disposal of the committee, and have been gratui-tously rendered, they desire to return to him their sincere thanks and to assure him that his kindness i thoroughly appreciated. Similar thanks are due to Mr J. W. B. Heslop, solicitor, for his kindness in Mr J. W. B. Heslop, solicitor, for his kindness in drawing up the deed of conveyance free of cost. The mission room stands on a piece of freehold property, purchased from Mr Thomas Plews, at a cost of £25, but as this price included a substantial dwelling-house, the stones of which have been used in the erection of the mission-room, Mr Plews must be regarded as a generous donor to the fund. When the money was paid over he also returned £5 as his own subscription. The mason's work was done by Mr J. Walton, of Bowes, whose estimate was £110. The joiner's work by Mr Wandless, whose estimate was £39 17s. 6d. The plumbing and glazing by Mr Raine, Barnard Castle, whose estimate was about £32. We believe the work to have been done in a masterly and conscientious manner, and we have no doubt it will satisfy the critical eye even of Mr Kyle.

The preliminary devotional exercises were under-taken by Rev. Hartley Jennings, Vicar of Startforth; the Rev. J. Davey, Rector of Rokeby; the Rev. C. B. Wardale, Vicar of Bowes; and the Rev. R. Tilbury, Vicar of Brignall.

The Rector of Barningham, being Rural Dean.

in the absence of the Bishop, read the dedication prayers, and preached from Psalm exxii. 8, "For my

prethren and companions' sake, I will wish thee prosperity." He showed that this Psalm, one of the special ones used just now, was very probably sung by the Jewish pilgrims as they journeyed to and from Jerusalem, in keeping the Feast of Pentecost. He pictured these travellers meeting and separating on Would cement national and religious interests; and, Since writing my notes of last week, I have met a as these pilgrims traversed the dusty limestone, under the scorching sun, they would disregard the inconvenience of the journey in the common interests of the company, and with no mere formality sing or, say to each other:—"For my brethren and com-panions' sake, I will wish thee prosperity." We were on the brink of Whitsuntide, foreshadowed by Pente-cost, and praying for the peace of our spiritual Jerusa-lem, we should ask for more of that divine influence which worketh by love towards the brethren, more of that brotherly sympathy and companionship which engender a wish for the church's prosperity. Our Master's work was better advanced by building up than pulling down, by hiding rather than exposing eficiencies. There was plenty for every branch of Christ's Church, every denomination to do according to conscience, or the usage of forefathers, and they did it best who looked upon every effort to save men

from sin or eternal death with brotherly love and rubbish." He added a highway did not consist merely in the maccdamised part, but the whole of the ground between one boundary and the other. He mentioned various encroachments, one near West Wood on Deerbolt, those on Bowes Road, the existing plantations a mile or two on the Darlington Road, and the potato patch and cabbage garth on Staindrop Green. I must confess I hardly understood the remedy, and I didn't press for an explanation lest I should be delighted 13'dd. It was something about thought it an opposition of the property of the market of the pross. I hardly understood the remedy, and I didn't press for an explanation lest I should be delighted 13'dd. It was something about thought it an opposition of the press. I rank thought it an opposition of the works and say upon deserving the efforts of others for the good of manwill wish therefore the efforts of others for the good of manwill wish the prosperity." Such feelings were our architectural skill of the designer?

I must apologise for these rambling observations.

The first team naving no match last Saturday, I text and clerk of the works, the contractors and should nake given me as a member of the press. I from sin or eternal death with brotherly love and sindliness; and bappiest was he who could make gillowers for other men's prejudices, and say upon observing the efforts of others for the good of manwillowances for other men's prejudices, and say upon bearing the efforts of others for the good of manwillowances for other men's prejudices, and say upon observing the efforts of others for the good of manwillowances for other men's prejudices, and say upon bearing the efforts of others for the good of manwillowances for other men's prejudices, and say upon bearing the efforts of others for the good of manwillowances for other men's prejudices, and say upon bearing the efforts of others for the good of manwillowances for other men's prejudices, and say upon bearing the efforts of other men's prejudices, and say upon bearing the efforts of The a conundrum for "Bones" or "Tambo" of our Christy's to solve, and if they can't, snyone else is at liberty to have a try! Why is it that when a couple from the country come to the Registrar's to be married they think the ceremony incomplete and not married she may have slumbered and slept. What branch of that our church is forth her curtains," "lengthening her cords," and "strengthening her stakes." He would not repeat facts and arguments which he had made on this very ground only the 3rd of last September, when we met for the laying of foundation stones, but he insisted that the evangelization of the masses was not left entirely to others. We gave all credit and commendation to others for their labours, but we of our bishops, ministry, alms, churches, missionrooms, schools and other appliances for the spread of the Gospel and the good of mankind, were being

seconded by such efforts amongst all classes, proving that the brotherly wish for prosperity was blessed by heaven. After exhorting them to make their salvation sure through the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the preacher concluded by recommending the support of this mission-room in every way possible. In the afternoon there was a well-attended public ea, the trays baving been provided by Mrs Holmes, Barnard Castle, Mrs G. Plews, Mrs Henry Coates Mrs Clarkson and Mrs Jennings. Afterwards the Sunday School children had tea also, and the choir boys from Startforth, the tickets for choir boys being kindly provided by Mr R. J. Bailey. The arrange ments for the opening have been principally carried out by Mr G. Plews, Mr J. Brunskill, Mr Wm. Plews, to whose indefatigable efforts the success of the open-ing service is in a measure due. The sum realized at the opening was £8.

In the evening a service of song called "Christie's old Organ," was given, after which there was a service of song, the following being the programme:

—The Beautiful City—Mr J. J. Walker; By Jesus' Grave—Mr Owen Scott; Vital Spark—Mr R. J. Bailey; To God alone we bend the keee-Mr W. Elleray; Waft ber Angels-Mr J. J. Walker; The Chorister-Mr O. Scott; Nazareth-Mr J. W. B. Heslop; As pants the heart-Mr R. J. Bailey. The A cricket match was played at Cotherstone, on Misses Plews presided at the harmonium.

The service was taken on Sunday evening (when there was large congregation), by the Rev. R. Tilbury, Rector of Brignal, who preached an excellent and appropriate sermon. The new mission room has been much admired by all who have seen it.

Draught Match.-A match was played between four players of Romaldkirk and four of Middleton-in-Teesdale. Thirty-two games were played, sixteen at each place. The first was played in the Mechanics' Institute, Middleton, April 28th, 1888, Scores :- Barnard Castle, 47; Cotherstone, with the following result:—Middleton, 7 wins, 5 losses, and 4 drawn; Romaldkirk, 5 wins, 7 losses, and We have to express regret to numerous correspondents that we have found it impossible to cope with the voluminous correspondence that has reached us for this week's issue.

losses, and 4 drawn; Romaldkirk, 5 wins, 7 losses, and 4 drawn. The second part was played in the Readingroom, at Romaldkirk on Saturdry, May 19th. Result:

—Middleton, 12 wins, 4 losses; Romaldkirk, 4 wins, reached us for this week's issue.

LOCAL LAW CASE. ALDERSON V. SIMPSON. FINAL HEARING AND JUDGMENT.

This important action (which has already eported twice previously in our columns) was finally isposed of on Friday last, before Mr Justice Charles, at the Royal Courts of Justice, London, Mr Atherley Jones, M.P. (instructed by Mr Holmes, solicitor) again appearing for plaintiffs, and Mr Lawson Walton instructed by Messrs Watson, solicitors) for defendant. As will be remembered, plaintiffs and defendant are adjoining lessess from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of freestone quarries under land belonging to plaintiffs and others at Copley, near Butterknowle, and the action arose from an alleged trespass and wrongful working of plaintiffs' stone by the claim amounted to £200 after making some allowance for waste. At the hearing at the last Durham Assizes, judgment was postponed, his Lordship withholding his judgment on the various points of law and directing that a referee should be appointed to report on certain matters of fact, and, if necessary, to take evidence thereon, and make surveys of the various quarry workings. Mr Fenwick Darling, of Eldon, near Bishop Auckland (the referee appointed) accordingly surveyed the quarries, assisted accordingly surveyed the quarries, assisted by a shewer, on behalf of each party, and, after holding a protracted sitting at the King's Head Hotel, he sent in his report to Mr Justice Charles, and thereupon the matter again came before the Court on Friday, for final judgment. After hearing the respective counsel, a verdict and judgment were entered for the plaintiffs for the sum claimed, viz., £200, and for defendance in the sum claimed, viz., £200, and for defendant (on his counterclaim) for the sum of £115, and each party to pay his own costs, the whole dispute between the parties thus terminating in a sum of £85 in favour of plaintiffs. On the application of Mr Atherley Jones, His Lordship stated that his order that each party pay his own costs, did not interfere with the chief clerk's order as to various interlocutory costs payable by defendant to plaintiffs.

Another report handed in says:—Judgment in this case, which has created considerable local interest, was given by Mr Justice Charles, in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice, in London, on Friday last, when the result was of a somewhat extraordinary nature. After the case for the plaintiffs was opened at Durham Assizes in March last, the Judge referred the matters in dispute to Mr Fenwick Darling, of Eldon, as special referee, who, by his report, found that the plaintiffs were entitled to recover from defendant for stone amounting in value to about £30, whilst plaintiffs had worked stone belonging to the defendant of the value of £115, shewing a balance of £80 in defendant's favour under the report. Owing, however, to the respective surveyors of the parties to the action having previously met and agreed upon a joint survey, which proved to be incorrect, but by which the Judge held the parties to be legally bound, judgment was given for plaintiffs for £85. It would appear, therefore, that defendant is to pay the plaintiffs for stone which the special referee found in reality belonged to the defendant. Each of the parties were ordered to pay their own costs.

COTHERSTONE.

The Annual Congregational Tea Meeting was held in the chapel, on Monday. There was a large gathering of friends from Barnard Castle and the neighbourhood, and several visitors from Sunderland. At the public meeting which followed Mr Winpenny presided. A full report of the financial position of the church was read by Mr Jos Hodgson. position of the church was read by Mr Jos Hodgson, Addresses bearing upon Christian work and effort in the villages and rural districts, were delivered by the Rev. B, Wilkinson, Barnard Castle, Mr J. H. Jowett, M.A., Anidale College, Mr Rutherford, Sunderland, and Mr R. McGee, who will shortly leave Cotherstone for Hawes. The Barnard Castle Congregational Choir rendered efficient service by singing several anthems and conducting the service of praise

A Conservative meeting was held in the Hill School-room, on Saturday night, to enlighten erring ones on the particulars of the "Political Although the Government party was not strong, the Opposition benches were utilized by only one person. After a very able lecture by Mr Hayter, of Barnard Castle, the meeting closed after passing votes of confidence in the government, and thanks to the lecturer and chairman.

MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE. A largely attended open air meeting was held on Seed Hill, on Friday evening last, to consider the licensing clauses of the Local Government Bill, specially in regard to compensation. Mr Thos. Beck-with, of Newcastle-on-Tyne was the chief speaker, and in the course of his able address, examined the whole question of licensing in its legal, social, and political bearings and aspect. The following resolution was observed and studied our history and work, can deny put to the meeting and carried with but one solitary of the licensing authority as a change for the worse; that we protest against transferring license fees to local bodies; that we utterly object to giving drinksellers a continous vested interest in licenses; that we repudiate the idea that the people may be taxed to compensate superfluous publicans; that we support the claim of the people to a 'local option' by direct vote to discontinue licensing when they so desire; and we condemn the government licensing proposals as calculated to delay and prevent just legislation upon the subject." The Rev. John Charter, Baptist the subject." The Rev. John Charter, Ba minister, presided, and intense interest and the behaviour characterised the proceedings.

BIRTH.

At Cotherstone, on the 22nd ult., the wife of Mr C. Alderson, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

May 19th, at the Register Office, Barnard Castle,

Mr Joseph Gargett to Miss Elizabeth Allison, both of Cotherstone. DEATHS.

At the Edge Hotel, Woodland, on the 17th inst., aged 29 years, Mary Jane, wife of Mr Robert

At Middleton, on the 15th inst., aged 66 years, Elizabeth, widow of Mr Joseph Morton At Forcegarth, Forest and Frith, on 12th inst.,

aged 72 years, Mr John Robinson. Also on the 17th inst., aged 61 years, Ann, wife of Mr Andrew Hood.

At Lamb Hill, Barnard Castle Moor, on the 17th

inst., Mary, wife of Mr Joseph Jemmeson, aged 82 At Barningham, on the 17th inst., Anne, relict of the late Richard Westmarland.

At Barnard Custle, on the 20th inst., Thomas, son of John McDonald, aged 3 months. At Abingdon, Ontario, Canada, on April 15th, John Lind, eldest son of the late Mr Wm. Lind, of Romald-

kirk, aged 74 years. At Gatesbead, on the 7th inst., Mr John George Parmley. Deceased was highly respected in Upper Teesdale, where his parents reside.

NEWCASTLE .- YESTERDAY .- The arrivals from a distance consisted of 172 head of cattle, 61 sheep, and 361 pigs from Aberdeen and the north-east of Scotland, and 11 beasts and 70 pigs from Ireland; 1,925 beasts, 100 calves, and 812 sheep from foreign. Respecting quality, every description of stock was good. 704 beasts and 266 sheep went south yesterday to Manchester, &c. The supply of beef com-prised 2,382 head. The beef trade ruled rather slow. at about late rates. There was a fair good demand for the south, and at the close a few lots left over. The number of sheep and lambs was 6,465. The mutton and lamb trade was steady. The south men bought a few lots to go south, and at the finish a fair good clearance was effected. Pigs: 554 were shown. The pig trade was dull at rather less money. Numbers shown:—Cattle, 2,382; sheep and lambs, 6,465; pigs, 554.