ADVERTISEMENT.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE "TEESDALE MERCURY."

SIR,—A most scandalous report being in circulation that I am suspected of having robbed Mr John Parker, cattle dealer, residing at the Blue Bell Inn, Middleton-in-Teesdale, whilst at Brough Hill Fair. In vindication of my character, I beg to say that I never stole a penny in all my lifetime, and I challenge anyone to prove to the contrary. Neither did I rob or attempt to rob Mr Parker. Trusting the public will see what a hard case it is for an innocent person thus to be blamed,—I am, yours respectfully,
MARK COLLINSON, Mickleton.

BLACKWOOD'S DIARIES FOR 1880.
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MRS. BRENTNALL

BEGS to announce that she is opening an adult DANCING CLASS in Barnard Castle, on Tuesday evening, October 14th, in the Masonic Hall, Newgate, commencing at 7·30.—For terms apply to Mrs BRENTNALL, Victoria Road, Darlington.

A LECTURE will be delivered by the REV. P. MACKENZIE, of Leeds, in the MUSIC HALL, BARNARD CASTLE, on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 1879. Subject: "Job, the Patriarch of Uz—His Trials and Triumphs." Doors open at 6·30, Chair to be taken at 7 o'clock, by MR. J. DIXON. Admission: Front Seats, 1s; second seats, 6d. Proceeds to go to the Wesleyan Day School. N.B.—There will be a Return Train for Teesdale, leaving Barnard Castle at 9·15 p.m.

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Prospectuses and full particulars on application to Professor M'CALL.

OPENING OF THE NEW CHURCH, MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE.

THE BISHOP OF DOVER will RE-OPEN the Church on THURSDAY, the 23rd inst., and hold a CONFIRMATION at the same time. Special train from Barnard Castle at 11·20, and a PUBLIC LUNCHEON at the Cross Keys at 1 o'clock, for 2s. each. Divine Service will commence at 2·30.

1879.
MANOR COURTS OF HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF CLEVELAND, K.G.

THE several COURTS LEET and COURTS BARON, within the Honors, Lordships, or Manors aftermentioned, will be held on the several days, and at the several places following; when and where all Persons owing Service, or summoned to serve as Jurors, Constables, Pinders, Triers of Weights and Measures, or in any other office, are required to attend under Pain of Fine or Amerciament.

For the HONOR OF BARNARD CASTLE, at the TOWN HALL, BARNARD CASTLE, on MONDAY, the 27th day of OCTOBER next, at 11 o'clock in the morning.

For the HONOR OF RABY WITH STAINDROP, at the usual place in STAINDROP, on SATURDAY, the 25th day of OCTOBER next, at 11 o'clock in the morning.

For the MANOR OF MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE, with its Members, in the TOWN HALL, in MIDDLETON, on TUESDAY, the 28th day of OCTOBER next, at 11 o'clock in the Morning.

☞ All persons holding INCROACHMENTS within the said Manors, are required to attend at the Court of the Manor within which such Incroachments lie, to make an entry thereof in the Court Roll, and pay such Acknowledgement as shall then be required; otherwise the Incroachments will be removed.

WM. WATSON, JUN., Steward.
Barnard Castle, October 7th, 1879.

TO BUILDERS, MASONS, CARPENTERS AND JOINERS, GREY SLATERS, PLUMBERS, AND GLAZIERS.

PERSONS wishful to Tender for the various works required in the erection of a CART LODGE and COW HOUSE at STONEY KELD FARM, near Bowes, can see plan, specification and Quantities on personal application at the Estate Office, Hornby Castle, near Bedale.

Tenders to be sent to Mr WILEY, Hornby Castle, Bedale, on or before the 21st OCTOBER, 1879.

The lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Winterfield, Bedale, Oct. 4th, 1879.

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A LARGE STOCK of Felloes, Cartwright Wood, Paling, Stakes, Firewood, &c., FOR SALE, at STEPHEN HOGG'S, WYCLIFFE SAW MILL'S, Winston, Darlington.

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BOWES MOOR.
STINTS.

TO BE LET, from 6th April next, 361 STINTS.—Tenders, stating numbers proposed to be taken, and price per Stint per annum offered, to be sent to me, by post, *sealed up*, before OCTOBER 31st inst. To be taken subject to six calendar months' notice to quit, expiring on 6th April in any year, being given on either side.

JOHN D. HOLMES,
Steward.
Barnard Castle, 9th October, 1879.

TO LET, a Six-Roomed HOUSE, in Marshall Street, BARNARD CASTLE.—Apply to JAMES WANDLESS, Bank, Barnard Castle.

TO LET, with Immediate Possession, Bede Villa, lately occupied by W. Fieldhouse, Esq. The House contains 11 Rooms, 2 Cellars, usual conveniences, with Front and Back Gardens.—Apply MISS APPLEBY, Bede Terrace West, Barnard Castle.

TO LET (entry 23rd November next) MELDON HOUSE, Barnard Castle, containing Two Reception Rooms, Five Bedrooms, Kitchen and Scullery: with large flower and vegetable Gardens. The house has a south aspect, with uninterrupted view.—Apply J. HARRISON, Surveyor's Office, Barnard Castle.

TO LET, TWO FIELDS OF GRASS LAND with DWELLING HOUSE and other conveniences, at Stable Edge.—Apply to WILLIAM COATSWORTH, Corner House, Newbiggin.

October 22nd, 1879.
Second Sale of the Pecknal Half-bred Lambs, at Barnard Castle.

MESSRS. TARN instructed by T. P. Lawson and E. Gerard, Esqrs., will Sell by Auction, on Wednesday, October 22nd, 1879, in a garth behind the Turk's Head Hotel, Barnard Castle, 300 choice half-bred or grey faced Lambs, 60 black-faced wether lambs, equal to those sold last fortnight.

Sale at 1 o'clock.

Red Well Inn, close to Barnard Castle Railway Station.
—Annual Stock Sale.—40 Head of Cattle and 230 Sheep and Lambs.

MESSRS. TARN will Sell by Auction, on Thursday, the 23rd day of October, 1879, at the Red Well Inn, Barnard Castle, the following Valuable CATTLE, SHEEP, and LAMBS, belonging to Mr Reuben Metcalf and others, comprising:—

CATTLE.—2 cows, present calvers; 1 do., Christmas calver; 3 cows, spring calvers; 2 do., barren; 10 heifers, fat, 7 bullocks, rising three years old, very forward; 10 bullocks, rising two years old; 2 bulls rising three years old; 1 mare, rising three years old.

SHEEP, &c.—35 good half-bred Ewes, for tupping; 80 good half-bred gimmer shearlings, ditto; 4 good leicester ewes, ditto; 4 choice leicester gimmer shearlings, ditto; 140 choice twice-crossed lambs, 10 half-bred lambs.

Sale at One o'clock.
Hayberries, October 10, 1879.

BOWES.
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
At Mr. Richard Harrison's, the Black Horse Inn, Newgate, Barnard Castle,
On WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1879,
At 3 o'clock in the Afternoon precisely,
(Subject to such conditions as will then be read),
MESSRS. TARN, AUCTIONEERS,

ALL that Freehold MESSUAGE or DWELLING HOUSE, situate on the north side of the Village of Bowes, in the North Riding of the County of York, with the Yard, Coalhouses, and conveniences behind the same, now divided into Two Tenements, one being in the occupation of Mr. Rutherford, and the other at present unoccupied, together with 3½ STINTS or Sheepgaits on Bowes Moor or Regulated Pasture, awarded and enjoyed in right of the said Messuage and Premises, or some part thereof, and also a proportionate share of the Manorial Rights and Profits of Bowes.

Further particulars may be obtained on application to

MESSRS. W. W. & W. J. WATSON,
Solicitors, Barnard Castle.
Barnard Castle, 25th Sept., 1879.

Raby Hill House Farm, near Staindrop, Darlington.

Sale of Valuable Farm Stock, comprising 32 Head of Cattle, 300 Sheep and Lambs, 5 Draught and Young Horses, Poultry, Implements of Husbandry, and Household Furniture.

MESSRS. TARN favoured with instructions by the Executors of the late Mr George Tinkler, will Sell by Auction, on Tuesday, the 21st day of October, 1879, at Raby Hill House, the following valuable Farm STOCK, Implements, and Household Effects, consisting of

CATTLE.—3 cows, spring calvers; 3 heifers, autumn calvers; 1 cow, barren; 5 heifers, fat; 3 bullocks, 3 years old, forward in condition; 6 do., 2 years old; 2 do., 1 year old; 5 heifers, 2 years old; 4 calves.

SHEEP.—60 good Leicester and half-bred ewes, for tupping; 80 shearlings, fat; 100 Leicester and twice crossed lambs, 60 half-bred lambs.

HORSES.—2 draught mares, 1 strong colt, 2 years old, by Lord Stanley; 1 colt foal, by Lord Stanley; 1 colt foal, by Middleston Hero.

POULTRY.—A number of poultry.

IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY.—1 long cart, 1 coup cart, 1 hay rake, hay sweep, 2 turnip cutters, pair of harrows, clod crusher, scuffler, sheep troughs, corn bin, saddle and bridle, cart and plough gears, rakes and forks, cowchains, &c., &c.

THE FURNITURE, comprises 2 feather beds, flock bed, 2 bedsteads, half chest of drawers, 4 chairs, hair-seated; 3 do., cane-seated; 6 kitchen chairs, clock, sofa, 2 toilet glasses, kitchen table, 3 boxes, clothes horse, fender and fire irons, frying and other pans, girdle, smoothing irons, posa tub and staff, cupboard and delfrack, ash pan, loose bar and crooks, wash tins, spoons, candlesticks, brushes, 2 pairs of wool shears, 2 lead bowls, churn, butter scales and baskets, cream pots, milk cans, pails, &c., &c.

Sale at 12 o'clock.
Hayberries, Sept. 30th, 1879.

Gainford, Darlington.

Sale of Excellent Household Furniture, Feather Beds, Linen, Valuable Oil Paintings, Old China, Books, &c., &c.

MESSRS. TARN, favoured with instructions, will Sell by Auction, at Gainford, on Thursday, October 16th, and following day if required, the following very substantial HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Effects, late belonging to Colonel Hutchinson, comprising two mahogany cheffonier bookcases, mahogany centre table, mahogany occasional table, inlaid; two very good rosewood card tables, mahogany couch stuffed with curled hair; needlework screen, in mahogany stand; mahogany pole screen, mahogany stand table, small maple stand table, 2 mahogany elbow chairs, 1 do. easy chair, musical box, in mahogany case, to play twelve tunes; double flageolet, with silver keys; two telescopes, breech loading gun, by Brebner; double barrel gun, very good; mahogany gun case and leather cover, revolver, 5 chambers, in mahogany case, complete; mahogany reading table, large rose leaf jar, large papier machie tray, copper coal vase, 3 pairs of stags horns, case of stuffed birds, barometer, camphine, moderator and parafin lamps, 2 inkstands, busts and brackets, 3 good feather beds, 2 curled hair mattresses, a quantity of linen, counterpanes and blankets, large mahogany pole bedstead, with moreen curtains and pallisse; birch pole bedstead, with green damask curtains and 2 pallisses; new iron bedstead, flock mattress, 2 gentlemen's wardrobes, good; painted washstands and dressing tables, box ottoman, mahogany night commode, large robing glass, in mahogany frame, mahogany swing toilet glasses, towel rail, chamber ware, mahogany bidet, Brussels carpet, 14 ft. by 14 ft., rug to match; several other carpets and druggets, fenders and fire irons, mahogany cornice poles and curtains, passage oil cloth and door mats, easy chair, 2 cane seated arm chairs, 12 bedroom chairs, rocking chair, sponge bath, foot bath, painted; china closet, shoe closet, 3 wire guards, dinner service, green dessert service, spirit bottles, in mahogany stand; decanters, a quantity of cut glass, knives and forks, block tin dish covers, coffee and tea pots, kitchen dresser, tables, table cloth press, mahogany tray and stand, large flour pot, a quantity of brown ware, brass and other pans, new cinderella stove, with pans complete; lead bowl, boot rack, corner cupboard, clothes horses, canteen, several military boxes, wheelbarrow, poss tub, ladders, steps, garden roller and tools, &c., &c.

Pictures, Old China, and Books, among the oil paintings are Eggleston Hall, Raby Castle, Barnard Castle, Scene in Switzerland, Dog waiting for his Master, engravings, large picture of the Waterloo Banquet, Coronation of Her Majesty the Queen, the Marriage of Her Majesty the Queen, Archdeacon Headlam, King William the Fourth, Doctor Headlam, Wellington, the Honourable O'Neil, Horses at the Fountain, Favourite Pony and Spaniels, the Hawk Trainer, Going to the Fair, Poachers on the Watch, Fores's stable scenes, in 5 pictures, viz: The Hunt Stud, the Mail Change, Thorough Breds, the Team, the Olden Time; some valuable old china and a quantity of books, &c.

Sale at 12 o'clock prompt as the lots are numerous.
Hayberries, Oct. 4th, 1879.

Westgate, Weardale.
Ponies, Ponies, Carrier Ponies for Sale.

MESSRS. TARN instructed by Mr Harrison Barkas, will Sell by Auction (without reserve), on Thursday, October 23rd, 1879, at Westgate, Weardale, the following PONIES, comprising 17 Carrier Ponies, 6 years old and upwards, from 13 to 14 hands high.

Sale at 1 o'clock.
Hayberries, October 14th, 1879.

Cobler Hall Farm, near Middridge.
2 miles from Shildon and Aycliffe Railway Station.
Shorthorn Cattle, Sheep and Lambs for sale.

MESSRS. TARN favoured with instructions from Mr Edward Forster, will Sell by Auction, on Saturday, the 18th day of October, 1879, at Cobler Hall, near Middridge, the following valuable fat Cattle, Fat Sheep and Lambs, &c., comprising:—7 shorthorn bullocks, rising 3 years old, fat, 6 do. heifers, fat, 1 fat calf, 4 cows and heifers, autumn calvers, 85 three-parts and half-bred ewes, fat, 90 twice-crossed lambs, most of which are fat, 1 grey draught mare, quiet and right.

The above will be found a choice lot, and well worthy of attention.

Sale at 2 o'clock.
Hayberries, Oct. 3rd, 1879.

Large Annual Stock Sale at Langdon Beck, near High Force, Teesdale.

MR JOHN ALLINSON has received instructions to Sell by Auction, on Friday, Oct. 24th, 1879, the following valuable CATTLE and SHEEP, comprising 8 present calving cows and heifers, 24 spring calving cows and heifers, 7 barren cows, 9 two and three years old heifers, 13 two and three years old bullocks, 10 yearling heifers, 7 yearling bullocks, 10 bullock and heifer calves, 1 bull, rising three years old; 14 black-faced ewes, 7 gimmer lambs, 4 wether do. Also 30 Scotch wethers, three years old, fat.

Sale at eleven o'clock.

N.B.—Conveyances will meet the 8·30 a.m. train at Middleton terminus, and drive to Langdon Beck returning to meet the 5 p.m. train.

Bell, near Middleton-in-Teesdale.
Sale of Stock, Crop, &c.

MR. JOHN ALLINSON has received instructions from Mr Matthew Thompson, who is leaving his farm, to Sell by Auction, on Saturday, October 18th, 1879, the following, 1 cow recently calven, 1 do. March calver, 1 yearling heifer, roan; 2 heifer calves, 2 stacks of good hay, which may be taken off the premises; 5 acres of overeaten fog, 3½ acres pasture eatage.

Conditions of which will be given at the time of sale. Sale at 2 o'clock.

Hamsterley.

MR. W. COATSWORTH has received instructions to Sell by Auction, on Monday, October 20th, 1879, at the Cross Keys Inn, Hamsterley, the following STOCK, etc., comprising:—

CATTLE.—4 cows, due at the time of sale; 5 geld cows, 10 geld heifers, rising 2 years old; 3 fat heifers, 12 bullocks, 18 months old; 2 spring calves.

SHEEP.—40 half-bred ewes, for tupping; 20 do. shearling gimmers, do.; 100 Scoth ewes, for tupping; 80 half-bred lambs, 50 twice-crossed fat lambs, 35 Scotch Wethers, for feeding; 4 Leicester gimmers, 2 Leicester tups, 2 shear; 5 Leicester tup lambs.

HORSES.—1 mare pony, rising 4yrs., 14h. 3in., by "Woodlark," quiet in all gear; 1 colt, rising 3yrs., by "Ranting Roby"; 2 foals, by "Black Jock"; also 1 cart.

60 of the above sheep belong to Mr Henry Stephenson, Hoppy Land, and are all sound and off an excellent walk.

☞ Entries of stock will be taken up to the time of sale. Sale at 12 o'clock, prompt.

To Grocers and all other Tradesmen.
Barnard Castle.

TRERY & COATES have received instructions from Mr Richard Harrison, Grocer, &c. (who is giving up business), to Sell by Auction, on the premises, Corner of Galgate and the Horse Market, on Saturday, October 18th, 1870, the whole of the Valuable FIXTURES, FITTINGS, and Part of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising shop counters and desks, nest of drawers, tea canisters, 1 large coffee mill, tea mill, 1 pair large scales and weights, 2 pairs nearly new brass counter scales and weights, suitable for tradesmen; several empty spirit casks, about 30 gallons. Household Furniture:—1 oak dining table, 1 mahogany centre table, 3 round tables, kitchen tables, mahogany window pole, with rings; 1 clock in oak case, 1½ dozen mahogany hair-seated chairs, 2 elbow hair-seated chairs, 1 sofa, hair-seated; 1 large screen, 8 kitchen chairs, washstand and dressing tables, swing toilet glasses, chests of drawers, iron bedsteads, French do., camp do., with hangings; mattresses, longsettle, 1 good wringing and mangling machine, a variety of pictures, pots, pans, and various other articles too numerous to mention.

Sale at 1 o'clock.

AGENTS WANTED to push first-class Lubricating Oils. Commission 10 to 15 per cent.—Box 201, Post Office, Liverpool.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

We decline to return rejected communications.

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

THE
Teesdale Mercury.
BARNARD CASTLE, OCTOBER 15TH, 1879.

THE PROPOSED NORTHERN SCHOOL AT BARNARD CASTLE.

The Flounders' Trustees have, it is now understood, approved of the erection of the proposed school at or near Barnard Castle, an intimation to that effect having been given. On Saturday an influential deputation from the Board of Governors of St. John's Hospital, Barnard Castle, had an interview with His Grace the Duke of Cleveland at Raby. The relative positions of the respective trusts were carefully laid before the Duke, together with the suggestion and requirements of the Charity Commissioners and other data. His Grace evinced warm interest in the movement, and intimated that he would communicate with the local trustees in due course. It is more than probable that important action will be taken in Teesdale in a few days in this matter, all classes of the community heartily approving of the project.

Hury Cattle Show.—We are desired to say that Mr Dent, Naby Farm, got 1st prize for aged Leicester Tup.

Barnard Castle Penny Bank, 11th Oct., 1879.—No. of depositor, 34; amount, £2 3s. 9d.

On Saturday, Mr T. M. Bell, of Barnard Castle, sent to our office a bunch of grapes of his own growing, which for size and flavour could scarcely have been surpassed.

The Teesdale Harriers will meet at Langdon Beck, on Saturday, the 18th, at 11. 30.

Cookery Classes at Barnard Castle.—The culinary art is now fast becoming a popular branch of education. Miss Emily Sutton, of Darlington, last week opened classes at the Barnard Castle Mechanics' Institute, to be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays for five successive weeks. There are two classes—one in the afternoon for ladies of the town and district, and the other in the evening for wives of the artisan class. The cookery taught at the latter is a cookery specially adapted for these hard times; and Miss Sutton's efforts are being largely patronised. The attendance at the ladies' class has commenced at 65; that at the evening class commenced at 86, and increased at a bound to 130. It may be added that the skill displayed in the culinary operations was greatly admired, and the cooked food was readily bought by the visitors.

SENTENCE OF THE NOTORIOUS HORSE STEALER.

At the Durham Michaelmas Sessions, on Monday, before Mr John Lloyd Wharton (chairman) and other magistrates, George Ovington Raine, (29), fitter, pleaded guilty to having stolen a horse, the property of Joseph Consett Smith, at Winston, on the 16th of July; further to having obtained by false pretences £2 10s. with intent to defraud Charles Adamson, at Byers Green, on the 21st September. Previous convictions were put in, and the prisoner was sent to gaol for one month on the charge of false pretences, and to seven years' penal servitude for horse stealing. It will be remembered that prisoner made a daring escape from custody in Mallerstang, and was with difficulty recaptured.

BARNARD CASTLE POLICE COURT.

WEDNESDAY.—(Before Mr Morley Headlam and Capt. Gerard).

A VAGABOND.—James Bennett was charged with begging on the 1st inst., and with fraudulently enlisting into the North York Rifles while being a member of the Durham Fusiliers. He was first arrested for begging, and on arrival at the police station he was suspected and enquiries being made, it was found he was guilty of the graver charge. He denied the charge at first, but afterwards admitted his guilt. Capt. and Adjutant Pechell said the prisoner had a very bad character indeed.—He was fined £10 or two calendar months' imprisonment.

BARNARD CASTLE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, when there were present:—Messrs. Morley Headlam (presiding), C. Wilson, Hartas, Walton, Hall, Dent, Hilton, Nesham, Raine, Longstaff, Helmer, Nicholson, and the Rev. J. Brockbank.

CALLS.—It was decided to make a call which would amount to £5,000, payable half on the 22nd of October, and the other half in January.—The Chairman: How is this compared with the preceding half year?—The clerk said last half was £4,000.

EXPENDITURE.—Mr Hilton drew attention to several items of expenditure, which, in his opinion, were extravagant. His complaints were directed mainly against small bills for stationery, and he waxed exceedingly eloquent in denouncing the officers of the Board for being so indifferent to what he and other members said about the waste of money. One item to which he directed attention was for vagrant tickets, which were used by Supt. Thompson to frank vagrants into the house. Mr Ward had charged £1 8s. 6d. for printing a thousand of these tickets, and Mr Hilton urged that it was too much. A little lad, he held, could set up the type for them in half-an-hour, and he would undertake to print them himself for 10s. and make a good thing out of them. He grew even more indignant at the thought that half-a-dozen sticks of sealing wax had been used in half-a-year, while other articles, which had been bought at extravagant prices, and used, as he held, very wastefully, were drawn attention to. A long discussion ensued, and it was admitted that, leaving out of account many complaints which Mr Hilton made of a trivial character, there were some to which he drew attention which ought to be looked into.

A GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BARNARD CASTLE.—The Clerk, before the members dispersed, desired to state that he had been requested to inform the members of the Board that negotiations were going on in respect of getting a large new school at Barnard Castle. The endeavour was being made by the Trustees of St. John's Hospital, who thought it undesirable to make a grammar school on their own account, as they had only about £3,000; with power to get another £1,000. It was, therefore, decided to try and get the county school which would be established by Flounders's Trust. To further this end it was proposed to call a meeting next week at the Music Hall, and be had to request *ex-officio* Guardians, and Guardians for each parish to attend the meeting to co-operate in the matter. The Chairman of St. John's Hospital called attention to the advantage of such a school for farmers' sons, tradesmen's sons, and others if it were established in their own neigbourhood. The object of the meeting next week was to get as much money as they could in order to be able to carry out the project.—Mr Hilton: You are now asking the members in their private capacity to attend the meeting, and lend their influence as far as they can in pushing the object of the meeting. Now what is the exact object?—The Clerk said to raise the £10,000 which was necessary to obtain the benefit of the trust.—Mr Hilton said he thought the Flounders' Charity was never intended for any particular place, but was a general bequest to assist as much as possible education in the United Kingdom. If that were the object of the charity, was it honest or right for anybody to try and get the advantage for any particular place, when it should be generally dispensed. They would not be acting fairly, and whatever they did, let them act justly, and endeavour to carry out the wishes of the donor as far as possible.—The Clerk stated that the trustees of the charity had found great difficulty in carrying out the wishes of the donor, and had appealed to the Charity Commissioners to vary the instructions. The case had been before the Commissioners, and they had sanctioned the giving of £10,000 to found a school for about 300 boys, if another £10,000 were raised by the three counties of North Yorkshire, Northumberland, and Durham. Northumberland had subscribed very liberally already. Many meetings had been held, and it was wished to establish the school in the neighbourhood of Middlesbrough, but there was no reason why it should not be near Barnard Castle.—Mr Hilton could only say, as a private gentleman, that he would not in any form whatever lend himself to any scheme that might be against the wishes of the founder of the bequest. He did not care whether the Charity Commissioners or anybody else went against the wishes of the donor; he held they were doing him an injustice.—The Chairman said it would promote the interests of education in these counties.—Mr Hilton: He does not confine the bequest to any particular locality; it is for the benefit of education generally throughout the United Kingdom.—The Clerk: Throughout the British dominions.—Nothing more was said, and the Board adjourned.

Fits.—Epileptic Fits or Falling Sickness.—A certain method of cure has been discovered for this distressing complaint by a physician, who is desirous that all sufferers may benefit from this providential discovery; it is never known to fail, and will cure the most hopeless case after all other means have been tried. Full particulars will be sent by post to any person, free of charge.—Address, Mr Williams, 10, Oxford Terrace, Hyde Park, London.