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Tate, South Shields.

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and Mrs Page and family,

te.—Mr and Mrs T. C. Urwin
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BARNARD CASTLE FLOWER SHOW AND MUSICAL PRIZE.

THE FLOWER SHOW.

The annual exhibition of the Barnard Castle Horticultural and Floral Society is regarded in Teesdale as the *feud* of the year, a greater measure of success never previously being attained than that achieved on Friday. Financially and otherwise the event was successful, and the opinion has been freely expressed that, with a continuance of this prosperity, the gala day of the year in Teesdale will speedily attain the importance which the flower show annually held in Auckland Park enjoyed un-
interruptedly for some years, but which appears now to be discontinued. Stimulated by the steady success of a series of years, the committee enhanced the prize in almost every class, the result being that the competition was not only keener, but the specimens were far more numerous and meritorious. A new feature was the prize for the collection of six stove and greenhouse plants. Three competitors entered, leading honours being secured by Mr Johnston, Darlington, gardener to Mr H. R. Hodgkin; Mr W. Bowler, gardener to Mr E. A. Morris, Robokly Park, was awarded the second prize, while Mr B. Westcott, gardener to the Duke of Cleveland, took the third place. A strong opinion prevailed that these specimens should have been staged in the first tent, and it seemed to afford general satisfaction that this year the flowers and plants were raised. The result was that visitors could inspect the specimens to advantage, and instead of looking simply on pots and sticks, could with advantage judge of the foliage and bloom. Mr Graham, an amateur of Barnard Castle, beat the whole of the professional gardeners with six varieties of stove geraniums. There never was a better show of roses in the annals of the society, Mr O. R. Whitwell, of Barton Hall, entering twelve gems, with their foliage, and scoring first honours. The second prize was awarded to Mr Skinner, gardener to Mr Mitchell of Foreport Park. Dr. Mitchell, of Barnard Castle, showed a collection of wild flowers, including seventy varieties. He took the first prize. Six exquisitely tinted pinks were exhibited by Mr Beckwith of Barnard Castle, and were much admired. He was awarded the first prize. The collection of fruit was exceedingly good, the grapes in particular being of a high order. Mr T. R. Jowsey, Sedbury Park, took the much-coveted prize for a collection of six varieties of fruit, pine excluded, Mr Westcott, Baby, being second. The prize for the four distinct varieties of stove and greenhouse plants was secured by Mr Westcott, Baby, and he took leading honours also for six varieties of ornamental leaved plants. The ferns, both British and exotic, were fine show. Mr Westcott of Baby for exotics was beaten by Mr Johnston, Darlington; whilst Dr. Mitchell, Barnard Castle, took the first prize for six varieties of British ferns. An interesting feature was the exhibition of coleus. Some of the specimens were exceedingly well grown, and were much admired. Mr Bowler was the principal prize taker. In the amateur class, Mr Dalkin, of the Teesdale Union Workhouse, not only secured the prize for the collection of seven varieties of vegetables, but was fortunate enough to be awarded ten first prizes and eleven second prizes. A jointer, Mr J. Westwood, of Chester-le-Street, led all his competitors in the race for the Hambro' grape prize, which was this year a speciality. Certainly finer grapes were never previously exhibited at Barnard Castle. The winning specimens were luxuriant, and it is creditable to the exhibitor, who, with a limited area of glass, should outstrip the whole of the local professional gardeners. Mr J. Jefferson, Startforth Hall, was a most successful exhibitor. The dahlias, asters, and marigolds were scarcely up to the mark, but the season has been decidedly against the grower. Nobody could show Mr Dalkin with his brace of cucumbers, which were well grown, but the competition was limited. Peas, gooseberries, and currants were a good show, whilst apples were a little below the average in quality and size. Some good plums and cherries were entered. Mr J. M. Marshall was the only exhibitor in the amateur class for grapes, and he secured the first prize alike for Hambro' and white specimens. There was some little dissatisfaction expressed by the ladies and others on the awards, but the judges for the hand bouquet in the open class. Early in the day, whilst the specimens were being staged, we were struck with the remarkable beauty and chasteness of the bouquet exhibited by Mr Mann, of Grantham. The flowers were all fresh, and were exquisitely interlaced with the delicate maiden hair fern, the general appearance being pleasing and artistic in the extreme. Whilst we by no means wish to call in question the impartial judgment of the gentlemen who made the awards, we cannot but say that in the universal opinion that the order of merit should have been reversed. Mr Mann was awarded second prize, whilst Mr Westcott took leading honours. Mr J. Blenkinsop, Barnard Castle, was a leading exhibitor in the cottage class, as was also Mr J. Dalkin. We have seen better specimens staged, but never witnessed so large a display. The cut flowers generally were not so good as have been shown in other years, but the drawback is explained altogether by the adverse character of the season. In the open class, Mr Higgin, Stanwick Park, Mr Ch. Overwell, The Pines, Ferrow; and Mr Mitchell, Egglestone Hall, were the judges. In the amateur class Mr Bowler of Robokly, and Mr Weatherall, Lartington Hall, officiated as judges; whilst in the cottage class Mr Westcott, Baby, and Mr Skinner, Foreport, were selected. The specimens were shown in two tents, but it is more than probable that, next year, one large marquee will be used, and the ground in the site of the castle properly levelled for the purpose. In the event of such an arrangement being completed there can be little question that the effect will be greater, and the public will be less inconvenienced. Mr Bosman principally directed the proceedings, and with the other officials deserves every praise.

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Chester-le-Street; 2nd H. Westcott.
3 bunches of muscat grapes—1st Jowsey; 2nd H. Westcott.
3 bunches of white grapes, other than muscat—1st H. Westcott; 2nd Jowsey.
6 peaches—1st H. Westcott; 2nd W. Bowler.
6 nectarines—1st Jowsey; 2nd Westcott.
6 apricots—1st W. Westcott; 2nd Mann.
Malou—1st Skinner; 2nd Mann.
6 dessert plums—1st H. Westcott; 2nd R. J. Dent.
6 baking plums—1st H. Westcott; 2nd R. J. Dent.
6 dessert pears—1st W. Westcott; 2nd Mann.
6 baking apples—1st Westcott.
1 plate of gooseberries, about 30—1st Jowsey; 2nd W. Bowler.
1 plate of red currants, about a pint—1st H. Westcott; 2nd W. Bowler.
1 plate of Morello cherries, about 20—1st Mann; 2nd H. Westcott.
1 brace of cucumbers—1st T. Dalkin, Barnard Castle; 2nd R. J. Dent.
Pine—1st H. Westcott.
CLASS II.
(Open to Amateurs only, employing a gardener not more than three days a week on an average, and resident within twelve miles of Barnard Castle).
3 sonal geraniums (distended)—1st G. Graham; 2nd T. Richardson, Barnard Castle.
3 sonal geraniums (tricolor)—1st G. Graham; 2nd T. Dalkin.
Fuchsia (dark)—1st T. Dalkin; 2nd G. Graham.
Fuchsia (light)—1st Dr. Mitchell; 2nd G. Graham.
6 blooms of dahlias—1st G. Graham; 2nd T. Dalkin.
3 blooms of gladioli—1st G. Graham; 2nd J. M. Marshall, Startforth.
6 roses (distended, named)—1st G. Graham; 2nd J. M. Marshall, Startforth.
4 roses (distended, named)—1st Mrs Watson, Startforth Hall; 2nd G. Graham.
6 German asters—1st Dr. Mitchell; 2nd J. M. Marshall.
6 quilled asters—1st T. Dalkin; 2nd J. M. Marshall.
6 French marigolds (striped)—1st Dr. Mitchell; 2nd Mrs Watson.
6 African marigolds—1st Mrs Watson.
6 stocks (single spikes)—1st G. Graham; 2nd Mrs Watson.
6 daisy (single spikes)—1st J. M. Marshall; 2nd Mrs Watson.
6 varieties of herbaceous flowers—1st T. Dalkin; 2nd Mrs Watson.
6 varieties of herbaceous flowers (number of spikes unlimited)—1st Dr. Mitchell; 2nd G. Graham.
6 carnations—1st J. M. Marshall.
Hand bouquet—1st Mrs Watson; 2nd J. Kyle, Barnard Castle.
CLASS III.
(Open to cottagers only, residing within ten miles of Barnard Castle).
Bunch black grapes—1st J. M. Marshall.
Bunch white grapes—1st J. M. Marshall.
6 dessert plums—1st Dr. Mitchell.
6 baking plums—1st Mrs Watson; 2nd J. M. Marshall.
6 dessert apples—1st Dr. Mitchell.
VEGETABLES.
Brace of cucumbers—1st T. Dalkin; 2nd G. Graham.
3 heads of celery—1st Dr. Mitchell; 2nd T. Dalkin; 3rd R. T. Richardson.
2 cauliflower—1st W. Blenkinsop, Barnard Castle; 2nd T. Dalkin; 3rd J. Nelson, Barnard Castle.
6 leek onions—1st T. Dalkin; 2nd J. Nelson; 3rd G. Marshall.
6 onions (spring sown)—1st G. Marshall, Barnard Castle; 2nd Dr. Mitchell; 3rd G. Blenkinsop.
3 carrots—1st T. Dalkin; 2nd W. Blenkinsop; 3rd G. Marshall.
3 turnips—1st Mrs Watson; 2nd T. Dalkin; 3rd G. Blenkinsop.
3 parsnips—1st G. Marshall; 2nd T. Dalkin; 3rd Dr. Mitchell.
12 cabbages—1st G. Graham; 2nd G. Marshall; 3rd T. Dalkin.
2 cabbages—1st J. Nelson; 2nd T. Dalkin; 3rd W. Blenkinsop.
Red cabbage—1st J. Nelson; 2nd Marshall; 3rd W. Watson, Barnard Castle.
12 pods of beans—1st T. Dalkin; 2nd G. Graham; 3rd W. Blenkinsop.
30 pods of peas—1st Dr. Mitchell; 2nd T. Dalkin; 3rd G. Blenkinsop.
6 kidney potatoes—1st J. Nelson; 2nd J. M. Marshall; 3rd T. Dalkin.
6 round potatoes—1st W. Blenkinsop; 2nd T. Dalkin; 3rd J. Nelson.
2 vegetable marrow—1st G. Graham; 2nd T. Dalkin; 3rd Mrs Watson.
2 roots of beet—1st T. Dalkin; 2nd J. M. Marshall; 3rd J. Nelson.
Collection of 7 varieties of vegetables, consisting of the following: 2 cauliflowers, 8 turnips, 6 leek onions, 30 pods of peas, 12 pods of beans, 2 heads of celery, and 6 kidney potatoes—1st T. Dalkin; 2nd J. Nelson; 3rd W. Blenkinsop.
CLASS III.
(Open to cottagers only, residing within ten miles of Barnard Castle).
Rosa—1st R. Ebdon, Middleton.
Balsam—1st W. Bainbridge, Middleton; 2nd R. Ebdon.
Dark fuchsia—1st W. Bainbridge; 2nd P. Horn, Middleton; 3rd R. Ebdon.
Light fuchsia—1st W. Bainbridge; 2nd R. Ebdon; 3rd W. Graham.
3 German geranium—1st W. Bainbridge; 2nd R. Ebdon; 3rd Whittington, Startforth.
Tytolator geranium—1st W. Bainbridge; 2nd R. Ebdon; 3rd P. Horn.
CUT FLOWERS.
4 dahlias—1st W. Whittington; 2nd R. Ebdon.
4 stocks—1st P. Horn; 2nd W. Bainbridge, Startforth; 3rd W. Bainbridge, Middleton.
6 asters—1st P. Horn; 2nd R. Ebdon; 3rd W. Bainbridge, Middleton.
6 French marigolds—1st P. Horn; 2nd W. Bainbridge, Middleton; 3rd R. Ebdon.
6 African marigolds—1st P. Horn; 2nd and 3rd R. Ebdon.
Plate of gooseberries, about 30—1st Whittington, Startforth; 2nd W. Taylor, Barnard Castle; 3rd J. Taylor.
3 heads of celery—1st W. Bainbridge, Startforth; 2nd J. Blenkinsop; 3rd J. Taylor.
2 cauliflowers—1st J. Dalkin, Barnard Castle; 2nd J. Blenkinsop; 3rd J. Hunter; 4th R. Ebdon.
6 leek onions—1st J. Dalkin; 2nd R. Ebdon; 3rd J. Blenkinsop; 4th W. Bainbridge, Startforth.
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4th A. McLean.
3 turnips—1st J. Taylor; 2nd R. Ebdon; 3rd J. Hunter; 4th W. Bainbridge, Startforth.
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12 parsnips—1st J. Blenkinsop; 2nd W. Bainbridge, Startforth; 3rd J. Dalkin; 4th W. Graham.
12 shallots—1st J. Dalkin; 2nd R. Ebdon; 3rd J. Blenkinsop; 4th A. McLean.
2 cabbages—1st J. Dalkin; 2nd J. Blenkinsop; 3rd A. Tooke, Barnard Castle; 4th A. McLean.
Red cabbage—1st W. Bainbridge, Startforth; 2nd J. Dalkin; 3rd J. Blenkinsop; 4th R. Ebdon.
3 savoy—1st J. Taylor; 2nd R. Ebdon; 3rd A. McLean; 4th A. McLean.
12 pods of beans—1st J. Blenkinsop; 2nd J. Hunter, Barnard Castle; 3rd J. Dalkin; 4th R. Ebdon.
12 pods of peas—1st R. Ebdon, Barnard Castle; 2nd J. Dalkin; 3rd J. Blenkinsop; 4th R. Ebdon.
6 round potatoes—1st R. Ebdon; 2nd G. Horn; 3rd W. Whittington; 4th R. Ebdon.
6 leek onions—1st J. Dalkin; 2nd P. Horn; 3rd W. Bainbridge, Middleton; 4th R. Ebdon.
Collection of 9 varieties of vegetables, selected from the above list (triplicate copies)—1st J. Blenkinsop; 2nd J. Hunter; 3rd R. Ebdon; 4th W. Taylor.
Special prize, given by Mr R. W. Atkinson to the cottager in Barnard Castle or round who shall take the highest prize in class three—1st J. Blenkinsop.
THE BAND CONTEST.
A large number of the committee and townspeople expressed a strong desire that there should be included among the attractions, this year, a band contest. Arrangements were accordingly made, and six amateur bands entered for competition. The judges were Mr K. Stubbing, bandmaster of the First Battalion of the 11th Foot (Preston). The judge awarded the first prize to Woodland; second to Skelton; third to Milburn's Model Band, and fourth to Shildon Temperance Band. Dating his letter from Sunderland Mr Stubbing writes—"I enclose my remarks as judge (at your show) of the various bands at contest. I endeavored to be as fair as possible. I never saw or heard either of the bands or their leaders before, so I could not show any preference, though I think great praise due to the leaders of No. 4 and No. 6 (Woodland and Skelton). Will you drop me a line at Preston and let me know when you publish, and to be sent to me newspaper." Of course the judge was only guided by the numbers, and we supply the names of the bands.—No. 1 Shildon Temperance selection, Don Giovanni. Good attack; second cornet wrong note; trombone with cornet obligato good; p. p. and f well rendered. A very fair performance. No. 2 (Milburn's Model Band) selection Los Huguonots, first movement well rendered; p and f well marked; cornet in nine-eight very good; basses well marked. A good performance. No. 3 (Thornaby Ironworks) selection, Los Huguonots, well attacked, but cornet broke several notes in upper register, nine-eight correctly played, one trombone not quite in time, only a fair performance. Recollections of Meyerbeer, first movement well played, soprano and cornet well in time, basses good, marks of expression carefully rendered. Altogether an excellent performance. No. 5 (Whitworth) selection,

Los Huguonots, good attack, soprano not well in time, and basses and trombone good. Nine-eight well played by basses, accompanied too mechanically, passages for basses not together. Only a fair performance. No. 6 Shildon Brass Band, Meyerbeer, good attack, andante, played very well, cornets not quite together, in succeeding movement, shadow song, cornet and accompaniment in good turn and style. Altogether a very good performance. The first prize was £15; 2nd prize, £10; third prize, £5; and fourth prize, £3.

THE BALLOON ASCENT.
Mr Emanuel Jackson, the midland balloonist, effected a splendid ascent at four o'clock, he being accompanied in his aerial flight by the Rev. M. Bowen of Gainford, who some years ago joined Mr Jackson in a similar expedition. The voyage was an exceedingly delightful one the balloon being steady, and visible for a considerable distance. The party reached terra firma about two miles from Romaldkirk station on the Tees Valley Railway. Mr Jackson returned to Barnard Castle the same night, and left for his home early next morning. Mr Jackson, whose face in Teesdale has become quite familiar, is now competing in the balloon racing which will shortly take place in different parts of the metropolis, the object being to bring into practice the navigating of balloons, without which, beyond the mere novelty, ballooning is practically amusement only for children.

During the afternoon dancing took place in the inner ball of the castle, to the music of Mr Woodham's excellent quadrille band. There was a large company; but a perceptible falling-off took place in the two tents in the evening, a comparatively limited number having entered the gates between the close of the show and the commencement of the

pyrotechnic display was witnessed by a large concourse of spectators. Mr Fain, of London, was engaged, and on the evening carried out, and the programme. The set pieces were beautiful, but the coloured fires were scarcely so brilliant as could have been desired, they having a somewhat smoky appearance. The chief opponent to the success of the display was the moon, the pale orb being at full. Rockets were discharged from the old baronial keep with considerable effect, whilst Brackenbury's Tower and the whole of the ruins of the castle were illuminated with Chinese lanterns, the scenic effect of which was very good. Heavily laden special trains were despatched to Bishop Auckland and intermediate stations, after the fireworks, and also on the Tees Valley Railway. The committee must be satisfied with the "day's doings," and their inventive genius will now be taxed to provide a series of novelties for next year, which will prove equally attractive, and which will not include in the programme a band contest. Altogether the financial results are favourable. The expenses were greater than in previous years, but when the reckoning day arrived it is safe to assume that the balance to the credit of the society will not have been lessened nor indeed much increased by the show of Friday last.

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NORTH-EASTERN COUNTIES' SCHOOL.

As is well known the scheme for the establishing of the North-Eastern Counties' School arose from a joint offer of Flounders' trustees and St. John's Hospital to amalgamate their funds, and that £10,000 should be raised by way of subscription. For the purpose committees were formed for Northumberland, Durham and the North Riding of Yorkshire. The required amount of money having been promised, the Charity Commissioners have formulated a printed scheme for the establishment of the school, and this scheme has been submitted to Flounders' trustees, the trustees of St. John's Hospital, and the committee of the three counties, for their consideration and approval. The scheme nominates Messrs. Fowler, Young and Fawcett, the trustees under Flounders' will, as three governors, the committee of the three counties have nominated the Bishop of Durham, Canon Dwaris and Sir William Worsley, and the governors of St. John's Hospital have nominated the Rev. T. Whigham, of Lartington Hall, the Rev. Canon Brown, of Barnard Castle, and Mr Richardson, of Barnard Castle, as governors. The scheme provides that other fifteen governors shall be appointed by various public bodies. The nomination of the latter governors, however, is now under consideration, no appointments having yet been made. The next important movement is that the Charity Commissioners require to be satisfied, before submitting the scheme to the Committee of Council on Education, that the £10,000 promised has been duly paid and invested in the hands of the trustees, with such declaration of trust as will make it available for the purposes of the school. No further step can be taken until this is accomplished.

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