MAY DAY HIRINGS AT BARNARD CASTLE. [BY A MAN IN THE CROWD.] The lads and lasses of Teesdale held high carnival the other day, irrespective of their "stopping on" or The chief hirings for the May term took place on Wednesday sen., when there was a very throng town. Besides an unusually large influx of servants of both sexes who early arrived in the place, there were excursions from large centres, and, by three o'clock, the streets of the old charter town were almost impassable in some parts. There were more than the usual attractions, comprehending swings, merry-go-rounds, juggling, wax-work exhibition, and a multifarious congregation of itinerant hawkers, together with donkeys on hire, and so forth. The day was fine, and there were many indications that people, wearied of the cruel winter, were anxious for an outing. The Flatts Wood swarmed with holiday-makers, and the operatives of the Flax Mills ceased work at noon, and participated in the all-round "fun of the fair."

There were characteristics of this day which There were characteristics of this day which are worthy of note. Photographers were to be seen in every direction, and ladies perched on the brink of the river adjusted the lens for the purpose of securing an outline of Baliol's Keep and Brakenbury's Tower, Higher up the river the late primroses and budding forget-me-nots were culled with much eagerness, whilst the castle grounds were besieged with visitors from far and near. The steam roundabout in Galgate source of everlasting pleasure to hundreds of juveniles, and, when night drew on, middle-aged men and even old women ventured on the giddy "train."

It is whispered that the young 'uns, whose ages varied from forty to the Psalmists' allotted span of human existence, enjoyed an elysium of bliss that night, and many registers of birth have since been looked up, with the comforting assurance that there was a mistake somewhere in the baptismal chronicles, and that, after all, these "bairns" are not so old as they look. But "pleasures are like poppies spread, and the experience of that night must have been equally transient. The whole mechanism, however, a clever contrivance, and the receipts of the proprietor of the roundabout must have been enormous as was evidenced by the copper collected whilst under To save time it is said that the owner calculates copper by the ton, in which event he may ated upon being most fortunate in the days of chronic impecuniosity and ill-starred want. But undoubtedly this roundabout is a novel attraction, and there need be no roundabout way of saying so. The haggard and dirty appearance of many of the attendants upon the little shows, and the uniform dirtiness of the followers of the smaller exhibitions were conspicuous. A life on the roads is unquestionably congenial to certain tastes, and we peeped into a caravan with slightly enlarged dog-kennel proportion where a whole family were seen at the mid-day meal That the "human form divine" is inclined to be carnivorous goes without saying, and if the slightest scepticism existed upon this point in the mind of any byestander there were abundant proofs afforded to the contrary, so fast did the half-cooked bullock's liver ar, with apparent relish and satisfaction. The culinary arrangements, as may be conjectured, were of the most limited character, and the entire space allowed to the occupants was meague in the extreme. The children, with Rominy proclivities, in so far as the swarthy skin is concerned—the brunette type of Adam's children are predominant in these caravans, but it may be safely hazarded that a thorough ducking, and the use of cleansing agencies, without stint, would speedily transform the youngsters into unquestionable specimens of the blonde—appeared as happy and as contented as the offspring of the well-to-do or even opulent classes. But they are to the manner born, and have never experienced that worst of all human reverses—a descent from wealth to penury. All the while paterfamilias and materfamilias are looking on the serging crowd with the utmost unconcern. To sup-pose that these Bohemians never read would be a wrong impression to form, but their literature consists entirely of the lower order of serials. How the children are educated, and how they become possessed even of the rudiments of education, seems a mystery. Equally mysterious is the fact that the occupants of these travelling habitations enjoy a comparative immunity from epidemic disease. The chief contributing cause to their health must be the ozone inhaled in scaling the bre-zy hills, and their habituated rule of quitting their "dens" at suprise. "The two noblest things, which are sweetness and light." Leaving this of the day's doings, the writer sallied to the path skirting Cleveland House, and for the first time at any hirings in this town beheld veritable donkeys on hire. Barnard Castle can boast of an excellent Superintendent of Police, and we feel persuaded had he seen the gross cruelty to which the "mokes" were subjected more would have been heard of the miscreants. The Market Place was full of bustle, and the waxwork exhibition occupied the most prominent place. Somehow or other "Daniel in the Lions' Den" pourtrayed, in wax has lost a good deal Lions' Den" pourtrayed, in wax has lost a good deal of its attraction, and the moving figures lack the loadstone-power which used to "draw" children. Dancing at public-houses is almost a thing of the past, and kissed Joss and Joss kissed me," together with other kindred compositions are rarely sung, as of yore, near the Market Cross, although songs of a questionable character, are yet howled or yelled to the delectation of the vulgar. The coarse ribaldry of former days, too, is happily disappearing, and there was an immunity from drunkenness, which speaks well for the intellectual advancement of the youth of both sexes. Laudable efforts have from time to time been put forth in order that females in particular might escape the temptations and evils of the ordinary hirings, and the establishment of register offices for servants and other modern agencies have done much to cultivate a sense of decency and self-respect, the want of which was at once deplorable. Time was when the best man at a fair was the person who could consume the most homebrewed" and knock the most men down in a given space, but the present generation are an improvement on the men of by-gone days, and there are indications that still greater strides will be taken in the march of social purity and intellectual advancement. Farmers then were jovial souls, and it was their won to "wet both eyes" whenever they met. "Cursed be the knave who pays" was the motto, and the potations of these tillers of the soil were frequent and protracted. The noted "braisers" of the neighbourhood have one by one disappeared for ever, and, although a shameful attempt is being made in certain quarters to revive the horrors of the prize-ring, the day is far distant when, on the Nab End or at the Intake, another round will be called "just for the good of the company." Then have past into oblivion the army of gingerbread vendors, and the retailers of "candy rock." "Cheap Jacks" of old have gone over to the great majority, and modern innovations have supplanted the usages of bye-gone days. But the world is ever changeful, and so it must ever be. Next came the collection of tolls—the market dues exacted by the Duke of Cleveland—and the faithful resident agent of His Grace baving discharged the duty with fidelity -visiting all and sundry standages with great precision -the day wore on without any remarkable incident occurring, and when the "iron tongue of midnight" betokened the "witching" hour the scene was husbed, quistude was restored, and Barnard Castle assumed its normal peacefulness and quiet.

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## ROMALDKIRK CHURCHYARD. PROPOSED CLOSING OF THE

GRAVEYARD. A meeting of the inhabitants of the four townships of Romaldkirk, Hunderthwaite, Cotherstone and Lartington, which comprise the parish of Romaldkirk, summoned by advertisement, to take into consideration the necessity of providing additional burial-ground, was held in the School-room, Romaldkirk, on Saturday evening, May 12th. Major Hugginson, of Romaldkirk, occupied the chair. A resolution was unanimously passed to memorialse the Secretary of State to clo the present burial-ground. A motion was also sub mitted to the meeting that two burial-grounds be pro vided-one at Cotherstone and one for Romaldkirk and was carried. Fourteen voted for the proposition, and ten for a resolution providing only one ground, the locality to be settled hereafter. As this was not a representative meeting this question will have to be settled when the present burial-ground i no longer available. On account of the position of the present burial-ground (being surrounded on al sides by public highways) it is impossible to extend it. Fresh ground, at some distance from the church, will have to be provided, and as the expense will be serious, and as the inhabitants of the different townships seem to differ as to the best method of raising the necessary funds, a burial board, it is feared, is the only solution The present churchyard has been for centuries the only place of sepulchre for this once extensive parish, reach ing from the borders of Westmoreland to Deepdale and including, in addition to the four townships above-mentioned, Mickleton, Lune, and Holwick. The three last-mentioned townships, some years ago, were formed into a separate parish, with a burial-ground at Laithkirk, a most romantic spot, close to the viaduct on the Tees Valley Railway, which spans the river June. The present burial-ground has been for some years a standing disgrace to the parish. At every interment at least half-a-dozen bodies, or fragments, have had to be displaced, to make room for one more. Sometimes the mortal remains, perhaps, of father, mother, brother or sister, or, probably, the remains of some more dis-tantly related, have been forcibly separated by the inexorable gravedigger. The portion of the ground in front of the church has been closed for some time, except to widows and widowers, and the only available e, a small triangular piece of ground, was added to the graveyard, but which is now fast filling up, and only affords space for less than a score of graves. According to the register, however, something like 28 interments took place last year. This will not last another year, the works in operation at Hury having added considerably to the number of burials. How the present burial ground has been made to serve is a mystery, as it is so very limited. Even the road lead ing from the gates to the church porch has been used for interments. It is in the recollection of the writer eeing the flags taken up, and a grave dug underneath. Then the interior of the church itself bears unmis akable evidence of being the last resting-place of many A slab near the church door bears the inscription Michael Rayne, Vintner of the City of London ouried here." Another slab at the junction of the north transept has carved upon its surface the cross and mitre of a Catholic Bishop. There are also eral square places chiselled, which no doubt have had prass or metal plates fastened in them, with inscrip tions. None now remain. That the present burial ground has been in existence even before the Reformaion, no doubt can exist, and corpse have been borne on biers from the more distant parts of the parish. As was the custom in those days resting-places were provided, and crosses erected. A socket or pedestal for a cross (in a most perfect condition) is still stand ing in a field near Doe Park, or Ledger Hall, a peculiar building now used as a farm house, about half-a-mile on the road from Cotherstone to Romaldkirk. The road bas been diverted, and the land enclosed, but the stone still occupies the position where no doubt it has stood for centuries. There are also several square blocks of stone which now form part of the wall near the stile which enters the footpath at the top of a hill called "Ghestwicks." about half way between the two rillages. There are two stones which have either been proken, or, perhaps, the socket has been in two halves. There are also several other squares or hewn stones in the same fence, which appear as if they had formed a basement for the socket. Other places which still retain evidences, by their names, that crosses have been There is Crossthwaite in Holwick, High Cross at Mickleton, Crosset Hill near the Almshouses at Romaldkirk, Hude Cross, midway between Cothers on and Lartington, High Cross near Hunderthwaite -all these crosses have been erected on the then exist ing roads, converging or leading to Romaldkirk. There is ample material for the antiquarian or historian to write a volume upon the history of the parish church. out the writer of the present article has neither the ability nor the materials to extend his remarks. The origin of the church is lost in the tomb of ages. A like substantially built tower and peal of bells exist at Grasmer, where lie the remains of Wordsworth, Coleridge, and others. The roof of the belfry also calls for especial mention, being domed or arched with dressed stone of a most substantial character. The roof of the nave has evidently been thatched at some ime. The condition of the building as a whole is not bad, but it would take thousands to restore it to what t ought to be. How the churchwardens manage to seep the sacred fane in anything like order is mystery only known to themselves, as their only source of procuring finance is the weekly offertory, since the abolition of church rates. The only contribution from Cotherstone and the other townships are the small fees paid to the clerk and sexton for performing the last rites of the church.

GRETA BRIDGE DISTRICT HIGH-

WAY BOARD. The usual monthly meeting of the members of the Greta Bridge District Highway Board took place on Wednesday. Mr T. H. Byers presided, and there were also present Messrs Jno. White (Brignal), Wm. Dent (Cotherstone), Jos. Turner (Gilmonby), Mark Alderson (Hope), Geo. Dent (Lartington), Jno. previous meeting concerning highway expenditure in the various districts, and observed that Mr Samuel Rowlandson, the Chairman of the Richmond District Highway Board, had taken up his statement somewhat warmly. He might state that he took the figures which he gave from a York morning news-paper, and if the paper erred it was no

NORTH EASTERN CYCLISTS' MEET AT BARNARD CASTLE.

A MOST SUCCESSFUL GATHERING. For the past three years, on Whit Monday, Bar-nard Castle has been the gathering place of Northern wheelmen, and the event of Monday was the most successful reunion ever held in the annals of the North Eastern Cyclists' Meet. The day was delightful, and a most enjoyable time was spent. Over the week-end cyclists began to assemble in large numbers, and the beauties of the surrounding neighbourhood were carefully explored by the visitors. With the exception of a serious accident which happened to Mr Adamson, of Sunderland, on Saturday, and which Adamson, or sunderland, on saturacy, and while disabled him, there was no untoward circumstance. About noon the wheelmen assembled in good numbers at the head of Galgate, and the cyclists moved off in the following order and number:—Teesdale Wander-ers C.O., 22; Sunderland C.C., 17; Newcastle C.C., 9; Stockton C.C., 15; South Shields C.C., 12; Jesmond B.C., 5; Elswick B.C., 10; Blaydon C.C., 6;

12: West Auckland and Evenwood B.C., 14; West Hartlepool Rovers C.C., 15; unattached riders, 30. The scene was unique as the machines filed between the beautiful row of trees, now budding into leaf, and at the foot of Galgate a large concourse of spectators assembled to witness the procession. Every conceiv able make of machine was represented, but it was noticeable that there was a great preponderance of machines of the "safety" type over the "ordinaries" —a circumstance which speaks volumes for the increasing favour with which dwarf bicycles, against which there formerly was so great a prejudice, are now regarded. Entering the Market Place the procession passed along Newgate, up the Barracks Lane, along Queen-street and King-street, and thus regained Gal The cyclists then proceeded to the Castle ere the whole party were grouped and photographed by Mr Yeoman. The ruins of the castle formed a most appropriate back-ground, and no sooner was this part of the day's proceedings over than an adjournment took place to the County Court Room, where an excellent dinner was provided by Mrs Hargrave, of the Golden Lion Inn.—The chai was occupied by Mr George Bartram, of Sunderland, who, when dinner was over, proposed "Success to the North Eastern Cyclists' Meet." He alluded to the general wish that the meet should, in future, be held n the same place, and held that the objectors to that plan, after witnessing the splendid success of the pres-ent meet, would object no longer—a sentiment which was received with the utmost enthusiasm. It had been asserted, he said, in some papers, that the meet was a small one, but he did not believe that there was a more enjoyable meet in the whole county. (Applause). It was not possible to spend a happier week end. The people in Barnard Castle treated them remarkably well, and he was glad to have that opportunity of thanking them for their great kindness. hoped and believed that the meet would prospe even more in the future than in the past.—Mr Edward Clarke, of Newcastle (who served his articles with the late Mr John Dickonson Holmes, of Barnard Castle), responded. Mr Clarke is a host in himself, and yearly contributes very much to the hilarity of th assemblage. He deprecated the assertion that the meet was a small one. On the contrary it was a capital meet-that it was, indeed, the king of meets (Applause). He hoped that they would come back every year to Barnard Castle.-Mr Matthews, Sur land, proposed "The Officials of the Meet," and Mr G. R. Palmer responded.—"The Press" was associated with the name of Mr J. Robson, of this journal, who hade the cyclists a hearty welcome in the name of the inhabitants. He also paid a merited compliment to Mr G. Carter, surveyor to the Barnard Castle Local Board of Health, who had started his men at an early hour both to water the streets and gather up all loose stones. The result was that the highway was as level as a bowling green. (Loud applause). Mr J. Wright, of Elswick, proposed "The Constabu-lary," which toast was received with great cheering.— Mr Supt. Thompson ably responded, and an adjourn ment was then made to the Cricket Field, where the annual sports of the local club were going on. Results :-

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100 yds. amateur flat race handicap.—Heat 1.—G. Brown, Barnard Castle, 16 yds; heat 2.—J. F. Gent, Barnard Castle, 13; heat 3.—R. Woodhams, Barnard Castle, 14; heat 5.—M. C. Gregson, Thirsk. 12.

One mile bicycle handicap, open, first and fastest loser to ride in final.—Heat 1.—R. W. Coates, Brankin Moor, 30 yds, 1; F. Warneford, Brunswick CC, scratch, 2; won easily. Time 4min. 2sec. Heat 2.—J. Carruthers, Brunswick CC, 60, 1; T. Gregson, Thirsk, 45. 2. Time, 4min. 1sec. Heat 3.—J. J. Carruthers, Brunswick CC, 53, 1; G. Jones, North Ormesby, 40, 2; The men sprinted one against the other all the way round, Carruthers passing the post amidst much excitement two yards in front. Time, Smin 57; sec.

Half mile amnteur flat race handicap; first and second in each heat to ride in final.—Heat 1.—M. C. Gregson, Thirsk, 40 yds, 1; J. W. Sharkey, Barnard Castle, 80, 1; H. Archer, Barnard Castle, 50, 1. Time, 2min 8; sec.

Half mile bicycle handicap; first in each heat and fastest loser to ride in final.—Heat 1.—G. Jones, 15 yds, 1; C. E. Verne, North Ormeshy, 25, 2. Went Merch 1.

Half mile bicycle handicap; first in each heat and fastest loser to ride in final.—Heat 1—G. Jones, 15 yds, 1; C. E. Young, North Ormesby, 25, 2. Time, 1 min. 49\sec. Heat 2—J. Carruthers, 25, 1; F. Turvey, Sunderland, 15, and G. Carter, North Ormesby, 10 heat for second place. Time, 1 min 4 sec. Heat 3—T. Gregson, Thirsk, 20, 1; J. J. Carruthers, 15, 2. Time, 1 min. 48\sec. Heat 3—T. Gregson, Thirsk, 20, 1; J. J. Carruthers, 15, 2. Time, 1 min. 48\sec. 100 yards flat race, second heats—Heat 1—Woodhams 1, Brown 2. Heat 2—Chatt 1, Gent 2.

Ring tilting competition.—J. H. Woods, Jesmond ABC, 1; G. R. Palmer, South Shields, 2.

One mile bicycle race.—Final heat.—J. Carruthers 1, J. Carruthers 2, R. W. Coates 3. 3 min. 41 sec. The race was a close one, the men racing almost neck and neck for the finish, when there was scarcely a yard separating first and second, and no more between second and third.

100 yards flat race, final heat.—Chatt 1, Woodhams 2. Won by three yards.

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Half mile bicycle race.—Final heat—Jones 1, J. J. Carruthers 2. Carruthers passed the post in front of Jones, who
did not try to pass him, claiming the race on the ground that
Carruthers rode wide on his safety. The objection was left to he N.C.U.

The starter was Mr C. Hedley; the judges, Mr W.

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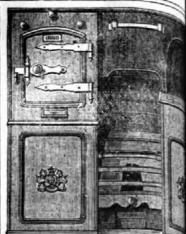
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