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NOTICE. FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF COUNTRY PATIENTS. Mr. T. H. DODD, Dentist, has OPENED A BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT ABOVE MR. J. A. YORK, Solicitor, HORSE MARKET.

MR. G. BEST, SURGEON DENTIST, ATTENDS BARNARD CASTLE EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. BUCKLEY'S FANCY REPOSITORY, No. 3 GAITGATE.

THE TRESDALE MERCURY. BARNARD CASTLE, MARCH 16th, 1898. We have been requested to state that the announcement made in the newspapers, that Canon Brown has accepted the living of Houghton-le-Spring, is at least premature.

favoured pursuit of Lord Salisbury—in botany, in topography, in geology, in languages, or mathematics, was ever welcome, while many of us gratefully recall his lectures on astronomy, steam, and kindred subjects.

REHABILITATION AT MIDDLETON. The annual supper, in connection with the "Reform" Test of the Independent Order of the Knights of the Temperance, was held on Tuesday evening, 8th.

BARNARD CASTLE BAND OF HOPE. The thirteenth annual entertainment of the Band of Hope, connected with the Barnard Castle Ladies' Temperance Association, took place on Friday evening last in the Music Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS. The annual meeting of the Starforth Parish Council was held on Monday night, Mr. John Howson presided, and there was a large attendance.

KIRKBY STEPHEN. A crowded meeting of the electors of this town was held in the Board School, on Monday evening, the whole of the old members were nominated, and seven new candidates amongst whom were two railway officials.

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NORTH-EASTERN CYCLISTS' MEET. ANNUAL MEETING. On Saturday night a numerous and representative body of cyclists connected with Tynes and Wearside clubs assembled at the twenty-third annual meeting of the North-Eastern Cyclists' Association.

MIDDLETON NOTES. [BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] That the once-popular but now nearly obsolete game of kaur and spill, or to give it the name by which it is more commonly known, of "bucktick" is not without its votaries and enthusiasts, goes without saying.

THE SCHOOL BOARD QUESTION IN LUDLEDALE. The school board in your last week's issue, pertaining to the school board in Ludedale has caused a good deal of comment, and as the sentiment is by no means the expression of the mind of the Ludedale ratepayers, and might lead to a wrong impression of public opinion, I have ventured to make a few remarks on the matter.

Many will bear with surprise and regret the intimation of the death of Miss M. E. Allison, daughter of the late John Allison, a farmer and cartwright, and a former resident of Middleton. The deceased young lady was residing with an aunt at Brough Sowerby, and had been under a doctor's attendance, but the end came awfully sudden and unexpected, the termination being attributed to heart disease.

I should say, taking the size of the place, and the number of inhabitants into consideration, that we have a very healthy village in the establishment of the other villages in the North of England. The extremely mild and dry weather experienced at present has been the means of bringing them out in force, and nothing is more concerning than the ease and grace with which the elderly cyclists in the established Church, and this in a district where Nonconformity is a decided majority.

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