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LOST, TWO HOGGS and an EWE. Ewe: Horn burn on both horns, "I.P."; rud across back and back of head; tar mark, "I.P." on near side. Hogg: Rud across back and back of the head; ear mark, bit off near ear and two slits in far ear.—Information to JONATHAN PARMLEY, Aukside, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

FOUND, a SCOTCH EWE. Owner can have same on giving description and paying expenses.—Apply JOHN WHITE READ, Seal Houses, Arkengarthdale, Richmond.

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WANTED, a GENERAL SERVANT.—Apply, by letter, to MRS READ, Lealands, Barnard Castle.

WANTED, at once, STRONG USEFUL GIRL.—Apply 7, MONTALBO TERRACE, Barnard Castle.

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THE GUARDIANS are prepared to receive applications for the offices of MASTER AND MATRON of the Union Workhouse.

Candidates must be duly qualified, and competent to perform all duties prescribed by the regulations of the Local Government Board with regard to keeping books and accounts, and the management of the paupers in the Workhouse, and their employment therein and in the garden attached thereto.

The salary of the Master will be £40 per annum, and that of the Matron £30 per annum (subject to deduction under the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896), together with rations, washing, fuel, light, and apartments in the Workhouse (unfurnished).

The Master will be required to enter into a bond in the sum of £100 for the due and faithful discharge of his duties.

The appointment will be made subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

Applications, in the handwriting of the respective candidates, stating ages, present and previous occupations, accompanied by no more than three testimonials of recent date, must be sent to me not later than Monday, the 13th inst.

Persons appointed will be required to enter upon their duties forthwith, or as arranged.

By order,
GEO. BAINBRIDGE,
Clerk to the Guardians.

Union Offices, Barnard Castle, 1st Jan., 1902.

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COMFORTABLE APARTMENTS for one or two steady Working Men. Terms moderate.—Apply "S.T.," *Teesdale Mercury* Office, Barnard Castle.

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Religious Announcements.

FREE CHRISTIAN (UNITARIAN) CHURCH, Newgate, Barnard Castle.—SUNDAY EVENING NEXT, January 12th, 1902, at 6-30 p.m., Preacher, MR STIRLING, Sunderland.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH, Newgate, Barnard Castle.—SUNDAY NEXT, Jan. 12th.—Morning, 10-30; Evening, 6-30. Preacher, REV. T. GRANGER.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, BARNARD CASTLE.—SUNDAY, January 12th, 1902.—Morning, 10-30; Evening, 6-30. Preacher, REV. J. C. COLWELL, of Middleton-in-Teesdale.

HALL-STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—SUNDAY NEXT, January 12th.—Morning, Service at 10-30; Evening, at 6-30. Preacher, REV. R. L. HUNTER (Pastor). All cordially invited. Hymn Books provided for Visitors.—Whorlton, 2-30.

HOLY TRINITY, STARTFORTH.

DURING the months of January, February, and March, 1902, the Morning Service will commence at 11 a.m., instead of 10-30 a.m., as heretofore.
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Will commence Saturday, January 11th, 1902. . . .

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General Notices.

WINSTON NEW YEAR'S TEA, in the National School, on FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH. Tea at 6 0. Admission, Sixpence: no half-price.

NOTICE.

A PIGEON SHOOTING will be held at the HIGH FORCE HOTEL, Middleton-in-Teesdale, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 1902.

I. O. G. T.

HOPE OF TEESDALE LODGE, No. 1,075.

NEXT SESSION THIS DAY, at 8 p.m., at the MASONIC HALL.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

W. NEVISON, DRAPER, has REMOVED his business from No. 8, Market Place, to No. 39, BANK, Barnard Castle (premises occupied by the late Miss E. Nevison).

I, ALICE BAYLES, request the public to take notice that I do not owe anything to anybody, either tradesman or otherwise, and that no account of any debt has ever been sent to my husband, George Bayles. If there be any persons to whom I owe anything I challenge them to make it public.
(Signed) ALICE BAYLES.

Stoneykeld, Bowes, Dec. 24th, 1901.

BARNINGHAM.

A LECTURE will be delivered in the School-room entitled—"A Walk from Filey to Venice," Illustrated with Lantern Slides, on FRIDAY EVENING, 10TH JANUARY, 1902, by the REV. A. N. COOPER, Vicar of Filey. The Chair will be taken by the RECTOR, at 7-30 p.m. Admission, 6d. and 3d. There will be a few 1/- Seats.

BARNARD CASTLE CHORAL SOCIETY.

PRACTICES will be RESUMED in the Hall-street School-room, on MONDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 1902, when HIAWATHA'S "WEDDING FEAST," by COLERIDGE TAYLOR, will be taken.

Members requiring Copies of the above must give their Names as early as possible to the Secretary,
J. G. WELFORD.

CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL, BARNARD CASTLE.

THE TEACHERS' ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT and SUPPER takes place on THURSDAY, THE 9TH JANUARY, 1902, to commence at 7 p.m. Admission, 6d. An interesting programme will be provided. Proceeds in aid of the School Funds.

ON FRIDAY, THE 10TH JANUARY, 1902, the ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S TREAT FOR THE SCHOLARS takes place. Friends or Old Scholars, 6d. Supper at 8-30 p.m.

RICHMOND DIVISION CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

COTHERSTON AND MICKLETON POLLING DISTRICTS.

THE ANNUAL DINNER will be held at MR J. WARD'S ROSE AND CROWN INN, ROMALDKIRK, on FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 1902.

Further particulars in future advertisement.
DR. ATKINSON, Chairman.
JOHN BROWN, Secretary.

Bowbank, January 6th, 1902.

RURAL DISTRICT OF BARNARD CASTLE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the AUDIT of the Accounts of the Rural District Council of Barnard Castle, for the Half-year ended 30th September, 1901, will take place on WEDNESDAY, THE 22ND JANUARY INST., at 3-30 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Union Workhouse, Barnard Castle.

A Copy of the Accounts, duly made up and balanced, together with all Account Books and Documents mentioned or referred to in such Accounts, will be deposited at No. 19, Galgate, Barnard Castle, on the 14th day of January inst., and will be open during Office Hours until the day of Audit to the inspection of all persons interested.

Dated this 6th January, 1902.
GEO. BAINBRIDGE,
Clerk to the said Council.

BARNARD CASTLE DIVISION CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION AND JOINT UNIONIST COMMITTEE.

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WITHAM TESTIMONIAL, BARNARD CASTLE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 1902

TICKETS (including Refreshments): Gentlemen, 7s 6d; Ladies, 5s; Family Ticket (to admit four), £1 1s, to be obtained from MESSRS GIBSON KYLE AND JOHN RADGE, Hon. Secs., Conservative Club, Barnard Castle.

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Promoted by the above, under Distinguished Patronage, will be held in the MUSIC HALL, BARNARD CASTLE, ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 1902.

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MISS MAGGIE MATTHEWS, Consett;
MISS GRETA GRAHAM, Barnard Castle;
MISS JENNIE THOMPSON, Barnard Castle;
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Reserved Seats may be booked at the "Teesdale Mercury" Office, or through the Secretary, Mr F. Kennedy, 27, Galgate, Barnard Castle.

Tickets may be obtained from the Concert Committee, viz., Messrs Appleby, Bell, Burt, Graham, Kennedy, and Young.

Ticket Holders admitted by the Hall-street Entrance. Doors open at 7-30. Commence at 8. Carriages at 10-15.

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Sale of Household Furniture, Superior Pianoforte, etc., in the above Hall, on FRIDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1902, removed from Mr T. E. Walker's premises, for convenience of sale.

MR R. A. MEACOCK, F.A.I., has received instructions to Realise by Public Auction (without reserve), on FRIDAY, JANUARY 17TH, commencing at One p.m., the whole of the Superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND OTHER EFFECTS, comprising:—Tea and dinner ware, 8 pictures, looking glass, 4 brass candlesticks, 2 kettles, tidy, fender and fireirons, hearth rug, Vienna clock, oak corner cupboard, mahogany leaf table, 4 cheirs, 2 mahogany chairs, wicker chair, table, painted washstand and dressing table, toilet glass, towel rail, chamber ware, cornice pole, pair shades, chest mahogany drawers, bedstead and mattress, feather b.d, 7 pictures, carpet square, case of owls, bedstead, mattress, feather bed, chest of drawers, washstand and dressing chest, swing glass, shelves, shader, wicker chair, fender, ash tray, oilcloth, hearth rug, table and cover, 3 pictures, dressing chest, glass, chair bed and cushions, bedstead and mattress, flock mattress, stair carpet, stair rods, 3 mats, oilcloth, mats, metal umbrella stand, walnut overmantel, 11 pictures, pianoforte, in walnut case; music stool, 6 mahogany chairs, plant stand, mahogany couch, rocking chair, stand table and cover, cornice pole and shades, bamboo table and cover, easy chair, walnut table, coal vase, fire screen, fireirons, fender, ash pan, tapestry carpet and rug, China tea set, table cutlery, glasses.

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Light Crime Statistics.

THE annual criminal return to the Home Office, as affecting the Greta Bridge Petty Sessional Division, contains some very gratifying features. To begin with there are no indictable offences, which is an encouraging and praiseworthy fact. There is no case of felony included in the statistics, which is a remarkable feature because it is an unprecedented circumstance. Sixty-six persons were proceeded against for minor offences, and, while one charge was withdrawn, four were dismissed, and sixty-one convicted. The total number of people fined was fifty-two. Nine individuals were apprehended, including two brothers for an aggravated assault, and who were committed to prison without the option of a fine, and seven vagrants.

Still More Hopeful.

THERE is a reliable consensus of local public opinion that the holidays which are now over have been characterised by a marked absence of excess. Sensible recreation rather than silly carousal has been strongly in evidence, and an overwhelming majority of the people have chosen refined entertainment and instruction in preference to the gratification of debasing passions. Superintendent Cameron, on the one hand, and Inspector Gatenby, on the other—each representing a wide police division—have declared that there has been an almost entire absence of drunkenness, and this testimony is borne out and emphasised by the railway officials, who, of course, have an excellent opportunity of gauging public behaviour at holiday times. Nothing could be more encouraging, and nothing will more quickly gladden the heart of the philanthropist than experiences of this kind. But we are quite aware that virtue is not a mushroom that springs up of itself in one night, when we are asleep, or regard it not; but, on the contrary, a delicate plant that grows *slowly* and tenderly, needing much pains to cultivate it, much care to guard it, and much time to mature it. Neither is vice a spirit that will be conjured away with a charm, slain by a single blow, or despatched by one stab. Nevertheless, by the force of example, and the popularising of evil-counteracting agencies, and elevating and refining the tastes of the populace, public decorum is helped and encouraged.

Now and Then.

IT is interesting to note that William Fordyce, in his History of the County of Durham, says, of the inhabitants of Barnard Castle, that the town "has produced some individuals whose talents would have graced a wider sphere of action." The gradual progress of refinement, and more especially the introduction of railways, have, of course, extended themselves as civilizing agencies into this as well as into other and more remote districts of the country; and the courtesies of life are as well understood, and as gracefully practised in and around this town, as they are generally amongst the educated classes of society. Mr Justice Cresswell, however, at the county assizes, March 6th, 1851, made sweeping charges against the population, which promptly called forth indignant replies. One gentle-