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A MYTH OF THE CASTLE.

...e is a tradition, very generally ...l, and repeated this holiday time, ...e fortress of Barnard Castle was ...hed by Oliver Cromwell. The ...uns that Barnard Castle being ...y the Royalists during the Civil ...the reign of Charles the First, Cromwell came before it with ...entary troops, and, having batteries on Towler Hill, poured a fire into the place, that the ...were compelled to surrender, ...t the Castle was totally ruined in ...bardment. Now, Cromwell was ...n 1599, the rebellion broke out in ...he king was beheaded in 1649, and ...ell became Protector in 1653. If ...d Castle was beseiged at all ...the war, it must have been ...n 1642 and 1653. In the year ...arnard Castle, which had suffered ...y in the siege consequent upon ...Rising of the North" (fifty-seven ...before), was sold to Sir Henry ...and its condition may be imagined ...s being described as a "hullock ...nes." In 1630 the Castle was ...tled, and we find that the fortress ...untenable, the town "lay open to ...party during the Civil War." It ...ectly true that Cromwell visited ...d Castle, but his errand was a ...l one. If the Castle even had ...enable, during the Civil War, its ...y Cromwell would have been most ...able, for Sir Henry Vane, its ...wner, was a staunch Parliamen... himself, and had his castle at ...attacked by the King's troops in ...The iron cannon-balls which from ...o time have been found in the ...of Barnard Castle, are doubtless ...f the siege of 1569.

CHURCHYARD EXTENSIONS.

...ITIONAL burial-ground is needed ...t Barnard Castle and Startforth, ...e question of extending the ...yards, or more correctly speaking, ...iring fresh land, has arisen in ...arishes. In all ages, and by every ...places of sepulchre have been ...upon with reverence, and care... ...uarded from desecration. By our ...forefathers the churchyard was ...by the simple yet expressive term ...od's Acre," and from them we ...erived the practice of embellishing ...ves in our cemeteries with flowers, ...orning the sacred enclosure with ...and trees especially dedicated to ...se. The Normans introduced ...r and more striking memorials, ...eir magnificent tombs, raised to ...tatesmen and warriors, are among ...st interesting sights in our old ...es and cathedrals. The ancient ...and Romans, it is well known, ...ned the arches of the departed in ...us mausoleums, and the sepulchral ...s of these and other nations of ...ty have remained to excite the ...r and veneration of the modern ...er. The Indian of the forest and ...irie has his peculiar yet solemn ...burial, and with him the last ...-places of the dead are jealously ...ed. Now that two adjoining ...nities are seeking new burial... ...we trust that a feeling of ...ce will actuate the prime movers, ...at suitable land may soon be ...ming.

SCOTT AND BURNS.

THE memory of the Caledonian seer, equally with that of Scotia's pastoral Bard, is held in reverence throughout this neighbourhood. Scott shed a halo of romance over Teesdale in his Poem of Rokeby, and there is hardly a home in the valley of the "mad river" where "The Cotter's Saturday night" is unknown. Yet it is a curious historical fact that Scott and Burns met but once. John Langhorne, in "The Country Justice," it will be remembered, refers to "The child of misery, baptized in tears." This allusion to the dead soldier and his widow, on the field of battle, was made the subject of a print by Banbury, under which were engraved the pathetic lines of Langhorne. Sir Walter Scott has actually mentioned that the only time he saw Burns this picture was in the room. Burns shed tears over it, and Scott, then a lad of fifteen, was the only person present who could tell him where the lines were to be found. It may be added that Langhorne wrote in the seventeenth century, and the lines are certainly soul-moving:

"Cold on Canadian hills or Minden's plain,
Perhaps that parent mourned her soldier slain;
Bent o'er her babe, her eye dissolved in dew;
The big drops, mingling with the milk he drew,
Gave the sad presage of his future years,
The child of misery, baptized in tears."

Sir Walter Scott wrote from 1771 to 1832, and, in his "Highland Widow," occurs the line: "But with the morning cool reflection came." Rowe, in "The Fair Penetent," says: "At length the morn, and cool indifference, came." Burns figured from 1759 to 1796, and in his "Epistle from Esopus to Maria," he says:—

"In durance vile here must I wake and weep,
And all my frowzy couch in sorrow steep."

"Durance Vile" occurs in "Falstaff's Wedding," and Burke, in his "Thoughts on the Present Discontents," thunders aloud: "It will not be amiss to take a view of the effects of this royal servitude and vile durance, which was so deplored in the reign of the last monarch."

SHORTHORN CATTLE.

ONE of the features of Friday's show was the display of shorthorn cattle, when Lord Barnard and Mr Harrison were again to the front. Up to the year 1779, South Durham and the vale of the Tees, especially the latter, had long been remarkable for a breed of shorthorn cattle of remarkable weight, usually termed the Teeswater Breed. They are said to have been more than once crossed with Flemish stock. Henry, second Earl of Darlington, at his model farm at Raby, raised some very fine stock of the Teeswater breed, and he was imitated by many of his tenants. About ninety years ago Mr Hodgson, of the Woolhouse, enjoyed a high reputation as a breeder and feeder of this class of stock, and at Darlington, in December, 1779, there was slaughtered an ox of the Teeswater breed weighing 102 stones 10 lbs. Jersey cattle may be good milkers, but the improved shorthorn will ever hold its own for Christmas beef.

DREADFUL DEATH IN LUNEDALE.

Fall of 200 Feet into the Puddle Trench.

The vagaries in stratification have caused the embankment at Grassholme to be excavated to depths varying from 275 to 300 feet. At the bottom of this yawning fissure workmen are engaged in preparing the rock face for concrete. Thomas Horne, of Middleton-in-Teesdale, a workman employed at Grassholme, Lunedale, where the Tees Valley Water Board are constructing an additional reservoir, met with an awful death on Thursday morning. Just after breakfast, while he was standing at the head of this deep trench, and when the bell rang for the men to resume work, he suddenly turned round. The ground was slippery from the recent rains, and being unable to obtain a foothold, the unfortunate man slipped and fell a depth of 200 feet. He was, of course, instantly killed, his head being frightfully mutilated. Another man who tried to save him from falling had a narrow escape. He leaves a widow and six children.

LORD BARNARD AND A GOOD CAUSE.

A bazaar in aid of the re-lighting and other improvements of St. Mary's Church, Staindrop, and for alterations and improvements of the National Schools, was held at Raby Castle, on Monday, under perfect conditions. Lady Barnard, in declaring the sale open, cordially invited those present to do their best for a bazaar which was for the glory of God and the honour of His Church. Lord Barnard welcomed all to Raby, and said he thought that all who lived round about knew that the Castle was always at the disposal of any promoting an effort for an object similar to that of that day. "As long as our lives are spared," he concluded, "we will look forward to the privilege of giving facilities for gatherings of the kind."

ATHLETIC COUNCIL SPORTS AT MIDDLETON.

The sports on Bank Holiday, under the auspices of the above, were a great success, there being a large attendance in the recreation ground, and the various competitions provided great amusement, and a keen interest was manifested throughout. The town brass band played to the field and rendered choice selections during the day. The Primitive Choir, under the leadership of Mr W. Thompson, also rendered a number of pieces with much taste. A cricket match between the home team and Shildon N.E.R. led off the proceedings, Shildon winning, scoring 50 to 34 by the Middleton team. The sports were gone through, and the following is the result obtained:—Wrestling: (heavy weights)—1, J. Allinson; 2, J. T. Lee. 9½ stones—1, G. W. Walton; 2, F. Bowron. Under 16 years of age—1, J. Sedgewick; 2, W. Walton. Under 12 years of age—1, H. Hunt; 2, V. Lee. Tug-of-war—1, Brass Band team; 2, Whitfield's team; High leap—1, J. Sedgewick; 2, J. T. Hunt. Flat race (boys)—1, J. Foal; 2, V. Lee. Flat race (girls)—1, M. Gill; 2, E. Wilkinson. Skipping—1, S. E. Lee; 2, C. Morton. A dance was held at night which was well attended, and large numbers tripped along to the strains of Middleton String Band.

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THE CLAIMS OF THE NEWCASTLE ROYAL INFIRMARY.

Public Meeting at Barnard Castle.

Proposed Friendly Societies' Demonstration in the Bowes Museum Park.

Lord Durham Invited to Preside.

Last Thursday night a public meeting was held in the County Court Room, Barnard Castle, the object being to arrange for a demonstration of the friendly societies in the town, and the adoption of other measures to augment the funds of the Royal Infirmary at Newcastle-on-Tyne. Mr W. Emerson, J.P., presided.

The Chairman said he was glad that he had been the medium of bringing this noble institution into relationship with the town, and he hoped that the results would be very satisfactory to the committee at Newcastle. He had taken some part, in a humble way, in connection with this institution on previous occasions, and he rejoiced to think that at Middleton-in-Teesdale they had a very successful demonstration every year. It was there that he first met Mr Fletcher, whom they all welcomed that night as personally representing the infirmary. He (the Chairman) was glad that the matter had been favourably taken up by the Urban District Council. It was not needed "here and now" to try to show them the importance of the institution, but suffice it to say that it had entered upon a new lease of life, and he hoped on a lenghty and successful career since the opening of the magnificent new building by the King. One thing struck them, and that was to find that an impetus had been given to the support of such institutions by Her Majesty the Queen. She had done more to endear herself to the hearts of her people—if, indeed, further proof were at all needed of the affection in which the Queen was already held—by becoming the medium of magnificent subscriptions than by any other acts of her life. He sincerely hoped that they would have a highly successful demonstration in this town in a few weeks' time. He was glad that Mr Fletcher, the organising secretary, had come through to persuade them to take the matter up, and to encourage them. Various suggestions had been made at a special meeting of the Council the previous night, but no formal resolutions were passed. He hoped that they would witness a large and successful demonstration, which would inaugurate a regular and consistent method of contributing to the funds of this splendid institution. (Applause).

Mr Fletcher, who was well received, said he ought first of all to thank them sincerely for the opportunity which that meeting had provided him of bringing, on behalf of the committee, the needs of the infirmary before them, and, through them, before the inhabitants of Barnard Castle. He had personally to thank Mr Emerson, the Chairman of that meeting, for the very cordial and sympathetic way in which he had treated some little correspondence they had had on the subject. Those acquainted with local conditions must largely determine the nature of the effort about to be put forth, but he would remind them that the needs of the institution were very great, and very seriously increasing, as some of them would have seen from the report of their last year's work. The number of patients who were treated last year, in Northumberland and Durham, reached 53,100, of these 4,633 were in-patients, and the cost amounted to £17,964 4s. 9d., while the total ordinary income reached £14,596 17s. The excess of expenditure over income in the year was £3,367 7s. 9d. That was bad enough in itself, but the new era upon which the work of the institution had just commenced made the position even worse, and the responsibility of the committee greater. This magnificent institution was reputed to be the second to none in Europe, and involving a cost of £250,000, entailed great responsibility in its maintenance, and the necessity of raising an additional £8,000 to £10,000 a year. In full working order there would be a full complement of 400 beds, and they were seeking new and all sorts of income which they possibly could get. One of their objects was organization in country districts sending patients to the infirmary. This work had been very successful at Wooller, in Weardale, at Gosforth, Corbridge, Crook, and Middleham. The position of Barnard Castle in relation to the Royal Infirmary stood thus:—18 patients were sent, at an average cost each of £3 11s. 3d., or a total cost of £64 2s. 6d. The only subscription which the committee received was three guineas from the local Co-operative Society, and a little item of 10s. 6d., making in all £3 13s. 6d., and leaving an actual deficiency of £60 9s. Middleton-in-Teesdale, last year, sent £42 8s., the cost of the six patients they sent being £21 7s. 6d., and which left a surplus of £20 0s. 6d. Wooler had sent £96, and Gosforth £46. (Applause.) 3,699 operations had been performed, in which 3,518 had recovered, and 181 had died, showing a per centage of 95 recoveries. A great French writer had said that human needs were always greater than human devotion, but he (Mr Fletcher) was glad to think that the infirmary could in a measure keep pace with the overwhelming ills which befel humanity in the most populous centres.

Mr J. G. Hall: Has everybody free access to that institution from Barnard Castle or the neighbourhood.

Mr Fletcher: Yes, Mr Chairman, everybody has free access to the institution. It is absolutely free, and so long as there is accommodation, patients are received.

Dr Welford moved that that meeting cordially approved of the formation of a committee for the promotion of the financial interests of the Newcastle Royal Infirmary among the inhabitants of Barnard Castle and district. In an intensely earnest address the mover of the resolution said that this was a question which affected the health of the community, and was in the interest of everybody. It was an institution armed and fitted with all the latest developments in medical science, and it was free to any who knocked at the door. He thought the Chairman of the Urban Council had taken up a very proper position in this matter.

Mr John Smith seconded the resolution, and remarked that the apparent apathy towards this movement at Barnard Castle was mainly if not altogether due to the want of organization, and to the fact that its claims had not been made known. In Newcastle, in pennies alone, the working classes, in one year, had subscribed the handsome sum of £5,600.

Mr Fletcher said this was not a hospital for the wealthy. There were numerous private hospitals for the well-to-do in Newcastle, but even the opulent would not be rejected if they paid for their own maintenance or gave a donation to the funds.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr J. G. Hall, in a sympathetic speech, moved that that meeting favoured the organization of a house-to-house collection, to be followed by a public demonstration to be held in the Bowes Museum Park, by permission of the trustees, on Saturday, August 25th, the arrangements for which to be left with the committee.

Mr Boardman seconded, and the motion was adopted.

Mr Jackson tersely proposed that the trustees of the Bowes Museum be respectfully approached to sanction the proposed demonstration in the park, and he suggested the institution of a hospital Sunday in the town.

Dr. Adams said it had been his good fortune, for something like five years, to have been in Newcastle Infirmary as junior and senior medical student, besides being one of the medical officers there. It was difficult to realise the amount of good which was done, and he might truly say that the doors of that large infirmary were never closed. (Hear, hear). The operations were very wonderful, but on the medical side there was not so much to show, though, after all, the medical cases would quite equal the surgical cases. He thought that of all charities a large hospital, well managed, was the most worthy. The staff of the large infirmaries—he was speaking now in general terms—almost without exception gave their time and services for nothing. Therefore the funds which were subscribed were all going practically for the good of the patients, and were not even spent in working expenses. (Applause). He thought that there would be no difficulty in arranging the demonstration, and he considered that a yearly hospital Sunday would supplement their efforts. (Applause.)

Mr Joseph Ward spoke in kindly terms about the hospital, and

Mr John Robson moved that the clergy and ministers of the town be approached with a view of their giving one Sunday's collection to the funds of the Newcastle Royal Infirmary after the demonstration. He remarked that he could say from his heart that he had never, in the whole course of his life, proposed a resolution containing greater nobility of soul, and burthened so heavily with the pity of humanity. The sanctuary of the Royal Infirmary vouchsafed the highest medical and surgical skill for nothing, and there was a truly noble band of workers at its head. (Applause.)

Mr Jackson (Thorngate) seconded the motion, and spoke in grateful terms of the treatment of the medical staff.

Mr Colbeck moved, and Mr T. Berry seconded, "that all gentlemen here present, together with all the secretaries of the friendly societies in the town, form a committee, with power to add to their number."

The Chairman undertook to act as secretary, and it was stated that a number of ladies would be asked to assist in the movement.

Mr J. I. Dawson suggested that Lord Durham be invited to take the chair at the demonstration, and the proposal was unanimously accepted, the Chairman stating that he would make it clear to the Lord Lieutenant of the County that this was an initial effort at Barnard Castle in this particular direction.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON A DOMESTIC SERVANT IN MARWOOD.

Prisoner Pleads Guilty: It was all Through Drink.

Six Months' Hard Labour.

Yesterday, at a special sitting of the Barnard Castle Police Court, before Mr John Smith (chairman), and Mr W. Emerson, a man, named Richard Coward, residing at Barnard Castle, pleaded guilty to having committed an aggravated assault on a domestic servant named Dora Dawson, who is in the service of Mr John Heslop, farmer, of Marwood, on Monday night last.

Prosecutrix said that she arrived at Barnard Castle railway station with the 4-40 p.m. train from Bishop Auckland, she having travelled from Willington. She at once proceeded direct on her road to Marwood, passing the Red Well Inn, crossing the two bridges on the moor road, and entering the fields skirting Low Park Wall Farm. She saw the prisoner, as she thought, looking for mushrooms. He was in the first field, and afterwards passed through the next and the third and the fourth fields. On going through the gate of the fourth field prisoner, she said, sat down behind a stone wall. Prosecutrix went straight through, when prisoner shouted, "Ey! let's carry your parcel," and he then made an effort to get hold of prosecutrix, who shouted. She was then thrown down. Coward then pushed his two fingers into her mouth, and gripped her tightly so that she could not stir at all. Prisoner then assaulted her, and afterwards picked up her parcel, and then dropped it. "I am sure that is the man," she added.

John Heslop, Marwood, said that when prosecutrix arrived at his house her hair was dishevelled, and full of grass, and her jacket and her hat were torn a little. He thought that he would have had to send for a doctor, as the girl was in great distress and trouble, and she could not speak for a long time. She was swooning. Witness, continuing, said he had daughters of his own, and he remembered keenly that one of them had been followed by a man through the fields. Prosecutrix, who complained to him, tidied herself up a bit as soon as she came round, and she volunteered at once to see the police. "I then brought her to the police station, and took her to a doctor. My daughter combed all the grass out of her hair," added witness.

John George Davis, moulder, Newgate, Barnard Castle, said he was up at Mr Heslop's, on Monday night, and had just left the house, being about thirty yards from the door, when he was recalled to the house. He said he there saw this young lady, who was in a very distressed state. Her hair was down, and, said witness, "she nearly cried her eyes out." They gave her some hot tea and a little spirit. Her dress was soiled, her hat was torn, and her hair was all over her face.

The Chairman said this was a very serious accusation, and if the graver charge had been brought home to the prisoner he would have been sent for trial.

Prisoner: I was a bit drunk all the day. My brother was living at Mr Turnbull's, in Marwood, and I was with him. Mr Smith and Mr Thompson would not fill me any more drink, and I never thought of anything of this kind. It was only the drink. I am very sorry.

The Chairman: It is no excuse getting drink. It only aggravates it.

Prisoner: I am very sorry if I have done the girl any harm. If it had not been for the drink I would not have been in the place at all. I have been in the army, and I have never had such a thing brought against me in my life.

Supt. Johnson handed in the record, which contained five previous convictions against this man for various minor offences.

Prisoner said he had no question to ask of any of the witnesses.

The Chairman: We have fully considered your case, and we consider it a most brutal assault. If the more serious offence had been brought home to you we should have sent you to the assizes for trial, and it is just possible that you might then have got ten years' penal servitude. In any case for an attempted criminal assault you might have got two years. We have considered to give you six months' imprisonment, with hard labour, and we are of opinion that nobody is safe if we allow such a thing as this to go by, for there is no telling what may happen.

Prisoner was then removed, the Chairman and Mr Emerson thanking Mr Heslop for helping in bringing Coward to justice. Mr Heslop intimated that it was his duty to do so.

Pigeon Racing at Barnard Castle.

The third young birds' race of the Barnard Castle Flying Club took place last Saturday, from Nottingham, a distance of 115 miles. Result:—Pettit Bros., 822 yards; Culley Bros., 809 and 796; C. Hedley, jun., 793; Ashmore Bros., 781; Etherington Bros. (3 birds), 778; Lincoln, 738; Kavanagh & Son, 717; Hall, 659; Robinson & Son, 632. A. B. Etherington, sec.

Last Wednesday night, a bird belonging to Pettit Bros., of Thorngate, arrived home from Jersey. This is only the second bird that has arrived in Barnard Castle.

Just arrived, Minoramic View Card of Barnard Castle, containing 12 views, 3d. each. To be had at "Teesdale Mercury" Office, Barnard Castle.

BARNARD CASTLE HORSE PARADE.

Speech by Mr W. Emerson, J.P.

The seventh annual horse parade took place at Barnard Castle on Monday, and the event was witnessed by a large concourse of holiday-makers and townspeople. The weather was delightfully fine. The procession through the streets was headed by the Town Band, under the leadership of Mr John Bainbridge, and the well-groomed animals looked smart and attractive in their gay trappings and decorations. Great credit was ascribed to the officials, Messrs John W. Myers and E. L. Simpson, the honorary secretaries, who were assisted by an energetic committe, for the manner in which they have triumphed over difficulties almost insuperable. Mr W. Emerson, J.P., the robust president, infused new life into the function. Messrs W. T. Bell (Raby Park), Beavis (Darlington), R. Lodge (East Wood), and T. Blenkinsopp (Rokeby Close), kindly gave their services as judges.

AWARDS.

Horse, driven in single harness (private or professional use)—1 Dr Adams, Barnard Castle; 2 and special, J. G. Hall, Barnard Castle. Horse driven in single harness (trade purposes)—1 H. A. Thompson Barnard Castle; 2 Co-Operative Society; special G. Bell, Barnard Castle. Pony, under 14 hands, driven in single harness (trade purposes)—1 W. E. Hall, Barnard Castle; 2 J. Brownless, Barnard Castle; 3 J. Evans, Barnard Castle. Hawkers' horse and turn-out, carrying samples of goods—1 and special J. Tallentire, Middleton; 2 W. Quinnen, Barnard Castle. Draught horse and four wheels—1 Walter Willson, Barnard Castle; 2 R. Wilson, Barnard Castle. Draught horse and cart—1 and special H. Wilson, Barnard Castle; 2 R. Wilson, Barnard Castle. Farmers' pair of horses, shown in plough gear—1 T. Metcalfe, Thorpe. Dales' pony, best groomed, not exceeding 15 hands—1 J. Robinson, Barnard Castle; 2 R. Arrowsmith, Barnard Castle. Decorated horse, with harness, unyoked—1 Walter Willson, Barnard Castle; 2 Co-Operative Society, Barnard Castle. Donkey, decorated and ridden—1 R. Stoddart, Barnard Castle. Shire Horse Society's silver medal and £1 for pair of heavy horses, shown with harness—1 R. Wilson, Barnard Castle; 2 Walter Willson, Barnard Castle. Shire Horse Society's silver medal for heavy horse or mare (led)—1 R. Wilson; 2 Walter Willson. Special prize, given by Mr J. T. Young, Greenwich House, for best decoration in the parade—J. G. Hall. Special prize by the late J. C. Pollard (silver cup to be won three times) for the best groomed animal in the parade—1 H. A. Thompson; 2 J. Robinson.

In the evening the committee, officials and judges dined together at the Star Hotel, where a capital repast was provided, Mr and Mrs Sandham being thanked for their catering and for the exceptionally good waiting. The chair was occupied by Mr W. Emerson, J.P., who was ably supported.

The Chairman proposed success to the institution in whose interest they were met that night to finish what he believed had been a very successful day's work, namely, the Barnard Castle Horse Parade. He did not suppose that they would expect him to say much about horses. He knew what he personally liked in them, but as to judging of their heads, backs and feet, he was afraid that he would be a very poor judge indeed. He was there in respect of the position that he held in the town as Chairman of the Urban District Council, and he might say that the society, a little while ago, was under a cloud, and there was a tendency even to make it a thunder-cloud. But the clouds had rolled away, and the mists had passed, and they had emerged strong and valiant, because connected with the movement were men who had made up their minds to make this thing a success, and he was proud of the fact that it had been a success. The position he had taken was not the wealthy man's position, but he had heeded the warning that whatever institutions in Barnard Castle were in themselves good they should be maintained. (Applause). To himself it was exceedingly annoying that one of the most helpful and interesting little societies in the town should have been let down by bickering and strife. He alluded to the flower show, and deep was his regret that they had never been able to restore it all these years. But it was to the credit of Barnard Castle men that their grit and backbone had determined that this society should remain, and that they had demonstrated that they had done the right thing whether others were with them or against them. (Applause). They had that day discriminated between an agricultural show and a horse parade in enforcing orderliness, conduct and management of the horse, and the competitors could not gain a prize simply because of attention bestowed in a day, for the judges were up to all faqueing and silliness. He was proud that the working men of that neighbourhood who had charge of horses had systematic pride in their work, and that kindness was shown to the horses under their control.

Mr Harry Walker responded, and remarked that the only thing which was not desirable about these horse parades was the discontent which sometimes arose concerning the competitors. There were three ways to put this right. The first was to own that they had been beaten, and to strive not to be beaten again. The second solution for the unsuccessful competitor was the philosophical thought that the judges did not know any better. (Laughter). The third suggestion for the beaten was to come to the dinner, where there would be no bickering. (More laughter). If, however, they were proof against all three recomendations, all he could say was that they were hopeless. (Laughter). The management of the horse and its appointments was a noble thing. They saw that in contrast to the shameful usage to which the horse was sometimes subject, and which often caused the speaker to long for the horse's power to quit the shafts and use the whip upon the driver. (Loud applause).

Mr Burt (treasurer), also responded, and Mr W. Parker gave the judges, which was acknowledged by Mr Lodge in a neat speech.

Mr Metcalfe proposed the officials, and Mr J. W. Myers, in a pleasing manner traced the history of the movement. Mr Simpson also replied, and Mr Burt likewise gratefully acknowledged the compliment. Mr J. Robson replied for the visitors.

Mr James Harris, jun., proposed the President, seconded by Mr Stoddart, and Mr Emerson suitably tendered his thanks.

The remainder of the evening was given over ot conviviality.

Independent Order of Rechabites.

With the end of July Mr W. Whittle, of Stockton-on-Tees, completed his second year as special missioner of the Durham County District Independent Order of Rechabites. During the year he has travelled 3,000 miles, addressed 270 meetings, preached 41 sermons, and had an aggregate attendance of 51,000 persons. A large number of temperance pledges were taken, and many members secured to the Order by the splendid advocacy of Mr Whittle.

THE BAND CONTEST IN THE SPRING LODGE GROUNDS.

The following was the result of the band contest which took place in connection with the Barnard Castle Agricultural Show:—

Quickstep.—1st, Willington; 2nd, West Auckland; 3rd, Evenwood; 4th, Hunwick; 5th, Barnard Castle.

Waltzes.—1st, Willington (and medal); 2nd Evenwood; 3rd, Hunwick; 4th, West Auckland; 5th, Barnard Castle.

General remarks:—The best feature of the contest was time, all the bands playing the various pieces in a nice tempo. The worst feature was the tuning, with the exception of one or two bands, the others being at times much out of tune, perhaps owing to the nervousness of the men.

TO MOTHERS.—Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is pleasant to taste; it produces natural quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d. per bottle.

LUNE VALLEY WATERWORKS.

The New Grassholme Reservoir.

When making a tour of the Grassholme Waterworks, the scope and objects of which were explained by us a few months ago, writes a correspondent, I was favoured with an ideal day. The sun shone brilliantly, and Upper Teesdale was looking its best, the white-washed walls of the picturesque hillside farmsteads being thrown into bold relief against their background of cool, refreshing green.

At Grassholme, three miles from Middleton-in-Teesdale, the peaceful, pastoral Lune Valley has been transformed into a hive of industry at the behest of the Water Board, and a village of wooden huts has sprung up, with a school and a canteen.

Fussy little locomotives were snorting about, conveying materials; travelling cranes went hither and thither with burdens of cement and concrete; and a mountain of freestone blocks from the quarries at Lartington was piled up near the workshops, from which, at regular intervals, came the ponderous thud of the steam hammer. Three hundred feet below the surface were mites of men preparing the rock face to receive the concrete foundations. To see them it was necessary to peer intently down the dizzy depths of the shafts.

The boundary wall encircling the works is about nine miles long, and within this area I was shown over everything of interest by Mr James Harvey, chief inspector, in the absence of Mr J. M. Price Williams, the resident engineer. Mr Harvey assured me that persons visiting the place were astonished to think that £200,000 had been already expended. Of this amount £150,000 has been literally buried in the concrete foundation, tunnels, etc.—that all important part of the work which is invisible.

Great trouble has been experienced in getting a foundation for the concrete tongue and shoe of the embankment, owing to the vargaries in the geological formation. It was estimated that the concrete wall, which is six feet wide at the bottom, but broader at the top to form a shoe for the puddle wall, would have to go to a depth of 270 feet, but on the south side, where it is nearly completed, it has been necessary to excavate to 300 feet. The greatest care is taken in the preparation of the concrete, and all the Portland cement is carefully tested.

The embankment will contain 496,000 cubic yards of various soils or clay, and 24,300 cubic yards of puddled clay. In the middle will be the puddle wall, six feet wide at the top and 22 feet wide at the bottom, founded on the concrete. On each side of this will be a layer of selected material, chiefly retentive clay, flanked by ordinary earthwork.

During the construction of the embankment, which will have an altitude of 98 feet, it has been necessary to provide for the flow of the river, so that it shall not interfere with the work or wash away the growing structure. This has been effected by putting down, across the bed of the river above the site of the embankment, a wall which will form its inner toe.

From this wall a tunnel 25 feet wide has been constructed in the shoulder of the north bank of the reservoir and carried round the end of the embankment, to discharge into the original bed of the river. Here another wall has been constructed, which will form the outer toe of the embankment. This tunnel, which is funnel-shaped at the entrance, has an iron framework with concrete facing—a very fine piece of work, of which the contractor is justly proud.

When the dam is completed, a "stop," consisting of heavy masonry and ironwork, will be buit to prevent the flow of the water and cause it to rise in the reservoir. In this "stop" valves will be inserted to control the discharge of the compensation water into the Lune, and above it will be built the valve house, carried a few feet higher than the top water level of the reservoir. In it will be fixed the apparatus by which the valves in the "stop" will be regulated.

Just now the amount of water flowing through the tunnel is not great, but the Lune, like all mountain streams, is subject to heavy floods, and these have handicapped the progress of the work.

At the north end of the embankment is the overflow or "byewash," which will discharge the contents of the reservoir when the water rises above the top line, which is 903 feet above sea level. At Hury it is 860 feet, and at Blackton 920. When the dam is covered 142 acres will be submerged.

The quaint old bridge at Grassholme Mill will then be under water. For the new bridge, to be built of blue bricks with stone facings—five arches each of 40 feet span, together with the approaches, amounting to a length of 300 feet—three of the four foundations are finished. The farm buildings have been pulled down and rebuilt higher up the hill; the old mill has disappeared, and the roadway will be carried over the viaduct, which does away with an awkward gradient.

Just a word about the tunnel—six feet by four—to Hury reservoir, over two miles away, which Grassholme will feed. Two-thirds of its length are excavated, and one-third is concreted and complete. It has been commenced at the Baldersdale end, and it is hoped to finish embankment and tunnel about the same time.

It is a mighty enterprise. Tees-side ratepayers may find the capital expenditure a heavy burden at present, but in years to come it is bound to secure an adequate return.—"North Mail."

DEATH OF THE "FATHER" OF THE CHURCH ARMY IN BARNARD CASTLE.

On Monday last the mortal remains of Mr Wm. Armstrong were laid to rest in the Barnard Castle Cemetery. Canon Cooper was the officiating clergyman. A large company of Church Army friends and others attended to pay their last tribute of respect to their departed and well-beloved brother. Devoid of all scholastic attainments, he was a man of simple and unclouded faith—faith at once beautiful and child-like. The knotty problems which vex and trouble the minds of many never touched the serene faith of "dear old dad." He knew in Whom he had believed, and never turned to the right or the left for over thirty years of faithful and humble service. As a worker in the Church Army since its inauguration in Barnard Castle, his voice has often been heard in the streets declaring in simple, homely language the gospel message. In Canon Brown's days Armstrong was the banner-bearer of the Church Army, and the old warrior had a tender reverence for the flag which was the emblem of his faith. Our late Vicar and the Misses Whiting (and also Mr Penrose) valued his services very highly, and to this day remember him with feelings of deep and sincere regard. He was the humble possessor of but one talent, but he used it to the glory of God; and his whole life was a silent rebuke to those whose many talents remain unused. A lovely wreath was provided by members of the Mission and laid upon the coffin by loving hands, but the most beautiful sight of all was that of the old Church Army banner he had carried so often, spread over the coffin of the faithful soldier of the Cross. And now

"For a while the tired body
Lies with feet towards the morn;
Till the last and brightest Easter
day be born.
To that brightest of all meetings
Bring us, Jesus Christ, at last
By Thy Cross, through death
and judgment holding fast."

Special Values in Port Wine: 2s., 3s., 4s. per bottle.—Eagle Wine Stores, Barnard Castle.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The members of St. Mary's Church Choir, accompanied by the Rector and a few friends, had an enjoyable day at Scarborough last Wednesday. They travelled in a saloon carriage, and the day being fine, the party spent a few pleasant hours in the beautiful sea-side town. The various places of interest were visited, and boating, fishing, and other amusements were followed by various sections.

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Forest camp meeting was held in beautiful weather last Sunday afternoon. This being the final camp in the Primitive Circuit, a great deal of interest was taken in the event. At night the usual lovefeast took place.

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Hay-harvesting is progressing in Lunedale and Teesdale, though the recent showery weather has been somewhat against speedy winning. Many of the larger farmers have a good deal of land yet to be cleared.

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The anniversary of Hude Baptist Sunday School, Middleton, was celebrated last week-end, and was a pronounced success. The specials for the occasion were Messrs Storey Redhead and A. Saunders, both of Newcastle, who gave evangelical addresses and sang gospel hymns.

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Captain C. E. Hunter, the lessee of Wemmergill Moors, arrived at the Hall last Saturday evening, ready for the 12th August. Reports of the shooting prospects are not rosy owing to the late storms, which spoilt a large number of nests.

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The funeral of the poor victim of the sad accident at Grassholme Waterworks (Mr Thos. Horn) took place at Middleton Churchyard on Sunday afternoon. The corpse was followed by a large concourse of people anxious to pay the last tribute of respect to a fellow workman who had come to such a sudden and awful death.

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The death took place on Friday of Mrs Grieve, of Middleton, which removes another old and respected townswoman from the stage of action where she had lived so long.

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The salmon anglers have been very busy trying to hook some of the sea monsters which came up with the flood last week, but very few have been successful.

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The town brass band of Middleton gave an enjoyable programme of music in the Market Place, last Saturday evening, which was very much appreciated by the crowds of visitors.

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The result of the Royal Infirmary effort in Upper Teesdale is as follows:—Saturday's collections—Middleton, £13 8s. 6½d.; Mickleton, £6 6s.; Forest, £1 6s. 6d.; Collections at Middleton Free Church, £4 15s. 6½d.; total, £25 16s. 7d. Expenditure, £1 4s. 5d. Sent to Infirmary, £24 12s. 2d.

CRICKET.

Grassholme v. Romaldkirk.

The above match was played at Grassholme, and ended in a win for Romaldkirk by 4 runs. Scores:—Romaldkirk, 52; Grassholme, 48.

Genuine Patent Medicines, Sundries, etc.—Send cash with your orders according to any store price list to T. B. Illsley, Wholesale and Retail Chemist, Market Place, Barnard Castle.

In the recent school examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music the following pupil of Miss A. R. Eglinton satisfied the requirements of the Board:—Katie A. M. Place, lower division in pianoforte.

Try our Noted Machine Oil at 1s. 4d. per gallon; can't be beaten.—At Hall's Eagle Drug and Oil Stores, Barnard Castle.

The Agricultural Show.—We are asked to state that Mr John Thompson, Marwood, took second prize in class two for shorthorn yearling bull, and not Mr W. Furness, Mount Pleasant, as stated in the list published on page one.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Births.

HUTCHINSON.—At Low Startforth Hall, Barnard Castle, Durham, the wife of W. R. Claude Hutchinson, Esq., of a daughter.

Marriage.

BUCK: PATTINSON.—At the Wesleyan Church, Barnard Castle, on the 4th August, 1906, Mr James Buck, of Staindrop, to Miss Mary Ellen Pattinson, of Burton House, Staindrop.

Deaths.

ALDERSON.—At the Hospital, Darlington, on July 29th, 1906, John Tallentire Alderson, late of Stoney Keld, Bowes, aged 73 years. Deeply regretted.

ROBINSON.—On August 5th, 1906, at Prospect Place, Barnard Castle, Isabella, widow of the late Geo. Robinson. Interment on Thursday, August 9th, at 3 p.m., at Barnard Castle. Friends please accept this intimation.

ALLISON.—At 3, Victoria-terrace, Middleton-in-Teesdale, on August 7th, 1906, Ann, widow of the late Henry Allison, of Grassholme, aged 77 years. The interment will take place in Laithkirk Churchyard, on Saturday, August 11th, cortege to leave residence at 3 o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation.