

Wedding and Birthday Presents
In Great Variety at
KENNEDY'S, 27, GALGATE
The Noted Wedding Ring Shop.

Lost and Found.
LOST, on December 3rd, Ivory and Gold Brooch, shape of fish, between Market Cross and Low Startforth.

Situations Wanted and Vacant.
WANTED, Smart Apprentice for Grocery Department.—Apply on or before Friday first to Co-operative Society, Barnard Castle.

WANTED, a Good, Strong, Useful, Clean, Working Girl for Farmhouse.—Apply, Box 5, "Teesdale Mercury" Office.

WANTED, a Good, Strong, Young Girl as General Servant: able to do laundry work and baking.—Apply, the Rector, Rokeby, Barnard Castle.

Office of Secretary.
THE above post being vacant, the Directors are prepared to receive applications for the same. Salary, £20 per annum.—Applications, accompanied by two testimonials, to be sent to the undersigned on or before the 20th December, 1912.

Miscellaneous Wants, Sales, Etc.
WANTED, washing to do at home.—Apply, Box A, "Teesdale Mercury" Office, Barnard Castle.

WANTED, a few Prominent Positions for Bill Boardings, Terms moderate.—Apply, Walker, 7, Marshall Street, Barnard Castle.

WANTED, Repairs to Property.
Town or Country. Slate, Laths, Ridges, etc., for sale.—JOHN LANGCASTER, Slating and Tiling Contractor, Coronation Street, Barnard Castle; also at Chesnut Street, Darlington. Tel: 481.

FOR SALE, Wood Screened Main Coal: can be had at 13s. 6d. per ton, at West Gate Row Colliery, Woodland.—Firbank Brothers.

PROPERTY, ETC., TO LET OR FOR SALE.
TO LET, Seven-roomed House, Bath-room; also Four-roomed Cottage.—Apply, Wright, Galgate, Barnard Castle.

TO LET, 4-roomed House, with Scullery, Wash-house, and Garden, 5, Wilson Street.—Apply, Gibson, Newgate.

TO LET, Seven-and-a-half Acres of Land, with House and Buildings, at Snailgill Head, Middleton-in-Teesdale.—Apply, Mrs Brown, Folly, Eggleston.

TO LET, Immediate Possession, No. 73, Galgate, prominent position.—Apply, Mr Hauby Holmes, Solicitor, Barnard Castle.

TO LET, No. 14, Marshall Street.—Apply to Mr Coulthard, Hunderthwaite; or Brown, Bank, Barnard Castle.

TO LET, Seven-roomed House, in Newgate, Rent, £12 a year, or weekly.—Apply, Miss Hepworth, Spring Grove, Barnard Castle.

TO LET, a Substantial, Newly-erected Dwelling-house in Harris Terrace.—Apply, J. Appleby, Edward Terrace, Barnard Castle.

TO LET, from May 1913, 1913, Lawn Cottage, with about 3 1/2 acres of land and building in Teesdale.

Religious Announcements.
FREE CHRISTIAN (UNITARIAN) CHURCH, Newgate, Barnard Castle.—Sunday, Dec. 16th, 1912.—Morning, 10-11; Evening, 6-8; preacher, Rev. J. B. Robinson. All are welcome.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, Barnard Castle.—Sunday, December 16th, 1912.—Morning, 10-11; preacher, Mr J. R. Shaw, of Hartley College, Manchester. Evening, 6-8; preacher, Mr Charles Ed. Standley.

HALL-STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Barnard Castle.—Sunday, Dec. 16th, 1912.—Morning, 10-11; preacher, Mr R. W. Young; Evening, 6-8; preacher, Rev. W. W. Watson.

General Notices.
MR E. BANCROFT, Ophthalmic Optician, will attend at the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE as usual Next Wednesday, December 18th, 1912.

Bowes Agricultural Show.
THE above Show will be held on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1913. Will Show Secretaries please note? T. JENKINSON, HONORARY SECRETARY.

Barnard Castle Gas Company.
A TEMPORARY SHOW-ROOM will be open in MILLER'S TEMPERANCE HOTEL, Market Place, Barnard Castle, from MONDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 1912, to SATURDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1912, with a SELECTION of GAS COOKING, GAS HEATING, and GAS LIGHTING APPLIANCES of the latest types. Call and inspect. Hours: 2 to 5 p.m.; 6 to 9 p.m. (morning inspections by appointment). New departure: Gas Fires on hire and hire purchase. See Booklets.

Opening of New Fried Fish Premises in Galgate, Barnard Castle.
JAMES WRIGHT, 82, Galgate, begs to inform the public that he has commenced a Fried Fish and Chip Business as above, and notifies that he is prepared to fry all kinds of fish to order. Mr Wright thanks the public for their kind patronage extended to him for 24 years in the Town and Country Fish Trade.

Cotherstone Regulated Pasture.
A SPECIAL MEETING of Stint Owners will be held on WEDNESDAY, THE 18th DECEMBER, 1912, in the WITHAM TESTIMONIAL, Barnard Castle, at 3 p.m. Business.—Valuation of the above under the Finance Act, 1909-10.

Barnard Castle Tradesmen's Association.
PRESIDENT: MR RICHARD WOODHAMS.
CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE.—In accordance with a resolution passed at a meeting of the above Association, it was agreed to Close all the Shops in the Town on Christmas Day and Thursday, December 26th, 1912, and on New Year's Day and Thursday, January 2nd. The 4 o'clock closing will be observed as usual during Christmas week, excepting Saturday, December, 1912. J. H. DUNN, Hon. Sec.

COTHERSTONE QUADRILLE PARTY will hold an ALL-NIGHT DANCE in the Temperance Hall, on New Year's Eve, from 8 p.m. Admission: Gentlemen, 1s.; Ladies, 6d. Refreshments at reasonable charges.

A GRAND WHIST DRIVE and DANCE will be held in the TEMPERANCE HALL, on MONDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 24th, 1912. In connection with the Drive, numerous beautiful Prizes have been given for Ladies and Gentlemen. The proceeds are in aid of the Darlington, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and North Ormsby Infirmary. Admission to Whist Drive and Dance, 1s.; admission to the Dance only, 6d. Doors open at 7 o'clock. To commence at 7-30 prompt. The object being for a worthy cause, a good and early attendance is requested. Refreshments will be supplied at reasonable charges. Carriages on order for 2-30 a.m. ROBERT BALL, Hon. Secretary.

Barnard Castle Women's Unionist Association.
Whist Drive & Dance (Fancy Dress Optional), December 30th, 1912.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
EGGLESTON SCHOOL.
Grand Entertainment To include Fancy Dances and the Musical Plays, "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Princess and the Monster," Will be given in the above School, on Friday and Saturday Evenings, 27th & 28th Dec., 1912, in aid of the School Managers' Funds. BEAUMONT JOHNSON, Vicar.

BARNARD CASTLE CRICKET & TENNIS CLUB.
A BAZAAR Will be held on THURSDAY & FRIDAY, THE 12th & 13th December, 1912, IN THE MUSIC HALL, Under the patronage of The Earl and Countess of Strathmore, and Lord and Lady Barnard.

To be opened on Thursday, 12th Dec., 1912, At 2-30 p.m., by LORD & LADY GLAMIS. Bazaar, 2-30 to 10 p.m. Cafe Chantant, Photographic Studio, Hoop-la, and Competition Department. 7 p.m.—Lantern Exhibition of Cricket and Tennis Subjects. 8 p.m.—Grand Concert. R.M.—Dramatic Society. A String Band, under the direction of Mr R. J. Racher, will render selections. Admission, 1/-; after 5 p.m., 6d. Friday, 13th December: SALE OF WORK from 5 to 8 p.m. Admission, 3d.

MRS. PARKER Will hold her ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE AT 85 AND 87, MARKET PLACE, BARNARD CASTLE. All the latest novelties in Dolls, Skin and Wooden Hoop-la, Clockwork Toys, and a variety of other Toys too numerous to mention.

BILL POSTING AND WINDOW CLEANING. Orders strictly carried out by WALKER, 7, MARSHALL STREET, BARNARD CASTLE. Private Christmas Cards, all the Latest Designs from 2/- per dozen upwards. Books sent out on approval.—"Teesdale Mercury" Office, Barnard Castle.

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Xmas Presents. Our stock is replete with the proper things to gratify your friends and reflect credit on your selective power. Please make our shop your rendezvous during the Christmas Season. HOWSON & CO. Teesdale, Barnard Castle.

STRIKE A Good Bargain by Buying your BOOTS and SHOES AT THE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, BARNARD CASTLE. The Largest, Choicest, and Best Selection of Articles suitable for Christmas Presents AND New Year Gifts Will be found at J. T. YOUNG'S, Gold and Silversmith, Jeweller, Optician, Cutler, and Fancy Goods Dealer, Greenwich House, Market Place, BARNARD CASTLE.

As it is impossible to show One-Hundredth Part of our Stock in the windows, should you not see what you require ask for it, and you will be sure to get what you want. CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR BARGAINS. PIANOS, ORGANS, GRAMOPHONES, ETC. Note the Address: J. G. WILLEY, MUSIC WAREHOUSE, Barnard Castle.

SPECIAL OFFER DURING DECEMBER & JANUARY. Upright Iron Grand Piano, in Walnut Case, price £23 10s. Piano, in Rosewood Case, Iron Frame, Best Tape, Check Action, Splendid Tone, 24 guineas (or terms arranged). Other Models in various designs and cases. SECOND-HAND PIANOS AND ORGANS TO CLEAR CHEAP. WILLIAM BRITAIN, Winston, DARLINGTON, Agricultural Engineer, Implement Maker, and Agent Shoeing and General Smith. BINDERS, MOWERS, and all kinds of Farm Implements Repaired and done up as new. Machine and Plough Fittings of all Leading Makes in Stock. Illustrated Price Lists of Implements on application.

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J. S. BOUSFIELD, UPHOLSTERER, ETC. HAVING removed from Galgate, Barnard Castle, will continue business from his workshop at THORNGATE MILLS, where all orders will receive prompt attention. Post-cards to West End Terrace, Barnard Castle, will receive attention.

SALE OF THE SEASON. Clearing off our large and well-assorted Stock of CARPETS, FLOOR COVERINGS, BEDSTEADS, and FURNITURE. In many Cases Prices will be under Actual Cost. PARKINSON'S PRICES

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SEE WINDOWS IN DECEMBER.

Parkinson, 32, Horse Market, Barnard Castle.

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DRUG AND GROCERY STORES, 44, Bank, Barnard Castle. Chas. W. Colbeck. Late Dispenser to Drs. Sevier and Weighton, begs to inform the Inhabitants of Barnard Castle and neighbourhood that he has taken over the Old-established Business of Mr. John Graham, and hopes that by strict attention to business and reasonable prices, he may merit a continuance and extension of their kind patronage and support. An entire New Stock of Reliable Drugs, Chemicals, Patent Medicines, and every Household Requisite. Horse and Cattle Medicines, Sheep Dip, Weed Killer, etc., etc. Wholesale Depot for Paints, Varnishes, Oils, Colours, Cement, etc.

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