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WESLEYAN CHURCH, Barnard Castle. VV Sunday, Dec. 13th, 1914.—Morning, 10-30; Evening, 6-30; preacher, Rev. G. Glandfield, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

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North Eastern County School, Barnard Castle. FINENDERS are invited for the supply of the

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NOTICE.

JOHN J. ADDISON will still continue the Business lately carried on by Messas Addison and Foott, and so long and successfully conducted by the late Mr T. Cleasby. By strict attention to business he hopes to merit a fair share of patronage so long accorded to the above. Estimates given free.

A WHIST DRIVE AND ALL-NIGHT DANCE

SCHOOL-ROOM, HOLWICK. On Friday, December 18th, 1914. Proceeds for the Belgian or War Emergency

C. W. RAINE and GEO. BELL, Secretaries. Newcastle, Darlington, and North Ormesby Hospitals.

A WHIST DRIVE & DANCE

WILL BE HELD IN THE SILVERTOP INSTITUTE, LARTINGTON, On THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 1914, In aid of the above. Doors open at 7. To commence at 7-30. Whist Drive and Dance, 1/6 (Refreshments included). Dance only, 1/-,

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Barnard Castle Tradesmen's Association. President, Mr Thomas Thompson.

CHRISTMAS & 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 & SATURDAY.

December 26th, 1914, and on NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1915. The 4 o'clock Closing will be observed as usual during Christmas week.

JNO. H. DUNN, Hon. Sec. December, 1914.

Barnard Castle Wesleyan Methodist Church.

SALE OF WORK

Will be held in the SCHOOL-ROOM (by kind permission of Colonel G. N. Caulfield, D.S.O, 17th Darham Light Infantry), on

THURSDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 1914.

To be Opened at 2 p.m. by

Tickets, 3d. All Soldiers Free. Tes and Supper provided.

CONCERT AT 6-30 P.M.

MUSICAL ITEMS Will be rendered by the Choir, Mr and Mrs G. V. Tare, Mr and Mrs E. W. Penman, Mrs S. A. Sweeten, Miss Place, Miss Dixon, Miss G. V. Taro, Mr and Mrs E. W. Penman, Mrs S. Parkinson, Miss Hodgson, Mr S. R. E. Phillips, Mr C. Watson, and Mr J. J. Walker.

St. Giles, Bowss,

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL SOCIAL Will be held in the SCHOOL-ROOM, ON TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 2916.

Doors open at 7-30. Admission (Social and Suppor), 1s. 6d. The Proceeds this year will go to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Eggleston Parish War fund. A LOCAL CONCERT WILL BE HELD IN THE

SCHOOL-ROOM, EGGLESTON. On Saturday, December 19th, 1914. In aid of the above funds. Doors open at 6-30. Commence at 7 o'clock. Tickets, 1s. and 6d. ; Children, 1d.

JOHN LODGE, Hon. Sec. FREE CHURCH CUILD, TO-NIGHT, AT 7-30.

A LECTURE

MR J. PAINBRIDGE, of Bishop Auckland, IN HALL-STREET SCHOOL-ROOM, ON "Christ and Social Problems."

Chair to be taken by the Itev. J. B. ROBINSON. A Collection will be taken.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 97H, 1914. The Annual CHRISTMAS PRIZE SHOW and SALE will be held, when Prizes will be given in 21 different classes as previously advertised. resent entries include: -12 Fat Bullocks, 8 Heifers not exceeding 85 stones, 3 pairs of Kyloes, 26 Dairy Cows and Heifers, 26 Pens of Sheep, 19 pairs of Pigs, and several not for competition from well-known feeders in the Mr Henry Dowson will give a Stirk in aid of the Belgian Fund, which will be sold about I o'clock in the Fat Cattle Ring.

JOHN E. THOMPSON, Secretary. 70, Victoria Embankment, Darlington.

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SALE AT 1 P.M.

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MARKET PLACE, BARNARD CASTLE. The Ceesdale Mercury BARNARD CASTLE, DECEMBER 9TH, 1914.

THE WAR. WHILE the Germans are in fear of a British landing in Belgium, and at a time when armoured motor-cars have made a very satisfactory entry into eastern warfare on the Russian side, they having inflicted great loss on the enemy, good King George of England confidently declares to our troops: " We. follow you in our daily thoughts on your road to certain victory." Supreme German rule in Europe is utterly inconceivable. Civilization has courageously entered into deadly conflict with an unspeakable type of barbarism, and civilization will win.

"Waves--Common and Uncommon."

Talk by Mr R. P. Sleeman. Associated with the Free Church Guild of Barnard Castle, and under the presidency of the Rev. T. Baron, on Thursday night in the Congregational school-room, Mr R. P. Sleeman, an assistant-master at the North Eastern County School, talked about "waves-common and uncommon." There was a fair attendance.

—Mr Holdsworth manipulated the lantern.— Mr Sleeman, in illustrating some of his theories in water waves, showed a number of interesting slides, and made experiments in an extemporised tank. He remarked that his observations on light and sound waves were only to be considered as present-day theories lso Felt. same size, 3 Mahogany Chairs, Brass He enlarged upon wave motion and interfer-Inlaid; Well-made Oak Press, with Glass ence, and averred that light, sound and Panels; Several Chests of Drawers, Full-Size ence, and averred that light, sound and electricity travelled from place to place. He electricity travelled from place to place. He Mattresses, a number of Toilet Tables, demonstrated by simple experiment a disturbance set up in the air by which they kitchen kil ats the demonstrated by simple experiment a disturbance set up in the air by which they actually hit a lighted candle. They could not have sound without air, and there were a great deal of sound and light knocking about which were not appreciable to the senses. He gave experiments in the reflection and refraction of light, defined the properties of ether, and maintained that sound was produced entirely in the atmosphere. Sound waves were in the air. Take away the air and there was no sound Light would penetrate empty space, but sound would not. He partially explained the anatomy of the human ear, and declared that the optics took in impressions of objects upside down, which impressions were rectified by the mind. Many of the experiments were exceedingly simple, and Mr Sleeman presented his views in a very lucid and clear manner. The talk throughout was most instructive interesting. On the motion of Mr W. Coates seconded by Mr J. Robson, Mr Sleeman was heartily thanked for his highly educative chat, Mr Robson acknowledging the really excellent understanding which existed between the teaching staff of the County School and the people of Barnard Castle.

War Items.

Special Constables for Teesdale.

Tc-Day's New Volunteer Force. At the Barnard Castle Police Court, this morning, sixty special constables will be sworn in for Barnard Castle, fifty for Middleton-in-Teesdale, and thirty for Woodland, under the provisions of the Special Constables Act, 1914, which enactment received the Royal Assent on the 28th August this year. The nev statute is an extension of the Act of 1831. Mr H. L. Fife, J.P., of Staindrop House, is the commander for this district, and it is not unlikely that he will address the men to-day. Provision is made for the grant of allowances to special constables injured in the execution of their duty, and to the widows and children of special constables killed in the execution of their duty.

THE INVASION PERIL.

Lord Durham's Proclamation. The Earl of Durham, as Lord-Lieutenant of

the County of Durham, has issued the following proclamation to the civil population:— Whereas a state of war at present exist between Great Britain and Germany, I have to state that precantionary arrangements have been made to safeguard the civil population of this country in the event of a hostile attack upon our shores. To prevent any alarm or panic amongst the community, I wish to point out that such an attack is not regarded as imminent or probable, but, on the other hand, the contingency cannot be ignored. A system has been established throughout the county whereby the police, assisted by special constables who have been appointed for the purpose will instruct inhabitants whether it is deemed advisable that they should leave any particular district, and, if so, by what means and in what direction they should

proceed. In the event of such an occurence, it is the duty of the inhabitants to follow the instructions of the police, and to make themselves conversant with any directions that may be issued beforehand, so that no hitch might arise through hesitancy. I hope that if it becomes necessary to issue orders, the instructions will be adhered to with coolness and courage, and that the people of this country will uphold the traditions which have been so long associated with it, and will do nothing to hamper any necessary action by the military authorities.

DURHAM, Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Durham. Lambton Castle, 28th November, 1914.

Startforth and the Red Cross.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." DEAR SIR, -I intended to acknowledge the 25 16s. sent to the Red Cross in September as received from Startforth. The mistake must have been due to a slip of the pen.—Yours faithfully, EVA BELL-IRVING. faithfully, EVA BELL-IR Rokeby Hall, December 8th, 1914.

Cotherston War Relief Committee.

The committee now have two families of Belgian refugees living in Primrose Cottage, who arrived on Thursday last, having crossed from Flushing to Folkestone the previous day. The families are, firstly, Monsieur and Madame Paque and their daughter, aged 2½ years; and, secondly, Monsieur and Madame Morimont and their two daughters, aged 21 and 12 year Both come from Liege, M. Paque having been a clerk in the Law Courts, and M. Morimont a stock-broker. They left Liege soon after it was invested by the Germans, and have since

Teesdale Insurance Committee.

been sheltered in various French towns.

Medical Men and the War. The monthly meeting of this body was held n the Council chamber, Barnard Castle, on Thursday night. Mr J. G. Hall, J.P., presided. and there were also present Messrs Raine and J. Murray, and C. J. Smith (clerk).—The Clerk announced that the County Council had decided to provide forthwith further ncidence of accommodation for consumptives at Hollywood, with an additional eight beds at Hebburn, and four at Scaburn, making a total 84 beds. With regard to sanatoria at Maiden Law, it had been agreed to set aside the whole of the beds for female cases, and, if possible, a number of beds in other sanatoria.-It was announced that Dr. Williams had answered the call of his country, and had joined the forces. The medical men, added the Clerk. were doing splendidly by taking over practices and acting as the deputies of those doctors who, on their humane mission, had gore to the front .- A long letter was read from the Insurance Commissioners who had been asked for information as to medical treatment during the war by insured persons who belonged to the naval or army reserve, or to the Territorial forces, or who had enlisted in the new army. It might be stated generally that such persons were regarded as serving as sailors or soldiers from the moment at which they were called up, or enlisted and accepted for service, until disembodiment or discharge. During this period they were not entitled to medical or sanatoria benefits under the National Insurance Acts, and accordingly no liability rested on the panel practitioners, by whom they had been accepted. The position of such persons was not affected by the fact that they may be permitted temporarily to continue to reside at home, even though they may be concurrently engaged in civil employment. The insured person who has been sent home owing to illness, or in consequence of having been wounded, must be regarded as a erving sailor or soldier until the date of his discharge.—On the motion of Mr Murray, seconded by Mr Raine, the Chairman (Mr J. G. Hall) was warmly thanked for his services; and it was agreed that the next meeting be

held on the first Thursday in February, unless

something unforescen happens.

Our Sailors. To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." SIR,-May I, on behalf of my son and his hipmates in the "Princess Royal," thank Mrs Addison and all who have so generously con-tributed to her fund, for the kind thought which prompted the gift of tobacco and eigarettes which she has forwarded to the hip? I venture to do this, because under resent circumstances there is no knowing hen there may be an opportunity of acknowedging the kindness from the ship herself, and should be unwilling that there should be even the appearance of any want of appreciation. I can vouch for it that the gift will be warmly appreciated, and very gratefully received both for itself and for the kindly thoughtfulness which has been shown.—Faithfully yours, S. GILBERT BEAL.

Sth December, 1914. EVERY WOMAN

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CLAREMON'T HOUSE, DA'STON LANE, LONDON,

The New Beer War Tax.

To the Editor of the " Tessdalo Mercury

DEAR SIR,—I was astonished to read statement of Mr Lloyd George that the bree had not objected to the unfair war tax wh has been placed upon beer. The indign I the trade as a whole is only to be equal by the indignation of the beer-drinking purious the indignation of the beer-drinking purious the following output he Portsmouth United Breweries for second and fourth wooks in November, the entirely without the war tax, and the a with the war tax, will prove that the increis not going to realise to the Exchequer amount anticipated by the Chanceller: be week ended November 14th, 1914, barrels at 7s 9d. duty amounts to £951, the week ended November 28th, 1914, and barrels at 7s. 91. plus 15s. 31, amounts to 21 th This gives Mr Lloyd George an increase of 20 on one week and for this £80 a sound business is destroyed, the property depreciated to at least one-fifth of its original value, salaris lowered, and the number of employees reduced to the extent of 120. In addition to this them are no fewer than 220 customers who a traders seriously injured, with nothing but rain staring them in the face. Speaking forms browery alone: Is it worth £80 per week to destroy the commercial value of a sound basiness? Is it worth £80 to destroy the financial soundness of 220 honest traders who endeavour to be loyal and support their country on all occasions? And may I ask: It it worth the relatively paltry sum to desi a national business, to put an end to home beer-drinking and to encourage the work men to increase spirit drinking, which he already taken place? The United Ship Legislation is doing everything in its poli-to discourage spirit drinking and to proma the use of beer which is looked upon as for and which is recognised by users of beer this country in the same light.—I am, you obedient servant, W. T. DUPREE obedient servant, W. T. DUPREE Cranes water, Portsmouth, December 8

Interesting Career of a Local Soldier,

Among the first party from the Canadia Expeditionary Force who left for the feont las; week was Private A. E. Gilmore, Canadia Field Ambulance, of Calgary, Alberta, Canal. His father (Ex-Colour Sergeant T. Gilming, who is a native of Barnard Castle, served for 23 years in the army. Enlisting in the 19th Alexandra Princess of Wales's Own Yorkship Regiment, he served for eleven years with his regiment. He was then appointed to the sail of the Royal Jersey Light Infantry (Channel Islands), from which regiment he retired of pension about six years ago. He is in possession of the medal for long service and good conduct. Sergeant J. Gilmore (town postman), who is well known in Barnard Castle, and who volunteered for service at the beginning of the war, is at present serving as an instructor in the Sixth Battalion of his old regiment—the 19th Alexandra Princess of Wales's Own York shire (Green Howards). Enlisting in 1896 h served with the First Battation in Ireland until 1897, when he was ordered to join the Second Battalion in India. He served with his reg-ment in the Tirah Expeditionary Force, for which he received the medal with two class. His wife also has two brothers serving with

A Barnard Castle Footballer in Hospital.

Letter from Mr John Peacock. Mr John Pescock, a well-known memberal the Barrard Castle football team, who some time ago enlisted in the Army Medical Capp and is now serving as a private in the Gazeral Hospital at Pembzoke Dock, writing to a fried at Barnard Castle, says :- " I am now stations at Pembroke Dock Military Hospital, receiving special training before being sent to Fram to the base hospital there. I am havings glorious time here. We are very comfortale plenty to eat, good beds, and in fact in ear way it is nearly like being at home. In acting as ward orderly, and have a littleday work to do. During the morning I cleam stoves and wash the pots. Then I page 1981. myself cleaned up a bit, and help to make patients' beds, and then play cards or domism with such of them as are sufficiently or valoscent for a time. It is fine so long at lasts. I am working under a nice nurse, who is teaching me a great many things, such a making the beds for patients who cannot be moved and suffering from injured spines. Ste has also taught me how to take the temperatu and the pulse. If I should have the pleasure of staying under her for two or three months shall be able to turn out as a fully qualified mie nurso. It is a grand education, and one white

every man should know." In Aid of a Regiment (Vucleus) Formed

in Barnard Castle. To the Editor of the " Teesdale Mercury." SIR,-The nucleus of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers was raised at Barnard Cistle in 1857. I believe that the same caunot by said of any other battalion in His Majesty's service. As one of the formation members this battalion I venture to ask the ladies and gentlemen residing in or near the town for mittens, woollen scarves, belts, tobacco, elgarettes for Royal Fusiliers at the front. myself send parcols periodically through the Secretary, Royal Fasiliers' Association (Colonel Rodick), and shall be pleased to forward any articles that may be sent to ma-

Ex-Colour-Sergeant, the Royal Fusiliers. Rokeby Villa, Startforth, Barnard Castle,

Yourstruly, WILLIAM COATES,

The Alleged Lack of Chloroform in France.

It has been brought to the notice of the Joint Committee of the St. John's Ambulance Association and the British Red Cross Society that a circular letter is being issued announcing that limbs are being amputated in the hospitals in France without anaesthetics, and asking for subscriptions to purchase chloroform, etc. The Joint Committee has the authority of Sir Alfred Keogh, the Director-General of the Royal Army Medical Corps. who has personally ascertained the facts by inquiry on the continent, to give an absolute denial to this rumour, both as regards its own hospitals and those of the Royal Army Medical Corps. There is no lack whatever of chloroform or other acaesthetics, and the circulation of the rumour can only result in cansion friends or relatives on the continent. Times," 4th December, 1914.

Concert at Cotherston. A very successful concert was held

Saturday last for the funds of the Cotherston War Relief Committee. It was very ably organised by Mr Ridley, who was rewarded by seeing the Temperance Hall filled to over-flowing. The concert consisted of song-violin solos, and readings, all of which were very much appreciated. The evening was the Allies, the Belgian hymn being excellently sung by one of the Belgian refugees (Monsiell Paque). The following are the names of those who so very kindly gave their services: Mr. Tom Kipling, Miss R. Alderson, Miss Ridley. Miss E. Bulmer, Miss Howard, Mr. Hall, Mr. Bulmer, Mrs John Park, Mr. Ingley, Mr. Lingford, Miss J. Jennings, Mr. Clarke, and Mr. Ingley, inning. The concert brought a net Ingley, junior. The concert brought a net profit of £1 6s. to the funds of the committee.

Tragic Death of Captain of the Manchester

Sen-in-Law of the Late Mr Formerly of the

Treachery of the Co incident in the campa Africe, shows the proof the Manchester Regimen Berlbs Grieveson, second dan Mr John Grieveson, who for Mr John Grieveson, who for the Grove, Baruard Castle. I commence from the time war when the Mounted Infantry on Kano for the front. The mare miles took only 17 days, w things into consideration, mu a splendid performance. To day in West Africa, and in the day in West Africa, and in the is to easy matter. Six officers Infantry accompanied the cowith an intelligence officer as upon reaching the River Benstarted for Tepe, the small just inside the Cameroous, and River Benue. This column of acted as the advance gua Battalion of the West Africa which was then at Yols, about the Tepe. On August 23. from Tope. On August 23. Infantry came into touch with Tope, and repulsed them with officers and a non-commission. was after this fighting, w bout 25 minutes, that a moident occurred, in this w 8. Wickham, D.S.O., of Regiment, had taken a Regiment, had taken a Ge prisoner, and placing his hand shoulder, he made the remark prisoner." The German cried and begged that his life migh at the same time his orderly wathe Englishman. Captain turned round to ask his countered round to ask his countered round to with the program officer's orderly broughot Captain Wickham in a practically blew his head off serrible could have happens ay, the German was at one with his orderly, in addition village of Tepe was burnt to the village of Tepe was burnt to

> Our Troops in France T Comforts.

Letter from Private Harry P. Second Durham

Miss Patterson, Baliol-street has received a letter from her Harry Patterson, who is we Durhams, in which the pluci in a jocose spirit that he the little for the enemy to bit. He have been having a rough time the figure line. have been having a rough time
the firing line. We were or
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now—snow and rain and frost
plough on. I don't think there
Barney lads here in my regime
not seen or heard of any. Yo
about woollon helmets. The same, but we are getting at clothing sent from friends in are very good to us. When we rest we get these things. the war will last much lorger this region. There are too me for the Germans. Still I think here as at home, for there seen doing at all in England. The is that the latter country is here we are dodging shells an post-card to his brother, Mr the Commercial Hotel, Galgate, the same writer says: I sm you see Bob Chatt tell him I him. I have not seen anyone el

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