Beer War Tax.

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er of a Local Soldier.

A. E. Gilmore, Canadian Calgary, Alberta, Canada, ur Sergeant T. Gilmore), Sarnard Castle, served for Eulisting in the 19th Wales's Owa Yorkshire for eleven years with his ben appointed to the staff Light Infantry (Channel regiment he retired on s ago. He is in possession service and good conduct. (town postman), who is mard Castle, and who of his old regiment—the Battalion in Ireland until red to join the Second He served with his regi-Expeditionary Force, for medal with two clasps.

Footballer in Hospital. Ir John Peacock.

well-known member of football team, who some private in the General ck, writing to a friend tary Hospital, receiving e being sent to France I there. I am having a le are very comfortable, is, and in fact in every lug at home. I am , and have a little dirty the morning I clean the pots. Then I get t, and help to make the play cards or dominoes s are sufficiently con-It is fine so long as it under a nice nurse, who est many things, such as patients who cannot be rom injured spines. Sho to take the temperature two or three months I as a fully qualified male leation, and one which

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" Teesdale Mercury." the 2nd Battalion of the ed at Barnard Castle at the same cannot be s formation members of to ask the ladies and n or near the town for wes, belts, tobacco, or rusiliers at the front. liers at the front. eriodically through the shall be pleased to may be sent to me.-COATES.

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St. John's Ambulance lish Red Cross Society amputated in the as to purchase chloro-Committee has the Army Medical Corps. t, to give an absolute oth as regards its own se Royal Army Medical k whatever of chloros, and the circulation uly result in causing on the continent. -

Cotherston.

meert was held on nds of the Cotherston It was very ably who was rewarded by Hall filled to over consisted of songs, s, all of which were The evening was national anthems of nn being excellently n refugees (Monsieur re the names of those are the names of those ve their services: Mr Merson, Miss Ridley, Howard, Mr Hall, Mr Mr Ingley, Mr Ling, Mr Clarke, and Mr oncert brought a net ids of the committee.

of the Manchester Regiment.

-in-Law of the Late Mr John Crieveson, Formerly of the Grove.

Treachery of the Germans.

incident in the campaign in Cameroon's Africe, shows the proverbial treachery the Germans, Captain T. S. Wickham, D.S.O., the Manchester Regiment, married Miss the Grieveson, second daughter of the late fr John Grieveson, who formerly resided in a Grove, Barnard Castle. It is necessary to nce from the time war was declared, and des took only 17 days, which, taking all sings into consideration, must be considered all splendid performance. To travel 24 miles a lay in West Africa, and in the rainy season too, to easy matter. Six officers of the Mounted ntry accompanied the column, together ith an intelligence officer and a doctor, and, reaching the River Benue they at once arted for Tepe, the small frontier station at inside the Cameroons, and actually on the iver Benue. This column of Mounted Infantry sted as the advance guard to the 2nd attalion of the West African Field Forces, hich was then at Yola, about 30 miles away m Tope. On August 23rd the Mounted intry came into touch with the enemy at moors and a con-commissioned officer. It as after this fighting, which only lasted but 25 minutes, that a most distressing sidena occurred, in this way. Wickham, D.S.O., of the Manchester giment, had taken a German officer a per, and placing his hand on the prisoner's enider, be made the remark : " You are my The Gorman eried out for mercy, d begged that his life might be spared, and he same time his orderly was told to respect Englishman. Captain Wickham then d round to ask his commanding officer int he should do with the prisoner, when the an officer's orderly brought up his rifle, ot Captain Wickham in the throat, and ically blew his head off. Nothing more rible could have happened. Needless to y, the German was at once shot, together in his orderly, in addition to which the

Our Troops in France Thankful for Comforts.

age of Tepe was burnt to the ground.

atter from Private Harry Patterson, of the Second Durhams.

Miss Patterson, Baliol-street, Barpard Castle. areceived a letter from her nephew, Private any Patterson, who is with the Second s, in which the plucky soldier says jocose spirit that he thinks he is too for the enemy to bis. He continues: We been having a rough time of it lately in mey lads here in my regiment, for I have seen or heard of any. You were asking at woollon helmets. Thank you all the but we are getting any quantity of ng sent from friends in England. They every good to us. When we get a few days' at we get these things. I don't think we all be here much longer. Nor do I bolieve war will last much lorger, at all events in region. There are too many in at it now the Germans. Still I think we are as well at all in England. The only difference m we are dodging shells and bullets.—In a saleard to his brother, Mr J. Pattersen, of mmercial Hotel, Galgate, Barnard Castle, same writer says : I am in the pink. If see Bob Chatt tell him I was asking after I have not seen anyone else from Barney.

Eggleston School Fund. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund.

under-mentioned parishioners and ren have contributed to the above :-- Mrs henson (HT), 1s; Miss Dalkir, 6d; Mrs rson, 6d; Mrs W. Bainbridge, 3d; Mrs Bainbridge, 3d ; Mrs T. Richardson, 3d ; Emma Adamson, 6d; Mr John Raine, 1s; M. G. Watson, 6d; Mrs Fawcett, 61; leggy "Stephenson, 1d ; Mabel Lowe, 64 Coates, 2d; Willie Nicholson, 3d; e Robinson, 1d; Fred Robinson, 1d; Barker, 1d: Willie Kidd, 1d; Robert itis, 1d; Alfred Kidd, 31; Edie Kidd, 1d; Mi Kidd, 1d ; Irene Lodge, 1d ; Lavinia ge, 1d ; Brends Lodge, 1d ; Claude Coates, Mark Walton, 11d; Norman Walton, 11d; red Allinson, 2d; Percy Ingham, 2d; ergo Liddlo, 2a; Jane Maddison, 1d; Glady Mentire, 1d; Doris Walker, 1d; Madgo ter, 1d ; Annie Alderson, 1d ; Eva Iceton, Horace Iceton, 1d; Mabel Iceton, 1d; nan Mortor, 1d ; Bertie Morton, 1d ; Vera re, 1d ; Edna Moore, 1d ; Edle Bainbridge, Gracie Alderson, 2d ; Hannah Bainbridge, James Stephenson, 11d; Ralph Bainbridge, Reggie Settle, 2d; Marjory Settle, 2d; thy Settle, 2d ; Eustace Settle, 21 ; Mary collitard, 2d; John Metcalfe, 1d; Elsie Valton, 1 1 1; Ivy Walton, 1 1 d; — 1s. The lim of 11s 6d has been forwarded.

Life at Shorncliffe Camp.

Experiences of a Barnard Castle Hussar, rivate G. W. Urquhart, of the 7th Hussars. tes in good heart to a friend in this town. says he is " in the plak," and is once more ng a little bit of life. He bad, on rejoining lours, a few weeks at Newcostle, Scarugb, and Bristol, and is now settled for the ent. He adds : "I am once more at my old which I fell into the same saif I had never . Nothing but khaki is to be seen here, can tell you that I am enjoying soldiering I have met a lot of the old boys whom I er expected to see again. I have not met arney lad in this part of the globe. We are plenty of exercise in riding and iuted work to make us fit for 'the day. on were down in this part, and especially solkestone, you could imagine that you were her in France or Belgium, as there are so by of the natives of each country moving bat I have heard I expect that Barney will some of Kitchener's Army within her ers this winter. The first time I was in addle on my return to military duty I was ements came back quite naturally. I shall glad when we get the order to go to the t, though there is a sporting chance that my be in England until after Christmas. ortholess I am confident of getting there.'

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ragic Death of Captain T. S. Wickham, A Few Specimens of German " Kultur."

A Huge Fighting Machine Constructed for Wholesale Pillage, Thieving, and Murder.

A Frightful Menace to Christendom: World's Condemnation.

A Kirkby Stephen correspondent writes to the "Penrith Observer" as follows: I feel confident your readers would like to know the Kultur" of the Germans during recent years, which truly illustrates the class of nation with which we have to deal. Below I give you a little of their history as published :

1864-Prussia made war upon Denmark without the slightest provocation, and robbod her of the provinces of Schleswig and Holstein The Kiel Canal has since been built through these states, joining the Baltic Sea to the North Sea, thus keeping it in German territory. Austria was her ally then, and got nothing. 1866-Prussia declared war on Austris, only to show that Prussia was the strongest German-

speaking Power. 1870—The German Empire forced war on France, knowing France was unprepared. Devastation was dealt upon France, who was robbed of Alsace and Lorraine, and had a large war indemnity to pay to Germany.

1897-Germany threatened Japan, made her give up her victory-fruits over China, while Germany herself seized land and a fine harbour

1905-Russia, weskened by the Russo Japanese War, was unable to assist her ally, France, who was bullied by Germany to dismiss M. Delcasse. Germany's reason for so doing was that M. Deleasse was the Minister responsible for the Anglo-French Convention

1908-9 -- Germany threatened war on Russia she aided the Balkan States, who resented Bosnia and Hertzgovnia being annexed by dermany's ally, Austria.

1911-France threatened by Germany with war, because we peaceably agreed with France about Morecco. Germany builled France to give her territory, as she also laimed "a right" in Morocco. Germany ucceeded in obtaining what she demanded, despite the fact that Great Britain promised to stand by France if attacked.

1914 - Germany ignored the "scrap of paper" he signed in 1839 to observe the neutrality of leiginm, which was signed by representatives of Great Britain. Belgium, Austria, France Prussia, and Russia, whose names were : Palmerston, Sylvain Van de Weyer, Senfie, H. Sebastiani, Bulow, and Pozzo di Borgo espectively.

Death and Interment of Mr Vincent Ord-

The Oldest Official but One in the Teesdale

Union. Much regret has been occasioned at Barnard Castle by the death, after a brief illness, and the age of 73 years, of Mr Vincent Ord, for thirty-eight years assistant-oversoer and ratecollector for this town and Marwood, and also a firing line. We were only forty yards assessor and collector of income-tax for the my from the Germans, and winter has set in same districts. The late Mr Ord was educated snow and rain and frost-but still we at the National School, he being a native of the town, and in early life entered the carpet factory of the late Mr Richard Dunn as clerk, where his father had long been employed as a hand-loom weaver. The deceased gentleman was also rate-collector for the Barnard Castle Urban District Counci!, and was clerk to the Marwood Parish Council. He married Miss Agnes Farey, of Eggleston, and he leaves a widow and three grown-up sons and one daughter to mourn his loss. The 1ste Mr Ord was a painstsking, obliging, dutiful, and thoroughly reliable public efficer. The post of as at home, for there seems to be nothing overseer was at once robbed of its terrors to a accused passed through Bernard Castle station business man when Mr Ord was at the beim that the latter country is peaceful, while of affairs, and, to his memory be it said, he was both willing to sesist and to instruct anybody hopeless'y in the toils of Government forms, and was ever considerate to the poor. Of course in the very nature of the duties associated with his appointment "the impossible" had to be encountered, but it was always in the last ditch that the deceased gentleman had recourse to the stern measures with which be was armed, and even then in conducting necessary legal pracredings he was never vindictive. His character, indeed, was well summed up the other day by a gentleman in high social position in the town. who said: "I never came across a straighter man in my life." Mr Ord was a churchman and a life-long, ardent Conservative, and was the oldest surviving official of the Tecsdale Guardians, save and except Mr G. Baicbridge, the esteemed clerk. Mr Ord's applintment as assistant-overseer dates from the 13t of June.

The Funeral.

The interment of the mortal remains of our townsman took place on Saturday afternoon, at the church cemetory, when, despite the piercing wintry blast, there was a large attendance of friends and neighbours. The funeral arrangements were carried out Mesars Borrowdale and Son, Newgate, the coffin being of plain unpolished oak, with brass mountings. The hearse and mouning coaches were supplied by Mr James Atkin, Bank. The officiating clergy were the Rev. H. W. H. Bircham (vicar), and the Rev. A. Morrison (curate) The bearers were: - Messra Ralph. Bayles, John Raine, J. Depald, M. Borrowdale, H. Jeffles, and W. Stobart. The hopeful and beautiful service appointed for the burial of the dead was must impressively conducted, the committal sentences being pronounced with great solemnity by the Vicar. The chief mourners were Mr Farey Vincent Ord, Gordon House; Mr Frederick William Ord, Grammar School, Darlington; and Mr Leo Carr Ord, West Kirby, Cheshire, National School, sons of the deceased gentleman, and Dr. Weighton. The general mourners included Messrs H. Walker (chairman), J. I. Dawson (clerk), J. J. Walker (assistant-clerk), H. E. Raine (surveyor), R. Arrowsmith, F. Wilson, C. J. Smith, W. Hodgson, W. Coates. and J. Guy, representing the Urban District Council; G. White manager of the local branch of the National Provincial Bank; Henry Down, Harry York, G. Sheppard, G. C. Moore, C. T. Bell, J. T. Pearson, R. Steddart, T. W. Bainbridge, T. Johnson, John Robsoc, J. Stubbs (Broomielaw), Jas. Taylor, A. Wiepenny, R. B. Gent, J. H. Holmes, G. C. Lee, R. Boardman, J. Ward, F. Boardman (Westwick Lodge), J. H. Porter (Marwood), Joseph Porter (Hauxwell Farm, Marwood), John Wilson (Hulla Bush), H. Ward, W. Nevison, W. Wheatley, Mrs Wilson, Mr M. Raine (Egglester), Mrs Raine (Newgate), Supt. Riddell, Sergeant Carr, and many others.

Teesdale Board of Guardians.

The Children's Home Question

Mr John Smith, J.P., presided at the meeting on Wednesday, when the question of providing home for the children away from the Workhouse was again under consideration. The committee appointed to lock for a house reported its mability to find a suitable place. One house inspected was unsuitable, because it had three storeys, and would require a lot of alteration.—From an observation which fell corps for over eight years, and was previously from a member of the committee it appeared in the 15th (The King's) Hussars. He did that the perfection of the cottage home excellent work in the Boer War, where he got at Darlington had made a deep impression on a recent unofficial visit. The Guardians, however, do not at present contemplate the provision of a similar institution—unless, of course, efforts to acquire a bouse fail. The Local Government Captain J. Gray (Stanhope) to be major Board have given the Guardians until the end (temporary), Lieutenant F. G. Barkas (Crook),

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Last night we learned by special telegram that Captain Hutchinson, of Eggleston Hall, who left for the front on Sunday last, is now in the fighting line.

Mrs Bell-Irving does not advise sending any arge parcels to the front in December regiments, but suggests that individuals should just send to their own relatives. The pressure on the transport will be very great.

Woodland beagles will meet on Saturday, December 12th, at Hill Top, Egglestor, at

Father J. O'Leary, Chaplain to the Training College, Hull, has been appointed priest at the new Roman Catholic Church at Lartington. The Hop. Fergus Bowes-Lyon, fourth but

Mr W. Bigge has arrived home on leave, All the efficers look w. !!, and feel very fit.

The Ray, A. E. L. Walker, Vicar of Laithkirk has resigned the living, on his leaving for a clerical appointment near Birmingham. The patron of Laithkirk living is the Rector of Romsldkirk.

The marriage between the Roy. B. W Shepherd-Walwyn, and Miss M. P. Cropper is arranged so take place quietly on Wednesday, January 6tb.

"We are committed insuperably to patriotism as a christian church," says the President of the Wesleyan Conference.

Mesrs J. Brown, A. Parkic, and Rell, three more Lartington young men have joined the King's forces. M. Fred Hall and Mr Porcy Hall, as announced last "Hull" in both instances. as announced last week, should read

The "London Gazette," December 5th, 1914, ontains the aunouncement:-Royal Army Medical Corps: 3rd Northumbrian Field Ambulance: John Wright to be quartermaster, with the honorary rank of lieutenant, dated 4th November, 1914. The above-named cflicer, who has just been gazetted, is well known in our town. He is the eldest son of Mr John Wright, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, who, a nativo of Barnard Castle, was the means of bringing the cyclists to the capital of Teesdale on the ist occasion the North-Eastern Cyclists' Meet was held at Barnard Castle. Mr Wright, sen, was in Copenhagen when the war broke out, and experienced considerable difficulty in getting back to the old country.

It is stated that high military authorities have under consideration the immediate making of an order which will restrict the hours of icoused premises practically covering the Northern Command.

Yesterday, at an adjourned Autumn Assize at Durham, Emil Herman Adolphi Ablors (50) ex German Consul at Sunderland, was arraigned ou an indictment for high treason. on Monday, under beavy escort, from Lancaster en route for Darbam city.

The following is an extract from the" London Gazatte," under date December 1st; "6th Battelion Durham Light Islantry; Licut. E. R. Hanby Holmes to be captain. Captain E. R. Hanby Holmes is seconded whilst employed with army signal service (December 2nd).' Captain Hanby-Rolmes, of P. roard Castle, who is an instructor in signalling, has been appointed to the Army Signal Service, and is at present with the Reserve Signal Company at Aldershot. This company fieds the drafts which replenish the signal companies rerving on the continent. It also provides personnel for such new signal companies as may be ormed for the New Divisions c' the Army. Captain E. R. Hanby Holmes will, of course, rejoid the 6th Battalion the Durham Light lafantry on completion of his employment in the s enal service.

The following is a statement of the war claims paid by the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, Holborn Bars, up to the end of November : Navy (lives), 1,481 ; amount, £38,968; army (lives), 1,714; amount, £35,218; total lives, 3,195; total amount paid. £74,186. The Government has allocated £800,000 to the Prudential Company.

Lieutenant-Colonel G. N. Caulfield, of Spring Grove, Barnard Castle, is another new battalion of the family of the Claremount viscounts. He served in Surma, and won his D.S.O. in the commanding the 17th Durham Light Infantry, which battalion is in course of formation, the men being quartered at the barracks at Barnard Castie.

Miss Firth, of Thornhill, Raby Avenue, is conducting evening classes for the teaching of elementary French, the local soldiers thus having the inestimable advantage of hearing the language spoken by a lady who has resided for some years in Belgium, where the French, not the Flemish tongue, is spoken by the educated classes.

Colonel E. S. V. Grimshawe, who came back to the Special Reserve for duty during the war, has been transferred from the 4th Battalion Durham Light Infantry to the command of the 16th Battalion of Lord Kitchener's Army. The veteran officer joined the old 3rd Battalion of the "Faithful Durhams" 31 years ago, and was one of the officers sent to East Anglia when the battalion was embodied during the Soudan War, 1885. He also served with his battalion in the Boer War, and got the command in 1901. in-command of the 9th Provisional Battalion at Colchester.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. L Aspirell, D.S.O., a relative of Field-Marshell Sir John French, who, in the absence of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Nevill Gunter, Bart., on account of ill-health, commanded the 3rd Yorkshire Green Howards from Richmond at the Barnard Castle Camp and at the subsequent mobilization, has now been given a battalion command in Lord Kitchener's new army, and has been posted to the 11th A P.W.O Y.R.-Green Howards. Colonel Aspinall has qualified in all subjects. and has gone through the echools of musketry signalling, engineering, and veterinary work. He has been a field officer in the Richmond the D8.0.

The following appointments in the 6th Durham Light Infantry (Territorial) are gazetted : (temporary).

The Continental War.

North Eastern County School Boys and Comforts for the Durhams.

To the Editor of the " Teesdale Mercury.' DEAR SIR,-Many of the boys of the North Eastern Co School have been sending to the Durhams at the front weekly packages of comforts. Some of these parcels have reached their destinations: others have not. The little notes that acknowledge them are, of course, not of much interest, but I thought that the enclosed, which is longer than most previous ones, might be worth space in your paper.—Yours, etc., A W. RIDOUT. MY DEAR ASHCHOFF,-I am exceedingly sorry that I c

MY DEAR ASHCHOFT,—I am exceedingly sorry that I conot drop you a line long before this, but I daresay you readily understand how very difficult letter writing is, are again enjoying a day or two's rest from the trend into which we shall return to-morrow evening. I was q pleased with the contents of the parcel, which is the sec or third your boys have sent to me. Lance-Corporal Pur is attached to the headquarters' staff with the medical off and I was glad to hear that you had received a line from keep the contents of the parcel of the property of the contents of the parcel. The Hon. Fergus Bowes-Lyon, fourth but third living son of the Earl of Strathmore, has just left Southsmpton for the continent, to join the regular battalion of the Royal Scots.

Mr Ralph Stobart is expected at Selaby Hall shortly, on leave from the front.

Last Saturday night one-hundred-and-three additional recruits for the 17th Durham Light Infinity (new regiment) arrived at Barnard Castle barracks. More men are expected this week, and the premises commandeered are being made available for troops. submit to different discipline from ours. They dig all and, when day breaks, we are surprised to find a trene yards in front of our own, and manued by these "an The attacks they have made here have been very managed. They seem afraid to get astray from the body. After rushing the trenches they seem lost, and or reserves come up and remove them they scamper of their own trenches minus a few handred. We fe safe in ours, which are now made like underground palaces. There is nothing more that I can tell you at present, but I will try to drop a line at our next rest. In the incantine keep well, and watch the papers. Accept my best wishes and thanks.—Yours very sincerely.

November 30th 1914 November 30th, 1914.

Death and Funeral of Mrs R. Thompson, of Eggleston. YESTERDAY'S IMPRESSIVE GEREWONY.

It is with feeling of deep regret that we record the death of Mrs Ralph Thompson of Gate Farm, Eggleston. Deceased was a daughter of Mr Wm Pinkney, of Eggleshope-terrace, formerly manager for the London Lead Company's Blackton Mills. Her death took place on Friday afternoon. She was of a kind-hearted disposition, and enjoyed a wide circle of friends. Her illness, which was of brief duration, was borne without a murmur, and, despite the best medical skill and careful nursing, she passed away to the deep sorrow of her very many friends. The late Mrs Thompson was 57 years of age. Yesterday the interment took place in Eggleston charchyard, and the event was memorable. very many friends. The late Mrs Thompson was 57 years of age. Yesterday the interment took place in Eggleston churchyard, and the event was memorable.

The following were the chief mourners:—Mr R Thompson (Insband), Miss Thompton (daughter), Messrs C, S, G, and F Thompson (isons), Mrs Pinkney (isiter-in-law), Miss A Thompson (niece), Mr Geo. Forster, Romaldkirk: Miss F Wallace, Woodland; Miss A M Wilson, Marwood; Mr and Mrs W Thompson, Barnley; Mr and Mrs J Thompson, Stotley, together with a large gathering of mourners from the village and district, including Mrs Teasdale, Newcastle; Mrs R Thompson, Grove House; Mr Geo Tarn Bainbridge, Darlington; Mr W Wilson, Mr and Mrs J Wilson, Halla Bush, Marwood; Mr J Fostur Bowbank; Mrs T Hutchinson, Warcop; Misses Wallace, Woodland; Mr J Dent, Mickleton; Mwsrs J Collinson, Middleton; J Walton, J.P. Romaldkirk; W Gale, Howden-le-Wear; T Hauxwell, Baldersdale; J J Kipling, Luncdale; and F Stobart, Marwood; Mrs F Dawson, Stainton; Mrs Breland, West Wood: Miss Nixon, Lartington; Mr Stephenson, Darlington; Mr Sloan, Darlington; Mr Stophenson, Darlington; Mr Sloan, Darlington; Mr Stophenson, Darlington; Mr Sloan, Darlington; Mr Stophenson, Ballington; Mr Sloan, Darlington; Mr Stophenson, Darlington; Mr Sloan, Darlington; Mr Stophenson, Darlington; Mr Sloan, Darlington; Mr Stophenson, Darlington; Mr Sloan, Da

W Sumner gave a beautiful address bearing on the life and character of the deceased lady, and made touching references to her kind hospitality and her devotion to the House of God. He commended to the bereaved family the sympathies and prayers of the whole village.

Beautiful floral wreaths were seut: "In loving memory," by the husband and family; Mrs Hutchinson, Eggleston Hall: Mrs Teesdale, Newcastle: Misses Brown, Eggleston; and Mr and Mrs Stephenson, Darlington.

A husband and a family of five sons and one daughter are left to mourn her loss. One son is at present at Blair Moor. V Summer gave a beautiful address bearing on the life and

in Alberta, Canada.

As the cortege left the sacred editice, Miss Redfearn, played "The Dead March," and the procession them progressed reverentially to the peaceful churchyard at Eggleston, where the committal sentences for the burial of the deed were pronounced by the Rev. W. Sumner. The coffin was of plain oak, being covered by floral tributes. Messrs T Walton and Son were the undertakers. Son were the undertakers.

Free Church Guild.

At the Wesley Guild, Barnard Castle, on Friday evening

The Rev. T. Baron on "The Christian Profession."

At the Wesley Oddin, Marhard Casta, on Friday evening hast, presided over by the Rev. F. G. Gatehouse, the Rev. Thos. Baron read a paper on "The christian profession," of which the following is a brief summary:—"A profession of christianity is a public, solemn, and amphatic affirmation that we believe in Christ, and accept Him as our Saviour and Lord. The open declaration of Christ is made by joining the Callenghin of the church of Christ and acking more accepted. Lord. The open declaration of Christ is made by joining the fellowship of the church of Christ, and taking upon ourselves the obligations of church membership. This profession of Christ pre-supposes that we are christians, and experience the life of God in our souls, having been born again of the Holy Spirit. We must not substitute the profession for the possession. It is simply the public declaration of the possession. There is a broad, deep mark of distinction between a christian and a non-christian. It is not enough that a present hristian and a non-christian. It is not enough that a person moral and amiable in character. He must be renewed by Grove, Barnard Castle, is another new battalion commander with a fine army record. He comes between the family of the Claremount viscounts. He served in Surma, and won his D.S.O. in the family of the Hills. Colonel Caulfield is commanding the 17th Durkam Light Lefentry. member feels that he is all right, simply because he is a church member, and very rarely becomes a teal christian. Church membership has its solema obligations. Religion means doing the will of God in all things, and everyone who makes a profession of Christ declares thereby his firm purpose to do that will. The church member is bound to attend the services of the church for divine worship, and christian instruction and fellowship. Some attend irregularly and spasmodically, or perhaps, only once on the Lord's Day, thus showing that they do not understand the sacred obligations of the sabbath, and do not prize the privilege of sanctuary services, or are not willing to put themselves to inconvenience. showing that they do not understand the sacred obligations of the sabbath, and do not prize the privilege of sanctuary services, or are not willing to put themselves to inconvenience. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is of supreme importance and value, and its reverent observance is binding on all christians, yet it is grossly neglected by many, who deliberately disobey Christ's wish. The church member must live a godly and righteous life, and so adora the doctrine of God in all things. He is also bound to engage in the activities of the church, and regard his time, energy, influence, and possessions as being the property of his Divine Lord, and should place them all at His disposal. He should rejoice in every opportantly of serving Christ and His cause. Such service is not optional, but obligatory. It is a just debt we owe to Jesus Christ and our fellow-men, and we should cheerfully pay it, yet many church members take little or no part in these activities, but leave the work of the church to the small minority. The majority are mere onlookers, or, perhaps, fault-fluders or hinderers. Again, the church member must support its institutions. The work of the church cannot be carried on without money. Buildings must be erected and kept in order for christian worship, gospel preaching, Sunday school teaching, and other purposes. Men and women must be set apart for the member and and the evangelization of the revealed to have and alwayed. kept in order for christian worship, gosper presenting, change, school teaching, and other purposes. Men and women must be set apart for the ministry of the word, and the evangelization of the people at home and abroad. It is the obvious duty of all church members to give according to their means. To refuse to do this is not honest, any more than to decline to To refuse to do this is not honest, any more than to decline to pay the tradesmen who supply our material needs. Many members of the church give little or nothing. They rob God and His cause, and their fellow-members have to give more to supply their lack. They use privileges whilst others have to pay for them."—The paper was listened to very attentively, and seemed to make an impression.—The roll of the guild was called by Miss Parkinson (the roll secretary), and responded to. A solo was sweetly sung by Miss Raine.

> Second-Lieutenant T. Bernard Heslop, of the 6th Battalion Darham Light Infactry, son of Mr J. W. B. Heslop, the woll-known Castle solicitor, has been made full lieutenant. Like his father, Lieutenant Healop is a member of the legal profession.

The Zatland fexbounds will meet on Thursday, December 10th, at Aske, at 11 a.m. ; and on Saturday, December 12th, at Bolam, at

Mr George Atkinson, B.A., of West Shaws, and formerly of the North Eastern County Schools, has obtained a commission in His Majesty's army; and another ex-cadet of the same school has also got a commission, Mr H. E. Bourne, as we have already announced, of March to arrive at a settlemer 4.—The to be Captain (temporary), and Second-having been gazetted second-licutenant in committee was fastructed to continue its Lieutenant W. P. Gill to be lieutenant the 11th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT]

The annual supper in connection with Middleton Gelf Club was held in the Tamperance Hotel last Wednesday night. An expellent repast was provided by Host and Hostess Dr. Beadle presided, and was Harrison. supported by a number of influential local ladies and gentlemen, including Mr G. Hodsman, Mr R. W. Raine, J.P., Mr A. Howe, Mr G. Thompson, and others. The winner of the cup this season was Mr T. T. Nixon (captain), and the trophy was duly handed over by the Chairman.-Mr Nixon responded, and speeches wore made by several others.-The remainder of the evening was given up to a whist drive and dance, a very enjoyable time being spant.

The quarterly meeting of the Middleton Primitive Methodist circuit was held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Middleton, on Saturday afternoon. There was a large stiendance, all the societies in the district being represented. The Rev. C. Peteler (circuit minister) presided, and a very high spiritual tone pervaded the gathering.—The circuit and society stewards were re-elected, and provision was made for the various special preachers during the next quarter. - The returns showed the membership to be the same as the previous quarter, and the financial statement presented by Mr J. Coltman (circuit steward) showed a balance of £3 4s. 41d., after meeting all liabilities. - The recurrence of the recent missionary rounds, which had been held, with the Revs. J. M. Cradock (Cockfield) and C. H. Lightfoot (Burnard Castle) as deputations, had been very successful, the income being £3 in advance of last year.—The collections for the Prince of Wales's Fund had not been quite completed at all the places, but the amonns stready collected was 25 1s. 61d .-Arrangements were made for next year's missionary tour.—Next quarterly meeting was fixed for March 6th, 1915, at Middleton.— The delegates were served with tea in the school-room, provided by Mrs and Miss Coltman, for which they were heartily thanked.

The interment took place at Middleton, on Sunday afternoon, of Miss Mary Column, of Hardberry Farm. The deceased young lady had been in declining health for some time. She was of a quiet and kindly disposition, and was held in very high esteem by a large circle of triends. Much sympathy is felt for her aged father and the family in their sad loss.

The monthly meeting of Middleton Parish Conneil was held in the Town Hall lest Thursday night, Mr J. R Robson(chairman) presiding -It was decided to have the flags in the main street repaired in Chapel-row. -The Chairman was held responsible in seeing that all holders of the Minimax fire extinguisher were supplied with re-fills, and that they were kep; ready for use.-It was pointed out that the surface water on the Hill had not been properly desit with, and it was agreed to ask the owner of the property concerned to have it attended to

immediately. ***
Mr Sydrey Walton, a Middleton young man who has been at the front since the beginning of the war, and who received a fractured arm about a month ago, visited his native place on Saturday, and was the centre of a great deal of interest. Three of the first volunteers from Middleton to the new army-Mesers J. Walton, W. Bell, and F. Walton-paid a visit to their homes last week-end. They looked very smart in their uniforms, and the firstnamed has been promoted to lancs-corporal.

The second of the series of lectures on " The War," run by the Middleton committee, who are working for the Prince of Walen's Bund, took place that Wednesday night in the Wesleyan school-room, kindly granted by the trustees free. The lecture was full of interest, and, being ittustrated by lantern views, gave a vivid description of the incidents of the war. - The Rev. W. Sumper read the lecture .-Mr A. Howe, who presided, paid a high tribute to the way Middleton had contributed to the various funds in aid of the war .- Mr J. R. Robson ably manipulated the lantere.

Mr T. Longstaff's concert party from Butterknowle visited Newbiggin last weak-end in connection with the Wesleyan Chapel. Their nusical efforts at the various gatherings were highly appreciated. The Rev. G. Glandfield, of Middleton, conducted the services on Sanday.

The Rev. C. E. Everitt's Departure. Valedictory Proceedings: Series of

Presentations. Last Sunday night the Rev. C. E. Everlit closed his ministry in the Congregational Church, Carnard Castle. He preached from the 9th chapter of St. John, verse four, "I must work the work of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." night cometh when no man can work." At the close of an impressive sermon the reverend gentleman, with much feeling, said that with that service his ministry closed, and that night he handed back to the office-bearers the charge delivered into his hands six years since on the last of last March. The record of his work was before them and God. In his pulpit ministrations he had eadeavoured to be true to the lofty standard which years up he set before himself, and to give of the best which he noseesed. To the fundamental truths of christanity he had sought to be loyal, making Christ the centre of his preaching, and in the light of his own experiences of life he had endeavoured to interpret own experiences of life he had endeavoured to interpret theirs. In his pastoral work he had striven to be a helper in their joys and a sharer in their sorrows, and it had been his solemn duty to visit the sick and dying in their midst, and to be a comrade in arms and a companion in tribulation. business part of his work had occasioned at times no amount of concern. His accept to succeed in temporal things had been deep and strong. In this the deacons had shared, and they had always striven to build up the church organization on sound financial principles. It was a matter of profound regret to him that they had not succeeded in the erection of a new church and schools in Galgate, as he erection of a new church and schools in Galgate, as he came with the hope and purpose of doing so, but circumstances had determined otherwise. One of the most satisfactory features of his pastorate had been that among the young people, several of whom had joined the church. The ladies had been their very best supporters. Difficulties and discoaragements there had been, and, at times, he had felt weary in the work, though not of it. But that was the lot of muisters generally, and must be patiently endured. In of ministers generally, and must be patiently endured. I his work beyond the borders of his own church he had alway his work beyond the borders of his own church he had always stoutly defended Nonconformist principles, though his sympathics had been catholic and wide. With the ministers of the town he had been on good terms, and he was proud to have had a share in the formation of the Ministers' Fraternal. Permit him in a closing sentence to express his gratitude to them all for the kind forbearance shown him. To sever his connection with the church, and to part with friends, was no small matter. He felt it keenly. He loved that sacred pulpit. It was hallowed ground to him. He hoped and prayed that it might be his privilege to stand there again in the not distant future, but never again as their minister. Let them, however, all pledge themselves to meet in their Father's House above. Finally he commended them to God, and to House above. Finally he commended them to God, and the word of His grace.

Ministers' Fraternal: Presentation to Mr Everitt.

At a fully attended meeting held at the North Esstern County School, on Monday last the Rev. C. E. Everitt, who shortly leaves the town for Sowerby, was the recipient of a copy of the "Historicial Geography of the Holy Land," by Professor G. A. Smith, D.D.—The presentation was made by the Chairman (the Rev. F. L. brerctou, M.A.), who, in felicitous terms, referred to Mr Everitt's valuable work in connection with the Fraternal, and expressed the hope that his future ministry would prove eminently successful.—The Rev. C. E. Everitt feelingly responded, and gratefully thanked the many kindnesses received at the hands of his fellow-ministers in the town. He assured the meeting that his association ters in the town. He assured the meeting that his association with the fraternal as one of its originators would ever be one of the most pleasing memories of his ministry in Barmard Castle. He particularly desired to express his indebtedness to the Rev. F. L. Breveton, whose scholarly and illuminating contributions to their meetings had proved most helpful. He trusted the fraternal would have a future of great usefulness. The volume was inscribed as follows:—"Presented to the Rev. C. E. Everitt by the members of the Barmard Castle Ministers' Fraternal in appreciation of his services as G. E. Evertt by the Lemoers of the narman Cassas Ministers' Fraternal in appreciation of his services as secretary:—F. L. Brereton (chairman), Alfred Morrison, Fredk, Friend, Chas. Wm. Lightfoot, Thos. Baron, J. Penrose Hodeson, Wm. Walter Walton, J. W. Eacott, J. B. Robinson, R. W. Young, and F. G. Gatchouse (secretary)."

The Church's Cifts.

Last night, at a social in Hall-street school-room, a silver tea and coffee service and hot-water jug were presented to the Rev. C. E. and ars Everitt, a silver-mounted umbrella to Mrs Greaves, and a silver-backed hair brush to Miss Christine Greaves (granddaughter). The presents were supplied by Mr J. T. Young, jeweller, Greenwich House, Barnard Castle.

A good stock of all the most noted Sheep Dips always on hand, at the lowest prices, from G. Clarkson Harker, Chemist (opposite Galgate ontrance to Auction Mart), Barnard Castle, Paint Sticks, Rud, Tar, and Cooper Kemp's

HILTON CHARITY CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." DEAR SIR,-If the Hilton trustees have sent to you, for publication, their letter to me of the 3rd inst., I must ask you, in fairness, to publish my reply, a copy of which I append.— I sm, dear sir, yours faithfully, HENRY BIRCHAM.

The Vicarage, Barnard Castle, December 8th,

[COPY.] DEAR SIR, - I can quite understand the desire of your trustees that our correspondence shall cease, but, remember, that they commenced it. When you have a bad case, to abuse your opponent is a plan that doesn't answer in these days, because people are better educated, and ee through it. When trustees, who are all Churchmen, control a trust, there is a demand for a wider administration. But when five Dissenters control a valuable charity, and one suggests that the administration should be broadened, he brings abuse down upon his head. Lam informed that originally you had one Churchman on your trust, and that, when he removed, you co-opted a Dissenter in his place. Speaking for myself, I would gladly consent to all the local charities being administered by one representative committee. If your trustees would voluntarily oc-operate in bringing this about, they would benefit the poor, and earn the approval of their fellowtownsmen. Let them get to work at this, instead of wasting their time in composing abusive letters. People who can't control their tempers should not take part in public controversy.-Yours faithfully,

HENRY BIRCHAM. Mr Thomas W. Bainbridge, Secretary to

rustees of Hilton's Charity.
The Vicarage, Barnard Castle, December 8th,

The latter to which the Vienr refers is in column five of page eight, the copy having reached us on Friday morning.- En]

" High Force" in the Centre of the Far-Famed Southern Alps of New Zealand.

The following extracts are from a letter just cecived from Mr W. Stanley Raine, son of Mr W. Raine, of Middleton-in-Teesdale;— Yesterday I worked right up to the fermitage, at the very foot of Mount Cook, 2,300 feet above sea level, 149 miles from the nearest railway, and the starting point for the finest climbs in the Southern Alps. I saw all the Swiss guides imported some few years ago by the Government. They have ski, snowhoes, alpine ropes, ice axes, etc., in abundance. he snow is breaking up, and all night long one ould hear the rumbling of the avalanches, the paring of the river of ice-water, all milky hite, just like Switzerland. On Monday ght I stayed at a little settlement called easant Point. Why so called heaven only ows, and, after a wash and brush-up, I went nto the little sitting-room for supper. After sitting down I looked round, and imagine my surprise to see a large and very fine steel engraving of Jesmond Dene (the old mill); but agine my absolute amazement to find as the ompanion picture at the other side of the replace, High Force, Toesdale, by Yeoman, of Barnard Castle. You can guess how the sight of these two well-known scenes bridged in an nstant the gulf of 13,000 miles, and brought ome strangely near to me. One thinks it unny to see pictures of High Force at King's cross station, but to see one here in New Lealand, and so completely off the beaten track, nearly took away my breath. Of course I enquired particulars, and it appears the landlord bought the two a few years ago at some public sale at Dunedin. To him they were merely engravings: to me they were home.' I went 18 miles out of my way to see Alfred Dodson, of Tynehead. He knew me at once. We had tea and a great time together."

Money in Pigs.

Mest of all kinds being so dear, there must be money to be made out of pigs. The difficulty may be to find sows; but if that can be got over, and they can be started breeding at once, their produce should weigh 200 lb each by Michaelmas, and 300 lb. by Christmas, 1915. If each sow rears seven on the average she and her offspring would, next Decemb easily represent a ton of meat. A swe saldon rears more than two lambs, and by next December the pair would do well to weigh 1 owt carcase weight. Of course pigs cost far more to feed, but it will be seen how much greater possibilities of quick provision of food ne in the breeding sow than in the ewe. What we want is a big crop of young pigs next apring, and a still bigger crop of potatoes next August, and a plentiful supply of pork will not be long wanting. - Agricultural Economist and Horticultural Review

How to Neutralise Dangerous

Stomach Acids. Fow people besides physicians reslies the importance of keeping the food contents of the stomach free from acid fermentation. Hoslithy, normal digestion cannot take place while the delicate lining of the stomach is being inflamed and distended by acid and wind-the results of fermenting food in the stomach. To secure perfect digestion, fermentation must be stopped or prevented, and the acid neutralised. For this purpose physicians usually recommend getting a little isurated magnesia from the chemist, and taking baif-a-teaspoonful in a little hot or cold water immediately after eating. They recommend bisurated magnesia, because it is pleasact to take, has no disagreeable aftereffects, and instantly stops fermentation, noutralises the acid, and makes the sour acid food bland, sweet, and easily digested Bisurated magnesia is quite inexpensive, and can now be obtained locally, either in the original powder form or in 5-grain compressed tablets from G. Clarkson Harker, the Baliol Pharmacy; T. B. Hisley, Market-place; Mason's Cash Drug Stores, 8, Horse-market and R. W. Reine, Market-place and Middletonip-Teesdale. The regular use of bisurated mignesis-be sure you get the bisurated, as other kinds of magnesia are of little value-is an absolute guarantee of healthy, normal digestion, for it overcomes and prevents that seid condition which alone is the cause of the trouble.

Large, fresh stocks of Homocopathic Medicines for Catale, Foot Rot Lotion and Ointment, Scour Cure, Sheep Dips of all makes, Tar, Grease, Machine Oil, etc., at R. W. Raine's, Chemist, Barnard Castle.

For Husb, Hoose, or " Lung Worm " in Cattle young Calves use Harker's Hoose Balsam, the best internal remedy. In bettles, 1s. 6d. and 2s. 6d., post from Otly from G: Clarkson Harker, Chemist, Galgate, Barnard Castle.

GIRTHS. MARRIAGES, AND BEATHS.

CLARKSON.—At Mense House Farm, Lartington, on November 21st, to Mr and Mrs William Henry Clarkson, a son.

Beath. HORNTON.—At South Lodge, Guisborough Hall, Guisborough, on December the 4th, Maggie, the dearly beleved wife of Charles Thornton, aged 47 years.

In Memoriam.

INSLEY. -In loving memory of Frances Hannah Ainsley, who died on December 6th, 1911. Ever remembered by her loving son and