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by fiendish talk of d the "culture" of the ely mingling with the oar of cannon, and the et be heard the song ration proclaimed in go-" on earth peace

## Dance at Holwick.

#### Band of Hope.

entitled "Good will on a Saturday night last in woodland, by the Copley choir, under the leader. Hind. The chair was w. Wallace. Mr Herbert the reader, and Mrs J. the organ.—On Sunday orn services were continuit, when a good company issee shown on the screen mayen." Mr T. W. Wallace or was Mr J. W. Longstaff, see Mcs J. Pattinson and Ics J. Pattinson and O. Blackett manipulated Cissic Wallace presided antern lecture for next led, "The story of two

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Miss Jex Long, Miss Ella
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and buns brought the evenan event which is always in one year to the next.

#### riotic Entertainment ctoria Hall.

d Children's Christmas

i. C. Watson and Mr John riginators of the move-l children and near and sailors in Barnard were entertained at of the most successful own. In an interesting was a series of patriotic likenesses of British ur, and two instructive aunching of a modera he latest methods of t country, kindly lent for dodgson, of the Sun Film s of cost. In addition "Pathe's Gazette," and of War," exhibited by Mr collect tea was provided drs Hodgson, assisted by L. Needless to say that ne to the really tempting the spontaneous and very patriotic songs by the he tea the Vicar moved a Mrs Watson, Mr R. T. kindly invited the wives ir Wisaman and also to Wiseman, and also to n, who had generously nty Christmas cake, and
Wiseman appropriately
was a great pleasure to
been associated with the
othe wives, children and
ant band who had left
lartforth to do their duty ry, and who were at the gevery nerve to maintain aditions of our empiremathe screen was raised, overy person present, a imas tree, with a living a Claus, met the gaze of mbly. The tree contained wife and each child who the gifts were in many ful, and they were, with yof manners, distributed in Hodgson, the Rev. A. Dent, and other willing id loft the hall a bag of ge were presented, in ready received. Between ent, and all left for their ed. Mrs Raine presided d. Mrs Raine presided

## SKIN CURE.

Skin Ointment.

g after one application; of Eczema; heads old act like a charm on Bad ilev; prevents Cuts from Ringworm in a few days; testinate Eruptions and and 1/1/4d. Agent for a's Drug Stores; Middle-W. Raine; Darlington,

Foot Ro; Lotion and Sheep Dip; of all makes, Oil, etc., at R. W. rd Castle,

#### LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

The erection was completed, last Friday, in polished, grey gravite tomb, weighing to four tons, to the memory of the late Mr ph Errington, of Beaconsfield House, ard Castle. The tomb, which is enclosed polished granite kerbing, on a concrete stion, about one foot deep, has been ted by Mr John Appleby, builder and amentalist of this town, and is a magnificent tion of the sculptor's art.

Last Thursday night, at the Lartington institute, a concert was given by the village nised on behalf of the local Belgian Relief

Mr John Wiseman has been appointed vicehairman of the Durham County Parliamentary

The December house-to-house collection in the township of Streatlam and Stainton, in aid of the War Relief Funds, amounted to 27 3s. 6d. Of this 26 has been sent to Princess Mary's d, and the remainder retained for the se of material for garments.

Lieutenant W. Y. Splaine is a recruiting per at Middlesbrough.

Mr J. E. Watson, Mus. Bac., A.T.C.L. who pas for some time organist at Barnard Castle parish church during the incumbency of the Boy. J. T. Penrose, has been appointed organist and choirmaster of Victoria Cathedral (the capital of British Columbia). Mr Watson went to Canada some years ago for reasons of balth, and has had a successful career in his new homeland. The post to which he has been appointed is the most coveted musical position in the Dominion. There were sixtygeten applications, including some from Canada, the United States of America, and Logland, and Mr Watson's many friends in Barnard Castle will be delighted to learn of is well-merited success.

Mr and Mrs Edleston returned to Gainford Monday from Cambridge.

Mr Roy H. Helmer has been gazetted second

Efforts are being made to provide an archestral band for the soldiers' entertainment in the Victoria Hall, on Christmas Day.

Trooper A. G. Allen, late of Barnard Castle, as been transferred from the 10th Hussars to se Royal Horse Guards Blue, Regent's Park Erracks.

On Christmas Day Barnard Castle Trades-neo's football team will play Ingleton on the ampfield. Kick-off at 2-45 p.m.

Mrs Walker, of Luithkirk Vicarage, has Mrs Walker, of Luithkirk Vicarage, has scured some details in connection with the ieath of her brother, of the Royal Flying torps, who was killed near Ypres, while piloting an aeroplane which was being used for the purpose of signalling to our artillery. See has a sketch of the position of his grave, a which a cross was made with cartridge cases, and upon which the Union Jack from his seroplane was placed.

"You cannot enlarge an easement," said Mr. Dawson in the County Court.

Captain and Mrs Berry, of Wycliffe Hall, ste, were on view, and the work done was much admired by all. The various articles have been sent to the Yorkshire Regiment and blue been sent to the Yorkshire Regiment and Mis Weston's Sailors' Home. A large number of parishioners attended, and were all entertained to tea, whilst music, recitations, and sogs helped to make the afternoon a thoroughly salvers of the supposet of the charge regiment and backward in its appoint of Calgary is not backward in its appoint of the supposet of the charge regiment and break made by the Darlingtonian was 158. sojoyable one. The proceedings closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Captain and Mrs Berry for their kindness and hospitality.

small sum has been received in the Barningham district to buy wool to make mittens for the Scottish Horse, in which

Mr Michael Johnson Arrowsmith, of Barnard Castle, who died on November 16th, left estate valued at £2,749 12s. 34 gross, with net Personalty £1,366 2s. 5d.

Mr T. E. Sayer, B.Sc., a North Eastern County School "Old Boy" and a native of Barnard Castle, has obtained a commission in the 11th Ring's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Lieut. Sayer, who has been training for the last three menths at Ashtead, Surrey, joins his regiment at Harrogate, on the 26th of December.

Captain Berry, as president-elect of the Wychife Football Club, now disbanded till the and of the war, has kindly paid off the deficit of 21 14s. 6d. on the above club.

The Zetland foxhoueds will meet, to-morrow at Halnaby, and on Saturday at Middleton Lodge, each morning at eleven o'clock.

Lieut. Williams, of the artillery forces at the front, is staying at Selaby Hall.

Woodland beagles will meet on Saturday December 26th, at Tio Ten, Romaldkirk, at

Mr Gerald Headlam and Miss Helen Headlam were to arrive at Gainford yesterday.

Prince Nicholas Barelay de Tolly, whose sister, Princess Carina, visited Barnard Castle a couple of years ago, was personally decorated by the Czar Nicholas for bravery during the ent fighting in the eastern theatre.

Just a hundred years ago the Prince's famous aucestor, Prince Michael de Tolly, was in command of the allied forces of England, Russis, and Germany, at Paris, after the first overthem of overthrow of Napoleon.

Princess Carina Barclay de Tolly is at present on a visit to Princess Salba Yourke-witch, a near relative of the Ktédive (Abbas II.), and of the new Sultan of Egypt (Hassein 1), at her residence near Broadstairs.

Private George Stephenson was committed to paison for seven days, with hard labour, at the Barnard Castle Police Court, on Monday, before Messrs C. B. Martin and H. Walker, for fraudulently collisting into the 17th Battalion Durham Light Infantry, stationed at Barnard Castle. Defendant attested at Middlesbrough on the 23rd of November, and gave the name of Joseph Stevens. He said he had not previously been in Hig Mainter's forces. been in His Majesty's forces, whereas he was discharged from the army seven years age, and, more recently, was discharged from a Yorkshire regiment as medically unfit.

# Silver Wedding Celebration at Barnard

Castle. Many were the expressions of good wishes, on Friday last, to Mr and Mrs Watson Waine, be occasion being the anniversary of their silver wedding. Mr Waine, who is a National Reservist, has two sons in His Majesty's Army. William is with the 6th Battalion Durham Light

#### ELACKFOOT TRIBE OF INDIANS KIND TO OUR RED CROSS.

THEY BELIEVE IN THE JUSTICE OF OUR

CAUSE. Calgary Member Denominated "Running Wessel."

Interesting Letter from Mr A. Bowron.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." DEAR SIR,-I am forwarding two cuttings from the "Calgary Daily Herald," which may interest some of your readers, just to let them soo what the "heathen Chinee" is doing towards civilization, and what the wild Red ladian is doing to forward " German culture.' I think that the names may amuse some of your oaders who have never come into contact with these races. I may add that the Indian names on the cutting bave, of course, been interpreted into English, but have lost none of their humour.—Trusting you will publish at least as many of the names as you have space for, I beg to remain, yours, etc.,

1,226, 14th Avenue West, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, November 29th, 1914.

EXTRACTS.

Victoria, the Great Queen Mother. It is no longer R. B. Bennett, M.P., but R. W Bennett, M.P., for, by the act of the chief of the Blackfoot tribe of Indians, Mr Bennett has a now name. It happened last Sunday, when Mr Bennett visited Gleichen and delivered a patriotic speech. The head chief of the Blackfoot tribe was there, and so impressed was he by the silver-tongued orator's well-rounded periods that he begged that Mr Bennett would allow him to confer upon him a Blackfoot cognomen. Mr Bonnett, always gracious, accoded to the request, whereupon the head chief christened Calgary's popular member of parliament, "A-paw-mukkon," which, being interpreted, means Running Weasel. The Calgary member was also commissioned by the Blackfoot present to obtain some assurance from the heads of the Dominion Government that the privileges secured to them under treaty would not be interfered with, and handed him the sum of \$80.95, to be paid over for them to the Red Cross society. Mr Bennett's assuming words, in reply, were greatly appreciated by the chiefs and their followers who were present. All this took place at a patriotic meeting at the Indian service on the Blackfoot reserve at the north camp, by invitation of the Rev. Canon Stocken. Mr Bennett spoke to 150 Indians on some of the causes and consequences of the war. He made many things very clear to them in a series of vivid word pictures, and won their respect and gratitude by his reference to their own treaty with the great Queen Mother, so many years ago, and to its binding effect to-day. His remarks to their great chief Crawfoot, and his happy use of illustrations from nature were greatly appreciated. He told them the way in which their liberal donation of \$1,200 out of the funded monies at Ottawa towards the patriotic fund, and their further generous personal gifts of \$70 towards the Red Cross work, would be expended. He assured them that the King and his conneillors would feel very proud of their Blackfoot Indians, when they knew of their generosity.

Some of the Names are Funny. For example: David Yellow Horse, Head Chief; Silas Wolf Collar, Minor Chief; Paul Little Walker, W. Blue Bird, Johnnie One Runner, Joe Calf Child, Frank Big Old Man, Cat Face, Spotted Eagle, Bull coming over the Darlington billiardist, to the Mechanics'

proved by the fact that a marked cheque for \$234 has been received by Mr Thoburg Allen from \$10 to 50 cents were contributed by all sections of our Celestial neighbours. Astrong feeling of patriotism prevails among the Chinese in the city, and especially among the higher and more educated class's firm convicion prevails of the justice of the British cause.

#### Free Church Guild; " Christ and Social Problems."

On Wednesday sen, a very thoughtful and able lecture was given by Mr John Bainbridge, of Bishop Auckland, on "Christ and Social Problems."—The Rev. J. B. Robisson presided, and introduced the Lecturer and the subject with a few appropriate remarks. He said he thought the subject was summed up in the Lord's Prayer.—Mr Bainbridge began by saying that he was making a new departure in this lecture. Previously he had confined his public deliverances to poets and their works, Burns, R. Watson, and others. Now he was going to try to show that in Christ was to be found the solution of our social problems. Primarily, of course, Christ was the Saviour of the soul, and the world's spiritual Redeemer. He was also the Saviour of the social order. and this world would one day be put right by the application of the principles of christianity, and the cross of Christ would flourish over a regenerated and restored humanity. The social problems to which the Lecturer referred were poverty, the housing question, the relations of capital to labour, and of labour to capital, etc. Christ taught great spiritual and High Court of Chancery. Without this social principles, which, when fully carried out and applied, would satisfactorily solve of the proprietors of the land on which their neighbour as thyself," "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, evenso do unto them," and other teachings of the Master when the social principles, which, when fully carried document Wesley wisely foresaw that any of the proprietors of the land on which their preaching-houses were, built might have siezed them for their own use, for the Conference would have been a mere empty name. "Having secured a legal status," said would eliminate selfishness, promote love and brotherhood, and make the world righteons, happy, and prosperous. Behind the ethical teaching of Christ was the mighty word and spiritual power of the cross, which enabled men to realize and carry out these divine principles.—On the motion of the Rev. C. E. Everitt, seconded by the Rev. Thos, Baron, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Bainbridge for his very excellent lecture.

## Cotherston Band of Hope.

Cotherston has more than once pointed at for lack of patriotism, but there was no lack of loyalty about the Cotherston Band of Hope concert, which took place on Saturday night. The decorations were patriotic, and most of the recitations and songs were national. There was a large audience, and the chair was occupied by Mr O. F Hingley, who also kindly gave a song during the evening. It is impossible to mention each item separately, but special note must be made of the "Bye-bye" song, in which the tiny tots excelled themselves, and also of the other two action songs, "Grace Darling" and "The sandwich boys." The patriotic tableaux aroused great enthusiasm, and went off splendidly, the recitations by Miss Margaret Lowe and Miss Audrey Gill being warmly applauded. The programme was brought to a close by the laughable sketch, entitled "Is he married?" in which Misses Alderson, Bayles, Clark, Ridley, Haigb, and Rennolds, and Messrs Stanley Clarkson, Sidney Hodgson, and Willie Lee took part. Mr Hodgson's acting, like his cincip always brings down the house and Mr. singing, always brings down the house, and Mr lufantry, getting ready at Bishop Aucklaud; Clarkson, who had, perhaps, the most difficult while George is a lance-corporal in the 14th
Battalion Durham Light Infantry, which is
now stationed at High Wycombe.

#### UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT ] A successful recruiting meeting was held at Middleton on Saturday afternoon. Middleton Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr W Allinson, processioned the town previous t the meeting, which was hold in the Primitive Methodist Sunday school-room. Mr J. R. Robson (chairman of the Parish Council) presided, and addresses were given by Mr Geo. eadle, J.P., C.C., Mr C. H. Leach, J.P., C.C. and Major Fox. - Mr Beadle made his appeal as an advocate of the cause of labour. Toesdale man he gave some telling illustrations of how the men from the valley of the Tees had shown their sterling worth in the hour of need. and he believed that they would rise to their country's call. Personally he was opposed to war and conscription, but this fight demanded a loyal response, so that it might be brought to a speedy termination.—Mr C. H. Leach, in a vigorous speech, showed how hostilities commenced. The teaching of the great authors in Germany had pointed to the fact that military power was supreme, and that the German people were supermen. The apostles of jingoism had not been found in the gutter, but in the colleges. They had staked all on this great gamble. - Major Fox gave a description of the various classes of men who were needed, and the rate of remuneration, with allowances for wives, children, and dependants. -At the close three young men gave in their names as volunteers.—The proceedings ended by the band playing the national authem.

Lunedale Primitive Methodist Chanel anni versary was celebrated last Saturday night and Sunday, and was attended with good results. A public meeting was held on Saturday evening, which was addressed by Mr Hewitson. of Waterhouses; and the Rev. C. Petiler, of Middleton. Mr J. R. Robson, of Middleton, presided. A pie supper was afterwards held which was very largely patronised. - The appiversary sermons were preached on Sunday by Mr Hewitson, his earnest and thoughtful discourses making a deep impression.—Mr Hewitson wifi conduct a mission at this chapel early in the new year.

The bombardment of the Hartlepools, last Wednesday, was distinctly heard in various parts of Teesdale, In Lunedale, which occupies more elevated position, the sound of the gan-fire was heard very plainly. Some of the houses were shaken to such an extent that windows rattled with the vibration,

The third lecture on the war, run by the local committee in aid of the Prince of Wales's National Relief Fund, took place on Wednesday night, under the presidency of the Rev. G. Glandfield. There was a good attendance .-The Chairman, in a short address, spoke of the work of the food, and the support which had been given by the inhabitants of Middleton. Mr W. F. Walton delivered the lecture, which was read with that distinct force which is characteristic of the man, and produced thrilling emotion,-Solos were ably rendered by Miss Benson and Mr W. Thompson. Miss Nicholson acted as accompanist.

he picture hall at Middleton was well filled on Saturday evening, when a most interesting programme was provided. "In the wilds of Africa," which is a missionary drams, the rough experiences of the heralds of christianity were vividly brought home to the people. "Golf and the bonnet" was a humorous piece, which took immensely. There were a number of other fascinating subjects.

various chapels and churches in the district, on behalf of the Patriotic fund. Sums varying and, despite the war, there is every indication of the usual family unions and interchange of

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The stray deer is still located in the Middleton district, and is becoming quite tame. One day last week it made its appearance amongst the houses in Hude, and was seen by a large number of people.

## Talk on "Methodist Organization."

A Most Instructive Address,

Last Friday night, at the weekly meeting of the Barnard Castle Wesley Guild, the Rev. J. Penrose Hodgson, superintendent minister, gave a talk on " Methodist Organization." The Roy F. G. Gatchouse presided, and there was a good attendance. - The speaker said the foundstion of their church organization was traceable to the formation of the class meeting, practically at the latter end of the year 1739. Wesley himself says two gentiemen, then unknown to him, Mr Ball and Mr Watkins, desired him once and again to preach at a place called the Foundery, near Moorfields, and that United Society began a little after. The first conference was held in London in 1744, and was attended only by six persons, five of whom were clergymen, and in 1784 Wesley caused the "Deed of Declaration," constituting one hundred preachers by name "the Conference of the people called Methodists," to be enrolled in His Majesty's Mr Hodgson, 'we became an established church.' The itinorancy or three years' system was now established, and the year after Wesley's death, in 1791, district committees and synods were formed. Societies had no administrative or judicial function, but they elected representatives to the leaders' meeting, which latter appointed society atewards. The poor stewards received the collection at the Lord's Supper on behalf of the indigent. Leaders' meetings had judicial power, which, fortunately, was rarely exercised. The trustees must meet once a year, and to a certain extent the whole of Great Britain was mapped out into circuits, something on the lines of the parochial system of the Church of England, and there were quarterly meetings in connection with the circuits purely for administrative purposes. Local preachers also held quarterly meetings, and no minister was superimposed upon any church, for the people themselves had a voice in it in the Methodism which was theirs, laymen and ministers alike electing the ministers to Conference .In a most interesting and forcible address Mr Hodgson further showed how the organization was linked together, step by step, and Mr J. R. Arrowsmith asked a few pertinent questions.—Mr M. J. Dixon, J.P., added that one result of the almost perfect organization was that the Methodist Church was now the largest Protestant Church in the

Photographers visiting Barnard Castle will find at Raine's, the Chemist, an expert willing to give advice, also fresh stocks of Plates, Papers, and other photographic materials-R. W. Raine, Chemist, Barnard Castle.

-W. Hunton York, 25, Horse Market, Barnard B Young

## War Items.

The Soldiers' Christmas at Barnard Castle.

The Chairman of the Town's Committee, M: H. Walker, has handed the following letter of thanks from Colonel Caulfeild for publication. An account of what is being done for the 17th Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry is given elsewhere, and particulars of the entertainment in the Victoria Hall will be found in our advertisement columns :-

COPY. Barracks, Barnara Castle, 18th December 1914 : DEAR SIR,-I feel that I ought to write and thank you for all that you and your committee and contributors are doing for the men of my battalion at Christmas time. I feel sure that your efforts will be most welcome and the excellent and liberal programme, which you have arranged for them all, will be most keenly appreciated and remembered by all ranks for a long time to come - Yours sincerely, G. N. CAULFEILD,

Colonel commanding 17th Battalion Durham Light Infantry, 18th December, 1914.

#### Soldiers' Sing-Song at the Church Quild.

A second successful sing-song was held in the soldiers' recreation-room, at the Church Guild, on Thursday evening last, when several ladies and gentlemen gave their services. The following is the programme rendered :-Song-The Rosary-Lance-Corporal Westwood ; song -The sergeant of the line-Mr Jas. Brown song—Asleep in the deep—Private Townend song—Angus MacDonald—Mrs T. Borrowdale sorg - Killarney - Private A. C. Smith; sorg - Little grey home in the west-Mrs T. W. Bainbridge; song-Sweet home-Private Sainthouse; song-The old shako-Mr T. W. Bainbridge; song-Sentenced to death-Private Blandsworth; song—The veteran song -Mr L. Smith. All the items were well received, and Mrs Borrowdale and Mr L. Smith gave two patriotic songs in addition to those on the programme.

## Eggleston School.

'His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales'

Relief Fund. The following parishioners and children have contributed to the above :- Mrs J. Stephenson (HT), 1s; Mrs Dalkin (TH), 6d; Miss M. Iceton, 6d; Mrs W. Bainbridge, 3d Mrs M. Bainbridge, 3d; Mrs W. Emmerson, 3d Mrs Richardson, 3d; Miss Emmis Adamson, 6d; Mrs Fawcett, 6d; Miss M. G. Watson, 6d; John Bainbridge, 3d; Thomas Nodding, 1d; Edith Kidd, 1d: Sarah Kidd, 1d; Alfred Kidd, 3d; William Kidd, 1d; Robert Kidd, Wilfred Kidd, 1d; Isaac Balubridge, Hannah Bainbridge, 1d; Ra!ph Bainbridge, 1d; Edith Bainbridge, 1d; Sva Iceton, 3d; Horace Iceton, 3d; Mabel Iceton, 1d; Mary Coulthard, 2d; Dorothy Settle, 1d; Norman Walton, 3d; Mark Walton, 3d; Ivy Walton, 3d; Lavinia Lodge, 1d; Frene Lodge, 1d; Program State Code, 1d; Program State 1d; "Peggy" Stephenson, 1d; Morton, 1d; Bertie Morton, 1d; William Nicholson, 3d; Jane Maddison, 1d; Gladys Tallentire, 1d; Madge Walker, 1d; Doris Walker, 1d; William Coates, 1d; Claude Coates, 1d; Francis Allison, 1d; Ernest Alderson, 2d; James Stephenson, 6d; Mabel Lowe, 6d; Vera Moore, 11d; Edna Moore, 1d; Harry Coates, 2d; Annie Alderson, 1d; Laura Dalkin, 1d; Wilfred Allinson, 2d; George Liddle, 2d; Percy Ingham, 2d; George Kettlewell, 2d; Irene Talientire, 1d; Elsie Walton, 3d. 11s 6d has been forwarded. The fund will be closed during the school holidays until further notice.

#### Lady Anne Lambton's Durham County Work Denot.

The Honorary Secretary begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following local contributions in garments, etc., as published in the tenth list :- Mrs Mellanby. Greta House, Barnard Castle; Sainford and District Branch of the Queen Mary Needlework Guild, per Mrs Joseph Pease; Mr Jas. Winn, Woodland School; and Church of England School, Gainford. The committee solicit further contributions, and in particular: Woollen shirts, mufflers, woollen caps and belmets, fingerless gloves, mitters, and body belts, which are urgently needed by the Durham regiments.

## Help for the Belgians who are Left in their Ruined Country.

To the Editor of the " Teesdale Mercury.' Sig.—Your columns are always open to appeals for worthy objects. I have to-day received a letter from the secretary of the association for helping the Belgians who are left in their ruined country. Most heartreading reports of privation and suffering are being daily received. To us, upon whom the shadow of war has not fallen, and whose homes and churches are not in ruins, the realisation of the loss and suffering cannot be understood, thought some faint conception may be gathered by a visit to Scarborough or Hartlespolton may be cathered by a visit to Scarborough or Hartlespolton may be cathered by a visit to Scarborough or Hartlespolton. on may be gathered by a visit to Scarborough or Hartle If anyone feels disposed, as I am sure many will, and who can give a sum, however small, towards this object, I shall be pleased to remit it to the Belgian Legation in London, or subscriptions may be sent direct to Mr T. L. Bishop, the secretary, 199, Piccadilly, London, W.—Yours faithfully, 21st December, 1914.

J. INGRAM DAWSON.

The Bombardment of Hartlepool. To the Editor of the " Teesdale Mercury.' DEAR SIR,-In the list of those who were wounded in the recent atrocious outrage perpetrated by the fiendish German ghouls, at Hartlepool, appears the name of "H. A. Scott," of the County Battalion, Durham L.I. As many persons have thought that this is my son, who is serving in the same battalion, I shall be glad if you will allow me to say that such is not the case, my son (H. J. W. Scott) not being n the detachment moved to Hartlepool. At the same time I would, on behalf of my family, thank the numerous friends who hastened, in this supposition, to express their sympathy— sympathy none the less valued that it was, happily, unnecessarily bestowed. Yours faithfully, OWEN S. SCOFT. Bowes Museum, 21st December, 1914.

# BILLIARDS

Barnard Castle and Startforth Working-

Men's Club. A very enjoyable evening was spent at the above club on Monday last, when, on the invitation of the committee, the sergeants of the 17th Battalion Durham Light Infantry, stationed in the town, met the members to play a friendly game of billiards. The members were very pleased to see Sergt.-Major Newman and their old friend Sandy amongst those present. Considering that the soldiers have been out of practice for a good while they put up a very good fight. Special mention should be made of the games between Sergeant Ainsworth and G. L. Jones, and Sergeaut Wellman and B. Young. The game resulted in a win for the club by 162 points and we trust this will be the first of many enjoyable evenings we shall have with our old riends. Below we give the scores :-

17TH DURHAM LIGHT CONSERVATIVE CLUB. INFANCRY. Sergt. A Kilgour ... Com.-Sergt. G Slasor ... Com. Sergt.-Major Ainsworth 100 H Carter

#### SUDDEN DEATH AT WHORLTON. Comforts for our Soldiers and Sailors.

Miss Stobart has forwarded the following Elizabeth Beadle, 72 years of age, died suddenly at half-past six in the morning of articles which have been sent in to her from Tuesday week. For about seven years, up to be workers at Bowes, Cotherston, Romaldkirk. Mickleton, Egglestor, Middleton, and about two years ago, Dr. Adams had attended Startforth, the wool having been supplied the deceased, who suffered from a distressing complaint, and he had seen the body. The deceased had a stroke a short time ago, which from the proceeds of the entertainment in October: -102 pair of socks, 26 helmets, 22 body belts, 34 pairs of mittens, 20 pairs of affected her memory, and the old lady took ill on Friday, the 11th instant, and went to bed. muffetees, and 22 mufflers. These articles have been sent to Queen Mary's fued, to the North-Eastern Railway Battalion North-She was attended by her daughter, Mary Beadle, who slept with her mother, and, on the umberland Fusiliers, to the 3rd Battalion East Tuesday morning, her mother commenced to breathe heavily, at a quarter-to-three, and succumbed some time afterwards. After a Yorkshire Regiment, and to the sailors on a battleship and submarine in the North Sea. They have been sent direct to commanding officers in each case, and Miss Stobart has medical explanation of the facts no inquest was deemed necessary. received very warm acknowledgments and

#### Lecture on Agriculture in Marwood.

grateful thanks to the workers. She is always

lad to let the workers see these letters if

they wish, as she knows how satisfactory it

must be to those who have given their time

and thoughts to our men to know just where

On Fighting and Running Away.

One of the first references to this thought.

which is so often heard of in these warlike

times, is traceable to the "Apothogems" of Erasmus, translated by Udall, in 1542:

n Butler's "Hudibras," part three, canto three;

in Ray's " History of the Robellion," page 48

(192):
"He that fights and runs away
May turn and fight another day;
But he that is in battle slain
Will never run to fight again."

In " The Art of Poetry on a New Plan," edited

by Oliver Goldsmith (?), volume 2, page 147

May live to fight another day; But he who is in battle slain

Can never rise and fight again."

There are further allusions to the same

"Church-Going: What is the Use of It?"

Churon-going : What is the use of it ? "-

or to chapel, or whether they did not, because

man could please God just as well in the one

case as in the other, and that it was simply a

matter of use and custom. "But I believe, my brethren, and so do you, I am certain, that God

sent the Lord Jesus Christ into this world to

Him as closely as possible, and the man who

pleases God most is the man who most closely

imitates the Lord Jesus Christ, Who left us an

does not matter what you think, nor what I

think. All that does really matter is what the

Lord Jesus Christ thinks. He has given us a

model and a perfect pattern, and, instead of

at the model. We hope soon to have confer-

Lord Jesus Christ to go into the synagogue on

the sabbath day, and it is every wise man's

duty to do the same, as a true disciple. When we come to church we honour God, and we join

in fellowship with our fellow-men." The Vicar

added that there was a good deal to be said

for pew-rents in church, because the arrange-

ment compelled people to support the finances,

who, when the offertories were secret, shirked

their responsibility altogether, and threw the

onus of giving liberally upon other people.

Finally, the Vicar asked: "If our Lord lived

tere in Barnard Castle, do you think, or do

you not, that He would be a regular attender

at public worship? Answer that for yourselves.

Shall I please God better by going to church

regularly or by staying away? I don't think

Theft of Shortbread Biscuits in

Galgate.

day morning, before Mr John Smith and Mr C. B. Martin, a woman, named Edith Willis, 52

years of age, who said she came from London.

and was of the tramping class, was brought up

Atkinson, 54, Galgate, on the previous day .-

Prosecutor said that on Friday, about half-past

she saw the prisoner in the act of leaving the

and, when questioned, prisoner took them from

from a shelf, and gave information to the police.

Not long after Mrs Atkinson was shown a tin

containing biscuits, which she identified.— P.C. Clarke said he arrested the accused about

ten minutes to tweive the same day at Low

Startforth, with a tin and biscuits in her

possession. When charged at the police station she made no reply.-Prisoner now

pleaded guilty, and had nothing to say. -She

was committed to prison for fourteen days

Death of Mr Harry Walton, of Bail

Green, Mickleton.

Interment at Scuntherpe, in Lincolnshire.

Scunthorpe, in Liucolnshire, the mortal remains of the late Mr Harry Walton, of Bail

Green, Mickleton, were laid to rest, he having

died on the previous Wednesday, at the residence of Mrs Robert Payne, his married sister,

who resides at Scunthorpe. Three weeks

since, last Monday, Mr Walton went into Lincolnshire for a change of air and scene, he

having been out of health since August last.

He had a relapse, heart dropsy supervened,

decessed was a bachelor, and had resided all

his life at Bail Green, his father, the late Mi

Joseph Walton, having also been a farmer. He

leaves one brother (Mr Joseph Walton, of Bail

Green), one sister (Mrs Payne, Scunthorpe).

and one half-sister (Miss Jones, of Mickleton)

The deceased, who attended Latthkirk Church

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was vory widely known.

and he passed away as already stated.

On Friday last, at the Wesleyan Cemetery,

hard labour, without the option of a fine.

At the Barnard Castle Police Court, on Satur-

a christian man has any choice in the matter."

ot do anybody any good, because it is

"That same man, that runneth awaie, Maie again fight an other daie."

' For thou that fly may fight again, Which he can never do that's slaiv.'

their work has gone.

(Bristol, 1752):

(London, 1761):

thought in the classics.

On Tuesday, December 15th, in the Marwood Wesleyan Sunday school-room, Mr Frank P. Walker, M Sc., Adviser in Agriculture of the Armstrong Coilege, gave an interesting and nstructive lecture on "Important lessons derived from the continuous experiments at Cockie Park, the Northumberland County Council experimental station." After the lecture a discussion took place. It was unanimously decided to ask Mr Walker to give course of lectures to commence early in January, and the following committee was appointed to make the arrangements, namely : -Mossrs James Taylor, chairman; John Wilson, Huller Bush; James Stubbs, Broomiclaw ; Raine Bell, East House ; William Auton, Road End; G. Robinson, Low Shipley; and George Bell, as honorary secretary.

#### Interesting Marriage at the Church of St. Jude, Forest.

At one o'clock on Saturday afternoon an interesting wedding was solemnized at the Church of St. Jude, Forest-in-Teesdale—the Rev. A. T. Randal, vicar, officiating-when Mr Tom Pearson, son of Mr Pearson, the veteran gamekeeper of Moor House, Tynehead, led to the altar Jennie, the second daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremiah M. Dowson, of Honey Pot, Last Sunday afternoon there was a fairly Harwood. Mr Dowson is a representative of an old and worthy Teesdale family, and a large attendance at the parish church service for men, when the Vicar gave an address on game-watcher of a quarter-of-a-century's standing. In the evening a reception was held at the home of the bride, when a cheery Mr Robert Wood read the lesson.-Mr Bircham based his remarks on the words found in St. number of friends and relatives enjoyed them-Luke's Gospel, chapter four, and part of the gelves in sports, games, and dancing, after sixteenth verse: "And Jesus came to Nazareth. having partaken of a splendid supper. The where He had been brought up, and, as His presents to the bride and bridegroom were custom was. He went into the synagogue on numerous and useful, and spoke of the esteem in which both Mr and Mrs Pearson are held in the subbata day." In these days, said the speaker, there were thousands upon thousands who, by their conduct, emphatically said that the dale.

#### there was no good in going to church, and that The Late Mrs Thompson, of Softley. it did not matter whether they went to church

The funeral of the late Mrs Thompson Softiey Farm, took place on Saturday sen. at St. John's, Lynesack. The Rev. D. W. Marsh officiated, and spoke in a very appreitative manner of the life and work of the deceased live a perfect life, so that we might imitate Notwithstanding the stormy weather an immense number of friends and relatives gathered to pay a last token of respect to the deceased. Mr E. Corker presided at example. He came into the world to die upon the organ. The chief mourners were :-- Mr the cross, but He also came to live for us. It and Mrs John Thompson, Marwood Grove (son and daughter in-law); the Rev. J. and Mrs Foster, Diss (son-in-law and daughter); Mr Joseph Thompson, Snotterton Hall (son); Mr and Mrs R. Thompson, Bishop Auckiand (son trusting to our own inclination, we should look and daughter-in-law); Mr W. Thompson, Softley Farm (son); Mr and Mrs G. Thompson ences here, when you can have your say and I Brecon Hill (son and daughter-in-law); Mrs G. T. Thompson, Middleton-in-Teesdale; Mrs can have mine, but a conference this afternoon perfectly plain that it was the custom of the W. Bell, Yarm; Misses Rhoda and Annie Thompson, Marwood Grove; and Miss Thompson, Snotterton Hall (grauddaughters); Mr J W. Stephenson, Woodland; Messra J. S. and J. H. Thompson, Snotterton Hall; Mr J. T. Foster, Houghtou-le-Side; and Messrs J. F. and R. H. Thompson, Bishop Auckland (grandsons). Among others present were :- Mr and Mrs J. Stephenson, Raby Parks; Miss Beadle, Mrs William Lowe, Miss Dobsor, Mrs Bowron, Mr R. Dobson, Mr William Lowe, Mr John Lowe, Mr G. Lowe, Mr W. Addison, Mr G. T. Thompson, all of Middleton-in-Tecadale; Miss Sayer, Croft; Mr J. Thompson, Stotley; Mr John Simpson, Bolam; Mrs T. Foster, Houghton-le-Side ; Mr R. Armstrong, Laugleydale ; Mr J. Stephenson, Shotton; Mr J. and Mrs Thomp-Son, Cragg Top; Mr G. Thompson, North Bitts; Mr W. Thompson, West Garth; Mr Joseph Richardson, South Softley; Mr John Sayer, Streatlam; Mr G. Dent, Dunn House; Mr W. Stephenson, Grove; Mr James Thompson, Redford; Mr Joseph Thompson, Mayland; Mr and Mrs Hall, Witton Row; Mr and Mrs Fred Richardson, Hamsterley; Mr and Mrs R. Hodgson, Wind Mill; Mr and Mrs Hodgson, Wales Field; Mr and Mrs Marley, Gill Bank; Mr T. Gowling and Miss Hall, Softley; Mr J. Gill, Crane Row; Mrs Hunter, Shildon; Mr W. Blackett, Glebe Farm, Etherley; Mr T. Lowe, Aycliffe; Mrs Petch, Morley; Mr R. Gill and Mrs Mason, Willington; Miss Wallace, Woodin custody on a charge of stealing a bex of shortbread biscuits, of the value of five shillings, from the shop of Annie Marie land; Miss Thompson, Quarry Lane; Mr and Mrs W. Dowson, Mrs Peirse, and Mr John Bland, Butterknowle; Mrs Longstaff, Copley; Mr eleven in the morning, she was at work in the back shop and on looking into the front shop, and Mrs R. W. Wilson, Mr J. Hall, Mr and Mrs R. C. Yole, Mr J. Yole, and Miss Hopper, South Side; and the Rev. R. Laidler, West Auckshop. Two cakes were missed off the counter, land. The bearers were Messrs J. Lowe and J. beneath her cape, and handed them back, and departed. Shortly afterwards Mrs Atkinson missed a tin of shortbread biscuits Allinson, Foggarthwaite; and Joseph and Thomas Foster, Bowbank.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Marriages.

HANSEN: RICHARDSON .- At the Danish Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 19th December, George E. Hansen, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Jennie Richardson, of Middleton-in-Teesdale. By license,

Deaths.

METCALVE. -- At 14, Wontworth Road, York, on the 16th inst., Rebecca, the beloved wife of James Metcalfe, and eldest daughter of the iste Joseph and Mary Lee, late of Clint House, Bowes. Deeply regretted.

ROBSON.-At S7, Meldon-terrace, Heaton, Newcastle, on the 16th inst, Margaret Ann (nee Hobson), late of Barnard Castle, dearly beloved wite of William Clayton Robson. Deeply mourned.

SIMPSON .-- At Earby, Cotherston, on the 19th inst., Sarah Ann Simpson, in her 90th year.

THOMPSON.-On the 21st inst., at Peth Row Mary Thompson, aged 62 years. Interment at Cockfield, on December 24th, cortege to leave residence at 2 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation.

WILKINSON.- On the 20th inst., at Portland Square, King-street, Barnard Castle, Daisy, second daughter of Mrs S. Wilkinson, aged 23 years. To be interred on Thursday, December 24th, cortege to leave residence at 2.45 p.m.

WALTON. - At Scuntherpe, Lincolnshire, at the residence of his sister, Harry Walton, of Bail Green, Mickleton, who died on December 16th, 1914, aged 33 years. Was interred at Scunthorpe Cemetery, on December 18th,

## Return Thanks.

MRS RALPH THOMPSON and FAMILY wish to thank their friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy in their