the Parish Church

rison's Farewell. od the worshippers to elebration at 6-30 the ould be desired, fair and and had a seasonable The three celebrations prayer were all well s a good congregation cluding the officers and ay now quartered in the ras conducted by the the Rev. F. L. Brereton anthem, "O, come, all rendered by the choir. ed by the Rev. H. S. Luke, chapter ii., us now go even unto that God revealed many ould take the trouble ordinary business for into religious matters. ers to look into this ned, If an observer was informed that this wiped out of existence, be unnoticeable in the e. The babe lying in ator of that universe. t anything made that n sin threatened to inhabited that little of God, offered to come nature upon Him, that in and redeem it. He . What response could that day was for the to contributed to that ring to Him. On the christ would say to many was sick and ye visited ise they would say "wo the would say "In as to the least of these My unto Me." So with many later than the world was to the least of these My unto Me." So with many later to the world was to the least of these My unto Me." So with many later to the way with me."

Service. held at 6 o'clock, when a selection of choir. Two hymns No. 376, Ancient and

unto Me." So with many poor would be equally

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king of peace, bout the world to cease, give peace again."

igh not so extensive as A text in red on white, Him." surrounded the was decorated with pulpit was adorned owers, with a star on a

arvigas. val services were conbeing read by the Rev. the Vicar (the Rev. H. is, and preached from We spend our years as

was conducted by the he Vicar reading the delivered his farewell e parish, from Psalm : "Except the Lord labour that ye haste to e take rest, and eat the for so He giveth His ointed out the two ne on a random scheme or with the ordered plans ne pointed out that use to build, i.e., a life to form. The cause of the disregard of God's given by Him, to be At the close of another his ministry amongst Have you realised God's bility of it?" If not, so in the new year-to them in the world not Are you trying to build of your own, making merely a comfortable of power? If so, the square, and will not tour. Only if built on e Architect would it might have God's m anxiety and worry the Preacher thanked orked along with him, Sunday schools, the so done, none of which sked for kindly considermings or unintentional hinistry here, and hoped hey all loved so well, he ed to pray in this he feeling that they gaway, not, he believed, he had been very happy greater responsibility, ye in the full meaning, even if they never res, if lived on God's onverging to the foot will have guided our e.-Tennyson's "Ring ng as the anthem, and

Sunday School. he above, on Christmas and teachers were, prepared by Mrs T. the public meeting. Parkinson, of Barnard addresses were given wsham. The yearly by the Secretary tiblic supper, prepared rs T. Bayles, and Mrs tended.—On Saturday, mas service, entitled given by the scholars leadership of the leccalte). The service ed of : Opening piece recitation-children; and down-children; ren; song-Ring a -My heart breather J. and A. Bayles; mideight clear-John glad voices—choir; King—choir; exercise children; floger play— ms—children; song oir ; recitation Walter Meynell; song-moir. Miss M. Talion-d at the organ. After again partaken of by ds. The whole of the ed to a good sum, were school funds.

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Mr Claude Richard Marley Hutchinson, of gegleston Hall, has just been gazetted to the

The late concert in the Victoria Hall. Barnard Castle, promoted by Miss Stobart, of cent sum of £60 being realised. After the division of profits, as already announced, there ained a sum of £3, which has been handed er to the Soldiers' Entertainment Fund.

Corporal G. H. Burn, of Barnard Castle, who is in the 20th Motor Signalling Company of the Royal Engineers, quartered in the south, his visited his native rown on furlough, this He may be in the scene of hostilities in March.

Lady Wernher, whose son is a lieutenant in the 12th Royal Lancers, has, according to a otter received from Private R. Hunter Barnard Castle) of the earne regiment, presented a wrist watch to every trooper in

Mr J. J. Bell-Irving, of Rokeby Park, kiedly sent fifty couples of rabbits for distribution to the staffs at the railway pasenger and goods stations at Barnard distile, and the gift has been very highly

Mr Robert Arrowsmith was awarded the premier position in the show of really excellent Christmas beef on Wednesday, at

The late gentlem may Mr Isaac Cape Cust, pergeon, was the architect of and built Deepdale View, the residence of the late Mr Harry Weighton, M.D.

The remains of the late Mr John Skelton Rossen, J.P., of Copley Lodge, Butterknowle, were interred on Saturday last. The deceased was for many years associated with the coalmining interest in South-west Durham, and was an estcemed member of the Auckland Rural Council and Board of Guardians. The iate of his commissionas a county magistrate or Durham was April, 1898. The deceased was 5 years of age.

A son of Mr Coates, foreman mason, who migrated from Baruard Castle to Canada a par or two ago, is now on a visit to his nilve town. He says Canada to a man will tht for the motherland. A thrill of pride ad gratitude fills the souls of Britons when se remember that the Dominion forces now eganised for active service number 91,000, and include 33,000 men already in England, 8,000 engaged to garrison duty, and 50,000 men in training in Canada. As soon as the second contingent is despatched to the United Kingdom, 17,000 men will be enlisted to form a bree to take its place, and thereafter a new contingent will be raised as each force leaves the country. Bravo the Cauadians!

The Grand Dako Nicholas is the greatest living strategist.

been temporarily converted into a military bespital.

The eleg-dancing of the Misses Raice, in the Victoria Hall, Barnard Castle, on Christmas. Day, was tip-top.

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Private G. W. Berry, son of Mr T. Berry, amard Castle, is in the 4th City of London failiers, and was in the Bay of Biscay, with his regiment, on Christmas Day.

The burning of the yule log, which was considered such an important part of the Christmas celebrations in the old feudal times was a ceremony taken from the Soandinavians who burnt huge bonfires in honour of their

Our Christmas turkoy is quite a modern institution. Before the Commonwealth the all-important Christmas dish was the boar's head.

---0---The Zetland foxhounds will meet on Thursday, December 31st, at Middleton Lodge; and on Saturday, January 2ad, at Stapleton, each morning at eleven o'clock.

The use of mistletoe has undoubtedly come down from Denidical times, but the practice of decorating our churches and houses with holly and other evergreens is more likely to have been taken from the Romans, who had a festival called "Saturnalia" at this season, when they used to deck their houses with surels and evergreens.

In the year 1770, in Barnard Castle market, a leg of mutter, a fat goose, and a proper-tionate share of vegetables could all be bought for three shillings.

air Robert Lodge was a solicitor, and fived in the premises now occupied by Messrs Waltor Willson and Company, in the Market-place. The daughter of Mr Lodge became the wife of the Rev. W. L. Prattman.

In 1771, according to Hutchinson, sheep were med in this district that weighed from forty to fifty pounds a quarter, and oxen of or o-hundred-and-twenty stones and upward. Concerning the coast raid, "The Regiment

says: "The foulness of this ghoulish crime will stink in the nostrils of neutral nations, and still further nerve every Briton to smash once and for all time the power of the Hua."

about half-a-dezen young fellows who have House, Barnard Castle, are in His Majesty's

The Secretary of the Egglesion War Relief and Committee wishes to that's through the Tecedale Mercury" the artistes and all who resisted in the concert, and denors of peultry, articles and so ou, for their kind upport and gifts.

Musical instruments will be allowed the new armies.

A supplement to the "Loudon Gazette" contains the names of 134 warrant and noncommissioned officers promoted to be second lieutenants.

A thrush's nest with two eggs has been found in a hodge at East Hyde.

Four clerks in the London Joint Stock

The Kaiser's doom! The marvellous prophecy of Brother Johannes-a monk's prediction of three hundred years ago has been translated from the Latin into French, and published in he " Figaro." It is a lorg document, correct to the letter as to recent happenings, and the doom of the Kaiser is set out in these words: The Antichrist will lose his crown, and will

Roses, carnations, and bebacco plants are in fall bloom for the second time this year in gardens at Harpenden, Herts.

We greatly regret to announce that the Rev. Jeseph Little is lying very seriously ill at St. Catherine's Presbytory, Penrith, and that egret will be shared by many of our readers. latholics and Protestants alike, who know and appreciate Father Little's fine character.

Captain Hatchinson, of Eggleston Hall, i gain in the trenches with the Durhams.

The Warl of Lonsdale has offered the living of Kirkandrews-on-Eden to his private chapin, the Rev. J. A. Kitchin (Vicar of Askham), who has accepted it.

Lord Muncaster was among those who cele-brated their eightieth birthday on Christmas Day. Just sixty Christmases ago he was fighting in the Crimes, and he still keeps up his interest in the army as chairman of the Cumberland Territorial Force Association.

Miss Headlam has arrived at Galoford from Doncaster.

The Imperial Sunday Alliance and Sanday Lay Movement suggest the first Sunday in the New Year as a day of national homage to Almighty God.

Mrs Frances Parker, Lord Kitchener's sister, at a meeting in Leicester, said Lord Kitcheger was trying to get every public-house in the country closed at eight o'clock to minimise the temptations to recruits to drink.

Daring his twenty-three years' service at Bye, Suffolk, the rate collector, it is stated, has never had to issue a single summins against a ratepayer.

Midnight mass was celebrated in the new Roman Catholic Church at Lartington, on Christmas Day, the Rev. Father O'Leary exceedingly well, Mrs McArdell presiding at

As showing the composite nationality of the brave Briton it may be stated that ancient Teutonic tribes were setaled in the south-east of Britain before the Christian era. Fresh settlements were effected in the middle of the third contury, and towards the end of the fourth century we find a large population of Saxons, or Angles, combined with Friesians, extending from Portsmonth to the Wash. This district was officially termed by the Roman government the "Sax na shore." The southern invaders, having adopted the name of Saxons. extended their sottlemeats to Devoushire, and thus occupied Essex, Middlesex, Sussex, and Wessex.

On the accession of Edward the Confessor. who had been brought up in Normandy, Norman-French became the language of the English court. After the battle of Hastiegs it was the language of the Norman pobles and their retainers throughout the kingdom. All religious and secular instructions, and all judicial proceedings were conducted in French; but the uneducated, who comprised the mass of the population, adhered to native Augliac. In the year 1362 the English language was formally recognised, by a special enactment, as the language of the English people. But a living lauguage cannot be bruptly suppressed by an Acs of Parliament. From the Norman conquest to AD. 1297, all parliamentary enactments are in Latin. From 1297 to 1457 they are almost wholly in French: after that date in English. The Caltie stock A khaki Christmas was experienced at is divided into two branches - the Kymrie or Estuard Castle, numerous officers and mon Cambrian, and the Gadhelic or Gaelie. To the re-visiting their homes on a very brief leave former belong the Welse, the Cornish, and the Brenner of Britany in France. To the Scotch Cashe : and the Mann, or Gaslie of the at 11 Cotock.

Inmates' Christmas Treat at the Toesdale Institution.

The isomates of the above institution had school-room, on Saturday evening, December their usual diener of roast beel and plum 19th. The Rev. Resament Johns a presided, pudding on Christmas Day. The dining hall and the room was crowded. The school was gatly decorated for the occasion, and in presents to add to the generalen jayment :-Mrs Summerson, toys; Miss Nix on, cakes and Distress Committee, apples, chocolate, and and tobacco to the old people at the hospital.

Acknowledgment.

To the Editor of the " Teesdale Mercury."

DEAR SIR, -I shall be glad if you can find com for the enclosed in your next issue .-- Any further gifts for this regiment or our own Durhams will be gratefully received by yours truly, SARAH E. BIRCHAM, Ledies' War Relief Association, The Vicarage, Barnard Castle, December 29th, 1914.
MY DEAR MRS BIRCHAM,—I hope you will

thank the committee of ladios from Barnard Castle and yourself for the very kind gift of 20 shi ts and 20 pairs of socks for my men. shall be most grateful for any more that can be spared. I have put it in my regiments order as a gift from the ladies of Castle.-Yours sincerely, G. N. CAULFEILD, Tue Barracks, Barnard Castle, December

Presents to Soldiers' Children from America.

Local Youngsters Participate.

From the cargo of Christmas presents brought over by the ship "Jason," and which have been dealt with and distributed to different centres in this country by the Local Government Board, and locally by the County committees, two parcels have been received from Durbam by Mr G. Bainbridge (the honorary secretary of the Teesdale Union branch of the National Relief Fund) for distribution. One parcel was allotted to the Belgian children who are at Gainford : the other, to the children of soldiers or sailors who are or have been in active service and residing in Barnard Castle, Staindrop, Streatlam, Whorlton, and Middletonbranch bank at Bishop Auckland have joined in-Teesdale. The Honorary Secretary, assisted by his see, Mr Tom Bainbridge, Sergeaut Higginbotham, and Mr Joseph Nixon, examined the articles, which consisted of different kinds of slothing, some toys, checolates, and a book. These articles were allocated to the children as suitably as possible, and those in the town were handed to the recipients by the sergoant, whilst one lot was taken by Mr Nixon to Streetlam. The others are in course of die demented and alone. His empire will be distribution, and all the donees are pleased divided into twenty-two states, but none will with the gifts. To Mr Gent, of Gainford, the have either a royal house, an army, or parcel of articles for the Belgian children was sent for distribution.

DEATH OF MR HARRY WEIGHTON, M.D. Remains Gremated at Darlington.

We regret to announce the death of Mr Harry Weightor, M.D., after a brief illness, from pneumonis, which event took place on Christmas morning, at five o'clock, at his residence, Daepdale View, Barnard Castle. The deceased gentleman was last out on Tuesday sen., and from Wednesday to the day of his death he was confined to bed. Dr. Waldy, of Darlington, was called in consultstion on Thursday night. The late De Weighton was a native of Forfarshire, Scotland, he being the seventh son of the late Mr. Weighton, of Brax, Arbroath. Sixteeu years ago Dr. Weighton came to Barnard Castle as an assistant to Dr. Sevier, whose partner he ultimately became. The deceased acquired the full practice when Dr. Sevier left in 1911. At the beginning of this year, Dr. Weighton was joined in partnership by Dr. Leishman. late Dr. Weighton was medical officer of he aith for Barnard Castle Urban District, and also one of the medical efficers in the Teesdale Purlaw Union, basides holding other public sppointments, and having an extensive private practice. The deceased was a kind-hearted gentleman, and was much esteemed, he being a popular member of the local gelf club, and a genuine patron of all legitimate sport. He was a vice-president of the local choral society. He was 47 years of age, and was usmarried, and leaves seven brothers and one

The mortal romains of the tate De. U. Weighton were, in consonance with the expressed wish of the deceased, cremated at Darlington, yesterday attornoon. The body was conveyed from Barnard Castle to the rematerium by hearse supplied from the King's Head mews. The mourning coaches were jointly provided by the same establishment, and Mr James Longstoff. Dartington.

The c flie, which was of pine, cevered with occlesiastical purple, was borne from the home if the deceased geneleman to the bearse by the following :- Wesses T. Archer, J. Coulthard (Abbey Bridge), T. H. Hunter, and J. Wilkinson, Blinds were drawn as the mournful procession. which included a number of Bry Scouts, wended its way to the Town Head. The Rev A. Morrison (eurate of Rarnard Castie) officiated at the service at the cramstorium.

Too chief mourners were : Professor Weigh-

ton, Newcastle ; Mr David Weighton, Arbroath ; Mr James Weighton, St. Andrews; Mr William Weightor; Lincolnshire; and Mr Arthur Weighton, Hall (brothers); and Dr. A. Leishman, The general mourners included Dr. T. G. D. Adams, Dr. C. H. Welford, Dr. Robicson, Messrs John Smith, J.P., C. S. Martio, J.P., J. G. Hall J.P., M. J. Dixon, J.P., O. S. Scott, R. Sammerson, J. H. Holmas, G. White, J. G. Johnson, J. E. lilburn, G. C. Lec, Lyud, G. W. Morton, A. Steele, Clarkson, G. W. Jackson, E. E. Scarth, H. Watker, J. Guy, R. Woodbams, C. Hedley, R. N. Welis, R. Arrowsmith, J. Wiseman, J. I. Dawson, J. J. Walker, H. E. Raine, W. Emerson, A. Winpenny, W. J. Windross, J. Ward, H. Down, T. B. Forstor, G. C. Harker, C. H. Colbeck, T. B. Hisler, F. Atkinson, E. Higginbotham, A. V. Hempsall, Hanton York, Louis Smith, T. Bainbridge, T. Johnson, R. Farcett, G. H. Weltord, G. W. Richardson, and J. H. Brown, Barnard Castle; Joseph Allison, Spreet Head; R J. Bailey, Startforth; and others.

The following beautiful floral tributes were sent :- From his sister and brothers. Dr. Leishmac, Mr and Mrs Friend, the Misses Raine, Mr and Mrs Scarth, members of the Teograph Galf Club, Margaret and Mary (housekeeper and maid), Mr and Mrs T. Archer, Mc and Mrs Smith, Mr and Mrs tkinson, Mr and Mrs Johnson, Mrs Riley and Miss Hood, and Mr and Mrs Dawson.

Messrs J. Hunter and Son were the under-

Concert at Eggleston.

colldren, who had been splendidly trained by the task of preparing the successful and the Man'er and Matron bad the assistance of English and French natural angular, the Man'er and Matron bad the assistance of the wife bighly appreciated. An interesting roar, and the staff Mr. J. Smith, I.P. (chairman of the wife bighly appreciated. An interesting roar, and the staff Mr. J. Smith, I.P. and Mr. Nixon feature was the local string band, which has away.

Another task of preparing the successful and the staff of the s Mr Stokee, the headingsier, rendered the serving of the dinner. Miss Nixon and Miss and which was composed of the following and the Catholic Church and another Nonconsmits also paid a visit to the iostitution while the iomates were diving. The following Remaidkirk; Miss Ida Hornsby, Mr T. W. lake to the Gormans. The workhouse did not ladies and gentlemen kindly contributed Lamb, and Mr J. W. Walker (violine), Mr T. escape. In fact every building of any size Adamson (celle), Mr Geo. Baiobridge (double | came in for its share of smashing. bass), Mr John Bainbridge (cornet), and Mrs T. Adamson (piaco). Mr Fred Watson made toys; Miss Smith, stockings; the Misses
Raiston, crackers; the Earl of Strathmere,
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Christmas tree and evergreens; Mr J. G. Hall,
tobacco; Mr Craig, apples and nuts; War his first appearance before an Eggleston house was shelled, but unfortunately escaped the sketch by Mr Roy Walton's party (Romaldkirk), which was given in grand style, cigarettes. The Ray. A Morrison gave tea | and the following programme was rendered :-The national anthem and Britaunia, the pride of the cocan-by the children; cornet solo | the street, leaving the rooms exposed. (with band accompaniment)—Inc straight, as the straight and the straight as Fred Wassen and Roy Walten; song The better and was resting upon the remains of a cheir land Miss Louise Balabridge; song The The drawing room bay-window was gone, but The Marseillaise-children; selection-Over the waves-string band; soog-Iu the valley teld me he was in his study when pieces of of golden dreams-Miss Mary Beadle; recitable shell went through the room. When he went tion-While the sabbath bells are ringing-Mr Lily Forrest and Mr Roy Walton; song—
terrible spectacle. Some forty persons lay
There goes my soldier boy (encore)—Miss
Freda Lamb; planeforte duet—Fairy king—
the place resembling shambles for blood. In
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Mr J. Hind, Lonton, Middleton son ; song - Under the circumstances (encore) description. Mr Bred Watson ; sketch-Havin' their fottygraffs tekken—by the Misses Lily Forrest, suffered, but, singular to say, the most Mr.J. J. Liddle, Eggleston Ivy Bainbridge, Dora Bainbridge, Lottle Bain-prominent object on the sea front, the light-Mr.J. M. C. Wall, Three oridge, Florrie Hunt, and Messrs Roy Walton, Reg. Lowson, Parkin Lowson, and Cecil Forrest. The accompanists were Mrs T. Adamson and Miss A. E. Addison. After the concert Mr J. W. Walker acted as salesman for the poultry fete, which had been given in aid of the above fund by the following ladies and gentlemen, and realised as follows: -Mrs J. Allison (Foggarthwaite), turkey, 13s. 61; Mr P. Hetherington, chicker, 3, 6d.; Mrs Ralph Bainbridge, chicken, 8s.; Mr T. L. Hethering-ton, pigeons, 1s. 6d.; Mr H. Beadle, chickens, couple of mabbits (twice resold), 4s. 6d.; a went through his ward, and in the next ward friend, couple of rabbits, 1s. 6d. Takings at the concert amounted to 26 13s. 9d.; sale of poultry, 21 7s. 6d. : and house-to-house pollection. about £8. There were also given 3 pairs of socks, 2 pairs of mittens, and 1 pair of cuffs.

> House, is the local treasurer. On Sunday last the Rev. W. R. Barroe, of, Darlington, conducted the services in the Congregational Courch, at Barnard Castle reaching in the morning from Denteronomy, Barron preached from Timothy il., chapter iv. verses 6 and 7. At the close Mr Barron complimented the choir, under the leadership of Mr Joseph Ward, and the organist, Miss Cameron, on their rendering of three Christmas carols, "There eams three kings to Bathlehem," "Come let us join," and "Bethlehem rejoices,"

The secretarial duties were ably discharged by Mr John Lodge, and Mr J. Stephenson, Rill

Visit to Hartlepool. WHAT A BOMBARDED TOWN LOOKS

BY JOHN INGRAM DAWSON. There is no need to go to Belgium to realize the effect of a bombardment upon the unfortunate town which suffers it. For the first time for over 200 years a hostile fleet has visited England's shores, and left an impression of a most painful kind. On Monday the writer went to see the towns of West and East Hartlepool. But before reaching these towns evidence of the German raid was to be found, even in the conversation of fellowpassengers in the railway carriage. The travetlers were returning to their ruined homes. One little chap, a bright lad of seven years of age, had missed death by a miracle. He was sitting at breakfast when a splinter of shell grezed and slightly out his cheek, and baried liself in the wall. From the gother's account it seemed that the shell exploded in the pexhouse, wrecking it, and causing it to fall on the house they were living in, while splinters of shell tore through the wall. The first object to bring home to the traveller on his arrival that a bombardment had taken place was a large circular hole, level with the station platform, cut neatly through the station side wall. The dismeter was such that a man could comfortably wheel a barrow through. The sion as rails where the shell exploded. I had to take a tram car to East Hardengol, "Business as usual" was clearly the motto of the windows showed where splinters of shells had increased. Here a roof off, there a corner of a house taken away, and whorever a shell eplintors of shell, even of the size of a marble. had been driven through nine inch brick walis, and I convinced myself by examination. When roof was blown off, and frequently the front of the dwelling in addition.

The gas works had been vigorously shelled, and the large, crumpled-up gasometer, bit and fired, looked a melancholy object. A smaller gasometer had been missed, but the shell or splinters had bent one of the legs or supports about the middle, while the slates of the works had been stripped by the force of the

A quarter-of-a-mile further the chimneys of the glass-works had formed a target for the raiders' guns, and a substantial gap had been taken one of the corner of a large square chimney. In the line of fire one or two houses had been wrecked. The electricity works and waterworks had also suffered seriously.

Approaching the Free Library, a large and handsome building, it was seen that the facule and part of the roof had been shot away, and most of the windows smashed, and the surrounding property showed the usual evidence of the explosion.

the direction of the Parish Church of East Hartlepool (St. Hilds), standing on the hignest part of the town-on a promontory nearly sucrounded by the sea. Mention may be made here that the lighthouse stands within two minutes' walk of the church, and near the lighthouse is the so-called fort. Tais accounts in part for the destruction which soon became patent to the sightseer. By the time the takers. The ashes of the decessed gentieman the windows were out, or boarded up. The 23; A. E. Walker. 21; Mrs Foster, 28; Wm. were sung by Mrs F. Watson, Mrs R. Brigna latter belong the List Gallo, or Erse: the will be privately deposited in the Church of Huss. A she'l had pierced the roof of the old Rooten Caulto : and the Many, or Gastic of the England company this menting (Wednesday), Parisa Church, bearing a large jagged hole, and Paries Church, bearing a large jagged hole, and doubtless inflicting much damage inside. Perhaps the Baptist Church was the worst example of what the guns could do. A shell had entered at the front, knocking two windows into one, and nearly smashing in the centre Under the enspices of the Eggleston War Rotief Fund Commister, a successful concert gable, white a big square of ceiling was hang-was given by local artistes in Eggleston ing down, partly covering the aperture like a ing down, partly covering the aperture like curtaic. But the shell continued its devastating career, complete y tearing the organ out of its place, and sending some of the large woodon pipes through the back window The shell itself, or a large portion of it, has passed through the wail of the church at the roar, and wrecked a house a hundred vards

> Another church had a shell through the roof alike to the Gormans. The workhouse did not

Turning to the left we saw the rectory rains. The aged rector was in had when the with his life. The roof was blown off, the windows thrust out, ceilings torn and smeshed, and the place will have to be rebuilt. Further along the street, two doors away, a missile had burst on the first floor in the drawing-room, and the whole house front had been blown int veteran Mr J. W. Walker; trio - Three old the leaden top had been crushed, and lay on naids of Lea-Misses Jennie Redfoarn, May the floor. The beam which maintains the head Redfearn, and Eden Brown : French anthem - of the window had been smashed in two pieces.

It was here I met a young clergyman, who shell went through the room. When he went into the street, in the space near St. Hilda's T. W. Lamb; dust-Country courtesip-Miss | Church, he saw what he described as a most fact, the scene was too horrifying for verbal Mr R. Wall, Beggarthwaite, Eggleston 0

In a line with the fort many houses had louse, was untouched, save for a broken page in the lantern. It was near this point that the soldiers and Territorials were killed Mr W. Wilson, Grove House, Staindrop 0 while watching the gun-fire.

The stories told were grussome. One female with her baby in her arms, when a flying piece of shell blew the child's head completely off A man told me his nephew picked up a hand, and at another place an ear of an unfortunate went through his ward, and in the next ward a large piece of shell doubled up the bed of a man who had vacated it only a few moments praviously.
To show the utter senselessness of the

shooting, without any military object, the ships deliberately fired at the engineering works of Messrs Richardson, Westgarth, and Company, with the result that seven men were killed. The works are half-an-hour's run from the fort at to other side of West Hardepool, and the sole aim of the Germans was wanton destruction. As I was on my way to the station, a funeral of one of the victims passed me. There had been forty buried the day chapter xxxiii., verse 25. He gave an address to me. There had been forty buried the day the children on kindness. In the evening Mr previous, so the elergyman told me, and every head was bared as the mournful procession passed on its way to the cemetery. And England would be what Belgium is to-day, if our enemy had his way.

Smith's Rovers (Barnard Castle) defeated Stainton by 8 goals to 2, on Boxing Day, at Stainton.

War Items.

Local Soldiers' Christmas Day Entertainment.

The soldiers of the 17th Durnam Light Infantry were regaled with plum pudding on Christmas Day by the people of Barnard Castle and neighbourhood, and, as many of the battalion as were in the town, attended divine service at St. Mary's Church, the Wesleyan Church, and St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. In the evening a really enjoyable miscellaneous entertainment took place in the Victoria Hall, the first house being packed t the door, and the second house exceedingly well attended .- The Chairman of the War Emergency Committee, at the opening of the proceedings, gave a short address. He said that political strife in the state was hushed, and every Briton was concerned about the war and the safety of the motherland. Kitchener, in whore hands was control the work of military organization, had asked for nore men, and to a certain extent they witnessed the result of that appeal in the large number of healthy young mon they saw before them that night. Their colletment was to their everlasting credit, and he hoped that it would be to their pleasure and joy, in after life, that they reflected on the patriotic fact of having joined the colours in the hour of their country's need. He implosed them not to look upon this war too chesply, and asked them all to realise that they all belonged to an empire which was worth preserving. (Applause). The been told the best way to see the damage was | Chairman announced that there would be no encores, and the programme proceeded, the first item being a fine display of pictures by people, but the sights left no doubt as to what Mr France. Then followed a negro song with had happened the day of the bombardment. In banjo accompaniments—Mr J. J. Walker: Mr Fracce. Then followed a negro song with the main alreet, may the station, boarded-up duet, and song, and dance-Misses Raine; song -Mr J. Brown; song, in character-Mr W reached. Along the tram route the signs Richardson; recital-Miss Madge Appleby; The Relief of Lucknow-band. The second part consisted of song-Drinking-Mr F. had burst every window within 200 yards was Nevison; duet Excelsior Mrs Tom Borrow-shattered, and in the immediate vicinity dale and Mr Woodhams; song and dance Misses Raige; recital-Miss Madge Appleby song-Admiral's broom-afe C. Watson, request, "The Relief of Lucknow" a shell expluded on a house, invariably the replayed by the band. Then followed and excellent display of war pictures by Mr. brance, and finally, God save the King. The band was under the leadership of Mr F. C. Dalgarne, and the instrumentalists were:-Mr F. C. Dalgarno, Mr T. Berry, Mr J. Hunter, Mr G. Stainsby, Mr Peuman, Mr T. Borrowdale Mr H. Ward, Master E. College, Mrs Robinson, and Miss Stringby. The band played exceedingly well. The committee responsible for the programme were : - Mrs Tom Borrowdale, Mr G. Burt, and Mr J. Brown.

Lunedale and Kelton and the War Fund.

The following are the amounts collected in Lunedale and Kalton for our soldiers and sallors fighting for the empire: -J. K. Dent, 22; W. Laugataff, £1 ; Jus. Raine, £1 ; M. and E. Pinkney, 21; R. Sunter, 10s; Mrs Santer, 10s; M. J. Breckinfield, 10s; J. Wearmouth 10s ; J. Kipling, 10s ; Thes. H. Sowerby, 10s ; A. Collinson, 10s ; T. Dent, 10s ; Wm. Bell, 10s ; Leaving the train at the terminus, we took G. W. Bainbridge, 10s; J. Sokeid, 10s; T. Collinson, 10s; G. Collinson, 10s; J. A. Collinson, 10s; J. Smith, 10s; Wm. Collinson, 10s; J. Brown, 10s; I. Bayles, 5s; R. Bayles, 5s; Miss Cruickshank 5s; T. Sayor. 5s; Mr. Poscock, 5s; J. and J. Coatsworth, 5s; Mrs. Addison, 3s 6d; J. Poscock, 2s 6d; J. Hunt. 2s 6d; B. Smedley, 2364; J. Sauderson, 256d; G. H. Atkinson, 20 6d; G. Raine, 28 6d; A. Dent, 2, 6d; Mits church was reached an unrocfed house was a Dant, 2s 6d; Mrs Dowson, 2s 6s; J. Smith, innecess concert was given in the chapel, under common sight, just as a whole pane of window 2s 6d; Mrs Smith, 2s 6d; G. White, 2s 6d; G. the presidency of the Rev. W. Summer. The glass was an uncommon one. Indeed many of Dent, 2s 6d; H. Wasson, 2s 6d; E. A. Watson, choir contributed several items, and songs

Eggleston Agricultural Society.

total, £18 1s 6d.

1; Mrs Foster, 2s; Ada Lincoln, 1s; T. Rob-

As the show has been abandoned this year, the following members have paid their subscriptions as usual, to be handed over to the Prince of Wales' National Relief-Sund :-The Right Hon. the Lord Barnard, Raby Castle
Mr W. J. Watson, Spring Lodge,
Barcard Castle Mr H. E. Abbott, Liverpool and Mr J. S. Holmer, The Back, Barnard The Rev. S. G. Bea!, Romaldkirk ... 0 10 The Rev. Beaumont Johnson, Eggleston 0 5 Mr T. W. Beadle, Quebec-terrace,

Mr W. Dent, Naby View, Lartington 0 Mr J. W. Done, Raymond House, Barnard Castle ... Mr G. V. Tacu, Hayberties, Mickleton 0 Mr H. Page, Balder Grange, Cotherston 0 Mr Parkin Lamb, Doe Park, Ootherston 0 MrWm. Birkett, West Park, Cotherston 0 Mr M. Raine, Gordon View, Eggleston Mr J. Allison, Egglesburn ... 0 Mr Thos. Robiuson, Ornally, Eggleston 0 Mr F. Hall, Brown Jug, Kinniavie ... 0 Mr Wm, Dowson, butcher, Mickleton 0 Mr Wm. Parkin, Shepherds' Lodge,

Mr J. W. Stokee, Eggleston ... Mr F. Watson, Eggleston Me Ed. Robinson, Low Shipley, Cotherston 0

Mr N. H. Coates, Hinden, Woodland Mr I. Waiton, Bolly House, Eggleston 0 Mr J. Hind, Lonton, Middleton Mr R Thompson, Eggleston ...

Mr J H. C. Wall, Three Tuns Ion, Eggleston Mr H. Beadle, Moor View, Eggleston Mr O. Monkhouse, Cowshill, Woardalo 0 5 Wr T. Alderson, Montalbo-terrace. Barnard Castle Mr R. Gill, Lartington Green

T. Heimer, Wilden Grange, Romaldkirk J. W. Dent, Stanhope Gate, Middleton R. W. Lowes, blacksmith, Mickleton Mr J. Lowe, Foggarthwaite, Eggleston 0 5

Total The total sum has been forwarded by Mr J. Helmer to the above fund.

Serious Railway Accident to Miss Violet Colbeck. We regret to state that a serious accident

of al Miss V. Colbeck, daughter of Mr C. I. Colbeck, chemist, Bank, Barnard Castle, on Monday night. Miss Colbook, who is in the employ of Mr Adamson, contractor, Gainford s a clerk, was, as it appears, talking to some friends at Gainford station. When the train moved out she missed her footing, and feil, it is stated, between the platform and the moving carriages. She sustained severe injuries to her leg, and was conveyed to Darlington Greenbank Hospital by Mr Adamson, where it was found necessary to amputate her leg.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Mickleton Primitive Methodists held their annual " special " during Christmas week-end. On Friday afternoon thore was a sale of work, the opening cormacny being performed by Mrs Pettler, of Middleton. A public tea and supper were also provided, and an entertainment was given by local artistes. - On Saturday night Mr Jos. Raine's popular concert party ora Middleton gave a capital concert to a large compacy, which was presided over by hir J. W. Kattlewell, of Romaldkirk. Mrs R. Wrightson was the accompanist. - Special services were held on Sunday, Mesars J. Watson and J. W. Kettlewell being the several preachers.

The presentation of the Free School Charity

money at the Council School has developed

into quite a popular event with the scholars

and parents as well. It takes place annually at the breaking-up for the Christmas holidays, and on Wednesday afternoon there was a good attendance. The elder scholars arranged the following programme, which was well rendered: -Chorus -Rule Britachia-by the girls; solo -The minstre! bey-Annie Morton; recitation-S. Walton; duett-F. Thompson and A. Morton; school song-by the children; recitation-A Anderson; solo-F. Thompson; trio-The soldier's farewell-three girls; school song; duett-Larboard wat Wilton and D. Ward : recitation-L. Walton : duett-H. Collisson and A. Morton; school gong ; and recitation-Annie Harrison. The Rev. W. F. Yates Rooker (rector) addressed the gathering, and Mr James Watson presented the money prizes. The committee this year have increased the number, making in all

Middleton Mechanics' Institute Christmas billiard handicap terminated last week. The prizes were, as usual, numerous, having been mostly contributed by friends. The following were the first four prize-winners :- Mesere Jos Bell, Thompson Grieve, George Bell (Hill), and Robert Grieve.

eight scholarships. The winners were Connie

Thompson, Lily Nixon, George Sadgwick, W.

Waltor, Ambrose Redfearn, T. W. Watson,

Marion Horr, and Elsis Gill.

Forest Wesleyans colebrated their usual Christmas festival on Friday evening, when a concert was given by Mr Jos. Raine's party, of Middleton, consisting of Mrs Forrest, Misses Hall, Forcest, A. Morton, M. J. Dickeon, and F. Dickson, Mesers J. Morton and Raine. Mr P. Bondle presided over a fair attendance. Supper was afterwards served .- On Saturday night Mr T. Wallace and party, of Woodland, gave one of their popular concerts, and also took part in the Sunday services, which were well attended.

The picture hall at Middleton was well paironised last week-end, when some excellent films were screened. The pictures, entitled Tae wreck" and "Thrown to the lions, carried with them good lessons. "Love and dynamite "and " Tiny Tim's New Year's party' were amongst the really humorous pictures

Middleton Baptist Christmas festival was again attended with success. A sale of work took place on Friday afternoon, a public tea being provided in the Assembly Hall. An open meeting was hold at night, at which address were given by the Revs. W. Maynard, of Newcastle; and C. Pettler and W. Summer, of Middleton. The sunual supper was afterwards served, music being supplied by a special orchestra. - On Saturday evening a miscel-Sameron, 2s; Tore. Sell, 2s; G. W. Cameron, and Mr W. Thompson. A quartette was 21; Mrs Foster, 21; Ads Liecoln, 1s; T. Rob-icson, 1s; J. T. Sowerby, 1s; J. Jackson, 1s; and Messrs R. Robinson and S. Pinkney. Mr Mrs Gibson, 1s; Mrs McChue, 1s; J. Sowerby, and Mrs Brigant sang a duett, and clarionette 1s; T. Smedley, 1s; J. A. Raine, 1s; solos were given by Mr J. J. Thompson. Miss H. Dobsen gave a reading. On Sunday morning and evening the Rev. W. Summer was the chosen preacher. In the afternoon there was a young people's corvice. The choir and quartette party contributed special pieces. Solos were also rendered by Mrs W. Pinkney, of Redcar, The Sunday scholars gave recitations and dialogues, and sang in excellent style. Miss L. Pinkney ably officiated at the organ at the various gutherings, the choir contributing selected music.

> The death took piace at the residence of her brother (Mr Jonsthan Hunt, of Lane Side, Middleton), on Saturday last, at the advanced age of 87 years, of Mrs Margaret Wilkinson, who was a very devout lady, and always sympathetic towards all religious movements. She spent many years at Richmond. The interment took place yesterday.-On Monday sen, the merest remains of the late Mis Jane Temple, of Newbiggin, were consigned to their last reating-place in Middleton churchyard amidst every manifestation of respect. The deceased indy was 88 years of age. At a recent birthday party given by the late Mrs Temple there were present Mr Watson, Mrs Gargate, Mirs Boadle, and Mr W. Boadle, whose ages were respectively 75, 85, 86, and 86 years. The combined age of the party was 414 years. This speaks wall for the longevity of Tecsdale pecple.

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

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Silver Wedding.

HALL: HARRISON.-At the Register Office, Barnard Castle, on the 30th December, 1889, Jonathan Hall to Margarot Jane Harrison Present address: 71, Buddle Road, Beawell, Newcastle-on-Type.

Marriage.

WOLSEY: WOODHAMS. - At the Parish Church, Barnard Castle, on December 29th, 1914, by license, by the Rev. H. Bircham, Company Quarter-master Sergeaut S. G. Wolsey, 1st Royal Irish Fusiliers, on active service, to Dora Woodbams, second daughter of the late Sergeant G. Woodhams and Mrs Woodhams, of 6, Ware-street, Barnard Castle. Geaths.

WEIGHTON.-At Barnard Castle, on December 25th, suddenly, of pneumonis, Harry Weighton, M.D., aged 47 years. The funeral was on Tuesday, December 29th. The cortege left Deepdale View, at 11 a.m., for Darlington Crematorium at 1-45, Friends will kindly

ACKSON.-At Barnard Castle, on December 27th, aged 79 years, Barbara Jackson. Was interred on Tuesday, December 29th, at the bissenters' Cometery.

accept this the only intimation.

ORTON.-At Corner House, Eggleston, on December 29th, aged 71 years, Jane Morton, the wife of the late John Morton. Interred at Eggleston, on Friday, January 1st, at 3

Return Thanks.

IR METCALF and MR and MISS LEE vish to thank all kind friends and neighbours for their touching expressions of sympathy ih their recent sad beresvement.

MRS WILKINSON and FAMILY desire to return thanks for kind enquiries and sympathy shown to them during their recent