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GERMAN REVENCE. s the tenth day of the

nation has come direct of battle, there are the Allies have done people can await with report that Sir John a fine strategist, must . It is believed that nck's army is once more tened, and evidence t the Allies' plan of rking to their profit, ent an emphatic protest Kaiser on the subject of the cathedral at counts maintain that no conceivable excuse dment, and that the ne historic building was wanton. A ghastly man revenge is reported. llages in the neighboureville and Givet have burned. Herve and n completely destroyed. resisted, and inflicted n the Germans. The commandeered fifty the German dead. After

took them four days, eted, they were ordered The Germans made dge of it, and then shot e two remaining had to earth on their fellowere then taken off as

AND OTHER OTES.

A. Lavery, who since a been warrant officer of the al. Reserve Battalion the planter (Barnard Castle given a commission as 2nd "Faithful Durhams" of the

n, B.A. (Oxon), son of the Casale, is gazetted, this id licutenancy in the 6th Light Infantry. rass tablet erected to the

te Mr Ergest Barker, of as placed in Forest Church

or the Middle End Moors, and show of birds, and the good bags. wart, son of the Rector of

ed the new 10th Battalion lantry as second liautenant, in camp preparatory to nt at Aidershot, this week,

ting of the Barnard Castle Wednesday, the six days' ense of Mr James Hope, of Hall, Cockfield, was renewed Bench declining to consider as to the Sunday opening of

milton was the guest of the ldkirk during his visit to

Gall, late of Barelay's Buk, is now sergeant in the 7th Royal Riffes, which is one stantry regiments, and is theim Barracks, Aldershot. th, every week. Recruits to Aldershot by thousands, m can be seen drilling in the rush being so great that ave not been able to provide

is in the 1st Battalion of and, since he j stood, three we been formed. They start morning, and finish at five at three nights a week they ations till about nine, when dy for "lights out," which

mily reasons Miss Mosey d to give up her school at o order that she may reside New York. A representa-Day Schools Company has days here, and efforts are to sed that it will be a great r many residents to have to lers to school by train.

Darlington, speaking in nt, Darlington, speaking as urday night, said the response the country's call had grown to thirty of the best recruits, few hours, and they had seat as representing Weardale and day, ninety-three men of fine the Border Regiment.

n Missionary Society

rs of Caste in India.

vices associated with prayers of the world answered, and the world open to evangeliatio effort to send labourers unto the kin sang a lyric in Indian kin sang a lyric in Indian aid there were many gods in tour. - Mr Hockle remarked liet said the great things liter.—Mr Hockin reblings
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there were God, duty and
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courding to Indian philosophy,
the bounded of the court of the cour

gate Mission.

aridge preached in the above ay afternoon, and Mr J. W. untoo, preached at night-lintor, preached at night-porter; organist:

Local War Notes. CORTABLE UNDERGLOTHING FOR

CARE FOR OUR TERRITORIALS. and Work by the Ladles' Association.

OUR OWN RECIMENT.

other morning, at the vicarage, by invior representative bad an opportunity hing the piles of goods, surmounted by Jobs, which the members of the Ladies' on and others had prepared for our and for the sick and wounded in Certainly the warmest thanks are the christian women whose work was on d who have laboured so cheerfully and all for our brave troops, whose heroism alient facts are noteworthy—the speed the the ladies have moved, and the high-character of the material used, together the inherent excellence of the work itself.
is could surpass the quality and apparent
wilty of the shirts and socks especially, is quite certain that this noble band and the care and willing workers will be tythanked by the recipients as the colder and days approach. The list of articles comprehensive as it is utilitarian:—140 d shirts, 20 Nightingales, 6 pyjamas, 60 lickets, 82 white night shirts, 14 flannel thirts, 4 flannel shirts specially for the shirts, 17 flannel helmets, 70 pairs of socks, 1 pairs of the socks. A number of small include handkerchiefs and books, and, this veritable stack of goods, there is rest pillows and 20 splint beds, all carbeiled tow, and more than 100

of exposised tow, and m ro than 100 ags and other requisites for the sick.
Ladies' Association are dividing the ladies' Association are dividing the sights between the Sixth Battallon as light Infantry (Territorials), and the Battallon Durham Light Infantry all Roserve). The Territorials, it is sight, are most in need, hence the larger will go to them. Hospital requisites, diez night shirts, bandages, rest pillows, whate and things like these they are gkots, and things like these they are to the Red Cross at Devenshire House, ibuted where most needed. Some gunded have gone to Newcastle, but es' Association have heard that the hithere is already well equipped. At a egen Thursday morning to was voted to for soldiers' sucks, because they had that they were greatly in need of them, m are asked by Mrs Bircham-whose spui is in the work, very many members damily being in the navy and army—to at any ladies who are wishful to go on shirts and knitting socks can, by iga post-card, be supplied with cut-out and wool. The expert cutters meeting carage are very smart. Later particmy that the Girl Guides and Mrs Dawson are especially thanked for hospital requisites and numerous and many others have also sent gitts. and socks are still coming in. The misi recruits are in especial need of iss, and the local depot is the vicarage, name have already been received, and batonce forwarded.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT. that Barnard Castle has Done.

Patails of Subscriptions and Gifts. I Ingram Dawson, the honorary my of the War Emergency Committee, and us to publish a report, the result of his put forth in various ways to help to ent time :- Amount acknowledged last milected by the War Emergency o for various objects -£150 2s. 11d. ; atributed to the Soldiers and Sailors Association (local branch-Mr B. Wells, honorary secretary)-£40; ollected by the Ladies' Committee M. Harby Holmes, honorary secretary) 18.3d.; total-2272 4s. 2d. There is and in this sum 25 worth of material from imard Castle Co-operative Society. The have purchased material, and the mis and hospital requirements made, and misstances gives, are as follows: -20 ingales, 6 pairs of pyjamas, 60 bed jackets, its night shirts, 14 flaunch night shirts, its night shirts, its pairs of shirts for the bled, 27 flaunch helmets, 2 hot water about 7 pairs of heel-less socks, 9 ad bed socks, 82 pairs of socks, 70 splint the state of the Red Cross Society. The last, etc., have been divided batween the Cross Society. The last, etc., have been divided batween the Cross Society, the 4th Durham Light Rulls at the 5th Durham Light Light the 5th Durham Light Ligh atry, and the 6th Durham Light Infantry

DAY (English) : ZUM TAG (German). Agnificent Peem by Mr Henry Chappell,

the " Bath Railway Post." tallet of this magnificent poem is Mr Henry Chappell, any poter at Bath. Mr Chappell is known to his said as the "Bath Railway Poet." A poem such as assertedly lifts him to the rank of a national poet.

the Day, and you toasted the Day, braggart, and coward all, ell, or the " white arm's " fall, eed poor humans be The Day, you lied for the Day, the Day's red spleen.
In asked God's aid Divine, id his seas with the ghastly mine; waters of all the Ithine thy foul hands clean. d for the Day, you schemed for the Day; the Day will go. wn for the Day, you have grown for the Day;

groans and the awful cries? the heap of slain that lies. sturned to the flame-split skies eyes of the dead? uged for the Day, you have longed for the Day to you that hill and plain s of dead men amid the grain : a mourn for their loved ones slain, curse thy name.

Day there's a price to pay ave mocked for many a day— ar what He has to say : a Mine, I will repay." ou say to God ?

Pointed out that "Zum Tag" ("To the Day", me toast of the German Army.—Ed.]

Non Beck and the National Relief Fund.

mount of 212 0s. 6d., which was left in ds of the Langdon Beck show committee banded over to the National Relief use in the county of Durham.-A of the committee was convened on light by Mr Thos. A. Walton, as chair-Langdon Beck Hotel. There was a present.-The question was and the Chairman proposed, and Mr | words of encouragement, and feelingly alluded to the above fund.—This was agreed to making in its effort to stand up for justice modely.—Langdon Beck show has not and humanity, and its determination to uphold held to teld for six years.—The sum of 22 10s. in face of all obstacles the liberty of small and placed in the hands of Mr T. that they would return home after the war, having fulfilled their duty nobly to King and the county of Durham.

Seemed to the Dawson said that entertainments time.—Mr Dawson said that entertainments which were projected should be held under the auspices of that committee.

A REMARKABLE PROPHECY.

THE WAR OF 1914 PREDICTED IN 1854.

This prophecy, made at Mayence, announces the Fall of Germany and of Austria-Hungary in 1914 7 There is in Germany a famous prophecy. It is called "The Prophecy of Mayence," and

dates from 1854 It comprises eighteen verses of prediction, of which the first nine have have been fulfilled in the most remarkable manner. Here are the verses: 1. When the little people of the Oder shall feel themselves strong enough to shake off the

sprouting from the cars their King William shall march against Austria. 2. They will have victory upon victory up to the gates of Vienna, but a word from the great Emperor of the West shall make the herces tremble on the field of victory, and the barley shall not be gathered in until he bas signed the peace, shaken off the yoke, and

returned triumphantly to his country.

8. But at the gathering in of the fourth barley and that of the oats, a dreadful sound of war shall call the harvesters to arms. A formidable army, followed by an extraordinary number of engines of war that hell alone could have invented, shall start towards the West. 4. Woe to thee, great nation, woe to you who have abandoned the rights divine and human.

The God of Battles has foreaken you; who will succour you? 5. Napoleon III., mocking his adversary at first, shall soon turn back towards the "Chene-Populenx," where he shall disappear never to

6. In spite of the heroic resistance of France. a multitude of soldiers, blue, yellow, and black, shall scatter themselves over a great part of France. 7. Alsace and Lorraine shall be carried away

from France for a period and balf a period.

S. The French shall only take courage again as against each other.

9. Wos to thee, great city, wes to thee, city of vice! Fire and sword shall succeed 10. Courage, faithful souls, the reign of the dark shadow shall not have time to execute all its schemes.

11. But the time of mercy approaches. A prince of the nations is in your midst. 12. It is the man of salvation, the wise, the invincible, he shall count his enterprizes by

his victories. 13. He shall drive out the enemy of France be shall march to victory on victory, antil the day of divine justice. 14. That day he shall command seven kinds

of soldiers against three to the quarter of Bouleaux between Ham, Woerl, and Padderborn. 15. Wos to thee, people of the North, thy seventh generation shall answer for all thy orimes. Woe to thee, people of the East, thou shalt spread afar the cries of affliction and innocent blood. Never shall such an army be

16. Three days the sun shall rise upwards on the heads of the combatants without being seen through the clouds of smoke 17. Then the commander shall get the victory; two of his enemies shall be annihilated, the remainder of the three shall fly

towards the extreme East. 18. William, the second of the name, shall be the last King of Prussia. He shall have no other successors save a King of Poland, a King of Hanover, and a King of Saxony.

All the first part of this prophecy up to the ninth verse inclusive is varified by the war of 1866, then by that of 1870, and then by the Commune of 1871. Hear are the last nine verses :

10. Courage, French patriots, cannot carry out its schemes of supremiey. 11. The time of retalistion approaches Tsar shall come in the milst of you to seal the alliance 12. That is the man of salvation.

13. He shall chase the enemy of France, he shall conquer Germany until it is completely 14. The last battle on the field of Bouleaux. hear to Padderborn, in Wastphalis, shall rounite allied peoples [Franch, Belgians, English, Dutch, Russians Japanese, and Servizus] against three [Germans, Austrians and

Hungarians 15. Wos to thee, Prussis, thy seventh generation shall answer for the wars theu hast made upon all the people. [Seven generations make 30 years × 7-210 years. The realm of Prussia dates from 1713. The seventh generation is, then, living between 1893 and Woe to thee, Austria! Never such a

16. It shall last three days in the smoke of the configration. 17. Finally Prussis and Austria shall be annihilated. Hungary shall fly towards the extreme East [of Europe].
18. William II. shall be the last King of Prussia, Gormany and Austria shall form three realms: Poland, Hanovor, and Saxeny.

battle shall have taken place.

to a triumphal fulfilment.-Referee.

The little British Army is at present

ougaged in assisting the Prophecy of Mayence

Help for the Belgian Refugees. To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." SIR,-Will you allow me, through your columns, to make an appeal to the inhabitants of Baroard Castle—indeed of Teesdale—for help for the Belgian refugees? Thousands have come over to England, the majority having only the clothes they travelled in. They have lest all, their homes have been plundered and burnt, they themselves robbed and maltreated, and often their dearest relatives taken and shot before their eyes, while in many cases the breadwinner is fighting the nuspeakable Germans, or has laid down his life for his country. It is an outrage upon humanity that such a quiet, peace-loving, thrifty people should be treated in this fashion by the "cultured" Gormans for having dared to defend their fatherland. But we in Eegland owe the Belgians a large debt of gratitude for the gallant stand they made. debt. I want (1) money, (2) clothes either new or worr, but the latter must be clean. (3) boots, (4) toys for the children. I will undertake to see that whatever is sent to me is forwarded to the Belgian Refugees' Committee. A gentleman has given me the first parcel of clothing. Who will send the second ?-Yours H. WALKER. Chairman of the War Emergency Committee. 20th September, 1914.

St. Mary's Church Choir and the War. As showing the fine martial spirit which animating the young men in our locality, it will be interesting to our readers to learn that four members of the above choir have enlisted for active service. Messrs Harry Parkin, Alfred Blankinsopp, and Wilfred Dont have joined the Public School Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers, and will proceed to Epsom for training. Mr Frederick Watson will be associated with the Sixth Battalion Durbam Light Infantry.—On Sunday evening, after the service, the Vicar (Rev. H.W.H. Bircham) spoke to the great sacrifices the country was scribed by the miners and cartmen states. In conclusion, the Vicar wished the

Soldiers and Sailors Families' Local Relief Fund.

Ovation for Mrs J. J. Bell-I-ving. The Wycliffe Electric Picture Hall, Barnard Castle, was crowded on Friday night last, when a special show of pictures took place in aid of the rollef fund for our soldiers and sailors' familles at Barnard Castle. The exhibition was of a very high order of merit. -Mrs J. J. Bell-Irving occupied the chair.
-The Vicar (the Rev. H. Bircham) said he had been asked to introduce Mrs Bell-Irving, but it was quite unnecessary to do so, as that lady was well known in the town and district, for the assistance she was always ready to render yoke of their protector, and when the barley is in connection with any good work.-Mrs Bell-Irving, who was vociferously applanded by the crowded audience, made an interesting

and elequent little speech, in the course of which she said that the Soldiers and Sellors Families' Association, for the benefit of which that entertainment was belog held, sesisted the families of our sailors and troops in no charitable way, but from a sense of duty and gratitude. The members of this excellent association helped not only in a monetary way, but by visiting and advising the families of the soldiers and sailors, and by showing them that they had sympathetic friends.—The Vicar proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Mrs Ball-Irving for her patronage, to Mr Richardson, the preprietor, for so kindly allowing the proceeds to be given to the association, to the perator, to the ticket-sellers, and also to Mr Dent, who had been indefatigable in making the various arrangements.-Mr Hanby Holmes seconded, and the vote was carried with enthusiasm .- The sum of £8 4s, after expanse had been paid, was banded over to Mrs H. C. Watson on behalf of the local branch of the

Barningham and Newsham Roll of Monour.

Soldiers and Sailors Families' Association.

The names of the young men who have joined the new Reserve Territorial Battalion, 4th Prince of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment (Green Howards) which is being raised by Lieut-Colonel Wharton, of Skelton Castle, Northalierton, are from Barningham, James Peacock and Thomas Blades; and Newsham, Christopher Johnson, George Peacock, Raymond Butmor, and James Maude Others from Barningham have calisted into

Red Cross Work: Startforth and **Bowes Contribution.**

Colonel Essen gratefully acknowledged 25 pairs of hand-knitted socks from Startforth and Bowes last week, a previous consignment having been sent from Rokeby and Brignal of shirts and socks. Lady Bell also acknowledged shirts and socks from Bowes and Rokeby, and she is now asking for beimels. Tois week, in response to the appeal of Colonel Harry lowerby, D.SO, the Red Cross workers of Rokeby, Brignal, and Bowes have sent 24 shirts. 8 pairs of hand-knitted socks, and 6 pairs of machine-made, to the Fourth Durham Light

Local Veteran's View of the War.

DEAR SIR, - Since writing an appeal to the men of Teesdale, which appeared in your issue of the 2nd inst, in which I stated that we were The masterly retrest of the Allies to positions Berlin-there to capitulate on terms which the allied forces have made it possible to exact. The terms of espitu ation must be so far-reaching that it will be impossible for Germany to recuperate and indulge in Prussian militarism within the next handred years. The men of Teesdale must help in making this pessible. The allied forces must be so large that the terms of peace at the finish of the war, however stringent, will be bumbly accepted by Garmany and Austria. The War Lord must be obliterated. There is a grand outlook for the allied forces, who will be bailed as the saviours of the freedom of the peoples of Europe. - Yours faithfully, Willelam COATES.
Rokeby Villa, Startforth, Barnard Castle, Alma Day, September 20th, 1914.

Meeting of the Local War Emergency Committee.

A meeting of the above committee was held on Wednesday night, in the Council chamber. Barnard Castle, under the presidency of Mr Harry Walker. There were also present Misses Walton, Firth, Dickin, and Scarre, and Meesrs W. Coates, J. R. Arrowsmith, J. E. Dent R. B. Morton, R. Boardman, W. Emerson, C. H. Welford, M. D., W. Waine, R. Waine, J. S. Helmer, C. Hadley, F. Wilson, T. Thompson, W. J. Bain bridge, G. Buet, J. Wiseman, J. Guy, J. H. Dunn, W Hodgson, J. I. Dawson, and J. J. Walker .- Mr Emerson moved that a schedule be prepared of all the war distress organizations that are in existence in the town, together with the names of the persons who are responsible for them and of the purposes for which they exist, and how the money they have collected is to be distributed .- Mr Dawson: As directed at the last meeting, I wrote to two associations in the town, but, so far, I have had no reply. I asked for the amounts that had been collected, so that they could be published in the "Teasdale Mercury."-The Chairman : This committee will be a committee for raising money, not so much as for distribution .- Mr Dawson : The Parochial Committee will have the distribution of the fund which is allotted to Durham county from the Prince of Wales's Fund .- Dr. Welford: Then the root ides of the proposition adopted by the public meeting is in itself lost, having been overborne by the County Council. That being so, does it not resolve itself into something like a farce ? -- Mr Thompson : I would like to recommend that we have a sub-committee formed for entertainments, seeing that this committee is formed for the purpose of raising want Barnard Castle's instalment of the money .- Dr. Welford; This Parochial Committee of the County Council alone deals with the Prince of Walea's Fund ?-Mr Dawson: The soldiers and sailors have their own association. and their own secretary and treasurer, and they deal on very strict lines with applications that come before them .- The Chairman : It will be necessary for the Parachial Committee to know what the Soldiers and Sailors Branch is doing, otherwise there will be overlapping. -Mr Dawson said the Prioce of Wales's Fund had given £150,000 to the Soldiers and Sailors Families' Association, and they will deal entirely with persons coming under that category .- Miss Walton suggested that as there was no immediate distress in the town beyond the list being dealt with by the branch of the Soldiers and Sailors Families' Association, it would be prudent to suspend collecting at all events for the protent. - A long explanatory statement by Mr J. I. Dawson followed, and eventually Dr. Welford seconded Mr Emerson's motion, which was supported by Mr Wiseman, and adopted .- Mr Hedley pointed to possible distress outside soldiers and sailors' families, and favoured a purely local committee to deal with people whose employment had been curtailed or stopped. Such committees existed in Durham and Bishop Auckland .- Dr. Welford moved, and Mr Wiseman seconded that the meeting be adjourned for a fortnight, which motion was carried, Mr Coates adding that to

Letter from the Battlefield: Local Man and the Sights he Sees.

Sapper Hunter, of the Fourth Field Troop Royal Engineers, writing to his sister at Barnard Castle, says: "It does not look as if this war will be over as soon as some people expected. I can tell you we are at it day and ight. We don't get above three hours' sleep a day. We had a big battle on Thursday. The weather is intensely hot. I saw our Bob on Thursday, and he told me he had seen a lot of the Durhams. He saw Bob Chatt and Hewitt but not Warwick or Patterson. We almost live on fruit. It is a pitiable sight to see the people leaving their homes. We meet thousands apon thousands of them on the road every day. It is an swful spectacle. You know the German burn every village they come to, and they shoot prisoners. They have not got enough food for themselves, never mind us."

Patriotic Meeting at Bowes.

The Vicer (the Ray, H. Straker) presided vor a largely attended meeting on Monday night, supported by Lord Frederic Hamilton he Rev. A. C. Headlam, D.D. Mr James Headaw, and the Rev. S G. Beal and others. Lord Frederic and the Messra Headlam delivered stirring patrictic speeches, giving a clear iosight of Germany's settled aggressive pelicy with regard to this country, and the herrible barbarities perpetrated by their drucken and brutal hordes in Belgium.

Langleydale School List of Subscribers for the Prince of Wales' National

Relief Fund. We have collected during the wonth from 102 persons. The first list down to the total shows the amount collected for the week ending 19th inst., and the second the amount subscribed by each person during the four weeks the fund has been in existence. £8 10s has been forwarded in addition to £1 from the Mission service in the above school, making in all 29 10s. Miss Aisable (M), 6d.—1s.: Miss Auton (M), 64.-61.; Mr Juo. Boadlo (K), 6d.-2s. ; Mr G. Roll (M), 2s. -4s. 6d.; Mrs G. Bell (BS), 21,-24.; Mr J. H. Porter (M), 18-21. 6d.;

The masterly retrest of the Allies to positions in the vicinity of Paris has resulted in the retreat of the German bordes before the allied forces. The Germans must be forced back to Sen, 64.—1s. 63.—2s. 6d.; Mrs Thompson. 3d.—

Turnbull, 1s., 63.—2s. 6d.; Mrs Thompson. 3d.—

C. Knox, secretary, the Missions to Seamen, 18.33.; Mr W. Wilson (GH), 1s. 61.-1s. 63.; 11, Buckingham-street, Strand, London, W.C. Mr Jno. Wilson, 1s -1s. 6d.; Mrs Jos. Wilson, to whom contributions may be sent; or to Mr 64.—2a. 1 d.; Me W. Wilson (LW), 63.—2°.; Mr J. G. Walker, 3d.—9d.; total, £1 19s. 7d. Mr Mat. Allen, 6d.; Miss Allison (PH), 1s. 3d.; Mr Castle. J. Alderson, 6d.; Mrs Allison (WH), 6d.; Mrs John Bayles, 1s. 1d. ; Mr J. Bainbridge, 1s. ; Mrs J. Beadle (M), 1s; Mr W. Beadle, 1s. Mrs W. Beadle, 1s. 6d.; Mr Jno. Bentham, 1s. Mrs M. Bell, 5r.; Mr Carry, 1s.; Mrs Dune, 2s. 6J.; Mr Fothergill, 6d.; Mr Arthur Foster. 6d. ; Mr G. Gill, 3d. ; Mr A. Gny. 1s. ; Mrs Gibson, 2s. 61.; Mr John Hay, 6d.; Mies P. Hall, 6d.; Miss Hall, 3d.; Mr Jao. Hall. 1a.;

M. Walton, 2s. ; Mr J. Walton, 1s. ; Mr W. Walten (MG), 1s. ; Mr W. Whitfield, 114. Closing of the Belgian-Worked Lead height not less than 5 feet six icones; Mines at Menthead.

Four Hundred Warkmen Thrown out of Employment. The Nenthead mines, which are owned by a Belgian company, closed down last week-end, owing to not being able to get their ore away, and being unable also to get any money from Belgium to pay the men. The closing-down of the mines will affect over four hundred men, Earelmans offices :- Darlington : Drill Hall ; including a good number of Italians, who were employed there. Most of the managers of the above company were Germans, of whom only one is left, and he claims to be a naturalised American.

Local Branch of Soldiers and Sailors Families' Association.

A meeting of the committee was held at the Witham Testimonial on Wednesday, the 16th instant. The president (Mr H. L. Fife) occupied the chair. There were also present the Rev. Beaumont Johnson, Mr J. W. Hartley, the Rev. P. Crick, the Rev. P. Hughes, the Rev. T. Romans, Mrs H. C. Watson, the Rev. W. H. Bircham and Mes Bircham, Mr R. T. Richardson, Mr and Mrs P. Widdas, Mrs George Trotter, Miss Brownless, Mrs Glyn, Mr George White (bonorary treasurer), and Honorary Secretary reported that with the assistance of the local members of the committee the association was relieving 34 cases 28 from Barnard Castle, 3 from Staindrop, and one each from Middleton-in-Teesdale, Eggleston and Ingleton, and that the sum of £16 4s. ld. had been expended in such relief. Also that the association was co-operating with (1) the Subsidiary Committee, of which Mrs H. C. Watson and the Honorary Secretary had been appointed members, and that provision against overlapping was being made by furnishing particulars to the Subsidiary County Committee of cases relieved, and (2) the War Emergency Committee. - The Honorary Secretary read a letter from Mr Dawson of 11th September, 1914, and received instructions to reply to same.-It was resolved that at present no public appeal should be made for subscriptions, which would, however, be thankfully received .- The Honorary Treasurer reported that a grant had been received from the Durham County Branch of the association; that be received the net proceeds of Miss Steele's concert, and subscriptions to the current cases should be considered and settled by a sub-committee, composed of the members call the committee together every fortnight of the Divisional Committee resident in seemed to him to be a still further waste of Barnard Castle, but that all other members of it will. They are ripening very fast.—Mr waste of the committee would be entitled to attend Wissman moved that the holiday be from such meetings in respect of cases in which they were interested.

North Fastern County School Engineer Safe.

Mr J. W. Armstrong, postmaster at Consett, late postmaster of Barnard Castle, haz received definite information that his soo, J. W. Armstrong, who was an engineer on board the San Wilfrido, is safe and sound on one of the Elder Dempster liners. Mr Armstrong's younger son, Wm, Harold Armstrong, who is now a clerk in the post office at Morpeth, has left Southampton with the Northumberland Hussers for foreign service. As an "Old Boy of the North Eastern County School at Barnard Castle, he was invited to join the Public School and University Men's Forces, but had already accepted service with the Hussars.

An Appeal to Sportsmen.

Second Letter from Lord Roberts.

To the Editor of the " Teesdale Mercury." SIR,-The warm response to my appeal for field glasses emboldens me in this time of emergency to suggest snother way in which sportsman can render practical assistance. The supply of saddles is, for the moment, deficient, and the training of our reserve cavalry regiments is impeded and delayed. I appeal to owners of saddles to send them to the Chief Ordnance Officer, Woolwich Dockyard. The names and addresses of those who send saddles will be given to me, and each generous donor will receive a personal letter of thanks from me. These who adopt this suggestion will be rendering a very real service to their country. The War Office need good repair, with fair-sized seats complete, if poseible, with girths and stirraps, also bridles and bits. Polo or pros, suitable.—I aw, yours truly, ROBERTS, F.M. and bits. Polo or pony saddles are not

Englemere, Ascot, Borke, September 21st, 1914.

The Missions to Seamen and the War.

It is upon our British seamen that, under God, the nation now depends for safety from the enemy and from starvation. For fifty-six (M), 23.—43. 64.; Mr W. Beil (M), 64.—23.; Mr years the Missions to Seaman have laboured W. Beil (DG), 31.—91.; Mr Jan. Bell (R). 24.—61.; Mr W. H. Berry, 28. 61.—103.; Mrs B. Cross (BS), 24.—81.; Mrs Favell (FB), 61.— Mercantile Marine, and the committee con-3s. 6d.; Mrs Featherstone. 3d.-1s.; Mrs fidently appeals to everyone at this crisis for Hall (HH), 63.-1s. 6d.; Miss J. Hall (HH), 61.- generous support to susble the assisty to 1s.; Mr R. Hall (HH), 63.-1s. 6d.; Mrs G. Hall continue its work in all the great ports at is: Mr R. Hall (HH), 62.—18. C. Hall (HH), 63.—18.; Mrs Jos. Hall (HH), 63.—18.; Mr Jos. Hall (HH), 64.—18.; Mrs Jos. Hall (HH), 64.—18.; Mrs Jos. Hall (HH), 64.—18. St.; Miss Heslop (M), 18. 63.—31.; Miss Heslop (M), 18. 63.—32.; Miss Lyras (M), 64.—64.; Miss Heslop (SP), 18—65. 64.; Mr Hutchinson (L), 18.—18.; Mr R Hutchinson (L), 18.—18. 64.; Mrs Hutchinson (BN), 18.—18. 64. 32.-1s.; Mr Jemmeson (M), is.-1s.; Mrs the Missions to Seamen committee in teying Langeteff (M), 6d.-2s. 6d.; Mrs H Lee (K), 3d. to co-operate with the naval authorities in -81; Mrs Metcalf (DG), 6d.-1s 6d.; Mr Jas.
Metcalf (DG), 6d.-9d.; Mr E. Nixon (PH), 1a.—
providing for all the special opportunities that
will come for ministration to the whole and the wounded, both sailors and soldiers, as they pass Mr Jos. Porter, 31.—2s. 91.; Mr H. Porter (K), to and fro in the ports, Many of the picked men 2d.—81.; Mrs Raine (RC), 31.—1s.; Miss of the Mercantile Marins, who have been more Regerson, 3d.—3s. 91.; Mrs Richardson, 1s.— especially the care of the Missions to Seamen, 3s. 63.; Miss Robson, 1s -4s.; Mr Robson (GH), are now serving the fleet that is guarding our 6d .- 3s. 6d.; Miss Sayer (FC), 1s - 5s. 6d.; Mr coasts as officers and men of the Royal Naval J. Simpson, 1s.-2s. 6d.; Mr S. Sheppard, 3d.- Reserve, while some of the society's chaplains of the 2nd inst, in which I stated that we were 91; Mr Stobart, 1s.—3s.; Mrs Tallentire (DG), are serving as naval chaptains on board menths serving in for a stiff fight and a fight to a finish, my- 6d.—2s.; Miss M. Tallentire (LW), 61.—1s.; of-war. The war has for the time being placed anceloneer. prediction, a stiff fight, has been fully confirmed. Mrs Pallentire (CH), 33. -15; Mr G. Tallentire the society in a position of great ficancial

Lord Durham's Battalion.

Mr Albort G Allen, S, South View, Barrard Caucie, has received the following mulification dated 14th September, 1914 :- The War Office has approved the formation of a battalion of Durbam county men as part of Lord Mr F. Hall (K), 63.; Mr J. Hudson, 1s.; Mr C. Kitchoner's Regular Army, under the authority Littlefair, 2s. 63.; Mr Jnc. Metoalf, 2s. 6d.; of the Right Honourable the Earl of Durham, Mr Jas. Nelson, 6d.; Mr Parkin (SL), 1s.; Miss K.G., Lord Lieutenant for the county, as a Preston (H), 6d.; Miss Susan Porter, is.; Miss Rennison, 1s. 3d.; Mesars Robinson, 2s. 6d.; Intended for professional and commercial men Master Robson, 9f.; Miss Simpson, 1s. 3d.; (including arrisans), and that commercial men (including artisans), and that comrades will be Mrs O. Simpson, 1e.; Mr P. Simpson, 63.; Mr kept togother as far as possible. The battalion W. Stoddart (H), 6d.; Mr Stoddart (H), 2s.; will be equipped by private subscription, most Mr Dob. Talisatire, 6d.; Mr Tarn (RM), 1s.; Mr of which has already been guaranteed. of which has already been guaranteed. Relistment will be for the term of the war, not exceeding three years, at home or abroad; men 19 to 35 (officers up to 55) years of age chest measurement not less than 351 icches; conditions of service and pay, according to the reguine army regulations. flines will be opened to-day (14th September, 1914), for a work (or if recessary longer), at the places named below. On oprotment each man will sign an undertaking to come up for enlistwest within a fortnight after enrolment, if required. The men selected will have their recruiting papers completed for them, and arrangements will be made for their enliatment. Durham : Territorial Association, Old Elvet ; Gateshead: care of T. Challoner, 22, Deanstreet, Newcastle-ou-Tyne ; West Harticpool : Victoria Buildings, High Street; Sucderland: land and the Hartlepools, Somerford Buildings, Sunderland.

Teesdale Education Sub-Committee.

Potato Lifting and the Holiday.

A regular meeting of this body was held on Wednesday sen. Mr M. J. Dixon, J.P., presided, and there were also present Miss Nixon, Mrs Dawson, and Messra R Armstrong, L. Gibson, C. J. Smith, G. R. Gent, and J. Wiseman, and W. E. Brown (clerk) .- The average school Mr B. N. Wolls (honorary secretary). - The attendances were as follows :- Mr Higgiebotham, for the Barnard Castle district, 942; Mr Lee, for the Middleton-in-Teesdale area, 928; and Mr S. Clarke, for Cockfield, 916 .-Mr Smith moved the appointment of Miss Edith Mary Potts as assistant teacher at the Romau Catholic Day School, at a salary of 250 per annum.—The Clerk intimated that last year the autumn boliday was from the 10th until the 20th of October. This year it was suggested that the time be from the 9th of October to the 19th. He had not asked the teachers individually as to the suitability of the date, but there had been a request that it should be the same .- Mr Fife: Is that a convenient time for boys to assist in lifting potatoes? Lower down in the country boys can help in gathering potatoes, and it is a nice opportunity for them to earn something.—The earlier would suit Darlington .-- Mr Geat : should think that Darlington will be quite a week earlier, and we should consider that -Mr Fife : The boys at Staindrop could not be employed because the holiday did not coincide with the lifting of potatoes. -Mr Gibson : A amount of £18 17s.-It was resolved that deal depends upon the weather for lifting potatoes .- Mr Fife : I don't see that you can have it very much sooner. It will be a pretty early season for potatoes,-Mr Gent : Oh, yes Friday, October 9th, till Monday, October 19th, and the motion was carried unanimously.

TEESDALE NOTES.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT. The narvest festival at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Hill Top, Eggleston, was held on Sunday last, when the preacher was Mr R. W. Young, missioner, from Barnard Castle, in the afterneen a service of song, entitled "Farmer Gladd," was given by the choir from Mickleton. Mr Young gave the connective readings. In the evening a special sermon was preached by Mr Young.

A patriotic effort for the War Distress Fund was made at Middleton, on Saturday afternoon. The Silver Band gave excellent programmes of music in various parts of the town. The pieces were exclusively selected for the occasion, and included several standard works, but the items which appeared to please best were "God save the King," "Rule Britannia," " Hearte of Oak," The Marseilleise," and the Russian and Beigian national anthems. The march, "It's a long way to Tipperary," was a very popular piece. The collecting boxes were in charge of the Misses D. Burney, B. Nichelson, M. Stobbart, and C. Morton, and the house-tohouse collection realised between 29 and 210.

The Baptist Foreign Missionary special effort at Middleton was held last Friday evening and Sunday. The annual meeting on Friday night was well attended .- The Rev. W. Sumner (pastor) presided, and presented the report.—The special deputation was the Rev. Howard J. Charter, B.A., B.D., from Ceylon, who gave a most interesting address.-The Revo. C. Pettler (Primitive Methodist) and G. Gianfield (Wesleyan) also addressed the gathering. -The result of the collections showed an incresse on last year. -The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. Mr Easoll, of Middlesbrough, who preached the missionary sermons in the morning and evening.

The weather was very rough for Middleton September Fair last Thursday morning, and, consequently, the attendance was small. The cattle section was almost absent, there being only two beasts shown. As a medium of disposing of surplus stock, the fair now is of very little importance, and it is usually the weedy cattle that are offered. Sheep, bewever, were more plentiful, and the sale was considered fairly good.

The annual harvest festival at Middleton Primitive Methodist Church was colsbrated on Sunday and Monday last, and was attended with great success. The decorations were neatly done, there being a nice display of flowers, fruits, vegetables, corp. etc., with suitable texts displayed. On Sunday morning congregations. On Sanday afternoon and after the evening service organ recitals were given by Mr T Couper, of Shildon; and Mr Harrison, of Darlington, a cathedral tenor, was the special solvist. Both these talented artistes were highly appreciated, showing a great amount of training and finish. The Teesdale Male Voice Quartette Party also rendered pieces in a most pleasing manner. An interesting item at the afternoon service was the presentation of 40 baskets by the young people, who this year were greatly increased in number.—On Monday night a children's cantate, cutitled " Nature's Voices." was given by a number of the Sunday scholars, at which the Rev. C. Pettler presided The fruits, vegetables, etc., were sold after this service, Mr Fred timith acting as

FOOTBALL.

Church Mission, 3; Hawthorne Juniors, 1. Last Saturday afternoon Barnard Castie St. Mary's Church Mission played their opening match, when they had Hawthorne Juniors (of Shildon) as visitors. Borrowdale won the toss for the Mission, who took advantage of a strong wind. From the kick-off the homesters attacked the Junior's goal, and Key threatened its downfall with a good shot, which the custodian smartly put over the bar. At the other end Jones miskicked, and let in the Hawthorne's forwards, who failed to avail themselves of the opportunity. URQUHART gave the blission the lead after twenty minutes' play. Shortly after Ashmore scored the homesters' second goal, and the same player headed a third. Before half-time the visitors reduced the lord with a long shot, blob the goal-keeper misjudged. The type of football was very mediocre. At the interval the Mission led by 3 goals to 1. On the resumption neither team put much spirit into their play, and the custodians were seldom toubled. The home team did not play up to their usual form, and their forwards were an

Next Saturday afternoon the Mission will again be playing at home, Eldon United Mathodists (Bishop Auckland) being their opponents. Kick-off at 3 p.m.

Marriage of the Hon. Fergus Bowes-Lyon and Lady Christian Dawson-Damar.

The marriage took place quietly at Buxted Parish Church of the Hou. Fergus Bowes-Lyon, Black Watch, son of the Earl and Counters of Strathmore, to Lady Christian Dawson-Damar, daughter of the iste Earl of Portarlington and the Dowager-Counters of Portarlington. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Recruiting Offices, Tower-street; Stockton: the Earl of Portarlington, were a white travelling dress and an old Brussels lace vell Somezford Buildings. Norfolk-street. - J. The Hou. Michael Bowes-Lyon, 3rd Royal Morley Longdon, Enrolling Offices for Sunder- Scots, brother of the bridgeroom, was best man. After the ceremony, which was performed by Canon Edgar Sheppard, assisted by the Rev. G. S. Pownall, a reception was eld at Buxted Park, the seat of the Hon. Henry Portman, the bride's stepfather. The coneymoon is to be speat at St. Paul's Walden, Herts, leat by the Earl of Strathmore.

Harvest Festival at Denton.

The harvest festival at Decton Church was held on Friday evening, and continued on Sunday last. On Friday there was choral evensong at 7 o'clock. The prayers were ictored by the Rev. W. Apter. The lessons were read by Mr R. H. Edlestor, and an earnest sermon was preached by the Rev. G. R. Wilkinson, M.A. (vicar of Ingleton). The reacher strongly deprecated the wrong idea that on account of the war harvest thanksrivings should not be held this year. The Rev. W. Apter presided at the barmonium. The church was most tastefully decorated, and there was a very large congregation.

MIRTUS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Cenths.

PLEWS. - On the 19th inst., at Bowes, aged 70 years, Christopher Plews. To be interred on Chursday, at Bowes Cemetery, cortege to leave residence at 2-30 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation,

DAVIS .- At 23, Queen-street, Bargard Castle, on the 16th September, Thomas Vint Davis, aged 32 years, the beloved and only son of Thomas and Sarah Davis.

Return Thanks MRS GARBUTT AND FAMILY, Commerce House, Barnard Castle, thank all friends for kind inquiries during the late Mr Garbutt's prolonged illness, and sympathy in their sad bereavement, and also for floral tributes. iR AND MRS DAVIS wish to thank all friends who have shown them kindness in

their sad bereavement.