

BEST QUALITY IN CHRISTMAS BEEF, WETHER MUTTON & DAIRY-FED PORK.

R. Arrowsmith, BUTCHER, 29, BANK, BARNARD CASTLE.

WISHES most respectfully to thank his Customers for past support, and, asking for a continuance of the same, to inform them that he will show for sale this Christmas and New Year 1 Prime Shorthorn Bullock, 2nd and Special prizes in his class; 1 Prime Fatted Bullock, 3rd prize, fed by Mr Geo. Atkinson, Wess Shaw; 1 Prime Fatted Bullock, fed by Mr Geo. Byers; and 1 Fatted Heifer, 1st and Special prizes in her class, fed by Mr H. Johnson, Cockerill; together with 1st prize Scotch Wether Mutton, fed by Mr Foster, Arlaw Banks, and Prime Dairy Fed Pork.

PRIME CHRISTMAS FARE.

Robert Fawcett, CALGATE CORNER, BARNARD CASTLE.

DESIRES to express his sincere thanks for past patronage, and wishes to inform the public that he is slaughtering for Christmas as follows:—2 Highland Bulls, prize winners; 2 Shorthorn Heifers, prize winners; Dairy-Fed Pork Pig, prize winner; and Prime Fat Hog Mutton. These are all from Strathgill Home Farm, Ales 2 Polled Heifers from W. Fawcett, Manor House, Marske, together with Turkeys, Geese, and all classes of Game.

Bank, Barnard Castle.

Robert Jackson

IN thanking his numerous Customers for their Patronage, wishes to inform them that he has for sale this Christmas,

Prime Beef, Mutton and Pork,

including some Prize-Winning Animals, all fed by local fenders.

T. Thompson, BUTCHER, CALGATE, BARNARD CASTLE.

TAKES the present opportunity to thank his Town and Country Customers for their continued support, and begs to intimate that he will open his shop for business on Thursday, December 23rd and 24th, and close on Saturday, 25th December, 1915, and carry 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th prizes in his class. Also he will offer during Christmas low quality of Beef, Mutton, and Cockerill Pork from the following well-known good fenders:—Messrs Brownlow, The Grange, Wotton; J. Errington, Brigal; J. Charlton, Hilson; G. Lowe, Staink; and J. Stubbs, Bromelaw.

RICHARD WATSON, BUTCHER, 2, BANK, BARNARD CASTLE.

WISHES to thank all Customers for their kind patronage, and to inform them that he has a choice selection of Beef, Mutton and Pork for the approaching Christmas. Prize-winning Heifer Beef, including the Championship Winner, Aberdeen Angus Heifer, at Gateshead Auction, 1915, and also a fine 21 month bull, and won first for the best polled heifer in a class of 28, first for the best bullock or heifer fed on Stirk's Cake, and Championship for the best beef in the show, at which 500 animals were exhibited. The heifer was fed by T. R. Rutter, Esq., Guncroft, Barnard. Also Prime Mutton and Dairy-Fed Pork of excellent quality.

MR AND MRS W. WOOD, LADIES' MEDICAL SPECIALISTS, 20, LOUIS-STREET, LEEDS.

Aliens Restriction (Amendment) Order, 13th April, 1915.

REGISTERS of Aliens (for use in Hotels, Inns, Lodging-houses, etc.) Form A.R.—F; Form A.R.—E can be had at the "Teesdale Mercury" Office, Barnard Castle.

RAT POISON

EVERY SILENT KILLER. BATS DOWN UP AND LEAVES NO SURVIVAL. Alex. Robertson & Sons, Chemists, Uxbridge. Sold by Messrs. The Drug Stores, Limited, G. Clarkson Barker, Chemist, Barnard Castle. B. W. Raine, Middleton.

ALBERT FOOTT, Tees Mill Carriage Works, Barnard Castle.

HAVING acquired the Business and Premises of Mr R. F. Thompson, Coach-builder, hopes by strict attention to business and moderate charges to merit a share of the patronage of the district. Up-to-date machinery and all the latest improvements in appliances employed.

Motor-Car Renovating a Speciality.

Estimates given free.

NOTICE.

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

Barnard Castle Urban District Council, PUBLIC HEALTH (MEASLES AND GERMAN MEASLES) REGULATIONS, 1915.

MEASLES.

DUTIES OF PARENTS AND GUARDIANS. On and after the 1st January, 1916, cases of Measles and German Measles occurring within the District must be notified to the Medical Officer of Health, either by the Doctor in attendance on the case, or by the Parent, Guardian, or other Person having charge of the sufferer.

DUTY TO NOTIFY. Every Parent, Guardian, or other Person, as soon as he or she becomes aware of, or has reasonable grounds for supposing, that any person in his or her charge is suffering from Measles or German Measles, must at once notify the case to the Medical Officer of Health, unless there is a Doctor in attendance who has already done so.

HOW TO NOTIFY. As soon as a case of Measles or German Measles is recognized or suspected, write a short note to the Medical Officer of Health, saying that you think that the child or person who is ill is suffering from Measles (or German Measles, as the case may be). Send the note, or post it (prepaying postage) in a sealed envelope, addressed to "The Medical Officer of Health," of the above-named District. Be careful to give the name and age of the person who is ill, and the full address, including the number or name of the house, the name of the street, and the parish or place. The particulars given should be sufficient to enable the address to be promptly found.

DO NOT DELAY. Do not wait until after you have decided to call in a Doctor before informing the Medical Officer of Health. Delay is dangerous, both to the sufferer and to other people, as Measles is very infectious in its earliest stages. Until the Medical Officer of Health has been informed, no steps can be taken by the Council to help the sufferer, or prevent infection to others.

BENEFITS OF NOTIFICATION. On receiving information, the Medical Officer of Health will at once cause the home of the patient to be visited by properly qualified Health Visitors or other Officers, who will give all information and advice in their power to assist the parent in the care and nursing of the patient. If a Doctor or nursing assistant are necessary, and the parent is unable to pay, the Council has power to supply both medical and nursing assistance free.

The Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District of Barnard Castle is Dr. C. H. WELFORD, Calgate, Barnard Castle. J. INGRAM DAWSON, Clerk to the Council, 28, Horse-market, Barnard Castle, December, 1915.

Sales by Auction.

BARNARD CASTLE & TEESDALE FARMERS AUCTION MART CO., LTD.

JOHN BAINEBRIDGE, Kirky Stephen; and GEORGE TARK BAINBRIDGE & SON, Darlington, Auctioneers.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 1915. The usual WEEKLY SALE will be held, when there will be forward the usual supplies for the season of DAIRY COWS, HEIFERS, and STORK CATTLE.

A Prize of £1 will be given for the best Dairy Cow in each class, and for the best Judging at 10 o'clock. Sale at 10.30 a.m.

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

PARKINSON & SON, AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS, Central Sale Rooms, Established 1876.

WM. TARN, Auctioneer and Valuer. Sales of all descriptions undertaken. Prompt settlements. Hunderthwaite, Romaldkirk.

THOMAS ADDISON, Auctioneer and Valuer. Sales of all Descriptions. Valuations for Probate and Legacy Duties. Prompt Settlements. Pasture End, Bowes.

TOM HARRISON, Auctioneer and Valuer, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

ALBERT WINPENNY, AUCTIONEER AND VALUER. OFFICE: ROBE MARKET, BARNARD CASTLE.

ALBERT J. WILKINSON, AUCTIONEER, VALUER, ESTATE AND INSURANCE AGENT. Insure your Live and Dead Stock and Property against Fire Risks. 2, HALL STREET, Barnard Castle. 2, Victoria Street, Bishop Auckland. Telephone: 125.

W. P. WALLIS, F.A.I., AUCTIONEER, VALUER, ESTATE AND INSURANCE AGENT, MARKET PLACE, BARNARD CASTLE.

R. T. HANDLEY, F.A.I., POST OFFICE CHAMBERS, NORTH GATE, DARLINGTON. BARNARD CASTLE ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS.

The Teesdale Mercury BARNARD CASTLE, DECEMBER 22ND, 1915.

PREMIER AND THE ARMY.

YESTERDAY, in the House of Commons, Mr Asquith moved a supplementary estimate for a million additional men. He said that at the end of sixteen months we had a fighting force in the various theatres of war of one-and-a-quarter million of men. The Premier said Sir Jan Hamilton was not about to return to the command in the Near East.

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

A series of five water-colour paintings, by Mr George F. Tibbitts, formerly of this town, who is staying in the London Art School, is in view at the "Teesdale Mercury" Office. The drawings embrace district scenery, including Dove Mill and Oldby Bridge, the Toss Viaduct, with the foliage effect, the Abbey Mill and a picturesque river view from Piercebridge. The price of the pictures is uniform and quite modest, and the paintings may be inspected on application.

Lance-Corporal G. G. White, of Thorncliffe, Barnard Castle, who, whilst on active service, has been promoted to the rank of full Corporal, has just visited his home on a few days' leave of absence. Corporal White, who has been in some severe engagements, expects to re-join his regiment this week.

The destructive work of an otter was recently traceable near the Bridge-end Flax Mills in partially destroyed fish of fairly large size.

Mr George Morton, Vase-road, gained two first, two second and one third prize at the London Championship Fox Terrier Show (smooth-haired), yesterday week.

Private E. Patterson, who has been sixteen months on the western front, spent a day in Barnard Castle last week.

"I was in Harwood on Friday, and the well tops are just beginning to be seen; that will give you some idea of the character of the snowstorm we have had in higher Teesdale," said Mr Lee, school attendance officer, as a member of the Education Sub-Committee, on Wednesday.

Persons living in the Market-place at Barnard Castle are complaining bitterly of cold in the morning, and during the night sleep being impossible. Will the owners of dogs kindly keep them under control, and not deprive residents of their much-needed sleep in these days of war stress?

Private Richard Joseph Robinson, aged nineteen years, the youngest of a family of twelve, arrived at Lartington from the trenches on Friday morning, the telegram announcing his father's death having been delayed.

Mr Watson, relieving officer for the Staindrop district, announced on Wednesday that for two consecutive meetings of the Teesdale Guardians he had no new applications for out-door relief.

The spring has increased to normal winter flow, and the reservoir on Bowes road is gradually rising.

On Saturday, Mr John Richard Deacon held a jumble sale at Galtin, in aid of the British Farmers' Red Cross Fund. The sale and donations realised £100.

Woodland Beagles will meet on Monday, December 27th, at Tiu Ton, Romaldkirk, at 12 o'clock.

Private Robert Jones, son of Mr R. Jones, Bridgegate, Barnard Castle, who has just been discharged from hospital, arrived at his home on Friday night. Private Jones went to the front with the regiment last April, and was wounded in the first engagement, being hit in his left leg and left arm.

In the Colchester polling district, which includes Lartington, Hunderthwaite and Baidersdale, 55 eligible or unstarred men were canvassed under Lord Derby's scheme, of whom 14 promised to enrol. The recruiting sergeant, a private and a doctor attended at Colchester to enrol them, but only 10 men presented themselves. It is believed, however, that some few others from the district were attested at Barnard Castle.

Mr George Baidersdale has just completed a really fine painting of old Barnard Castle, as seen from Startforth Bank, comprehending the bridgegate tower, overlooking the Bridge Pool, the county bridge, the baronial keep, one hundred-and-fifty feet above the river, and which is the principal feature in almost every view of the castle, and other towering fragments of the historic town. The picture is an invitingly bright even in its sombre foreground. The delineation of foliage and detail work are surely the embodiment of rare patience—there is a pleasure in poetic pains which only poets know. Mr George's picture is a word of praise to the artist. It is a word of praise to the artist. It is a word of praise to the artist. It is a word of praise to the artist.

Major J. A. Uthbank, of the Durham Light Infantry, has been appointed temporary lieutenant-colonel to command a service battalion. He commenced his career in a Lancashire Militia battalion, and passed into the "Fulham Rifles" in 1907. He saw active service in the Boer War, and got his company about the close of the campaign, 1902. Colonel Uthbank has served with the 3rd Special Reserve Battalion, and has been adjutant of the 6th Territorial Battalion, Bishop Auckland.

Lieutenant R. M. Nicholson, 17th Battalion Durham Light Infantry (attached to the 10th Battalion), has been wounded in action.

The following Barnard Castle men are serving with the colours:—Private W. Brown, 6th Durham Light Infantry (wounded); Private E. Brown, 6th Durham Light Infantry; Lance-Corporal H. Brown, Royal Engineers (brothers); Gunner S. Smith, H.M.S. Coqueron; Private J. Smith, King's Own Scottish Borderers; and Frederick Smith, H.M.S. Ganges.

Major J. W. Jeffrey, who has been connected with the Durham Light Infantry for over seven years, has been appointed temporary lieutenant-colonel to command a Territorial battalion. He is a nephew of the late Right Hon. A. F. Jeffrey, M.P., and saw active service in the Boer War. He has been adjutant of the 6th Territorial Battalion (Bishop Auckland).

This morning there are two licensing applications, and three cases under the Employers and Workmen Act set down for hearing at the Great Bridge Police Court.

Stoker J. Urquhart, from the Royal Navy, is now on a visit to his mother at Barnard Castle. He looks fit and well, though weather-beaten.

Miss Queenie Howard, of the Lines, Colchester, has received a grateful letter from Captain M. Martin, late of the 17th Durham Light Infantry, Barnard Castle. The gallant soldier says the work is so interesting that he could know Mr George's country, the various Colchester towns, who were so generous to the Durhams during their stay at Barnard Castle. He concludes: "In fact I will never forget their kindness to me personally." We may add that the "Teesdale Mercury" is the Provincial Bank in this town, has also been a deceptive mislive from the esteemed chief.

The men of the 20th Durham Light Infantry will be entertained by the Barnard Castle War Emergency Committee, in the Victoria Hall, on Boxing Day.

Yesterday commenced the North Eastern County School Christmas vacation.

LOCAL OFFICER BURNING IN AIRPLANE.

Tragic Death of Captain M. H. D. Smith, Late of Barnard Castle. Captain M. H. D. Smith, of the Royal Flying Corps, lost his life in an airplane accident at Harrogate yesterday week. While in flight his machine was seen to be in flames. And in spite of the efforts of the aviator to effect a landing it fell to the ground burning so furiously that no assistance could be given, and Captain Smith perished in the flames. Captain Henry Dalby Dryden Smith, who was the only son of Mr Henry Smith, M. Inst. C.E., M.I.M.E., of 37, Holland-street, Kensington, W., was 23 years old, and a B.Sc. of the University of London. He was one of the first officers who arrived at Barnard Castle with the 17th Durham Light Infantry, and for some time served as adjutant, being promoted captain in December, 1914. He left this town last summer, and was greatly esteemed.

Annual Gathering of the Cricketers' Arms Yearly Club.

Mr W. Post (president) presided over the annual gathering and "smoker" of the Cricketers' Arms Yearly Club on Monday night. The club took place last Thursday night at the Secretary (Mr J. Post) read the statement of accounts, which showed the total receipts to be £137 18s. 6d. There was an expenditure of £40 3s. 1d.; £28 8s. 10d. was paid in stock and £68 10s. 6d. was carried forward. A dividend was declared at the rate of 21s. 6d. to each member. The balance sheet was considered very satisfactory. Several songs and other items were rendered, and a most convivial and enjoyable night was spent.

Staindrop Infant School Treat.

On Friday last the children attending the Staindrop Infant School were entertained to a splendid tea, which was provided from part of the proceeds of the concert given by the children on December 6th. After tea the children were given a very enjoyable time. Each child received a toy and a bag of sweets from the Christmas tree. In the evening the girls and their friends were invited to a social in the schoolroom, and a very enjoyable time was spent. The remainder of the proceeds of the infant school concert—a sum of £28—has been divided between the Red Cross fund and the fund for providing soldiers' comforts.

Newbiggin Council School.

National Egg Collection for the Wounded. The following collections were made for the week ending December 17th, 1915:—Annie Scott, 8s.; Mark Anderson, 6s.; Anne Watson, 10s.; Laura Westwood, 6s.; Edward Collinson, 8s. and 2 eggs; Joseph Allison, 4s.; Esther Brown, 2s.; Mrs. S. Brown, 2s.; Arthur Watson, 2s.; Wm. Robinson, 3s.; Wm. Wrayburn, 3s.; Jack Watson, 3s.; Edward Gibson, 1s. 8d.; Harold Hartley, 4s.; Arnold Pickering, 1s. 7d.; John Hutchinson, 2s.; Florrie Westwood, 6s. Total, 9s. 10s.

Turk's Head Hotel Yearly Benefit Club.

The general meeting of the Turk's Head Yearly Benefit Club was held at the Turk's Head Hotel on Monday week. Mr R. Liddle was re-appointed president for the coming year, and the following officers were also elected:—Mr R. Morton, treasurer; Mr J. G. Appleby, secretary; Messrs W. Baker and W. Acough, auditors; Mr T. Grant, clerk; and Messrs Bailey, Descon, Hill, and Smith, stewards. The President reported that the balance of £80 8s. 5d. had been divided amongst 86 members, showing a dividend of 21s. 6d. per division. It was resolved that the worth of the club should be kept up, and that all old members serving His Majesty in France and elsewhere, and in 2s. per head to members at present serving in England.

PAINS ALL GONE AFTER 12 MONTHS' TORTURE.

Mrs. G. Marshall, of 3, George-street, Baisall Heath, Birmingham, sends a letter full of gratitude. She writes: "Two weeks ago I sent for a bottle of Backache Pellets. I had taken these I got out of my box from 'Boots'. They are truly wonderful. My pains are all gone after twelve months' torture. I shall recommend them to all who suffer from Backache Pellets are a positive cure for Backache, Lumbago, Sciatica, Rheumatism, Gout, Gravel, Dizziness, Dropsy, and all Kidney Troubles. Get a box to-day from your chemist, and you will be cured at all 'Boots' 555 Branches, Taylor's Drug Stores, etc. 1s. 3d. and 2s. 9d. per box, or post free in plain wrapper direct from Baker's Medicine Co., High Holborn, London, W.C. Trial box free for two stamps.

Local agent:—G. CLARKSON HARKER.

360 eggs were collected in the town and market, and despatched from Barnard Castle last week.

Ninety-six members of the United Brothers' Lodge of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, Barnard Castle, out of a membership of 254, enlisted into His Majesty's Forces previous to Lord Derby's scheme being proposed. Only one death has occurred in the ranks of this gallant band.

Mr Joseph Walton, of Laburnum Cottage, Barnard Castle, has received a highly descriptive letter from his son (Leslie) in the trenches, in which he gives a vivid account of the life of the British soldier under arms. The young soldier is in excellent health and spirits.

Private Harold Lightfoot, younger son of the esteemed Primitive Methodist minister of this town, is at present on active service in the Cameron's. Sergeant Hugh Lightfoot (the older son) is expecting to go abroad any moment.

A khaki service throughout was conducted in the Wesleyan Church, Calgate, on Sunday night. Quartermaster-Sergeant Hinks presiding, the return, and Lieutenant Thompson (Sandwich) presiding at the organ.

Lieutenant Lott G. H. L. Do day, son of Colonel the Marquis of Zetland, of Ask Hall, near Richmond, has been succeeded as aide-de-camp on the personal staff by Captain T. R. Holland, of the Rifle Brigade.

Some time ago a badger was taken near Colchester, which scales twenty pounds.

The Teesdale Lead Company's workmen have subscribed £210, and the West-riding Lead Company £100 to national and county war funds.

In his tale to the cuckoo, John Logan says: "I'm not sad, no sorrow in thy song, no woe in thy year."

Brevet-Lieut.-Colonel A. H. B. Wilson, P.S.O., of Rippledale, has recently been promoted general staff officer, second grade.

The committee associated with Lady Anne Laibton's Durham County Work Depot thank the anonymous donors of various parcels.

DERBY RECRUITS AND THE LOCAL TRIBUNAL.

PROCEDURE TO BE ADOPTED IN EARLID CLAIMS. The call-up of these men, attended under Lord Derby's scheme, and placed in groups 2, 3, 4, and 5, is doubtless causing a certain amount of uneasiness among the men, and the application for postponement of service. There is an impression that the sooner men apply for postponement of service the better for themselves. This is not so, and it must be pointed out that they are giving themselves needless worry and the obtaining enormous amounts of unnecessary work, just as a firm when all their energies are required for putting the machinery into working order to deal with the claims in respect to the earlier groups.

For the present, attention will be concentrated upon the applications in respect of the four groups now called up. All applications from men in later groups will be filed until such time as the necessary work is completed. As soon as the four groups under consideration are dealt with, the officials can, however, proceed with the preparation and classification of claims in respect to the following eight groups. The records, therefore, should be kept up to date, and the working of the machinery connected with the Local Tribunal if, for the present, only those in groups 2 to 5 are sent in applications for postponement of service. Due notice will be given to men in groups 6 to 8.

How the Claims will be Heard. Men who have sent in their claims will be interviewed in the procedure to be adopted. A claim will first of all be considered by the Advisory Committee, in conjunction with the recruiting officer's representative. If they are satisfied with the claim, the applicant will be advised accordingly. If, on the other hand, the Advisory Committee decline to consent to the claim, the applicant has the right to be heard by the Local Tribunal, and he will be given seven days' notice to attend its sitting. He will not be informed there and then of the result of his application, but must be acquainted with it later through the post.

The claimant, however, has the right of appeal. If not satisfied with the decision of the Local Tribunal, he must apply to the Council Clerk's office for another form—a special form is provided for the purpose—and this must be filed in and forwarded to the Local Tribunal within five days of their decision. The form will then be forwarded to the Central Tribunal in London, who will be very interesting in illustrating a novel way of raising funds for the Red Cross Society. Charlie Chaplin was again predominant in a comic picture, which was most laughable.

The Treasurer begs to acknowledge the receipt of notices for the show fund from Mrs J. Logan Dawson, Miss Smith, and from Miss Raine and Mrs Scott, of Newcastle-on-Tyne; also the following subscriptions:—Mrs Guy, 5s.; Mrs R. B. Morton, 2s. 6d.; previously acknowledged, £51 1s. 2d.; total, £51 8s. 2d.

Death of Mr George Scott, Builder.

The Rev. J. W. Hope, of Stockton-on-Tees, occupying the pulpit at the Congregational Church, Barnard Castle, on Sunday night, solemnly announced the death of Mr George Scott, builder, 1, Edward-terrace, which was the fatal stroke on Sunday morning, the deceased, who was a Scotchman, was a trustee of that church, and held other appointments in connection therewith. He built the Congregational Church in Calgate; erected in various houses in Colkdale-street and elsewhere, and was engaged at Lartington Hall, where he worked along with Mr George Peter Robinson, his intimate friend, who predeceased him but a few days ago. Mr Scott leaves a widow and grown-up family. He was a regular attendant at the Hall-street Church. The interment takes place to-day.

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Roll of Honour. GRAY.—Private Hugh Andrew Gray, of Thorncliffe, of the 12th Durham Light Infantry, son of John and Margaret Wood Gray, of Thorncliffe, Barnard Castle, who was wounded on the 6th December, and died on the 7th, at St. Otter Hospital, in France. He also has other two brothers serving with the colours in France.

RAINE.—At Middleton on Monday, December 20th, 1915, John William Raine, aged 24 years—To be interred at Lartington, on Friday, December 24th, at 2.30 p.m.

SCOTT.—At L. Edward-terrace, Barnard Castle, on the 18th inst., George Scott, dearly beloved husband of Elizabeth Scott, aged 35 years.—At rest after much suffering.—To be interred at the Burial-ground (to-day), Wednesday, 22nd December, carriage to leave residence at 2.30 p.m.—No flowers by request.—Newbiggin-in-Teesdale.

WILKINSON.—In loving memory of John Mortson, of Egglestone, who died on January 9th, 1911.—Too dearly loved to be forgotten.—From his son, Bill.

MORTON.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Jane Temple, who died on December 18th, 1914, aged 88 years.—Ever remembered by her son, J. G. Gurne, but not forgotten.—Newbiggin-in-Teesdale.

WILKINSON.—In loving memory of Daisy Wilkinson, of King-street, Barnard Castle, who died December 20th, 1914.—Ever remembered by her mother, brothers and sisters.

The cap was better, the love sweeter. To part with me we loved no dear; It was God's will it should be so. By His command we must all go.

Return Thanks. MRS ALLISON AND FAMILY, Quarry Grange, Barnard Castle, beg to return their sincere thanks for kind letters received and sympathy shown them in their sad bereavement; also for beautiful wreaths.—"Thy will be done."

MRS J. R. WATSON wishes to return thanks for the deep sympathy shown to her in her sad bereavement through the loss of her husband.

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MRS G. P. ROBINSON AND FAMILY wish to thank all friends for their letters and sympathy shown to them in their great loss.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] The anniversary in connection with the Lunatic Primitive Methodist Chapel was observed last week, and was attended with success. On Saturday night a public meeting was held, presided over by Mr A. M. Galt. Very able addresses were delivered by the Rev. C. Petcher (forfeit minister), of Middleton; and Mr J. Taylor of Darlington. Mr Taylor also conducted the services on Sunday. Good companies assembled on each occasion.

There seems to be the usual preparations for public festivities in the Teesdale villages this Christmas-time. Quite a large number of special services are advertised, but with the present war conditions it is not expected that private parties and jollifications will be carried on to any great extent. Many homes in the dale are darkened by the absence of members of families who are serving their King and Country, while others are expending to be called away early in the New Year.

A horse bolted from Middleton railway station last Wednesday morning, and the conveyance in which it was was overturned. The driver was picked up, but the horse was unhurt. The animal proceeded for some distance with the trap overturned, and just below the station entrance it fell against the kerb and broke its leg. The horse was the property of Mr Jacob Hall, of Middle Farm, Holwick, and was a valuable animal.

The funeral took place at Middleton, on Saturday afternoon, December 19th, of Dale View. Mr Allison came from Cranby Farm some years ago to reside at Middleton, he being the last of the family who have occupied this farm for many generations. He was an intelligent and energetic man, and the highest respect of all the village people amongst whom he had lived so long. The large attendance at the funeral testified to the high esteem in which the late Mr Allison was held. Amongst those who attended the funeral were the widow, Messrs T. and J. Allison (nephews), Holwick; T. Tarr, Bank Wood, Hilson; Jonathan and J. Ireland, Shank and Hilson; J. Tarr, Shank; E. L. Gibson, Middleton; and many others. The service in the church was conducted by the Rev. W. F. Yates Rooker (Beosy), and the Rev. G. Glendfield (the lecturer). The deceased was 77 years of age.

A thrilling drama was shown at Middleton Picture Hall last week, entitled "The Girl on the Crestle." The latter was also a very interesting and instructive novel way of raising funds for the Red Cross Society. Charlie Chaplin was again predominant in a comic picture, which was most laughable.

The Malta Hospital Fund.

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