Valvular Disease of the Heart.

CORONER'S INVESTIGATION AT THE BRIDGE-END.

The Kind-Heartedness of Miss Stobart.

On Thursday morning, at the White Swan inn, Bridge-end, an inquest was conducted by Coroner G. D. Gardner touching the death of a lad named Henry Loynes, who succumbed at Low Startforth on Tuesday afternoon sen., in the house of Mrs Jane Ann Hodgson. Inspector Bland acted as coroner's officer. The following gentlemen were sworn on the jury: Messrs John Thomas Smith (foreman), William Ruther-ford, Jonathan Gregory. Charles Ranshaw, Charles William Ranshaw, Joseph Allison, jun., Robert Willis, James Atkin, jun., George Dixon, John Stout, Thomas Spencer, John Jeffels, and Thomas Carter.

The Coroner Explains.

Mr Gardner, after the body had been viewed said this was a very simple case, and it was one, perhaps, in which he would not have troubled the jury, and given them incon-venience, had he really known the whole of the facts. Inspector Bland had done everything he could possibly have done to let him know the full facts, and had sent an express letter by train so that the Coroner could get the information early. This letter had been sent from Barnard Castle with the 12:33 afternoon train on Wednesday, but it did not reach him till a late hour the same evening. At one time he (Mr Gardner) thought it would hardly be possible for him to arrange to hold that inquest that day (Thursday), and it was impossible for him even to have had 7the inquiry on Friday without knowing the whole of the facts. However, the circumstances were very simple, and he would not keep the jury many minutes before they could come to a decision. Neither the doctor nor the police were to blame, and he regretted that the express letter had suffered detention on route. Under the whole of the circumstances it was perhaps more satisfactory that an inquest was being held. The first witness was

Jana Ann Hodgson,

who said she resided at Low Startforth, and was the wife of Thomas Hodgson, a labourer. She identified the body now lying dead as that of Henry Loynes, aged thirteen. The deceased, she said, had been living with her since about the beginning of October The Coroner: How was it he was not living

with his parents? Witness: Miss Stobart, of Low Startforth Hall, had taken this little boy under her care. She took a house in the village, and epgaged

someone to look after him. Coroner: What state of health was he in 3 Witness: He could not then raise himself from his pillow. He was very ill indeed. I think he got a little better?—He got nicely better, but he suffered a great deal from his

On Tuesday morning how was he?-I went up about a quarter-to-nine with his breakfast, and he said he had been sick. I gave him his breakfast-brown bread and butter and a cu of tea. After he had it he vomited, and all the food came back. I got him his clothes on, and brought him to the kitchen fire, and gave him some soda-water. He did not get any better, and I sent for the doctor at half-past eleven o'clock, and also for his mother. The deceased was better of sickness for an hour or two, and he sat talking to me. He laid in the armebair, and felt a great deal better. He then said: "I think I shall lie down for a sleep." I gave him a drink of water, and called in a neighbour. I sent for the doctor again, but he was out. That would be about half-past three or a quarter-to-four o'clock. He then looked well. When Mrs Gregory came in she told me he not arrive that day. We sent three times, and he was out. His mother came. She was there before

What sort of a night had he?-He had quiet night, up till early morning, when he had bilious attack. He slept well, and complained of no pain.

Dr. Alexander Leishman

said he had attended the deceased for sometim during the autumn and early part of the winter. He was suffering from pneumonia, which developed a latent defect in the heart. In consequence his heart was very weak for a considerable time. The pneumonia was of very slow type, and its prolonged course weakened him very much. Indeed when pneumonia did clear out he was left in an unusually weak state. The Coroner: We have heard about his last

day, and particularly about the day of his

Witness: I was not aware of the critical nature his illness had assumed, and, being detained for some hours with urgent work in hand, I was not able to get to see him. In the next message I heard he was dead, and knowing the weak state he was in, and the condition of his heart, I was not surprised to hear of it. The Coroner: Have you seen the body since

The Coroner: There is no mark of violence? Witness: No. The cause of death was valvular disease of the heart, leading to dilitation, and heart failure in consequence

The Coroner: Supposing you had been able to have gone when they told you of the serious development could you have done any good? Witness: I was very much surprised when he recovered from the illness a few months ago. It was attributable to the mere fact that he was a boy. In an older person, with such a condition of the heart, there could not possibly

have been recovery. The Verdict.

The Coroner: That is the evidence. seems to me to be simple, clear, and straightforward. The doctor's evidence, knowing the state of the boy's heart, is conclusive to the point that, had an older person been similarly held, life would not have been so prolonged It was only because the boy was so young that he lived on. It seems to me that your verdict should be that of "death from natural causes -valvular disease of the heart."
The jury concurred, and the proceedings

Barnard Lodge of Freemasons, Barnard Castle.

At the annual meeting of the Barnard Lodge of Freemasons (1,230) at Barnard Castle, on Friday afternoon, Brother Isaac Dewharst was installed Worshipful Master, the ceremony being performed by Brother Joseph Beadle (the retiring W.M.), assisted by W. Brothers C. H. Welford, J. W. B. Heslop, A. Winpenny, and E. D. Walrond. The W.M. then in his officers as follows :- Brothers J. Béadle LP,M.; Lionel Simpson, S.W.; W. Brown, J.W. the Rev. H. W. H. Bircham, M.A., P.M. chaplain; C. Hedley, P.M., P.P.G.P., treasurer and almoner; Owen S. Scott, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. secretary and charities representative: It Morton, S.D.; C. II. Nicholson, J.D.; R. Liddle LG.; J. W. B. Heslop, P.M., P.P.G.R., D. of C. S. R. E. Phillips, organist; Harry Ward, S.Std.; R. Pierse, J.Std.; G. H. Welford and J. D. Pattinson, assistant stewards; and C.W. Stockdale, tyler. In consequence of the war the customary banquet was not held, but the brethren subsequently partook of supper at the King's Head Hotel.

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Old-Time Stories from Life.

WOMAN'S WEARY WALK: THE FATE OF A WHITBY SMUGGLER.

BY GRANDFATHER WHITEHEAD.

Press gaug! Why, yes, of course, I have and of them. What is more. Your great andfather bad several experiences of them. com about 1798 until the close of the war be sempleyed in a Sunderland yard as ship's rpenter, and was pressed more than once, at when he proved that he was a carpenter by had to release him. Such was the law, at I am not going to talk about that now. y another time, but it brings to my mind a ory of your grandmother's of about that

As I have said, her father was working at

accerland, but she was living at Scarbrough o very well, her home-life was not comintable. She wagted to join her father, but hat did not suit the brothers. She was appir n-usekeeper, and very useful, but she was a very determined character, and, as she had fire to Whitby, so she resolved to walk it ca ber way to Sunderland. It is still a long, weary walk between the towns of Scarbrough and Whitby, but at that time it was a wilder-ness of moor and orag, and even in the day-time unsafe to eross, being infested by footpack and snugglers. What must it have been when ght came on? Surely she had never counted the cost, or was void of fear. Be that as it may, she started on her journey. It was in October. The days were getting short, and ormy weather from sea or land might occur any moment, but her determination was so strong that neither fear of the elements nor danger from human wolves could stop her, and this was the story of her trampandadventure.

Grandmother's Story.

Owing to various causes it was late before I and get away from Scarbrough. I also arried a heavy bundle of clothes, etc., and, as did not want to be followed, I took the road o the castle dykes through the archway under be castle read on to the follows, as the north iff was then named. I got on to the sands at Lady Bay, it being low tide. I waiked on until I reacted the hotpath that then led to the oiff edge to Scalby. Passing through that village I made for Burniston, which then was on the edge of the moor, and my heart felt as heavy as my lead. I travelled about a mile beyond the houses on a very bad read. It had rained the day previous, and I began to fool foctsore and weary. My bundle secured twice as heavy as when I started. I had met only one man, who asked me how far I was going. dangerone walk in from of me, and edvised ne to turn back. He remarked that when the tide turned it would very likely bring a with it, as the wind was changing, and I might got lost. There was only one house on the road en ion with a very bad some. However, I felt that I would rather face the danger that wis before me than go bick. On I went. chink that no traveller could feel more callery than I did, and to make matters worse, was losing cerve. It might be fruey, but I wought I saw man now and then against the -lion as if they were watching me, and I was he that I saw a string of pack punies passing a distance between myself and the cliffs. is was nothing new in these days. They right be besom-makers gathering ling, but my g some weird tricks with me.and, sure enqual clouds of fog or mist were crosping over the fantasido civas. My heart asuk very low, but I still crept on. I new began to be enveloped. To e road seemed as if it had been out into short netts, then became shorter, and in a few monte there was no road at all. I often found my feet octangled in the ling that bordered the road. There were no hedges or fences. All was open. I had schuelly to grope my way. Sometimes I was startled by a sheep the sound of a sheep bell. I was not walking but floundering, and warm enough with my Is boor, but stiff, sore, and uncertain. I had a women's relief-a good cry-and tried to feel ard ground under my feet, so se not to get off How long i wandered and blundered

artied by a dog barking quite close to me. nd I thought I saw the shape of a house. ov d towards it, and then I saw a glimmering ight. It seemed to move. I called out. The light was stationary. I spoke again, and was answered. What appeared to me to be a growing gradually less to stature, but more distinct. At each step my heart was thumping like a hammer, and completely done and expansived. I fainted. When I returned to or naciousness I I und myself in a large kitchen or xcom. I was laid on a woodun setcle. dress had been loosened at the neck and feit wet. A women was standing over me with se me bing steaming in a cap and a tea-spece when I opened my eyes she lifted my up in a kindly manner, and administered a recordal or to o from the cup, which sent a warm glow through me. When fully recovered, the people told me that I was at the inn before-mentioned. I had been brought in by the lunkespers, who oad found me on the road. Having are wered overal questions, the woman left me, but ! could hear some murmuring sounds that came from another your as if someone was in dispute.

Find now time to look about me. I was in a large square room with a wide fire-place-no grate, but a good fire of turf. A bar ran across the space over the fire, and a large kail-pot was suspended by a chain. A stone seat was at each side of the recess. The ceiling was plate-rack occupied one side of the apartment ed a strong round table was in the centre There were soveral bauches and stools and ac ld-fashioned armchair-all clean and tidy.

on't know, but when I was about spout I was

The vomen and a man returned and repared supper, of which I had a share. After aving partaken of a good mea!, I was told that there was no sleeping accommodation souse, and the deceased was laid in the only room they had upstairs. It was a doublebedded room, but they could not think of putting me in there. I asked : had he died of ary costsgious complaint? -No, they answered. I then remarked that I had no objections to sleep in the other bed if they did not mind, or I could sit up, whichever they liked. No. For various reasons they could not let me sit up, and, after some further consideration, I was

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ARRIVAL OF TRAINS.

- 8 Middleton-in-Teesdale 7 31 Newcastle, Leamside, Durham, Bishop
- 7 35 London, York, Saltbare, Richmond, Darlington
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lifted the cloth from the face of the dead. The corpse looked eath and peaceful. I covered it up, and found myself tucking in the clothes as if it were slive. I went to my bed, t under the elethes, and my head hardly t uched the pillow ere I was seleep. I was wakened by the good woman in the morning. feit much refreshed, but my feet were gore, bathed them well, and had a good breakfast. As I have stated I had not much money, but, when I offered to pay, the good folks refused, and lavited me to stay, as I might get a ride itto Whitely. I consented, and then I heard the story of the dead man. He was a relative who had been concerned in a raid made by the revenue officers on a gang of amugalers who had landed a cargo at Haybarn Wyke. He had been shot in the leg, and afterwards [61] down the cliff and was killed. I never asked whether he was a singgled or otherwise, and they did not give me information. Next day I got a lift, and, winning carry thanks to my good Simaritaes. I departed, and arrived at my destination in due time. I have often windered at myself, but this seemed to be the moral of it, that the "love of God causath out well Royle; selection—In Scots' land—Craig; the national anthems of Britain, France, Belgium, Russia, and Japan-W. H. Jude. Mrs AN ANCIENT YORKSHIRE MISSION. Tom Borrowdale was the soloist, and sang Are you one of England's soldiers? for which she was well encored, and rendered The holy Interesting Historical Sketch.

shown to the room, and told that I could leave

the rush-light burning. It would last the night. I had never slept in a room where a corpse

was laid before, and yet I did not feel timid. I

thought to myself that I never did the poor man any barm, and, as he was dead, he could

not burt me, and I should be asleen. I was so

weary. I did cot quite undress. I keeft down,

and prayed to find to protect me, and felt a roug. I went across to the other bed, and

Lartington Catholic Services Revived.

BY " CESTRIA."

The recent opening of a new church at Lectiogton offers a fitting opportunity for a s'ort sketch of this interesting contra of Citbeliety in the north for more than two niles north-west of Barnard Cactle, was bought November, 1630 by Francis Appleby, a member of a family of that name, whose soat was at Linton-on-Once, about six miles from York, where they founded a Catholic mission in the seventeenth contary. Margaret, the daughter and sole heiress of Francis Appleby, by Mary Salvir, of Creatale, became the wife of Thomas Maire, of Hardwick, county Duchem, and thus the estate of Lartington passed to the Maires. Amongst the grandchildren of Tacares and Margaret Maire was Dr. William Maire, Geadjuter Vicer Apostolic of the Northern District, who died at Lartington on July 25th, 1769 was buried in the family vanit in Remaldkirk Church, between Lawlington and Middleton-in-Presidele, and whose pame is found on a mural monument thereis. Phrough o failure of male heirs the successi in 1771, to Henry, second son of Str Hen Lawson, of Brough, by Anna Annabasis Main and he, who was born on January 5th, 1751 adopted the name and arms of Maire, but on encceeding to the baronetcy of Brough, on the eath of his elder brother, Sir John, in 1811, he resumed the name of Lawson. His elder sister, Catherine, who was the wife of Jobs Silvertop, of Minsteraces, Northumberland, encomeded to the Maire estate of Lartington 1811, on her brother succeeding to baronetcy of Brough. These subsequently passed to her third a n. Heavy Silvertep. who assumed the name of Witham on his marriage with Blizebeth, daughter of Thomas Witham, of Handlam, and niece and heiresa of William Witham of Cliffs, He died on the 28% of November, 1844. The next squire was their third son, Captain George Witham, and after his death in 1847 the Lartington estate passed to the voucest son, the late Mrisigion Thomas Edward Witham, D.D., whose death re-Dicember 4th, 1897, at the age of 91 venwas the immediate cause of the sale es ate, and a broak in the lang chaptaine strateging over the greater part of the para times. The outcome is the new church of St. Lawrence recently opened. It is worthy of note that all the families connected with this estate kept up chaplaincies in other places. The Applebys, as stated above, founded a mission at Linton-upon-Onse, which existed until recent timer. The Maires kept obspicion for more than a contury at Hardwick, county Darham. The Silverteps founded the mission of Minsteracres, Northamberland, which still exists; and the Withams kept chapining at Cliffe Hall from before 1650 until the sale of the estate about 1824, when the congregation was merged in that of Darlington. The

Succession of the Priests who have served at

Lartington as far as we can trace them back : Rev Thomas Liddell, ordained at Lisbon, 1698-1713; Rev. Lancelet Pickering, ordained at Rome, 1713-63; Ray. John Lund, ordsiged at Donal, 1763-68; Rav. Matthew Gibson, afterwards View Apostolic, 1768-73; Rev. Edward Kitchen, alian Maraden, afterwards President of Bousi, 1773-90; Rev Thomas Firby, 1791; Rev. Edward Kirchen, 1792-93; Rev. Benedict Rayment, 1793-1811; Rev. Michael Ellis, 1811-61; Rigit Rev. Monsignor Thomas E. Witham, D.D. 1861-97. The late Monsignor Phomas Edward Witham, DD, came to reside at Lartington as squire about 1852. Born 6th December, 1806. he was educated at Stonyhurst and Ushaw being ordered at the latter. His first mission was Stella Hall, near Blajdon-on-Tyne. About 1840 he went for a short time to Esh Linds, and had charge of Berwick-on-Twesd. 1813 47 About this time he succeeded to the Lurtington estates on the death of his brother and went to reside at Gainford-on-Tees, where he built at his own cost the church and presbytery. About 1852 he went to reside at Lartington, where he spent the remainder of his long life developing and improving the estate, and attending to the spiritual necessities of the few Catholics in the community after the death of old Father Ellis in 1861. Pope Leo XIII. conferred upon him the title of Monsigner because of his generous benefactions. There were only eight chaplains and two temporary ones, covering a period of over 200 years, from the reign of William and Mary down to the close of that of Victoria. Two of them served for 50 years, and the age of six of them varied from 78 to 91 years -Catholic Times and Catholic Opinion, January 22nd, 1915.

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War Items.

Capital Concert in the Wesleyan Recreation-Room.

A really attractive and excellent miscel laneous concert was given in the Wesleyan recreation-room on Wednesday night, when there was an excellent attendance. nents, as usual, were available, and the fact that the soldiery largely contributed to the programme lent additional interest to the entertainment. A good deal of natural and acquired ability was displayed by some of the nen, and particularly worthy of note was the recital of lines composed by himself on the ssassination of a comrade in India by Corporal H. S. Hall. The delivery was impassioned, and he words were intensely moving. As a literary production the tribute was praiseworthy while as a tragic word picture the lines were sadly realistic. Private W. Brown, young in years but possessing keen appreciation of refined sentiment, proved himself not only a elever dancer, but a fine songster. Private West rendered "Alice, where art thou?" in finished style, and was deservedly applauded. He is a vocalist of considerable ability, and was very well received. The following was the programme: Concertina selection— Double eagle—Private S. Cope; song—Always - Private W. Skelton; reading - The country 'squire - Mr C. B. Martin, J.P.; song - The damozel - Miss K. Place; song - You made me love you - Private Jos. Perryman; song-Under the deodar—Miss Maggie Todd; song and dance—My sweetheart—Private William Brown; song—The corporal's witty—Mr James Brown; song—Alice, where art thou?—Private B. West; recitation—Lines in memoriam of the assassination of Private Barke (composed by the reciter)—Corporal H. S. Hall; song—Can't you see the girl's in love with me?—Private G. Clough: song—Down the vale— -Private G. Clough; song-Down the vale-Miss I. Gent; song-While London sleeps-Private F. Smith; duett-The spider and the ly-Miss I. Gent and Mr James Brown; song Terry, my blue-eyed Irish boy-Private Thompson; and God save the King. The ianists were Miss Howard and Miss Lavender Higginbotham.—On Thursday night, Mr F. C. Dalgarno's band rendered the following programme: March-Constellation-T. Clarke; selection-Woodstock-C.Volti; pizzicato dance -Phillida-Geo. Asch; grand naval diverti-mento-C. Volti; waltz-Toreador-T. Popple-

Letter from the Trenches.

The following letter has been received from the front by ex-Colour-Sergeant William Coates, who was one of the first to join the 1st Royal (City of London) Fusiliers, when the regiment was raised in this town by Colonel Somerset: -My dear Coates, -At last 1 am able to thank you for the books., etc., you have been sending us. I could not get your address before. A lot of us know you quite well of course, and, many times when your things arrived, we, older members, have had long chats about you. Things are not so bad now. We are regularly relieved from the trenches, and get lots to eat. The principal bother is mud. It gets everywhere. You can guess what it is like living wet trench where the earth is all nice, soft clay, ugh! it does nt taste too bad either. Ynyway nobody minds a bit so long as we keep We all hope you are fit, also we our end up. present our respects and regards to your daughters—Mrs Horne and Miss Coates, both of whom, of course, are Fusiliers. At least they belong to the association. Gave them raiding the other day, didnt they? Good luck, with am, dear neerely yours, F. Shakpington.

1st Royal Fusiliers, 29th January, 1915.

Soldiers' Urgent but Simple Requirements.

Mrs Ardagh, the widow of a gallant soldier, has received the following commission from "soldier's daughter and a soldier's wife": The under-mentioned articles would form ery acceptable present for our boys now on active service and cost but a few pence :small bottle of vaseline (for chafes or for the eet), a small tin of boracic powder (for dusting he feet), a small tablet of scented soap (this is a God-send when you can get a bath), a box of matches, a packet of cigarettes in fives or tens not tins), a card of bachelor buttons (they cost ld, for six, and can be fixed in half-a-minute a small pair of scissors (they are handy when cutting out patches for repairs), a packet of needles, large size, and a reel of khaki thread they are always useful), a khaki pocket handcerchief, a pencil (preferably indelible, about nches long), and a pair of leather laces, about id. each. A small parcel as above, with the uddition of a pipe and tobacco, will cause the boys to think more of their people than all the

parson's logic could do in twelve months. Brewster Sessions.

CRETA BRIDGE DIVISION. The annual licensing sessions for the Greta Bridge Petty Sessional Division were held on Wednesday, the magistrates present being Messrs John Smith (chairman), W. H. Ralston, and M. J. Dixon.—The Deputy-Clerk (Mr B. N. Wells) read the yearly report of Superintendent J. Haw, who, with Inspector Bland, was present: "I have the honour to lay before you my unnual report with reference to the licensed nouses in the above district. There are 24 fully-licensed houses, being the same number as last year, to a population of 5,053 persons, giving a percentage of 2105 persons to one licensed house. Only one fully-licensed house has been transferred during the year, namely, the Red Lion inn, Cotherston, against three fully-licensed houses transferred last year. No innkeepers have been proceeded during the year for offences against the licens-ing acts, being the same as the previous year. Three persons, namely, one male and two females, have been proceeded against for drunkenness during the year, against eight persons proceeded against the previous year, howing a decrease of five. One male and one female were residents of the district, and one female, a stranger; was passing through. All the houses have been frequently visited and supervised by the police, and in no instance has any infringement on the licensing laws

been detected. The Chairman: Drunkenness has been less, nd there is apparently nothing to complain about, The situation is one for congratulation. Mr Ralston: There is a reduction all round

of drunkenness. The Chairman: And there are neither omplaints nor applications. The whole of the licenses will be renewed.

The Clerk: They require to be signed by a majority of the Bench, and I ask you to fix the transfer days for the 21st of April, 19th May, 18th August, and 17th November, and to adjourn the licensing sessions till the 3rd day of March. The Bench agreed accordingly, and the proceedings, which lasted but a few minutes,

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