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LOCAL AND OTHER

Mrs Arthur Fitzgerald has had a little son, born on Christmas Day. The Dowager Lady Milbank, of Barningham Park, is, therefore, now a great, great-grandmother, as Mrs. Fitzgerald was, before her marriage, in February last, Miss Mary Forrester, daughter of the Master of the Quorn, and grand-daughter Sir Powlett Milbank. The Downger Lady Milback, besides contributing to verious funds, has been actively engaged in knitting scarves the soldiers and sailors, and for their children. She has sent large and generous parcels of clothing for the Red Cross, as well toys for the Sailors' and Holdiers' Families' Association children and Belgian refugees.

The local military were engaged in night

Lieutenant the Hop. Ian Maitland, of the Cameron Highlanders, and Mrs Maitland, having secured brief leave of absence, spent a low days at Rokeby Park last week, and were at Barnard Castle on Thursday.

The old church at Eggleston - a structure of the last century—is within the grounds of Eggleston Hall—quite close to the mansion.

Mrs Elizabeth Boldron Brown, of 22, Almasquare, Scarborough, who left estate of the gross value of £19,772 6s. 2d., has bequeated £200 upon trust to distribute the income at Christmas time to a poor person of the parish of St. Mary, Barnard Castle.

A few fragments of the old church at Middletop-in-Teesdale have been preserved and incorporated with the existing building These include a two-light window of Decorated date, now built into the wall of the organ chamber, and a cirquefull-headed piscing built into the new vestry.

Mr Willie Parkinson, son of Mr T. Parkinson Park-terrace, Barnard Castle, has been spending a short farlough in his native town, he being attached to the Royal Engineers.

Sesto; and St. Jerome adoraing the Crucifix, by Van Eyck, are pictures in oil at Raby Castle. St. Jerome in the Wilderness, by Casare da

Mr Charles Nevison, caretaker of the Barnard Castle and Startforth Working-men's Club, and for sometime chargeman of local platelayers, has just secured the more important post of permanent way inspector of the Crook Division of the North-Eastern. Railway, and commenced his new duties last week. This will render vacent his appointment of caretaker at the club.

There is probably no piece of ground in Britain that produces so many rare plants within a limited space as Widdy Bank Fell.

The Rev. W. Darwent, of Boggor, has again composed a New Year's hymn, which the Rev. C. E. Darwont, his eldest son, has once more made the vehicle of his good wishes and greetings to the members of Union Church and congregation, Shanghai, of which Mr C. E. Darwent is pastor.

A stairway leads down in a turret from the guard-room to the level of the chapel floor, and it probably communicated with the leads of the destroyed barbican at Raby Castle.

Besides a large and interesting collection of family portraits, including one of Sir George Bowes, the loyal adversary of the rebellious earls, and one of Eleanor Mary Bowes, the unfortunate Countess of Strathmore, are many fine and valuable pictures in Streatlam Castle.

cond Lieutenaut Charles Wilbraha although he sails next Saturday, he has no idea to what regiment be will be appointed. Mr Ford is eighteen, not nineteen years of age, as stated in our last issue.

Theodore Parker said that work is the only universal currency which God accepts.

Staindrop church is the only church in the county in which the pre-reformation chancel screen still exists.

Sergeant Gall, of the 7th Battalion King's Royal Rifles-the first battalion formed Lord Kitchener's Army-has been on a short visit to Barnard Castle. He came here from Greyshot, Hindhead, Surrey. Mr Gall, whose parents reside at Barnes, and who was much esteemed in this town, has loyally adopted the profession of arms, and, prior to his enlistment, he was in Messrs Barclay's branch bank, at

Curiously enough another locally popular soldier-Second-Lieutenant Cherry, who was, prior to the outbreak of hostilities, serving on he staff of our own regiment at Barnard Castle -has also been here on a few days' leave of absence. He is only three miles distant from Sergeant Gall. ——o——

Sergeant Gall. ——o—

No part of Raby Castle is of earlier date than the time of Ralph Lord Naville, the here of the battle of Naville's Cross, and who was the lord of Raby from his father's death in 1331 to his own death in 1367.

An Admiralty notification reached Barnard Castle on Thursday announcing the fact that Seaman John Ramsden, son of the late Mr John Ramsden, of Well-yard, Bavnard Castle, had been drowned when the battleship, "Formidable," sank in the Channel. Ramsder, who had six or seven years' service in the Navy, was former'y a railway porter at Bowes station. Much sympathy is felt with his mother and other relatives, who are well known in the town. Mrs Ramadon has for sometime resided with a daughter at Darlington. Mrs George Thompson, of the Bay Horse Inc, Barnard Castle, is a sister of the deceased, who was twenty-eight years of age last birthday and was a first-class stoker.

The old church tower at Barnard Castle, judging from the representation given of it in Surfees' engraving, was probably built in the second quarter of the fifteenth century.

The only document extant which throws any ight on the erection of Raby Castle is the license procured from Bishup Hatfield by John Lord Neville, which quaintly grants him permission "that he may of his manor Raby, permission " that he may of his manor Raby, which is within our bishopric of Durham, make a castle freely at his own will, and may embattle and creuclate all the towers, houses, and walls thereof, without being hindered, sted, grieved, or disturbed by us or any of our officers, ministers, or other one subject dwelling within our said royal seignlory.

Amateur athletics were not looked upon with any favour until the year 1864, prior to which time sports were entirely monopolised by professional exponents, and frequently overshadowed by pugilism and its attendant ruffanism. It was, therefore, difficult to induce men of any social status to identify themselves with attendant ith athletic meetings. In the year mentioned the first inter-university sports were arranged, and this laid the foundation for a new era in

We are asked by the Rev. A. H. Ford to state

The King of the Relgians has protested by olegram to His Holiness the Pope against the arrest of Cardinal Mercier, a Prince of the Church, and the heart of the Holy Bather is most grievously affected. The explanation of fermany is awaited with curiosity.

Lientenant-Colonel H. C. Watsov, of the Mount, who is commanding the 6th Battalion Durham Territorials, and Lieutenaut Bernard . Heslop, of Startforth Villa, of the same egiment, last week-end paid a visit to their

The Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne has sent a quantity of rabbits for the Belgian Refugees now residing at Barnard Castle.

When curling first had its origin is not ecisely known. It has been played in cotland for three centuries at least, and if it id not originate there, it certainly owes its evelopment to that country. The game is adoubtedly increasing in popularity, there being at the present moment about 650 clubs n Scotland, and 50 in England. It is now-adays also very extensively played in Canada, witzerland, and other countries where ico

Mr Gerald Headlam left Gainford on Monday for Alnwick.

The Zatland forhounds will meet at Cliffe -morrow; and at Winston Bridge on Saturday ach morning at eleven o'clock.

The widow of George du Manrier, who has just died, outlived her celebrated husband eighteen years. Being a triend of the late Mr John Hunt's family, all of whom are now dead, the late Mr dn Maurier and his brother occasionally visited Barnard Castle in the good days of the late Mr John Smith and other well-known local men. Mr du Maurier was, as is well known, on the staff of "Punch."

Durham Light Infantry arrived at Barnard Castle, on Wednesday night.

Mr Edleston, who left Gainford on Friday, esturned from Farnborough on Saturday.

About seventy recruits of the Seventsenth

Mr Charles Appleby has been appointed anteen steward at the Barracks, Barnard

We learn from the Chronicles of Lanercost that in the year 1312, about the feast of the Assumption (August 15th), Robert de Brus

Watson Ford, only son of the Vicar of Bagshot, (Mr J. S. Helmer) the sum of £16 12s., being Surrey, writes to say that he is on the the proportion of the proceeds of an entertain-unattached list for the Indian Army, and mont given recently in the Victoria Hall,

smooth collie dog being a prize-winner, as stated in our columns last week, Messrs W. and H. Porter, of Cotherston, via "Our Dogs' Paper," have won the first prize in the open field spaniel class (dog or bitch, any colour), with their beautiful black "Barum Belle." She also won the Wakefield silver cup given for the best sporting spaniel in the show, and she has annexed the Fenwick silver cup for the best bitch in the show. Altogether there were 600 entries, including both sexes.

Mrs J. W. Raine, Bridgegate, Barnard Castle, has received a notification from the War Office, stating that her brother, Lance-Corporal G. S. Connell, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, has been missing since November 18th. This young man went to the front at the commencement of hestilities. He formerly resided at the Railway Hote!, Bank, Barnard Castle, and has been in the army about two years.

During the Christmas holidays Lord Barnard very generously sent a parcel of books for the children attending Langleydale school, and at the same time the Lady Baraard very kindly forwarded a box containing various articles suitable for the children. The presents were distributed on Monday afternoon, when the scholars were presented with a suitable gift.

Indigestion and Dyspepsia.

Correct Name of the Product Prescribed by

Leading Specialist now Ascertained, Although so much has been said and written concerning the new treatment for indigestion and dyspersia—the treatment which was originally employed by a specialist in his private practice, and proved so successful as to warrant its adoption by hospitals throughout the country—there are still a large number of sufferers who are doubtful as to the name and nature of the preparation which is giving such wonderful results. We are, therefore glad to be in a position to state definitely that the product employed is an antacid known to physicians and chemists as bisurated magnesia, and the quantity usually advised in the treatment of most forms of stomach trouble is half a-teaspoonful in a little warm or cold water immediately after meals. This has the effect of neutralising the harmful solds in the stomach, and preventing fermentation of the food, thus ensuring normal digestion and free-dom from pain and discomfort. We learn that large supplies of the genuine bisurated magnesia have now been secured by Messrs G. Clarkson Harker, the Baliol Pharmacy; T. B. Illsley, Market-place; Mason's Cash Drug

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOLS,

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

On Monday night the prizes secured by the cholars attending the Parish Church Si schools were distributed by Mrs J. J. Bell-Irving, of Rokeby Park, who was accompanied by her unmarried daughter (Miss Marda Bell-

Address by the Vicar.

The Rev. H. W. H. Bircham, in a short ddress, warmly welcomed the lady who was generally they had had a more important ceremony in connection with their prize distribution that they were to have night. But the larger building in which they isually assembled had been orgaged by the soldiers, and they were all sorry for the terrible war which was raging in Europe, and which was causing tens of thousands such sad hearts. He hoped none had stayed away because he or she had not won a prize, but, on the contrary, trusted that a good and generous nature would be aroused within them that would grow as they grow in statur . Each gift book really meant a certificate of character. Work well begun was work halfdone, and good boys often made good men. Regular attendance at school enjoined habits of punctuality and obedience. (Applause).

The German Doctrine : Vi et Armis. Mrs Bell-Irving thanked them all very much for their very kind and warm reception, and emarked that she always had pleasure in being amongst young people. She was gratified to see so many rosy cheeks and healthy and happy faces, and to note also that the children's lungs were very sound as shown in the last byton which they sang. She hoped when they grew up that many of them would join the church choir, Children in time had to disperse, which was regrettable, but, on leaving the old home, and wherever they might be, she counselled her youthful auditory to take an interest in their church. The mistake which the German empire had made was in thinking that a big State had no time for religion, and that they must rule everything ruthlessly. All must be accomplished by force, and thus they witnessed all this ornelty and rain going on Belgium wiped out
—and all because they had thrown over their
christian principles. Whatever they did she
implered the children to sak God to help them, and they would assuredly succeed. (Applause).

The Distribution. Mrs Beil-Irving then presented the prizes as

We loaen from the Gronicles of Lanarcus that in the year 1312, about the feast of the Assumption (Angus) 15th), Robert de Brus entered Egglard, and after burning the world Hathania and Corbridge, and counsite ing much devestation in the west, sent part of his grand to Durham. The deday, and as the greater part of the order of the grand of everythic they found in the town, and set the greater part of it on fire, enterly killing thous who resisted them. Yet, says the chronicler, they made to attack upon the Castle and the above.

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work in the school, moved a cordial vote of thanks to Mrs Bell-Irving for her services and incidentally remarked that a lady who had recently died at Scarborough, and who much appreciated their Sunday school efforts, had oft £200, the interest from which was annually to be given to poor persons in the parish .- The Rev. Spencer Wade, the newly-appointed curate, seconded the proposition in an encouraging speech. — Mrs Bell-Irving, in replying, said she had a confession to make. she was not a "Yorkehireman," but Welsh. (Applause). Presentation to the Rev. A. Morrison.

On Friday evening last the superintendents and teachers of the Parish Church Sunday schools presented to the Rev. A. Morrison two volumes of Bishop Lightfoot's " Work on the Epistles," and 4 volumes of Dr. Adam Smith's "Book of the Twelve Prophets," and "Book of Issiah," as a 'scuvenir and token of esteem on his leaving the parish. Mr Morrison has acted as boys' superintendent, and taken a great interest in the Sunday schools, as is ther work amongst the young of the parish.

Serious Accident to Dr. Leishman.

Injured by Motor-Car at the Town Head. We regret to state that a somewhat serious accident befel the esteemed Dr. Leishman about three minutes past one o'clock on Monday aftergoon, in Victoria-terrace East Dr. Leishman was going out of the town on a professional round, and had gained Victoriaterrace East by way of South View, in his motor-car. The accident happened near the monumental exhibition of Measrs Wilson Brothers, and not far from the junction of the road. The engine stopped, and Dr. Leishman was turning the bandle to start the machine again, when, happening to be in gear, it immediately ran away. Being in front, at the starting lever, Mr Leisbman was unfortunately driven forward underneath the car, he being unable to regain his feet, for about five yards. In fact he says himself that the machine stood upon his head. The car was stopped, after travelling about fifteen yards, presumably by the kerbing. The Doctor's injuries are cuteny in the region of the head, and, although he never lost consciousness, he is suffering from shock. Dr. Welford and Nurse Dicken were immediately called in on Dr. Leishman being immediately called in on Dr. Leishman being as for supersisting and genuine remedy. Never fails. Thousands of testinonials, it stabilished 1862. the kerbing. The Doctor's injuries are chiefly taken into a friend's house close by, where he now lies. P.C. Henderson, a mounted county Market-place; and Middleton-in-Teesdale; constable, happened to be on duty in the close of Connaught had been churchwarden to the Vicar of Bagahot is not correct.

Market-place; and Middleton-in-Teesdale; constable, happened to be on duty in the close vicinity, and, together with a railway official, who resides in the locality, and others excellent preparation locally.

CAMEKEEPERS' AND SHEPHERDS' DINNER AT COTHERSTON.

The War Curtailed the Shooting Bays. The beaters and shepherds of Cothersto

Moor were again entertained to a substantial dinber, last Friday night, at the Red Lion liotsi. In addition to the many good things provided, a nice display of flowers and plants adorned the table, and, although the weather was far from favourable, a good number attended.—After the repast, Councillor Dent, of Naby View, presided, and proposed " The about to present the prizes, and remarked that Health of the King," which was responded to generally they had had a more important by all singing the national author. "The Army and Navy" were dul-honoured, and then followed the teast of the evening, "The Donors," which sentiment was ably proposed from the chair. Mr Dent made pleasing reference to Mr Adam Dagdale, and likewisto his son, Mr Gilbert Dugdslo, the latter gentleman having voluctored for the front, and having left home some months ago to figh for his country.—The teast was heartily drunk with musical honours, and amidst ringing cheers.-Mr W. Porter, who occupied the vicechair, responded, and brefly thanked all on behalf of Mr Gilbert Dugdale, whom be described as a fine sportsman and a thorough gentleman. He had known the Dugdale family for about twenty-five years, and from the old gentleman to the youngest they were nice people, and hard to equal. He wished Mr Dugdale the best of health, and a safe and speedy return. (Applause). The next toast was that of "The Besters and Shepherds," which was appropriately proposed by Mr J. W. Dont, who is one of the field reeves, and was suitably acknowledged by Mr George Kidd, who stated that the beaters were as much interested in the success of the drives Page, T. Turubult, and C. T. Raine, the Koopers," was enthusisstically honoured, and replied to by each,-Mr Raine, being the keeper-in-charge, extended a quiet welcome to circumstance of Mr Gilbert Dugdsle having joined the colours, suggested an evening spent in good taste. The war, he said, had curtailed the shooting days, although the past senson the shooting days, although the record.—

WILLIAM COATES.

Output Dugdsle having copy of a letter from Content Rediction of a letter from Content Redic Appropriate songs were interspersed during the evening, mostly of a loyal and patriotic type, and were contributed by Mesers Page, G. Kidd, E. Fawcett, jun, J. Gowland, R. Bateson, J. Turnbull, L. Smith, W. Deut and W. Porter.—"Charley from "favoured the company with a step dance, whilst young "Ned" from up-dale manipulated the old favourite accordion. Both turns were pleasing and greatly appreciated - A pearly vote of thanks was accorded to Mr and Mrs Gaster for the excellent dinner provided, and the attention which had been given.-The worthy Host expressed his indebted ess for the appreciative remarks, and trust : that it would not be the last occasion on which they would similarly meet.—The Chairman and Vicechairman were thanked for their services, and the singing of Auld Long Syne" concluded a most pleasant and quiet evening.

The Divers and the Wreck of the Ill-tated Empress of Ireland.

Letter Received in Teesdale Last Friday.

Missive From the Deep Bus Sea. An extraordinary circumstance has just taken place in the delivery of a letter to Miss M. Harvoy, Reservoir House, Middleton-le Tessdate, which has apparently been at the bottom of the sea for some months. The fact speaks volumes for post-effice organization. There were two envelopes delivered. One envelope, the larger, exclosed a smaller one. which in reality contained the letter now to hand, safe, readable, and fully pres diable. though written in lead pencil, and which is a communication from the sister to another. It bears the Montreal gost-mark of May 26th p.m. The action of the water, in creating dampness, has resulted in the removal of the stamp, and the gum originally fastening the envelope has disappeared, presmanly from the same cause. In any event the cuclesed envelope was open, and alorg the top part it was the type-written message, in page lok "Recovered by divers from wrock of so Empress of Ireland," On the back is an over On the back is an oval rimmed post-mark bearing these words:
"Branch Dead Letter Office, Oktowa, Ontario, October 6th, 1914." The larger or enclosing envelope is altogether official. The following matter is prioted upon is: "O.H.M.S. R. M. Coulter, Deputy Postmaster-General, Recovered by divers from wreck of ss. Empress of reland. Post Office Department, Dead Letter Office at Ottowa." The post-mark is "Ottowa, December 28, 5 p.m., 1914. Canada." The caligraphy, as we have said, is in lead pencil, and is perfectly legible, while the paper

Cotherston Branch of the British Women's Temperance Association.

used is foreign note.

Never has the Temperance Hall, Cotherston, ouked more festal, and yet home-like, than it did on Thursday evening, when the British Women's Temperanco Association held their annual " at home." The committee, as usual had worked hard to make the gathering a success, and their efforts met with an ample reward. Old and young alike seemed beat on erjoyment, and had made up their minds that for that one night, at least, all thoughts of war and sadness should be set aside. The tea tables looked most inviting, being decorated with plants and flowers kindly lend by Mr Howard, and literally covered with a most varied collection of cakes, sandwiches, and pies. After allowing time for a chat and games the entertalement commenced, and this also went with even more than the usual swing, perhaps owing to the help given by the Belgians who are at present staying in the village, and who kindly sang three songs. The other slogers were Mr. Wood, who received a warm welcome; Miss J.x Long, Miss Elia Jex Long, Miss Howard, Mr Hingley, and Mr Sidney Hodgson. Readings, which caused much amusement, were given by Mr Lingford and Mr Hiegley, which were followed by planeforte coles by Mrs Heslop and Miss Lingord. Then there were recitations by Master Walton, Master Donald Storey, and hirs Bernard Storey. Mrs Storey is an old favourite in Cotherston, and, when it became known she was to be a guest at the "at home," everyone was delighted, for no entertainment could be dull where was Storey is, and her little son, Donald, is almost as good a reciter as his mother. There was also an accusing sketch, entitled "Jackets," in which the Misses Jex Long, Howard, Alderson, and Parker took part.—At the close Mr Tyerman proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies, which was seconded by the Rev. J. W. Brent, and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of the national anthem.—The following evening the children of both the bands of hope were entertained to tes, and and a royal time with games, recitations, and songs.

EVERY WOMAN

MR PAUL BLANCHARD. OLABEMONT HOUSE, DALSTON LANE, LONDON.

Best Kitchen or Cooking Coal, 17s. per ton. -W. Hunton York, 25, Horse Market, Barnerd

War Items.

ady Anne Lambton's Durham County Work Depot.

Thirteenth List. The Honorary Secretary begato acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following garments, etc., forwarded by staff and scholars Cockfield school (per Mr Wetherell); Miss E. Emerson, The School, Denton; Mrs Pierson, Catbrick, Piercebridge; and scholars of Cockfield school (per Mr N. W. Chambers) The committee solicit further contributions nd, in particular, woollen shirts, mufflers woollen caps and helmets, fingarless gloves cittens, and body belts, which are organily coded by the Darham regiment,-Mr A. J. Dawson is the honorary secretary.

Memories of the Royal Fusiliers.

Private C. W. Berry Congratulated. To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercary." DEAR SIR,-I note that G. W. Berry, of Barnard Casalo, has joined the 4th Battalion the Royal Fundiers. I wish him success in his military life, and hope that he may be as proud of his regiment as I was when I had the bonour regiment. The formation dates back to the time of the Armada. A friend of mine, Sevgeant-Major Tyler, of the 4th Battalion, now at the front, has been mentioned in despatches, and Private S. Godley, of the same batteling, has earned the Victoria Cross for as the gentiemen in the butts were to shoot sticking to his muchine gun at Mons under the birds. (Cheers). The Health of Messrs nerve-straining conditions. The Fusiliers have nerve-straining conditions. The Fusiliers have done well at the front, but they have lost a number of mer. Godley is now reported as wounded and missing. I wrote to Godley a letter of congratulation on his bravery, but all. The fact of this terribin war, and the the letter has been returned to mo. I enclose circumstance of Mr Gilbert Dugdale having copy of a letter from Colonel Rodick. If you

Rokoby Villa, Startforth, Barnard Castle, 12th January, 1915.

[COPY.]

Royal Fusiliers' Association.

DEAR MR COATES,-I have to acknowledge with sincere thanks the receipt of parcel as intimated in your letter of the 22nd instant. Will you very kindly convey to the ladies who were instrumental in providing the comforts an expression of grateful thanks to the name of the regiment for their extremely kind and thoughtful action, and also please accept a similar expression of thanks for the great interest that you yourself have taken? gifts so very kindly sent will be forwarded irect to the front, and will, I am quite sure. se much appreciated .- Yours sincerely,

R. P. B. RODICK, LIBUT.-COLONEL, Secretary, Royal Fueitiers' Association Finsbury Barracks, London, E.C. 29th December, 1914.

Mr W. Costes, Rokeby Villa, Startforth, Barnard Castle.

Cloves for Our Cunners.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." SIR, The exacting demands and extra train of war, is responsible for many an unexpected need amongst those who serve, which, not having been acticipated, have not been provided for. The lot of the gumers on itis Majesty's battleships supplies a case in point. These brave fellows while on duty are compelled to stand by their guns the whole time, ready for action, and is is bitterly cold on the North Sea. I have been asked to undertake the collection of suitable gloves which may be more or less worn-kid or other leather, fift lined, motor or driving gloves Any of these forwarded to me I will undertake send to Mr E M. Hall, of 3, Colonial avenue, Minerios, London, who wid see they are distributed as promptly as possible. Parcels may also be sent direct to bir Hali, if preferred. -Yours faithfully, G. J. RIVING (ON. 6, Abbay-street, Carlisle, January 12th, 1915

Belgian Refugees.

Sir, -It is now generally answer that uine teen refugees are she guests of Barnard Castle and the surrounding district. On behalf of the local Refugee Commistee I beg to thank all those who have so kindly contributed, and those who have sent clothing and food since the arrival of the refugees.

It may inverest your readers to know that the ladies on the committee undertake the catering for the five families from day to day. this takes up considerable time, and the duties would be made easier if those sending god would (it possible) lot the ladies know th day beforehand what is proposed to be sent. The committee are already obliged by gifts of rabbits, potatoes, butter, milk, meat, etc.

Among the party are six children, aged unde 14 years of age, the youngest boing 21 mouths erhaps some mother, whose baby is no longer baby, can spare a cradie and a garment or or two for the little atranger. The men are desirous of having employment if such can be found. The committee will be

glad of any suggestion on this head.—Yours laithfully, J. INGRAM DAWSON, Honorary Secretary to the Committee. Oak Back, Barnard Castle, 12th January, 1915.

" Press Sidelights of the War."

Useful Hint to Advertisers.

"Business as Usual," Under the first of the above headings, " The Newspaper World" of recent issue contains some lateresting information concerning the manner in which the newspans: Press has been affected by the war. One contributor says that over 200 German newspapers have been discontinued "due to the want of advertisenents," and adds: "At the beginning we had a taste of similar conditions at home, bu advertisors are now slowly, but surely, returning to the business of advertising, ad at the end of the fifth month's hostilities we are in a surer position than at the beginning. Another special contributor says : " It was quite natural, in the early stages of those atirring times, when paric seized the most level-headed, and no one knew what would sappen next, that advertisers ceased from advertising, and withdraw their order wholesale, but this cutting down of expenses n the matter of advertisting for too long a paried may not be as economical as would appear on the face of it. . . Enterprising raders, who have lately recommended their advertising, say that trace with them is now as brisk as over very agreeably to their susprise. and, having tried the experiment of advertising on a more extended scale, have resped the benefit by a return nearly double their usual. If all could see things this way the nowspaper proprietors - who have been spending money freely to give their readers the best of newswould benefit, and even in war time we should find that 'Business as usual' is a good workable motto." Another paragraph in the same journal says: "It seems to be clearly ostablished that firms who continue to advertise are doing the best business,"

Helpers of the Barnard Castle Ladies' Association Thanked.

To the Editor of the " Teosdale Mercury." DEAR SIR,-Will you allow me again to respass on your valuable space and thank the many helpers of the Barnard Castle Ladies' Association for War Relief for the articles that have so willingly been made from wood and material supplied from the depôt, and also for giftz received?

C: Tuesday morning the Emergency Committee meeting was held at the Vicarage, and the following articles were on view: -45 beits, 149 pairs of socks, 34 mufflers, 10 pairs of heelless ecoks, 49 pairs of mittens, 4 pairs of slippers, 10 Cardigen jackets and jerseys, 6 heirieta, 1 fisunel jacket, 2 pairs of knee caps,

10 pairs of bed socks, and 38 flannel shirts. These articles were forwarded the following day to the British Red Cross Society, Lady Londonderry, for Durhams at the front; Major Done. for the 19th Field Company, Royal Engineers, at Colchester, some Barnard Castle men being in that company ; and to the head of the Navy League Depôt; and also a consignment to Colonel Watson, for our own 6th Durham Light

Infantry now at Bonsham, Gatesbead. I should like to add a little incident that came to my knowledge, and which should give the women workers of our ancient little town fresh encouragement and renewed energy. One of the 5th Durham's said to a comrade one morning, "I had given me from the store yesterday a flancel shirt and pair of socks which came from Sernard Castle, and were made by some kind soul there, and I have never been so

comfortable in my life." Now may I be allowed to make a little appeal for the drivers of the transport waggons of the 6th Battelion Durham Light Infantry, at Bensham, Gateshead? I want 40 pairs of mittons, and, if possible, 40 mufflers (any length of muffler will be acceptable) to forward to the officer to charge of the transport, that he may supply each driver with a pair of mittens and a comforter. It is very cold work driving, and the men's hands get numbed. I do not wish this to be a burden on the funds of our War Relief Committee, so I make this personal appeal, and am myseif providing what I can, but I shall be most grateful to any kind friend who will forward to me at the Vicarage as soon as possible either of these articles. - I am, dear sir, yours faithfully, SARAH E. BIRCHAM.

Vicarage, Barnard Castle, January 11th, 1915.

Christmas and New Year's Eve in the Trenches.

"Jack Johnson's " 1915 Greeting.

Mr Walker Waine, the Bank, Barnard Castle, has received an interesting letter from Private J. H. Pescod, of the 1st Leicester Regiment (machine gun section), who is a relative by marriage, in which reference is made to the late festive sesson in the treuches. The writer ways they had a fairly decent time on Christmas and Now Year's Eve. On Caristmas Eve the Germans shouled, and wished the English " merry Christmas," and gave them a song. The British troops also cheered, and in turn also rendered a song-"Has anybody seen a German band?" The Hues choured and chapped their hands, so the English gave them another ditty—'I want to go home!" The contending forces, in fact, were singleg and shouting to sach other all night and all Christmas 'On New Year's Eve their big guns-' Jack Johnson's,' as we call them-started firing at eleven o'clock by our time, and we all thought we were in for it. But they first sent one shell, then nine, then one, and finally five. When we came to think it out, eleven o'clock by our time is twelve o'clock by their time, and they had, in fact, sent over '1915' to greet the new year, and they did the same with the rifles from the trenches, and then shouted over, wishing us's happy new year.' We shouted and asked them if they were 'fed up,' and they said they were. There was hardly a abot fired by either side all Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. I have had a few narrow oscapes, but I thank God devently for having brought me through, so far, safely. There are five men in our regimen. who have carned the distinguished conduct model, and one got the Victoria Orosa. So we have not done so badly. I should just like to get one or the other of them, but everybody does not get the chance, s the things meritorious are done oither without thinking of the risk, or on the spur of the moment. Our regiment have been praised for the work they have done. I do not think it is the duty of any married man to ome out here."

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MARBIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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ELLIS: CHATT. - At All Saints', Manchestor, on the 9th January, 1915, Private James Ellis, of the 13th Manchester Regiment, to Margaret Etizabeth Chatt, 12, Whitfieldstreet, Ardwick, Manchester.

Donties.

BARKER. - On January 3rd, at Gladstone House, Greenbank Road, Darlington, George Barker, aged 76 years. Was interred at West Cemetery, Darlington, on January 6th.

DONALD .- At Thorngate, Barnard Castle, Bancah, beloved wife of the late Joseph Donaid, aged 65 years. Was interred at Startforth, on Monday, January 11th.

FOOTT.-At 8, Market-place, Barnard Castle ou Tuesday, January 12th, Mary, beloved wife of the late J. S. Foots, aged 74 years. To be interred on Thursday, January 14th, at 3 p.m., cortege leaving 8, Market-place, at a quarter-to-throo o'clock. Friends please accept teis latimation.

SURTRES .- At 6, the Esplanade, Sunderland, on the 11th instant, aged 68 years, Elizabeth, widow of the late W. H. Surtees. Interment on Thursday, cortege leaving residence at 12 o'clock noon, for Bishopwearmouth Cemetery.

In Mamoriam.

RUTCHINSON.—In loving memory of John, the dearly beloved husband of Margarot Hutchinson, late of Scarr End House, Ettersgill, who departed this life on January 15th,

'Tis hard to part with those we love Though parting hours will come; But still we hope to meet again

Ever remembered by his widow and family. JACKSON .- To the gentio memory of Jane

Jackson, who died at Romaldkirk, on January 14th, 1914. We miss thee at a thousand turns

Along life's weary track; Not a sorrow or a joy, but we Long to call thee back.

WALKER -Ia loving memory of my dear father, Thomas Waiton Waiker, who passed away on January 10th, 1909.—From his loving son

and daughter, and family, Mr and Mrs Bateman, Manchester.

"Tis eweet to know we'll meet again, Where parting is no more; And that the one we lov'd so well