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Message from the Trenches. BY A GALLANT TEESDALE SOLDIER.

LAST NICHT'S MEETING IN THE MISSION HALL.

War Loan and National Economy.

Last night an influentially attended meeting was held in the Mission Hall, Barnard Castle, to consider the national crisis. Mrs J. J. Bell-Irving, Rokeby Park, presided, and there were also present Cauon and the Misses Gough, Barningham Rectory; the Rev. A. L. and Mrs Manby, Startforth Vicarage; Mrs Bircham, the Vicarage; the Rev. T. Baron (Wesleyan), and many others. On the platform were Mrs J. J. Boll-Irving. Captain W. R. C. Hutchinson, Egglestone Hall, who was in the uniform of the Durham Light Infantry, and who evidenced lameness; Dr. Headlam, Whorlton Hall; the Rev. F. R. M. Graham, Rokeby Rectory; the Rev. H. W. H. Bircham, and Mr John Wiseman, J.P. The Chairman said Captain Hutchiceon bad been at the front for seven months, and had just returned on sick leave, and General Headlam was still at the front, and had been since the outbreak of heatilities. Germany, said the Chairman, intended to smash England, which had to be annihilated and wiped out. But we don't want to be annihilated, and we won't be smashed," emphasised Mrs Bell-Irving. The Germans, she insisted, were right in their organisation, and in teaching every person his duty to the state. "We talk of the duty of the state to the people. We pamper the individual. But our country is in danger, and we want you all to realiss it." Dr. Headlam remarked that the welfare of

the country depended largely upon national economy and thrift, and, in reviewing the situation, he observed that there had been a markable revival of German power. The ermans expected a war indemnity of two scupy this country until the money was paid. would speak to them with regard to men. dunitions, and money, and he counselled all to make it their aim to save £20 in a year. for investment in the war loan - he was thinking of the average person of the country-for he reminded tuem that the standard of life in Britain was far higher than anywhere else in the world. There had been a great deal of waste in this country-waste in military camps, as he had been told-which was not reasonable in time of war. Again let him say that the first thing was to make up their minds to save, for, if this country was not victorious in this war, they would have to pay the enormous indemnity which he had nam Success would require every effort which could be made on their part, and all the force of the nation's power, while they acted as a united people in the face of a great, common

A Vigorous and Maniy Address.

Captain Hutchinson, who has proved himself to be a brave and courageous soldier, delivered a magnificent speech, and, in the course of his rks, said he practically came before them with a message from the trenches. Let him at once say that the thin khaki line were not at all a despondent or a depressing lot of men. "They are full of fun, full of confidence, and absolutely full of hope," declared the gallant Durham Light Infautry officer. "They are full of confidence for this reason: they look to the people at home to see the game through," emphasized the speaker, "and they are not in the least afraid, though they may be in the most terrific danger." The plucky Captain proceeded: "They see Belgium and Flanders as I have seen them-devastated and miserable. Then let us back these men up in the confidence they have in us, for say they: 'If we wait long enough we shall have pleasy of fellows out here, and then we shall win.' Don't let them bedisappointed. Personally, I am quite capable of looking after my wife and my children myself, and I intend to do it. This fatal putting off in an evil moment may be our ruin. We must contemplate victory. I cannot conceive the possibility of a German victory. We have got to keep before us the British Empire, which stands for the nobility of freedom and civilization. I cannot tell you how intensely we soldiers sympathise with the women of England—the anxious and terribie tension of waiting and not knowing the fate of those whom they love. They are behaving in a most extraordinarily patriotic way at this moment. We look to them for still more recruits, for I am perfectly confident that if by any words of mine I can help you to realise the acriousness of things, I shall be amply repaid. Remember that it will only be by our own efforts if we Every man must defend his own house and his family, and the only way you can help is by submitting to that organization of which the Germans are past masters, and, by so doing, bring this war, if possible, to a speedy close. We must all work with a will and determination, and do what we are told to do! There is no time to argue. I am not a rich man, but I will contribute of my money, I will Castle, on Sunday morning last, when the Roy. contribute my life, and I will contribute my son's life, and I ask you to do the same.

Serious Accident to the Rev. C. H.

Bicycle Rider Loses Control. On Sunday night, about nine o'clock, a some what serious accident befel the Rev. C. H. Lightfoot, the paster of the Barnard Castle Primitive Mothodist Church. It appears that Mr and Mrs Lightfoot had attended the repeated Sunday school anniversary services at Boldron, over which Mr Lightfoot presided, the absence of the Rev. T. Robson, of Shildon. On their homeward journey Mr and Mrs Lightfoot, in descending Startforth bank, were overtaken by a young man on a bicycle, named Sidney Hutchinson, of Sanders House, Barningham. The youth, who is only fourteen years of age, and who is apprenticed at the drapery establishment of Mr T. Garbutt, mmerce House, had evidently lest control of his machine. He rang his beil, and the steemed minister endeavoured to step to one side to allow the cycle to pass, but, unfortu-nately, the young man turned his machine at he same instant, and caught Mr Lightfoot on the leg, knocking him to the ground, where he lay unconscious. P.C. Clarke, of the Durham County Police, was summoned, and rendered assistance, together with Mr W. Furnass and Mrs J. W. White, who had accompanied the injured minister and his wife. Mr Lightfoot's left are was burn. The look was thrown from theye was burt. The boy was thrown from his bloycle, and sustained rather severe injury to his right eye. Mr Lightfoot was conveyed to his house in Park-terrace in a trap belonging to Mr J. Raine, Street Side, Rokeby, who was passing immediately after the accident, and was attended by Dr. Leishman.

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

The work of restoring and strengthening the Pees Visduct proceeds satisfactorily, the bridge being now connected with the town by

The 1st Durham (Romaldkirk) Troop of Girl duides have collected and sent to the Hon. Mrs Anstruther 525 books and magazines for the men at the front. This is in response to a request by General Sir Robert Baden-Powell in the June number of the "Girl Guides Gazatte.'

Mr William John Frater, of Cotherstone, i setting an example in this national crisis well worthy of imitation. Mr Robinson, of Low Shipley Farm, has a son bravely serving his King and country with the colours. Out of admiration for the young fellow's courage and to do "his bit," Mr Frater has offered Mr Robinson his services, with a pledge that he will do his best during hay-time and harvest.

Hay-making operations in the Teesdale district are progressing but slowly, and very little grass is out between Barnard Castle and Scotch Corner.

Catterick railway station has assumed bustling aspect in view of the military developments in the neighbourhood, while passengers on the highways are very numerous.

The Rev. A. L. Manby, vicar of Startforth, conducted a drum-head service with the 10th Leicester Regiment, at Deerbolt Camp, early on Sunday morning.

Large congregations continue to attend the services at the new Roman Catholic Church at Lartington, numerous worshippers from Barnard Castle and Cotherstone included.

The environment of Catterick is being com plotely transformed into a huge, permanent military camp, with aerodrome and perfect railway communication, a very large number of workmen being employed.

A speech of Major Chichester-Constable, at Wednesday's meeting of the Hull Recruiting Committee, which cast reflectious on Scar borough's record in regard to recruiting, has been questioned in Scarborough, the Mayor (Mr C. C. Graham) having taken action by writing to the Press. Mr W. R. Rea, M.P. for the borough, communicated with Mr H. J. Tenant, the Under Secretary of State for War, who replied that he understood that the loyal energy of the people of Scarborough had produced the most excellent results. In his speech Major Chichester Constable said it was unsatisfactory to see able-bodied men at Scarborough who would not join the forces until they were fetched. Malton, he said, was very good, but Scarborough was not. He wondered if anything could be done there.

The troops encamped in the park attached to Brough Hall, the residence of Sir John Lawson, have the advantage of a salubrious situation. Major A. W. Little, of Barnard Castle, is in camp here, with his battalion.

Father O'Leary, of St. Lawrence's Roman Catholic Church, Lartington, said early mass to members of the 17th Durbam Light Infantry and the 10th Leicester Regiment in a tent at Deerbelt Camp, on Sunday morning.

A fund has been started for sending food and other comforts to prisoners of war of the Durham Light Infantry in Germany. Wives, mothers, or relatives of prisoners should send in their names and addresses to any of the three ladies whose names and addresses follow-Mrs C. D. Shafte, 9, South Bailey, Durham; Lady Katharine Vane, Haughton Hall, Darlington; and Mrs Darwin, Dryburn, and addresses their names will be added to the list of those receiving fortnightly parcels. If the names of prisoners of war of other regiments are sent to any of the above addresses they will be forwarded to the Prisoners of War Help Committee in Lendon, who will see that they are helped. The Honorary Secretary for the 6th Battalion the Durham Light Infantry is Mrs H. C. Watson, the Mount, Barnard Castle.

St. Mary's Church at Barnard Castle was packed on Sunday morning, a large body of the 17th Durham Light Infantry attending divine service. The Rev. H. W. H. Bircham (vicar)

The Rev. J. B. Robinson, at the Unitarian Church, Barnard Castle, on Sunday night, alluded to the departure from the town members of the congregation, Mr S.S. Apps, of Dacre House, Victoria-terrace, who is going to the south of England, and Mr J. T. Dixon, of Harmire, who is removing to near Hull.

There was a large body of mon of the 17th Durham Light Infantry and the 10th Leicester regiment at the Wesleyan Church, Barnard W. W. Waiton preached.

Streatlam's roll of honour includes Private (Loud and continuous applause).

Mr Wiseman said every interest must be sunk in the vanquishing of their unspeakable

Streatlam's roll of honour includes Private Thomas Walker, 3rd Durham Light Infantry;

Private Frank Walker, of the Army Service Private Frank Walker, 2rd Durham Light Infantry; Corps; Private John Walker, of the 2nd Ducham Light Infantry, all of Streatlam Lodge; whom are serving with the King's forces.

> The district in and around Richmond and Catterick, and the villages of Tuestall and Scotton, will soon find quarters for a large body of troops, which represents additions equal o 14 or 15 towns like Barnard Castle.

Mr H. Handley Phillips, Associate of the London College of Music, deputy organist of Thornaby and other churches in that neighbourhood, of Stockton-on-Tees, has been appointed organist and choirmaster of Barningham Parish Church.

The roll of honour of patriotic Barningham and Nawsham includes twenty volunteers, officers and men, all of whom are serving in His Majesty's forces.

Messrs Thomas Spence and Charlie Elstrop,

arm. Both are progressing favourably. 317 eggs have been sent from Wycliffe to

Mr W. Dent has been elected Vicar's warden, Mr J. Parkin parishioners' warden for Mickle-ton, Mr J. Brown, jur., for Lune, and Mr J. Shields, for Holwick, all in the parish of Luithkirk.

Mrs Bell-Irving, with the kind assistance of Mrs Catterall, of Rokeby, has been able to send, for the benefit of the wounded, 364 eggs to London, 60 to Manfield, and 250 to Richmond. The work of collecting eggs and egg-money was kindly undertaken by Mrs Catterail.

In the House of Commons, yesterday afternoon, Mr McKenna announced that subscriptions to the new war loan totalled

A pillar of strength to the Liberal, Baptist and temperance causes at Winton, Kirkby Stephen, passed away on Saturday evening in the person of Mr Thomas Penrith, retired farmer, at the age of 70 years.

Sister Wiepenny, of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Albert Winpenny, Horse-market, arrived at Barnard Castle on Monday night, at eleven o'clock, on ten daya' leave of absence. Miss Winpenny has been eleven months at the front.

Yesterday afternoon, in the House of success in South-West Africa.

Yesterday afternoon Mr E P. W. Price cashier at the National Provincial Bank, Barnard Castle, received a telegram announcing the death of Mr E. J. L. Price, his elder brother, at Alexandria, from wounds received in the Dardanelles. The deceased gentleman was attached to the Nelson Buttalion of the Naval Brigade. Much sympathy is expressed with Mr E. P. W. Price in his sudden bereavement, though his esteemed brother has given his life in a noble cause.

Hon. Colonel Earl Percy, of Stanwick, near Darlington, is the eldest surviving son and heir of the Duke of Northumberland. He holds a commission as captain in the Grenadier Guards Special Reserve, and is honorary colonel of the Tyne Electrical Engineers (R.E.) He served n the South African War and the Soudan Campaige, 1908. In September of last year he was given a special appointment, and for a time assumed the role of "Eye Witness," the graphic accounts of the memorable battle of Neuve Chapelle coming from his pen. Recently se was made a General Staff Officer (3rd

Two well-known Barnard Castle men have been promoted. Temporary Captain A. W. Little (as already notified in this journal) has seen promoted to the rank of Temporary Major, in the 16th Northumberland Fusilions Commercial Battalion), and is now in camp in Brough Hall Park, near Catterick; and Quartermaster-Sergeant Ernest Black, 2nd Durham Light Infantry, has been specially mentioned in dispatches, and receives a commission in his regiment. Major Little received his education at Barnard Castle, and proceeded to the North Eastern County School on an open scholarship. He then served some time as an assistantmaster in the school, and was a member of the local Officers' Training Corps. Leaving the school he was attached to the teaching staff of the Royal Grammar School at Newcastle-on-Tyne, where he joined the Northumberland Fusiliers (Territorials), and was embodied at the commencement of the, war and has served with the regiment since. Mr Black is s son of the late Mr John Black, Barnard Castle, and was educated at the new Council School. Joining the army early in life, he soon obtained promotion. He served in India and other places, and earned his promotion on

Sergeant Donnelly, of the 17th Durham Light Infantry, stationed at Barnard Castle, has been granted a commission, and has been attached to the Staffordshire Light Infantry. Sergeant Donnelly joined the Durham Light Infantry and went through the Boor War and some North-west Indian Frontier engagements, retiring while the regiment was in India. He remained in that country for some time, following the profession of a journalist, but and offered his services again He was accepted, and attached to the 17th Durhams, and was soon promoted to the rank of sergeant, and won Durhams on Saturday.

Funeral of the Late Mr John Hunter. Marshall-street. The interment of the late Mr John Hunter.

of Marshall-street, Baroard Castle, whose death was chronicled in this journal last week, took place in St. Mary's Parish Church Cemetery, on Thursday afternoon, amidst every token of the kindlight regard. The Rev. Spencer Wade (curate) was the officiating clergyman. The chief mouraers were Mr Robert Hunter, Saltburn (son); Miss Hunter (daughter); Mr and Mrs J. Hunter, Thornabyon-Tees (son and daughter-in-law); Mr W Hunter, M.A., Oxford (son) : Mr and Mrs T. H. Hunter, Barnard Castle son and daughter-in-law); Mr and Mrs A. H. Nicholson, Barnard Castle (sou-in-law and daughter); Mrs Chappell and Mrs F. W. Hedley, Barnard Castle (daughters); Miss Nicholson and Misses Hunter, Barnard Castle (grand-daughters); Mr. G. Hunter, Darlington (nephew); Mr. R. Hunter, Shildon (asphew); Mr G. Wigham, Stockton-ou-Tees (cousic); Mr and Mrs Thompson, Barnard Castle; and Mr and Mrs T. Borrowdale, Barnard Castle. The general mourners included Messrs H. Walker, Robt. Wood, J. Appleby, W. Davis, Chris. Hedley (trustee), and Walter Hewitt (secretary of the United Brothers' Lodge of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity); W. Hedley, A. Hedley, J. Stoddart, T. M. Peat, J. G. Harris, R. B. Mortor, and G. Morton, Barnard Castle; and several others. The following gentlemen were the bearers:—Messrs R. Willis, T. Chatt, H. Harland, and R. Blenkinsopp (bell-ringers of Private George Walker, of the 10th Durham Light Infantry, also of Streatian Lodge, has been killed in action.

St. Mary's Parish Church). Beautiful floral tributes were sent. The undertakers were Messrs T. Borrowdale and Son, Newgate, Barnard Castle; and the hearse and mourning coaches were supplied by Mr T. Oliver, Marshall-street.—During the evening and also on Sunday muffled peals were rung on the bells of St. Mary's Parish Church in memory of the eceased gentleman.

BOWLS.

Several competitions in connection with the Darlington and District Bowling League were played last Saturday afternoon on the Bowes
Museum bowling green, Barnard Castle. In
the Stevenson trophy competition for two
woods, Mr H. Hobson (Barnard Castle) met Mr
B. Bishop (North Lodge). At the thirtieth end the former gentleman was leading by the odd shot, but the Darlingtonian scored two at the thirty-first end, thus winning a very exciting of Wycliffe, have both received injuries in game by 21 to 20. The other match in the France. The former is suffering from gas same round took place between Mr A. poisoning, and the latter was wounded in the Winpenny (Barnard Castle) and Mr J. H. Pearson (East Park). The local player soon got the measure of his opponent, and ran out an easy winner at the twenty-fifth end, the Te-morrow morning a confirmation service will be held in St. Glies' Church, Bowes.

Scores reading: Winpenny, 21; Pearson, 11.

In the league pairs' competition Messrs A. Winpenny and F. C. Dalgarno (s) met Messrs J. Moss and J. H. Pearson (East Park). At five ends the total was: Dalgarno 4. leading by 12 shots. The next two ends counted for the Darlingtonians, making the score: Dalgarne, 6: Pearson, 23. The home men, however, were not down-hearted, the following two ends producing two sixes. Wanting five shots to draw and six to win, they were laid four shots. The Darlington skip, playing a good game with his last two woods, drew two shots, the game finishing:
Pearson, 25; Dalgarno, 18.—On Monday night Mr A. Winpenny visited Darlington to play bis opponent (Mr A. Burns, of the Railway Athletic), in the second round of the Stevenson Yesterday morning the boys from Sunderland orphanage arrived at the Coach and Horses Inn, Barnard Castle, for their summer vacation. Scores: Winpenny, 21; Burns, 15.

The War.

LOCAL SOLDIERS WRITE FROM AFRICA AND FRANCE.

INTERESTING ACCOUNTS.

Letter from German South-West Africa. Graphic Description of the Fighting Around Gibeon.

A nephew of Mr and Mrs R. Morton, Turk's Head Hotel, Barnard Castle, who is serving with the British forces in German South-West Africa, writes under date 18th May, 1915, as follows: To tall you how we got here, in detail. Commons, the Premier moved his resolution of thanks to Generals Botha and Smuts for the be interested to read what little I can say. First, I will take you back for nearly three weeks to a place called Gibcon, and if you have map you will find it ab at 200 miles south of Windhuk. After a heavy fight at Gibeon, on the 27th of April (a day I shall never forget), we were resting, for both men and horses were worn out, but, on the following afternoon, I was disturbed by a request for two signallers to go out with C Squadron of the 3rd Mounted Rifles. They were only going about 15 miles to capture a German convoy. Well everyone of my mates was done up, and it coded in going myself with one of the chaps. There was a dreadful air of mystery about it, and we all thought we were going to have a fearful time. General remarks were made by us all that we were, indeed, on a very dangerous mission, for what chance would 70 of us have against a big force of Germans with Maxims? We set out at dusk and travelled on putil midnight, saddled up again at 4 s.m., and by mid-day had not seen the German convoy. Fifteen miles soon developed into 40 kilometres, and soon after we canght sight of the convoy and captured it with huge convoys of stock, not a shot being fired. We sent it back to Gibsen, and set on to capture this place. The village, in charge of the magistrate, surrendered to us, and at the end of our 70 miles' trek, far away from our column, it was a glad relief. The German troops (150 in number) cleared out the day before we arrived. We found a telephone here connected with Gibeon, but the Germans had out the wire before loaving, and we had to get it put right, which took a patrol nearly a week. So here we are, safe and happy, and, to-day, our police are expected to arrive to relieve us, after which we proceed towards Windhuk, Now to get to Gibeon from Luderitzbucht, the sea-port, meant a trek of 200 miles over a desert of sand-sand, and nothing but sandwith water-holes 15 to 30 miles apart. Germans had demolished the railway line by blowing up every rail-joint with dynamite, and spoiling every rail. What was worst of all, however, was that they

Poisoned the Water-Holes with Carbolic Acid and Dead Animals

and blew up the headgear. It was awful. We had to drink something, so had the horses (poor beggars), and at times our rations were down to one biscuit per day. You want to experience it to appreciate it, for I cannot put expression to it on paper. Then we had mines to contend with, and we lost horses, mules, and men through them. At Barsaba we had a 'scrap," and this squadron had four horses hot, but not a man. Then we went on towards Gibeon, and when 20 miles off set out at night. We first got a patrol round the Germans, and blew up the line on the far side, cutting off their retreat. A squadron was also beyond them, but some silly chap lit his pipe i darkness. The enemy, ever keen with Maxims, took sight and range, and fired in the darkness. One fellow said Spion Kop wasn's in it in when war broke out he returned to England, comparison with numbers. The result was that 18 of that squadron were killed, and 66 wounded. It was terrible. Time wore on, daybreak arrived, and when the sun was up I had a busy time on the helloscope, with big guns booming and fighting all round. But I guns for marksmanship. He left the had a busy time on the helloscope, with Holmes, a farmer's son, from Alaton? He is given :- Mrs Waiton, Moor House, 17; to the duration of the war in German South-West Africa. -ED.

" The Glorious 6th Durhams": Letter from a Local Artilleryman.

Sergt. T. G. Forster, of the Royal Field Artillery, son of Mr T. B. Forster, of the Forge, Horse-market, Barnard Castle, writes to this journal from the continent setting forth that the Germans have made complete destruction of Flanders and Belgium. He says: "I had a look through one of the large cities the other day: all the churches and fice houses are wrecked, and all civilians have left. Some of the dwellings are deserted just as the people have lived in them, and many have had to leave all their belongings behind them. In one town in particular the church is about seven hundred years old. No doubt when the war is over thousands of people will come out here to have a good look for themselves at the dastardly wreckage perpetrated by the un-speakable Huns. We are having glorious weather. The water supply will be a great trouble to the army this summer. Horses soon lose float when they got bad water. Most of the Durhams are near me, and I am looking forward with high and great expectation to meeting the 'Glorious 6th Durhams.' They have done very good work. The waggons belonging to the 2nd Durhamz passed me last night on their way to the trenches. They were taking supplies up for their men. I was sorry to read in the 'Teesdale Mercury' of the comparatively poor show the young men of Teesdale are making when asked to join the for shell-making."

Grateful Letter from Private A. Smith.

"We are Still as Came as Ever."

Private Alfred Smith, of the 6th Battalion Durham Light Infantry, writes to Mr John Appleby, Galgate, Barnard Castle (his former employer), under date Friday, the 9th of July, 1915, as follows: We are having fine weather out here, and everything looks well. I have been in hospital out of health, but I am about ready for the trenches agair. This is a nerve-straining job out here, and we have had rather a rough time of it, but we are still as game as ever. We have about got used to it by now, and take no notice of suot and shell. I have seen many Belgian towns and villages wrecked, and the beautiful churches are all in ruins. 4 I have had many narrow places to get out of, but I have always got through We are about thirty yards off the Germans, and doing our bit. We have got a good leader in Captain Healop, who is a brave young man. We get plerty of tobacco and digaretter from good friends, and I would like to thank the people of Barnard Castle for their

War Needlework.

Last week Mrs J. J. Bell-Irving sent one hundred bospital bags to Lady Smith-Dorrien, made at Rokeby and neighbourhood; 2 dozen sand-bags to Colonel Tyler, for his fund; and to Lady Bell, for the Territorials at the front,

TEESDALE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

CORPS.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." Sir,-May I ask you to add yet another to the many kindnesses you have shown to our Teesdale Volunteer Tesicing Cores by finding com in your columns for the secompacying statement, showing the help which has been given to the funds of the corps as the result of he Whitsuntide meeting? I am sorry that, owing to the large number of accounts to be collected, it has been impossible to let those who so kindly exerted themselves on our behalf know at an earlier date the success of their efforts. To the President and to the committee who organised the meeting, to the collectors, and to all who so generously contributed, the thanks of the corps are gratefully tendered.—Yours faithfully, L. H. BARNARD, honorary treasurer.

North Eastern County School, Barnard Castle, nly 12th, 1915.

Summary of Accounts. Prize fund.-The President of the Meet, El 1s; Excelsior Cycling Club, £1 1s; Mr Raper, Newcastle, 24 6d; Major Heslop, £1 1s; Masters of the North Eastern County School, £2 12s; per Messrs Eastwood and Weldon 18s 1d; per Messrs Kyle and Harker, £3; per Messrs Todd and Swinbank, £3 19s 34; per Mosers Holdsworth and Evans, 22 is 7d; per Mr Franklin, 16; per Mr Woodlams, Stainton, 22 21; per Mar J Thompson, 2s 6d; per Messre R Fawcett and J Jackson, £1 13s; Barnard Castle Tradesmen's Association, £6 6s; licensed Victuallers' Association, 28; per Mr R Morton, 28 6s; total, 243 1s 11d; cost of prizes, £25 6s 91; balance carried to general

and, £17 15s 2d. Evening entertainment in Inner Beilev. Gate money, £11 18s; expenses, including half-share of profits paid to cricket club, £9 2s 3d; balance carried to general fund, £2 15s 9d.

Box collections.—Mrs Wiseman, £5 4s 4d Mrs F Nevison, 16s 11 1; Miss K Dockrill 19a 6 d; Miss D Bainbridge, 18s 5 d; Miss Nicholson, £1 9s 3d; Miss N Carter, 6s 7d; Mrs Richardson, £1 1s 0 d; Miss B Raine, 76 3 d; Miss Toad, 3s 2d; Mrs Burn, 16a 10 d; Miss F Hunter, 16s 4d; Miss A and Miss E Carter, 9s 5d; Miss C Morton and Miss F Welford, 21 15s 22d; Mrs Cartor, 9J; Miss Jean Bell, 5s 724; Miss A Boardman, 7s 11d; Miss D Sayer, 7s 7d; Miss A Carter, 21 16s 1½d; Miss M Emerson, 11s 8½d; Miss Scarth, 21 2s 7½d; Miss W Nevison, 1s 10d; Miss E Carter, 6s 5d; Mrs Burt, 4s 11d; Miss Dockrill, 14s 81d; Miss Summerson, 14s 7d; Miss L Higginbotham, 18s 34d; Miss M Wood, 8s 4d; Miss Stewart, 1s 11 d; Miss N Carter, 3s 5 d: Mr T Coulthard, 4s 8d; Mrs Atkinson, 21 11s 211; Mrs Sewart (Brignal), 4s 91; Mrs Wm. Todd (Barningham), 24 6s; Mr W H Catterail (Rokeby), 21 15s 8d; Mrs Peacock (Scargill), 8s 7ad; Mrs Hestop and Miss Coates (Startforth), £1 0s 6d; Mrs Hester and Miss M Jeffels (Startforth), Ss 71d; Miss Beal (Romaldkirk), 2s 10d; Miss Howard (Cotherstone), £1 13s 10d; Miss F Hall (Cockfield), £1 1s 1jd; Mr J E Spence (Winston), 4s 6d; air Applegarth (Staindrop), 9s 11d; Mrs Beadle (Middleton-in-Teesdale), £1 4s 7 d; Rev. H Straker (Bowes), 7s; total 238 143 3/d; expenses, including purchase of bidges, nexes, posters, etc., 215 13s 1d; balance carried to general fund, £23 1s 21d. Athletic sports and recraiting meeting in louer Bailey .- Gate money, programmes, entrance fees, etc., £77 1s 6a; expenses, 243 8s id; balance carried to general fund, 233 13s 5d; total proceeds in aid of the Teesdale Volunteer Training Corps, 277 5s 6 d. The accounts have been audited by Mossrs

Newbiggin-in-Teesdale Council School.

W Banks and M Adlard.

National Egg Collection for the Wounded. During each of the past eight weeks a collection of eggs has been made in the parish by the school children, and forwarded by the guns booming and fighting all round. But I master to the central depot. The following is an still well, fit, and nappy. I don't think the a list of the donors, with the number of eggs Holmes, a farmer s son, from Alexon.

NIXOD, Floid Head, 17, Mrs Scott, 33; Mrs this letter was written, the Germans have Pickering, 15; Mrs Iteland, 18; Mrs Bain-Pickering, 18; Mrs Iteland, 18; Mrs Bain-Pickering, 18; Mrs surrendered unconditionally to General Boths, bridge, Howgill, 50; Mrs Watson, Bowleer, 39; thus verifying the prediction of the writer as Mrs J. W. Temple, 28; Miss Tare, 15; Mrs Collisson, 31; Mrs J. W. Wearmouth, 22; Mrs T. Watson, 5; Mrs Hatchinson, 45; Mrs Sowerby, 12; Mis J. S. Watson, 15; Mis Aliinson, 2; Mrs Raine, 10; Mrs Alderson, 20; Mrs J. Wearmouth, 26; Mrs Lowes, 25; Mrs G. Beadle, 30; Mrs Hutchinson, 15; Mrs Watson, Hill, 12; Mrs Anderson, 3; Mrs R. Watson, 21; Mrs Dickinson, 18; Mrs Allinson, 15; Mrs Allinson, 12; Mrs Jones, 60; Mrs L. Wostmouth, 12; Miss Beadle, Scarr, 22; Mrs Tailentire, 12; Mrs Gargate, 7; Mrs Contaworth, 16; Mrs Watson-Bell, 8; Mrs W. Watson, 41; Mrs Parmiey, 16; Mr Cameron, 30; Mrs J. Temple, 11; Mrs Coggias, 11; Mrs Hope, 61; Mrs J. Hutchinson, 28; Mrs Gibson, 23; Mrs Pinkney, 11; total number collected, 981. In addition to this three boys have collected the

Barnard Castle Parliamentary Recruiting Committee.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." DEAR SIR -- We shall esteem it a favour if you will find room for the enclosed letter in your paper in as early an edition as possible.— Thanking you in anticipation, we are, yours

faithfully, fr. W. DOWSON, Labour Agent; WM, WOODHEAD, Unionist Agent. COPY.

this committee "to make immediate arrange-ments for a big campaign throughout the division to encourage investment in the new army. I think Barnard Castle has done its War Loan, and to advocate persent and little bit admirably, and the dale as a whole should do the same. Tell everybody to go in authorised the undersigned to visit every polling district in the division, and to invite the co-operation of the clergy and other ministers of religion, the officials of local governing bodies, of employers, of friendly societies, of labour organisations, and all other organisations, including women, that might be helpful. The representatives of these podies are to be formed icto a local committee, and will be responsible for arranging and holding meetings in the polling districts. The undersigned will be pleased to supply leaflete, literature, and posters bearing on the War Losg, and, as far as practicable, speakers to explain the methods of investment. The Government is desirous of discouraging other organisations than the Parliamentary Recruit ing Committees from nodertaking the work of recruiting or work in connection with the new War Loan, and it is of opinion that such work can be best carried out by the Parliamentary Recruiting Committees, where they are in existence, and at the same time a tremendous amount of overlapping and waste of effort can be avoided .- Yours faithfully,

T. W. DOWSON, 51, Gladstone-street, Crook, County Durham ; WILLIAM WOODHEAD, Grey-street, Crook, County Durham, Joint Honorary Secretaries, Barnard Castle Division Parliamentary Recruiting Committee

The Kaiser as Messiah!

The " Jewish World "says : An extraordinar; eport has gained entrepey in Russia that the taiser, during a visit to Locz, entered the Synagogue and, raising a seroil of the law, told the congregation that he was the Messiah whom they were awaiting, and that he had been sent by God to save them.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The river Tees was in flood last Wednesday afternoon, and towards evening numerous fishermen were to be seen by the river-side The catches varied a great deal, all the anglers ppenring to be successful. A few nice-sized th were obtained near Mickleton, Mr Dowson landing one about three pounds in weight, The Tees was again in fine trim on Saturday. A large number of fishermen visited the higher reaches of the river. Dock grab proved to be an excellent lure, and by this balt Mr G. Bradwell, Middleton, got a fine catch.

The Rev. John Strong (superannuated rimitive Methodist minister) paid a visit to Middleton last week-end, and occupied the pulpit at the Primitive Methodist Church, Middleton, on Sueday morning and evening. The reverend gentleman formerly carried out a most successful ministry here. Although getting on in life he is still full of vigour and enthusiasm, and his discourses were listened to with the keenest interest. The evening scrvice was largely attended.

Major J. W. B. Heelop said it was not a question of England being smashed, but would and Private K. Swan, of the Black Watch, Germany be smashed, and to paraphrase Lord brother-in-law of the Walker brothers, all of er's appeal for more men, more men, and still more men, he would say more reminders, more reminders, and still more reminders. In connection with the Volunteer Training Corps, they were, he said, forming a county regiment of five battalious.

On the motion of the Vicar, seconded by the Rector of Rokeby, the speakers were warmly thanked for their services.

Lightfoot.

There was only a poor representation of the nembers of the Parish Council at the monthly

mosting held last Wednesday night. Mr John Walton (chairman) presided .- The report of the committee for advertising the town as a health resert was produced, and considered vory satisfactory, the advertising scheme being now well in hard.—A lengthy discussion took place with reference to the Gas Company's bill for last season's street lighting. Owing to the Government's recent lighting order the Parish Council requested the Gas Company to reduce the price of this illuminant, as fall amount had not been consumed. The Gas Company, however, asked for the full sum as per contract. The matter was left over for a further meeting.

Special sermons were preached in the Wesleyan Church, Middleton, by Mr Wm. Eales, of Durham, a local preacher of great ability, whose services are much appreciated n Teesdale.

Camp meetings were neld in connection with the Primitive Methodist societies at Lunedale and Harwood. The services were conducted by local preachers.

The Baptist Sunday school anniversary was celebrated at Hude Chapel, Middleton, last Sanday. Two sermons were preached in the morning and evening by Mr A. R. Doggart, of Bishop Auckland, who was the special preacher for the occasion. A choice selection of hymns were sung at the various services by the choir and scholars. A children's service took place in the afternoon, under the presidency of Mr. R. Dobson. An address was delivered by Mr Doggart, and the young people rendered songs and recitations. Good companies were present at all the services.

Hay-making operations have been in progress n the district during the past week. The crops are very light.

Conservatives Visit Raby Castle.

A party of 63, comprising members of the Middlesbrough Conservative Club and their wives, on Saturday paid a visit to Raby Castle, the seat of Lord Barnard, and spent a most enjoyable time. A large number of members also made the journey in motor-cars and motorcycles with side-cars attached. It was a merry party, all out for an afternoon's real enjoyment which was achieved and appreciated. An excellent cold collation was served up by Host Lowson, of the King's Arms, Staindrep. permission of the agent (Mr H. L. Fife) the party was shown over the Castle and the park. The arrangements, in the capable hands of Mr W. Dalkin and Mr H admirably, and without the slightest hitch.

Literature for our Troops.

To the Editor of the " Teesdale Mercury." DEAR SIR, -On behalf of the officials of "The Camps' Library," permit us, through the modium of your paper, to thank the inhabitants of Barnard Castle for the splendid way in which they have responded to our request for books for distribution to our gallant soldiers at the front and in the home camps. We have received over 2,000 books and magazines, all of which, we feel sure, will be much appreciated by our brave boys at home and abroad.— Faithfully yours, JOHN R. ARROWSMITH,

ARTHUR J. YOUNG. Barnard Castle, July 13th, 1915.

CRICKET.

North Eastern County School v. Barnard Castle. The above match was played on the school's sum of 16s, from people who had none or very few eggs to give for this deserving cause. ground last Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the town. Batting first, the school start well by scoring 48 for 2 wickets, adjard and Boardman showing good form. Leeds, however, afterwards bowled well, and the innings closed for 79. Leeds took 6 wickets at a dost of only 13 runs, and Thornton 1 for 0. Upon Barnard Castle going in Lieut. Weich was quickly bowled, but Lizut. Callendar and Lieut. Barwick batted in good style, and put on 33 runs for the second wicket. Leeds then joined Oxilendar, and when they were separated, after some good batting, only 7 were required to win, which were soon knocked oil. Caltendar played well for 40, not cut. The Rev. F. L. Brereton kindly provided ten for the teams on the laws, his kindness being greatly appreciated by the DEAR SIR, -The Government has appealed to players. The scores were: North Eastern County School, 79; Barnard Castle (for 7

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

is Memoriam.

Warson, In loving memory of our dear brother, John Thomas Watson, who died at Rieg Side, Harwood, on July 12th, 1913.

Two years have gone and still we miss thee, Never shall Tay memory fade; Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger Round the spot where thou art laid. -Ever remembered by his sister and