

AT THE FRONT.

John Ferguson, serving in France in the 1st Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, writes to his mother in the following letter...

FOR MERCY.

Richard Watson, of the 20th Battalion, writes to Mr. R. J. G. Watson, of Barnard Castle, in the following letter...

AT THE FRONT.

Says We Must Win, writes to the Editor of the Teesdale Mercury, in the following letter...

EMPLOYEE KILLED.

Mr. A. Rutter, of the Division Supply, writes to the Editor of the Teesdale Mercury, in the following letter...

KILLED IN ACTION.

Mr. R. S. Spedding, of the 1st Battalion, writes to the Editor of the Teesdale Mercury, in the following letter...

COACH SCHOOL.

Mr. J. W. Watson, of the 1st Battalion, writes to the Editor of the Teesdale Mercury, in the following letter...

ROTHERSTONE BELL-RINGERS JOIN THE COLOURS.

A correspondent writes:—It is gratifying that notwithstanding so many able-bodied young men at this very time...

STRETLAM AND STANTON WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." Dear Sir,—The above-named committee recently sent a donation of £10 to Lady Catherine Vane for the fund for supplying comforts to the British prisoners of war...

Soldiers' Concert in the Wesleyan Recreation-Room.

A soldiers' concert was held in the Wesleyan soldiers' recreation-room on Friday last. Mr. S. J. G. Watson, of Barnard Castle, was the soloist...

ROMAIDKIRK WOMEN'S ROLL OF HONOUR.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY. In last week's roll of honour only the men were mentioned in our columns, and it seems a pity when women are doing such good work...

The Effort to Advertise the Town.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." Dear Sir,—Will you kindly publish the following statement showing the result of the recent concert in aid of funds to further advertise this town...

Zonolite Skin Ointment in the Ointment.

Mr. Tom Holland and his talented family have joined the 17th Battalion Durham Light Infantry, including Second-Lieutenant F. Wayman...

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Captain Alister F. Beal, of the Princess Royal, of the Royal Cruiser Squadron, is spending his brief leave of absence with his father at Romaiddirk Rectory.

Speech by the Colonel Commanding.

The Colonel then addressed the men as follows:—"Men of the Durham Light Infantry. You are leaving the 17th Battalion to go on duty overseas, and I trust you will all do your duty to the best of your ability."

Butterknowle Colliery Activity.

A welcome sign of industrial activity, as well as a manifestation of optimism regarding the result of the war, is the reconstruction at Butterknowle of the long disused railway connecting the colliery with the North York Railway.

COURT-MARTIAL AT BARNARD CASTLE.

A general court-martial was opened in the Territorial Drill Hall, Barnard Castle, at half-past eleven o'clock on Monday morning. The court consisted of the following members...

Major R. L. Bower, C.M.G., Chief-Constable of the North Riding.

Major R. L. Bower, C.M.G., Chief-Constable of the North Riding, has been appointed Deputy-Assistant Director of Railway Transport. He is an old Regular and Militia rifle officer, and was given a temporary majority in the army last October.

THE FIRST OVERSEAS' DRAFT.

On Monday evening last the first draft from our 17th Durhams left Barnard Castle for duty overseas. They were marched up to the station under command of the Adjutant, and were accompanied by the brass band.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

The floods in the river Tees last week obscured the fishing conditions. Numerous anglers were to be seen. Mr. James Raine, of Middleton, hooked a fine salmon, which weighed 11½ pounds. It was a nice, fresh-run fish, and was very strong, taking rather a long time before it was landed.

CRICKET.

17th Battalion Durham Light Infantry v. 10th Leicestershire Regiment. The above teams played their return fixture on the cricket field, Barnard Castle, on Wednesday afternoon, in fine weather.

BOWLS.

Two games were played on the Bowes Museum green, Barnard Castle, on Friday night, in connection with the Dartington and Darlington teams in the Albert Wimpenny (Barnard Castle Bowling Club) and Mr. W. K. Roper (South Park Bowling Club).

EVERY WOMAN.

Should send two stamps for our 32-page Illustrated Book containing valuable information for all housewives and suggestions may be entirely adopted or removed by simple means. Recommended by eminent Physicians as the only safe, sure, and sensible remedy. Price 10s. Thousands of testimonials. Established 1862.

MR PAUL BLANCHARD.

CLAREMONT HOUSE, DALSTON LAKE, LONDON. The floods in the river Tees last week obscured the fishing conditions. Numerous anglers were to be seen. Mr. James Raine, of Middleton, hooked a fine salmon, which weighed 11½ pounds.

The Homecoming of Private E. Ross.

Queen's Prize-winner at Wimbledon in 1860. SCENES IN BARNARD CASTLE STREETS. In these stirring military days, when accuracy of fire is such an essential factor in good and effective soldiering, it is interesting to turn to the account of the arrival of Private Ross, after winning the Queen's Prize at Wimbledon in the year 1860.

Death of Mr John Wall, Late of Egglestone.

The death took place, on Friday, at Raygill, Leasington, of Mr John Wall, who formerly resided at Beg House, Egglestone, Egglestone, at the age of 82 years. He was a thoughtful man and had deeply religious convictions.

Penalty for Refusal.

The forms will be collected on Monday, 16th and Tuesday, 17th August, as far as possible, and checked with the entries previously made in the enumerator's book.

Mysterious Mortality in Local Hives.

Mr. Price, of the County Council Bee Department, Shire Hall, Durham, visited Barnard Castle on Monday, and examined the several hives of different bee-keepers found some to be in rather an unsatisfactory state.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

MARRIAGES. HISLOP, LIDDELL.—At Witton Gilbert, on the 24th inst., by the Rev. M. B. Parker, vicar of Bishop Middleham, the union was celebrated of Miss Elizabeth HISLOP, daughter of Mr. H. B. Watson, curate of Witton Gilbert, and Miss Alice LIDDELL, daughter of Mr. H. B. Watson, curate of Witton Gilbert.

National Registration QUESTIONS OUTLINED.

This is not the time for argument as to the way and the wisdom of national registration. The Act has been passed, and every loyal subject, in his post or peasant, must declare what his calling is, and what part he (or she) is prepared to take, directly or indirectly, in the defence of the country.

The Figures for Barnard Castle.

Barnard Castle has a population of approximately 4,700. The registration may be expected to embrace 2,700 inhabitants, consisting probably of 1,100 males and 1,600 females between the ages of 15 and 65 years. On an average there may be five persons to be registered in every town ward.

The Questions to be Answered.

The spaces in the form to be filled up by males are:— Name and residence; age last birthday; if born abroad, and not British, state nationality; state whether married, single, or widower; how many children are dependent on you—under 15 and over 15 years of age?

Information in Confidence.

The whole of the information given will be regarded in strict confidence, and will not be disclosed by any enumerator or any of the clerical staff engaged in tabulating the returns. Any person engaged who divulges any information is liable to a penalty of £20, or imprisonment for three months, or both.

Post-Card Maps, showing each Theatre of War in detail.

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