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UPPER DALE HOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] Two deaths occurred at Middleton of Saturday, which removed two well-known gentlemen in the town. The first was that of Mr John Thompson, of Town End, aged 56 years, who had been in declining health for some time. Mr Thompson used to be a smith for the late London Lead Company Hade Top, but recently carried on the business of butter and egg dealer. The sc cond death was that of Mr George Pickney, of Wesley-terace, who was a joiner, and carried of husiness at Roscherry, Middleton. It is about ten years since Mr Pinkney had his first paralytic salzure, and since that time he has been frequently subjected to these attacks, which have brought about a gradual decline. Ho was a prominent member of the Baptist Church at Middleton, and also took a great interest in Band of Hope work. He was secretary for the Middleton Gas Company for number of years, but, owing to failing bealth, had to relinquish the post, and was succeeded by his son, Mr Stanley Pinkrey.

The quarterly meeting of Middleton primitive Methodist station was held on Saturday afternoon in the Bowlees Chapel The Rev. C. Pettler presided, and there was a god representation of the various societies reseat.—The numerical return showed a dight increase in membership. The ordinary secone was very satisfactory, but the expenditure had been increased by the repairs at the one which caused a deficit on the quarter's working .- Arrangements were made for camp meetings to be held at the various places in the circuit. - The requests from the societies were received and sanctioned .- Tez was provided by the society.

Bowless Primitive Methodist Sunday school

sunday. On Saturday night a public meeting was held, under the presidency of Mr J. W. Rettlewell, of Romsidkirk. The Rev. C. Pettler gave an address, and a number of the Sunday scholars contributed recitations. The meeting was well attended, and the supper, which followed, was very largely patronised. -On Sunday alternoon and evening special sermons were preached by Mr Thomas Mason, of Willington, and recitations and special singing were again contributed by the children. The choir assisted in the singing. The services were bright, and were largely attended.

The gad news that Lance-Corporal R. Robson, of the 8th Ducham Light Infantry and one of the Bede College Company, had died of wounds in a hospital at Roulers was with the deepest regret. Mr Robson was assistant-master at the Council School at Middleton, where he had formed many friends, and was highly esteemed not only by the children but by the inhabitants generally. He was a keen sportsman, and entered into the imes of the children, which made them look upon him as their champion ideal. Ha was an enthusiastic golf player, and was captain of the local club. He was a fine figure, and had strong endurance, and figured highly as a orward in Hartlepool Rovers Rugby Football Club. The first intimation of his whereabouts was when he was wounded and taken a mer at Ypres, on April 25th. He died on May 4th, Lance-Corporal Robson was 26 Perhaps the best idea can be years of age. Perhaps the best idea can be formed by a letter written by Private Dunn to Mr R. Nixon, Stockton-road, West Hartispool. He says: "A West Hartlebool lad of ours put up a grand fight on April 25th. He was badly wounded, but went on fighting with the gun until he was bit again. What became of him we don't know. He was very brave, and fought the best of all. His name is war. Mrs Robson also lost a son in the South

Mrs G. W. Walton, of Wesley-terrace, got word on Saturday morning that her hueband had been slightly wounded in action.

The picture hall, Middieter, was well patronised last week-end, when some interesting figures were shown. "In the fange of was a western drama of much interest. Other films of a humorous and instructive nature were exhibited. The weekly exhibitions are being continued with

Middleton Gas Company are increasing their price of gas from the 1st of July owing to the ise in the price of coals. 4s. 6d. per thousand cubic feet is the present rate, and moter rents of 4s. a year are charged. Consumers think the price is high without this increase. The price of milk has also risen 50 per cent. this summer. It has been the custom to retail it at 1d. per plot for six months, and 1id. per caused a good deal of comment.

Snow feli in Upper Teesdale and Lucedale ast Saturday. The bills were covered, and he weather was very cold.

Staindrop Police Court.

FRIDAY.—Before Lord Barrard (presiding), It would be a good job if it was Messrs H. L. Fife, J. W. Hartley, and J. W. I. bell itself, and nothing else.

Davidson.

Keeping Dogs Without a License. James Darby, miner, of Cockfield, was fixed 14. 64. for keeping a dog without a license. -William Close, of Staindrop, was fixed 7s. 6d. for a similar offence.

The Motorist Case. John Stanley Alderson, miner, Wham, was feed 7s. 6d. for not producing his motor driver's license for endorsement. Alderson in fixed 21 at the April court for riding a tar light. He did not produce his Heense as requested by the police, and on attending the Cart was asked to give the license to the Clerk of the Court for endorgement. This he Domised to do the next day, but did not do sc. Promised to do the next day, but did not do so. He was thereupon summoned to appear at Barcard Castle on Wednesday last, but a telegram was sent by him from Blackpool stating that he was stranded there with a smashed machine. The case was remitted to staindrop Court.—Defendant now appeared, and envessed his regret at the default. and expressed his regret at the default.

Suggested Botanical Specimens for the Bowes Museum.

To the Editor of the " Teesdale Mercury." DEAR SIR, - It has struck me as being rather strange that you have not, to my knowledge, in your splendid Museum at Barnard Castle, a on of pressed local alpine plants, some of which are very rare. I think it would be money well spent if the trustees allowed a sum out of the large amount they have at their disposal every year towards such an educative object. The study of botany is a charming and highly interesting pursuit, and congratulations "—Writing on April the 10th, Robert Henry Smiles said "they seem to have our Alastian is a centre of attraction to Robert Henry Smiles said "they seem to have our Alastian is a centre of attraction to our district is a centre of attraction to members of the horticultural and other learned societies, whose researches have proved the high value of the flora and plant-life of the neighbourhood. Specimens of the series already noted would be a simple yet valuable addition, I think, to the costly exhibits of the Bowes Museum.—I sm. faithfully,

A BOREST-IN-TEESDALE READER,

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The War.

PLUCKY BARNARO CASTLE MEN.

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT Local Wounded Soldier's Experience. Private W. Brown, of the 6th Battalion orham Light Infantry, who is in the Bristol Ward of the Sussex County Hospital at Brighton, writes to his sister, Mrs John Appleby, 14, Thorngate, Barnard Castle, ander date 17th May, 1915. He says he has een wounded in the left forearm, abrapuel ell having goes right through, and he has ustained a compound fracture of the bone. e fears that he will be in hespital for a long ms. He underwent an operation in Brance n the preceding Briday, and he thinks they ild some good. He was wounded on the previous hursday, about twelve o'clock, while he was oiling his rifle. They were in the support Hussars. The Germans started shelling our renches at 3-30 in the morning, at Ypres, and they were firing from three sides, the position being the shape of a horse-shee, with the Germans all around the outside, and the little about like bailstones, and, when I got tapped, I had the first field dressing put on. I had crawled down the railway about three miles. when I fainted and fell down. I don't know how long I lay, but I seen found out that I was not out of their zone of fire, for a 'Jack Johnson' must have thought I was shawming, so he gently shifted me down the hill. The shell burst just about five yards in front of where I was lying, and set my arm bleeding. It was good job it was raining hard all the time, as two miles before I found a relieving hospital. We were then sent by motor-cars to Berlew Hospital, where the doctor dressed me again, and we got a cup of cocoa and bread and jam we were sent to the station, and took train for Boulogne, but the hospital there was so full that we had to return up France to a place called Etaples, where I went straight through my operation, about four o'clock in the afternoon. They took some shell out, and put a tabe through my arm. We should have come over to England on Saturday, only there were too many stretcher cases, and so we had to stop till Monday. We got well fed. There were three shiploads of as landed in England

Instructive Letter from Private Bailey. The "Teesdale Mercury" on the Western Battlefield.

Private J. Bailey, of the 6th Battalion Durham Light Infantry (Territorials), writing to his mother at 51, Bridgegate, Baynard Castle, on May 15th, 1915, says: "Just a few lines to say I am out of hospital, and am in the convalencent camp at Rough. I expect to be sent to the base in a day or two, and get back to the boys with the first deaft. I had very hard luck in missing the beat for England, but I was well treated in the hospital. I was very glad to hear Second-Lieut. Nicholson had got to England, for he led us a treat. I got a parcel from Mr Nevison to-day, and I wrote a reply thanking him. I have not received any word from you or anyone else yet, but I expect that is due to being shifted about so much. I don't think that there is anyone in England who can realise what the war is like over here, for there are thousands of shells fired every day on both sider. We happened to drop right among the stiffest fighting there has been since the war begap, and it speaks volumes for the 'Terriera' pity to see the fine buildings and cathedrais levelled to the ground with German shell fire. The town of Ypres is abscintely wrecked, and the streets are ploughed up with shells. When the 'Jack Johnson's' his the ground they leave a hole about fifteen or twenty feet wide, and aix or seven feet deep. When I get back to the battalion again I will write and tell you. You can send me a 'Tecadala Mercury 'every week, for I got more news of our follows out of the one Mr Nevison sent me than I have beard since I get hit." Private Balley adds that the first person he saw in the convalescent camp was his uncle Jin's son (fred), who was wounded with shrapnel. He is now progressing

satisfactorily.

Local "Terriers" Behind the Firing Line. Under date May 5th, Private E Young, o. Barnard Castle, says they are now a short distance behind the firing line, and are expecting to be moved further back still, where they can get a little rest. There is very little pint for the remaining six months. This year can get a little rest. There is very little the price has not been lowered, which has chance of sleep with shells constantly whistling overhead, but it is surprising how long one can keep fresh and eves open when one is compelled. He said it would make some people wonder if they saw what the shells did with the railways. They twisted the rails all shapes. He would like some of the young follows who have not yet listed to see what the men cut there are going through, and then they would be esger to go and belp to finish it. It would be a good job if it was all over. It is

' Cerman Snipers are Real ' Devils.

Communicating with his father (Mr Wallac Gregory, Bridge-end), Private J. Gregory, of the 6th Durbam Light Infantry, says : We have just come back from the front for a well-earned rest, after having been amongst it for a week, day and night. The German snipers are real devils," and very good shots, too. It is awful here, and it is a good thing it has not happened in England. I am sorry to say that Thomas Harwood has been slightly wounded in the head. I myself have had two narrow escapes. -In a note addressed to his little brother the same writer adds: I cannot tell you all you want to know. When we are in the trenches we stay there wet or fize. You would like to see the big shells bursting, but you must be a long way off. It is just like fireworks along the German trances at night time. They send up a lot of star-abells, which light up all the place. W. Brown has been wounded, and I think he has lost part of his srm.

Private R. H. Smiles, of the 5th Battalion Durham Light Infantry (Territorials) communicates with his father under date April 6th. He says: "I received your small parcel with thanks. Let me know if you have got the photographs. If you have do not dispose of them notil you receive my instructions. Have you had any word from Tommy yet? I haven't. Auntie still sends from the trenches. He says he really cannot tell his parents in a letter what is happening out yonder, so they must wait patiently till be returns. He hopes they like the photo of his company, and does not think the war can possibly last much longer." [Unfortunately this view is by no means shared by older heads.—ED.]

Private Joe Coulthard, of the Second | The Versatile Private Harry Patterson. Kite Balloon Squadron.

A Plucky Abbey Bridge Lad. Private J. Coultherd, who is serving with the Buttish Expeditionary Bores, writing from France on May 21st to his father sed mother at the Abbey Bridge, Barnard Castle, says: I received your parcel safely, with the very welcome gifts inside. I might mention that shocolate is about the most useful thing to receive, as we are apt to get our meals at rather irregular times, so a little bit of chocolate helps you along. Up to now, though, we have done fairly well as regards our food. We have got to our headquarters by now. This is our third camp since arriving here, and we are now "semawhere in Belginm," so we are seeing a little bit of the country. I might mention that this is our best stopping-place. We are billeted in a wooden hat, with straw to hep op, and are very comfortable, as I said before, under the circumspanses. music every day with a gramophone, which keeps us quite tively and happy. We had a march of about ten miles lest week-and. to march on, and also bad for the transports. They can bent the Abbey roads. have been a terrible place during the winter mouths. Our first night bere I had the pleasure of bring on guard in a word, and a very lively time it was, for the heavy gues were constantly illuminate all around for for enough. It was a shout used to bearing the shells expliding.
Last Sucday was a levely day, and our sirorate was on the "buzz" all the while. Seeing them a the air, with shells bursting all around, was it refreshed me, and off I went again for other | really a profity sight-listle white puffs which baug in the sit for long crough. I am glad to say they didn't manage to bring one down. Accoplance are on the go every day. The only thing that does really stop them is mist. While Of course I was among bundreds of our lads of I am writing several are up, and the guns are all regiments, and at one o'clock in the morning hard at it again. I manage to sleep atriphtat mights through it. Since arriving here we have been very busy every day preparing tions. They hadn's been up above ten migutes. before the shells came flying over, but everythe future. The town very close to here is practically described. There is bardly neivillan a very funny sight. To buy anything here is fairly expensive, always a little above English We are getting used to the money by now. At present I have English, French, and Belgian coins, so am getting quite a mixture. As I mentioned on my post-oard we are chee to the Durhams' camp. J. Walker, when I saw him, was just about leaving for the treneues. There are several of the Barney boys there, but Gregory and J. Walker were the only two I shall try and have another trie. 85W. was told T. Croft was at home on the sickist. To-night I have just received a letter from Willie, saying he was at the bridge. I wish he had only been with me. He hasn't put any address or, as he says they are soon moving gain from Salisbury Plain. He seems surprised to think I have beaten him here. Just at present a machine is up. Six shells have been

Mr Hugh Salvin Raper Again Fighting for his Country.

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At our last piace we had a concert at one of

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seven countries represented-black and otherwise. It seems atrange to think it is

With the Crack Canadian Regiment.

Private B. S. Raper, who is a native of Pintoon, 2nd Canadian Expeditionary Forces, and, writing from somewhere in Kent, to an old friend in this town, says he is now only thirty-six miles from the firing line. He cannot yet say whether he will be able to come north, as they expect to be sent abroad shortly. He proceeds: "What ha! Some fur. The 24th Battellou Victoria Rifles are the crack regiment the local Territorials, in a letter to his wife at of Canado. Game boys, everyone. The wife Barnard Castle, says they are now a short and children are coming to England next month till the war is over. I wender if I shall get plugged again. We (the boys) go to Folke-stone every night by meter-car for a little recreation. This district is lovely. Don't fail to send me the address I want. I would like to see him again, just for old times' sake."

Cunner Richard Watson in France.

Nephew of the Teesdale Poet and the "Good Old Barney Paper." Barnard Castle, has bad a letter from Gunner Richard Watsoo, late 'busman at this hotel, presty rough time of it. I got your "Teesdale Mercury" all right, and was a wfully glad to see bit local news, as there is nothing I enjoy batter than a look at the good old Barney paper. I got a little samprise the other day. I was at —, and the first one I met was Dick Coulthard, and you can guess how plessed I was to meet him. I also saw Walker, the sweep, and Hornes Beer. They had been in "dock," but they looked extra, and the first thing I asked for was the "Teesdale Mercury." They said they had just left Joe Ashmore, an also had seen Ted Procter. Dick told me that poor" Kelly" Walkerhad been killed. Well, old pal, remember me to "Billy Busman" and Wilson, and tell them I am going to send them letter soon-that is, if I am spared, and I tope I may be. The Germans are very dirty Their gas bombs are awful. fighters. know that their "numbers are up." and they are trying to do as much harm as they car, but they find there are some plucky lads who have come from Barnard Castle. We go into action like a thousand men. Don't forget to remember me to Mr and Mrs Atkinson, and to Tom Raine, Jim, and the farmer and all. We are having lovely weather out here-quite a change from England. The only thing to at boats me is the talk of the French people. I don't understand a word they say, so I have got a French book, and, when I have got a bit of time to spare, I

Sergt. T. Smiles, of Barnard Castle,

Wounded. "Just a line to let you know I am feeling a lot better," writes Sergt. Thomas Smiles, of the 6th Durham Light Infantry, from France to his parents at Barnard Castle. He adds: "I was wounded recently, and I am now in hospital. Write back sad tell me if you bave had any word from Harry lately."

For Hard Wear we offer the Wellington Cover at 8/-, and an Inner Tube of Stout Red Rubber at 4/6.—Tessdale Oycle Depot.

Writing from the battlefield on the 26th of May, to bis cisee in this town, Private Barry Pattergon, of the 2nd Burhams, who has been abroad since August last- war was declared w England on the 4 h of thes month-ears h still in the best of health, and feels quite fit. We are having "champion" weather now. "In fact it is too hot to do saything." he yows, and continues: "They are keeping you well guarded at Baroard Castle with oldiers. I would like to have come to the old town at Whitsuctide, but I expect I shall have stop where I am notil the war is all over. t is strange that uncle George has enlisted, but, if he had not, they would have made him in the end, for I am sure conscription is oming, and then there will not be any men left who will make soldiers. We are still having a quiet sime, though there are plenty of shells flying, both ours and the Germans, which keep us alive. We have been moving ion; lately from one piaco to another in France and Belgium. I am billoted is a bouse with French people, who are very nice folk, and do all they can for us. I den't know how stuck it siright, but the reads here are awful they live, for I never see them take anything excepting roup or coffee."

Private J. Gregory Wounded. Private J. Grecory, of the 6th Bastallon going hardly stopping for a second. We could Dariam Light Infantry (Forritorials), writing see the flashes, also the star-shells, which to his wife at Barnard Castle, under data Thursday, May 27th, states that his regiment was resting on Whis Sunday, but at 3 o'clock the following morning they got a taste of the poisphous gases which the Germans are using. It made the Territorials leave their positions. However, they west straight to the front with their mouths covered, and on their way they saw some queer sights, for it was daylight. When they reached the trenches the endry began to shell them, and it was hell on earth A Middlesex regiment was a so in the same enches. They had to make a hayonet charge. Accepter brigade, however, got there haftre then, and took a lot of German prisoners and some gars. The Middlesex regiment lest a things, and yesterday we commenced operat sumbar of men. It was a tot quieter on tions. They hadn's been up above ten minutes. Tuesday. At one o'clock yesterday morning. whilet trouch-digging operations were one was a mise, and I hope they all will be in progress, the Germans opened five from one of the future. The torn very close to here is their Maxim gues, and the Territoriais had to la the streets, and all the chops are closed. little dug-nat in the treuch, when a nice of it has been shelled several times, and is really shell easie through the reaf, and saruck him in the lower part of the back. He was taken to the bespital, but hopes to be all ight ac ale con.

The Late Lieutenant Orde-Powlett.

Sympathy from Teesdais. The sad appoundement that Lieutenant Porce Ords-Powlett (4th Yorks) has met his double while in action in France caused widespread sorrow and deep regret. De was a toute man of great premier, being the nor of the Hoe. W. G. A. Orde-Powlett, M.P. for Riena and shire, and grandson of Lord Bolton. He attained his majority only few weeks allo. The brave young officer who has laid down his

his King and ecustry, was greatly beloved by the patriotic men be commanded. Sandolence from Cotherstone Unionists The following letter was sent to his faib - Cottaerstone, 24th May, 1915: DEAR MR ORDE-POWLETT, -On behalf of the Cotteerstone otherwise. It seems strange to think it is Conservative and Unionist Association we by Whitsuntide at the week-end, but anyhow I to assure you of the serrow with which of trust the weather is fine, and that you all have learn of the hes you have sustained by the s nice time. No Heedon for me. This time it death of your son in action. Our deep set will be out here. I received your last letter sympathy is with you and your family, and we when I was on guard, in the wood, somewhere feel that your truest consolation is that he shout midnight. So it quite livened one up. died for his country. - We are, yours faithfully, R. H. Robson, a good Rugby football player, that they have held cut so well for the first I see George Nixon has transferred late the W. J. Frater, President; J. E. BOURNE, We called him Barney." Mr Robson is the time under heavy fire It is marvelleus how Engineers. "Phere are plenty of the boys" Secretary."—Mr Orde-Powleth's reply: "2,5 we called him 'Barney.' Ar Robson is the time there have not a like the barney. Ar Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Ar Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Ar Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Ar Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Ar Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Ar Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Ar Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Ar Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Ar Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Ar Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Ar Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Ar Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Ar Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Ar Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Ar Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Ar Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Ar Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Ar Robson is the time the have not like the barney. Are Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Are Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Are Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Are Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Are Robson is the time there have not like the barney. Are Robson is the barney. Are Robson is the time the barney. Are Robson is the barney. Are Ro kind letter. By son's don't has been a terrible blow, but it is a great consolation to

know that we have the sympathy of our friends. -Yours sincerely, W. A. ORDE-POWLETT." Memorial Service,

There was a large gathering in the Pavish Baruard Castle, and who emigrated a few years | Church of Wensley, when a mem rial service ago, is once more in England, actuated by the was held for the late Licat. Wm Percy Orde-highest patriotic motives. Ho was wounded in Powlett, who was killed in France on May Powlett, who was killed in France on May the Boar War. He is a private soldier in the 17th. The service was conducted by the Rev. 24th Battalion Victoria Rifles, Number 2 E. Orde-Powiest, rector of Weetsley, Mr. Brookes presiding at the organ.

The French Wounded Emergency Fund.

Monthly Collection Around Barnard Gastla Miss Bell-Irving, who, as local scoretary for the above fund, has to collect monthly towards the great need amongst all the poorer French hospitals, is very pleased to report having been able to send £7 collected during May, £5 15s. having been cleared—after all expenses had been paid—at the concert in Rokeby school-ream on May 7th. and the following generous doubtions received:

Mrs Pulleine, Richmond, 10s.; Mrs Pozock,
Spanham House, Barninganu (collected in popular "Marseillaise" of our heroic alles the Spanham and Hope), 10s.; Mr Alexander Adams, Streatlem, 5s.; as well as most to Deerbeit Camp. The market spirit had acceptable parcels of work from Miss Raine, enthused the inhabitants at a comparatively 27, Newgate; and Miss Harris, t, Horse-market, Barnard Castle. That all contributions are Mr Clarkson, driver, King's Head Hotel, badly needed and very gratefully received by the French is shown in the following letter from one of the representatives of the fund who is now in France. The good-natured and distributing paraels in France:—Rockeford jovial soldier, in his characteristic way, says: on Terre, March 5th.—We have just returned You would think I had gone dead by me not from Brest, which completes our long tour of sending you a line, but we have been having a more than 2,500 kilometres and 64 hospitals. In all cases the hospitals are delighted with the baies, and beg of us to centioue the good work. The Hopital Militaire at Gourin very poor. It is most miserable, but the doctor and townspeople are very proud of it. All the beds, as well as other furniture, were given by the people is the town, so you can everything-from socks to obleroform. At Pontivy there are several hospitals badly in peed of help. Hopital Temperaire No. 18 (505 beds) is very large and well kept, but poor. Is has a very fine surgeon (Gourdet, of Nantes), who has saved many lives, but he has it use his own instruments, and the operating room bands. This they have decided to deposit to is very primitive. It is a very described best into any a Bank as a resorce fund to be spital and full, and in need of warm clothing, provide ten at any future time the additions bespital and full, and in need of warm elething, sheets, air cushions, and but water buttles, may visit Miduleton, and they take this oppor-besides medical stores. At Hôpital des tunity to thank all who gave so liberally, both had if they did not small so dreadfully

Contagioux the sisters are using pork bladders in money and provisions, and also all who for ice-bags, and said they would not be go is only one air cushion, and they told us how has been kindly andited by Mosses A. Howe two typhoid patients had a fight over it one day. The Hopital Mixte is very poor, and obliged if you will insert in your next issue there are many soldiers from Northern Brance of the "Totadale Mercury": - Subscriptions who have no one to send them things, and no £813s. Id; sale of bread and cake, £2 8s. 04d. news from their people. At Band there is a total raceipts, £11 is. 143. Paid for hams an bespital for convoluence to, which is a most cakes and other incidental expenses, £4 its. id.; cheerless hole. Do send the poor things belance in bank, £6 10s, 6½3. It may be well something to cheer them up. It was so dirty to explain that the reason why so much can and disma!. Miss Bell-Irving is now appealing for a 1s. collection for the fund this month, and would be very grateful indeed for

Large, fresh stocks of Homoopathic Medicines for Cattle, Foot Rot Lotion and Ointment, Scour Care, Sheep Dips of all makes. Tar, Grease, Machine Oil, etc., at R. W. Raine's, Chemist, Barnard Castle.

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A good stock of all the most noted Sheep Dips always on hand, at the lowest prices from G. Clarkson Harker, Chemist (opposite Galgate entrance to Auction Mart), Barnazd Castle. Patch Sticks, Rud, Tar, and Cooper Kemp's Sheep Marker.

Langleydale School Collections.

To the Kalter of the "Teesdole Worsary." DEAR SIR, - I am numbering a latter receive from the Serbian Committee in Lond on thankng the downs for salveriptines; a - lette from the Commanding Officer of No 1 > inneral Bospital, Armstrong College, castle, for eggs. Will you please publish a you thick best? On the 19th May 48 eggs, and on the 26th May 40 eggs were so Pullippe, Staindrop, for the National Mag Collection Fund. During the next week the will be made for the Newcastle Military Hospital for the sick and wanaded soldiers .-I sur, dear Sir, yours truly, W. H. BERRY.
Laugleydate School, Barnard Castle, 31sb May, 1915.

Following is the text of the letters received: From Miss 15. Musgrave Watere, general secretary to the Serbian Relief Foot: "55, Bernors Street Oxford Street, W. 26th May, 1915. DEAR SIR, -- You will have before this received the official receips for the 22 10s. which you so kindly sent to this fund. Please thank the children for the trouble they have taken in collecting this, and will you kindly convey to the subscribers my committee's resieful thanks and approciation?"- From isut. T. Gibba: "Armstroug College Hospital, lawcast n-un-Tynn, May 2nd, 1915. Sig, -I am rected by the officer commanding to acknowchildren of Langisydale school, and to convey to the denors, through yourself, his apprecia-tion of the gift."

The British Red Gross Societies.

To the Editor of the "Tecedale Mercury." DEAR SIR, -- As local secretary of the " Penny fond for our Sick and Wounded Soldiers and Sallors" I should like, through the medium of your valuable raper, to thank everyone who helped to make the tencht for the above leserving societies such a great success last Thursday evening, viz.: the proprietors of the "Galgate Facey Fair and Carnival," who generously gave their entire takings; the (Mr R. E. Raice), who made the necessary arrangements. The headsome sum of £14 9s. 6d. was realised as follows :- A. Newsome (large and small jumping horses and small swings), £8 14s. 6d.; J. Smith (hop-is and dolly shell), 22 12s.; W. G. Firman (coconnut shice), £1 0s. 9d.; C. Robson (shooting gathery and stalls), 21; Wm. Hughes (stalla), 7a 3a ; Robt. Close (stall), 5s.; Thos. Robson (coordant sties), 5s.; G. Bidoutl (stail), 5s; total received, 214 9s. 64. In a knowledging this amount the Honorary Secretary, 5, Buggade-piece, London, S.W., says: Please convey to the owners of the corps will certainly be increasingly popular. round-shouts and shalls the committee's must grateful thanks for the splendid sum of musey they have contributed as weeds this fund. The money we collect is to be equally divided between the St. John's and the British Red Cross Societies to be used for field purposes, and now we have as many armies in the various parts of the world I am sure the object will suped to overyone, as there are tow who have not some relative or friend in one or other of the fighting forees. It is not beessery for my to point cal the spleaded work which the Red Cross societies are doing for our troops."- Yours sincevely. M. A. SMIPH. Grove Park, Barnerd Coarle, July 181, 1915.

10th Leicester Regiment at Deerbolt Camp.

Arrival of the " Boyal Tigers " from Fareliam,

Yesterday

the 10th Leicester sparted 19 minutes late from the latter town for Barnard Castle, and proceeded the ordinar passenger train by a few minutes only. The troop trein, which carried neveral herees, was a very long one, and was drawn by two locomotiver. Colonel Caulfeild, D.S.O., Captela and Adjutant Myers-Wayman, Quartermoster Licutenant R. Ward, and Battation Surgeant Maj ir Noviman, of the 17th (Secvice) Bestalter Durbum Light Intentry, were on the platform to receive the regiment. Colonel Carlog is commanding the 10th Leicesters. A fetigue party from the 17th Durbaux was also present to assist in discharging the baggage, the

Headed by the fice band of the 17th Darham egel ffixed 5s. and costs. French, the troops marched through the town early hour, and the progress of the troops was witched with the keeness interest. The soldiers, who wear the figure of a tiger on their lent for the broczy hills of Tecadale, and the change will doubtlessly be intensely relished by officers and man alike.

Congrous-Hearted Middleton.

To the Edisor of the " Torsiale Mercury." DEAR SIR, - As stready reported in you columns, a tea was provided for the addiers who came to the recruiting meeting at Middleson-in-Torondale, on May 22ad. Ladies' Working Party were requested by the Recruiting Committee to make all necessary syrangements, sud accordingly the rown was several loyal togets were druck, and there canvessed for embscriptions, the collectors was also a brilliant assembly at the Old Bull everywhere meeting with such a generous inn in homour of the day. His Lordship, as a response that, after all expenses had been paid, a substantial surplus remains in their may visit Miduleton, and they take this opporworked so hard to make the effort a success There The following is a statement of accounts, which cake was left over was that the committee were asked to provide for 150 soldiers, and only 105 arrived .- Yours very bruly, JANE E DENT.

JANE E BENT, Secretaries

1. M. HYSLOP, Secretaries

J. PARKIN, Tressurer.

Middleten-in-Tecadale, May 31st, 1915.

Raine's Foot Ret Loties is good. It coulde's very well he better. BUT for the sake of convenience we now make it in the form of a distress. If IS ALSO GOOD, TRY IT. Is day at 1/- exch from Raine, Chemist.

Post-card Maps, showing each Theatre War in detail, 1d. each, so be had at the "Teesdale Mercury" Office, Baroard Castle.

Winston and District's Second Conorous • Fgg Contribution.

A farther contribution of 910 eggs has been sand during May to the National Ear Collection by the Idlawing: - Mrs Nichelson, Winston; Mrs Simpson, Cource Farm; Mrs G. Hongson, elon; Miss Ludgare, Bridge water Arms; Elidenth, Mes Charkson, and See Firther, Resemblace; Mrs Jameson, Hedge tolms Warm; Mrs Sowerby, Hill Top; Birs Coates and Mrs Watton, Wireton Gate; Miss Brittain, Mrs Smith, Miss B. Walker, and Miss Kirkup, Winner; Mrs Hughes, The Rectory, Winston; Mrs Tuestall, Low Barns; Mrs Kirkup, Mrs collectors will call on the residents for sub-scriptions to the suffering Belgiannia Belgium, and during the following week an egg collection Bengian Nowsham; Mrs Englestone, The Beatlen, Newsham Hall; Mrs Egglestone, The Cottages, Stubb House ; Mrs Pare, The Lodge, Stube House; Mrs Pattison, Tile Sheds; Mrs milly Osmonderofe: Mrs Swinback and Mrs R. back, Higheliffs; Mrs Wikinson, Alword Newshad; Mrs Richardson, Walker Hall; Mrs Richardson, Wacrley Hill; Miss G. Stanton, Stubb House; and Mr W. Flietoff, sen.

Boys' Country Work Society: Cirls' Department.

O wing to the great scarcity of beys for farm work too Boyo' Country Work Society are prepared to place girls and young women as fermhouse helps. The girls will "live in," and will learn dairy work and ponitry keeping, as well as helping the farmer's wife in the house. dge the receipt of eggs collected by the They will be under the care of the honorary country secretaries and visitors as the boys are, and will only be placed with farmers' wives who are likely to look carefully after the girle, and give them comfortable homes. Girls must be healthy and of good character. and further particulars can be obtained from he bosorary secretary, Boys' Country Work Society, 7, John Street, Adelphi, W.C.; or the local excretary, Mrs J J, Bell-Irving, Rokeby, Barrage Castle.

Teesdale Volunteer Training Corps.

Over 100 members assemuled on Sanday afternoon in the cricket field for drill, and it is very gratifying to are recruits coming public, who patronised the shows; the members forward almost every week. Through the of our Urban District Connect; and our Surveyor kindness of the Governors of the North Eastern County School 30 rifles are placed at the disposal of the corps, are full advantage is being taken of this kind offer. Tapsday and Tag tday evenings' drills are mostly taken up with gifts instruction, and great progress therein is being made. The volunteer corps has become very active, and sise very popular, and it is hoped that at an early date an ambulance section and a drum and bugle band may be formed. Many members would like a church parade. Why not have a parade on a Supply afternoon? If this can be arranged the

NARWOOD HOTES.

Last Saturday morning Toesdele psople awake to a snowatorm, snow using from two to three inches whick in the ficiar. It is about fifty years since a similar event occurred on the 28tu May.

In the parish of Forest-and-Frith there are probably sixty eligible strong and lasty young men, striward some of the Upper Teesdale containing. How many have volunteered for Kitchiner's Army? Alas, only one! a son of Mr Jacob Scott, of Bockfore, bear Langdon Back. The general conversation in Tecsdale among the "young bloods" is: " dive us con-scription, intern all allons, and let us get the

Dedication Day at Startforth Church.

Subtray last was not apart as dedication day thanks for the expression of sympathy in your (Kitchener) Regiment arrived in this town by at Saurtforth Parch Church of Sa Michael and special train. The troops contained on the the fifty Trivity. At 10-30 o'clock there were Great Coutral Railway at Farcham, between morning prayer and a celebration of the holy East Leigh and Portemous, Hauts, on Monday communion. In the afternoon, at 2-30, a right about six o'clock. The North-Eastern children's flower service took place. The Railway Company were achedualled to bake up. flowers were afterwards sent to the North the train at Mexicorough Junction at 4:10 Ridleg Infirmery, Middlesbrough Immediately Yesterday morning. It was thurd to arrive in alter the evening service as organ recital was York at 51, and to leave Darlington at 74, but given by Mr Stewart, of Kirkby Stephen. Good congregations were present at all the services. The chiections were on behalf of the Sunday sahoois.

Liberating Homing Pigeons.

Two Man Fined at Hexham under the Defence of the Ren m Act.

Yesterday morning at the Hexnam Petty Sessions, Peter famb, drayman, et 119, Harvey-street, Newcastle, was charged under the Dafence of the Realm Act with baving unlewfally liberated beree bomer pigerns without a conts permit at Hexeno, and William Grabbam, troop liceoged victualier, of 345, Saields-road, same Newcasio, was charged with having aided and photted Lamb. - The defondance were

> A morting of the Labour and Progressive Association of the Baruard Costle Division was held as Dishop Anckland, on Saturday, for the purpose of all pling Mr Arthur Herderson as conditate in the byc-election caused by his joining the new National Ministry as President of the Board of Education. A.c. W. House presided, and resolutions were passed heartly congratulating Me Honderson on his promotion to Osbinst rank, and re-affirming confidence in

The "Darlington Mercury" for June 11th, 1778, says: "On Friday last, being His Majapty's George III. birthday, the Durbam regiment of milicia was reviewed on Barnard Castle moor by the Right Honougable the Earl of Diritington and the Colonel. The men performed their drill to the satisfaction of His Lordship and all the spectators present. In the evening they were up to the Market where three excellent vellegs were fi mark of the men's conduct, gave them ten guiness to drink."

Photographors visiting Barnard Castle will find at Raine's, the Chemist, an expert willing to give savice, slao fresh stocks of Plates, Papera, and other photographic materials-R. . Raine, Chemist, Baroard Castle.

BISTMS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATES.

TALLENTIRE,-At Grey Scar, Spital, Bowes, on May 28th, 1915, Issae Tallentire, aged 63 years. - Was interred at Bowes, on Tuesday, Juge 1st.

BROWN. In loving memory of our dear mother

Jene Brown, Folly, Egglestone, who died on the 30th May, 1914.—Ever remembered by her sons and danghters. Do not ask us if we miss her,

There is such a vacant place, We can never forget her presence Nor her dear familiar face.

Seture Thanks. MRS TEMPLE AND FAMILY, of Town Head, Middleton, beg to teach all friends for the kinduces and sympathy shown to them in their recent sad bereavement.

MR LAW, Start House; and MRS DENT, Cornigili House, 'aldereds's, wish to express these best thanks to all friends for their hidd expressions of sympathy and floral tributes during their sad bereavement.