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BARNARD CASTLE, OCTOBER 20TH, 1915.

PRIME MINISTER SEIZED WITH ILLNESS.

AT a quarter to one, yesterday afternoon, Mr T. W. Parkinson, M.D., issued a bulletin at 10, Downing Street, announcing that Mr Asquith was suffering from an attack of gastro-intestinal catarrh, which will necessitate a few days' complete rest. News of a serious German and Bulgarian defeat comes by way of Bucharest. Italy has declared war against Bulgaria.

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

The Hon. Ralph Vane, Lord Barnard's youngest son, has been gazetted captain in a Garrison Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers, at a Mediterranean station. His Lordship's second son, the Hon. Christopher W. Vane, is on military duty in France, being in the 18th Cavalry Division. The Hon. Harry Vane, the eldest son, is at Harrogate.

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Colonel the Hon. William Lionel Vane, who until recently commanded the Second-Sixth Battalion Durham Light Infantry at Heworth, travelled by midnight train from Newcastle on Wednesday night, and reported himself at the War Office on Thursday morning. He has since left England to take command of a large convalescent camp in the Mediterranean.

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Lieutenant Roy H. Helmor is at the base, and Second-Lieutenant Bleaden, of the 17th Battalion Durham Light Infantry, nephew of the Rector of Romaldkirk, has joined the overseas' expeditionary force. Ten officers of this regiment have gone abroad.

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Mr Pitt conducted the last draft but one of the 10th Leicestershire Regiment to the base.

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September 8th was the official birthday of the 16th Northumberland Fusiliers, and the chaste cups and medals to be presented to the winners at the late commemorative sports on Salisbury Plain have been on view in the window of Mr J. T. Young, jeweller, Greenwich House, Barnard Castle, whose son-in-law, Major A. W. Little, is in the battalion, and who left Barnard Castle for the south on Saturday noon. The battalion will go abroad shortly.

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Mr George Hare, of Rigg Farm, Lartington; and Mr John Hare, of High Wether Hall, near Toft Hill, farmer, sons, are the executors under the will of Mr George Hare, of Tindal Crescent, near Bishop Auckland, who has left estate of the gross value of £5,723 19s. 3d., with net personalty £2,687 6s. 3d.

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A tower will shortly be erected at the new Roman Catholic Chapel at Lartington.

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Dr. J. H. Jowett, M.A., of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, has been approached by the deacons of the City Temple in connection with the vacant pastorate, the Rev. R. J. Campbell having rejoined the Church of England.

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The Vicar of Barnard Castle preached a harvest thanksgiving sermon in St. Luke's Church, Darlington, on Sunday night.

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Mrs E. Dixon, of the Mount, Barnard Castle, has a most interesting relic of bygone Teesdale in her possession. In former times jagger galloways were the principal beasts of burthen in the Tees valley, and the palfreys or ponies proceeded in a string, the foremost animal being termed the "Laideman," and having a bell attached to its neck, the tickle of which was a signal to the rest, and gave notice of the approach of the cavalcade. Mrs Dixon has one of these identical bells, which, from its fine, sonorous tone, must have a good deal of silver in its composition.

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Second-Lieutenant Butler, formerly in the National Provincial branch bank at Barnard Castle, and who is greatly esteemed in the town, paid us a visit on Saturday. He was present at a north-east coast Zeppelin raid. Mr Butler looks extremely well.

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Mr E. C. Surtees, architect, Barnard Castle, has prepared in detail a most elaborate plan of Hilton Hall, on the Raby estate, which is now in the occupation of Mr Charlton, and is situate two-and-a-half miles from Staindrop. The Rev. J. F. Hodgson, the learned archæologist, of the vicarage, Witton-le-Wear, has been investigating the ancient structure, and has no doubt whatever that it is an old-time religious house of the date of about 1219. The external surface of the building is in rough cast. Lord Barnard is the owner, and has great veneration for ancient historical architecture. Mr Surtees, it may be added, served his articles with Messrs W. and T. R. Milburn, the famous architects, of Sunderland, whose plans for a theatre in New York have just been accepted.

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Mr Arthur William Lax, of Catcastle cottages, Lartington, has received official word that his son, John William, an A.B. in the Howe Battalion, Second Royal Naval Brigade, has been wounded in action on the Gallipoli Peninsula. He received a gun-shot in the leg, and was at once conveyed to the Convalescent Depôt Citadel, Cairo. This is the second time this brave, young fellow has been wounded. The last occasion was on May 16th. He was then sent to a hospital in Alexandria, where, fortunately, he was cheered by meeting with another Barnard Castle lad (Walter Croft). Mr and Mrs Lax may rest assured of the sympathy of all their Barnard Castle friends. Mrs Lax has also a brother in the Second Yorkshire Regiment, who is at present in the firing line.

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Woodland beagles will meet on Saturday, October 23rd, at Kays Lee, at 1 o'clock.

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Seven cases will occupy the attention of the Greta Bridge Police Court this morning, three being under the Employer's and Workman's Act, one game trespass, one cruelty to animals, and two non-payment of rates.

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Councillor J. Parkin, J.P., of Appleby, who was to have preached the anniversary sermons in connection with the Primitive Methodist Church at Barnard Castle, on Sunday next, has met with a motor accident, and will be unable to fulfil his appointment.

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Yesterday noon a detachment of the Tenth Leicestershire Regiment left Dearbolt camp, Startforth, for active overseas' service. The fine regimental band headed the column as it proceeded to the railway station.

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The 20th Battalion Durham Light Infantry will leave the Wensley and Leyburn camp on Friday, and enter billets at Barnard Castle. The commander is Major Leather, who is highly esteemed at Barnard Castle. The Witham Hall, Victoria Hall, the drill hall, and the barracks will be occupied in the first instance.

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Mr France, of the Victoria Hall, Barnard Castle, kindly promised the proceeds of an entertainment on November 2nd to enable the War Emergency Committee to give the Leicestershire Regiment a good send-off, but, unfortunately, the regiment, it is said, will have left the town before the date named.

An application to create Barnard Castle a munition centre has been sent by Mr J. Wiseman, J.P., and, in a letter which that gentleman has received from the Member for the Division, Mr Henderson says the request has been forwarded to the proper quarter.

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The War Emergency Committee wish personally to thank a very large number of ladies and gentlemen who have worked so hard in entertaining local soldiers, and whose names have been kept entirely in the background. The members of the committee are deeply indebted to these modest people, whose work has been herculean.

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To-night a concert will be given in the Wycliffe Hall, Barnard Castle, in aid of a fund for the relief of starving Belgians in Belgium, and a good company is requested. The appeal is primarily made by the Earl of Durham, as Lord Lieutenant of the County. The following are the vocalists:—Miss M. Emerson, Messrs Hemingway, Fred Novison, and J. H. Brewe, Lieutenant Slawson, Corporal Cooke, and a military quartette.

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Mrs A. B. Morgan and Mrs Lawford Dale have returned to London, and the Rev. F. J. Bacchus to Birmingham, from West Royd, Sowerby Bridge.

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A number of the old girders, each by computation weighing about 30 tons, were removed from the Tees Viaduct, Barnard Castle, on Sunday. Two steam cranes, weighing about 68 tons each, were engaged in the work. The new girders have now all been put in on the west side of the structure. The celerity with which the crews dealt with huge masses of iron created much interest.

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In connection with the National Egg Collection for the Wounded, the number despatched last week by the Rev. J. S. Robinson was 437.

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A suitable souvenir, in the shape of an enamelled metal match-box cover, bearing the regimental crest on one side, and a British infantryman on the other, will be presented to each man in the 10th-17th Leicestershire Regiment on the main body leaving the town. The draft which left yesterday was presented by the War Emergency Committee with a parcel of sandwiches. Miss Blacket, of John-street, gave every man a parcel of cakes. Other gentlemen provided a packet of cigarettes and a packet of sweets for each man.

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Workmen are engaged in carrying out the structural improvements at the railway station at Barnard Castle, the contractors for the masonry being Messrs Parkin and Appleby; the joiner work, Messrs Borrowdale and Son; plumber's work, Mr G Barker; and the iron railing, Messrs W. Smith and Company, Limited, Low Mill Foundry.

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The Boy Scouts' motor ambulance which has been doing such excellent work with the British Expeditionary Force, in France, has broken down beyond repair, and Sir Robert Baden-Powell has promised that the Boy Scouts of England will send a new ambulance in its place. One of the rules governing Boy Scout Associations is that they must not beg. Barnard Castle Boy Scouts are prepared to work to assist the fund. Will any lady or gentleman who feels disposed to assist kindly communicate with either Mr Boardman, The Bank; or Mr Watson, Edward-terrace, giving particulars of the work they require to be done?

Barnard Castle.

At Barnard Castle, high and bright,
Are scenes most lovely to the sight;
With bracing air, inspiring sight,
Giving you health with pure delight,
You may enjoy the walks so fair
With others with much pleasure here.
To view the beauties that abound,
Where'er you go the town around—
Through fields or lanes, just where you please,
You'll get the pleasant country breeze.
The woods with pleasure, you will find,
The summer shades, refreshing, kind;
Along the banks of river Tees,
Where you may rest or walk with ease.
There singing birds among the trees
To greet you going where you please.
Then, turning eastward along the ridge,
You soon will see the Abbey Bridge.
On either side, there nature's strawn
The rugged rocks with verdure grown;
The river free flows there between.
When on the bridge a lovely scene.
Near, Egglestone Abbey's wreck is seen,
Where nuns and monks long since have been;
Or, if to westward you would go.
There Eden Valley's quite a show
Among the dales, along the hills,
And from their height the glory brings;
Their beauties seen, this truth made known
As in the town their photos shown.
Yet much is hid from natural sight
For those who make it their delight
To search the foliage of the fields
Where God has beauties there unsealed,
For much in nature there is stored
Like hidden treasure in His word;
Works of nature, combined with art,
Delights approve to mind and heart.
And near the town are treasures stored,
Which to the mind delights afford;
There's park, with shrubs and flowers sweet,
As ever you may wish to meet.
And, near, the County School you'll find,
Where culture's taught to instruct the mind:
Knowledge with truth, so well defined,
A boon becomes to all mankind.
Old Barnard Castle, with ruins on the west,
The view from camping-ground is far the best:
If this short guide to life's pleasure may add,
Then I, the writer, am satisfied—praise God.

T. J., Cleveland-street, Darlington.

Boldron Harvest Festival.

The harvest thanksgiving service was held on Sunday night. The mission-room was tastefully decorated by Mrs and Miss Lowes, Mrs Cook and Miss M. Raine.—Mr Raine, preaching to a large congregation, from the words, "Be thou faithful unto death," emphasised the need of faith in the present national crisis.—Mr Bailey read the lessons, and Mr Cook presided at the harmonium. A special hymn was sung for absent friends, and those serving their King and country. At the close of the service the national anthem was sung.

AFRAID TO EAT.

Wealthy Dyspeptic Dies of Starvation.

An inquest was recently held upon a wealthy man who had died of starvation. He was a victim of digestive trouble and afraid to eat because of the pain which always followed. This tragic proof of the folly of dieting should serve as a warning to those of our readers who experience pain and unpleasantness after eating. It should be remembered that indigestion, dyspepsia, heartburn, flatulence and wind are usually but symptoms of excessive acidity and food fermentation. The acid retards digestion, turns the food sour and causes fermentation and wind. Obviously, therefore, it is acidity which is the root cause of practically all forms of digestive and stomach trouble, and that is why physicians advise sufferers to take *bisurated* magnesia after meals. Bisurated magnesia is not a drug or a medicine, but an antacid and food corrective, which can be obtained locally from Mr G. Clarkson Harker, The Baliol Pharmacy; Mason's Cash Drug Stores, 8, Horse-market; Mr T. B. Pilsley, Market-place; Mr R. W. Raine, Market-place, and Middleton-in-Teesdale; and most other high-class chemists everywhere. Half-a-tea-spoonful taken in a little water after meals is sufficient to instantly neutralise acidity and prevent all possibility of the food fermenting, and if dyspeptics would only adopt this simple precaution they would soon find drug taking and dieting unnecessary. *Bisurated* magnesia would enable them to eat hearty meals without fear of pain to follow.

Sale of Work.

TOTAL PROCEEDS OVER £200.

The Witham Hall was profusely decorated on Thursday and Friday afternoons on the occasion of the usual autumnal sale of work associated with St. Mary's Parish Church, Barnard Castle. There was a numerous and influential attendance, and the fruit stall was indicative of the abundant yield which had characterised the all-round harvest this year. The other stands were monuments of hard and diligent work, cheerfully undertaken, and handsomely rewarded by record receipts. The entertaining was worked on a new financial basis, which proved eminently successful, and there was a good deal of enthusiasm evinced in the proceedings.

The Ladies Who Presided at the Stalls were: Parish Sewing Guild—Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Raper, Mrs Wood, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Stainsby, Mrs Jackson, Mrs M. Bolton, Mrs Watson and Miss Dent. Linen—Mrs Bircham, Mrs Sherlock, Mrs J. W. Bainbridge, Mrs Summerson and Mrs Heslop. Savouries and cake—Mrs Lambert and Mrs Whan. Girls' Friendly Society—Mrs Hall and Miss Hogg. Toy and fancy—Mrs Adams and Mrs Ralston. Fruit and flower—Miss Gent and Miss Wheatley. Girls' Guild stall—Misses A Boardman, Dobson, M. Wright and M. Watson Church Army Mission—Mrs Macdonald, Miss Macdonald, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Bainbridge. Novices—Mrs and the Misses Laws. Tea and supper—Mrs Bircham and Miss Kirtley. Bran tub—Miss A. Stainsby. Ticket bureau—Miss Brunskill and Miss Carter.

The Rev. H. W. H. Bircham, the vicar of the parish, presided at the opening ceremony on the first day, and on the platform were Lord Barnard, and the churchwardens (Messrs G. W. Jackson and W. Hodgson), Mr J. Wiseman, J.P. (chairman of the Urban Council), and Mr Joseph Lowes.

The Vicar said they all regretted deeply that they had met again under the shadow of the terrible war, but for a short time he would like to look at the bright side of things, as there were many matters for which they might be thankful as a congregation. He was grateful that in spite of the numerous claims that came upon them, of a compulsory and voluntary nature, they of St. Mary were determined that the work of the church should not fall behind. At the harvest festival they had an excellent churchman, a friend of his of long standing, who preached to them, and Dr. Jowett declared that he was struck with the evident care that was displayed in connection with their church and all belonging to it. The chief portion of the proceeds of that sale of work would be applied to two very worthy objects, the first of which was the enlargement of the vestry, and it was a wonder how sixteen men, eighteen boys and two clergymen managed to robe and disrobe in the extremely limited accommodation existing. A good share of the profit would be devoted, in the second place, to the renovation of the cemetery chapel, the beautifying of the cemetery, and the repair of the boundary-walls.

Lord Barnard Reviews the Financial Aspects of the Church of England.

Lord Barnard, in opening the sale, delivered an earnest and practical address, and, as Chairman of the Central Council on Church Finance, directed his observations solely to the consideration of money matters as affecting the temporal well-being of the national church. It was a subject in which for the last five or six years it had been his lot to take a very active and leading part, and it was one, moreover, which he knew full well had brought them there that day, and which, so far as it referred to their own parochial needs, the Vicar had explained. He did not encourage building operations at this trying time, however, and proceeded to note that the diocese of Durham, unaccountably to himself, was lagging behind the rest of the country in the vital and important question of finance. He hoped the time would not be extended much when their diocese would come into line with the other dioceses, and institute an organization dealing with the subject. They already knew that he attached the utmost importance to the fact that the church was a national and not a local institution, although he knew that there was a tendency, which he thought, he might be mistaken, had grown in his own lifetime—a tendency to overlook the national and larger need, and to place in the forefront purely local considerations. Some of the difficulties in the present continental trouble had come about in consequence of that feeling. In matters of church finance, the proper unit, and it was a historical unit, was the diocese, and the great difficulty they were up against was that in the vast majority of parishes people locked themselves up in water-tight compartments, and, being assured that they had made ample provision for all their requirements, had nothing to spare for poorer parishes alongside of them. He asked them to think this matter over, and to decide in their own minds whether the church in Barnard Castle was the church of the town alone, or whether the parish was part of a great national institution and organization; and, if they arrived at the same conclusion as he had, they would realise, as a comparatively well-to-do parish, that it was their duty not only to satisfy their own needs, but to accomplish something by way of assisting poorer parishes, of which there were many in the diocese. How was this to be done? All churchmen and churchwomen must and ought to make up their minds to give a large portion of their substance, and he looked forward to a day when some system of regular contributions would be adopted in every parish, and when every parishioner, without being specially called upon, would voluntarily and systematically give towards the support of his church, and not as a spiritual pauper live on the charity of those who were more generous than themselves. Church funds had not grown in the same proportion as the affluence and enormous wealth of individuals, and the endowments, not as formerly, were insufficient, while church rates no longer provided for the maintenance of the fabrics. His Lordship called upon the people of this country, one and all, in this crisis, to deny themselves, and to practise the most rigid economy. In conclusion he said the Central Council of Church Finance was the only body in the church which had ever had a corporate existence, and which was legally capable of holding and administering property, and one of the matters which was dealt with in a report which he held in his hand was pensions for the clergy. He added an expression of his lofty appreciation of what the town of Barnard Castle had done during the war in providing accommodation and innocent amusement for the troops, and also training grounds, and intimated that there was more than a probability of another battalion coming to take the place of those who had gone, and were departing elsewhere for training on a different scale. (Applause).

Mr G. W. Jackson proposed, and Mr Wiseman seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Lord Barnard, which his Lordship duly acknowledged.

Second Day: Opening by Miss Stobart.

The sale of work was opened on Friday afternoon by Miss Stobart, of Low Startforth Hall. Mrs Bircham, and Messrs Jackson, Hodgson, and Lowes accompanied.—The Vicar presided, and, in announcing that the proceeds of the first day amounted to £148, emphasised his undoubted conviction that the real credit and success of the movement were due to the indefatigable workers, and not to the platform speakers.

Miss Stobart and Church Devastation in Flanders.

Miss Stobart, who was well received, said that notwithstanding the many claims which the ladies of Barnard Castle had had made upon them lately they were always ready, and whatever they did they performed thoroughly and well. She felt sure that the two days' sale would be crowned with success. And how very thankful they ought to feel, that they had still a church to work for—(applause)—and to show their love for, and to keep it as it ought to be kept, when they reflected that the beautiful, historic, old churches in Flanders were in ruins. They could hardly fully realise such a thing happening in England. Fancy their church tower in ruins, and the pillars and windows of St. Mary all shattered. Oh! let them thank God on their bended knees that they were still spared their dear old church, which was a legacy bequeathed to them from generation to generation, and what their forefathers had done in maintenance they were now doing, and their children would do the same. She declared the sale of work open, and wished it every success.

Mr Jackson proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Stobart, which was carried by acclamation.

During the evenings pleasing juvenile entertainments were given under the direction of the Rev. and Mrs Spencer Wade, and an orchestra, under the supervision of Mr F. W. Raper, played a choice selection.

More than £200 has been actually received, and there are a few outstanding items. The expenses will be very small.

The Police Court.

BARNARD CASTLE.

WEDNESDAY.—Before Lord Barnard (presiding), Messrs John Smith, J. G. Hall C. E. Martin, J. W. I Davidson, and John Wiseman.

Stealing Coal at Butterknowle.

Proceedings were commenced by the Quarry Drift Colliery Company, Butterknowle, who summoned Lily Clennell (14) and her brother, Arthur Clennell (11), for the theft of coal, of the value of three pence, from their heap.—Mr H.W. Summerson appeared for the prosecution.—A deputy, named Jonathan Bell, saw the children at 4·40 p.m., filling sacks with small coal taken from the stone heap near the drift, and cautioned and warned them off. Twice previously he had spoken to the lad. They ceased, but at five o'clock, when not seen by the children, they were caught by him in the act.—Defendants' father said he had worked at Gordon House Colliery for 23 years, and had only felt the need of coal for the past five months, when he had been out of work.—Mr Summerson said the prosecutors had missed coal and timber for some time, and people seemed to think they were entitled to take away whatever they could lay their hands on.—The Bench intimated that the practice must be stopped, and there must be exercised a stronger sense of what was right and what was wrong by people around colliery heaps, where they had no right to go. If the father would undertake that the offence should not be repeated the Bench would bind him over for the children's good behaviour.—The father gave the undertaking, and was ordered to pay 7s. 6d. costs.

Charge of Cruelty to a Horse.

William Atkinson, formerly a coachbuilder, but now a carter, residing at Loadings, was summoned for cruelty to a horse, by working it in an unfit state at Barnard Castle, on September 24th.—Mr J. Ingram Dawson prosecuted on behalf of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.—P.C. Sunter proved having seen the horse under the defendant's care in the Horse-market. The animal, said witness, was on three legs, being unable to put the fourth to the ground on account of a swollen fetlock joint. He described other sores, and Inspector Camber said the animal would never work again.—The defendant, who said he had parted with the horse, declared that the animal was not so bad as had been described, and that it got up like a fosl, was fined 10s.

THURSDAY.—Before Mr J. Wiseman.

Deserting from the Second-Sixth Durhams.

Thomas Sanderson, Broadgates, was charged in custody with deserting from the 2nd-6th Durhams at Heworth.—Superintendent Riddell said the defendant had absolutely refused to return, although his mother had offered to pay his fare.—Prisoner: I would go back to-night if I had the chance. Why do they not transfer me to the artillery? I am used to knock about horses.—Mr Wiseman: It is my duty to remand you to await an escort.

LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT IN THE VICTORIA HALL.

Last night a very large audience assembled in the Victoria Hall, Barnard Castle, at the concert organized by Miss Stobart at the request of the Ladies' War Emergency Committee. The programme was attractive throughout.

The entertainment opened with a violin solo from Il Trovatore, by Private Hastings, followed by the reproduction of the old-time number, in which Mrs Guy-Graham, Mrs Norman Wells, Miss Holmes, Miss H. Manby, Miss Kate Manby, Miss E. Stobart and Miss D. Stobart took part. The dance in its simplicity and graceful movements, the lovely dresses, and the changeful effects of the coloured limelight was a picture of bye-gone days which will not readily be forgotten by the appreciative audience. Lieut. Hyde was up for "King Charles," by Maud Valerie White, or "Myself when young," by Eliza Lehmann, and sang in excellent style; followed by "Little grey home in the west," which was exceedingly well rendered by Miss Manby. The quartettes by Corporal Boulter, Lance-Corporals Smith and Grewcock, and Private Measures, were very choice, and the vocalists were deservedly applauded. Taste and finish were, indeed, characteristics of all their efforts. Miss Dugdale rendered "If thou thy heart wilt give," which was bracketed with "The early morning," with much charm and fine feeling. The martial spirit of the monologues by Miss Tomalin aroused great enthusiasm, and a "Barnard Castle love story" evinced natural acting, and a clever adaptation of simple pastoral life. She is an accomplished elocutionist. The remaining part of the programme was equally attractive, and the conclusion was irresistible that there is a great amount of fine musical talent, both vocal and instrumental, in the ranks of the Leicestershire Regiment.

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UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The Rev. W. Sumner, pastor of the Baptist Chapel, Middleton, celebrated his second anniversary on Sunday and Monday. The reverend gentleman preached on Sunday morning and evening. Mrs Beadle rendered a solo at the latter service.—On Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, a sermon was preached by the Rev. H. R. Sumner, of Sandown, Isle of Wight (son of the pastor). A garden fete followed. In the evening a public meeting was held, several of the local ministers, Mrs Boyd Morrison (Middlesbrough), Rev. H. H Thompson and Mr L Stephenson (Darlington), and the Rev. R. H. Sumner taking part. Miss Benson and Mr S. Pinkney were the soloists.

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"The star of the sea" was the title of a two-part picture at Middleton picture hall last week-end, which showed some very fine views. "John Bull's sketch book" was an amusing and interesting scene, whilst the funny antics of Billy Richie as cupid in a hospital, caused a lot of amusement. Good companies were present at the performances.

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The results of the hospital efforts at Middleton and Forest, which included house-to-house collections at the villages between, have now been completed, and the effort is most gratifying, constituting a record. The total amount is £53 1s. 3d., and has been divided as follows: £40 3s. to Newcastle Royal Infirmary and £12 18s. 3d. to Darlington Hospital.

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The interment of the late Mrs Thos. Allinson, of Bridge House, Ettersgill, took place on Thursday afternoon, a large number of friends and relatives attending the obsequies. Mrs Allinson was a Middleton lass, who was highly respected by all who knew her. She has been in a precarious condition for some time, and a few months ago had undergone a serious operation. She was 51 years of age and leaves a husband and grown-up family to mourn her loss.

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Mr J. P. Robson, of Barnard Castle, son of Mr J. Robson, of Middleton, was the special preacher at the Wesleyan Chapel, Middleton, on Sunday evening.

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There are three steam rollers working in Upper Teesdale at present between Middleton and Langdon Beck. The heavy traffic on the roads necessitates a good deal of repair in this locality.

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Woodland hounds met at Hill Top, Egglestone, on Saturday afternoon. There was a good following. The hunt was principally past Knotts, and in what is locally known as East Skears, and fine sport was experienced.

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A large number of young men have left Middleton and district during the past few weeks, and entered the munition factories at Stockton and Newcastle.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services at the Parish Church.

The Offertories Amount to £17 5s.

The harvest thanksgiving services of St. Mary's Parish Church, Barnard Castle, were held on Thursday night last. The church was tastefully decorated, and there was a good congregation. The Rev. D. Jowett, Vicar of Coley, near Halifax, was the special preacher. The choir rendered the anthem, "Praise the Lord," Mr F. W. Raper, F.R.C.O., presiding at the organ. An offertory was taken on behalf of the Newcastle Infirmary.—On Sunday afternoon week a musical service was rendered by the highly-trained and efficient choir. The solo in the anthem, "Incline thine ear" (Gummel) was taken by Mr C. Walker, who rendered the difficult passages most creditably. The solo in the recitative, "My arms," and the air, "Sons an storm" from Judas Maccabæus (Handel), were sung by Mr Hemingway, an assistant-master at the North Eastern County School. He gave a vigorous and expressive exposition of the famous school in a clear and flexible tenor voice, and was true to the score in the long and difficult runs which are so familiar to the lovers of high-class sacred music. The solo in the anthem, "Jesu, we beseech Thee" was undertaken by Mr Wardman, and he discharged the task most satisfactorily. The leading passages in the anthem by Sullivan, "I will magnify" were magnificently sung by Mr Evans, who has not long resided in Barnard Castle, but who has evidently had an excellent musical training. He was in good voice, and sang with perfect confidence. This effort was highly appreciated by a large congregation. The instrumental music was exquisitely rendered throughout, and the Prelude Solennelle was an expressive and sympathetic organ recital for British warriors who had lost their lives in the sea and on land while heroically fighting for their country. The composer is Purcell J. Mansfield, who is the author also of "Flowers of the Forest," which was, perhaps, the gem of the afternoon. The music is very fine, being rich in light and shade, most attractive in harmony, and abounding in sweetly rolling, changeful cadencies. The most perfect and delightful rendering of the whole choral structure of the piece was heard. The softer notes were vivid and melodious, and Mr Raper seemed to excel himself in a wide field of musical interpretation, for the concluding vigorous march was far removed in a earthest sense from that illustrating the posey of the words, though inclusively the playing outlined at once the skilful organist.—The Vicar preached morning and evening on the Sunday, and at the latter service there was a crowded congregation. The offertories amounted to the handsome sum of £17 5s.

Death of Mrs Ord, of Startforth.

On Wednesday evening last there passed peacefully away at her residence, Bon Vista, Lendings, Startforth, Mrs Robin Myers Ord, the beloved wife of Mr Robert Ord, draper and silk mercer, Bonds-market, Barnard Castle. The deceased has had a lingering illness, and just over two years ago underwent an operation for a complaint from which she did not recover. The late Mrs Ord, who, with her husband, came to Barnard Castle some seven-and-a-half years ago, was of a kind, gentle, and unassuming disposition, and as a member of the Low West-gate Church she laboured quietly yet consistently. Not only as a churchworker was she well known, but the cause of temperance, too, claimed her real sympathy and aid, being an interested worker in the Barnard Castle Band of Hope and a member of the British Women's Temperance Association. The lady now departed was born at Aberdeen in 1867, and was a teacher by profession. She was educated at the Church of Scotland Training College, Aberdeen, and was for several years headmistress of the girls' school under the Guisborough School Board. The late Mrs Ord was a person of some accomplishments, and her several essays and lectures at the local Wesley Guild, of which she was an active member, were always interesting and appreciated. But "death, the jewel of the just," called her home, and, on Saturday afternoon, in peacefulness and the quietude of rural surroundings, her mortal remains were laid reverently to rest. Mrs Ord was one who disliked ostentation or superciliousness, and her wishes and ideals were carried out at the graveyard, where a few family friends and others gathered to show their last mark of affection. A brief service was held at Bon Vista, conducted by the ministers of the church in which she loved to worship, and at the place of sepulchre the Rev. J. Penrose Hodgson and the Rev. F. G. Gatehouse also officiated. She leaves a widower and son to mourn her loss.

THE LATE MRS EDLESTON, GAINFORD.

Address by the Rev. Canon Ivens, M.A.

The following is the substance of the address delivered at the funeral service of the late Mrs Edleston, of Gainford, in St. George's Church, Sowerby, by the Rev. Canon Ivens, M.A., Vicar of Sowerby Bridge: St John xi. 12: "If she sleep she shall do well." We are met here this afternoon to lay to rest a member of one of the oldest families connected with this district—a family honoured and respected for many years past. It is not permitted to me to say much about our sister who has passed away in her sleep, but I may say that she has been an earnest worker for the church of Christ, and that she was especially interested in foreign missions in connection with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. In the few words that I shall speak this afternoon I wish to dwell upon three thoughts about death, given to us by our Lord's Apostles, which may be of comfort to the mourners here. (1) St. Paul, in II. Corinthians v., 1, speaks of the body as an earthly house of this tabernacle. In these words he really says that the body is like the tent in which the soul dwells in the desert. The tent after a while, wears out, and is laid aside, but the inhabitant—the man who lives in it—lives on. Even so the body wears out, sometimes in a longer, sometimes in a shorter period, and is laid to rest, but the spirit lives on. Death cannot quench the activities of those higher faculties which distinguish man from the brute, and which have been breathed into man by God Himself. Our sister still lives on in the nearer presence of God. (2) The second thought is given to us by S. John. In his first epistle, in the second verse of the third chapter, he says: "It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." It is natural for mourners to follow in thought the experiences of their dear one who has passed into the other world. What can we say of her? S. John tells us when Christ shall appear (and the word "appear," as used here, as some of us know, means "be made manifest,") the effect of the beatific vision will be that we shall grow like Him. The late Canon Liddon in one of his sermons tells us of an old Indian officer who was recounting to a party of friends his experiences during the mutiny. One of his companions remarked to him: "You have seen strange things in your time." "Yes," he replied, "and I expect to see something stranger still very soon." "What do you mean?" he was asked. "I mean," he said, "the first five minutes after death." Our sister has passed through that experience, and is living in the more immediate presence of God. (3) The third thought is brought out in I. Thessalonians iv., 13 and 14, where the Apostle bids us "Sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." Perhaps the hardest moment at a funeral is when the mourners turn away from the open grave. It seems as though they have bidden a long farewell to the dear one who has passed away. But it is not so. We shall all meet again, and meet never to part. May we all, especially he who sorrows most, by this comforting thought to heart. Our friend has passed through the little gate of death into the palace of life. Upon her ears have fallen the glad words: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—The hymns sung were: "Brief life is here our portion" and "On the resurrection morning"—On the Sunday preceding the funeral both the Rev. H. Fielding-Smith, M.A., in the morning, and the Rev. H. C. Watson, M.A., in the evening, made feeling and appreciative allusions to Mrs Edleston from the pulpit at Gainford Parish Church.—On Friday night last the Rev. T. C. Gobat, vicar of St. James', Darlington, again conducted a service in the house at Gainford, and on Saturday morning there was a requiem at St. James', Darlington, at which the Rev. T. C. Gobat officiated.

Denton Harvest Festival.

The harvest festival was held at Denton Church on Friday evening last, and continued on Sunday.—On Friday evening was said at 7 o'clock, the Rev. W. Apter officiating. The lessons were read by Mr R. H. Edleston, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. A. S. Thompson, M.A., vicar of St. John's, Darlington. The Rev. W. Apter presided at the harmonium, and the church was very tastefully decorated for the festival.

Barnard Castle and District Rifle Club.

The annual meeting of the Barnard Castle and District Rifle Club was held last Wednesday, the Rev. F. G. Gatehouse presiding.—The Secretary reported a very successful year. The team had reached the third place in the Darlington and District League, which was the highest position they has attained for many years. The Young Cup was won by Mr W. Ridsdale, which now becomes his own property, having won it three years in succession. The Junior Cup was won by Mr R. Jackson, Mr C. Boustead running him very close. All the season's medals were won by the Rev. F. G. Gatehouse. The medal for the best average for the year was won by Mr W. Ridsdale, with an average of 95 out of a possible 100, the Rev. F. G. Gatehouse and Mr S. Jackson being very near with an average of 93. The ladies' section had also done well averaging 88 out of a possible 100 for the season.—The Treasurer reported an adverse balance of £8, which is a little less than last year.—The officers were chosen as follows:—The president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Mr E. Wells as a vice-president. The secretary (Mr H. Yole) having resigned his position through leaving the district, Mr G. W. Crute was appointed in his stead, and the post of treasurer was filled by Miss Scarre. The team captain (Mr W. Ridsdale) was again elected. The committee was appointed as follows: The Misses S. Burn and F. Wilson, the Rev. F. G. Gatehouse, Messrs A. Urquhart, C. Jackson, R. B. Gent, and H. Yole.—An addition was made to rule 7, the latter part reading as follows: "All subscriptions shall be due on the 1st of October, and must be paid on or before the 1st of December."

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Killed in Action.

PARKIN.—Killed in action on Monday, October 4th, 1915, Private Alfred Parkin, of the 2nd Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment, and son of Mr and Mrs Robert Parkin, of Springs Villa, Barningham, aged 20 years.

Gone is the face we loved so dear,
Silent is the voice we long to hear,
Far, too far away from sight and speech,
But not too far for our thoughts to reach.

Time may heal the broken heart,
Time may make the wound less sore,
But time can never stop the longing
For the lov'd one gone before.

—He gave his life for King and country.

Deaths.

GOLIGHTLY.—On October 18th, at 4, Market-place, Barnard Castle, after a long and painful illness, Thomas Graham Golightly, aged 52 years.—Interred on Thursday at Eastgate, Stanhope. Short service at the house at 7·45 a.m. previous leaving the above residence for railway station at 8 o'clock.—Friends please accept this intimation.

Return Thanks.

MR T. ALLINSON AND FAMILY desire to return thanks for kind enquiries and sympathy shown to them in their recent sad bereavement.