#### War Emergency Committee.

#### GENERAL MEETING OF SUBSCRIBERS

#### AN INTERESTING REPORT.

As was announced in our commun last work, a general meeting of subscribers to the Was Emergency Fund v. ale ca Wednesday night receive the report of the committee and is accessheat, and to re-elect a working committee. Mr J. Wiseman Chairman of the Council, was in the chair, and there were present Mossim H. Walker, J. Guy R. B. Morton, J. R. Arrewsmith, J. Lynn, J. E. Dent, C. Hedley, J. it. Hall. J.P., G. Burt, the Rev. J. Penrose Hadgeon, Miss Nixon, Miss Walton, and Miss Taburn, with Mr J. Ingram Dawson (honorary secretary), and Mr J: S. Holmer (honorary treasurer).

After the minutes of tuo last general meeting had been read and aignud, in what resolved that the report of the sommittee be circulated by the collectors when making the

Mr J. I. Dawson, the honocary secretary, read the report of the commistee on the year's working, as follows :-

Working, as follows:—

It is necessary to give a short resume of the workings of the War Emergency Committee since its inception at the outbreak of the war in August of last year. A town's meeting was called on the 14th of August on the resolution of the Council, and at the public meeting the War Emergency Committee was formed, consisting of the Chairman and members of the Barnard Castle Urban District Council, together with such other inhabitants of the town as they might think fit to co-opt. Previous to the co-option of members, the Council, as an Emergency Committee, divided the town into districts, and canvasced the town for various objects connected with the war, the total sum raised being 1:15 5s. 2d. for the Prince of Wales' Fund, the County Distress Fund, the Red Cross, and the Soldiers and Sailors Fund. On September 10th the Council co-opted 17 persons, and the sommittee was slightly enlarged as accasions arose during the year.

#### Objects of the Committee.

At the meeting of September 30th it was resolved to have a weekly subscription throughout the town during the warthe proceeds to be devoted to local objects and relief in the first instance, and, if not so dealt with, then as the committee might decide. A sub-committee was formed, and the town divided into districts, and all necessary arrangements were made for weekly collections. In October homes were offered to Belgian refugees, and a sub-committee appointed.

#### Soldiers' Recreation-rooms,

In November arrangements were made for a soldiers' recreation-room at the Courch Guild-room for the Seventeenth Battalion Durham Light Infantry, and this room has been continuously used ever since, both on week-days and Sundays, for the recreation and cotertainment of the soldiers, and has proved an inestimable boon to this buttalion and to the Tenth Leicesters who came later. Another recreation-room was commenced in the town, and this committee contributed out of its funds loss a week towards the expense of this recreation-room carried on at the Wesleyan School from Dicember 9th to April 22nd. The rooms were so much appreciated, that if the committee had undertaken no other wock, and had the cost been more than it was, the labour and the money would have been well spent, and certainly the thanks of the War Emergency Committee is due to those who laboured 52 heartly and with so much energy in making these two rooms a success. On Christmas Day the soldiers were all entertained, and a special concert and picture show were given in the Victoria Hall free to the men, each man also receiving a gift.

#### Rolgian Refugees.

Belgian Refugees.

On the last day of the year ten Beigian refugees arrived, and were provided with a house in the Friends' Holiday Home, Startforth, and on January 4th a party of nine Belgians arrived, and were taken to air Smith's house in Queen-street. The requests of the committee for food and clothing were generously met at the time from all quarters, and, so long as the committee provided for the refugees in kind, the gifts were of the greatest assistance. The refugees were catered for by the local ladies until February, when grants of money for maintenance were made. In the middle of February it was found that the hashand of Madame Smets, who with the family had been separated from him, was working in Dumbarton. We recoined his wife and family here for a short time until intrangements could be made for them to be transferred to Dumbarton. On February 20th he with his wife and family returned to the Scottish town, while another refugee, with his wife and daughter, joined friends in Devonshire. It may be mentioned here that there are still three families of Belgians, remaining, and that a weekly allowance is made them. Two of the refugees are in receipt of weekly wages, and the system of dealing with them is as follows:—With the exception of a few shillings each for pocket money and for buying odd things for the families, the whole of the wage is turned over to the committee. So is taken out of the weekly wage, and set aside for a fund for them when they return to Belgium, as their homes are completely runned, and probably by this time burnt. The fund for their maintenance, and amounts to £25 15s. bit. Fund for their maintenance, and amounts to £23 15s. 6d. Relief.

Fortunately the anticipation of great distress from the war-has not arisen. Two cases only have beer dealt with by the Relief Sub-committee, and the grants made were most accept-able. The soldhers and Sailors'Association dealt with various cases arising amongst the soldiers' wives and dependents until the Government scheme got into full working order.

# Our Soldiers.

Our Scidiers.

The soldiers who have gone from the district of barnard Castle were not forgotten. In the first instance, at the suggestion of the Charman of the Orban District Council (Mr. J. Wiseman), a parcel was tent to every Tecsdale man in the 6th Durham Light Infantry (Territorials) from the members of the Council. The expense of this, of course, did not come out of the Council. The expense of this, of course, did not come out of the Council to give a parcel to every man serving it. His Majerty's Forces, who came from the urban district of Barnard (astic. The sum of £11 ES, was taken for this purpose, and the guts will be much appreciated by the men in the deld, not so much for the value, but from the fact that they are rem inhered by as who are living in peace, while they are lighting for us and giving up their lives on the battlefield. On the occasion of the 17th Durham Light Infantry leaving Barnard Castle, where they had been billeted and in camp since fast December, a girlt was given to every man of the battlefield. This to six the sum of £24 14s, ful. The gifts were most highly appreciated by the men, and they all spoke of the great kindness which they had received from the inhabitants of Barnard district, and the committee can look back with some degree on prile on the efforts they made to add to the comforts of the soldiers in recognition of the solf-sacrifies which the men were making on our barial. The balance-shoet will be presented by the Treasurer, but the committee which the committee. It is impossible to name individually those who have contributed so much to the soreas. The committee can only wish that these efforts will be continued in the future, and that the town-people will continue their interfunction their future, and that the town-people will continue their interfunction their future, and that the town-people will continue their committee can only wish that these shorts will be constinued in the future, and that the town-people will continue their subscriptions in an equally generous spirit, for the needs are great, and will be till greater. The committee has held 27 meetings during the year, and the various sub-committees have net very irrogardly.

have met very irremently It was resolved that the report be published and, it possible, a copy should be supplied to Mr J. d. Helmer (the honorary frequence) presenced a Estance-sheet, which and been

audited by Mr Bottomley.

Statement of Accounts to October 9th, 1915 EXPENDITURE.

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The Cash Balance is correct as per Pass Books.

October, 1915. HARRY BUTTOMLEY. The Rev. J. Penrose Hodgen moved that the statement he recentred and approved. He took the opportunity of saving that the contribution of 154, weekly from the funds of the Wesleyan School Rac excha-roun and bonn greatly suprecised.—Ny J. G. Hall, JP. seconded the motion, which was carried.—Mr Hall moved a further assolution that the thanks of the meeting be accorded to all those who had been so willing in helping the mare ment whether at chiectors, sub-committee members, or recreation-room helpers, and those senels: her allad viets and bad odw service of the committee. Everyope had given or worked, but it was only those who were behind the somes who knew the labour which many of the projects had entailed, and they wished everyone who had helped to know that they were not forgotten. Mr Wm. Hodgron seconded the reso. lution which was carried manimously

The question of the election of the committee came up for consideration, and Mr Hedley moved analate members now constituting the CONTINUOUS SHOW OF

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#### ROBERT ORD, BARNARD CASTLE.

committee be re-elected, antiset to anyone coming off who did not wish to continue. -- Mr John Edward Dord seconded, and the motion was thereup. exerted ununimously.

Thanks are due to set these who helped, sither in ease or kind, to provide the whole of the soldiers with plan pudding on Christmas Day, which wes so highly appreciated, and for which Colonel Coulfold returned his most sincere thanks. -- Wr Wissman advocated that egal at absolutely egat price should be available for the pose people of Barnard Castle.

#### War Items.

The beath of the Mon. Fergus Boweslyon, of the Black Watch.

Sympathy by the Yorkshire and Burham Tenantry.

Vote of Gondolence to the Earl and Sounters of Strathmore: Heavy Family Toll.

The half-yearly rend-audit of the Streadland and Westwick esists of Lord Strathmore was held at the King's Head Holel, Barnard Castle, on Thursday last. As the subsequent dinner, penceedings were marked by an entire absence of hitarity. Mr Philip Langeseff, of Stainton Hill farm, in proposing the health of the Earl of Stratumore, made (selling allusion to the bereavement sustained by his Lordship in the desta of bis son, the Hop. Bengue Bowes-Lyon, and moved a vote of sympathy with the family. Mr Langeleff pointed one that in addition to the death of the B m. Feigus, Lord Stratemore had had three mens wounded in the war, a throcher wounded, at 1 a rephew killed.—Mr Ralstor, in responding, promised to convey the kindly vote to property to his Lordship, whom, he was cor me, the reference would be greatly expressioned—Or Sunday, at the parish chares, a house wreath of triumph spreamented the memorial brass which perpetuates the memory of many members of the Hower family, of Bonachum Custic.

#### Private A. Parkin, of Lartington,

Killed in Action. Mr and Mrs Robi. Parkin, c? Springs Villa, Usetington, have received the following letter ustrington, have received the testowing lester from Company Surgant-Major Charles M. Woodroffs, dated Oskobac 77kg 1915;—11 is with the deepest asympathy and singular regret that I write to inform you of the duch of your son Afrey. He was killed on the early-morning of the 4th inst. whilst taking part in a charge to explore a position of so enemy polition. During the past four months he has acted as orderly to myself, and I assure you I feel told death kneety. No task western difficult him to undertake, and his chapelniness and willing disposition codested him as all with whom he came in contact. Always ready for anything, he was amongst the first when the order to charge was given. Alas! about two minutes later he was shot through the heart. Death was instablanceus. It was impossible do saything for him, and owing to the il tricacian of the conjugate was out of american to recover any of his little sentimental effects.



PRIVATE ALF. PARKIN. .

He was buried, where I am sure he would have wished, where he fell, fociag the position which cost hundreds of Brave young lives. Great as your loss is -a of your grief will belot i' he settened by the thought that "he died nobly doing has duty."

How can a man die botter than by friend; carful odds, For the honour of his country, for the glory of his God ?? was a phrase I have often heard him quote, and I am sure be tailfiled it to the atmost. On behalf of the warract oil sers, non-commissioned citicers, and men of U Company, Second East Yurkshire Regiment, plasse lot me convey to you their sincorcat sympathy with you is your great less. On the same morning all my officers felt, or I am sure they would also have sen, their deep stregrat. He was an noiversal favoncite, and I am sura that time aluge one friend, and such an one, that at this time it w'i be vary bard as replace him. Will you please convey to all his relatives and friends my deepest sympothy, and reat assured tratis your grief you auther not alone?

# Local Soldier Thanks the Kind People

of Barnard Gastle. Driver E. 2006 Edg., tyrngerig of King-street, Baruard Can'ls, who is now serving with the British Expeditionary Faces, writes to the Bosse of the " breek or Mercary," under date Optioer 75c, 1915, in which he says: "I would like, through the tardiam of your paper, to thank all becarding triends who have abscribed id send comforts out nois. Washever is sent is most conflictly we'r med. I cen assure you, I received a parcel sais moreing, and, as a good many friends me aware. I was as home on a few duts' leave -from Ontober 1st until the 5th of the same month - and is was a pleasant surprise when I received too gifts to-day. And encongern I must thank the kind people of Barnard Castle."

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# My Little Wet Home in the Trench. . "What do I Care for the Germans?"

The following verses were sent by Private | Eucyant Letter from Private P. Hull.

T. Bezdie, of the 2nd Northumberhand Busiliers, o his wife, who resides at Startforth, Barnard

I've a little wet home in a treach.
Where the rain storms continually drench,
There's the sky overhead, hay or mud for a bed And a stone that we use for a beach.

Bully beet and hard blocatts we chew, it seems years since we tasted a stew. Shells creek hand scare, Yet no place can compare With my little week home in the treach. Our friends in that treuch o'er the way, Seem to know that we've come here to stay, They shoot and they shout, But they can't pet us out. Though there's no dirty tricks they won't play.

They reshed us a few nights ago. But we don't like intruders, and so Some departed quite sore, Others left evermore Near my little wet home in the trench.

So hurran for the mid and the clay, Which leads to de. tol. that's the day When we enter Berlin— That city of sinAnd wake the fat Berliner pay. Yes, wo'll think of the cold, slush and steach. As we tay with the Petrian and French, There'll be shed theo, I fear, Redder stuff thou a tear. For my little wer home in the trench.

# Sing me to Sleep.

Sing me to sleep, the bullets fall. Let me forget the world and all: Damp is my dux-out, cold are my feet, Nothing but "bully" and biscuits to eat. Sing me to sleep in some old shed.

A dozen rat-holes around my head:
Stratched out upon my waterproof,
Dodging the raindrops from the roof bogging the randrops from the test.

For, for from Ypres I long to be,
Where the Germans cannot pop at me;
Think of me eronching where the worms creep,
Waiting for someone to sing me to sleep,

# Wonder if They'll Hit Me Sometimes.

The following lines, being a paredy on the song, "I wonder if you miss me sometimes." were written in the tranches in France by Sergeant R. C. Mumberson, of the 1/5th York shire Regiment. Sergeant Mumberson is well known to Barnard Canale, having resided there from being just a boy. He is a grandson of the late Mr J. R. Richardson, of King-atreet. The on-commissioned officer was three years in the 6th Durhams, and then transferred to the 5th Yorkshire Regiment. He was at camp in Wales when the war broke out, and has since been made sergeans:-

And gaze o'er the parapet top :

I stand on a lonely trench-hoard,
And gaze o'er the parapet top :

I nicture a band of Germans,
And wonder how long they'll stop.
Though nobody's land divides ut,
Still in the tracch we remain;
I'd give all I have in the world, dear,
If this world was at peace once again.

CHORUS.

I wonder if they'll hit me sometimes, Hit me when the whiz-be I wonder it they'll remember

Days gone by; wonder if they know we're pining To give them a taste of the steel; I wonder if they'd like to be in Blitcy And I wonder how they'd feel, And I wonder how they'd feel, I stand once again in the dug-out. And think of those waiting at home; I picture a land of sunshine. And wonder how long I'll roam. The waves of the occun divide us. Still in any dreams I can see; Right to the arms of any loved ones, That's where I long to be.

# Letter from Private Bouben Sayer,

of Barnard Castle. Bitish Expeditionary Force, as follows: at home. The War Office is asking for muffler. Dear Sir, - Would you be saided as to put my 58 inches long and 10 inches wide, and mitters istter in your paper? I wish to thank the in deab shaden, 8 toches long. Lack week the people of Barnard Castle for the parcel they sooks and 5 mulliers already in hand were sont so kindly send to me on the 10th of October, to prisoners of war, and to Mro Long, wife of

of the treaches yesterday offer being in for the various theaters of wer. An Pinstrated I see the state of gos ward that the one of their reinforcements up, and is a producting the mission each night until and we fired until I could hardly hold my rifts. Opposite 25th. Some are sung at each service My ville has been a triced to me, and I am the by Mrs Octland, to mosic composed by the sare to it. When we went in on Tuesday night evangelist. -Mr. Galland, who has already we were up to the eyes with mul, and then we conducted appealing services at Otherbut to go to the firing-line straight away. I stone and Barning nam, is the author of a very always said I would so my bit, and if I haven's interesting book, entitled "Scenes from Life's killed about a dezon Germans it is now my fault. Battlefield." He is too some a town missioner, have bad a near escape or two, cas I have and grands in it the into Mr Thomas Charles come out miright. You might lot the Barney Garland, the pieceer of Westeyan Micsions to lade see what I am doing for my King and Sommer, and is in receiving a procedure. country. I like to be out here, and I enjoy to and in the ophere in which he is devotic; his be fideg away at the Gormans. A really think they are besten, but they won't give it. They I always did realize that God has some sholled as the other day, and only two out of special work for ma to day he contesses in his seven such a burn. which made me ablok they book, and the remarkable instances of ware dumnies. Zhare is nothing to be faight conversion he retains show that he has found ened of. What do I care for the Germans now his force. Mrs Ozerand assists her analyzed by as long as I have administive, rifle and bayones, reading the lessons, and delights the large and the strength which God given me? I am quite happy, withough I am far from home. I composed by Mr Garland, an accomplished expect to get a leave before Christmas, musician. Last Sanday's services were highly Remember me to all at West Shaws. I am successful, many soldiers attending. pleased to bear that you have fi tished harvest in good time, and I hope you nave had good

# The Malta Hospital Fund.

The Treasurer begs to acknowledge the receipt of articles for the above fund from Mrs. John Smith, the girl scouts, Miss Watson, of Spring Lodge; Mrs Bell-Irving, Miss Pearson, Mr J. W. Smith, Mrs Martin, Mr Burz, Mrs Bore, Mes J. Robinson, Mrs Borry, Mrs F. B. chill.
Boardmae, Miss Harris, and Mrs Hunter; also fellowing subscriptions:—Mr R. T. Law 29 145 appeal to the tradeamen of the town for packing boxes, and they will be pleased to receive, smong other things, any old razors. Such gifts should be sent to Mrs Brezeton, the Headmaster's House, North Eastern Councy School,

# War Needlework: Greta Bridge (South).

Mrs Galf-Irving gratefully acknowledges during August and September 5 pairs of socks, from Dowager Lady Milbrak; 3 dezen pairs o Of Barnard Castle.

A letter was received by the Editor of this and 1 moffler, kindly knitted by the Cibert, ournal last Monday from Pto Rouben Sayer, Mrs Catterall, and Miss Hill. She is giad to 2th Division, Signal Company, Royal Engineers, Supply wool for those who have time to work at home. The War Office is asking for mufflers I enjayed the cake and sweets, and was very the Director of Supplies and Transports, who pleased with the useful articles that were in it." appealed for the men driving motors overseas.

Capt. Bathurst's Uffer to Kis Tenants.

#### LORD BARNARD WILL DO THE SAME ON APPLICATION.

In view of the article which appeared in The

Times recently on the ploughing of grass lands, the following letter, addressed by Captain Charles Backurs, M.P., to his farm toracts on the Lydney Park Estate is of special interest: "DEAR SIR.—You are no doubt aware that the President of the Board of Agriculture has recently, on bobrist of the Government, made an earnest appeal to British agriculturists to do ait in their power, in spite of labour shortage and other handleaps, to increase the house was the Clint footpath, Bowes.

The Surveyor and the bod seems to Holmes, and also the enclosure plan, but in neither case was the Clint footpath shown. home production of human food during the coming year, and so a vengthen the cational safety at a critical period in our constry's history. This can be done by some modification of the treatment of the existing arabic area and side by broaking up, not exhable and pasture, nor get poor, budly-drained pasture, our some of the second-rate grandland, which, since the beginning of the great land, which, since the beginning of the great agricultural depression in 1879, has been badly laid down or has 'tombled down o' to grass and weeds, and home production of human food during the He had, therefore, concluded that the footpath has 'tumbled down 'to grass and weeds, and which used formerly to grow good white straw crops. If you have any land of this description on your farm which you consider can be used Joseph William Harrison, who is employed on more profitably for national purposes than it the steam roller, from £1 1s. to £1 4s. weekly. more profitably for national purposes than it is stepresont. I shall be quite willing to waive any restrictive covenants in your farm agreement which may attaid in your way. Moreover, if any of such had be put under wheat, and you find it impossible during the next two years to sell wheat of good quality at the price of 40s, or upwards, I shall be pleased, so for somy resources permit, to share wish you as good. some persion of any loss which can be proved to have resulted from your patriotic enterprice. My agent, Mr James Lauder, will be pleased to look into the matter with you, if you will communicate with him at your convenience."— Yours very truly, CHARLES BATHURST.

Salisbury, October 7th, 1915. [Captain Bathers: is one of the most enlightened and best informed agriculturists in the Rouse of Commons, and is the Fresident of the Central Chamber of Agriculture. Lord barnard is prepared to adopt a similar policy to that advocated by the writer of the foregoing letter, and hopes that other leadlords in the district will do the same. If any farmer wants to plough out his grass land he may do so by asking Lord Barnard. - ED., T.M.

#### Thorngate Wesleyan Mission.

Evangelistic Services.

Bairly large companies continue to assemble Somman, and is in very truth a live prosches, energies has accomplished much good work. congregations by singing several color

# Bible Society's Annual Meeting.

Mr J. L. Dawson presided at the annual meeting of the Barnard Castle Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Scotety, on Mon-day night son, when Mr M. J. Dixon presented the secretary's and treasurer's report. He explained that Mr W. J. Bainbridge would not be present, that gentleman having contracted a chill. From the balance-sheet it was pathered that the subscriptions were as be following subscriptions:—Mr R. T. Icliow:—Miss Wandless, 24 is; Miss Whest-Richardson, 25; anonymous, 25; North Lay, 22 14z. 6d.; Master Winpenny, 21 is.; Eastern County School collection, 23 2z. id.; be hord Ernard, 23; Mrs Brerston, 22 2z.; (per Mr Walfond), 22 0z. 92.; Miss Eglinton's School 12. Miss Mosey's school, 10z. 10d.; School, 10z. Miss Mosey's school, 10z. 10d.; feliow: -- Miss Wandless, 24 1s.; Miss Wheat-Mr J. Smith, 21; Mrs Cockson, 21; Mrs School, 10s; Miss Mosoy's school, 10s. 10d.; Adams, 21; Etiss Stockson, 15s.; Mrs Boll. and annual meeting, 21 ils. 91, which made a Irving 103.; Mr W. J. Rainbridge, 104.; Mr total of £12 93.10d. The expenditure included C. B. Mavan, 103.; Mrs Farrow, 108.; Miss the printing and distribution of bills, 6s.; C. B. Martin, 103.; Ares Farrow, 198.; Mies caretaker, 18.; bire of hall, 58.; cheque to Howson, 78. 66.; Mies Raine Cotherstone, 58.; treasurer, 211 178. 104.; total, 212 98. 104. Howson, 7s. 6d.; Miss Raine, Cotherstone, 5s.; Pressurer, Lt. 11s. 1va., today, Howson, 7s. 6d.; Miss Raine, Cotherstone, 5s.; The circulation of copies of scripture was the Misses Gibson, 5s.; Mrs Manby, 5s.; Mrs Black, 2s. 6d.; Mrs Burn, 2s. 6d.; Mrs Bu religiousts of every persuasion could meet in Ochober, the ladies of the church provided that room for the one purpose of extending and presided over an excellent tes, of which a the word of God to the necessary tracks. the word of God to the uttermost parts of the the word of God to the uttermost parts of the goodly number privok.—In the evening a earth. Literature, he added, might be divided public macking was held in the church, the into two classes, that of knowledge and that Rev G. A. Bowman, presiding. On the platform of power, and in the hible they had both. The were the Revs. W. Riley, J. P. Hodgaon and C. H. of power, and in the bible they had both. The book contained history, poetry, and biography, book contained history, poetry, and biography, and the bower of awakening consciences Rev. C. H. Lightfoot ongaged in prayer, the and had the newer of awakening consciences Rev. C. H. Lightfoot ongaged in prayer, the second and had the power of awakening conscience and vitalising an impaired life. The Reve. J. P. Hodgron, F. G. Gatehouse, and W. W. Walton (Webleyer) took part in the meeting, was one of great earnestoess and

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The monthly meeting of the members of the Startforth Rore: District Conneil was held on Wednesday, under the presidency of Mr John Walton, J.P., the chairman. There were also present M. and W. Bowes, J. Allison, G. V. Tarn, W. Dent, J. Bunt, M. Scraffon, W. Erring-TARE W. Delt. J. Burk. 24. Seratson, w. Errington. R. Ledge, J. Richardson, J. W. Coulthard, J. Leeten, W. R. Robinson, J. Peasock, T. Metcalfe. T. W. Garth, T. Bayles, J. Raine (Street Side), C. Weller, J. Reine (Mickleton), W. J. Wetson (clork), T. H. Piews (surveyor), and W. Porter (hopoctor).—The bank balaoos amounted to £1,122 10s. 11d. and the heavy Ploughing Teesdale District Consoil for a month, had covered 1,120 yards of surface, and the light machine had relied 1,857 yards of highway.—214 yards of kerbing at Startfords had cost £25 is. 8d. roller, which had been bired to the local Urban

#### Lartington Pork Footpath.

The Clerk reported that Mr Spence had promised on more than one occasion an appointment in reference to signing the greement with respect to the footpath diversion in Larrington Park, but no actual meeting had taken place, although he admitted the correctness of the plan.—Mr Deat moved that the matter be adjourned for a mouth, till things got settled on the Lartington estate. The Clerk: We must keep it up.-The Chairman: Ob, yes, continue the minute.

#### Matters Various.

It was decided to increase the wages of

#### Water Shortage at Mickleton.

A communication was read from the Mickleton Parish Council drawing attention to the inadequate supply of water from the town syke. The Surveyor thought that a nine-inch rips should be laid near the railway, and above this point a six-luch pipe would suffice. -Mr Taru, as confrmed of the parish council, remarked that owing to the great drought they had no water for flushing the dvalue. There was only one pump going, and if the scarcity continued he foured that they would get into a sad hole. - Mr Doot said the outlay would be a special crarge on Mickletor, but the matter must be looked into.—The question was left in the hards of the Clerk and Inspector. - Bowes water-rate was fixed at 1s. 63, and that of Boldron at 91.

#### Pole Ratch Lane Brainage.

A letter was resu from Miss Stebart, Low Startforth Hall, complaining f the Ineanitation of High Startforth, and emphasising the at the Thorngete Weslevan Mission, Reverted statement that it was far worse then could be Concle, where is musical mission is being conceived by the Council. The torrible steach convolved by the Council. The forrible stench compelled her to close every window after known Letter from Private P. Hull.

Private P. ftall, of the 11th Durham Light Infantry, writing from the first of or October 4th, 1915, to his eleter, Miss G. Hull, West Saws, Bernerd Castle, says: "I only came cut oxidited, Sepicing Interesting events in moderates. The control of the Council were specially by Evangelist H J Garland compelled her to close every window after four o'clock, and she had a sick house. She would be gird of a visit city r from Dr. Nolinau or any member of the Council were the four were specially to think that the Council were cut of the Saws, Bernerd Castle, says: "I only came cut oxidited, Sepicing interesting events in moderates. The condense of th whald be compelled to take legal proceedings to recure a remedy if the nuisance was not betred -- The Chairman said be had received two letters on this subject. - It was agreed then the immediate attention of the Medical Officer be called to the subject of the ecmpla:ni.

# Unitarian Church Harvest Services.

Harvest services were held at the Unitarian Church, Newgate, Barnard Castle, on Sunday week, conducted by the Rev. J. B. Robinson. The church was test fully decorated for the 2004sius, and well-known barvest hymns were chesen, so that the worshippers might join heartily in device proise and thankeriving Too sermon in the morning dealt with the duty. privilege and blessing of a thackful beart; that of the afternoon upon the leasens to be derived from a "corn of wheat"; and in the evening the discourse was based upon nature a witness to the existence and beneficence of God. The sitendance, though not large, was fairly good The contributions of fruit, etc., were considerable, and were sold on Monday evening sen, for the benefit of the courch funds.

# Urban Council Amenities.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." SIR,- In reading the "Teerdale Mercury" of October 6th I find my name mentioned in the report of our Council meeting in regard to the suctract for plumbing work in Ware-street. I find that the Surveyor states that Mr Sarker and myself have done work for the Council recently. As regards what Mr Barker has done I know cothing, but for myself I wish to state that I have not done 23 worth of work for the Council during my 17 years of business. also I have not done 10s, worth of work in the last five years -- Eaithfully,
C. W. STOCKDALE.

Newgate, Bainard Castle, October 19th, 1915.

# Congregational Church.

Barnard Castle Congregationalists held their Rev. J. P. Hedgeon sadressed the meeting in choice sentences of sympathy and encourage monto sensences of sympathy and erecuragement, which proved very holpful and stimulating, after which, the Rev. W. Riley, in a powerful and helithant speech, held the audience apoll-bund, his subject being the content of the sensence of of the s "Christ, war and peace," in which the speaker reasoned out, and, by illustration, showed that war did not of irself sundue the spirit of war and that Christ's metrod did, and the world ultimately would be wen by that spirit.

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