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BARNARD CASTLE, APRIL 5TH, 1916.

AIRWAR : HOW TO WAGE IT.

DEDICATED to the memory of those gallant men who gave their lives at the call of duty. Mr N. Pemberton-Billing, M.P., has just issued a valuable book on the subject of airwar. That such a work is necessary few will deny, as, in the popular imagination, these merciless raids on non-combatants can and must be minimised In seventy-four pages the writer forcefully attempts to give the public a brief and instructive sketch of a plan and policy, to the consideration of which he has devoted the last eight years of his life, and fearlessly asserts that Great Britain's supremacy in the air is simply a question of hard cash, hard work brains and bravery. He has surrendered his commission in the Royal Naval Air Service, believing that, as a civilian, and with his voice and pen, he can at this moment of crisis best serve his country. In contradistinction to the foresight of our forefathers, who made Britannia mistress of the sea, we are, he contends, relying on the experiments of our potential enemies to enable us to become masters of the air. "Was there ever so mad a policy?" queries the enthusiastic author. The rest of the world is working to secure by means of the air what it has failed to attain through the sea, while in this country the problem has not only met with departmental indifference. but with active hostility. Mr Pemberton Billing submits a constructive policy, and in a projected Imperial Air Service calls for 5,000 pilots, and shows how to make them : 5,000 aeroplanes, and how to produce them : 5.000 orgines, and where to find them, and deals exhaustively with the enigma of the personnel. The book is crisply and persuasively written, and should be read by overybody. The German prisoners now in England declaro that the object of the raids was to serve high military purposes.

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Sir John Gorst died in London yesterday.

Miss Angela Hoggett, daughter of Mr John Hoggett, of Battle Hill, waited on one thousand sheep in the late storm.

The Rev. Philip and Mrs Orick are leaving Whorltor, and are taking up private residence at Eden Bridge, in Kent.

Two sons of Mr and Mrs T. Gibson, Hauxwell Farm, Barnard Castle Moor ; a son of Mr and Mrs W. Bell, East Farm, Stainton; and Private W. Hopkin, Barnard Castle, all of the 20th Durhams, are on leave of absence from a south of England camp.

A Barnard Castle correspondent in London mys: There was great excitement here on Saturday morning over the Zappelin that sank in the Thames estnary on Friday night. At first people were afraid to believo-it was 1st April-but by night they believed two Zyppelins were down.

The Roy. Robert Steavenson, of the Nelson (Lancashire circuit) has accepted the superintendency of the Barnard Castlo Wesleyan circuit, vacant in September.

Rather unfortunate mistakes arose in the article, " Notable snowstorms of the past halfcentury," which appeared in the columns of this journal last week. In item one, "storm of February 15th, 1900," March 17th should read February 17th; and in Itam 4, "storm of January 28th and 20th, 1910," March 31st should read January 31st.

The snow scenes at the Summit are being filmed at the Wycliffs Picture Hall, Barnard Castle, this week. They have previously been shown at a picture hall in Manchester.

In connection with the local Malta Hospital Fund, the Treasurer begs to acknowledge gifts from Mrs and Miss Mellanby and Mrs Leishman : also the sum of ten shillings from Mr R. T. Richardson towards providing chairs for the wounded. The usual sewing meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6:b, bus will then be suspended until Thursday, May 4th.

George Pescock, second son of Mr and Mrs W. Pescock, Stainton, has been wounded, and is

An interesting ostalogue of Roman inscribed ard soulptured stones, colos and earthenware, discovered in and near the Roman fort of Maryport, and preserved at Netherhall, edited by Mr J. B. Balley, with introduction and additions by Professor Haverfield, M.A., LL.D., D. Litt. F.S.A., has just been issued. There is a full plan, with the localities of every fied. There are eleven picture photographs of pottery and what not.

Private Joseph Gibson, son of Mrs Gibson, 22, King-street, Barnard Castle, has been wounded in action through the right shoulder in France.

Sapper H. Smiles, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. Smiles, of the Bank, Barnard Castle, has been killed in action.

The engagement is announced of Francis Silvertop, Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars, attached to the Royal Flying Corps, eldest son of the late Mr Henry Thomas Silvertop, of Minster Acres, Northumberland, and Nevill, younger daughter of Mr G. L. Foster Harter, of Salperton Park, Gioncestersbire. It fu about ton years since Mr Silvertop came of age, when there were becoming celebrations at Lartingtop, the estate at that time belonging to him.

Word has been received at Barnard Castle that Private A. Chapman, of Startforth, who has been abroad for six months, has been wounded.

Lance-Corporal W. Aldorson, Cotherstone, and Driver E. Eden, Barnard Cuatle, visited their respective homes last week on a slort

fashions means that at least seven yards more stuff is required on every dress than last year.

At Barnard Cestle, to-day, there will be a special sale in the Market-place of various classes of stoak, produce, etc., in aid of the British Farmers' Red Cross Fund. Gifts for the sale will be thankfully received by Mr A. J. Wilkirson and Mr W. Taro, auctioneers.

Mr H. Wild, an old North Eastern County

School boy, of Maryport, having secured a commission in the army, is at present on foreign service.

Mr Richardson has taken the residence of Rekeby Grove.

On Thursday night a strong draft of Tyneside Scottish left Barnard Castle by special train.

The death took place at Easby Hall, near Richmond, on Saburday morning, of Mr Leonard Jaques, at the age of 76 years. He was well known in the North of Eogland, whose family has resided for many years, and was the owner of the Easby estate, on which is situated the famous and historic ruins of Earby Abbey.

A young girl, who in happier times would have made her debut this season, is Miss Victoria Alexandrina Fitzroy, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Southampton and granddaughter of Lord and Lady Zsiland, who will be eighteen in June. Her elder sister, Miss Dorothy Fitzroy, who attained her twentyarst birthday on Saturday, came out before the war, and her grandmother, Lady Zetland, gave a brilliant royal ball for her debut at her house in Arlington-street that serson.

Another granddaughter of Lady Zstland, Lady Mand Fitzwilliam, elder daughter of Lord and Lady Fitzwilliam, is nearly the same age as Miss Victoria Alexandrina Bitzroy, and the cousing would have made their debut together in normal years.

The Right Rev. W. Boyd Carpenter. on Wednesday, celebrated bis 75th birthday.

It is interesting to leven that the descend-ants of the late Mr J. J. Balloy, the veteran schoolmaster of Barnard Cestle, are making their mark in the world. With regard so the family of Mr J. B. Balley, late master of the largest elementary school under the county authority at Maryport, one sor, Mr L Balley, is in the draughtsmon's (battleship) office at Armstrong's works; the second son, Mr Thos H. Balley, is cuchier in the London Joint Stock Bank, at Carlisle; and the daughter, Miss Edith M. Steels, is too wile of Captain Steels, of the Leyland Line. With regard to the family of Mr G. H. Bailey a younger s.u.

Lieutenant Cyril Bailey is in the Flying Corps, and Lieutenant Kenneth Balley and Escond-

The Local Tribunals.

Pheasants and Partridges: Grapes and Tomatoes.

The Tribunal for the Barnard Castle Rural Council area met in the Board-room at the Teesdale Union Workhouse, on Friday afternoon. Mr H. L. Fife, J.P. (chairman), presided, and there were also present Meners T. Davis, J.P., J. W. I. Davidson, J.P., G. R. Gent, R. Armstrong, J.P., R. W. Raine, J.P., and T. Bainbridge (clerk). Mr J. W. Hartley, J.P., who accompanied Mr F. Stobart, has succeeded that gontleman as military representative.

The Cockfield Pest Office Case.

Mr Davis said, on the reading of the minutes, that disallowing the claim for the absolute exemption of her son, made by Mrs Liddle, of the Cockfield Post Office, was, the more he shought of it, a blunder on the part of the Tribunal.-The Clerk : He must make another polication for the renewal of his certificate before we can entertain it. He can do so any time within the two months before the date of his certificate expires .- The Chairman : He has practically got two moaths.-Mr Davis: Yes, ad we are never too late to do right, and 1 was wondering whether I should have challenged the minutes. It is an important business.

Barytes Operatives : Pending Government Inspection.

Mr Woodhead (military representative) comarked that in reference to certain claims arising in the barytes industry, a Government inspector would shortly visit the miners on the spot.

Decision Received a Day Too Late.

Mr J. I. Dawson represented a Langleydale farmer who appealed for the exemption of his son, and stated that the notice containing the decision of the meeting of the Tribunal on the 17th of March did not reach its destination till the following Tuesday afternoon, which was a day too iste. It was, no doubt, posted in due time, in the ordinary sense, but there were only deliveries on alternate days in Langleydale. Under section 21, sub-section 2, maid Mr Dawson, the Tribunal had power to Applicant now applied for the temporary extansion of his son till after lambing time, when he could go. Nobody would be prejadiced in any way.-Mr Raine : I think that the extension ought to be granted.-Agreed accordingly.

" The Farm is Your Own, is it Not ? "

A farmer in Marwood applied for the exemption of a stockman, the holding consist-ing of 85 acres, and there being 40 head of stock all inside, and 40 ewes to lamb.-The Military Representative told applicant that two men on another farm in the district of the same size producing the same stock. - The Chairman : It I started work when i was twolve years of age.—The Chairman: The farm is your own, is it not?—Applicant: Yes, and my man bas £40 which was well patronized —On Sunday Lir a year and all his meat. He is married, with a wife and one child. 42 acres are meadow land.—Applicant was given till the Sist of May to get over the lambing time.

A Gonditional Exemption.

A farmer with 204 scres (40 tillage), and 40 ewos to hamb applied for the exampsion of his servant in husbandry. Ho said sowing time was very late, and the man would stay. - Mr Davis: Too many farms, it has been scated, are being worked with too few hands .-- A conditional exemption was granted on the man staying with his master.

Barytes Used for Miscellaneous Purposes.

Mining primarily for lead ore, but intercept-icg a layer of barytes, a Tassdale lassos applied for the exemption of a barytes worker, and the employer was asked whether he had and the employer in the second end of the second examinations with the other men starred as recommended a month ago. He replied that he had not, and was told this coveted distinction. At the convocation, on Saturday, March 25th, the two degrees of on Saturday, March 25th, the two degrees of the distinction and Bachelor of Surgery employee had a small holding, with 30 pigs .-Mr Davis : Pigs would be a most useful assot it he had them in Germany, to-day. They would be sure there would be more sausage for them .- The Military Representative said he had already made avrangements to have Staindrop Police Court: £25 Penalty that he had never yet been able to make out what barytes was used for .- Applicant said it was used for miscellaneous purposes, and others suggested its use in the manufacture of plate glass and for antiseptic plasters in hospitais.--Mr Raine remarked that the workman, who was present, was the largest pig breeder in Toosdalc. - Temporary exemption was allowed pending a decision as to whether barytes workers were in a starred occupation, and the employer, who said they had orders for 2,000 tons of barytes, way atrongly urged not to delay his application to the Ministry of Munitions.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The one-hundred-and-seventy-third quarterly balance-sheet of the Middleton Co-operative Society has just been issued to the members. which shows a dividend of 3s. in the pound on general purchases, 1s. 4d. in the pound on butcher's mest, and 8d. on cost purchases. The society has had a successful quarter's trading, being £598 9s. 2d. in excess of the corresponding period of last year. The membership shows a decrease of six on the quarter, this. no doubt, being due to families leaving the district to find more remunerative employment. Members are now allowed to hold shares to the amount of £200, on which 4 per cent. is paid.

An error crept into our notes last week, when Mr John Walton's death was reported. This should have read Mrs John Walton, wife of Mr John Walton. **

Forty parcels have been sent by the Teesdale Glee and Madigral Society to men belonging to Middleton, Newbiggin, and Mickleton who are now serving with the British Expeditionary Force in France. Each parcel contained tablets of soap, shaving stick, milk tablets, etc, to the value of 4v.

The Ladies' Red Cross Working Party at Middleton desire to acknowledge the receipt of £3, which they have received from the Lunedale War Fund Committee, per Mr J. Brown; and also the receipt of £3 7s. from the Middleton String Band. Forby parcels have been sent to men now serving in France, or who are in bospital. Each parcel contained chocolate, elgaratter, and a pair of socks. We hear this working party has been requested by the War Office, through the Darham County Work Derot, to supply a large quantity of sphagnum mose, sacks being supplied free, and carringe paid to Durham. A band of workers is to be sugaged to sterilize it at Durham for use in hospitals. It is considered superior to

soston wool for dressing wounds. Not for a great many years have the farmers of Teesda's experienced such a shortage of fodder. Hay is very scarce and dear, and, no doubt, with the recent severe weather, and the lambing season close at hand, sheep will be in a poor condition. Flockmasters will have a very anxious time for some weeks to come.

"Test of a man" was the title of the film that topped the bill at Middleton picture hall last week. It was a two-part drama by the Bison Company, which displayed a lot of real

grit on the part of the hero. The following scenes were also shown : "The old grouch " (a drama), and "The fatal letter " and " Out for a stroll " (comics).

*** The Baptists at Erglesburn colebrated their chapel anniversary last week-end. The Rev. W. Summer lectured on Saturday evening, is good land. — Applicant : We have that it nucler the presidency of Mr s. and we have done a lot of work at it nucler the presidency of Mr s. and the wall, and we have done a lot of work at it Dobson, of Middleton, rendered a solo. At the lot of work when I was twelve years of lobson, of Middleton, rendered a solo. At the olose of the lecture a pie supper was provided, olose of the lecture a pie supper was provided. under the presidency of Mr J. Allinson. Miss

> Bowless Primitive Methodist Chapel anniversiry was celebrated on Saturday and Sunday. A public meeting was held on Saturday night, when Mr R. Armstrong, Langleydale, gave an inspiriog address. The chair was occupied by Mr J. Dickinson. A public coffee supper followed .- On Sunday Mr Armstrong preached two elequent sermons to capital companies at 2 and 6-80 p.m.

We are pleased to record the success of Dr. Arthur E. Raino, the second son of Mr R. W. Raine, J.P., of Middleton-in-Teesdale. Dr. Raine has had a most successful career at the University of Durham College of Medicine, Newcastic-on-Tyne, where he graduated M.B. B S. inst month. He has passed all his examinations with honours, being the only student at the March examination to accure

CONCERT AND SUPPER TO THE TYNESIDE SCOTTISH.

Regiment Leaves Barnard Castle by Early Train this Morning.

On Monday night a most erjoyable concert and supper were given in the Church Guild-room on the eve of the departure of the 29th Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Soutsisb) from this town, and last night a similar entertainment took place in the Conservative chiers inment took piece in the Confervative Club Soldiers' Recreation-room, both functions being largely attended and thoroughly sepreciated. On the former night Mr J. Wiseman, J.P., presided, and there were present Colonel H. T. H. Hay, Dr. Heatherley and other officers. The excellent supper was provided through the generosity of the many supporters of the guild-room, who have been unfailing in their support and help. The unfailing in their support and help. The following programme proved most attractive Song - Up from Someraet-Mr J. Brown; song

-Augus MoDonald—Miss Emerson; song -Saushine of your souls—Corporal Moorhead; song-For you alone-Mr Hemmingway; sorg -Goud-bye-Mrs Jones; song-Moo cow-Mr Richardson; sopper; quarteste-Mrs Jones, Miss Emerson, and Messrs Brown and Hemmingway; songs-Sweet and low and Keep the home fires burning-Corporal Moor-

Keep the home fires burning—Corporal Moor-head; song—O, dry those tears—Miss Emerson; song—The long, long trail—Mr Browu; humorous songs-Private Boltor and Mrs Jones; song—Land of hope and glory— Mr Hemmingway; song—The drum major—Mr Brown; recitation—How Bill Adams won Waterloo—Mr Boardman; song—Killarney— Corporal Moorbead. At the conclusion Auldiang sone and God save the King were syne and God save the King were heartily sucg. Mis Jones and Miss Scarre were the able accompanists.— The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to all, and remarked that he regretted the battalion was leaving Barnard Castle, as they had won the hearts of the people of the town. --Colonel Hay proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies, through whose gifts the comfort and well-being of the men had been ensured. -Dr. Heatherley seconded, and remarked that

the war had done many things, most of them evil, but it had certainly confirmed the opinion that Englishwomen were the firest women in the world.-Last night the obsir was conpied by Mr J. Wissenan, J.P., and the received free sandwickes, and were in capital spirits.

The Roman Remains in Rokeby Park.

Mr J. B. Balley, a native of Barnard Castle and formerly schoolmaster at Maryport, who is an eminent antiquarian authority, paid a visit to Rokeby Park on Saturday afternoon, accompanied by Mr Robert Wood, of this town. The mission of the distinguished archeologist Representative told applicant that two men on a farm of 85 acres, all grass, were too many.— Applicant: I work every day, and Sundays as well. We have no time for tennis or golf.— The Military Representative: I have been told that you have a good deal of spare time told that you have a good deal of spare time to a hand ?—Applicant: All the spare time I have is spent in bed, and not over much time there. There is a difference between occupy-ing a farm and farming it. There is not another farm in the district of the same size was such an enthuciastic antiquary. Under his supervision the altars will be cared for, which is a source of great satisfaction to all who are interested in the historical relics.

Funeral of the Late Mr Joseph Porter, of Kinninvie.

Of Kinninvie. The interment of the remains of the late Mr Joseph Porter took place at Barmard Castle cemetery on Thursday last. The tragic death and inquest were recorded in our last isane. The deceased gentleman was the second son of the late Mr John Porter, of Kinninvie, and has resided at Hawwell Farm ince his father a demus in L97. The deceased was of a very open and kindly disposition, and was always ready to give a helping hand for the farthermore of any good and charitable came. He was a decout churchman, and always tried to do to othors as he liked to be done by. He was a kind and diligent husband, a loving father and a really good neighbour. The large attendance at the funeral tastilled to the respect in which he was held. The chief mourners were --Mrs Porter, widow ; Arnis, Mary and Nelle, daughters ; Cecil, son ; Mr and Mrs H Porter, divers J Boadle. W Beadle and T Boadle, brothers in-law ; Mrs W Martindale (Frosterley). Mr G H Martindale (Stanbope), Miss Forter (Mackicton), Mr and Mrs Porter (Marwood), Mr and Mrs F Porter (Hakton), Mr and Mrs H Oorter, (Cotherstons), Mr and Mrs Wiston (Middleton), Mrs Hrown (Bowe), Mr and Mrs F Porter (whiston (Middleton), Mrs Horwen (Bowe), Mr and Mrs F Porter (shildon), Mr and Mrs Work (Barnard Caute) and Mrs Morter ; Marker, mephews; Mr Warwood, cousins; Mears K Porter and A Porter, nephews; Mr Warwick (Barnard Caute) and Mr and Mrs H Bealle (Egglestone), uncles and and Mrs J Porter (Marker, mephews; Mr Warwick (Mars and Mrs J Meater and A Porter, nephews; Mr Warwick (Mars and Mrs H Diver, and Mrs H Bealle (Egglestone), uncles and and the and Mrs J Poeter (Marker, Mr Bealle (Border Mrs and Mrs J Wison, Mr and Mrs J Peeter (Marker, Mr Bealle (Egglestone), uncles and and the and Mrs J Peeter Mrs H Bealle (Marker Mrs and Mirs J Wison, Mr and Mrs J Peeter Mrs Healler (Marker Mrs J Weitson, Mr and Mrs J Meater Mrs J Peedle, Mr Egglestone), uncles and aunt. The gene ucluded Mrs and Mrs J Wilson, Mr and Mrs and Mrs T Hutchinson, Mr and Mrs Gibson, M included Mrs and Mrs J Wilson, Mr and Mrs J Peadle, Mr nod Mrs T Hatchiason, Mr and Mrs (Bioson, Mr and Mrs Kellett, Mr and Mrs Mra Mrs Maineson, Mr and Mrs G Thompson, Mr and Mrs Taylor, Mr and Mrs T Nathom (Primrose), Mr and Mrs Taylor, Mr and Mrs T Kellett, Mr and Mrs and Mrs Taylor, Mr and Mrs Bowerky, Mr and Mrs Stoldart, Mr and Mrs Boll, Mrs T Langstaff, Mrs W Boll, Mrs Lee, Mrs Littlefair, Mrs Allinson, Mr shall, Mrs Poscock, Mrs Gowlbg, Mrs Bowa, Miss Bowes, Miss Hall, Miss Tallettlefair, Mrs Binneon, Mrs Mall, Mrs B Hall, Miss Tallettlefair, Mrs Binneon, Mrs Mall, J Langstaff, W Stoddart, Thewitan, J Simpson, J Langstaff, W Stoddart, H Stoddart, T Hewitaon, G Gobson, F Nixon, W Nixon, J Tarn, M Walton, J Walton, A Bobinson, J Stubbs, J Stephenson, O Beadle, G Coulthard, J Hall, J Nelson, J Nobsou, T Bousfield, J Eaylee, B Wood, J Kearton, R Woodhams, O Woodhame, G Addison, J Kearton, J Nelson, J Hesip, J Pattinson, A Hedler, J Lee, F V Ord, P Wikson, J Hesip, Thos Kild, W Adduson (Kgglestone), W Raine (Park Kull, Thon Hanne, K Allinson, T T Nixon, L Simpaon and W Binnason (Middleton), W Figg (Cotharstone), J Watson (Bowlees), R Wilson, and many others. A beautiful display of wreaths was sent from the following: The family circle, brothers and sistora, Mr and Mrs T Gibson (Marwood), and the Clerk to Marwood Parish Council. The bossrers eere Mesars Jon Putter, Joseph Porter, E Heslop, G H Martindale, W Riddale and J Watson, and the Aw H W H Bircham officiated. Mesars T Borrowdish and Son were the under-takors, and the hearse and cabs were supplied by Mr Thomas Chure, Barnard Castle.

Local War News.

The Wounding of Corporal Richardson.

Letter from a Soldier in Egypt.

Mr R. J. Richardson, brother of Mrs Eden, King-struct, Barnard Castle, has received the following letter from Private J. D. Thompson, following letter from Private J. D. Robyeds, referring to the wounding of his son (Corporal J. B. Richardson). The communication, which is written from Egypt and dated March 6th, 1916, says: I expect you will have heard from your son by now, bu: I am writing to assure you that he is airight, although he is wounded. I saw him just after he got hit, and he was quite cheerful. The ambulance was close at hand, and he was picked up and taken away to be looked after. He is well cared for, and you need not worry about him. We got into a scrap a week ago, and B Company was advanced. so we got the thick of it. As you know his job is a dangerous one. He was right in front signalling when he got his in both feet. You ought to be proud of your son, as he behaved splendidly, so did all the boys, but I will leave him to tall you all himself. I hope you are doing airight, and getting out plenty of munition to beat the Huns.

Local Soldiers' Weddings.

Two very pretty weddings took place in Darlington on Saturday, March 25th. The contracting parties of the first matriage were Driver James Edward Slater, of the Army Service Corps, home on leave of absence, a younger brother of Mrs George Rudd, Startforth, Barnard Castle, and Miss Mary Grieves, of Darlington. The gallant young soldier left again on Tuesday for the front. The presents wore very numerous and handsome. - The other soldier, Sapper Tom Suddes, a cousin of Mrs G. Rudd, was married to Miss Eva Mackenzie, at the Greenbank Primitive Methodist Church, the same day. We wish them both good luck, and a safe return.

Parcels to Barnard Castle Men at the Front.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury."

DEAR SIR,-In your issue of the 29th ult., DEAR SIR, --In your isame of the 29th ull., you state in an editorial note on the suthority of Sapper F. Morley, that "through some inadvertence" this man "has not received a parcel from the local War Emergency Committee." Will you allow me, as a member of that committee, whose special duty and pleasure it has been to assist in forwarding these parcels, to say that two parcels have been forwarded to Sapper Morley-one on September 30th, which he appears not to have received, and another on March 8tb, the receipt of which he acknowledged to me in a nice letter dated March 15th, which I have now in my possession, and will bring before the next committee meeting. The nondelivery of the first parcel was due coley to Sapper Morley's friends having furnished the committee with incorrect information, giving his regimental number as 7752 instead of 79709. Such an error made the delivery of the parcel hopeless. As soon as the committee was informed of the mistake, through one of their own members, another parcel was despatched, and, as stated above, delivered to Sapper Morley within a week.-Yours sincerely, J. ADAMS. Hilst n House, Barnard Castle, April 3rd, 1916. Sapper Moriey's note to us is dated February 7th, 1916.—ED.]

Women Workers on the Land.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." DEAR SIR,-As District Organiser of the Women's Agricultural War Work in Upper Teesdale, under Mrs Milbank. I stall be glad Teesdale, under Mrs Milbank, I shall be gind if any farmers in the following places requiring women workers and having any difficalty in obtaining them will apply to me :---Batdersdale (Romaidkirk side of Balder), Hunderthwaite, Romaidkirk, Mickleton, Lunedale and Holwick. The weather has prevented me going round personally, and the help will probably be required moon. Some farmers may be willing to employ an untrained girl, or take one to train, while some may require a skilled worker. I shall also be glad require a skilled worker. I shall also be glad to hear from any women, willing to take up work on the land, either for half or whole days or for regular work, or of any willing to go away to train. Applications may be made to Mrs Lowes, Mickleton; Miss Hind, Lonton; Miss A. Mills, Romaldkirk; or to me. Remember the work done in spring will determine what our winter store is to be, and feel sure the women of Teesdale will not be behind their Brench sisters in either skill or patriotism, or let the brave lads who are fighting for us thick that we were too poor-hearted to turn to and help.—Yours truly, M. EDENE ADDISON. Romalakirk, April 4th, 1916

in hospital abroad.

The Bishop of Ripon has requested the clorgy to cancel any parochial engagements from April 5th to 8th, as he has summoned all the clergy of the discess to meet him at that time, in preparation for the National Mission.

Mr J. B Balley, of Maryport, who is a native of Barnard Castle, was oballeoged by Private Corder, of the Tyneside Scottlah in this town, on Saturday morning isst, and an interesting conversation ensued. It is 25 years since the soldier attended Mr Bailey's school at Maryport.

Cadet W. P. Dent (Bowes Maseum), of the Public School Battallon, has returned to England for the purpose of training, he having been recommended for a commission.

Last night a draft of the Tyneside Scottish left Barnard Castle for foreign service.

Mr A. Steele, of the Barnard Castle Steam Loundry, has received a letter of grateful thanks from Dr. Heatberley, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, endorsed by Colonei Hay and officers, for free services rendered in connection with the local military hospital.

The Zetland forhounds will meet to-morrow (Thursday), at Trannelmire; and on Saturday, at Barningham: each morning at 11-30.

The Rev. J. B. Robinson despatched 653 eggs from Barnard Castle last week, in connection with the National Egg Collection, to the central depo'. This makes over 2 900 sent during Mareb, and completing a total of more than 23,000 mince May last.

At the Wesleyan Church, Barnard Castle, on Sunday evening last, the Rev. G. Glandfield, of Middletor-in-Teesdaic, being the preacher, Miss Hilds Metcalfe, of Egglestone, was the special solois!. Her rendering of "Nearer my God to Thee " and " Rock of Ages" was very much appreciated by a fairly large cougrega-tion. Miss Metcalfe is a pupil of Madamo Attey, of Darlington, and we hope to hear her again very shortly.

The genial Dr. Heatherley, who left Barnard Castle this morning, is grateful for the carrying out of the cooking and nursing arrangements and general management of the military hospital at Barnard Castie, and expresses his indebtedness especially to Miss Stobart and

Barnard Cast'e. who is abroad with his regiment, has been promoted to the rank of company sergeant-major.

Mr Alan Moray Wells, son of Mr and Mrs B. N. Wells, of the Manor House, Startforth, has successfully passed the recens examination for naval cadetahip, and goes to Oaborne next May. He has been educated for the oast three years by the Rev. W. R. Mills, of Bighheld School, Liphock, a school originally founded by Mr E. Wells, who married a daughter of the late Mr Headlan. of Gilmonby. Mr A. M. Wells takes with bim to Osborne the school cup for shooting.

Lientenant Philip Bailey are in the Highland Light Lafantry.

This morning, it is understood, the remainder of the Tyneside Scottish will leave this town by an early train.

under the Explosive Acts.

At Staindrop Police Court, on Briday, before Messrs H. L. Fife, J. W. Bartley, and J. W. I. Davidsor, Charles Grey, of Bishop Auckland, was charged with having kept a number of detunators in a disused ongine-house at Cock-field without having a certificate that he was a fit person, and showing for what purpose the detonators were to be used.-Mr J. Ingram Dawson prosecuted on behalf of the police, and Mr R. Marquis, of Bishop Anekland, defended. -- From the evidence of French Kimberley Kirkby and Fred Hal', is appeared that on the 12th of February last Grey was demolishing an old chimney shaft at Gordon House Colliery, Cockfield, and had put a box of detonators in a disused engine-house, the door of which could not be shut. The detonstors were found by some boys, who gave one to a boy named Fred Linton, who, in trying to find out what it was, had two flogers and thumb blown off bis left band. Sorgt. Lambert spoke as to

recovering several deconstors from the lads, and finding others about the floor of the engineouse, as well as a bex containing about fifty. The defendant pleaded that he had used these explosives in various places during the last eleven years, and did not know that be required a cortificate .-- The Banch convicted, pointing out the sericuscess of the offince, and fired the defendant £25 and costs.

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Market Garden Produce : an Interesting Gase.

A very large and thoroughly respectable applied for the exemption of a maried sub, who for sick and medical banefits and state is foreman in all branches, having full charge. insurance were £22 16s. 4d. -The Military Representative : Women shou'd

be got to fertilize flowers : or, suppose we do without flowers for a year.— Mr Tarn remarked that the firm supplied capital plants for a whole neighbourhood.-The Principal said his wife and daughter did all the tieing up and packing, and also helped in the cultivation of oil.-The Chairman thought they would have to do without grapes and tomatoes. — Appellant: They are as essential as partridges and pheasants .- The Chairman : Partridges and Appeliant: And tomators in vast quantities assist them to rolish their other food. I have three sons serving already.--A certificate of exemption for nine months was granted.

Other Claims.

Absolute exemption was granted to a village farrier's son, the Military Representative objecting.-A wheelwright was granted six weeks' exemption, repairing barytes carts being bis main occupation, and the Military Representative not agreeing —One month was allowed the son of au applicant whom Mr Raine described as "the hardest working woman in Teesdale."—The Military Repre-sontative said his was not very pleasant work, for there was hardly a case with which they did not sympathise. - A local colliery propriotor employing 13 mon appealed for two men carting coals, who made eighteenpence per ton. He said he had 800 tors of ousl on hand now, chiefly on account of the storm. They had planty of tracks at Lands sidiog.-One man was allowed to remain, and the other was ordered to go.



The local Tribunal of the urban area met on Friday last, presided over by Mr C. B. Martin, J.P., all the members being presout, when nine claims for exemption were taken.-A carting

were duly conferred upon him by the Dake of Northumberland (Chancellor of the University). Dr. Raine, after a short rest, hopes to take a commission in the Royal Army Medical Corps. He received his early education at Middleton Council Schools, and afterwards went to Woodhouse-grove, Leeds. He is a clever musician and a capable organist. We heartily congratulate him on his notable success, and trust that he will have as successful a career in practice as he has had as a student.

National Deposit Friendly Society, Barnard Castle District.

The annual meeting of the above society was held on Wednesday, March 22nd, and was well attended.--The Rev. H.W. H. Bircham was re-elected chairman, and, returning thanks, expressed the opinion that the society was in a good financial position. -- The balance-sheet for the year was presented. The contributions market gardener having nurseries castward, and deposits were 235 2s., and the payments

> Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December, 1915,

The committee has much pleasure in presentlog their annual report and balance-sheet for 1915. The membership of the district has increased from 85 to 44 during the year. The members may be classified as follow: class (a), 20; class (b), 20; class (c), 4. There are 81 males and 13 females of whom 34 are adults and 10 children. The state membership at the pheasants lay eggs and rear themselves.— Appeliant: And tomatoes in vast quantities go to the working-classes. With bread and butter they eas them at luncheon, and tomatoes assist them to rolish their other food. I have been three averting at the cartificate of the total at 37. The members' pass books and the Secretary's accounts have been duly audited by the divisional anditor, and certified correct by the head office, and the committee presented the balance-sheet for the year. During the year the war was brought home to the district by the death of Private J. R. Watson, a member of the committee, who was killed in action on November 19th, 1915. A vote of sympathy was sect to his widow. The following members are serving with His Majesty's Borocs :- Privates R. J. Walker, H. Evans, A. Evans, P. S. Little, A. R. Stewart, F. Merryweather. J. Warwick, and Sargeants F. Beer and G. W. Urqubart. It is gratifying to know that members who have ined the colours have their accounts suspended, so that when they return to civil life they will receive full benefits according to rule. The Chairman attanded the annual meeting held at Middlesbrough in April, 1915.

contractor was allowed a month in which to

faith the work in hand.—A foreman get-plant worker's application was postponed for two months, so that a man could be trained in his place.-A traveller had temporary exemption to 1st June, to enable the employer to accertain if another assistant would be accepted by the military authorities. There were three refusals, and one claim was adjourned till the

next Tribunal meeting.

Mr J. P. Robson and Northern Lepidoptera.

Discovery of Rare Moths.

In the current number of " The Vasculum "an illustrated quarterly dealing primarily with the natural bistory « Northumberland and Durham, and the tracts immediately adjacent -are certain interesting local entomological records contributed by Mr J. P. Robson, of Barnard Castle. Among them are the following :--1. The capture in September, 1915, of a specimen of the plain clay moth (Noctua depuncta) amongst dead leaves at the base of an oak tree near the railway viaduct. Deputcta is a very rare northern moth, this specimen being among the first dczen recorded for Durham or Northumberland. 2. A new record for the above-mentioned counties is the capture of a specimen of the dusky lemon sallow-moth (Xanthia gilvago) on a street lamp in October, 1915. This is the second species Mr Robson has had the honour of adding to the "Northumberland and Durham List of Lepidopters." The previous record was in July, 1911, when he took a specimen of the very rare moth, Sciaplula penziana, in the Flatts Wood. 8. The digging up of 150 pupue of the beautiful moth, Merveille du Jour (Agriopus aprilina) in early September, 1915. The abcut twenty. The record is all the more astonishing for a northern locality when it is stated that over seventy purso were obtained from the bases of three trees-thirty from one, twenty-six from another, and fifteen from another. The variation in shade and intensity of markings in the moths resulting from these pupie are also noted.



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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Marriage.

STOBERT: GUY .- At Dilston Road Wesleyan Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on March 30th, by the Rev. E. Lyndon, Rifleman James Stobart, eldest son of Mr and the inte Mrs Henry Stobert, to Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Guy, of Stainton.

Roll of Honour.

ASHMORE.-Killed in action, on the 9th of March, 1916, Sapper Joseph Ashmore, beloved hospand of Bentrice Ashmore, and Ashmore, Thorpgate Wyud, Barcard Castle, aged 25 years.—He died doing his duty.

Benths,

DINON .- At Southport, Margaret, dearly loved wife of Mr M. J. Dixon, J.P., on March 23rd. Interred at Barnard Castle, on March 27sb.

HUNTER.-At 22, Marshall-street, Barnard Castle, on Saturday, April 1st, 1916, Mary Alice, beloved wife of Sapper T. Hunter, Royal Engineers, aged 39 years.-R.L.P.

TOUNG .- On Monday, April 3rd, at Gaigate, Barbard Castle, Spencer Goffon Young, in his 70th year. Tu be interred on Thursday (to-morrow), at 3-30 p.m. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation.

In Memoriam,

CHILTON.-In loving memory of our dear mother, Elizabeth Chilson, who died April 2nd, 1915.-Ever remembered by her sons and daughters.-. 'Thy will be done."

HESLOP.-- In loving memory of Mary Hannah (Polly) H-slop (nee Watson), dearly beloved wife of Thomas Heslop, who entered into rest on April 6:b, 1915.

The golden gates were opened, A gentle voice said come, And with farewell unroken Sho calmly entered home. And now, slas' with corrowing hearts, I krough life's dark vale we tread, The dealest one on earth to us Is numbered with the dead,

--- Ever remembered by her loving husband, son and daughter and daughter-in-law.

Return Thanks.

IRS J. ASHMORE AND FAMILY, AND MOTHER, EROIHERS AND SISTERS wish to thank all friends for kind ecquiries MRS J. during their and bereavement.

MRS PORTER AND FAWILY, BROTHERS AND SISTERS wish to roturn thanks for sympathy and kindness shown to them in their sudden and sad bereavement.

make other arrangements, while a clack-painter was given the same time in which to

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