WAR ITEMS.

THE following official communication, received from French Headquarters, was issued by the Press Bureau yesterday afternoon: On the left bank of the Meuse there was a bombardment of our first line between Morte Homme and Cumieres. On the right bank of the Meuse was relatively calm. It is the night confirmed that the German attack launched yesterday on our positions between the Meuse and the region of Douaumont assumed a character of extreme violence. From fresh information which has come to hand it is shown that this offensive action was conducted by troops belonging to five different To the east of the salient divisions. of Chauffour the enemy succeeded in penetrating our first line trench. from which he was partly driven by our counter - attacks. In the Woevre there was an artillery duel in the Moulainville sector. To the south of the Ban-de-Sapt a German reconnaissance which attempted to approach our trenches towards Hermanpere, north of St. Die, was repulsed with grenades. On Monday night enemy aeroplanes threw seven bombs, including an incendiary bomb, on Belfort, Three persons are reported killed and six wounded. The damage was unimportant. General Lake reports that on the evening of the 17-18th of April a series of heavy counter-attacks were delivered on the right (south) bank of the Tigris. Our lines were in places forced back from 500 to 800 yards. The recent six days' battle in the Caucasus, in which Turks, after many determined attacks, were thrown back by the Russian centre, marked the defeat of a movement by which the enemy had planned to recover Erzeroum.

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

The chief feature of the current "lilustrated London News" is an excellent equestrian photograph of Captain His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, taken in Egypt.

Corporal R Pearson, the elder son of Mrs Pearson, of 8, South View, Barnard Castle, has see missing since the 14th of September, 1914.

Prince Paul Z. Piast-Riedelski and Mr R. H. Edicator, of Galaford, paid a visit to the Bowes Maseum on Wednesday afternoon, and, on Friday morning, Mr O. S. Scott, the curator, received a letter from His Serene Highness endering his thanks for the courtesy and kindness shown to him.

The Premier's statement is deferred.

Lieutenant Bircham, of the Trauscort Section, Durham Light Infantry, has been m temporary leave of absence, and paid a short visit to his parents at the vicarage, Barnard Castle.

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A spacious subterraneau dwelling-place, supposed to have been the home of a Pictish chief and his followers, has just been discovered by a Tiree orofter in the Kilkenneth district of that Hebridean island.

Privates the brothers Gibson, both of Hawxwell Grange, Marwood, are serving in the Durham Ligne Infantry.

According to news from Athens, the British air-raid on Constantinople was very successful. It is said that two bombs burst in the Turkish War Ministry, and another blew up the powder factory of Makrekeny.

Colonel the Hon W. L. Vane, back from ign mervice, adjudicated at the Barnard Castle Police Court ou Wednesday.

The report that Prince Albert, their Majesties' second sou, is in poor health is contradicted. His Royal Righness is now enjoying the best of health, and will be back at his naval duties in due course.

Private R. Deacon, who has been at his home at Barnard Castle, on leave of absence, has again left for foreign service.

Mackenson is said to be in supreme command of the Turkish forces in Asis.

Cotherstone Congregational Church, says a correspondent, will go down to postority as the training ground of the world's greatest preacher-Dr. J. H. Jowett, M.A.

A German banker, in an interview, said that "Gormany is ruined financially, industrially, commercially, and it will take years, perhaps half-a-century, to heal the wounds of this

Councillor Robert Arrowsmith, Bank, Barnard Castle, has received a letter from his son, who is on foreign service, in which the young soldier says that the heat is intense-108 degrees in the tent, and 140 in the open.

From one district in Kent 100ibs, of strawberries reached Covent Garden on Monday. Prices ruled from 4s. to 10s. per pound.

Married men over 30, who applied for examption as Working on Wednesday, were sold by the military representative that it would probably be at least two or three months before their groups were called up.

A Beigian school has been opened at Letchworth for refagee families.

According to a letter received at Barnard Castle on Sunday morning, Territorials have again beed in action, the reception being warm, a letter having been received by his parents from Private Wardle.

"Joffee blue," says one fashion gossip, will be a prominent colour this Easter.

Cotherstone Church clock has three faces, each of which, for some days past, has simultaneously indicated different time of the day, as, for example, 4:23, 4:28, and 5:55. this be rectified before the Easter visitors arrive ? asks a correspondent.

The defence of an absentee conscript at Kingston was that nobody went to fatch him.

The Star: forth Heavy Horse Society's premium stallion, Royal Favour, arrived at Barnard Castie on Saturday night, the animal having travelled from Netherball and Banks, Kirkeudbright, and having been on the rail since eight o'clock in the morning. The animal was brad by Messra J. and R. Howetson, Baltersan, Newton-Stewart, and is one of the best bred horsen in Scotland. Mr Ireland, of West Wood, the secretary of the association, was present when the horse arrived.

Mr James L. Robinson, of Vane Road, Barnard Castle, late manager of the Tecadale Farmers' Association, has been appointed secretary and manager of the newly-formed Wimborne, Dorsetshire, Farmers' Association, and leaves Barnard Castle to take up him appointment on Saturday week: Wimborne is two-and-a-half miles south west by west from Mr Robiuson has had a most successful four years' service with the local

Mr Peter Jones has three sons in the army one baving left Barnard Cautie venterday week and a fourth son will shortly join the colours.

The Ray, J. B. Robinson reports that last week the number of eggs collected and despatched from Barnard Castle and district, for the wounded soldiers and sailors, reached the record number of over 1,000. The following contributed: -12 from Brignall, per Mies Sowart; 30 from Spital, per Mrs Hird; and 215 from Barningham, Soargill and Hope, per Mre Peacock and Miss Hillary. Miss Alderson, of Hope, also forwarded 2s. 6d. for the purchase of eggs for the above purpose.

Lieutenant the Hon. R. Bethell, of the Scots Guards, is reported to be wounded. He is the only son of Lord Weathury, late leased of Wemmergill and Egglestone grouse moors When His Lordship held the sporting rights of Wemmergill he entertained Lord Lonsdale and the Ksiser. A new portrait of the Hon, Mrs Bethell and her little son Richard has been published.

Private A. W. Ardagh, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, late with Mason's Drug Company, Horse-market, Barnard Castle, was a member of the tram representing the above corps to the cross country team race, under the auspices of the Aldershot Command Athletic Association. The team ran out winners in section B, and were the recipionts of medals from Lady Hunter.

Second-Lieutenant W. A. Butty, of Wolsingham, has been promoted lieutenant. Mr Batty joined the Leeds Rifles as a private, and later btained a commission in the 17th Durham Light Infantry. Lieutonant Batty is the third son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Batty, of Ivy House, Wolsingham, and is an architect by profession.

Mr A. E. Wilson, Bishop Anckland, has been appointed by the directors of the Tocadale Associated Farmers, Limited, secretary and manager, in succession to Mr J. L. Robinson, who is removing to the couth of England.

Major A. E. Irvine, who commonded this was as captain-adjutant of the 4th Extra Special Reserve Battalion Durham Light Infantry-old Bernard Castle Militia - has been promoted temperary lieutenant-solone!. He completed 19 years' service in the "Faithful Durhams" recently, and got his company in 1903. He was regimental editor in India, and the present is his first campaign.

H 5.H. Prince Piast-Riodelski left Gainford on Saturday.

Captain A. Graham has been promoted emporary major in the Alexandra Princess of Wales's Own Yorkabire Regiment (North Riding Territorials). He got a company command in the old ist Volunteer Battalion Durham Light Infantry in 1906, after about two years' service.

"O give back my Barney to ma!" is the refrain of a soug now sung round the camp five by the 29th Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish)

News has reached Barnard Castle that Private F. Horse, of the Durbam Light Infantry, has been killed in action. soldier was formerly employed at Mesers Ullathorne's fix-dressing shope, Queen-street Barnard Castle.

Mr G. T. Gilpin-Brown, of Sedbury Park, was at Richmond, on Saturday, re-elected chairman of the Richmand guardiaus for the twentyfifth time in succession. The popular and estcomed chairman is executor under the will of the late Mr R. A. Morritt, of Rokeby Park.

By Government order carlew balls hav ceased to be tolled, and public chiming and striking clocks are now silens in the night This explains local nocturnal muteness.

There were sixteen applications for the post of manager and scoretary of the Teesdale Farmers' Association.

Naws has reached this town that Second-Lieutenant Richardson Jefferson Butler, of the King's Own Yorkshire Light lofautry, attached to the Royal Welsh Fuelliers, which was General Picton's regiment in the Peninsular War-a staunch friend of Sir John Moore-has been wounded in action. Mr Butler was a clerk in the National Provincial Bank in this town, and the information was conveyed to Mr George White, the esteamed manager, by a letter from Mr Batler's father, who resides at Batley. Yesterday, a communication stated that Mr Butler was undergoing hospital treatment. The nature of the wounds is not

The ladies of the Guild recreation-room desire to convey their sincere thanks to all the friends who have been so kindly interested in the welfare of the soldiers stationed here. Since the coming of the 17th Durham Light Infantry to the recent departure of the Typeside Scottish, their interest and generosity have been increasing. The men of the various battalions have expressed the greatest appreciation of the many acts that have helped to make their time in Baruard Castle so pleasant, and have been especially grateful for the provision made for their comfort on the eve of their departure and for the journey.

The inland lambing season has, so far, been most satisfactory in this district, the lambs being numerous and strong. Double lambs from half-bred ewes have been the general The lambing season in the outlying districts has just commenced, moor sheep being always later than the Leicester, Down and half-brod flocks. Ewes generally are short of milk, though Scotch owes, so far, have done the best all round.

A six-days' bombardment of the Franca positions cast of the Meuse has been followed by a big attack made by 40,000

Lientenant-Colonel Leather commanded the 20th Battallon Durbam Light Infantry (late of Barnard Custle), at a big send-off which was given to officers and men, on Friday, at Sunderland. The battalion of Wearsiders, which was formed by the Sandgrand Recruiting Committee, was addressed by the Mayor, and then made a tour of the west end perfore proceeding to the railway-atation. The pattaline, under the cummand of Captain Myers-Wayman, payaded on the Town Moor carly in the morning.

It is atgled that the Germans have poured 30,000 aboils into Verdun in forty days.

Zemoline Skin Ointment is the Ointment with a 10 years'-non-failure reputation, 1/1; per jar, from Mason's Drug Stores, the Zemuline Depot, Barnard Castle.

CONCERT AT ROKEBY.

Duologue Composed by Miss Bell-Irving and Miss Plercy.

On the 14th of April a concert was given in Rokeby achoul-room on behalf of two objectsboth demanding our attention, and worthy of our sympathy at the present time-the fund in aid of the French wounded, and the Young Men's Christian Association hat in Richmond camp. The concert was initiated and organised entirely by Mirs Bell-Irving and Miss Vera Plercy, and, as a dramatic finale, they appeared in a bright little duologue composed by themselves, called "A German Bomb," which brought down the house-fortunately not in the Coppelin style - but in the enjoyable English manner. Seutimental, patrictic, and humorous songs, recitations and sketches were interspersed with popular glees, to make the evening's entertainment a great success. Among these who kindly gave their assistance by sing ing, playing and resiting were Miss Ames, Miss Gent, Miss Beatrice Hutchinson, Mrs Weston, Measrs Greet, J. Brown. Osborne, W. G. Richard-son, and Catterali. The chorns songs were given by the glee party, consisting of Miss Amos, the Misses Gaygiil, Miss Violet Dobson, Miss Jackson, Miss Richardson, the Misses Ward, the Misses Watson and Mrs Strong accompanied by Mesure Corfield. - The Rectur of the parish, who also sang a song, explained the two-fold object which Miss Bell-Irving had in view in holding the concert, and, in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the concert. he took the opportunity of saying a few kindly words of farewell to Mrs Weston, so well knowe and respected for many years at Rokeby .-Subjuiced is the programme of the concert, the proceeds of which amounted to three pounds and eightpenes, divided equally between the Wornded Emergency Fund, and tho Young Men's Christian Association hut at Richmond camp, in response to an appeal signed by Lady Zetland and Mrs Walto Richmond, on its behalf :- Piano solo-Rock of Ages-Miss Amus; song-Come where my love lies dreaming -- glee party; song--- Mother Mackree-Mrs Weston; song-Up from Som-erset-Mr Brown; song-Plum stones-Miss Beatrice Hutchingon; song-Keep the home fires burning-Mr Osborne; song-The bills of Donegal - Miss Gent; song-comic selection -Mr Richardson ; chorus song-See our oars with feathered spray-glee party; duet-The spider and the fly Miss Goot and Mr Brown sung-The old brigade-Rev. F. Graham song — A little bit of beaven—Mrs Weston; song — I had a little garden — Mr Brown; song -selected - Miss Gent; song-comic selection -Mr Richardson; duologue-The German Bomb: scene, sitting-room in smart lodgingcouse-characters, Miss Angelina Smyth, Miss Vora Piercy; Miss Arabella Smyth, Miss Bell-Irving. The concert termlusted at ten c'clock with the national authem.

Barnard Castle Rural District Council.

Mr Robert Armstrong (chairman) presided at a meeting of the above body on Wednesday. -The cost of snow-outting during the month totalled 2497 11s. St., and 2300 for the previous month. Some of the district roads had not been opened at ail.—The question of repairing the road between Whorlton and Barnard Castle was referred to the Surveyor .- The Medical Officer reported three notifications of infectious disease during the month, and stated that the general health of the district was fair. There were fourteen births and fourteen doaths registered -lt was found that the provisions of the Registration Act, 1915 applied to the order of the Durham County Council, allowing two extra rural connections for Cookfield town abip, which like the ordinary elections had been postponed nutil 1917 -No action having been taken by the owner of the property at Hetherick Rigg to close the condemned well it was decided to obtain an order from the magistrates for the Courcil to close the well at the owner's expense. It was also agreed to serve the tenant with notice to cease occupation, seeing that no steps have been taken to improve the property. - Having served on local butchers the new Order of the Board of Agriculture with reference to the slaughter of in-calf cows, the laspectur had been promptly met with the retort that the farmers were at fault for selling such cows, which the butchers could not detect, and it was decided to serve the notices on the farmers. - The request to have the telephone piaced in the Clerk's office was accoded to, the Teesdale Guardians being asked to bear a share of the cost.-Precepts were scaled for the district rate at 5d. in the pound, and also for the following special expenses on the townships named :- Cockfield, £260; Egglzstone, £18; Gaiaford, £95; Middleton, 240; Staindrop, 264; and Whorlton, 25. logleton for the first time in many years has no special expanses to meet, and Middleton's call will clear off the cost of the new sewage trays and other expenses.

Wesleyan Church Anniversary Services.

The appiversary services in connection with Wesleyan Church, Barnard Castle, were held on Sunday last, when appropriate sermons were preached by the Rev. James Morrison, of Harrogate. Air Morrison was formerly stationed in this circuit, where he was much esteemed as the superintendent minister, and consequently there were large congregations to hear him on the occasion of his visit. His excellent discourses, both morning and evening, were much enjoyed .- A special feature of the services was the splendid singing of Miss Irene M. Harvey, L.R. A.M., A.T.C.L., of Westeliffe-on-Ses. Is the morning she gave "Come unto Him" ("Mossiah"), and in the evening "These are they" ("Holy City"), by Gaul. The talented vocalist possesses a beautiful voice, and ber fine efforts were greatly appreciated. -Collections were taken on behalf Trust Fund.-It is gratifying to know that the services were entirely successful.

Primitive Methodist Home and Foreign Missions.

The annual services and meetings of the Barnard Castle circuit, in connection with the missionary funds, were held on Saturday to Monday last, the deputation being the Rev. Charles Pettler, of Middleton-in-Teesdale. Sermons were presched on Sunday at Barnard Castle by the Ray. C. Pettler, who also discoursed at Boldron in the afternoor, the Rev. C. H. Lightfoot following for the evening service.—Interesting meetings were held on Saturday at Boldron, presided over by Mr W. Nelson; and at Barnard Castle on Monday ovening, Mr G. Elliots presiding. Both meetings were addressed by the deputation and the Rov. C. H. Lightfoot. All pave been greatly encouraged by the success of the effort. Miss Furnass, of Boldron, collected 23; and Mrs G. Elliott and Miss White collected, the former 22 7s. and the laster 21 4s. 3d.-Altegether the sum of \$2 2s, more than last year will be nept.

Staindrop Parish Council.

At the sunnal meeting of the Staindrop Parish Council, on Saturday, the following were elected for the coming year:—Chairman, Mr J. W. I. Davidson; vice-chairman, Mr T. Wright; treasurer, Mr J. Fawcett; overseers, Measur J. W. I. Davidson and T. Tarn; Villago Green Committee, Measur F. R. Jackson, T. Wright, and C. Wooff.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

IBY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Mr Wm. Oddie, late head teacher at Middle ton Council School, who retired some time since, but took up the duties of headmester at Egg'estone School on Mr Stokes joining the colours, had a cycle accident on Monday night sen. He was cycling down Egglestone Church bank, which is a very steep incline, when it appears he lost control of his machine, and, falling to take the sharp turn at the bottom ran into the hall gates. He was thrown off the machine, and received severe injuries to Dr. Beadle was soon in attendance and, after having him conveyed home, dressed his wounds. He is progressing favourably.

Mr Thomas Beadle, who was for many years beadmaster at Mickleton School, and who is now in Cleveland, is to be presented with a gold hunter watch and purse of gold, at Mickleton, on Monday evening next, which has been subscribed by the schulars and his many friends.

The Ladies' Red Oross working party, at Middleton, held a successful jumble sale in the Council school-room on Saturday. A large variety of goods was on view, and a quick sale followed. The proceeds amounted to 211 10s.

The programme at Middleton picture ball list week, was, as usual, very interesting. The following films were shown: "The mystery of the Hinden image," a high-class drama in two parts; "Love's way," a drama;
"A pair of dummies," a comic; "Among the
mourners," a keystone comedy; and "King Albert's visit to the Brench army," a fine military picture.

At a meeting of the Middleton Mechanics Institute committee, held recently, it was sgreed to hold their usual whist drive and dance on Easter Monday, but to devote the funds this year to sending parcels to Middleton soldiers at the front, instead of giving the proceeds to the institute funds. A ladical proceeds to the institute funds. committee has been formed to furnish refreshents, etc. Messrs Ord and Maddison, Limited, have kindly sent a subscription to the object.

Major Moses, the veteran fisherman of Middleton, landed a trout from the river Tees during last week, which scaled, 11, 1b.

San Marino: The Home of the Late Countess of Montalbo.

The aucient republic of San Marino lies to the south of Rimini, near the shured of the Adriatic Sea. The town stands on the top of a steep rook, 820 feet high. Five other villages at its feet go to make up the smallest independent state in the world, covering as it does 32 square miles. San Marine is happy in possessing but little history. Though situated among the Papal States, it was (flicially acknowledged as independent in 1631, but the foundation dates from as early as the chirteenth Nathlia claims it to be older. century. Nathlia claims it to be older. Saint Marinus, the patron saint, was a Dalmatian christian, and fied to this lonely mountain. bringing a few followers with him, during the persecution under Discletian. The infallible Karl Baedcker dismisses the ancient republic of San Marino with a single paragraph. above is from a note by Mrs Edleston after a visit to the republic in 1903. Mr and Mrs Edicaton were received by the Captain's Regard (Nobile Federige G: 21 and Nulle Balducci) on May 7th, 1903, when, in reply to the visitors' salutations, the Regent (Federigo Gozil delivered an impressive discourse. The Government issued, a year or two ago, " The Golden Book of the Republic of San Marino. copies of which are sold for the benefit of the rphanage at San Marino. The book has been presented by the Government to sovereigns and chiefs of state, and also to Prince Plast-Riedelski.

"The Times" and Mr A. Henderson,

M.P. The Times says: "We are grateful in these days for any sign of plain speaking by a Cabinet Minister. Let us acknowledge at once, therefore, that Mr Arthur Henderson said a thing in his talks to workmen on the Clyde which has long needed saying. He told them that there were men in industrial as in nolltical life who failed to realize either the grave nature of the position or the magnitude of the task which this country and the Allies have in hand. 'In fact,' he said, 'there were some who appeared to think that the war was as good as over.' There are not only some, but many, very many, who think that, and is is one of the root causes of our troubles and difficulties. It is no wonder that people should think so. They have been told so implicitly and explicitly day by day, and there has been no authoritative contradiction. It is a pleasant thought, and the atmosphere of optimism, which approunds the Government. has tacitly encouraged its indulgence. of the workmen understand that munitions are needed, and they condemn strikes and other hindrances to production, but they believe that the worst is over and the issue fully assured. They do not appreciate the true position, or believe that there is any serious risk of failure. They argue that, if there were, the Government would act promptly, with firmness and decision."

Barnard Castle and Teesdale Farmers' Auction Mart.

Second Spring Prize Show and Sale of Young Bulls. Yesterday the second spring prize show and

sale of young buils was held at the above mart. The stock was of exceptionally fine quality, and there was a good clearance, excellent prices being realised. Messre Leonard Burton, of Kirkby Stephen; and William Pratt, of Garadale, were the judges. Messrs John Bainbridge, Kirkby Stephen; and Geo. Tarn Bainbridge, Darlington, wielded the hammer; whilst the secretarial duties were ably discharged by Mr J. E. Thompson, of Darlington. A capital attendance of buyers was present. The following is a list of the principal buyers and prize-winners :- Bulls over 18 months old (no prizes were awarded in this class) - Thomas Allinson, Barnard Castle, 284 10s.—T. Harrison; 230 10s, Jnc. Atkinson Barningham, T. Harrison; R. Lowes, £28-Moorhead, Sunderland; Mark Scrafton, Bower, 220 - Gibson. Bulls under 18 months old-1, Lord Barnard, Raby Castle, 229 - Martin Hodgson; 2, Mrs Thompson, North Bitts, 228 15s.—Routledge, Appleton Wiske; 8, J. W. Dent, Stanhope Gate, £23 2s. 6d.—W. Stoddars, Hetherick Grange; commended, T. H. B. Dent, Bowes, £18 7s. 6d.—John Hall, Marwood. Other prices-C. Littlefair, Langleydale, £20-L. Gibson, Middleton; A. Wilkinson, Copley, £20 -Dent; J. O. Metcalle, Dalton Fields, £17 15s. -Elders, Bradbury; John Wilson, 216 17s. 64. -I. Laugereff, Egglestone; W. Hall, 216 5v.-H. Dowson, Rokeby; G. R. Suttor, lagietor, 216—Teasdale, Copiey. Bulls under 12 months od—1, J. Placock, Spanham, 225—Mcore, Maltby-in-Cleveland; 2, E. Dickerson, Arken-

Bloks, Arkongartidale; commended, A. Copeland, Staingrop, 217 15s.—Mr Marwood. Other prices—R. Gill, Lartington, 216 7s. 6d. -Alderson, Barningtam; T. Hutchinson Marwood, 216 - Dodeworth, Hutton Rudby. The Tees rose several feet in flood water un Monday afternoon.

garthdalo, £27 5 ... Wm. Thompson, Enter Common; 3, J. Peacock, Spanham, £21 10s.—

National Registration.

HEAVY PENALTIES FOR NEGLECT TO NOTIFY NEW ADDRESSES.

The Local Government Board have issued new regulation which has recently been made under the Defence of the Realm Acts :- It shall be lawful for any person duly authorised by the local registration authority under the National Registration Act, 1915, for any area, or by the chief officer of police for any district, or any police constable, to visit any house and to require the production to him of the certificates of registration of all male persons living in the house who are or who ought to have been registered under the National Registration Act, 1915, and to inspect and take copies of the certificates produced to him, and if any such person fails, without reasonable excuse, to produce such a certificate he shall be guilty of a summary effence against these regulations." The main object of this regulation is to secure that the National Register shall-in regard particularly to men-be kept up-to-late, and that all charges of address should be immediately notified to the registration authority, in order that the military authorities may be informed. The regulation, we understand, will shortly be enforced in this district, and it is pointed out that failure to produce a certificate when cailed neglect to notify any change of address, is punishable by beavy fine or imprisonment.

Bird Life Amuses Children: Lecture by Dr. Heatherley.

On Monday evening, April 3rd, Dr. Heatherley, the ornithologist, and the author of "The Peregrine Balcon and the Eyrie," delighted the children of Barnard Castle by giving them a lecture on birds, illustrated by beautiful slides of his own photographs, some of which were Dr. Heatherley encouraged observation and interest in the bird world, but deplored the present mania of egg and bird collecting, maictaining that the shell was not the most important part of a bird's egg. The pletures which pleased the children most were those of the peregrine falcon, barn owl, gulla, raven, dipper, razor-bili and feeding the young, and great excitement was caused by th protective resemblance picture, both boys and girls being keen to find the birds, or young, or eggs among their similar surroundings. Dr. Reatherley's clever and amusing descriptions kept the children happy, and they expressed great regret when the lecture was over. The Witham Hall was crowded out. The children were joined by their masters and mistresses. The full staffs of the Church of England and the Roman Catholic schools were present, and Mr Robson and Miss Atkinson represented the Council School. Miss Hyslop, from the Infant School, was also present. Mr Holdsworth manipulated the lantern with his accustomed skill. Thanks are due to Mr Banks for making the general arrangements, and for acting as chairman .- At the close Dr. Heatherley was thanked for his very enjoyable and instructive lcoture, and hopes were expressed that he would come again.

" Gver Stainmore's Wintry Waste."

To the Editor of the " Teesdale Mercury." SIR, - A copy of the "Teesdale Mercury "for April 12th has reached me containing a letter from Miss M. E. Collinson respecting the article above-named. The nearest approach to it written by me was an article entitled "The Worst Road in England: An Echo of the Coaching Days," but it was one of a series written specially for the "Yorkshire Weekly Post," and I was not aware that any portion of it had been reprinted in the "Teesdale Mercury." However, I wish Miss Collinson to cheer up, and admit that she has quite misunderstood her casual caller, who is by three M.D's certified to be non-bilious and non-dyspeptic! He enjoys tea, coffee and cocoa, and samples those three beverages every day. He knows a bit about medicioss and camping out, and has had occasion to put Horlick's Malted Milk to a practical economic test. Fie, Miss Collinson, on you for thinking I wanted hot water, attendance, and the use of a room for nothing! Suppose you had said: "Sixpence. please," do you really think I should have quibbled about it? Not I! But the point is: Who drank that tea? It is.in print that "Tom Cheesmond, G. H. Eisden, W. D. Grassmore and others hesitated not to express their gratitude for unexpected pots of tea at the Old Coach and Horses." Of course I mind the time when I, too, had ten at this house; and on the occasion of this visit now discussed it was a Bradford-Harrogate antiquary who "tra'd!" Miss Collinson forgets that I was very much in the mood for enjoying other company than my own, for immediately on my arrival a courist followed on my heels, and we had a long spell together, for he eventually returned with me as far as Rere Cross Camp, I am no great friend of visitors' books, as wherever one dips into such things one always finds trite, frivolous, com-

plimentary and disrespectful remarks. HARWOOD BRIERLEY.

Hints for the Tribunals.

The Times says the Military Service Act

and the military tribunals deal with the conduct of conscientions objectors as members of We recommend the Bishop of Lincoln and others to look up John Stuart Mill on this subject. He treats it with his usual perspicuity, and he was the last man to belittle the right of private judgment and the liberty of opinior. He was so stout a champion of both as to incur no little coclesiastical displeasure. If we say that he cared more for them than any Bishop who ever lived, we do not mean it in any offensive sense, but as a plain fact. He was an ardent, tearless, and elequent defender of freedom in thought, and, therefore, a witness of great weight. The tribunals are bound to ascertain the good faith of objectors, which necessitates searching questions in some cases. If the objectors are exposed to public odium, it is their own fault and perfectly justified. The tribunals might go much farthe without violating liberty of conscience. Mill again touches the point with the same proclaion. He says that there is a degree of folly and of what may be called "lowness or depravation of taste," which renders the person who manifests it "necessarily and properly a subject of distaste, or in extreme cases even of contempt." In short, if the express his opinions, so are others. not persecution. Objection to taking life may be and is allowed as a valid plea, but objection to ambulance or hospital work or to digging trenches justly exposes the holder to contempt. He is endeavouring to escape the obligations he owen to society in return for the protection which he claims and enjoys. He is and deserves to be treated as a pariab.

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BARNARD CASTLE BOWLING CLUB.

The annual meeting of the bowling club was hold at Golightly's restaurant on Wednesday evening last, Mr R. Woodhams, president, occupied the chair, supported by a representative number of members.—The Tressurer presented his report, which showed a balance in hand of £12 4s. 7d.—The Secretary, in submitting his report, regretted that the club had not been able to fulfil its league engagements, on account of the railway facilities being curtailed, but the club was able to bring to a successful issue all its competitions -Lord Barnard was elected patron, and Mr J. G. Hall, J.P., was unanimously appointed president. The vice-presidents were all ro-elected, together with the other officers of the club, namely: Mr J. Thompson, honorary treasurer; Mr A. Winpenny, honorary secre-tary; Messes F. V. Ord and R. Wood, auditors; and Messrs T. Gowland, G. Craig, R. B. Gent, H. Hobson, F. C. Dalgarno, F. Welford, and J. Franklin, members of the committee.

The Zetland Foxhounds at Barnard Castle Station.

The last meet of the above hunt for this season, at Barnard Cagtle, took place on Saturday, at the railway-station. being fine, there was a very large field, including Mr F. H. Straker, master of the pack, Captain Straker, and the Misses Straker and Gradock, Hartforth Grange; Mr A. Pease, Mr Stobart, Captain Cradock, Mr W. H. Ralston, J.P., Streatlam; Mr and Mrs Field, Morris Grange; Miss Palmer, Walworth Castle; Miss Bell-Irving and Miss Piercy, Rokeby Park; Captain Frost, Darlington; Colonei Langton and Miss Langton, Mr and Mrs Gore, Miss Trotter, Gainford; Mr W. Heslop, West Side, Staindrop; Mr W. Freeman (head buntsman), Mr Vart, (earth stopper); Dr. T. G. D. Adams, Mossre J. G. Hall, J.P., G. C. T. Young, J. Suddes, W. Nixon, T. Allinson, R. Lamb, T. Jenkinson, G. B. Smith, Supt. and Mrs Riddell, Mrs and Miss Holmes, Miss G. Walton, Miss Poirss, Barnard Castle; and several others. The "throw-off" was picturesque. On Monday the meet was in the square at Greta Bridge, and there was quite a large attendance of ladies. The weather was fair.

Band of Hope Entertainment.

The annual entertainment of the Band of Hope, conducted by the Barnard Castle brauch of the British Women's Temperance Association, book place on Friday night in the Primitive Methodist school-room, Mrs W. W. (president) being in the chair. The children ontributed a capital programme of a varied and interesting character. Recitations were given by Phyllis Holdsworth, Walter Jackson, Connie Egglestone, Nora Dant, Leslie Virley, Harold Jackson, Ettie Metham, and Isabel Sunter; planoforte solo by Rene Hempsall and Frances Putsey: songs by Violet Rudd, Cecili Hempsail, and Kate Henderson; a duet by Winnie Coates and Ethel Hall; dialogue, 'Ida's Garden Party," by six girls, and another dialogue by four younger girls; action song, "Nursery Rhymes," by a number of little ones; and ribbon drill by twelve girls. The whole of the children also joined in rendering three melodies. Mrs J. Franklin was the accompanist, and bad also been responsible for the training of the children, along with Mrs J. G. Burn, assistance being also given by Miss Barker, Mrs J. Thompson, Miss Dent, Miss Raine, Miss Eacott, and Miss Putsey.

Funeral of Mr R. Fothergill, Brough.

Had Charge of the Middleton Road Section.

Oa Monday afternoon, at Musgrave Church, the fuseral took place of Mr Robert Fothergill, Gate House, Brough, who died very auddenly on the previous Friday. While at the black-smith's shop he said he felt very poorly, and collapsed with a paralytic seizure. removed home, but never regained consciousness, dying the same evening at the age of 78 years. Deceased was a native of Warcop. He lived at the Old Tollbar for over 47 years. He took the tolls for 15 years, until they abolished. He has been employed by the Westmorland County Council since 1888, and has been a most faithful servant. For many years he worked between Brough and Coupland Beck, but in recent years had charge of the Middleton road section. He brought up a family of nine, of whom three sons and three daughters are living. His wife died 10 years The service was conducted by the Rector, the Ray. T. Collinson.

An Explanation.

To the Editor of the "Toosdale Mercury." DEAR MR EDITOR,-Will you kindly allow ne to correct an error which appeared in the local notes of your issue of April oth? I occasionally assisted, but could not and did not solely attend to the sheep during the past Storms. - Yours, etc., ANGELA HOGGETT.
Batile Hill, Lartington, 18th April, 1916.

Major A. L. Cartwright, who had got field rank in the Durham Light Infantry and gone on half-pay during the war, has been restored to full pay while serving as a recruiting officer. He got his commission nearly 20 years ago, and has been an adjutant of the Indian Volunteers. He was mentioned in despatches for his work in Asbanti in 1900.

Major H. de M. Leathes, who served in the Boer War with the Militia from Richmond, and at the beginning of the present war became an adjutant in the 5th Battalion Green Howards (North Riding Territorials), has now been transferred to a Garrison Battalion in the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

Colonel C. C. Luard, who has completed his four years term in command of the 1st Bat-talion Durham Light Infantry, is to be retained on the active list instead of going on half-pay in the ordinary course. He has been connected with the "Faithful Durhams" for over 80 years, and has the Zhob and Transvaal campaigns to his credit.

IMPORTANT BOON TO LADIES.

O Pills or Drugs used in this treatment my never-failing remedy, and I guarantee to cure all female allments. I invite those cases that have failed elsewhere. Stamp, free advice.—Rose's "Laboratory," No. 8, Mitrestreet. Cheitenham.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS. Birth.

SMITH.—At Springfield East, Barnard Castle. on April 18th, 1916, to Mr and Mrs Wilfred Smith, a daughter. Marriage.

Noton: PEARSON.—At Christ Church, Sunderland, on April 12th, 1916, Sergeant J. E. Noten, 20th Durham Light Infantry, only son of Captain and Mrs Noton, of Parkgate, Roker, to Annie, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. T. Pearsor, Barnard Castle (by license). In Memoriam.

URQUHART.—In loving memory of out dear mother, Jane Urquhart, who died April 11th, 1914.

Just two years ago you left us. Our aweatest memories are of you For you left us to remember None can fill your vacant plans.

- Ever remembered by the family.

Return Thanks.

MRS COULTHARD AND FAMILY desire to thank all friends for their kind enquiries and sympathy in their recent bereavement.