

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Lady Leveson-Gower is staying at Streatham Castle. Tomorrow, at three o'clock, at Starforth Villa East, Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Beak and Mrs. Heslop will entertain about thirty wounded soldiers.

A baby show will be held in the Inner Bailey of the Castle, on August 24th, in connection with the grand fête for our prisoners of war in Germany.

Dr. Wilfred Hopworth, of Nillingham, who has been on a short visit to Spring Grove, Barnard Castle, the home of his childhood, has accepted general service in the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Captain E. S. Hawthorne, Royal Army Medical Corps, is on 14 days' leave after 14 months' experience in the Danes and the retreat from Somme, and is now stationed at Balaclava.

Next Tuesday, on the Feast of Assumption, at St. Lawrence's Church, Darlington, there will be special services, when the highly-trained men's choir from St. Augustine's, Darlington, will render high-class music. Father Taylor, St. Mary's, Stockton, will preach a special sermon.

Second-Lieutenant G. K. H. K. Mcney, of the Durham Light Infantry, has been killed.

Mrs. Heslop, Grosvenor-street, Barnard Castle, has received a telegram from the War Office stating that Second-Lieutenant W. Heslop, of the South Wales Borderers, was despatched at Malta, on July 10th, suffering from dysentery. A further communication received by his parents announces that the brave young officer is improving.

All the three partners of the well-known firm of contractors—Messrs R. Wilson and Sons, Barnard Castle—have joined the colours, the last member of the firm having left this town on Thursday. The principals, Mr. F. J. Wilson, J.P., is the only remaining partner left to carry on the business.

The Barnard Castle boys will be at home on Thursday afternoon at Doe Park, Colchester.

A party of local ladies and gentlemen crossed over by High Cup Nick to Appleby on Monday. Yesterday was the hottest day this year, 80 degrees being registered in the open air at five o'clock in the evening in Teesdale.

Information has been received that Private R. Dobson, Milbark Arms, Barnard Castle, of the Royal Fusiliers, has been wounded in both the left thigh and arm by shrapnel. The young soldier is now lying in hospital at Warrington, where Dr. Sevier is in charge.

The Rev. A. N. Claxton, curate of Raeburn, Donbush, has been presented by the patron, the Earl of Lonsdale, to the vicarage of Ravenshoe, vacant by the cessation of the Rev. T. S. Boulton, low vicar of Crosby-on-Eden. The new vicar of Ravenshoe also holds curacies at Licoard and Neston, Cleburne.

Private J. Bonfield, Balliol-street, Barnard Castle, of the Army Service Corps, who has been doing duty in the Mediterranean, is spending a short leave of absence at home.

It is reported that Second-Lieutenant A. G. Dogdale, of the Durham Light Infantry, has been wounded.

The Rev. Joseph Little, for a good many years the popular and untiring priest in charge of St. Catherine's Church, Poririch, has broken his health, and is now resting in a Eileay nursing home. It is very improbable that the reverend gentleman (who is about 70 years of age) will be able to resume his work, and it is expected that almost immediately the Bishop of Exeter and Newcastle will appoint a new priest to the mission. The Rev. Father Reed, senior priest at Newcastle Cathedral, on Sunday took temporary charge of the district, which includes Poririch, Kewick and Appleby—a "parish" over 40 miles across.

The working party in connection with the local Melts fund will not meet again until Thursday, September 14th. The committee desires to acknowledge the receipt of a large number of bags, made by girl guides, through Miss Smith, and also a handsome gift of pillows and pillow-cases from Mrs. J. G. Hall.

From our advertising columns it will be seen that the Barnard Castle Bowling Club are promoting a bowling tournament, which will be held, by kind permission of the Trustees, on Thursday afternoon and evening, 17th August, on the Bower Museum bowling green. The President and officials of the club hope that visitors to the district will enter, and so make the tournament a success. The proceeds are to be devoted to providing parcels for Barnard Castle men at the front. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the committee, or the Secretary (Mr. Albert Wainwright, Horse-market, Barnard Castle).

To one of the official lists of killed appears the name of Private J. McChayne, Barnard Castle, of the Border Regiment.

Last Thursday half-a-dozen wounded soldiers from Darlington were entertained by the Rev. A. W. and Mrs. Stewart, at Brimial Rectory. They had tea in the drawing-room, music and other enjoyment, and returned by motor-car, having had a really grand day's outing. The chief feature being that the horses were given the warmest Yorkshire welcome.

Private A. Chapman, bridge-end, of the East Yorkshire Regiment, who has been in hospital a few months suffering from a wound in the thigh, arrived home on furlough on Monday.

"A very foolish remark" was the Premier's comment on Tuesday noon, when Mr. Bellairs quoted Plato to the effect that no man was fit to travel over 60 years of age.

The order to set lights made on July 23rd, 1916, except that the provisions apply from half-an-hour after sunset. The order comes into operation on Monday last, and any contravention is punishable under the Defences of the Realm regulations. No more than a dull subdued light is permissible from any direction outside, so that no part of the pavement or roadway or any building or other object is distinctly illuminated thereby.

The Sunday school treat was given on Thursday afternoon at Brough Vicarage. The tea was served by Mrs. Gordon and the Vicar, and was given by the teachers and friends. A cricket match was played in a field lent by Mr. O. Alderson. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Brewe.

Mr. E. Plko Pease, M.P., assistant-postmaster-general, has accepted the position of president of the Darlington Unionist Association, in succession to Mr. Arthur E. Pease, resigned.

Local War News.

A party of soldiers from Winderside Hall were on Wednesday covered in muddy shrapnel at Barnard Castle, where they were entertained in the grounds of Corn Chase, the residence of Mr and Mrs A. Steale. Tea was provided on the lawn, and cigarettes and chocolates were handed round to the men, who thoroughly enjoyed the outing and the kind hospitality of Mrs Steale and several friends. A programme of vocal and other items was contributed by local artistes and a surfeit of the soldiers.

Lady Ann Lambton's Durham County Work Dept's acknowledges garments from the Newbiggin-in-Teesdale ladies' workshop party, per Mrs Coggins; the Butterknowe ladies' workshop party, per Miss J. K. Douglas; the staff and scholars of Harrow Church of England School, per Mr Weedy; and from Mr Gill, School House, Forest-in-Teesdale.

In the gazzetted list of New Zealand clergy-men licensed to officiate at marriages appear the names of ten New members of the Rangatahi Church. The Rangatahi form of worship is practically the English form of religion, of which the High Priest at one time was Te Kooti, and later the wife Urewera, a recluse, Kaiti, who was recently captured. The solemnity of worship is a continuous uplifting of the hands, and the rapid chanting of a mixture of old and new testament phrases interlarded with native ideas regarding the Dohy. The ton men who represent the church have now the right to claim the prefix 'Reverend' to their names, and their right to wear honours has already been accepted by the Government printer.

The glorious spirit of Britain, in her fight for human rights, has touched the western land, and Mr Bertram Bowron, son of Mr Joseph Bowron, of Shelton, Washington, United States of America, late of Middleton-in-Teesdale, has joined a Canadian battalion. The following reference was made to the fact by the American press on July 11th: "Bertram Bowron, formerly connected with the local North Pacific engineering office, left yesterday for Vancouver, British Columbia, to enlist for service in Europe. Mr Bowron will enroll in the regiment of the Princess Patricia of Connaught."

Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Brocks, M.V.O., son-in-law of Lady Eden, of Widdesshoe Hall, and brother-in-law of Lieut.-Colonel the Earl of Reversham, has been given the grade of commander with the rank of brigadier-general. This is his lordship's third command.

Brigadier-General E. G. T. Bainsbridge, C.B., P.S.C., late General Staff Officer Northumbrian Territorial Division, Richmond Castle, has been appointed major-general while commanding a division. He is an old regimental officer of the Buffs, and did excellent work in the Dounglo, Kharatcum and Transvaal campaigns.

Major A. W. L. Trotter, who has been killed in action at the age of 46 years, commenced his career in the 3rd Battalion Yorkshire Regiment (Militia) at Richmond, and retired in 1899, when he went out to the United States. He was in England on holiday at the outbreak of war, and immediately offered to rejoin the Yorkshire, in which, however, there were no vacancies. He enlisted as a private in the Public Schools' Brigade, and was soon given a commission in the Leicestershire Regiment. He received field rank in April last, and was serving with the "Tigers" when he met his death.

At Barnard Castle Police Court, on Thursday, David Anderson was charged with being an absentee from the 8th Highland Light Infantry.—P.C. Lane found the man in Glasgow that morning, and when asked for his leave certificate he could not produce one.—Prisoner, who said he had been having some teeth extracted, was remanded to await an escort.

The Rev. J. B. Robertson reports that, in connection with the National Egg Collection, 659 eggs were despatched from the local depot for our wounded soldiers and sailors, the collections being as follows:—Barnard Castle, 25; Mrs Straker, 29; Brigalia, 6 (Miss Molly Stewart); Ravensworth, 46 (Miss Edge Ples and Miss Connel Bainsbridge); Starforth, 41 (Miss Will and Miss Cull); Barnard Castle town and market, 512. It is hoped that it will be remembered that the victories that are being won by our forces are won at the expense of our soldiers and sailors, that the numbers of the wounded are increasing, and that the public will show their appreciation by supporting this national effort.

Greta Bridge Police Court.

Case Under the Military Service Act. FRIDAY (SPECIAL).—Before Mr John Smith (chairman), and Mr M. J. Dixon.

Posted for Failing to Report Himself. The only man in the Kirby Stephen recruiting district who has been posted for failing to report himself, after being called up, has now been accounted for. John Edward Etherington, 35, described on the military list as being at John H. Warrington, Ravenstone, was charged under the Military Service Act with failing to report himself on June 11th, at Kirby Stephen, for permanent service as a reservist.—Inspector Bland said inquiries were made by the military authorities about defendant some weeks ago, but he could not be traced. On the 1st instant P.C. Porritt came across him in Brigial, and recognised him as answering the description given by the military authorities. It was mentioned that at the time defendant registered he was working at Fildesley, Ravenstone, and had since been in different places.—Defendant was remanded to await an escort, and the Bench complimented P.C. Porritt in detecting the offender from the description which had been handed to the officer.—Herbertson was also charged with failing to produce his certificate of registration when required by P.C. Porritt.—A fine of 5s. was imposed, defendant intimating that he was ignorant of what was required.

Wounded Soldiers' Outing.

Saturday was a red letter day for the wounded soldiers at present accommodated at the Yarm-road Military Hospital, Darlington. Proceeding by train to Piersbridge station, the soldiers were conveyed to High Councils Hall, where, on the kind invitation of Mr and Mrs James Westall, they were entertained to a garden party. After a substantial tea outdoor games were indulged in, and, judging from the radiant faces of the soldiers, the efforts of Mr and Mrs Westall were greatly appreciated. The Misses Mary and Betty Hildy, granddaughters of Mr and Mrs Westall, presented cigarettes and games to the soldiers.

Children for Farm Work.

Cleveland farmers who complain of the shortage of labour may, if they choose, make use of the offer of school-boys and girls who have preferred their assistance. Some of the bigger farms at Coatham Grammar School, near Teesdale, have been working in the fields and gardens, but farmers and others did not appear enthusiastic about the idea. In the area of the Gaisborough Poor Law Union, which is an extensive one, there are 800 school-boys and girls ready and willing to assist farmers during the school holidays.

Local War News.

Letter from Corporal T. Lowery to the Rev. J. P. Hodgson.

Awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal: Wounded in Three Places.

The Rev. J. P. Hodgson, Superintendent Wesleyan Minister, Raby Avenue, Barnard Castle, received the following letter, dated July 22nd, from Corporal Tom Lowery, of the Durham Light Infantry, who is now in hospital at Longleat, Wiltshire. "Dear Sir,—I write these few lines before you leave your present billet, for I have not forgotten the way you and members of the church treated us when we were doing our training at Barmby, Well, on October 8th, 1915, 400 of us left the 17th Durham Light Infantry and went to France and joined another battalion of the same county regiment. We had a rough time in France, and I am glad to inform you that I won the distinguished conduct medal on May 12th. The biggest battle that ever took place was on July 1st. On the last day of June I had the distinguished conduct medal ribbon pinned on my breast to go into action, and I'll never forget that battle. We made three Boches run, and soon took their third line. As soon as the British got within reach of the Germans they would throw down their rifles and run. We were ordered to 'Mercy Komrade, 6 picklines!' (picklines mean bullets). We sacrificed a lot of lives in attacking, but we saved the seed for an early victory. The Hunns would send three to one that day, for our artillery, which has now plenty of shells, did splendid work. The Durham Light Infantry did some wonderful fighting, and never feared death. We had very heavy losses. I got hit by shrapnel in the abdomen and left arm, and was passed through my wrist. After a week in various hospitals in France, I now find myself at the residence of the Marquis of Bath, who so kindly took 40 wounded soldiers to be cared for, and we are well looked after. I am going on splendidly, but it will be a long time before my arm heals. I'd like to finish this year with Germany well beaten. The old 17th Durham Light Infantry boys always used to relate the kindness of the Barney people. Well, I think this is all, and, in conclusion, I wish the luck to get stationed at a place as nice as Barmby."

Private G. W. Wilson, of Barnard Castle, Killed in Action.

Mr and Mrs W. Wilson, of Headlam House, Queen-street, Barnard Castle, received information on Saturday from the War Office that their son, Private George William Wilson, of the East Yorkshire Regiment, who had been previously reported missing, was killed in action on July 1st. The deceased soldier, previous to enlistment, was in the employ of Mr W. Blackie, hairdresser, Bank, for nearly five years. He enlisted in November, 1914, and last year was wounded. He however, got better, and was again sent to the front. Much sympathy is expressed with Mr and Mrs Wilson in their sad loss.

Cockfield Flag Day.

In aid of one of the soldiers' and sailors' funds a flag day was held at Cockfield on Saturday noon. A procession, headed by the Cockfield band, marched through the village to Esperley, and thence to Burnt House, afterwards proceeding to the Primitive Methodist school-room, where tea was provided. In a field, kindly lent by Mr William Brown, sports were held, some of the contests, particularly the ladies' race, being quite exciting. There were so many good teams amongst the ladies that some time elapsed before the winner could be found. A promenade concert in the yard of the Council school was presided over by Mr T. Davis, J.P., who, in eloquent terms, commended the object of the day's festivities to the large audience. Cockfield pteriot was responsible for the first part of the programme, the second portion being made up of miscellaneous contributions by other local friends. At the close Mr Davis called for three cheers for 'Merrie England,' which were heartily given. A dance in the school-room concluded a very successful effort. The arrangements were made by a committee, and the fact that the whole thing was done within ten days of the first meeting is sufficient testimony of local enthusiasm for a good cause.

Urgent Need for Red Cross Workers

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." DEAR SIR,—I have received a letter from the County Director of the British Red Cross Society at Northallerton, stating the urgent need which exists for more Voluntary Aid Detachment probationers in our military hospitals. The authorities are now willing to take women between the ages of 21 and 42 years without first aid and home nursing certificates, which have hitherto been considered necessary. All offers of service must be sent through a Voluntary Aid Detachment post, therefore, be pleased to hear from any suitable women resident in the Greta Bridge (North) district who would like to volunteer for the work for a time, and I will gladly give all particulars as to terms of service, pay, etc., on application.—Yours faithfully, MILDRED M. BEAL, Commandant, 11th York Voluntary Aid Detachment, Ronaldkirk Rectory, by Darlington, August 5th, 1916.

Soldiers for Harvest Work.

The Board of Agriculture announces that the Army Council have decided to release some 20,000 soldiers to assist with the harvest. Subject to military necessities of transport soldiers will be allotted in accordance with the numbers available for various districts. The terms and conditions of employment will be the same as those now in force. New applications for soldiers must be made through the local War Exchanges on forms provided for the purpose, and no application will be entertained unless it has been received at a Labour Exchange before 12 noon on Wednesday, 9th inst. Applications already made, if they ask for soldiers to be sent on dates between August 14th and 21st inclusive, will be met as far as possible, and no new application is necessary. In all other cases a new application must be made. It will be recognized that the number of soldiers who will be released represents only a small fraction of the number of men now employed in harvest, and that many will be unskilled in agricultural work. It is also necessary, for military reasons, to retain in the eastern counties a large proportion of the men released for harvest work. Although farmers are required to state in their applications the date on which they desire soldiers to be sent, they must be prepared to receive the soldiers applied for within a day or two either before or after the date stated.

Mickleton All-Round Man Refused Exemption.

At the North Riding Appeal Tribunal, at Richmond, on Saturday, J. I. Dawson, collector, Barnard Castle, appeared on behalf of a Mickleton man, who he said, was a peasant farmer, mail driver, ox-wagon, and grave-digger. He usually drove the vicar to his churches in the scattered parish.—The appeal was dismissed.

STREATHAM AND STAINTON WAR RELIEF FUND.

The committee wish to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the above fund, resulting from the house-to-house collection in July:—(a) Collected by Mrs Wright: Lady Glamis, 2s; Mr and Mrs Ralston, 10s; Mr Allardice, 2s 6d; Mr H. Bradley, 2s 6d; E.W. 4s; R.H. 1s; Miss A. McQueen, 1s; Mrs Syver, 4s; Mrs Logan, 1s; Mr P. Langstaff, junior, 2s 6d; Mrs Maddock, 6d; Mr R. Rogerson, 1s; Mrs Rogerson, 1s 6d; Mrs McQueen, 1s; Mrs J. McCulloch, 2s; Mr G. Stokeld, 1s 6d; Mr R. B. Dodds, 5s. (b) Collected by Mrs R. Spencer and Miss M. Wilkin: Mr W. Wilson, 2s 6d; Mr Crookatt, 2s 6d; Mr A. Crookatt, 2s; Mr W. Dawood, 1s; Mrs Walker, 1s; Mr G. L. Wilkin, 2s 6d; Mr L. Robshaw, 1s; Mr A. Adams, 2s 6d; Mrs Scallie, 6d. (c) Collected by Miss E. Bewick: Mr Bewick, 2s 6d; Miss Bewick 2s 6d; Miss E. Bewick, 1s; Mr E. Bewick, 1s 6d; Mr J. W. Morton, 6d; Mr J. Crookatt, 6d; Mr G. Hall, 6d; Mrs Ralston, 1s. (d) Collected by Mrs J. Langstaff: Mr Langstaff, 5s; Mr H. H. 4s; Mr T. Langstaff, 6s; Mrs E. Chapman, 3s; Mrs Robinson, 3s; Mrs E. Langstaff, 2s; Mrs White, 3s; Mrs Shaw, 2s. (e) Collected by Miss A. Murray: Mr J. Garbutt, 4s; Mrs E. Lomas, 6d; Mrs Addison, 2s; M.W. 6d; Mr J. Sandars, 1s; Mr J. Gay, 1s; E.W.J. 5s; A.J.L. 1s; Mr R. Murray, 2s; Mr A. Taylor, 1s; Mr T. Gibbin, 1s; Mr A. Gibson, 1s. (f) Collected by Miss Shaw: Mr A. Walton, 6d; Mr J. Stokeld, 1s; Mr E. Ralston, 6d; Mrs H. Stoddart, 6d; Mr F. Dawson, 5s; Mr G. Lomas, 6d; Mr G. Wilkin, 1s. Total amount collected for the month, 25 2s 0d.

Military Wedding of Local Interest at Malton.

A wedding of considerable local interest took place at the Parish Church, Malton, on Wednesday afternoon, the contracting parties being Sgt. Robert Cass Mumberson, of the West York Regiment, attached to the Royal Engineers (son of Mr and the late Mrs Mumberson, of Stanrop), and Miss Alice Maude Dobson, youngest daughter of the late Mr Robert Dobson and Mrs Dobson, of the Manor House, Ploerlog. A large congregation was present, the church being filled to capacity, at which the Vicar (the Rev. E. Dege) officiated. The bride, who was given away by her eldest brother, Mr R. Herbert Dobson, was attired in a white embroidered wedding dress, and was accompanied by her bridesmaid, Miss Hilka Dobson, sister of the bride, and Miss Eibel Mumberson, sister of the bridegroom, were the bridesmaids. Miss Dobson's dress was of white embroidered voile with burnt straw tassel hat, trimmed with turquoise blue; while Miss Mumberson wore a pink and white dress, the chief colour being pink. The bridesmaids wore gold bouquets, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr Sidney Cooper, traffic manager, North-Eastern Railway, Rosedale, was the groomsmen. The newly-married pair were greeted with showers of confetti as they left the church and entered the motor, en route for the residence of the bride's mother, where a reception was held, and later in the afternoon the happy couple left by train for the honeymoon tour, a hearty send-off being given by a large gathering of well-wishers. The wedding presents were numerous and costly. The bridegroom, who only reached Ploerlog on the Monday, went back to France on Saturday.

The Empress Eugenie and the War.

Mr Edleston Attends the Service. On Thursday last Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Eugenie attended a special service held by command of Her Majesty in the Imperial Crypt at Farnborough. The service, which took place at 10.30, was for all soldiers killed in the war, and in commemoration of the second anniversary of the outbreak of the war. The Rev. Dean Gordon said the Mass of Requiem, and the Rev. Brother Emilio Moran was surer. The Empress was attended by Madame d'Albanville and Count Primoli. Mr Edleston was also present. At the conclusion of the mass the "Liberators" was chanted by the members of the community, led by the Lord Abbot (Dom Gabriel) and the Prior (Dom Gerard). Her Majesty took her place for the mass at the foot of the coffin of the Emperor Napoleon III., and at the conclusion of the service proceeded to the coffin of the Prince Imperial and knelt there for a few moments in silence. Her Majesty then passed down the crypt, escorted by the Lord Abbot, who had received her arrival, and ascended the steps to her motor-car in waiting. The Empress, however, walked a few paces to the left first in order to inspect the grave of M. Franceschini Piétre, close to the wall of the crypt, and now planted with flowers. Her Majesty then left in her motor, with the suite in attendance, to return to Farnborough Hill. Several officers of the Royal Flying Corps and some wounded soldiers from Farnborough Camp were present at the service. Another service, which has already been mentioned, was called to France for military service. Prince Napoléon and Princess Odéonine with their young children left Farnborough Hill on Wednesday on a visit to Sir Arthur and Lady Malcolm at Newstead Abbey, Nottinghamshire.

Lecture on the War at Cothelstone.

Powerful Appeal by Mrs Ashley Carnus-Wilson. The title of the subject of Mrs Ashley Carnus-Wilson's lecture on the war was "The Conditions of Decisive Victory," which she said, were ultimately moral and spiritual, rather than strategic. The Essayist believed that it could only end in the triumphant Allies dictating in Berlin terms of peace which shall crush Prussian militarism for ever, because, first, they were fighting on the right side, in self-defence, for honour, and on behalf of the weak. Secondly, the Allies were fighting in the right spirit of willing selflessness. Thirdly, they were all of one heart and one mind. Moreover, they were united and desirous to destroy the British Empire, was welded together as nothing else could have done. Fourthly, the strongest reason of all for believing that victory would be given to the Allied Powers was that the armed force—was animated by delicately anti-christian principles. Behind Trotskyes and Von Richthofen—not avowed infidels—stood Friedrich Nietzsche, who hated and scorned Christianity as the slave-religion, prostrating the weak, who have no right to extirpate a world which brute force alone should rule. Finally, Mrs Carnus-Wilson argued that if we are indeed privileged to fight on the Christian side we must prove ourselves truly Christian by doing more than we have ever done before to spread throughout the non-Christian world the only thing that can save mankind from the horror of a godless civilization—the Gospel of Christ.—As it was impossible, within the limits of time available, to do more than the requirements of the circumstances only, no charge was made for admission. A collection made in aid of funds to provide necessities for British prisoners of war in Germany realised the handsome sum of £2 17s 3d.

Signaller W. Hopkins, of the Durham Light Infantry, son of Mr J. Hopkins, late master of the Barnard Castle Urban District Council, wishes to thank the workmen of the local Council for their kindness in sending a parcel to him in the trenches.

BLACK DYKE MILLS BAND AT THE MUSEUM.

Fine Solos: £14 4s. 2d. Collected at the Gates for the War Fund. This famous band, on tour in the north, gave two performances in the Bowers Museum Park on Monday, there being a very large attendance of visitors and book-makers, numbering several thousands, and the weather being delightfully fine. Cockfield, Woodland, and Eveswood were well represented. Mr Arthur O. Pearce was the conductor. The instruments were all in perfect tune, which is always, more or less, a source of some little anxiety in bands of this composition. The subdued melodies were very pretty, and the trombone, euphonium, and cornet solos—Mr Ernest Shaw, Mr Fred Bower, and Mr Harold Pitches respectively—were loudly applauded, and especially were, indeed, Sullivan's "My country, 'tis of thee," which was rendered on the cornet, and the encore, "I hear you calling me," which was equally gratifying. Rarely is such perfection attained on the larger brass instruments as was heard on Monday, each player being a perfect master of his particular musical agency. Mr Pitches is a possessor of remarkable ability—not in the sense of a babble—but in marvellous compass playing, and not often has such flawless execution escaped the well-known brass treble of the trumpet class in the Bowers Museum Park. The encore to "The Rose," in which Pitches was the soloist, was beautiful and delightful "Rosa." The trumpet solo was in Italian derivation—a simply a tub but twice on itself, but as a deep-toned brass musical wind instrument it has for many long years been popular in local and other bands. Much intuitive skill, however, is needed to do full justice to the trumpet, and in the afternoon, under the control of Mr Bower, great proficiency was heard in "The Laurel," and, by encore, "The Trumpeter."

Extras were Added to the following Liberal Programmes:

Afternoon: March—Puccinello—Rimmer; overture—Tannoeil—Reasid; comedy—The Girl on the Film—Straw, Introducing—chorus—The good old mill—Tom's evening chorus; Act 1—Duet—Our syndicate; chorus from Last—Napoleon; and the miller's song; Sing of the mill; song—Society, Freddy; double solo—Town and country; waltz—Wo't you come and waltz with me; march—Band—street; chorus solo—My Dearest Heart—Sullivan (solo); Mr Harold Pitches; encore—I hear you calling me; excerpts from Weber's Works—Wohler; selection—O Carmo—Bazz; trombone solo—The Laurel—Greenwood (soloist); Mr Fred Bower; encore—The Trumpeter; Humoresque—Dvorak; selection—H. Pachelbel—Balletic, best piece, B. V. V. V. September, 1916; extras and God save the King; Evening: March—S.D.G.—Bobby; comedy—The Queen of the Germans; euphonium solo (travelling)—Ralph Britton—Barnard (soloist); Mr Ernest Shaw; selection—William Tell—Reasid; cornet solo—The Wren—Greenwood (soloist); Mr Harold Pitches; encore—The Rose; overture—Felsenballeh—Reisinger; descriptive fantasia—A Rural Wedding—Copp; synopsis.—The wedding march—down of day—surprise—Hall, smiling moon—Phyllis is my only joy—arrival of guests—Come, best to the wedding—Wait for the wagon. The Jolly wagon—on to the church—The Grand Old One of the village—Church bells heard in the church—Bridal chorus—Responses of bride, bridegroom, and parent—Hymn—The voice that breathed o'er Eden—in the vestry.—The procession down the aisle—the wedding meal—Wedding march—Evening—the festivities—County dance—Borne's a jolly good fellow—And Love's a—finale; excerpts from Healey's Works—Hilary; God save the King.

Local War Fund Replenished.

The following young ladies—Miss Grainger, Miss Pisco, Miss Nicholson, Miss Arrowsmith and Mrs Jackson—representing the War Emergency Committee, attended on the Museum gates with money-boxes and secured, by voluntary contributions, the handsome sum of 214 5s. 2d., which will be devoted to philanthropic objects connected with the war.

Wesleyan Sunday School Treat.

Interesting Presentation to Miss Freda Margaret Storey. Last Thursday the scholars of the Barnard Castle Wesleyan Sunday School held their annual summer treat in one of the large meadow fields at Wool House Farm, kindly placed at their disposal by Mr Steven Storey. The day, though breezy, was delightfully bright and clear, and the children very thoroughly enjoyed the outing. There were no limitations: the most picturesque surroundings, leafy woods and extensive distances, plenty of room, plenty of air and time, and plenty to eat. The Revs. J. P. Hodges and F. G. Gatehouse and a large staff of teachers and helpers were there to assist the genial Secretary (Mr J. R. Arrowsmith). Tea was provided for a great number of friends and visitors. At the close, when all were gathered in front of the farm, Mr Arthur Storey presided over the prize-giving, and Rev. G. Gatehouse distributed the various prizes to the successful competitors in the games. Mr and Mrs Storey were heartily thanked for their great kindness and hospitality, and a memento book and hymn book were presented to their daughter, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Freda Margaret Storey by the officials and teachers of the Barnard Castle Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School in commemoration of her sixth birthday and of the visit of the Sunday School to her home, Wool House Farm, August 3rd, 1916. Arthur Storey, Secretary." The superintendent, Mr John R. Arrowsmith, secretary." Three lusty cheers to Mr and Mrs Storey, and the singing of "God save the King" brought to an end a day that will be remembered.

SCENE AT THE LOCAL RURAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Mr Corner's Dramatic "Good-Bye."

Mr Corner, of Cookfield, late of this town, left Wednesday's meeting of the Barnard Castle Rural Council after being disqualified for absenteeism. Mr R. Armstrong, J.P., presided, and there were breezes.—Mr John Corner had written a letter with a resolution in regard to private street works, but these were not read, the Chairman remarking that several of the members, including Mr Corner, had disqualified themselves by not attending the meeting for six months and over, and consequently, he added, Mr Corner would not be a member of the Council any longer, and if, after the decision of the Council, he persisted in taking action, he might expose himself to a fine of £20.—Mr Corner replied that recently the Local Government Board ordered that time-expired men would not be penalised, and therefore, that gave him a perfect right to sit during the war.—The Clerk (Mr Bainsbridge): It does not excuse you at all. The Act still stands good, and the only difference is that instead of electing the Council on co-opt members.

Mr Corner's Farewell: "But I Shall be Here After Next Election."

Mr Corner: It was not my intention to continue in office if I had not been for the County Inspector being out with regard to the funding. He told me to renew the question and the standing orders give me a perfect right to move a resolution in six months. I will retire from the room, but this work will have to be done at Cookfield. The Inspector says it must, and whether you decide to adopt the Private Streets Works Act or not the County Council will make a laughing stock of a soft sap Council.—Mr Corner then proceeded to the door, remarking: "I shall send my resignation new forthwith. Good-bye, but I shall be here after the next election."—The Clerk said there had been an inspection by the County Inspector, who had been put into possession of all the facts regarding Cookfield. The Council had pointed out that the condition of things was not their fault, but the property owners. Mr Corner was entirely out of order.

Members Disqualified.

The following were afterwards reported by the Clerk to have disqualified themselves also by non-attendance, and it was decided to ask them if they had a valid excuse.—Mr Froy said the Rev. B. Johnson, Mr G. A. Johnston, and the Hon. C. V. Vane, the last-named having been with the colours and, therefore, exempt.

Overcrowding at Cookfield.

A Cookfield family's housing plight was again mentioned. The tenant is a miner, with a wife and eight children, the latter sleeping in one room, and Mr Corner had said before leaving that the difficulty at Cookfield was that most of the bigger houses were owned by the workmen, who would not be disposed to replace another tenant to let in people to help the miner. The only way out seemed to be the conversion of two houses into one. Otherwise he did not know where they were going to put those people, unless they turned them out on to the fells.—Mr Fife said he thought they must continue to press them to get another house, and the Council agreed.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] Miss R. W. Jenks, who has been a scholar at Middleton Council School for some time, has won a County Council scholarship tenable at Bishop Auckland Secondary School for Girls.

The Primitive Methodist annual camp meeting was held at Fosse on Sunday. A thoughtful sermon was preached in the morning by Mr Rust, of Wearhead. In the afternoon an anti-air service was conducted by the Rev. G. Pettler, and stirring addresses were delivered by Messrs East, Whitfield, and Orlinson. An appropriate sermon was read at 8.30 pm. in the chapel, by the Rev. C. Pettler, after which several testimonies were given. Suitable notes were rendered by Messrs Gargeth, of Workhead; and W. Wright, of Newstead. Large congregations were present at all the services, the effort being most successful.

Sapper Wm. V. Allnutt, son of the late Mr T. Allnutt, junior, of Middleton, who went to France in September, 1915, and was transferred to Balaclava the following November, is on ten days' leave of absence. He has been in a Malta hospital and at Swanage, on the south coast, since January 11th, suffering from a fractured arm.

It is a long time since so many visitors were in Middleton, and, with the ideal weather which we are having at the present time, they will be greatly impressed with Teesdale.

One of the engines belonging to the Hedworth Barum Company, Limited, which is conveying barries from Upper Teesdale, ran off the road on Friday, near the Baptist Chapel, Forest, and went over the wall into a field. The driver and his mate had a narrow escape, but were no worse for their experience. The steering gear is supposed to have gone wrong.

The monthly meeting of Middleton Parish Council was held on Wednesday, under the presidency of Mr W. Sedgewick.—The annual gas accounts were again under discussion, but nothing was settled, and a committee from the Council was appointed to meet the representatives of the gas company.—The village green is to be mown and made tidy.—It was reported that Barn bridge footpath had been repaired.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Marrriages.

CHRISTIE: HOWARD.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, Barnard Castle, on the 2nd of August, 1916, Donald Grant (sergeant in a Leicestershire Regiment), son of Mr and Mrs J. S. Christie, Arbuthot, Scotland, to Amelia Gertrude, daughter of the late James Howard, Fledborough, and Mrs Howard, Lanham, Notts.

FAWCETT: ATKIN.—On August 7th, 1916, at St. Paul's Church, Stockton-on-Tees, by the Rev. H. F. Varel, Rector, Barnard Castle, Mr Edward A. Atkin, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Atkin, of Stockton-on-Tees.

MILBURNON: DOUBSON.—At the Parish Church, Ploerlog, on Wednesday, August 2nd, by the Vicar, Sergeant R. G. Mumberson, son of Mr E. D. Milburnson, Stanrop, and grandson of the late Mr J. R. Richardson, of Barnard Castle, to Alice Maude, youngest daughter of the late Mr Robert Dobson, and Mrs Dobson, Horse Shoe Field, Ploerlog.

Roll of Honour.