LOUAL AND OTHER NOTES.

News has just resched Barnard Castle of the death of Captain John Maughan, of the '4th Battalion Yerkshire Regiment, who was killed last Thursday by a sniper. The deceased officer went out in April last year, but had been home on leave, and had just returned to the front a fortnight ego, he having been in a yaubject. The Prince, who has an excellent Barnard Castle two days before his leave command of English, had the happy idea of expired. The late soldier was the elecst son of Mr John Maughan, agent for Lord Masham, at Jervaulx, by his marriage with Miss Annie Robinson, who died some years ago, daughter of the late Mr Robinson, of Decton Hall, who was fermerly in practice as a solicitor in Darlington, and a sister of the present County Court Registrar in that town. Mr John Robinson. Maughan's second wife was a daughter of the late Mrs Haslewood, of Sartforto Hall, and sister of Mrs H. C. Watern, of the Mount. The late Captain Manghan had been mentioned in dispatches.

Last night Dr. Heatherley gave the third and concluding portion of his lecture on bird studies, and the interest was fully sustained. He poluted cut the imitative colouring, so to speak, or markings of birds corresponding with their habitat. The Lecturer was rich in aneodote, and the homely talk was again most interesting. Dr. C. H. Welford presided.—On the proposition of Mr J. Adams, seconded by Rev. T. Baron, the Lecturer was warmly shanked.

Owing to the dangerous character of the Scar Walk, the footpath has been closed to pedestrians until repairs effected.

Mrs Isabella Howson, widow of the late Mr John Howson, founder of Teesdale House and the Thorngate Mission, died at West View, Lendings, on Sunday afternoon, at the age of The interment will take place to-morrow

Captain J.W. Backhouse, 1st/Bucks Battalion, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry (T.F.), was killed in France on February 10th, aged 29 years. He was the only son of Mr Henry Backhouse, of Yelland, Bournemouth, formerly cambier in Barclay's Bank, at Barcard Castle. The deceased efficer was the only child of his father's first marriage with Miss May Stanton, of Stubb House, Winston.

Evening service at the Unitarian Church, Barnard Castle, has, for the present, been supplanted by an afternoon service at three.

Gunner Harold Walker, late of 5, Yorkterrace, Barnard Castie, who recently joined the forces, has been spending a short leave of absence at Barnard Castle, prior to departing on foreign service, to-morrow.

Mr R. Cowperthwaite is leaving Park House, Stainmere, and the new tenant will be Mr J Kidd. Castle Hotel, Brough.

Last night a further draft of Tyneside Scottish left Barnard Castle for the south, the men being accompanied to the station by the regimental bugle band.

545 eggs were despatched from Barnard Castle, last week, to the National Egg Collection for Wounded Soldiers and Sailors. Young people desirous of assisting in the collection for this week-referred to in last week's "Mercury"—should apply to the district controller, Rev. J. B. Robinson, 19, Victoria-terrace, Barnard Castle.

The Northern District Superintendent has reported that everything was most satisfactory at the time of the inspector's visit, and that the district of the Barnard Castle and Startforth Nursing Association is very successful.

The eldest sors of 145 peers have been killed

Major E. A. Leather, who is reported to have been killed in action on February 10th, was the third son of the late Mr P. J. Leather, of Middleton Hall, Belford, Northumberland, of Mrs Leather, of the Brians Rotherham, and married in 1904 Mildred, daughter of Mr Charles Harrison, of Beacon Grange, Hexbam. Born in 1868, he served during the South African War with the Militia Battallon, Northamberla d Busiliers, retiring in 1908. On the outbreak of the present was he joined the 11th (Service) Battalion Northumberland Busiliers, and obtained his majority in October, 1914. Later he was transferred to the 27th Battalion (Typeside Irish), with which he was serving as the time of his death. Major Leather was one of six brothers, all of whom served in the South African War and also in the present one. Three of them have now lost their lives in the service of their country, and a fourth has been severely wounded.

Middleton has sent a further subscription of £2 to the Red Cross Penny Fund, and 5s. has been received from Whorlton.

Private E. Walton, of the North-Esstern Railway Battalion (Pioneers) Northumberland Fusiliers, thanks the people of Barrard Castle for the very useful parcel he has received shrough the War Emergency Committee.

On Monday morning, Edwin Raine, of Streetside, Rokeby, and Cyril Bayles, of Barnard Castle, left Barnard Castle station for the south, having joined the Royal Flying Corps.

There passed to his rest on February 191b. one of nature's truest gentlemen, in the person of Mr Joseph Collinson, of West Lane Head Cottage, Middleton-in-Tecadale. His familiar figure will, we feel sure, be keenly missed by all the inhabitants of the district, and by none so sadly as the writer of this note, to whom he was a true and faithful friend.

The Rev. Dr. Headlam and Mrs Arthur Readiam were unavoidably prevented from attending Prince Riedelski's lecture at Gainford, on Saturday.

Mr J. E. Dent gratefully acknowledges the receipt of magazines and other reading matter for the soldiers' hospital and recreation-ro. ms, and will be glad of further similar gifts.

Captain D. D. Wilson, brother of Lieut.-Col. M. J. Wilson, of Cliffe Hall, has been appointed officiating Squadron Commander in the 17th Cavalry, Indian Army. Captain Wilson served in the Boer War with his father's old regiment—the York and Lancaster.

Superintendent Haw, of Richmond, received a letter from France, on Sunday, conveying the sad intelligence that his son Stanley had been killed.

The Zatland Foxhourds meet to-morrow a Cookfield, and on Saturday at Cliffe, each morning at 11-30.

Barnard Castle Penny Bank.

The annual mosting of the annual yesterday, at Mr Holmes's office, the Rey. J. W. Escott in the chair.—The yearly restaurant were presented by here The annual meeting of the above was held W. J. Bainbridge, the actuary, and considered malsfactory .- A hearty vote of thanks was services, and also to the auditors (Messrs J. Hunter and E E. Scarth) .- The

PRINCE BIEDELSKI AT CAINFORD LITERARY INSTITUTE.

" POLAND AND ITS PEOPLE "

The conceri-room of the lustitute was well lled on Saturday evening, when His Serene ighness Prince Paul Piast-Riedelski lectured an appreciative audience on "Poland and people," and the personality of the Lecturer livened what he confessed was a somewhat writing the many unfamiliar names mentioned a blackboard, and a beautiful map of the e cleat kingdom of Poland, specially drawn by Mr C. Peacock, was of much service. M: . H. Edleston, president, took the chair, and introduced the Lecturer. Selections of Polish music were played at intervals by Miss Q.

Professor Birkbech, Whose Ancestors

Owned Herdlam Hall. The Chairman traced the history of Poland for conturies, and, referring to a crisis in 1813. said: Professor Birkbach, late master of Towning, whose ancestors owned Headlam Hall this parish, wrote an open letter, of which I happen to possess a copy, to Lord Palmerston, on Poland, at that time. In this letter the Professor, while expressing profound admiration for Lord Palmerston's foreign policy, upbraided the Prime Minister for not joining he French Emperor in support of the Poles. Johappy, sad, unfortucate Poland-formerly for centuries powerful and magnificent-whose independence is due to her by historical justice and human pity! Now she suffers more than Belgium-1,500 hamlets and villages burnt and destroyed, one-and-a-half-million Poles fighting in the three armies, Austrian, German and Russian; almost all devastated, fertile land a desert, women and children sterving, all men of military age drawn into the ranks by force to die for their tyrants. We do no doubt that France, Poland's constact ally, will still be her advocate. England will doubtless also hold out a hand to Poland to raise her to the rank of an independent and sovereign

Suggested Autonomy for the Three States. The Prince began by a few words appreciative of Mr Edleston's speech, of the music, and the general arrangements for the lecture carried out by Mr Robinson, the secretary. The subject of Poland being so vast it had to be greatly condensed, and the Prince said his real subject would be "Poland for the Poles," phrase that met with much applause Polish question had been a thorny one for the partitionary powers, as well as for the rest of Europe. The Prince had ducumentary evidence, even from non-European governments, that the solution of the problem has the most anxious consideration of all civilized nations. The reason why the question has remained in abevance was that the Governments could not discover a formula screptable to the partitionary powers. The Prince appealed for support in a solution of the difficulty by the formation of united states of the three parts of Poland, under a governor general appointed and guaranteed by the Aliles at a prace conference. He mentioned that he ciuself had offered his services, with a corps of 500 to 1,000 Poles, to this country, but the responsible authorities has been obliged to decline his offer with thanks, for specific reasons. Under these circumstances he could only show his goodwill to this country and her Allies. After brishy explaining why a nation must defend its language, he said, in spite of the suppression of the Polish tongue by the partitionary powers, every Pole Roew a little Polish, and consequently Polish independence had not disappeared. There had ately been a revival of the language, and consequently a re-birth of the nation, in spite of the perse-cution of the language even more than of the people, so that accool-calldren to Prassian Poland had been imprisoned for trying to talk Polish at play. His Serene Highness mentioned that he had forwarded to the peace conference of 1907 a petition for the reconsideration of the Treaty of Vienns, in 1815, signed by himself and the principal leaders in Polish politics, and acknowledged by the vice-presidents of the o preserve. He had also laid certain views on the subject before the oversment of a great power in 1908, and, in 1909, before one of the partitionary powers, and received replies to both. Through his intervention the execution of the expropriation law, voted by the Prussian parliament in 1908 was postpoped till after the desth of his protector," the late Count Rhreathal, who, on the Prince's suggestion, went to Barlin, and reminded the German Chanceller that the Treaty of Vienna guaranteed the Peles national

complete freedem et movement. The Right Hor. J. A. Pesse, MP, bad expressed his regret at not been present to propose a vote of thanks to the Lecturer, and this was done in a few well-chosen words by Mr C. R. Dent, of Snow Hall, seconded by Mr E. D. Trotter, a vice-president of the Institute, and the proceedings closed with the national anthem.

Post Office Staff Whist Drive and Dance.

A very successful whist drive and dance arranged by the indoor staff of the Barnard Castle Post Office, took place on Thursday last, in the Witham Hall, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The card playing at 43 tables resulted in the following winners; Ladies-1st, Mrs J. l. Dawson; 2nd, Miss E Railton; 3rd, Miss Dobson; gentlemen-1sb. Mr Suddes; 2nd, Mr J. Allison; 3rd, Mrs Dockrill (playing as gentleman); lowest score prize, Lieutenant Alexander. Lieut. Colonel H. T. H. Hay, commanding the 29th Northumberland Fusiliers, and Mejor Scott, and other efficers and military units were present during the evening. Mrs Sectt, who it had been arranged should present the prizes, was unable to attend, and Mrs J. I. Dawson kindly undertook this duty. - Mr Wiseman proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Dawson, which was seconded by Mr Dockrill, and Mr Dawson responded.—The committee desire to express their hearty thanks for the generous assistance received. The prizes were provided by Mrs Bell-Irving, Mrs Wiseman, Miss Sarker, Captain Berry, Mr C. Hedley, and other friends, while the efforts of Mesers G. Burt. T. Boardman, H. Hobson and A. Winpenny were largely responsible for the success of the evening Dancing was carried on till 3 a.m., Mrs Raine being the pianish Supper was provided by the Misses Todd, of the Central Cafe. The local War Emergency Fund, which was the primary object of the undertaking, will benefit to the extent of about £15.

Special Services at Howden-le-Wear Wesleyan Church. The special services beld in the Wesleyan Church, Hawden-le-Wear, on Sanday, were a great success. Sermons were presched morning and evening by Mr Brank Raw, of Rough Ler, and in the afternoon, under the genial chairmarship of Mr Geo. Collingwood, of Witton Junction, a grand sacred concert was giveo, whe she following artistes ably acquitted to assolves - Missos Raw and Best. line wick; Misses Hughes and Gill, Crock; and Mirs Moore, and Messrs M. Thompson and W. ble, Howden-le-Wear. Mr Raw also gave a timely address on music, which was keenly listened to. - During tue day tousning reference was made to the young men who had left that church to fight for their Kirg and country, and securied Mr Bainbridge for his continued prayers were chored for their safety and peace with honour .- Our correspondent adds : " The printing for this festival was executed as the continues to do good work, and meintains its 'Tecadale Mercury' Office, a very fine poster being executed.

STARTFORTH RURAL COUNCIL.

Bowes to Brough Road Taken Over by the County Council.

Hutton Fields Road Adopted by Local Council. The mouthly meeting of this Council was need on Wednesday, Mr John Walton, J.P., loston, W. J. Watson (clerk), T. H. Plews (surveyor), and W. Porter (inspector).-It was reported that all the calls were paid in, and the bank balance amounted to £2,150 0s. 5d.— The heavy roller had covered 2,430 yards of road, and the light machine had crushed 503 yards of surface on the Middleton and Brough main road, prior to being put away.—The Clerk announced that they had seen Mr D M. Spence with reference to the Larrington park footpath. and that goutleman had said that whenever the Chairman and Clerk went to Lartington they would be cordially welcomed. It was agreed to arrange an interview.

Bowes and Brough Road Taken Over at Last. The Clerk read an intimation from the county authorities to the effect that at a meeting of the County C uncil at Northallerton, held on the 26th of January, 1916, a provisional order had been promulgated declaring the district road from Bowes to Brough to be a main road as and from the 1st of April, 1916. The length of the road is 6 miles and 660 yards. The Clerk added that they had succeeded at last. -The Chairman: It has now been taken over by the County Council, which is very good.

Hutton Fields Road Adopted by Local Council. The Clerk read a letter from Mr Medrington, chief agent of Colonel Chichester Constable, stating that a public right had been freely used over this road long before the Act of 1885, which was alone sufficient to debit the cost of repairs to the Startforth Rural District Council. Moreover, the public were directed over the road by sign-puts. The writer hoped it would not be necessary to make an appeal to the County Council .- Mr Dent said the question had been before the lucal Conneil about ten months ago, and was afterwards taken up by County Councillor Britton, who had gene into the matter, and who was instrumental in getting coupsel's opinion on the subject. Mr Don's proceeded to mad extracts purporting to have been written by a barrister in the Journal of the Chamber of Agriculture, all of which placed the liability upon the local Council. In existing circumstances Mr Dent contended that five miles of road were now used instead of two miles, which meant a great difference in cost .- The Chairman ruled she writers quoted by Mr Dent to be anunymous, but, putting aside aitogether the contentious part of the problem, the real question was that the persons affected by this road were all ratepayers like tuemselves, and ruled this road, if it was put into a proper state of repair. to be a great boon to the district? - Mr Garth Undoubtedly. I think it is about 1,300 yards in length.—The Chairman: And you people are prepared to do part?—Mr Garth: I have talked the matter over with the ccoupiers, and they are prepared to atone the road if the Council will give an undertaking to take it over. - It was eventually agreed, on the motion of Mr Metcalfe, seconded by Mr Tare, that if this road is put into repair, and on the understanding that the Richmond Council takes over the other portior, that the Startforth Rural District Council take over the road.—The meeting concurred in the opinion that putting gravel on the footpaths was a waste of mirrey. Gost of Main Roads, Etcetera.

Tae Surveyor sald the estimate for the 8 births and 4 deaths had taken place.

A letter was read from the legal advisors of enclosing draft agreement with regard to the representatives, and Mr Porter.

Yesterday's Sale at the Barnard Castle Auction Mart.

Barnard Castle. The committee of the Barnard Castle Mechanica' Institution, being desirous that it should be revived as a centre of instructive and elevating recreation, have invited representatives of the various local guids to co-operate with them in organizing a series of popular lectures during the winter months A very successful commencement was made on Tuesday, the 8th instant, when Dr. Heatherley, the Medical Officer of the Typeside Scottish, gave a most delightful lecture on " British pirds." beautifully illustrated by photographs, and shown by a limelight con ora manipulated by Mr E. Holdsworth. The locture ball was prowded with a highly appreciative audience, and as the Lecturer found that time did not permit him to exhaust his subject he kindly agreed to continue it on the following Tuesday, and, as a large audience was expected, it was arranged to have the second lecture in the larger Witham Hall. We understand the committee have pravisionally arranged for lectures during subsequent weeks by Mr R. P. Sleeman, of the North Eastern County School, Barnard Castie, on "Aviation"; Mr W. Dont, of Bishop Anekland, on "Peccares · Perziree Sollly lales, Torquey, otc. '; Mr T. A. Southern, B.So, of the North Eastern County School Barnard Castle, on "British accoury"; and others, as will be duly announced. The committee feel assured that there is room in this town for instructive and elevating recreation; and, if the educated classes in the town will give them their support and patronage, there is little doubt they will be emboldened to more ambitions adventures, and is so enjoyed in the larger towns.

Recruiting Note.

Claims by attested men must be delivered to clerks to the tribugals not later than

Claims by unattested men must be banded in

ot later than March 1st. presiding. There were also present Messrs J.
Peacock, T. Bayles, W. Bowes, T. Metcaffe, G.
V. Tsro, J. Allison, R. Raine (Holwick), W.
H. Robinson, T. Collinson, A. J. Presson, W.
Errington, T. W. Garth, A. Nicholson, D.
Alderson, J. Raine (Mickleton), C. Waller, J.

upage of 38 miles of main road, including establishment charges, was £1,426 15s, which was £50 less on the average.—The Surveyor was pressed to secure an acknowledgment from Mr R. T. Tiplacy in respect of an alleged encroschment at Startforth. -Trouble and

difficulty being reported in connection with water in Mickieton quarry, Mr Lowse moved, and it was agreed that a pump be purchased at once. Dr. Neligan reported that one ification of messies had researed him, and

Mickleton Water Supply.

the North-Eastern Railway Company at York, pipe scheme in contempiation, and a request for a cheque for £2 2s, for stamping and executing the same. - The matter was left in representation, national institutions, and the hands of the Cierk, the Mickleton

Auction Mart.

The annual spring prize show and saie of young bulls was held yesterday at the Barnard Castle and Teesdale Farmers' Auction Mart. There was a good attendance. The stock was of exceptionally fine quality. Mears William Pratt, of Gardala, Sedbergh: and William Richardson, of Laverock Bridge, Kendal, were the judges. Mears John Bainbridge, Kirkhy Stephen; and Geo Tarn Bainbridge and Son, Darlington, were the auctioneers; and J E Thompson. Darlington, apily discharged the secretarial duties. The following is a list of the prize-winners and principal buyers:—Bulls, over 18 months old—I J W Stephenson, £31 10s—Bell, Gateshead; 2 Jas Stoddart, Marwood. Other prices. Geo Weskmonth, £40 5s—Bousfield; Wm Hall, £29—J Hodgson, Crook; J Hrown, £34 5s—Bousfield; Mears Healo, Brothers, Marwood, £34—T Harrison; Miss Tarn, £31 5s—Jos Pescock; 2 Mrs Thompson, £48 15s—Jas Pescock, Spanham. Other prices. H Thompson, £48 15s—Jas Pescock, Spanham. Other prices. H Thompson, £48 15s—Jas Pescock, Spanham. Other prices. H Thompson, £48 15s—Jos Pescock; 2 Mrs Thompson, £48 15s—Hills under 12 months—1 Jos Pescock, £18 17s 6d—Miss Tarn; 2 J W Stephenson, £16 10s—J Alderson; J W Chapman, £16 5s—T Kobson; T Highmoor, £16 2s 6d—E Lales. Lord Barnard, £16—Lawson; T Littlefair, £15 15s—Rushwood, Scorton; Jos Pescock, £15 15s—Paulse, Stockton; F Hall, £15—Spence; Mrs Thompson, £15—F Hall.

Popularising the Mechanics'Institution,

the 26th of February.

It is understood that group I (single men of 18) will be called up at an early date. UPPER DALE NOTES. [BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] The weather conditions have been med changeable during the past week, and frequently they have assumed quite a wintry aspect, with heavy falls of snow in the higher reaches of the dale. Outdoor labour was considerably hampered.

The new lighting order, which came into operation on Wednesday, was duly observed by the Tresdale people. The dale locks quite described after dark, and, if it had not been for the moon, the general aspect would have been very gloomy indeed. There was a great demand for coloured blinds. The places of worship experienced some difficulty in obscuring the light, as some of them have a large number of windows. At St. Mary's Parish Church, Middletor, the evening service, which formerly commenced at 6-30, has been altered to 3 o'clock. The authorities have agreed to allow five atreet lamps, with only a small light visible, to be lit at the dangerous corners at Middletor.

The first annual ball, under the auspices of Middleton String Band, was held in the Assembly Hall on Friday night. It was a facey dress ball, some excellent custumes being worp. A large number tripped the light, fantastic toe until the early hours of Saturday morning. A dance was also held on Saturday evening.

The Rev. C. Pettier, of Middleton (Primitive Methodist circuit minister, is at present conducting a fortnight's evangelical mission at Bill Top Chapel, Egglestone. There was a very good attendance at all the services last week, despite the inclemency of the weather. The services were of a high, spiritual tone.

Mr T. J. Fletcher, of the North of England Temperance League, Newcass'e-upon-Type, visited Teesdale last week. On Tuesday night son, he addressed a public meeting a Newbiggin, and on Wednesday evening gave a lantern lecture at Middleton on "The war and the drink problem." A fine series of war pictures was screened, and the large company present erjoyed the very interesting lecture. Mr John Allieson, of Foggarthwaite, presided, and Mr J. R. Robson munipulated the lantern.

A most successful entertainment, promoted by the Middleton-in-Teesdale Bard of Hope committee, was give: in the Primit ve Methodist school-room, Middleton, on Saturday night, to a crowded and appreciative audience, under the presidency of Mr A. Howe. The following programme was very efficiently rendered - Solo-The tolling sea- Mr 6.22 ley Pinkney; selo- Queen of angers - Miss Berson sol .- Spring flowers - Miss Mackinnen; reci tation-The night excress-Miss Boadie (encore); pianoforte quot-Misses Nicholson and Colling (encore); solo-Keep the bom fices burning-Miss D. beon; solo-Angel land -Miss Bensun; recitation-Our Band of Hope members-Miss Runt; soio-Every inch soldier-Mr Stanley Pinkney. Misses Pinkney present, said he occupied 108 acres, 30 cf and Nattrass played the accompaniments in a which were arable. His elder boy, who did very able manner. Recitations and songs were not want to be forced to go, had joined the well rendered by the Band of Hope children. A humorous sketch, entitled 'Sarah Riddle's tea-party," concluded the programme. The characters were ably sustained by the following: -Lily Nixon, Nellie Gibson, Marion Horn, Gladys Dent, Irene Pattler, Annie Collinson, Amy Anderson, and Greta Nixon.

a paralytic seizure in one of the streets of boy to belo on the farm, and stating that the "Foresters' Arms'" Hotel, succumbed to the recommendate, should be favourably effects on Saturday. He was a man of quiet considered.—Mass Grey and Miss Emerson disposition, and highly respected in the service temporarily appointed as latent teachers district. He was a jubbleg watch repairer.

The musical fairy play, which was given in the institute, Mickle:on, on Saturday evening, proved a great success, the room being crowded. The play was considered to be one of the best performances of its kind werch has been given in that village, and was in three achs. Boto the scenery and the dresses were very good, whilst the eleven girls, who constituted the characters, were all that could be desired. Great credit is due to Mr and Mrs G. V. Tarn, of Hayberries, who have had the training of the girls in hand. Owing to several requests, it has been decided to repeat the performance on Tuesday next.

Winston Church Sunday School. The scholars of the above gave their annual

programme of recitations sough, etc., in the presence of a large audience, on Briday last, in the school-room at Winston. It was one of their earliest experiences under the new lighting regulations, and great care had been taken to block in the light. The weather was not very favourable, but the auticipation of an excellent programme brought both children and their friends in goodly numbers. Careful preparation had been going on for some time, and the result was most satisfactory. entire programme was in the bauds of Mr. Bristain, the Sunday school superintendent, who had been assisted by his colleagues, Misses Hollowell, Brittain, Galilee, and A. and E. Pattioson. Miss Brittain was the accompaniat Proceedings began with the sloging of the well-known old hymn, "Jesus loves me, this I know," and prayer. After a few remarks from the Chairman (the Rev. P. Hughes), the following programms was extremely well rendered : -Planoforte solo-Glassa Saweroy; recitations -Tae call to arms - Annie Aggiestone; The Babe of Bathlehem-John Worley; Goutle words - Lily Brittain; A gentle boy - Jack Metcalfe; Brotherly love - Willie Wilson; The duty that's nearest-Norah Hodgson; The listeding patrol-Harry Yarrew; Italy-Be: nie Egglestone; Mother hen's counsel-Elsie Worley; Tae little armchair-Edith Hunt; The lads in the trenches-Robert Hodgson My putsy cal-Greta Eggiest ne; When mother bakes a cake-las Dickingua; The troop train-Albert Hunt; There was a little girl-Gertie Dickinson; True consentmentida Lamb; Jackie Jingle and Sasan Shingle -Walter Spence; The spider - Florence Hunter; The road to heaven-Elsie Coates; The dewdeope - Stanley Motcaife; To-day - Evelyn Worley; Stolen jam-Willio Scadle; Tae children's good-night-Olive Sowerby; songs -My little sweetheart-Mary Sowerby; Ged bless my soldier deddy-I's Lamb and los Dickieson: We are all under the same oil flag -five boys; settled sings -My little doily infant girs; Jack Bross-Litant noys and girls; quest and trio-'Nosth the sheltering aims--six senior girls; diale gue-- Perseverance wins-Emma Lamb and Antie Egglestone planuforte duett-Japanese fan dance-Misses Brittain and Hollowell; and musical sketch-The old woman who lived in a shoe-Mics Pattingon and acholars. - The usual votes of entertainment clused with the national anthem will endeavour to secure the engagement of and the blessing. Cakes and not less were then the well-known popular lecturers whose work | served to all the scholars, and thus was concluded a very happy and successful evening.

GRETA BRIDGE POLICE COURT.

WEDNESDAY. Bef : Merers John Smitn presiding, and M. J D'a ii

Neglecting to Report Parasitic Mange Stephen E Hogg, farmer, Ovington, was ammened for having failed to report to the police a case of parasitic mange on his premises on January 28th.—Mr J. Togram Dawson defended - Inspector Bland and Mr G. Thompson, veterinary surgeon, proved the case.—The defence was that Mr Hogg's regular borseman was away in the war, and through the neglect of the temporary horseman. who was less experienced, the horse affected had been treated for lice instead of the more serious disease. The ailment, it was suggested had been contracted at Darlington.—The Bench warned defendant to be careful in

future, and ordered him to pay 16s. ocsts. Lead Piping Missing From Deerbolt Camp. Two boys of Startforth were summoned to te children's court for having stolen three enes of lead piping, and wese ordered to be good behaviour for six months.

Summary of Crime Statistics for 1915. Barkard Castle and Staindrop Petty Sessienal Divisions.

The following is a summary of orime statistics prepared for the Home Office under the direction of Supt. Riddell:--Indictable offences, 9-7 males and 2 females - 5 being convicted and 4 obergo proved, and order made without conviction; non-indictable offences, 114, 7 dismissed, 14 charge proved and order made, 93 convicted, 4 were sent to prison without option, and 89 were fined. Details. - Food and Drugs Act, 1 convicted; assault on the police, l convicted; common asseult, 5 proceeded against and 2 convicted; cruelty to arimals, 1 convicted; Disease of Animals Act, 2 convicted; offences in relation to Dogs Act, 2 convicted; Education Act, 3, charge proved, without conviction; Night Possing Act, convicted; day possesing, I convicted; High way Act: offences by owners and drivers of carts 9 convicted; obstruction and nuisances, 11, 8 convicted; motor-cars, 4 convicted bleveles without lights, 2 convicted; indecency, 1 convicted; simple drunkenness, 6, 5 convicted; drung and disorderly, 32, 30 convicted; damage to fruit, stootra, 2, 1 convicted; other offer cos as to damage, 5, 3 to pay conte; Army Act, 2, 1 convicted; Towns Pariso Ciauses Act obsoene language, l. 1 convie - a; discoss in relation to Railway Act, I, I convicted; revenue laws, 14 12 convicted; stealing fence railing, I, I convicted; gaming, 4, 4 convicted; and offences against public-house closing order, 2 convioted.

Teesdale Education Committee: Lads and Farm Work.

The mouthly meeting was presided over on Wednesday by Mr M. J. Dixoc, J.P., the other members present being Mrs J. I. Dawsoc, Miss Nixon, and Messrs R. W. Raine, J.P., R. Armstrong, J.P., C. J. Smith and E. D. Brown (clerk) .- Mr Lee submitted the attendance returns for Jacuary as follows:-Barnard Dastie, 89-9: Smirdrop, 922; and Tecedale 86.6 -The son of a Marw of farmer had not attended school regularly, and, in the brief discussion which erence the intimated that the committee should not unduly press farmers in this crists. - Mr Raine: We know from experience that labour is very bad to get .- The Clerk : And a very serious thing to take a lad off school like this boy.—The Chairman: There is no doubt about that.- The farmer, who was colours ab u. three months ago, and, in the idle's early spring, when he himself was engaged on The | the land, he found it all clubely impossible to feed the stock. He added that he was well aware of the importance of education, and was auxious that his younger son should be adequately instructed. The Clerk agreed to Mr Jos. Collinson, of Middleside, who had Committee at Durham asking for leave for this a recommendation to the Cackdeld Council School and Ingleton School respectively.

Boldron Primitive Methodist Church.

On Thursday last a soon. and entertainment arranged by the members and friends of the above church for the benefit of the Red Cross Fund, was greatly ecjoyed by a large company. The following programme was highly apprecia-ted:—Pianoforte duet—Miss A. and Master J. Furnass; song-Marching through Georgia-Mrs Tinkier; recitation—Mrs Taylor; song— Peer old Jos—Mrs Piews; seng—The ship that will rever return - Miss L. Kyle; pianoforte solo-The pairceman's holiday-Mrs Cox; song -The vacant chair-Miss S. Tallectire; song -Grace Darling - Miss V. Raine; song-Don's go down the mine, dad-Miss Scepherd; reading-Nancy Doon's mishaps-Miss H. Mischell: song - Where are the lads of the village tonight?-Miss J Mitchell; song-That's ree reason non I weer a kilt-Master J. Furnass; song-Mary Ant, she's after me-Mr R. Tallen tire (oncored); dialegue-Eva and Ida Plews children's song - John Peel - Harriet Cook, Eva Plews, Ida Plews, William Burnass, Robert Howitson, Roy Plaws, Fred Hawitson and John George Whitfield. Refres. mects were banded round, and great interest was manifested in the presentation of a beautiful silver tea-pot suitably orgraved, to hiss Annie Shepherd, in view of her marriage to Mr Leonard Metcaife. The Rev. C. H. Lightford, who presided, in a law appr priate words, referred to Miss Shepherd's long connection with the church as a scholar and teacher to the Sunday school, and expressed the congratulation of the church and best wishes for her future happiness. - has Shepherd acknowledged the gift, and expressed her appreciation of the kindness shown.—The proceeds of the social amounted to 22.

Jumble Sale at Bowes. A highly successful jumple sale, in aid of the local Red Cross Fund, was held in the schoolroom on Saturday acc. Is had been well organised by the members of the working party, and was opened by Mrs J. J. Beil-Irving, of Rokeby Hall, who complimented them upon the excellency of the work sent in to her. Although no idea was entertained of outrivating the larger affairs of the kind in various towns, yes the matter was taken up so kindly all round that, with favourable weather, success was assured. Still the cotual sur relied quite surpassed the wildest hopes. The articles for sale were naturally chiefly of the jamble" order, but there was a fall show of new plain work aprens, and the like, also some rugs, to say nothing of positry and pigeons, alive and dead. During the evening a little programme of singing, etc., was carried out at intervais, and various hat-irimmleg, cakeweighing and other competitions amusement, and belped to swell the receipts. Excellent term and supports were pr wided the adjoining room, the good fare being much appreciated. At the close all the goods remaining unsaid were disposed of by auction, Mr Thomas Addison very kindly giving bis thanks were carried with acclamation, and the services. After paying the small expenses iccurred we understand that the not result, including a few donations, realised the handme total of just over \$42 to hand over to the funds of the working party for material.

" COD AND THE WAR": ADDRESS AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

Church of England's Mon's Tociety.

A large congregation assembled on Sunday

afternoon, when the Vicar delivered an address from Matthew xxiv., 6: " And ye shall hear of wars and rumous of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."
The Vicar said: Our Lord forewarned us that wars would take place, and that we were not to be trcubled thereby. But, nevertheless, we are greatly perturbed by this terribie war new raging. They ask why Almighty God allows such bloodshed and attendant sorrow? Well, God has given free-will to man, and though this gift is used for evil as well as for good it enables man alone, of all earthly dreating, to render to God a free and voluntary service. Then, remember that, from the beginning, a mysterious contest between good and evil has been proceeding, and this awful war is part of that great struggle. You know how Germany has treated her prisoners of war that she has looked on while the Turks have massacred the Armenians, and how she has drowned women and children. It is clear that a triumphant Germany would mean the establishment of brute force, and government by terror. Our triumph will mean a united empire, bound together as never before, and the commercement of an era of peace and goodwill. Germany will go down to posterity as an object lesson. She grew and prospered, but when she said that might was right, and that the end justified the means, she was cast down and broken. It is a privilege to be allowed to fight on the side of righteousness and freedom, and at all cost we will not whisper of peace until victory is achieved. Don't fear for christianity. It is certainly and to see professing christian nations fighting one another, but Christ's church is built upon a rock, and the gates of hell can't prevail against it. Germany teaches us that calling upon God won't save us, if our deeds are persistently evil. But, yet we are troubled and ask: If our cause is just, why does not God give us a speedy victory? Well, God never abets idleness. We were told of the danger, but we didn't prepare, and we were too foad of gain and pleasure sed luxury. Let us brace ourselves to the conflict, and call upon our Ged, and He will give us the victory. You ask: What about the young lives sacrificed on the field of battle? Well, only their bodies are dead. They themselves are still living in the hands of a merciful God, Who knows the selfsacrificing spirit which inspired them to fight and die for others. Leave them confidently in God's tands. The end speken of in my text will soon come, and ware will cease. shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more

Dalton Whist Drive and Dance.

A vary successful whist drive and dance was held in the school-room, Dalton, on Friday sen., in aid of the British Farmers' Red Cross Fund. Considering the very unsatisfactory state of the weather during the day, the committee—Mrs Parker, Mesers R. W. Bainbridge, T. W. Bainbridge, I. Brachwaite, Wm. Hepworth, J. C. Metcaife, H. Raw and I. Rutter-are very pieased to have the sum of 27 7s. 6d. to hand over to the above fund. The winners of the prizes at the whist drive were: -Ladies: 1st, Mrs Alton (173); 2 c, Mrs Tidyman (172); 3rd, Miss Swales, Bishop Auskland (171). Gentlemen: 1st, Mr Jao. Harchinson (185); 2nd, Mr R. Anterion (177); 3rd, Mr Thes. Walker (176). Scaled prizes: Mrs Walker, Gayles; and Mr J. Prest. Newsham. A cake for a weightguessing c mpetition was kindly given by Mrs Metcalfe, Datton Fields, and sold by Mr F. Parker. It was won by Mr R. H. Lowes, of Early Lodge, who naving guessed the exact weight (5 les. 2 oz.), returned it for sale, and was finally bought by Mr Tarn Bainbridge, the total sum realised being 21 15s. music was greatly appreciated, and efficiently rendered by Messrs Hall and Son, of Hallgarth Hill, Cothersione, to whom the thanks of the commistee are due; also to Mrs Hepworth for capable hands of Mrs Darwin, who also did the casering for the previous concert and dance held a month ago.

Sergeant George C. Waine Killed in Action.

Mrs Watson Waine, Thorngate, received a letter on Saturday morning from Second-Lieut. Roraid Eyre, of the 14th Durham Light Infantry, automoting the death of her son, Sergeant George Graham Waine, who was killed in Fracce by a shell on Sunday, Bebruary 13th, while in the front line with a working party. As the deceased's plateun officer the writer feels the happening most acutely, as he held the deceased in great estimation, and was very proud of bim. Sergeant Waine, says the writer, "leaves behind him the reputation of being a first-class non-commissioned officer and a thorough soldier. All the officers, noncommissioned efficers and men join with me in offering their deepent sympathy and regret. His grave is a mile-and-r-nail west of Ypres. I am sending iff to-day (14th) a parcel to you containing his private belongings. If there is anything I can do for y u please don't healtate to let me know." The deceased was formerly in service at Smith's garage, Galgate.

MIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

THOMPSON. - At use Pest Office, Middleton-in-Tecedale, on Bebruary 21st, 1916, to Mr and Mrs Geo. T. Thompson, a daughter.

Sowarby.-On February 14th, as Merrywick, Hedon, the wife of Major W. H. Sawerby, 2 oth Northumberland Fuailiers (Territorials), of a daughter.

Roll of Honour.

WAINE .- Serg ant G. G. Wains, No. 19117, of the 14th Battalion Durham Light Infantry, son of Watson and Elizabeth Waine, of Thorngate, Baruard Cassle, killed in action on Bebruary 13th, 1916, in France.

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HOWSON. - On February 20th, 1916, Mrs Isa. A. Howson, West View, Startforth, in her 37th year.—To be interred on Thursday, February 24th. correge to leave the residence at 2 p.m. - No flowers by request.

RAINE - At Church Bank, Egglesions, on the 20th instant, John Raine aged 82 years.-To be interred at Holy Tricity Church, on Thursday, February 24.b. at 2-30 Friends please accept this intimation. es 2-30 p.m.

HULL - At Cat Castle, on the 22nd instant, Toomas Hull, aged 63 years.-Interment at lartington, in Friday, at 2-30, cortogo leaving residence at 1-30 p.m. Friends please accept this (the enly) intimation.-

In Memoriam. Othy.- In leving memory i my dear mother, Unzabeth Okey, who died on February 22nd,

Ever remembered by her dauguter-inlaw and granddengiters, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Return Thanks. MRS WATSON WAINE AND PAMILY, Thorogate, Excuard Castle, desire to return thanks to the many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in their end