#### Women and the War.

THE SUCCESTED EMPLOYMENT ON THE LAND.

PROPAGANDA WORK IN TEESDALE.

Meeting at Barnard Castle.

A well-attended and i fluential meeting was held in the Witham Hall, Barnard Castle, on Wednesday afternoon. Mr H. L. Fife, J.P., presided, and there were also present Mrs. Stobart, Selaby Hall; Mrs J. J. Bell-Irving, Miss Marda Bell-Irving, Rokeby Park; Miss Stobart, Low Startforth Hall; Miss Cookson. High Startforth Hall; Mrs Graham, wife of Major Graham, and daughter of Mrs Stobara, Selaby; and daughter-in-law of Sir Frederick Graham, Norton Conyers; Misses Dent, Strathmore Lawn; Mrs Manby, Startforth Vicarage; Mr and Wrs Douglas, Startforth Villa; Mrs G. White, National Provincial Bank House; Mrs F. R. Sherlock, Wensley House; the Rev. H. and Master and Mrs Straker, Bowes Vicarage; Mrs J. L. Dawson, Oak Bank; Mr John Robson, Market-place; Miss Nixoo, Galgate; Mr P. Langstaff, sen, Stainton; Mr G. V. Tarn, Hayberries; Miss Mellanby, Galgate; Mrs H. W. H. Bircham, the Vicarage; Mrs J. H. Holmes, Galgate; and a

great many more.

The Chairman said he had undertaken to preside over that meeting with great pleasure, but he thought the occasion was no exception to the rule where it was advisable for a chairman to say as little as possible. Therethe facts, because she would explain more fully than he could the object of the gathering, which was to try to help farmers in the district to get over the very difficult question of labour during the coming year. Mrs Stobart would tell them how it was proposed to be done, and what steps should be taken to encompass the end in a business-like and to introduce Mrs Stobart, because, if she was not known, she would very soon make herself

known. (Applause).

Mrs Stobart, who had a most cordial reception, said she would endeavour to unfold the proposed scheme, if not with elequence, then with care. Men were being called up more quickly than many of them had anticl-pated, and she was afraid that it was going to be a very difficult year indeed for agriculture, as the prespect of having adequate labour on the land daily grow smaller and smaller. It was all-important for the success of this war that they should increase the volume of home-grown produce. The highways at sea were now dangerous, and they had fewer ships to bring produce, so that it was a superincumbent duty devolving upon the nation to supply as much food and the necessaries of life as possible. She could not say that she bad found farmers less patriotic than other people, and or eise they might spend a week in a ten miles she instanced the numerous sales for augmenting Red Cross funds which had taken place. She did not think that farmers were going to be the stumbling-block, though she recognised Durham woman, and was conscious of a mysterious prejudice having grown up against female labour on the land, though women formerly laboured regularly in the fields, and did so saill in Northumberland. Lately there had grown up an idea that it was derogatory for girls to undertake farm work. She hoped this idea would die down.

The Scheme Outlined.

Stobars proceeded to unfold the proposals, and declared that everyone who could ought to help to produce as much food in this country as possible, by the cultivation of gardens and allotments, women between the ages of sixteer and sixty being ready to come forward and work on the land. Some women forward and work on the land. Some women were afraid to register themselves in fear of being taken away, which alarm was absolutely abourd. They could work in their own neighbourhood, and no woman was sent away against her cwn wish. The canvass now instituted applied to England and Wales, and their district extended from Gainford to Woodland, and westward to Harwood, Estersneither were to besitate iv letting the canvassers know. If women were sent into this district from a distance they would have ously employed, and Mrs Stobart recommended that the terms should be settled between the farmers and the women. On arable land a band of woman, under a forewoman, on pleoswork, was a good plan, and was effective at hay-time. Then there were opportunities opened up by milking, and she could not think that women would be less patriotic than men, when they understood that their country needed them. There was a real need for women on the land, who would be doing quite as great a service as the men at the front. French women were doing all the work in agriculture. Women with separation allowance thought there was no need for them to come forward, but how could they do more in helping the men who were fighting than by taking the extra money and saving it? Probably in her own lifetime, emphasised Mrs Stobart, money would be less than ever it had been. Children should be taught to milk, nineteen out of twenty having passed the standard in Shropshire. She was

Not Necessarily Appealing to Working-Women. It was good for ladies and women in a better position to take this work up, and do it well. Why should they spend all the days they did in summer playing tennis? Why not go out to make hay? Her husband was a director of the North-Eastern Railway, and he had informed her that there were vast numbers of girls working well in this crisis, who were occadomestic servants, or girls from shops. She had never seen a girl looking more radiantly healthy than Miss Crick, of Whorlton Vicarage, who, with a man receiving the old-age pension, looked after sixteen cows in Oxfordabire. Mrs Stobart paid a high compliment to the work already accomplished "Oan we wemen hope to win this war without women, and, moved to tears, concluded; morifice? Women are very insensate if they cannot bear this strain My own brother, in charge of ninety men, has been in command of a forward trenon for nine nights and nine days, with irregular sleep, and we women should show the men that their endurance and their courage have not been in vain."

No Organization Formed that Day. -In reply to the Chairmac, Mrs Stobars said it was not intended to form an organization that day. She had come there to arouse their interest, and to sry and flad canvassers in each parish. She was gradually extending the movement, and Mr Fits was going to accompany her to Middleton and senindrop in fareneracos of the propaganda. Women must understand that an effirt is expected from them, and if they would help they would be doing a very

great service to the country. Mrs Stobart was heartly thanked for her address.

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Local War News.

THE HEAVY ARTILLERY IN FRANCE.

Interesting Account by Gunner A. R. Haigh Gunner A. R. Haigh, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, son of Mr Wilson Haigh, of Larting-

toe, sends the following interesting account of the work of the heavy artillery in France: A Day's Work of Our Heavy Guns.

The day begins by a "straff" on some particular billets or town. At a given time every gun in the sector discharges four rounds rapid fire on the place as pre-arranged. Then, perhaps, they are switched on to a certain section of treaches. The boom of the guns along the front never seem to be silent. All night long certain batteries are firing on what chairman to say as little as possible. Therefore he would leave it to the speaker to set out
the facts, because she would explain more
fully than he could the chiest of the gathering they may be firing on the front trenches or communication trenches, as we say out here:
"Generally annoying the Huns." For instance:
The Huns had been building a redoubt. Night after night they had been labouring under cover of darkness, till one fine evening our trench flares located them. Immediately effective manner. It was unnecessary for him the map square was sent down to one of our 9.2 siege batteries, and a few well-placed high explosive shells undid all their work. Our aeroplane observer thought the Germans had a wireless station in the ruins of an old farm building. An order for some of our special vidite came. The first round proved effective Very soon that wireless station was very much wireless. And so the day's work goes on. Let either side start a bombardment, and the other always responds. A message comes: "The enemy are shelling our trenches." Immediately our guns are turned on theirs. Battery wallops battery. Neither side stays quiet under a blow.

A Tour Amongst the Guns.

One of the treats which a few civilian visitors have had in France is to go gun seeing. They must have someone with them who knows the exact position of all our guns, quarter of the guns, so carefully are they concealed. Walking along you are only warned that you are a short distance away from a that they must have help on the land. Labour must be forthcoming, and she wanted to ask let is really wonderful that even the general women to volcateor for the work. She was a should know where they are all placed. For weeks and even months our batteries have been in one position, undiscovered by the German aeroplanes. You walk to the rear of the guns, and you see an order for some heavy shells, at a certain point on the map, being executed. All the detail of range-finding, laying of gun on target, and the angles of sight, which take so long to explain, are carried out as quickly as a calculating machine adds up columns of figures. Everybody is perfect in his part. In a very short space of time the battery commander knows how each shell is bursting, whether it is right on the target or requires some little alteration. From the observation post the observing party are spotting the bursting of each shell.

Cunnery Observation Work. Each battery has one or more observation posts or statious. These may perhaps, be in the front line trenches, or up some convenient tree, or in the ruins of buildings, or again, in one particular instance, actually behind the remains of a walt in "no man's land," in front of our infantry. For instance, a German gill and Langdon Beck. Canvassers took a battery has been observed the night before list of volunteers and farmers, and asked the by the flashes. The position is carefully taken list of volunteers and farmers, and means the latter if they were short of labour, and the former if they could work half-a-day, a whole the batteries. Next day the guns are ranged on, and each shell corrected by the observing on, and each shell corrected by the observing on, and each shell corrected by the observing shey are given rapid gun-fire until the ill-fated battery is destroyed. Observation work is interesting, as you see the effect of our own to be employed permanently. The Board of fire. But it has its risks as well, as you may Agriculture wanted a register. Farmers would be spotted by the Huns, and have to pick up not now get Irishmen to assist. Instances your telegraph instrument in a great hurry, were quoted at Coventry and in Devershire, and find another place that suits your teste where female labour had been most advantage.

The been vers are watching for fresh targets The beervers are watching for fresh targets at all hours at night-time for flashes from hostile guns, and through the day for the puffs of smoke, or for any activity on their roads or in the treaches. Very accurate the shooting seems to one unacoustomed to this sort of thing when you see a shell drop right into a Hun's trench, or in a hostile battery, which has been fired from one of our long-range guns,

perhaps 15,000 yards away. Gunner A. R. Halgh, of Lartington, has been home on furlough from France after having served eight months out there on continuous active service. He joined the Royal Garrison Artillery in November, 1914, and at once began to qualify as a telephonist and wireless operator, which examinations he successfully passed. On his arrival in France he was attached to the headquarters' staff, and along with su officer and one other was sent to the front for observation duty, where the whole of the operations by our heavy guns and artillery are guided by the three of them, day and night, continuously in their section. For instance, she officers and men who are at the guns cannut see where the shells are expected to explode, as they are so far from the target. At times the observation post is like a telephone exchange, the messages being received and despatched so rapidly, both by wireless and other methods known only to the operators themselves. Often enough our ow lines or wires are con by the enemy's shells and then one of the poerators has to go out and do the necessar repairs, under fire, at great risk. One of the narrow escapes Gunner Haigh has had was wen repairing the wires on the top of a telegone post a shell cut the post right in two underreath him Several times they have had to leave their positions, disconnect their instruments, and move off, owing to being shelled. After all the work is lateresting, and at times exciting, to know what the result of their observations will be The provisioning and rations supply are as nearly perfect as can be. The food, ten, or coffee, which requires to be kept bot, invariably reaches them in a warm condition, although they are miles ahead of the cook-house, being sout up in specially propared vessels, beated The greatest bardship is that they never got relieved like the men do who are in the trerches.

LADIES! WOOD'S CHALLENGE REMEDY

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STATION TIME TABLE,

From 1st NOVEMBER, 1915, until further notice.

NOTE. This Time Table is compiled from Official Sources, and we do not hold ourselves responsible in any way.

#### ARRIVAL OF TRAINS.

8 Middleton-in-Teesdale

7 31 Newcastle, Leamside, Durham, Bishop Anckland

7 35 London, York, Saltburn, Richmond. Darlington 8 86 Middleton-in-Teesdale

9 16 Penrith, Appleby, Tebay, Kirkby Stephen

10 2 London, York, Newcastle, Saltburn Richmond, Darlington (Wednesdays only)

10 10 Middleton-in-Tesedale (Wednesdays Newcastle, Sunderland, Durham, Crook,

Bishop Auckland
11 8 York, Newcastle, Saltburn, Richmond,

Darlington

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Darlington
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Bishop Auckland 5 43 London, York, Newcastle, Saltburn, Richmond, Darlington

5 56 Newcastle, Sauderland, Durkam, Crook, Bishop Auckland

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8 7 London, York, Newcastle, Saithurn, Richmond, Darlington

9 4 Newcastie, Sunderland, Durham, Crook,

Bishop Auckland 9 10 Keswick, Penrith, Appleby, Tebay,

Kirkby Stephen

#### DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

7 12 Bishop Auckland, Durbaw, Sunderland,

Newcastle

7 40 Kirkby Stephen, Tebay, Appleby, Penrith, Keswick

7 40 Darlington, Richmond, Saltburn, Newcastle, York, London 7 43 Middleton-in-Teesdale

8 40 Bishop Auckland, Crook, Durham, Sun-

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castle, York, London

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Penrith, Keswick

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Penrith, Keswick

6 12 Darlington, Richmond, Saltburn, York, London

6 15 Bishop Anekland, Crook, Durham, Sun-

derland, Newcastle
6 20 Middletor-in-Teesdale

9 12 Darlington, Saltburn, Newcastle, York,

#### SUNDAYS.

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5 50 Penrith, Appleby, Kirkby Stephen

6 0 Middleton-in-Teesdale 8 55 London, York, Newcastle, Saltburn, Bishop Auckland, Richmond, Darling7 20 Darlington, Richmond, Bishop Auckland, Saltburn, Newcastle, York, London 9 20 Middleton-in-Tecadale

6 5 Darlington. Richmond, Bishop Auckland Saltburn, Newcastle, York, London

On Thursday night, in the Witham Hall,

Withy, and Company, shipowners,

in the Army Service Corps

Castle, Killed.

was a lay render in connection with St. Mary's

Church, and secretary to the Parish Church

Young Man's Guild. He took an active interest

in the social and religious well-being of his fellow-men Courteons and intelligent, he was

Rev. W. Blackett, the newly-appointed curate.

made f-eling allusion to the sad event, and the

organist played Chopin's " Funeral March" at

The Story of an Egg Sent from Barnard

Castle to the Base Hospital.

A Remarkably Pretty Incident.

The other day two eggs were contributed by Madema Mathilde Pract, a Belgian refugee, residing in Queen-street, Barnard Castle, to the National Egg Collection. Rev. J. B Robinson,

whose interest in the work is beyond all praise,

wrote the name and address of the donor on

the eggs, and a pretty and romantic story is the

result. A letter has been received by Madame Pract from a Canadian soldier at Boulogne,

in which he says: " I hope you will pardon

the presumption I am taking in writing to you, but I happened to be in b spital in Boulogue

when an egg was served up to me which had

your address on, so I thought I would write to

you, as I have seen some of your beautiful

country, and I know how rulned it is. But,

never mind, there is a silver lining to every

cloud, and after the rain there is plenty of

supebine. Before I came down to hospital I

was billeted closs to one of your towns which

Britz has not touched, and from there we go to

the trenches. I am recovering from my illness

now, and in a few days will be rejeining my

battalion. I hope you are or justing your stay in England. I guest it will not be very long now before we make our move, and, when we

do get Britz on the run, beaven belp bim, as

we have gut a lot of course against him to settle up. Then you will be able, after a while,

when the Allies have built Belgium up again

to go back to your home, as you must feel it to be far away. I have made lots of friends with

Letter from Corporal Richard Watson.

Mr R. Wilsor, Red Live Hotel, Barnard Castle, has received a letter from Corporal Richard Watson, of the Trench Howitzer Battery, formerly busman at the King's Head Hotel. The letter is dated January 19th, 1916,

and the writer, who is in the best of health,

says: I happened to be in the trenches on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, so we had

to content curselves with a little sing-song,

and, for a wender, Fritz did not laterrups us

I suppose that he was having a "beano" himself, but we gave h.m a "salvo" at midnight.

They did not seem to take much notice of it,

for they shouted over to us in our language

"English, have you had your rum?" And "When are you glieg home?" I have seen a

lot of Middleton boys lately, and one of them told me I was reported dead at the latter place,

but I don't look much like it. You might thank

Mr Robson, at the "Teesdale Mercury" Office,

on my behalf, for sending me the good old paper. There is nothing I like better than to

I enjoyed the egg.

the conclusion of the service.

"Penzance, Weymouth, Scilly Isles, Torquay, Exmouth and Exeter."

Scenes Illustrated by Limelight.

The Sunny South.

Barnard Castle, Mr W. D. Dout, of Bishop Auckland, who is a native of this towa, reproduced topographical pictures of a holiday tour in Devoushire in 1913.—Mr R. Wood presided, and there was a capital attendance. —The Chairman extended a very cordial invitation to all not in membership to attack themselves to the local mechanics' institution. There was ample room in this little town, he said, for providing such pleasant and profitable evenings as the committee had lately been giving, but be asked for their assistance, as in LOCAL OFFICER KILLED IN ACTION. their endeavours the promoters, in view of development, were just creeping before they attempted to walk.—The Lecturer, who had a Second-Lieut. Harrison, late of Barnard Castle. very cordial reception, intimated that the photographs, numbering about 200, were all We regret to announce that Second-Lieut. Rowland Edgar Harrison has been killed in his own, and the views of the channel at Weymouth and Melcombe-Regis, including a fine swannery, and boats with fruit from Jersey and Guernsey, were very fine. Penzance, ction in France, an official intimation to that effect having been received from the War Office last Thursday. Mr J. Wissman, J.P., in 1595, was burnt by the Spaniards, who, having landed at Mousehole, about two-and-areceived a letter from the deceased gentle man's parents conveying the melancholy intelligence. During his residence at Barnard half miles distant, set fire to the place, and also to the village of Newlyn. A photograph Castle the late Mr Harrison identified himself of the only house not destroyed by the fismer actively with the social life of the town, sang at many concerts for charitable objects, and was thrown upon the screed. During the civil war of the seventeenth century the town was was an adept at cricket, tennis, and golf. The plundered by Sir Thomas Fairfax, in 1646, in resentment for the favourable reception given by the inhabitants to the royalist f ress under decessed officer was the second son of Mr and Mrs Alfred Hyrrison, of No. 2, Woodside, Sunderland, and was 25 years of age. On September 6th, 1914, he joined the 7th Battalion Durham Light Infantry as a private, and in Lords Goring and Hopeton, and, after the Restoration, it was made one of the stannary towns by Charles II. Sir Humphrey Davy was the following February received his secondlicutenant's commission in the 17th Battalion Durbam Light Infantry. He was in training a native of this town, and it was interesting to learn that the eastern telegraph service, so important at this moment, landed here. at Barnard Castle until August, 1915, when he Ives flourished on the return of herrings, and proceeded to France, and had been in the handreds of tons of flowers were grown in the front line trenches practically ever since. Soilly Islands, the trade extending from While in France he was attached to the 8th Christmas to the end of March. The tropical jungle vegetation, including gigantic palms and huge aloes, was uniformly very fine and Battation Durbam Light Infantry. No details are to hand as to how the gallant officer met his death beyond that it was in action. luxuriant, not so say surprising to north-country dwellers. The geological formations, at once wonderful and mysterious, was mose Scound-Lieux, Barrison served his apprenticeship as a shipbroker with Mesers Furness, interesting, and photographs of fields full of Hartlepool, and on the completion of his term remained on the staff until cultating. Only in January last he was married to Miss Vera arum lilies were picturesque. Torquay is situate in the most northerly cove of Torba, and occupies a somewhat irregular, but singularly beautiful site. In the cliffs, which Kimmond, daughter of Captain Kimmond, of Sunderland. Mr. Harrison was a good, all-round appression and a keen player are of extraordinary magnitude, are numerous various elevations. Some of them contains interesting specimens, stalactital and organic and fossil remains of the elephant and several of crickes, sesociation football, and tennis He and another officer, now also numbered among the killed, were specially mentioned recently for the fine form they had displayed other animals. Druidical knives have also been dissovered. There were fine allusions in the football matches at the rest camps, and the team they were associated with had won throughout to the tragedy and romance of the all its matches in a tournament. For doing so Devoushire coast, and not the least striking was the reference to Sir Cloudesley Shovel the two officers and other members of the team each received a silver medal from the who died in 1707, and the escapade of the Brigadier-General about a fortnight ago. The Prince of Orange. Exeter cathedral, in picture, formed a fine slide, and it is interesting to near relatives of the deceased officer are well known and highly esseemed in the town, and observe that the silence of all the early historians concerning the foundation of this magnificent structure has given rise to various much sympathy is felt for them. Mr and Mrs Harrison have two other sors on active service, one being in the navy and the other and opposite opinions respecting it. majority of writers, from Hooker, in 1584, to those almost of the present day, have stated that St. Mary's chapel, at the end of the choir, Sergeant William Johnson, of Barnard was the original Saxon church, and that the whole of the present fabric was 500 years in building. On the accession of Bishop Quivil had in 1280, the cathedral, with the exception of the towers, was rebuild in the early style of the control of t The melancholy intelligence reached tois town on Briday that Sorgen t William Johnson, of the 6th Battalion Durham Light Infantry English architecture, and is justly regarded as one of the most supern ecclesiastical structures in the kingdom. The interior exhibits a striking combination of majestical Barnard Castle Co-operative Society, had been killed by shell from a trench mortar. Great and heartfelt was the serrow expressed, the grandeur and graceful simplicity.—On the motion of Mr E. E. Scarth, seconded by Mr E. sincere gentleman being universally esteemad tures weeks ago on Sunday the Walker, Mr Dent was heartily thanked for hi deceased non commussioned thiose afterded instructive lecture. the men's nervice in the parish church here, he being at home on leave of absence. For some time he was engaged at the Bowes Museum, where he was greatly respected. He

#### The Temperance Question at Cotherstone.

To the Editor of the " Feesdale Mercury."

SIR,-The Cotherstone branch of the British Women's Temperance Association ought to feel highly honoured that an entire stranger ever ready and willing to assist every good movement, whilst as a soldier he personned the unaccountable interest in all its delags. What a pity Mr Stamer did not come to our last meeting. If he had not come to our last true military institut. Peace to his memory. meeting. If he had seen the crowded hall he would have realized that we are certainly not travelling in an empty carriage, nor a carriage for females only. He would have found muster of young men that would have rejulced the heart of any recruiting officer, until he had asked their ages, and shen found that the most of them were decidedly under eighteen, though they would pass for twenty any day, and these big, strapping, healthy lade have been brought up on a tectoral dict. It Mr Stamer could know, as intimately as I know, the young fellows, members of our branch, who have left our viliage to fight, not only for King and country, but for temperance also, he would admit that the Cotherstone branch has not worked without good results during nearly twenty years. As for the little the temperance party has achieved, please remember we are not at the end of cur journey yet, and have not given our tickets up. Rome was not built in a day, and prohibition was not won in a ago if the Government had not backed out of our tickets have got some punches on, which clearly show we have not been following a will-o'-the-wisp sloce the war began, and Mr Stamer knows that as well as we do. On two points I quite agree with your correspondent. The grocer's license, which leads to so much drinking amongst women, is a big blot on our civilization, and the lack of attractive recreation-rooms is another drawback. But, instead of giving up in despair, let us push forward with renewed courage, and, as Mr Stamer seems anxious for the Cotherstone branch to flourish, let him join the British Women's Temperance Association and lend a helping hand. In the meantime, like Tennyson, "My faith is large in time, and that which shapes it to some perfect end."-Yours truly.

JEAN WATSON. truly, JEA Cotherstone, March 1st, 1916.

#### your country perple, and go in and have my oup of office. Well I guess I will have to say an revoir, so with every good wish for your future and bappiness, I remain, one of the Inauguration of the "John Howson" Lodge of Good Templars. Canadian boys, C. S. HARVEY (corporal). P.S. — I hope you will be able to make this letter out.

The "John Howson" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was inaugurated on Monday evening, February 14th, in the Unitarian school-room, Barnard Castle. The constitution of the lodge and induction of officers was carried out by Brother Jac. 8. Watson, of Staledrop, the gentleman commissioned by the Grand Chief Templar for the purpose. The following were the officers appointed for the quarter:—Chief templar, Brother A. V. Hempsail; vice-templar, Sister purpose, Foster; chaplain and treasurer, Brother E. C. Foster; secretary, Sister Fletcher; marshal, Sister E. Hall; fluancial socretary and superintendent of juvenile temple, Sister Welch; deputy-marshal, Sister Richardson; guard, Brother Stobart; lodge deputy. Brother Welch. Some musical isoms were given by Sister Hall, and Brothers Watson, Bradley and Welch. A capital recitation was rendered by Brother Bradley. Sister Fletcher acted as accompanist. The lodge meetings are to be held in the above room every Monday night

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