LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Last night the condition of the Dowager Countess of Strathmore, Hars-place, was slightly improved.

Mrs B. N Wells, of the Manor House, Startforth, is doing duty at the Boreign Office.

The committee at Middleton-in-Teesdale have, through Mrs lease Parkin, remitted a further sum of £3, the proceeds of collection of the Penny Band for the Rod Cross. Middleton-lo-Teesdale Sgares well in its absoriptions towards this deserving fund.

Captain Eric Hanby Holmes, of Birnard Castle, who has recently undergoue an operation at the Research Hospital, Cambridge, is, we are glad to say, progressing favourably.

The late Mrs M. J. Dixoc's father was the first superintendent of the Rev. J. W. Escot supernumerary Wesleyan minister, of Parkterrace, Barnard Custle.

A very beautifully marked blackbird has been seen on the wing in Teesdale.

The Tees near Wycliffe," by Mr Jessop Hardwick, is the subject of a ploture at the summer exhibition of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours, just opened.

Last night, Mrs Garbutt, of Commerce Rouse, Barnard Castle, who has been indisposed for some little time, was a little batter, though not out of danger.

Mrs Raine is leaving Blackton, near Eggle-stone, and is being succeeded by Mr George Bainbridge, from Neamour.

Mr B. N. Wells, of the Manor House, Startforth, is at Rouen.

Owing to the death of Mrs Gilpin-Brown, of Sedbury, the Zatland Hounds ceased hunting until after the funeral.

The following contributions have been acknowledged to the Darham Light Infantry Prisoners of War Fund :-Sixth form scholars of the North Eastern County Schoo!, 24 47.

Company Sergeant-major R. Chatt, Thorn-gate, Barnard Castle, of the 2nd Durbam Light Infantry, who has been at home on abort, leave of absence, and returned to the front on Sunday night, has been promoted to the rank of second-lieutenant.

There is a portrait of the Honourable Arthur Handerson, M.P., in this week's "Great Thoughts." and a talk with the Right Honourable the President of the Board of Education, by Mr George A. Wade, B.A.

The Grots Bridge magistrater, on Wednesday, granted a protection order to Mr Blackett, who is entering upon the Four Alls' Ing, at Ovington.

North-country farmers are beloing their stricken fellow farmers in allied countries in various ways, and have it recently contri-buted many a hundred macks of seed potatoes through the mediam of the Agricultural Rellef are fall of gratitude for this timely gift. The fund has sent out relief worth many thousands Connell, in consultation with Superintendent of pounds to the farmers who have suffered Riddell, take the matter into consideration, ruin through the German invasior.

The collection of Greak colas formed by the Rev. Arthur C. Headlaw, D.D., of Whorlton Hall, Barnard Castle, will be mid by Messro Sotheby on May 8th, sud the two following days. This collection was formed to illustrate the political, social, and artistic life of Greece, and ahat with coins of great artislio beauty and

The Urban Council. THE VIGAR AND THE TREATMENT OF DIPHTHERIA.

The monthly meeting of the Barnard Castle Urban District Council was held on Thursday pight, under the presidency of hir J. Wiseman, J.P. There were also present Messrs F. Wilson, J. Guy, R. Arrowsmith, R. Woodbams, H. Walker, C. J. Smith, C. Hedley, T. Thompson, the Rev. H. W. H. Bircham, and Messrs J. I. Dawson (clerk), J. H. Veltch (assistant-clerk), C. H. Welford, M.D. (medical officer), C. J. G. Martia (inspector), and F. V. Ord (collector).

The Scar Walk and Flatts Lane.

At a special mosting of the Sanitary. Committee, held on the 3rd of March-Mr mith, the chairman, now reading the minutes -the Surveyor had reported that the condition of the Sar waik was dangerous. The Cierk had stated that he had written to Mr Bife, and had had a reply from that geotleman, who stated that the necessary repairs to the retaining wall would be done as soon as the weather permitted. The Surveyor had been directed to put up a temp warv force, leaving only sufficient room to pass. They, at an ordinary meeting, of the same committee, held on the 16th of March-Mr Smith again reading the minutes-it had been reported that the daugerous portion of the walk had been fenced 10, the wall-part of the footpath having fallen in. It was stated that Mr Fife was arranging to have the necessary repairs attended to so soon as the weather conditions. permitted, and had asked to be supplied with a mail quantity of lime, he supplying labour, and it was agreed that the request of the Raby Chief Agent be at once granted.-At the same committee meeting the Cierk had produced a form of specification and contracts sent by the Water Board, and it was arranged that Messrs Smith and Wilson go through and appreve of the same.

The Lighting of the Town.

Mr Superindent Riddell had attanded a is boing resolved that no further action be taken in the matter until the month desided by the Council expired, when observation could he taken as to the darkness of the town. The Clerk said be had since written to the Chief Constable on the subject, and the use of shaded lamps as allowed in Durham was alladed to, Mr Morant replying and confirming the Lighting Committee's decision. At the same time the Chief Constable pointed out that fisshights were being used indiscrimi-nately at Barnard Castle, and he had requested Supt. Riddell to have inserted in the local newspaper an intimation calling attention to this matter. Under the circumstances Mr Morant approved of matters remaining as they were as regarded town lighting.-Mr Thompson asked if the subject would come up again at the end of the mouth ?- The Chairman said the subject of that letter could be discussed by the Sanitary Committee.-Mr Thompson : Why not the Connoll take it now?-The Chairman remarked that the Sanitary Committee was the proper antherity .- Mr Thompson observed that shore was a certain amount of lighting useded in the town, as, in which have been consigned to Breach persants its absence, there was an element of danger. through the mediam of the Agricultural Relief He knew of cases where people walked off the of Allies Food. Some of these potatoes, by fisgs in Galgate, and risked budily injury. the way, are now being sown on the farm lands There should be a light at each corner of the jast behind Verdan, and the peasant farmers street. He moved that the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee and the Chairman of the Connol¹, in consultation with Superintendent

with power to order the lighting - Fas motion | Was : whe carried.

The New Overseers.

Mesure George Craig, Walter Hewiss and fom Borrowdale were appointed overseers of the poor.

The Estimates and the New Rate.

rarity are icoluded series such as the copper considered at a meeting on April 6tb, the Liverpool, son; 'I' and Mrs G. V. Taro, coins of Sicily. Chronologically the coirs or firmation of the same at a meeting on the Hayberries, son-in-isw and daughter; Mr and

DEATH AT SOUTHPORT OF MRS M. J. DIXON, OF WOODLEIGH.

INTERMENT AT ST. MARY'S CEMETERY.

We regret to record the death of Wrs Margares Dixon, wile of Mr M. J. Dixon, J.P. Alargaret Dixor, wile of Mr M. J. Dixon, J.P., of Woodleigt, Barnard Castle, which event took piece at Southport on Thursday, March 23rd. The decessed lady, who was a daughter of the Rev. Thomas Savage Monkhouse, Wosleyan minister, having been unwell for a little time, left hor home at Barnard Castle, for temporary yest and weidence at Southport for temporary yest and residence at Southport, on Monday, the 13th instant. The remains reached this town by the 12.30 (mid-day) train from the west, on Monday, and were conveyed to the Wesleyan Church, Galgate, where a short, improssive service was held.

The coffin was met at the portals of the neat sanctuary by the Rev. J. Ponrose Hodgson, the superintendent minister, who read a portion of the hepeful burial service, after which the Rev. F. G. Gatehouse read the 90th Pasim, and the Rev. W. W. Walton a portion of the 15th chapter of St. Paul's 1st Epistle to the Corinthians. There was a fairly large and representative congregation.

Eympathstic Address by the Rev. J. Perrose Hodgson.

The Rev. J. Penrose Hodgson, in the course of a short address, said : Our heavis are deeply touched as with respectful love we pay a tribute to the memory of one of God's beautiful souls. The immediate sense of ess must not make us naminain of the mercy of the Lord made manifest in the winsome and useful life now passed into the unveiled glory. It is too early to measure our loss. Our friend be greatly missed in every kindly and philanthropic effort in this town. Her sympathies were wide and deep, and her interests were never spulled by narrowness of heart. She gave generously and graciously. To ask her help was to come into the susshine of her friendship, and whenever possible to receive the comradeship of her personal meeting of the Sanitary Committee, on behalf of the County Police, and the question of the lighting of the town had been fully discussed, being the town had been fully discussed, inspiration. She always prized reverence and simplicity of worship. She rejuled in the evangel of the Lord, and was never happier than in encouraging those who preached the word. Whilst cherishing the dignity and beauty of worship, her faith in Jesus was ever social in its character. The welfare of her society class was her constant prayer, and its presperity her ambition. In the largeness of her nature, all her members, d'flering much in age and position, yet all fels "at home." There is no part of our church life upon which the shadow of her loss does not fall. We sorrow that we shall see her face no more, for she made us all feel that we were " special friends." Of the intimate grief of the loved ones of her home that she su often made the acene of hospitalizy, we dare not speak, but we commend them to God in earnest prayer that He may soften the mjstery and the pain of parting. For ourselves, we feel the throb of a mighty hope, the thrill of an assured triamph. There are many of us who are nearer heaven for baving known her. Our faith in all things boautiful and pure and praiseworthy is stronger : our belief in the "things that are above "more easy and confident. We know that the fruitfulness of her life of varied service will abide, and that she will live again in lives mane better for her presence. This day of remembrance will become a day of consecration as we think of our friend, who in this place, seems not so very far away, and who is for ever with the Lord

The special hyme, said Mr Penroae Hodgson,

Our l'ather, st Thy feat we bow, Through Jesus Christ Thy Son And let Thy spirit help us now To may, " Thy will be uppe

The Rev. F. G. Gatehouse brought the service to a close by fervent prayer. The Chief Mourners ware :--

The Clerk suggested that the estimates be Mr M. J. Dixon, J.P., Mr M. Cory Dixon, 'r and Mrs G. V. Taro, range from the carly Asistic cuinage of I as circa 700 downwards so the first century before Christ. An illustrated catalogue has the election of committees the same bight. Mrs Ranton York, Brnard Castle, son-in-law Mrs Ranton York, Brnard Castle, son-in-law ball and daughter; Mr J. Cory Badcock, Stocktor; before Christ. An illustrated catalogue has the election of committees the same bight. Mrs Red Badcock, Hishop Anogland; Mr Fred Badcock, Watcher, and Miss Sedwick (encore); song -Ferryman Lorno-Miss Sedwick (encore); J. Mark Badcock, Waterloo; D ra Monkhouse, Barnard Castle, cousias ; Mr recital-A trip from Tommy Atkins-Mr ARan Moulthouse, Manchester; Mr Robert Bousfield, Bisbop Auckland; and Miss May Dixon and Mrs Stanley Sweeter, nieces; Mrs Reay and Miss Arrowsmith, consins ; and the Misses Hemmicg, Cotherstope.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The Rev. J. G. Bowron, sub-aditor of the Primitive Methodist literary department, who is now stationed at Storkton, paid a visit to the Primitive Methodist Church, Middleton, on Wednesday last. In the afternoon Mr Bowron preached a most elequent and instructive sermon to a good congregation. In the evening he gave an interesting and fascitating lecture on "Helen Keller" to a large and appreciative audience. The reverend gentleman dealt in a masterly way with the psychological and intellectual development of Miss Keller, and emphasized the lessons of concentration, perseverance and magnificent heroism reflected in her life-Dr. Beadle presided, and in a very interesting address atroduced the Lecturer.-The choir was in full strength, and gave a fine anthem .- A tea was provided in the alternoon, which was well atter ded.

The annual Bebrnary billiard bandicep in conpro'lon with Middleton Mechanica' I-stitute was brought to a close during lass week, the results being as follow :- 1, Mr Jos Ball ; Mr R. J. Smith; S. Mr Jaz. Allinson; 4, Mr Jaz. Dent. Mr Gao. Wearmouth secured the special prize for the highest break in the handlosp.

A meeting of the Fell Pony Committee was held at Kirkby Stephen on Thursday.-- Mr F. W. Garuett (secretary) reported that the Board of Agriculture would offer five premiums for fall pony stallions of £40 each for the following districts :- Shap, Keewick, Appleby, Middleton-to-Teescale, and Kirkby Stephen. The show as Middleton will be held on Thursday, April 2016 (fair day), and the winner must travel the following districts -- Barnard Castle, Middloton, and part of Weardale.

Driver Newby Watson, of the Royal Field Artillery, son of Mrs Watson and the late Mr Ww. Watson, of Bridge-street, Middleton, who has been in France for eight months, arrived home on Wednesday morning for seven days' leave, and returned to Brance last night (Tuesday). He looked hale and hearty, and told many shrilling stories of his experiences.

Mr John Waltop. of Middleton, passed away on Thursday morning at the age of 58 years, and was interred in St. Mary's cometery, Middleton, on Sunday, amidst every token of

the deepest respect. A special meeting of Middleton Parish Council was held on Friday night in the Town Hall, under the presidency of Mr J. Waiton

(chairmae).-A farther discussi n arose in regard to the bridge over Hadeshope beck, and it was decided that the matter should stand over at present .-- Cheques were signed for the payment of several accounts .-Bree School Charity accounts were presented and passed by the Council.

The ocneert on Saturday night, in the Assembly Hall, Middleton, promoted by the committee of the local Mechanics' Institute, proved to be a great success, and the inhabit ants of Teesdale had a real musical treat Miss Sadgwick, Stockton, again delighted the audience, and guite sustained her recent a s-tinction. Miss Smedley, Darlington, possesses a fine contralto voice, and was well received. Miss Kipling, of Laucdale, a local sigger of great promise, made her first appearance before a Middleton gathering, and is worthy of special praise. Miss Kipllog is a pupil of Mrs luch, of Darlington. Mr Sidney Hodgson the Cotherstone comedian, was unable to be present, having been called to the coloury. Appeeded is the programme :- Quartette-Timbactoo-party ; song-The ringers-Mr J. Dancanson (encore) ; song - Until - Miss Kipling (encore) ; song - When you come home -Miss Geogwick (encore); recital-How we played Julus Caver-Mr Duncepson; sour -Angus Macdonald-Miss Smedley (encore); song-The songs my mother sang-Mr F. Lowe; dust-Oh! that we two maying-Miss Sedgwick and Mr Thompson; quartette -When evening's twilight-party; souge-The mountains of Mourne and Paill, the flater's

Fairy Cupboards, Cotherstone.

BY ALLAN RAMSDEN, BLUMONT-TERRACE, CONSETT.]

Who in the north of England has not beard of Fairy Cupboards? It is the first place a visitor to Colberstone asks to see. nestionable whether or not any place on the whole stretch of Tees, except High Force and Cauldron Snout, is half so popular as this wonderful sight.

Cotherstoco, you repeat. The word has in it a charm, especially to those people who have been there. It is redolent of sweet heatherscented zephyrs from the wild moors, and of flowers from the woods ; of the music of purling brooks and swiftly flowing rivers; of skylarks in the meadows, and other birds of song; of primrose, honeysackle and wild rose. reminds the patient angler of numerous trout and salmon, and their natural enemies-the otter and the heron. To the artist who has heen there. Cotherstone c mes as a series of delightful visions - wooded landscopes, quaint, old thatched houses, rustic lanes and old corn mills, with here and there a silent waterwheel. Legend and history, too, give it a mystic fringe.

But what of Fairy Cupboards? It is a rame given to a scene on the river Tees, some twenty minutes' walk up-river from the village, near to an elbow in the river where the valley is very deep and bread. The river has cut its way down through the meks, and in times of

by the water's apgry swirl. The effect of this wearing process is like to sculptured work. A series of miniature caves bave bace formed with wrought columns as the entrance. This is Bairy Capboaras, I trow by rustics maned, when nature's ways w relittle understood. To see this sight the river must not be in flood, or it will cover over a broad, rocky fluor ca which you ought to stand. This clear-washed floor is also interesting, having had deep round holes bored into its by the water's increasant toil. Each hole is the centre of one or more boulders, and these by the eddying floods have been made to circulate so as to grind holes both large and deep. The rock belongs to the millstone-grit series, and is suitable to the grinding process.

A listle further up the river millstones were formerly guardied for the numerous corn-mills in the vicinity. Sime of these stones remain where they were hown-a and reminder of other days of a decayed industry. Improved means of grinding, and the creetion of larger mists lod to the stoppage of nearly all the

small country milis. Oa the Durham side of the river, immediately opposite the Fairy Cupboards, there is a large, open space of some acres in extent, known as Primross Gardens, named thus because of the proface growth of primrozes in the spring-time of each year. This expanse is still fairly well studded with trees, though many fell to the woodman's axe a short time age. This large, open space is not only famous for its flowers, but also for immense colonies of ants. It is a rare sight to ano the homes of these industrious and painstaking listle creatures. I have seen no ant-bills so large anywhere, except some in the Dye House Woods, near Bernam. The hills are formed of bits of fallen foliage, especially of the fire tree. And to the essant observer, foliago, ants and ant's eggs are mixed up in nextricable confusion. The naturalist would and Primrose Gardens to be a place full of great interest. While looking at thes antbillis, each containing probably two or three barrow-loads of ants and materials, 1 was reminded of Soloman sauvica : "Go to the ant. thou singgard, consider her ways and be wise," and also of a story 1 read many years soo in a book of Scottish reminiscences. It refers to the

flocks. Religious services were often held in the open-air. One minister led his prople into a wood, and taking a large ant-hill for a pulpit began the meeting. Things wont on all right until the sermon negat. Then it was that the preacher appeared to be uncommonly unessy. The ants had become also much disturbed, and, after swarming up his legs, had begun to bite him most annoyingly. He stood it as long as he could, wexing all the more elequent under such unusual inspiration, and then coming to a grand climax he exclaimed,

FATAL ACCIDENT IN MARWOOD.

Farmer Falls from a Gart Laden with Straw.

Yesterday's Inquest and Verdict.

Yesterday morning, at Bluestone Grange, Marwood, the residence of Mr T. Hewitson, Deputy-Corocer Proud, of Bishop Auckland, held an inquiry relative to the death of Joseph Porter, of Rawxwell Farm, who fell from the top of a cart-had of straw on Saturday afternoon 1865. -- Mr James Stubbs, of Brosmielaw, was elected foreman of the jury, and the panel was composed of the following :- Mesers George Bradley, Robert Robson, John Rudd, Thomas Malcolm, John Robson, Robert Arrowsmith (Harmire), Thomas Brownices, George T. Wall, John Lagatafi, William Stoddart (Hatherick), and J. B. Metcaile (Park House) - P C. Clark acted as Corneer's officer. The first witness was Edith Mary Porter, widow, who identified the body as that of her late husband, who was 42 years of age. They resided at Hawxwell Barm, but on Saturday last he was belping Thomas Hewitson, a neighbouring farmer, to unlead straw, when her turband happened an accident. He died on the same day. She was not there when he fell, and did not know how it happened.

Thomas Hewitson said he was a farmer, and lived at Bluestone Grange. In reply to the Coroner he said that Portor was assisting him on the day in question.-The Coronar: On account of the shortage of men ?-Witness : No, we often help each other as a friendly act. He was assisting me on the 25th of March. We were carting straw from Barnard Castle were carring straw from Barnard Castle field has hurled the broken atone bither and thither in beauteous confusion. Other massive rocks have failed from overhanging cliffs, high above the river's hed, and lie amid fallen trees, foxglove, and forest form, covered by silvery lichen and variegated moss. Close to the accient hed, so far defying the raging fields of row the out of the lower of the lower of the load of straw, for glove, and forest form, covered by silvery lichen and variegated moss. Close to the accient hed, so far defying the raging fields of row the cart and she should. He ran round rolling boulders from the hills up-stream, and The Coroner: Was be conscious? -- Witness: Yes. He said: "Lot me lie still, and I will be alright." He was carried into the house. Witness went cut to lock after the horses, and came back ab at half-an-hour afterwards. All the time deceased second as if he was in a daze. He was surprised when they found he

was dying. The time of the accident would be about four o'clock, and be died a mewhere about bail-an-hour afterwards. He was a strong map, and seemed unusually well: in fact witness said he never saw him locking better. A doctor was sent for, but Porter was dead when he arrived. He thought it was apoplectic seizure.- A Juror : Has he over had a se'zare like that before ?-Witness : Not to

ny koowledge. Margaret Lilian Bowse said abo was a domestic servant in the employ of Mr Rewitson. She was there when deceased fell from the cart, but how he fell she could not say, as everything appeared "dazed" to her when she saw him falling. He had only began to unload the straw.

After a brief deliberation the jury found that death was the result of injuries received by falling from the cars.

LOCAL PARISH MEETINGS.

WHORLTON

The annual purish mosting was held on Thursday last, when Mr T. R. Givn was reelected chairman, and Messrs R. Kay and G. R. Alcock were appointed overseers for the ensuing year. The accounts for the past year of the several local charities were submitted to the meeting.-Attention was called to the state of the road between Whorlan and Baroard Castle, when the meeting urged that something should be done by the District Conned towards the improvement of its condition as soon as possible.-Ten overseers' yearly account was passed and confirmed .-- The parish has four charitles to deal with-Dove's Charity, the Lonsdale Charity, Ann Hopps Charley and the rent-charge on the school site - One or two other matters of local interest also came before the meeting.

EOLDRON.

The annual pavish meeting was hold at Mrs Boldron, on Thursday ever lews's bouse when a fair attendance of ratepayers was present.-Mr Sidney Addison, of Biades Field; and Mr J. Johnson, of Boldron, were thanked for their past services as overseers, and were Mr J. M. re-appointed for the ensuing year. Peverley was elected obsirman in the place of Mr A. Woodbams, who wished to be excased. on account of the probability of having shortly to join the colours .- The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Woodhams for his past services, and this was coupled with the best wishes of the meeting for his safe return should duty call him to other fields of service.

been issued by the auctioneers.

Four scholars belonging to the Staindrop Congregational Surday school were successful candidates at the recent examination of the Congregational Uolon of Regland and Wales Young People's Department, under twelve years of age. The text-book was "The story of oar hymns," by the Roy. H. Elvet Lewis, M.A., and out of a possible 200 marks they received the following :-T. B. Young, 170, 1st class; Hilda Caygili, 98, 2nd class; Jane F. Bates, 94, 2nd class; T. W. Robson, 93, 2nd class. The young people were trained by the minister (the Rev. R. W. Young), who will on sheir behalf receive the awards at the forthcoming county union Annual meeting, which will be held in the Heston Congregational Oburch, Newcastle-iv.- Tyne, on Tuesday, April 11th. This is the first time the school has saken part in any examination.

Sapper B. Morley, of the Royal Engineers, writing from Brance, said be was much grieved to read of the death of Col- ur-Sergeaut Burtonwood, and incidentally adds that through some inadvertency he has not yet received a parcel from the local War Emergency Committee.

The death is appounded, at the great ago of

90, at Newham Hall, Cleveland, of Mr John Mills, one of the Cleveland froomsaters. The deceased gentleman left two sons, the youngest being Mr W. B. Mills, who is well known in Teesdale, he being passionately fond of the chase, and especially of local harries and beagles. The late Mr W. B. Mills, of Cotherstone, who married a daughter of the late Dr. Helmer, was a brother of the deceased.

Mrs Joseph Kild, who is giving up Blackton, is being followed by Mr Joseph Moore, Egglestore.

There will be no elections in connection with the Urban District Council, this year, a chairman unly being appointed.

Private J. J. Richardson, of the Machine Gun Corps, who has been on a brief visit to this town from France, left again for the front last night.

Mr Joseph Parmley is relinquisting his farm at Egglestone, and will be succeeded by Mr J. Tallentire, Gordon Bank, Egglestone.

Nows has been received at Bargard Castle that Private Wardle, of the 6th Durham Light Infantry, has been wounded in the foot in action.

The Rev. W. Blacksts, Curate of St. Mary's, made appropriate allosion to the regrottable death, in action, of Privato T. Chatt, on Sunday morning.

Startforth Parish Council.

A meeting of the Startforth Parish Couroll was held in the school-room on Tuesday evening sen, when there were present Merses R. J. Bailey (chairman), J. Juffels, J. Gregory and J. W. White (clerk) .- At the cluse of the Bailoy in their and bereavement, in the loss of their sch .- The Couroll meeting was followed by the annual parish meeting, when the Chairman and Clerk made statements of the work dene by the Council during the year.

The following Thursday would be the general neating.

Cas Company's Report

The Clerk announced the receipt of the annual accounts of the local gas company. showing a very large profit of between £1 200 and £1,300, which was equal to a rate of elevenpence in the pound.—Mr Smith : I think you cannot relieve the rates in the way you suggest. You are not allowed to exploit one security to banefit mother interest.-I're Clerk remarked that in Darlington the rates were so relieved, and the undertaking under consideration was a monopoly.-A member doubted whether the works would be as J. Adams, J. Lynn, A. Steele, W. J. Wataon, J. equally well managed by the Connoil — Mr Clarkaon, E. Hobson, H. Hobson, G. C. Harker, Walker questioned whether a profit of £1,254 would have been earned if the Coutoil had bad the concern in their own hands .- The Clerk: This Council could manage anything that the directors of the Gas Company can manage.-The Chairman: It would be a bad job if they couldn't.

Biphtheria Contagious: Not an Infectious Malady.

Mr Bircham: I should like to ask the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee why it was that the first case of diphtheria, when it occurred in Mrs Brown's house, in the old Poorhouse Yard, where there is evidently very little opportunity of s-parating patients, was not taken to the infectious hospital, because from that case there were very soon three in that same yard? One of the sufferers died, and, although we wish to save expenses. we put health before everything, and I should like the child was not taken away at once, instead of Smith: The question should have been addressed to the Medical Officer, because it really belongs to the Doctor. I may say, however, that we did not think it was a disease malady that is very infections, and the succeeding patients are most likely to have got it from the same source as originated the first case .- Dr. Welford said Mr Bircham's information was absolutely incorrect, and the Medical Officer, speaking of the cases categorically, went on to say that the three cases had been properly iselated in the homes in which they had occurred. Diphtheria was contagions rather than infactions. He thought the cases did not arise out of each other, but probably from one specific source of inspection -drains. He did not tunk that the removal of the patients to the bospital would have had any different result, and added that a great deal of discretion was allowed to the Medical Officer. The mere fact that all the cases were out of daoger showed that the means taken were simply .- The Vicer: Tuon the child was not segregated to avoid expense, but because the

or didn's think it was necessary ? - The Medical Officer : That is se. **Contempt for Anonymous Letter.**

The Chairman intimated that the Clerk had received an anonymous letter enclosing a second communication without signature, addressed to bimself. He would like it to be generally known that no notice whatever could usual business a resolution was passed be taken of any communication of that kind, expressing deep symmetry with Mr and Mrs and that the missives would be destroyed. (Hear, hear)

Fire Engine and Hose, [Concluded at foot of next column.

The General Mourners

isciaded the Revs. T. Baron and J. W. Eacott, Barnard Castin; Messes E. Lingford, J.P., Cotherstone; J.G. Hall, J.P. J. Wissman, J.P., J. H. Holmes, J. G. Johnson, G. White, W. J. Bambridge, R. Ord, J. I. Dawson, John Robson, Clarkson, E. Hobson, H. Hobson, G. C. Harker, J. Rudd. J. Robinson, H. Wilson, R. Robson, T. B. lilsley, W. Garbatt, J. Swinbank, J. Appleby, A. Winpenny, Jas. Thompson. J. R. Arrowsmith, J. H. Brown, E. Watson, J. E. Dent, R. Arrowsmith, F. C. Foster, H. Parkinson, Mr C. B. Martin, J.P., and Mrs Martin, Mrand Mrs J. Guy, Mr and Mrs J. G. Harris, Mrs Eacott, Mrs J. T. Pearson, Mrs Whan, Mrs Allison, Mrs Cheesebrough, Mrs Beecroft, Mrs Chatt, Mrs Nelson, Mrs Cooper, M.sscs Nixon, Drummond, Newison, Avrowsmith, Walton, Escott, Dept and Hird, Barnard Castle; Mr and Mrs D. M. Specce, Lartington Hall; Messrs W. Pigg, Lartington; R. Nelson, Cotherstone; Philip Langetsff, senior, Cotherstone; Philip Langstaff, secior, Streatiam; and several others. Measure W. Stobart, J. Blenkinscopp, R. Bayles, J. Jeffels, T. Whatling and L. Sowerby were the bearers. Messers Bootbroyd, Sons and Rimmer, of Southport, were the undertakers, the funeral arrangements at Barnard Castle Chairman of the Sanitary Committee to tell us being carried out by Mesure T. Berrowdale why it was that, when the case courred, the and Son, Newgate. The inscription on the breastplate of the cofils, which was of polished being left there to infect other children ? - Mr funed oak, with brass mountings, was as follows: " Margaret Dixon, died March 23rd, 1916." The committal sentences at the grave-Fide were pronounced by Ravs. J. P. Hodgson, B. G. Gatehouse and W. W. Walton. The that wanted isolating in a hospital. It is not a hearto and mourning coaches were supplied from the King's Head mews, Barnard Castle.

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> tenders for repairs to the fire ergine and for a new hose reel or cast, the tenders for the Arat-named being respectively £22 5s. and £85. The Works Committee, at a meeting of which body both matters bad been cousidered, recommended that the questions he deferred until the next figancial year. when the same could be taken into consideration in the estimater.

Reservoir and Water Meters.

The Surveyor had reported at a meeting of Henry Bentinck. the Works Committee that the beight of water in the reservoir was 19 fast 3 inches. ORicz to the anowatorms it had not been possible to get anything done at the Spring Head, nor had the work of elessing the overflyw pipes in Mr Ireland's fields been completed for the same reason.-The Surveyor had reported that certain of the water meters required to be overhauled, and he was instructed to have this dozo.

Thorngate Bridge,

The Surveyor reported that he had received this bridge had been fenced in, as it was dangerous in the total darkness.

Dancanson (encore) ; song-My ain folk-Mizs Smedley (encore) ; bumprous song-Hasband (by une who has had four) - Mr G. W. Spring ; sketch-A haunted bonse-Lins M. Horr, and Messis G. Lorgstoff, G. W. Spring, G. Dant, and N. Lee; national anther. Mrs Duncanson was the accompanist. Mr W. Oddie presided. Mrs Duncanson

National Egg Collection for the Wounded

Soldiers and Sailors.

The society reports that the quantity of eggs they are now receiving weekly-between 180,000 and 190,000 - enable them to do little more than meet the needs of the base hospitals in France. Those hespitals must have the prefarence, and they add : "There are men there who are too ill to be removed, and who live for days solely on an egg and milk dist. We are profoundly grateful to be able to most the needs of the brave fellows, but what about the thrusands of wounded soldiers and sailors Have they to realiza that they are forgotten by the people at home? Are the people of this country overlocking the fact that these lads bave been wounded on their behaif, and consequently are justly entitled to the full measure of their sympathy and help? We cannot thick that the public would deliberately overlook the needs of the wounded . . . want the people of these isles to see that the wounded have the necessary eggs to assist them back to health again. Don's let it ever be said that the British public forget the reeds of Tommy in his hour of trial. We may be heavily taxed. There may be disabilities nader which we are suffering as a result of the

war, but we are a free untion, our shores remain inviolato, and we are winning. Let us express our appreciation in a practical manner." A cumparatively few in Barnard Castle and district are trying to do so by contributing "eggs for the wounded." 560 were despatched on March 23rd, but how many more could be sont if more unselfishness were

cultivated.



The aum of 214 5s, has been raised in the above parish by means of a concert and dance. which, owing to the generosity and loyalty of the dalespeople, was a huge success. This amount has been expended in the following manner :- £4 5. has been kept in hand for the adies to purchase woul and so knit for our soldiers and sailors; 23 has been given to the Red Cross Working Farly, Middleton-in-Constant of the British Red Cr as Society. London; and £3 has been sent to the fund f. parcels for prisoners of war, which is carried on by the Counters of Becktive and Lady



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amid sundry twitching movements : "Ma friends, ah canna tell what's the matter. For cartain the Lord's I' ma heart, but the de'il's i my breeches!'

Primrose Unrdens may be approached by crossing the river over the suspension bridge, and following a rugged track through river's left bank, or through the fields by Percymyre Ruck-a longer, but a bester way. Several rustic footpaths lead from the village to Fairy Capboards on the Yorkshire alde of the Tees. A similar footpath, too, leads from in the many hospitals up and down the country? | Romaldkirk. Fairy Cupboards is situated midway between Cotherstone and Remaldkick. Visitors would be well advised to obtaining the "Guide to Cotherstone and Nsighbourhood," at the Post Office, Cotneratoor. It

Teesdale Education Committee.

Mr R. Armstrong, J.P., presided at the regular meeting on Wednesday, when there were present Mrs Daws n and Miss Nixor, and Messrs C. J. Smith, R. T. Richardson, J.P., and E. D. Brown (secretary) .- Mr Los gave the average attendance for February as follow :-Parmard Castle, 88.9; Staindrop, 89.4; and Middleton-in-Teesdale, 87.5 The chlosr added that they had experienced a good deat of bad weather, and he was sorry to any it was even worse this month. - Miss N xon remarked that good wages were earned ing the munition works, and labour was difficult to get on the farms - The Clerk said teachers' reports were

suspended during the war, as they were not printing the forms.-Mr Tarn thanked the committee for having elected him as schoolattendance officer, and hoped the way in which he did the work would be so satisfactory as to cause no regret to the members in placing their confidence in him. Since his appointment be had been busy with census returns. - The Clerk : Some of the work had faller into arrear. The committee don's know what is done in the way of keeping the records of parents and children. The returns justify the Count Council in claiming the grant.-Miss Nixon All that sore of thing does not soom to be c.

any value when it is done .- The Clerk : Every child bora in the district, when it becomes five years of age, has its name entered here .- Miss Nixon : 1) is only of use where there are obilized, and it soums to me to be a waste of ime when other things are to do -The Clerk The same thing runs throughout the county of Durham. -- Mias Eleanor E. Raine has been appointed supplemental tescher at Woodland senool. She has taken the position of a teacher who has gone on service.

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Baldersdale's Splendid Effort for the Red Cross Fund.

Mr George J. Walker, of Brier Dykes, Balderedale, has received the following letter, bearing date March 23rd, 1916, from the Hon. Sir Charles Russell, chairman of the Collections C mmittee of the British Red Cross Society: "I am very much obliged to you for your letter of the 12nd lust., enclosing obeque for £10, being the proceeds of a concert given by the Buldersdale Rad Cross Committee in aid of the funds of the sick and wounded, and, as chairman of the Collections Committee of the Britian Red Cross Society and Order of St.

John, I desire to thank you and your committee for t. s genes ma donation. A formal recoip? is enclosed herewith."

The Latest Styles in Navy, Grey, and Covert Castumes are now being shown by Howson and Reay. Piease call and inspect.

BIRTUS, MARBIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Roll of Honour.

CHATT. - Killed in France, on March 15th, 1916, Private T m Chatt, 17th Northumberland Fasillers (Pioneers), North-Esstern Rallway Battalion, beloved husband of Sarah Lizzie Chait, of Banard Castle, sged 28 years.-"Gone, but not forgotten."

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Jeaths.

PORTER. -Os the 2oth instant, Joseph, dearly beloved husbard of Edith Mary Porter, of Hawxwell Barm, Marwood, agod 42 years. -Interment as Barnard Castie Cemotery, on Thursday, March 30th, as 4 p.m. Friends kirdly accept this in:luntion.-Deeply

SCAIFE .- On March 22ad, at Mount Pleasant, Scartforth, formarly of Micklaton, Mary, widow of William Scalle, aged 79 years.

ALDERSON .- On Murch 24:b, 1916, Elizabeth Mouday, Marca 27th.

Roturn Thanks.

MRS T. CHATT AND FAMILY. AND MR AND MRS J. T. CHATT AND FAMILY desire to return that for kind exquiries and sympathy shown to them in their recent hereavement.

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