THE TEESDALE MEROURY-WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1916.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

United States Government THE accepts the asaurances offered by Germany, in a Note which makes it quite clear that the "submarine policy announced on February 4th, 1915, is understood to be definitely abandoned. The Note also bluntly states that Germany's observance of international law must not be contingent upon the action of any other belligerent. The rights of neutrals on the high seas are not to be bargained over.

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

A lad was angling in the Percy Beck on Satarday morning, when a swallow alighted on his rod, and, after a rest, again took wing A gentleman standing by, and who witnessed the incident, thinks the bird may have been sflected by the intense cold of the morning after the phenomenal thunderstorm.

Tee cornerake or landrail was heard at East Field, Mickleton, on Sunday night.

Mr Wake's last sermons will be preached or May 21st, prior to his going to France. He hopes to leave London on May 28rd, en route for the front, for three months.

By the breaking of a "jouroal end " in the seventh ocks waggon in a long mineral train on the Bishop Auckland line, on Thursday, passenger traffic was somewhat interrupted The breakage occurring in a "cutting," and the possibility of overthrowing the broken waggon, and the train being coupled-up and moving on. was out of the question. The damage and delay were equally trifling

The committee of the Cotherstone Rifle Club wish to announce that as a result of the modal keld on the evening of Easter Monday they are enabled to forward the sum of two guiness to the funds of the Red Cross Society, and one pound sixteen shillings and tenpence to the Rifle Club funds.

Major G. F. T. Leather, the eldor of the six soldier brothers who were so well known locally and two or three of whom have laid down their lives in this war, has been given au appointment as a camp commandant. He is one of the old "Fighting Fifth," and like his five brothers received the South African medal.

Trooper R. C. Hunter, of the 12th Lancers (Prince of Wales' Owp), who has been on active service since the outbreak of hostilities, and who was formerly a compositor in the office of this journal, has been at home on a few days' leave of absence. The galiant trooper, though he bas experienced hard fighting, is, so far, unscattod

Sorgeant Bert Stoddart, of this town, on active foreign service with the Durham Light Infantry, has been promoted to the rack of quartermaster-sergeant.

Ree in abundance has been found in a Loch Loven trout cought in the Tees Valley Water Board's Hury reservoir, in Baldersdale, by Mr W. G. Risbardson, of Barnard Castle. Trout seasonably spawn in Octobor.

A Scotch soldier from Sheffield is under remand for stealing a bicycle in Buldersdals.

At the Bradford show, on Saturday last, Mr G. W Mortun, of Vane-road, Barnard Castle, won three firsts, and the Welburn fifry guines silver cup for best smooth terrier in the show, and also the gold medal. Mr E A. Metcalle, Gaigste, was successful in winning the grand challenge class for the best puppy in tho show, and neveral other prizes.

The Rev. J. B. Robinson reposts that he was

TEESDALE VOLUNTEER TRAINING CORPS.

Recognition by the Government.

Attended by 28 out of 80 men on the roll, a general meeting of the Teesdale Volunteer Training Corps was held at Barnard Castle on Eriday night, under the presidency of Mr Harry Walker .- The Secretary (Mr G. Burt), in his report, said some things the corps had done very woll, and some very moderately, owing to the slackness of interest on the part of the members.-The Treasurer (Mr L. H. Barnard) reported an unaudited credit balance of 294 4s. 21 .- Major J. W. B. Heslop, in the course of a comprehensive address, congratulated the members on the character of the inancial statement, but regretted that out of 109 men enrolled a vear ago only 41 had rendered themselves efficient according to the scheme. They had, however, sent 16 men and 3 officers into the army. (Applause). During Yesterday, at his visitation at Leeds, the Bishep of Ripen supported division of diocese. State of the two lystem on the second kindly conducted by Dr. Welford, one of their mombers, and so satisfied was he with the progress made that they had now joined St Jobn's Ambulance, and in due course there would be an examination, whon it was hoped the members would give a good account of themselves. In signaling they had taken the semaphero code, but the Morse attempt had fallen through. In shooting the beginners had occasioned surprise in their accurate firing, and the oldest member had won the cup which Mr Wells had given. They had started the year with 109 members, and only ten bad resigned. The largest number drilled was 85, and they now had an average drill attoudance of 30. They had taken in hand the drilling of the group mon, and he hored Tribupals would exempt men on joining a Volanteer Training Corps, several members baving taken kind to the suggestion, which held good in law. Man had left the corps because of non-recognition on the part of the Government, and they had all felt that. But he would like to see all men who refused to join the curps roped in the

army. They were very much indubted to the County School Officers' Training Corps, not only for the ave of the drill-ground, but for the loan of rifles and the insight gained of the wespon The question now was, what were they going to do in the future? He had orders from Colonel Burdon, of the County Battalion, what they must do in case of an invesion, and do not let them forget that they were now recugnised by the Government, and Mr Barnard had in front of him a letter from the War Office setting out regulations under which they had to exist in the future. In order to make a useful unit they must have more drill and more men .- A conversation ensued, in the course of which two platoons were advocated, and it was notified that members would now be required to take an oath of allegiance, and to give 14 days notice in writing before leaving the corps It was urged that every man be asked to give a definite "yes" or "no" as to future service, and to this end the 52 absentees in pledge of his willingness and readiness to continue to serve under the new regulations. -The committee and officials were re-alected, and thanks were accorded to the County Bohool, the local cricket club and the Chairman.

Good Property in the Local Market.

On Friday afternoon, at Messys Parkinson's sale-rooms, Horss-market, Barbard Oustle, to close a trust, freehold business promises and a villa residence were offered for sale, Mr T. Parkinson wielding the hammer. There was a fairly good attendance. The first lot offered comprised the freehold shop and dwelling-house, known as " Tseadale House," founded as a drapery oncern by the late Mr John Howaca. The premises are occupied by Mr J. R Arrowsmish, who trades as "Howson and Resy," and for half-a-contury a successful business has been carried on.—MrJ I Dawson, who acted for the vendors—Messre J. G. Burn and James Thompson, the executors under the will of the lete Mr John Howson-read the and the lete Mr John Howson-read the conditions of sale, and stated that the son when he came home from the war. Amongsi o the 13th day nplated of June ensuing, if sales were eff-oted. The property is chargeable with nominal c sile soldiers and sallers, which were collected as guard rent, and all the fixtures belong to the follows :- Spanham, 10, per Mrs Peacook; tenant - The Austionser said it was not often Benant -- The Austionser said it was not often that business premises like these came into the market .- The first bld was 2000 and the last offer was 2900, at which figure the lot was withdrawn. The second lot comprised the freehold villa residence and garden, callod West View, Londings. Startforth, with conservatory, and nearly an acre of garden ground attached.--- Mr T. K. Bell : To whom does the main road in front of the house bolong ? - Mr Dawson : It is a private occupation road belonging to all the owners of the Leadings estate.- Mr Ball : Where does the surface water and sewsge drain ? - Mr Thompson : The drainege gres into a tank .---The first offer was £300 and the last bid was 2525, at which sum the villa residence was withdrawn .- The Auctioneer : We thack you for your attocdance, and we shall be glad to negotiate with Masars Nicholson and Bell, the last respective bidders.

THE REV. W. CALLENDER WAKE AND NO CYCLISTS' MEET AT WHITSUNTIDE. DEMONOLOGY.

The Rev. W. Callender Wake, preaching on Demonology, on Sunday night, in the Cougregational Church, Barnard Castle, said : There is a powerful though unseen psychological the North-Eastern Cyclists' Meet was held on disturbance which seems to invade the sanotity of the sonl, uniavited and unasked. It is a fact, whether we believe in the personality of the Devil or no, that we are assailed on all macherson, honorary secretary, read the sides by this silent and unseen force, which always works for evil. In the spiritual world the struggle is not so much sgainst fiesh and blood, but with evil as a spiritual force-a power working from superhuman sources. Now if this be true, and I think it is, it is clear that humanity stands in greater danger from evil which operates from the invisible world, than Much useful work was done from a recruiting from anything we have to reckon with on the point of view, and the military sports, profrom anything we have to reckon with on the purely natural plane, and what Jeaus did on the cross and by His passion, was directed mainly against that, and was designed to over-throw it Where does all the evil in this world come from ? Dues it originate in the hears of man? I think not. Whatever may be the explanation of its presence in the univers. its origin is not here, but elsewhere.

GAINFORD LITERARY INSTITUTE.

Successful Jumble Sale.

The "Queen of Durham villages " was very lively on Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being a jumble sale in aid of the funds of the Gainford Literary Institute, which was held in the Coronation Hall. The institute was built in 1864, mainly by free labour, building materials also being given. What debt remained was paid off by means of a baztar held in the summer of 1855, under the patronage of the Duchess of Cleveland, Mrs Aylmer. Walworth Castle ; Mrs Sowerby, Thorpe Hall ; Mrs Maude, Selaby ; and other ladies. The original trustees on June 5th, 1855, were Rev. G. Macfarlan, Messrs Wo. Surtees Raine, Snow Hall; Thes. Raine, Wm. Bowman, junier, M. W. Davison, Thes. W. Deighton, Winston; and James Hardy. On December 21st, 1892, Mr Wm. Bowman, the sole sarviving trustee, appointed Rav. A. G. Bowman, and Messa Joseph Edieston, M.D., Robi, Adamson, C. W. S. Goodger, W. L. Hicksy, Geo. Calver', C A. J. Bowen, and H. Kitchen as new trusters. On March 16th, 1860, Mr O. R. Morris in gave a lecture on "America." The Rev. G. Macfarlan occupied the chair. A grand soirce and raffia, in aid of the Roman Catholic mission at Evenwood, were held on February 17th, 1865, under the direction of the Rev. J. Rodgers, of Galcford, about 300 people being present. The Church of E-gland services were held in the institute during the restoration of the church, 1864-5. More recently the Society of Fliends held their services for many years in the institute. The trustees of the penny savings bark were Roy. Dr. J. Edleston, Roy. Thos. Witham, and Mr John Hets. At the present time dramatic, chural, and Jebsting societies are in existence, together with an up-to-inte library, last year's issue of books will be approached by letter from the Secretary, while every man in the room at once stood up a comfortable, well-warmed biliard-room, an additional staircase, and other conveniences. The visiting membership averaged 45 nightly during the winter months The opening coremony was performed by Mrs Josoph Pease. -The chair was occupied by the Rev. T. H. Knuckey, who, in felloitous terms, said Mrs Joseph Pease needed no introduction to the inhabitants of that village. In her busy life she could find time for everything, even though her time was of national importance. He explained that the Institute Committee had some necessary alterations made before the outbreak of the war, and it was now high time the remainder of the debt was paid,-Mrs Pease, in declaring the sale open, said it was a revelation to her to find the institute auch a sphere of influence and so verestile in charactor. Belence and art class.s were promoted before the introduction of the present national educational system, and the institute had its owa prosperous poeny savings bank until the post office bank opened. At the present time the register for women workers on the land

The Deciding Meeting in Newcastle. The annual meeting of the representatives of the north-east coast clubs associated with

acnual report, which stated that last year's Meet at Barnard Castle took the form of a recruiting carnival and military sports. The officials of the Meet at Newcastle, acting in conjunction with a strong and representative committee at Barnard Castle, had every reason to be gratified at the result of their venture. moted for the benefit of the troops located on Teesside, proved must popular. It was satisfactory, too, to be able to record the fact that the financial results came up to District Council; Mr L. H. Barcard, and Mr T. Bienkinsopp for the good work accomplished on behalf of the undertaking. - On the motion of Mr A. Norton the report was adopted .-- Mr J. H. Woods presented the financial statement, which showed a debit balance of £10.-Mr F. J. Wilson, chairman of the Barnard Cas:le Urban District Council, said that he was present on bohalf of the johabitants of Barnard Castle to invite the wheelmen of the north-east cossi to continue their visit to "Barney" during the forthcoming Whitsuntide holidays. He suggested that the cyclists should co-operate with the district councillors and townspeople in organising the Meet on the same lines as last year, when a military athletic festival was a successful feature. As chairman of the Council he would make a stronuous attempt to sustain the high traditions of the old-established wheeling carnival, and the sownspeople, soo, were prepared to do all that was necessary to maintain the attractiveness of the gathering. - Mr A. Norton said the wheelmen were gratified to know that the people of Barnard Castle were desirons of again entertaining the north-u-st coast wheelmen at Whitsuntide, but in the circumstances he thought it would be inadvisable to hold the Most. All the young wheelmen wore serving with the colours, and the senior division had responsible national duties to fulfil with a view of carrying the war to a successful issue. He moved that the Meet be abandoned for the current year, and that the present officials remain in office so as to be in readiness for reviving the Meet at the ord of the war .- Mr W. D. Stephenson seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously .- It was agreed that the officials and representatives of the Meet should assist the authorities and townspeople of Barnard Castle in a proposed scheme to organize a military sports meeting at Whitsuntide.-On the motion of Mr J. H Woods, votes of condolence wate passed with the relatives of the late Mr F. Tait, who soted as joint secretary of the Meet with Mr Alex. Wilson some years ago, and the late Mr Geo. Matthews, au ex-president of the Meet during his residence in Sanderland, prior to emigrating to Outario, Osnada.— The Chairman invited the representatives of all the oyoling clubs in Northumberland and Durham to support him at the annual church parade at Scannington last Sanday.-Votes of thanks to the officials coucluded the meeting.

TEESDALE CUARDIANS.

The annual meeting was held on Wednesday, when, on the proposal of Mr J. G. Hall, seconded by Mr M. J. Dixon, Mr John Smith was unanimously re-elected chairman. - The Chair-man, in acknowledging the Guardians' renewal of confidence, expressed his sense of the high honour done to him. He regretted that the hope he expressed last year that the war would be over had not yet been realised, but ho trusted that by the end of another year peace would be proclaimed as the result of a great victory for the Allies.-Mr F. E. Gibs in was posal of Mr re-alcored vice-chairman on th Davidson, seconded by Mr H. L. Bile, and he acknowledged the compliment.-Messra J. Smith, G. R. Gent, G. Lineley, B. L. File, F. E. Gibsor, L. Gibsor, and R. Walker ware appointed to represent the Durham townships on the Assessment Committee, and Messrs J. Waltor, W. Bowes, W. Erringtor, James Peacock, and C. Wallor the Yorkshire townsblps.

Local War News.

Barnard Castle Ladies' Association. Mrs Watson, the Mcu.t, tressurer of the Barnard Castle Ladies' Association, has Bergeant Stoddart. He says: "I take this opportunity of writing to thank you very much on behalf of myself and the other men of the 6th Darham Light Infentry, who are doing duty here, for the box of socks, etc., which I received and divided out. The socks are most socepi-able, and please thank the members of the Ladies' Committee for remembering us Mrs Biroham has also received the following communication : "DEAR MADAM, - It gives me great pleasure to write you this lotter of thanks for your kindness in forwarding from the Vicarage Depót the socks, etc., sent by the Baroard Castle Ladies' Association for the men expectation, and the funds of various Teesside organisations benefitied considerably as a result of the meeting. The thanks were due to the patron, Lord Barnard ; president, Mr David H Allan; Colonel G N. Caulfelid, Major J. W. B Hestor, Councillor J. Wisewan, late chairman of the Barnard Castle Urban District Council; Mr L. H. Barnard, and Mr T. Bierkinsop for the good work.
will be given to the meu as they become necessary. Again thanking you, I remain, yours respectivily, A. R. HOPE, lisut.quartermuster. May Srd, 1916 "Also the transport cilider of the 6th Durham Light lafautry writes on Kay 2nd, 1916: 'I got a splendid bundle of mother the full state of the full sta We thank the Barnard Castle Ladles' Association most sincerely for these gifts, and they are highly appreciated by all of us out hare.

Voluntary Workers' Association : Greta Bridge South.

of 774 articles. For contributions she is indebted to the Dowager Lady Milbank and Mrs Welham, Barningham Park ; Miss Gough and Barningham workers ; Mrs Straker and Bowes working party ; Mrs Clove and Hatton Magna working party; Mrs Hatobloson and Wycliffe working party; Mrs Cookson, Mrs Manby and Miss Green. Start-forth; Mrs Sawart, Miss Sewart, Mrs Beotham, Mrs Coulthard, Mrs Catherall, Mrs Young, Mrs Gibson, Mrs J. Errington, and many kind friends in Rokeby and Brignal, and siso the school-children of Rokeby and Startforth.-Mrs J. J. Beil-Irving, voluntary organiser, has from January 1st to April 30th this year forwarded the following to the County Depob, Northallorton :-Shirts, 26; pairs of secks 222; pairs of mittens, 186; moffivra, 110; bedjackess, 24: pairs of koltted coffs, 21; pairs of bodrocks, 67; but water case covers, 7; helpless-case j ckets, 19; helplessones nightgowns, 11; Balaolava beimets, 15; oilakin c were for them, 3; hespital bags, 59; mains of operation stockings, 16; pillow-slips, 9; small cushions, 3; pairs of slippers, 3; walking-sticks, 10; bandages, 12; pair of Pyjamar, 1.

Streatlam and Stainton War Relief

Fund. The committee wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations, resulting from the house-to-boung contention in April: -(1) Collected by Mrs Wright-Lady Glamis, 5s; Mr and Mrs Ralator, 10; Mrs Sayer, 4s; R.H., 1s; Mins A. McQaceu, 1s; Mrs Green, 23; Mrs Laugan, 18; Md, 1861; E W., 48; Mr Allardice, 2863; Wr H. Bradiey, 2264; Mr M. Regerson, 18; Mias Austev, 28; Mrs Macdonald, 6d; Mrs Gibbon, 1s; Mr P. Langstaff, junier, 3s 6d; Mrs McQueen, 1s; Messrs Meteralte, 2s; Miss Simmende, 1s; Miss E. Meredith, 25; Mrs Rogerson, 18 6d; Mr G. Stokeld, 18 6d; Mr R. B. Dudds, 55. (b) Collected by Miss M. Creckatt and Miss M. Wilkin-Mr W. Wilson, 28 6d; Mr W. Crockatt, 2s 61; Mr A. Crockatt, 2s; Mrs Walker, 1s; Mrs Swann, 1s; Mr J. W. Dawson, 1s; Mr Adams, 2s 6d; Mr G. L. Wilkin, 2s 61; Mr R. Scalle, 6d. (c) Collected by Miss E. Bewick-Mr Bewick, 2:64; Miss Bewick, 2:64; Miss E. Bewick, 1:66; Mr W. Bewick, 2:; Mr R. Bewick, 2s; Miss N. Bewick, 6d; Mr J. W. Bewick, 2s; Miss N. Bewick, 6d; Mr J. W. Morton, 61; Mr J. Crockatt, 3d; Mr R. Walton, 1s; Mr M. Longstaff, 6d; Mrs J. G. Bell, 6d; Mrs Rutter, 1s (d) Collected by Miss J. Langstaff – Mrs Robinson, 3d; Mr Shepherd, 61; Mrs E. Langstaff, 24; Mrs White, 3d; Miss Shaw, 21; Mr Langstaff, Staicton Hill, 4a. (e) Collected by Miss A. Murray - Mr J. Garbuit, 4d; Mrs F. Lowes, 6d; Mrs Addison, 31; M.W., 6d; Mr J. Stoddart, 1s; Mrs Jss. Guy, 1s; B.W.J., 5s ; M.J.L., 1s; Mr R. Marray, 2s; Mr A. Taylor, 1s; Mr P. Gibbon, 1s; Mr A. Gibbon, 1s. (1) Collected by Miss Stout-Mrs Stokeld, 1s; Mc Raine, 6J; E.B. 2J; Mrs Hour, 6d; Mr J. W. Stokeld, 1s; Mrs Walton. 6; Mr F. Dawson, 5s; Mr G. Lowes, 61; Mr G. Witkinson, 1s. Total amount collected in April, 25 176 84.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The monthly meeting of Middleton Parish Council was beld on Wednesday night at the Town Hall, Mr W. Sedgewick presiding.-Mr G G. Morton signed the decisration, and took his seat on the Council. - The bridge over Hudeshope back cams up for further consideration, and the Bridge Committee were instructed to have it repaired temporarily.

Private Adam Brunskill, son of Mr and Mrs. Dryden Brunskill, who is attached to the Royal Field Artillery, and has been on foreign service since last July, arrived home on Tuesday evening sen, for a few days' leave of absonce, returning again for the front on Sarday Light.

Mr Jan Bell, of Middletor, landed a fine troat on Saturday, near Dent Bank. It weighed 11th. Quite a number of large fish have been taken from the river Tees about Middleton-intaken from one attent. Tecs ale this sparon.

Mr Issae Pavela, transaror for the local Red Cross P may Fand, has just received a letter of thanks from the Secretary of the British Red Cress Society Peany Fund for the Sick and Wounded for the donation from the parish of Middleten towards that fund. £18 10s. has already been sent, leaving £4 in hand, making £22 10s. collected.

*** The Primitive Methodist syncd was held at Stanhope-in-Weardale last wook-end. The represents ve from the Middleton-in-Teesdale circuit was Mr Joseph Coltman (circuit steward) .- The Rev. C. Pettler had charge of Mrs J J. Bell Irving has forwarded to the the business of the synod, and was compli-County Depot, Northalierton, the following list mented on the thoroughness of the preparations and the efficiency with which the synod's basin as was despatched. The reverend gentleman also preached the district synod sermon. — The reports on the whole were very hepeful, especially that of the missionary department. The income for the year within the district was £1,203 28, 6d., an increase of \$22,110, 110, The the Mark Mark Mark 282 103, 11d. To this Mr H. J. Mein. of Toft Hill, added 10 per cent. Over £150 was raised for army purpuser. - The orphanage returns were highly satisfactory, the sum of £170 4s. 8d, having been raised, an increase for the year of £38 4s. 4d. — The meeting declared *that while admiring the loyalty and patriotism of all the thousands of our young men who have joined the colours, and approv-ing of their sacrifices in the war, it nevertheless protested against any infringement of the rights of ourscience of those who object to any form of military service, and appeals to the tribucals and the Government for such rights to be respected."-The public services were all of a high order and largely attended. The ordination of the Rev. G. W. Taylor constituted a unique service, and the charge given by the Rev. J G. Bowran was worthy of the occasion .-The Roy. C. Pettler, as general circuit delegate, was unarimously appointed as one of the delegates to the conference at Nottingham in Jane next.

Interesting Wedding at Barningham.

A pretty wedding was solemnised last Canon Gough, the contracting partles being Mr Harry Raw, youngest son of the late Mr Reuben Raw, of Brocke House, Middleton Tyss, and Miss Jennie Robinson, fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs Robinson, of Crooks House. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty dress of white silk and veil with orange blossom, and carried a shower Thursday, at Barningham Ohurob, by the Rev. bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. The only bridesmaid was Mice Greta Robinson, sister of the bride, who was dressed in white silk, with pink hat, and wore a gold signet ring, the gift of the bridegroom. The service was fully choral, the bride being a member of the choir. The honeymoon is being spent at Blackpool. The following is a

List of Presents.

The brids's father and mether, cheque and henschold lines; Mr and Mrs Lowes, dinner service; Mr and Mrs W. Bobinson, tes service; Mr and Mrs Allison, silver sugar basin; Mr and Mrs Robson, barometer; Miss E. Robinson, cheque; Mr J. T. Robinson, silver tes-pot; Miss G. Robinson, diver sugar basin and cream jug; Elsis and Albert Robinson, table spoons and towels; Jennis and Ralph Lowes, pictures and hot water jug; Mr Raw, Lamb, Mr and Mrs R. roons and towels: Jennis and Ralph Lowes, pictures and hot water jug; Mr and Mrs W. Raw, lamb, Mr and Mrs R. Raw, carrows and Leak Knives; Mrs Rew, corper kettles; Mr and Miss Clark, cheque; Barningham Church choir, ebony dreasing set; Mr and Mrs J. C. Metcalle, dessort spoorns; Mr and Mrs J. Errington, crnst, Mr and Mrs J. Atkinson, coal wase; Mr and Mrs Hutchinnon, crumb tray and brash. Mr and Mrs Bichardson, spoon and forks; Mr and Mrs Wright, silver cake kule. Mr and Mrs J. Anderson, tes-pot; Mrs Anderson and family, knives and forks; Mr and Mrs Hild, wase; Mr and Mrs Rutlidge, cubion cover; Mr and Mrs Bolmer, silver butter dish and knife; Mr Johnson, Kirby Hill, silver tes-pot; Mrs Kirton, table contre; Mins Kirton, dechess set; Mr Arrowsmith, jam dish; Mr J. and Mr W. Watson, jam dish, Mr T. Mctcalle, pickle jar; Mr G. and Miss B. Hutchinson, aliver ant cellar; Miss A. Cameron, photograph in frame; Mrs and Miss Chilton, pair of sheets; Miss Atkinnon, pair of photograph frames, Miss A. Cameron, bread board and kule; Miss Bartison, table cotte; Miss Urquhari jam spoon, Miss G. Murray, duchess set; Miss C. Watson, photograph frames, Mrs M. Cameron, bread board and kule; Miss Bartison, tablecoth; Miss C. Watson, hiens cloth; Mr W. Garbott, tablecloth; Miss C. Watson, hiens cloth; Mr W. Garbott, tablecloth; Miss C. Watson, hiens cloth; Mr M. Mars Mass Bouffield, vases; Miss M. Bainbridwe, table centre; Miss D. owales, tablecloth; Miss G. Deat, silver sugar tong; Miss A. Leggott, small tablecloth; Miss Y. Rasne, marmalade jam; Mr and Mrs Foster, cruet; Miss Foster, fancy tablecloth; Mr A. Monday, hall set; Miss Marwood, clock; Mr and Mrs G. Robinson, sorks; Mr J. Powell, shaving ret; Mr Percy Johnson, silver salts. Wvoliffe Catholic School. ot water jug ; Mr and Mrs W. Raw, lamb, Mr and Mrs F

enabled to dispatch 840 eggs on May 4th from Barnard Castle and district, for the wounded Brignall, 12, per Miss Sewart ; Bowes, 158 (85 from Mrs Hird, of Spital; 38, Mrs Straker; and 90, the Misses N. and M. Alderson, who also sent 31. 2d.); Stainton, 50, per Miss Longstaff ; and 610 from Barnard Castle town and market, per the lady collectors.

Lieutecant J. P. Cherry. of the Darham Light Infantry, is staying at Cotherstone during a abort leave of absence.

Several good baskets of troub were taken last Saturday by local anglers. A trout, scaling one pound nine ounces, was landed by one sportsman.

Freds Patterson and Sidney Foster, pupils of Miss F. M. Dixon, Bede-terrace, Barnard Castle, have passed in the lower division in planoforte playing in the recent school examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music.

One of the gamest battles fought on the Tees, in this peighbourhood, in recent times, was witnemed at half-past eight o'clock on Monday night, close to the aqueduct, near Deepdale Cottage. Presumably two dog otters were the combatants. One animal landed close to the house by the water's edge, under the overhanging tree, and it was immediately followed by a second otter, which, after a lively ocses, dragged its upponent into the water, where the fight was continued, the " music " being lond and distracting. The inforiated animals rolled down the stream together, squesling and attacking each other furiously, to the Crow Tree warren, where they were lost. A deeply interested spectator of the battle was Water Bailiff Thomas Malcolm, of the Tees Fishery Board.

The death took place at his residence, 70 Victoria Embarkment, Darlingtor, on Sudday, of Mr John E. Thompson, secretary of the Barnard Castle and Teesdale Farmers' Auction MartCompany, he having succeeded the late Mr Robert Barker. Though in failing health for some time, the decessed gentleman was only seriously ill for about six hours prior to his death. Mr Thompson was an excellent man of business, a quick and accurate accountant, ever obliging and considerate, and was long connected with the Wesleyan bedy in Darliggtor. The funeral takes pince to-day.

At Startforth Church, on Sunday 14st, at the morning and alternoon services, Miss Flora Wilson, of Bede-terrace, presided at the organ. Miss Wilson, who is a paicataking musician, in a pupil of Mr F. W. Raper, and will again play at the morning service on Sanday next, May 14.

Private J. Walker, Bridgegate, Barnard Cassie, of the Durham Light Infantry, has arrived home for a few days on furlough.

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Confirmation Services at Laithkirk and Hutton Magna.

On Briday last a confirmation service was held in Laithkirk Church by the Lord Bishop of Richmond. Unfortunately it was a wet day. These were twelve caudidates from Laithkirk, and seven from Romaldkirk, who formed in procession at the vicarage, and walked to the church. There were present the Lord Bishop of Richmond, Canon Gough, the Rev. S. G. Beal, the Rov. J. W. Brent, and the Rev. E. E. Wilkinson, of Ontherstone. There was also thore the late Vicar of Laithkirk (the Rev. F. W. Holmes) - The Bishop gave a nice, simple, useful address, explaining the meaning of confirmation, and the reasons wby they should receive the rite, and imparted practical bints to the growth of the spiritual life .- At four o'clock in the afternoon of the previous day a confirmation service was held in Hutton

Magna Church.

Kinninvie Church Vestry Meeting.

On Turalay night sen, the Easter meeting of churchpeople at Kinzinvie way held, the Vicar of Barnard Castle boing in the chair .- The accounts were presented, showing a balance in hand of 29 4s. 53 .- Tae Vicer re-appointed year, and the meeting re-elected Mr John committee to have the care of the chancel, to provide altar flowers, and to co-operate with the wardons in the work connected with the mission.- The carotaker's salary was increased £1 per year. - The Chairman thanked the wardons and the committee for their past work, and said that it was a monthly pleasure to him to conduct the service at Kinnlovie, and to join in the musical part of it, so ably led and conducted by the Misses Berry.

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them were a pair of spurs, and she hoped, like so many mothers, that he would come back and have won his present. It was a clear pro f of the popularity and regard for the institute to see so many people in attendance, and it was a great pleasure to her to assist at that sale, and, in declaring the sale open, she was assured of its aucoess. (Applause). - Mr E. D. Trotter thanked Mrs Ponse for the kindly interest and practical help she had given them. He also expressed thanks to the stallholders for the time and work expended on behalf of the institute, and to the many friends who had so handsomely assisted the sale .- Two concerts in the evening were highly appreciated, as was shown by a crowded house each time. The artistes were Mr Bargia, Miss M. Bragg, Miss M. Taylor, of Darlington; Miss Cartwright and Mr Pearson, of Casterick. The sale realised over £80. Generous donations were received from Lord Barnard, Mrs Stobart, Mr R. P. Hett, Mr W. Scott, of Orief: Mr C. B. Dent. Mr. R. H. Edleston, and Mrs. R. Simnson. Amongst those present were Mrs Westoll. Rev. H. C and Mrs Watson, Miss Palliene, and Rev. and Mrs Wilson. The following is a list of

Stalls and Stallholders :

New stall : Miss Edloston, Mrs Dant, and Mrs Pulleine; plant stall: Mrs Joseph Pease, Miss Davidson, Mrs G. P. Gore, Miss F. Pease, and Mrs R. P. Hest; dairy and provision stall : Misses Britton, Kilvington, A. Havrison, and A. Britton ; mon's stall : Mesers A. Chapman, F. Atkinson, T. Peacock, T. C. Peacock, and N. Calvert ; miscellaneous stall : Mrs Chapman, Mrs M. Hardy, and Miss A. Chapman; hat stall: Mrs Rickinson and Mrs G. W. Robinson; jumble stall: Mrs N. Calvart, Mrs Paacock, Mrs Deacon, Mrs Place, and Mrs Bowman ; door-keepers : Messre G. Taylor, Robert Kilvington, and J. Lunn ; auchlungton . Mr J. R. Deacon; tea-rooms: Miss Gens, Miss Robinson, Mrs C. Charge, Mrs P. C. Charge, Miss P. Davison, Mrs Hull, Miss Hickey, Miss Procher, and Miss M. Bowman.

Funeral of the Late Mrs Howe, of Barnard Castle.

Amid deepest respect and sympathy there was laid to rest on Monday, May 1st, Mrs Elizabeth Howe, of the Bank, Bargard Castle, who passed away peacefully after a painful illness. The sorrowing relatives were widely scattered, but the gathering at the pathetic and impressive funeral service was fully Mr W. H. Berry as his warden for the ensuing representative. The decoased was well known and highly respected. The chief mourpers Wilson as people's warden .- Mrs Berry, Mrs included the followicg : - Mr and Mrs John J. Wilson and Mrs Kellets were appointed a Howe, son and daughter-in-law, Bunderland ; Mr and Mrs Jamos Hows, son and daughter-inlaw, Harrogate; Mrs Honey, daughter, Sheffield, whose busband is on active service abroad; Mr Thomas Henry Howe, son on His Majesty's service as dispatch rider, Bedford; Mr Fred W. Howe, son, Barnard Castle ; Mrs J. Smith, sister, Westerhope Newcastle; Mr Jun. Esidwin, brother, East Boldon, Sunderland; and Mr George Baliwin, brother, late of Middleton-in-Toesdale. Great egret was felt at the unavoidable abacace of Captain and Mrs Arthur Howe, son and the Navy." Could not the Museum authorities daughter-in-law. Captain Howe has recently utilise the plot of land immediately behind the been promoted, and left again for active service on May 2nd from Aldershob, after his and obters.

A Ladies' Committee.

On the appointment of the Boarding-out Committee, Mr Davis questioned the need of the sc-operation of outside ladies.-The Clerk (Mr G. Bainbridge) said that under the Lucal Government Board's new order the Guardians were bound to appoint women on the committee. -Miss Nixon said she was the only woman Guardian, but she would be very pleased if the wives of some working-men could be appointed to share with her the work of visiting the homes where the children were boarded out. This was not exactly a work of pleasure, for occasionally in wet weather she returned from her visiting duties drenched to the skin .- Mr Davis: My point is would these ladies have been appointed if they were other people's wives ?- Tho Chairman said his own daughter visited the foster homes regularly and at no small inconverience to herself. Miss Nixon said that all the railway expanses and postages were paid by the lady visitors themselver, for they never asked for a halfpenny from the Guardiaus. Indeed, so far as she oculd gather, the Boarding-cut Committee had been no expense to the ratepayers at all. - Mr Davidson said he could testify that what Miss Nixon had done in this direction was beyond all praise. There was no question about that, for before the order was passed he himself used to go out and pay the fester-methers, and they were all very sorry when the men were knocked off the visiting duties. There was no favourtism shown in the appointment of the Boarding-out Committee. They did the best they could in the interests of the children. There were two vacancies on the committee, and Mr Davis moved that these be filled by the election of Mrs P. Widdas and Mrs Brown, wives of two Cockfield Guardians .- Mr Tarn seconded the proposal, which was agreed to.-Miss Nixor, in welcoming the addition of the ladies mentioned, said that to tradge Cockfield Fell on a stormy day was not a pleasant experience. and she had to take that j urney once a quarter

The Guardians appointed overseers for townships in which the appointments had not been made, as follows :- Forest and Brith, Messre J. Wearmonth and I. Robinson; Morton Tinmonth, Messrs Sutherland and Towcson; Morton Rokeby, Messra A. Nichelson and J. Mosa; Wackerfield, Messrs Jasper Robson and H. Watser.

A Patriotic Hint.

To the Editor of the " Tecadale Mercury." DEAR SIR, - The papers record " The Middles brough Parks Committee has accepted an offer of some thousands of young cabbiges and the like to be grown in the parks for the use of obspel and tennis courts in a similar manuer i Whilst acknowledging the services of the

Barnard Castle Cricket and Tennis Club.

The yearly meeting of the members of the Barnard Castle cricket and tennis olub was held at Misses Todd's cale on Wednesday ight, under the presidency of Mr F. Boardman. Therewere also present Misses Emerson, Baron, D. Bainbridge, D. Sayer, O Raine, F. Hunter and Todd, and Messrs T. Boardman, W. H. Chester, R. T. Richardson, S. Sissons, B. W. Koske, F. H. Christin, S. R. Leeds, J. Wiseman and T. Bleckinsopp (secretary). - The following balance-sheet for 1915 was read by the Treasu or aud confirmed :- Cash : To balance, 212 11s; subscriptions-honorary members, 212 13s 6d ; oricket members, 211 11s ; teonis members, £23 1s 6d: - £47 61; bire of field, £5 58; estage of field, £210s; illuminations, £218+8d tennis ties sold, £1 15s; lookor rents, 12s. gate money and tournaments, £1 1s 5d Murphy's benefit fund - proceeds of benefit match. 23 1s 61; proceeds of tennis ten and tour, £1 10s 21; subscriptions, 13s;- £5 4s 81; total, 279 3s 4d. Contra : By rent, rates, taxes and insurance, £25 18s 2d; ground expenses, £7 23; groundsmar, £194s; stock, £5 8s 10d; repairs, £3 2s; printing and advertising, £2 8s 7d; match expenses. £1; sundry accounts. 21 254d; postager, 78 6d; cheque book, 2s; Murphy s benefis fund-balance paid to Murphy, 25 4s 81; briance in bank, 28 33 31; total, 279 3s 4d. Fence renewal fund.-Cash : To balance, 21 1s; subscribed by Lord Barnard, £1 1s; total, £2 2s. Contra: By balance in hand, £2 2s; total, £2 21.—It was decided to raise all members' subscriptions one shilling during the present season. while four tennis courts will be kept going. and the remainder of the field will be let for sheep grazing .- Mr W. J. Watson was re-elected president, and the patrons and vice-presidents the same as last year. The following (fficers were also appointed :-

Honorary treasurer and secretary - Mr T. Blenkinsopp; coucsil-Measure J. Dockrill, T. Boardman, W. H. Chester, F. Watson, F. Boardman. A. U(qubart, F. H. Christie, M. Adiard, J. Wiseman and B. W. Buardman K sko; tends captain-Mr T. Blockheepp; vloe-captain-Mr F. H. Christie; assistant-secretary for tends-Miss F. Hunter.

Teesdale Glee and Madrigal Society.

To the Editor of the "Tousdale Mercury." SIR, - The net proceeds of last season's work of the above suclety were devoted to sending 40 parcels to local soldiors at the front. The conductor (Mr W. Thompson) has received many letters of grateful acknowledgment from recipients of the parcels. These letters wore read to the committee, who are highly gratified that the contents of the

Wycliffe Catholic School.

An entertainment in aid of the Red Cross Society was very successfully given by the scholars of this school on Briday evening last. All the children took part. In the first part of the programme the infants and juniors did credit to themselves in the "Rag dolls" and "The dolls' house party." The second part of the entertainment consisted of a short historical play, entitled, "Father Time," in which most of the inventions and improvements of modern days were paraded before the Queens Elizabeth and Anne. The "Union Jack Kibbon Drill " was well done, and the children put all heart into the patriotic songs intervaning.-After the entertainment, the Ray. Father Donovan thanked the little performers on behalf of the audience, and also the audience for their help in the good canse. Then followed a dance which lasted till daybreak, Mr Swan presiding at the piano. Notwithstanding the bai weather the room was comfortably full, and the dancers sat down to supper kindly provided by the following :-- Mrs Alsop, Mrs Crusber, Mrs Dona Hodgwon, Mrs Garth, Mrs Snsilham, and Mrs Shields, of Button Fields; and Mrs Storey, of Lane Head ; Mrs Fanwick, Rekeby Close ; Mrs Robert Green, Mrs Vincent Heslop Mrs Wilkinson, Hawstoads ; and Mrs Wappatt, West Layton.

Mode of Procedure at Local Tribunals.

Explanation in Urban Council Area.

At Wednesday evening's meeting Mr Summerson asked the Chairman to give his raling on a statement which had been made that only the Chairman should ask questions of appellauts. - Mr Belmer : I saw that statement made in the papers -- Mr Woodhead : I think is was that all questions should be put through the Chairman.-The Chairman: It is not an official order. This is an open' court, and any member is satisfied to ask a question which strikes him. If individual liberty is to be taken away I disapprove of it. The point has not or opped up at any of your other meetings, has it ?- Mr Stobart : No, it has not.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Birth.

NEVISON. - At the Bank, Evenard Castle, on April 30th, to Mr and Mrs F. Nevison, a daughter.