### THE TEESDALE MERCURY-WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1916.

## Ill-Health of a Local Grains-o'-Beck Ram Bank Manager. Show and Sale. A KIND, COURTEOUS AND OBLICING

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Deep and profound regret was occasioned at Barnard Castle on Friday afternoon on it becoming known that Mr Ernest Edwin Scarth, of the local branch of the Londo Joint Stock Bank, had destroyed himself by gunshot. The deceased gentleman was member of a very old and highly respectable Cleveland family, and was in a bank at Middlesbrough for some years. The late Mr Scarth was a thoroughly honest, kind, obliging and extremely courteous man, and had numerous warmly attached friends in the town of his adoption, who sincerely deplore his lamentable and most tragic end. He had been resident here for the space of twelve-and-a half years, and was a good sportsman. Mr Searth was not only a capital shot, but was an enthusiastic golf player, he being treasurer of the local club. He won the cup given by the Right Hon. the Lord Barnard in the annual local golfing competition. He was also an ardent cricketer, playing for Preston for many years, and on one occasion scored 92 runs.

The details of the shocking death of our neighbour and friend will be gathered from the evidence adduced at the inquest which was held at the police station at Barnard Castle, on Saturday morning. Mr J. T. Proud the Coroner for the Darlington Ward, conducted the inquiry. Mr John Robson was -chosen foreman of the jury, and the following gontlemen were on the panel - Messrs John Borwell, Charles E. Raine, Robert Morton, Joseph Franklin, George Addison, William Hodgson, John Geo. Harris, Albert Winpenny Richard Woodhams, Robert B. Morton and Christopher J. G. Martin.

The first witness was Marion Pomfret Scarth. the widow, who occupied a seat beside the Coroner. She said she resided at the Bank House, Market-place, Barnard Castle, and her late husband's full name was Ernest Edwin Scarth. He was 46 years of age on October 11th, and was manager of the local branch of the London Joint Stock Bank. He had been from home lately, and returned on Friday week, he having been away only two days. He had been having his annual fortnight's holiday, which commenced three weeks since last Friday, and which he practically spent at home. He came home ill and went to bed, and told witness that he would not be able to go to the bank on the previous Monday. The deceased remained in bed till Tuesday, which was the

first day he came downstairs. He was out on Wednesday afternoon. Though much better he was not well enough to resume his duties. He was very well indeed on Thursday, but not quite so well on Thursday night. He had his breakfast in bed on Friday morning about nine o'clock. Witness saw deceased several times after he had his breakfast, and there was nothing in his condition or demeanour which led witness to think that he would do any. thing to himself. Witness could not say that she heard the report of a gun about noon,

on Friday, though she heard a noise, but it was not like the report of frearms. She was in the kitchen at the time, and never dreamed it was gunshot. Mrs Scarth said she sent for Dr. Welford because she found that the bedroom door was locked, and she

could get no answer to her enquiries. She thought her husband was asleep. Deceased always put his gun in a little dressing-room adjoining their bedroom. He had a cartridge bag, but she could not say that it was in the room, though it used to hang there. He suffered from heart trouble, and he had been depressed at times

The Coroner: Did you know of any other trouble he had?

Witness: He was worrying about not being able to get to his work. Mr C. H. Welford, M.D., said the deceased

was an old patient of his, and he had attended Mr Scarth in his last illness. Ho had cirrhosis of the liver, which superinduced extreme debility, and he worried about not being able to carry on his work. Witness last saw the deceased on the Wednesday before the fatality, and on Friday afternoon he was sent for, he having received a note from Mrs Scarth saying that her husband was worse. This would be

# FINE COLLECTION OF MOUNTAIN SHEEP.

The eightlight show was held on Saturday, the event proving again successful. This show retves a necessary purpose in the fell country The judges were :--Gimmer sheep and dogs--Mr Thes. Dixon, Rake Hoad, Kirkby Stephen ; tups-Mr M. Robinson, Kirkby Stephen; and Mr Wm. Cleasby, Gaythorn Hall; and produce -Miss Sowerby, Sizggyford, Alston; and produce Miss Sowerby, Sizggyford, Alston; and Mrs N. Bousfield, Brough Sowerby, An excellent luncheon was provided by the hosters of the Grains'-o-Beck Ion (Mrs Tim. Walton). The efficient manner by Mr Tim. Walton. Mr Wm. Deut, Naby Farm, Larlington, was steward in the tup ring, a preition be has held for many years, and received many congratulations a being at his post sgain. There was a large show of sheep for sale, and a good trade was done. At the cluse of the show several letters were read before the committee from Lunedale lads who are serving their King and country, expressing their thanks for parcels recently received from the show committee. The following is a

#### List of Awards :

# BLACK-FACED, CLOSE-COATED TUPS. OPEN CLASSKS-Black-faced aged tup-J T Dargue, Wharton Hall; 2 G W and J Beckwith. New Hall Stainmory: 5 W Dent, High Ewbank; 4 J Kipling, Clove Lodge; c U Raine, Nyurrigg End.-IS entries. Black-faced shearling tup -W Dent, High Ewbank; 3 M Peacock, Blake House: 3 G W and J Beckwith. New Hall; 4 J T Dargue, Wharton Hall; b H J Stokeld, Grassholme.-1S entries. Black-faced tup anub-J Raine, Brown Top, Dufton; 2 J T Dargue, Wharton Hall; 3 and 4W Dent, High Ewbank; c G W and J Beckwith, New Hall.-17 entries.

lamb-J Raine, Brown Top, Dufton; 2 J T Dargue, Wharton Hall; 3 and 4 W Dent, High Ewbank; c G W and J Bookwith, New Hall.-17 entries. DISTEIGT CLASSEN.-Black-faced aged tup-M Peacock. Blake House: 3 T H Sowerby, Lune Head; 3 T Dent, Low Wennnergil; c H J Btokeld, Grassholma.-1i entries. Black-faced shearbing tup-1 and 3 M Peacock, Blake House; 2 T Dent, Low Wommergil; c H J Stokeld, Grassholma.-7i entries. Black-faced tup lamb-1 and 2 H Powerby, Lune Head; S H J Btokeld, Grassholma.-1i Btokefd, Grassholma -7 entries. Black-faced tup lamb-1 and 2 H Powerby, Lune Head; S H J Btokeld, Grassholma - (open to all)-J T Dargue, Wharton Hall; 3 T H Sowerby, Lune Head; 3 T Walton, Grains-0-Beck.-4 entries. J best black-faced gimmer shearlings, to have been fell-gone (open to all)-J J Dargue, Wharton Hall; 3 T Walton, Grains-0-Beck.-3 entrics. 2 best black-faced gimmer lambs, to have been fell-gone (open to all)-J T Dargue, Wharton Hall; 3 O Haine. Spurrigg End; 3 G W Bainbridge, Kalton -6 entries. 2 best black-faced, close-coated ewes, having reared lambs this seeason, without restriction as to where bed or grazed (confined to district)-T H Bowerby, Lune Head; 2 T Walton, Grains-0-Beck.-3 entries. 2 best black-faced.close-coated gimmer shearlings, without restriction as to where bed or grazed (confined to district)-T H Bowerby, Lune Head. Graine - Beck.-Seed, close-coated gimmer lambs, to have been dor grazed (confined to district)-T H Bowerby, Lune Head.-3 entries. 2 best black-faced, close-coated gimmer shearlings, without restriction as to where bred or grazed (confined to district)-T H Bowerby, Lune Head.-3 entries. -2 best hack-faced, close-coated gimmer lambs, without restriction as to mark browerby, Lune Head.-4 entries. -2 best black-faced. T H Bowerby, Lune Head.-4 entries. -2 best black-faced. T Bowerby, Lune Head.-4 entries. -2 best black-faced. T Bowerby, Lune Head.-3 entries. -2 best black-faced. J Bowerby, Lune Head.-4 entries.-1 abest black-faced. J Bowerby, Lune Head.-4 entries.-2 best black-faced.close t restriction as to where bred or grazed (confined to district) G W Bainbridge, Kelton ; 2 T H Sowerby, Lune Head ; 3 J G Dent, East Park .- 4 entries.

#### SPECIAL PRIZES.

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Special prize, given by Mr N Bouafield, Brough Sowerby, for the best collection of black-faced, close-coated alterp. it: -One tup, two evens, two gimmer shearlings and two gimmer lambe; second, value 5a, given by Mr R Wilson, hed Lion Hotz, Barnard Castle. Last years and this year's in this series of the best collection of black faced, close-coated tup, second, value 5a, given by Mr I Wilson, hed Lion Hotz, Barnard Castle. Control 1, 2 T Walton, Grainso-Beck. Special prize, given by Mr J G Rarn, Barnard Castle, for the three best black-faced, close-coated tup, viz. -Arged, sbearling and lamb; third given by Society (open to all)-T Dont, Low wemmerail; 2 J T Dargue, Wharton Hall; 3 J Baine, Brow Top, Dalton : c T H Sowerby, Lune Head. -9 entries. Special prize, elven by Mr I Walker, Barnard Castle, for the best black-faced, close-coated tup, viz. -Arged, sbearling and (open to all)-W Dent, Higb Ewbank; 2 J T Dargue, Wharton Hall; 3 U Baine, Brow Top, Dutton. -7 entrice. A special prize was given by Mr J Walton, Middleton, viz. :--a pair of mickel aliver altrups, for the best fell-gone, close-coated tup lamb; third given by Society (open to all)-J. Baine, Prow Top, Dutton. 2 J T Dargue, Wharton Hall; 3 W Dett, High Ewbank; c T H Sowerby, Lune Head. -9 entries. Special prize, given by Mesart and J Bell. Middleton, inclass fedebared--T H Sowerby, Lune Head; faced, close-coated tup sheareing: a Confined to district). First prize winner in class of behared--T H Sowerby, Lune Head; s M Peacock, Blake House; Y H Sowerby, Lune Head; s M Peacock, Blake House; Y H Bowreh, Berne Hall; S Weet, Felse Winner in class 5 debared--T H Sowerby, Lune Head; s M Peacock, Blake House; Y T Maine, Bernard, Castle; second given by Society (confined to district). First prize was given by Society (confined to district). First prize was given by Mc J G Deargue, Marton Hall; S W Dett, Hanse Bourging, J J Hanse, Bo

# Local Tribunals. BARNARD CASTLE RURAL AREA.

Lord Barnard and Facts for Farmers.

A meeting of the members of the Barnard Castle Rural District Tribunal was held at the Board-room of the Teesdale Poor Law Union last Briday. Lord Barnard presided, and there were also present Mesurs G. R. Gent, R. Arm-strong, J.P., J.W. I. Davidson, J.P., H. L. Fife.J.P., T. Taro, R W. Reine, J.P.; F. Stobart and J. W. Hertley, J.P., military representatives; T.W. Bainbridge, clerk to the Tribunal; W. Woodhead clork to the military representatives ; and Valentine Hodgson, representing the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

#### The Newcastle Conference.

The Chairman said he and the Clerk had attended the meeting of Chairmen of Tribunais and Milltary Representatives which was recently held in Newcastle, and which was addressed by General Lawson, the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command. The object generally of the gathering was to educate public opicion to a much stiffer attitude in sending young men to the army. The meeting had been attended by an enormous number of people. Great determination was shown by all the mambers of Tribunals who apoke, and more particularly by the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, who made a most incisive speech on the subject. He advocated all to do their very atmust to get men for the army in the national interest at this particular time. He thought the feeling of the meeting very largely was that a great many of the difficulties which bad arisen were in consequence of obstacles which had more or less entraumelied Tribusis, and the cry went forth at the meeting: "Give us a free back and we will get you the mer." His Lordship said he had merely spoken in general terms -The Clork followed with an exhaustive summary which pointed strongly to the expressed great need of more men, and of the determination of the military authorities to secure them .- Attention was drawn to the argent need of "combing" the mices in the south-west Durham coalfield, a lot of young men having sought shelter in coal pits since the war commenced.

#### Agriculture and Army Needs.

The Chairman said the public must be plainly old the real meaning of the recent instructions as to the land, and farmers must know that after the maximum autumnal cultivation of arable land there would be a definite terminal point. Farmers must strain every nerve to prepare for changes which might become necessary in January. The labour on the ordinary arable land, continued Lord Barnard, would be preserved, so far as the War Office could ensure is. still the end of this year, but, before the new year, steps would be taken by the War Office to obtain a census of men of military sge still engaged in farming who were in excess of the isbour scale, and who, there-fore, could be properly recruited for the army. It must be understood, however, that no guarantee can be given that the scale itself will not require to be revised during next regards ordinary farming, and JADUARY AS during next April as regards dairy farming. Farmers must do their very utmost to farther the scheme, propared in the national interest, with a view to enable the land to be cultivated and the head of stock maintained, while releasing men who are fit to join the service. A period of respite was afforded during which every effort should be made to prepare for replacing men, and no available alternative should be peglected either as regarded women or elder mar. Morsover, in view of the difficulties which cannot fall to increase as the war is prolonged, farmers must use every agency of co-operation to mitigate the difficulties by which they wou'd be met.

#### About Forty Gassa for Decision.

The tenant of Strickland Park appealed for bis man (29), who had been passed by the Medical Board for Class A - Lord Barbard; Do you know that Lord Crawford, the

practitioner, and the difficulty is to balance one with the other. The local practitioner is the medical attendant of the family, and who presumably knows all about them, whereas the military doctors' interview is but for a few seconds. To my mind, in discharging our duty to the State, and in accepting it as a general principle, we shall be fully justified in following the private medical certificate rather

than acting upon the other.-The Tribunal agreed. Conditional release was granted to a Hanging Shaw barytes leader (88), married, who was represented by Mr Dawson.

Temporary exemption till the lat April was granted to a Middleton milk purveyor, who was represented by Mr Dawson. 22 16s. to 23 4s.; draft ewes from 22 5s. 6d. to

for whom Mr Daws a spectred, was granted an adjournment of his case till next meeting, pending examination by the Medical Board. A military service man from Egglestone, represented by Mr Dawsoo, was given fom Porary release till 1st January. A Steindrup coal leader and grinder of grain

was, on the representation of Mr Dawson, given conditional examption. It transpired that two men had gene into

the army from the Raby Estate offices, and, represented by Mr Dawson, a third man was now granted conditional exemption, which was the certificate granted to a Staindrop grocer, with two members of the family in the army. A South Cloatlam farmer's man, passed BI.

garrison service abroad, was given till the 1st January, and the Tribuual separated.

#### URBAN DISTRICT AREA.

#### The Case of the Seven Butchers.

A meeting of this Tribucal was held on Friday night. Mr C. B. Martin, J.P., chair-man, presided, and there were were also present Messrs M. J. Dixon. J P., W. Waine, J. B. Helmer, R. Summerson, J. W. Walles, J. B. Helmer, R. Summerson, J. W. Hartley, J.P., military representative; J. I. Dawnon, clork to the Telbusal; W. Woodhoad, elerk to the military representative; and Valentine Rodgson, representing the Hoard of Agricul-ture. — Mr Dawson gave a brief outline of his incoments the late conference of New impressions at the late conference at New-castle, where it had been emphasized that public opinion needed rousing on the question, as every available man would be required.— Reference was made to the multitude of very

young hadged men seen on munition workers' builday at Blackpool.-In a military appeal case a local draper's manager and travellar was allowed till the 1st of January .- A scavenger (38), represented by the Chairman of a local authority, was given no exemption -A head horseman in timber bauling was granted conditional release. Three cut of seven butchers were sent into the army, the remaining four to assist in buying and slaughtering for the families of these joining the colours. --The men who were refused exemption granted time till the 1st of Japuary -Mr J. H. Holmes appeared for the secretary and nanager of the Teesdale Farmers' Association who was exempted till the 181 of April, with cave to appeal, conditional upon his joining the Volunteer Training Corps.-The Secretary of the Barnard Castle Co-operative Suciety sppealed for the exemption of the manager and bayer, the turnover being £24 000 a year, and conditional exemption and V.T.C. was the decision. It was pleaded that applicant was in an exempted occupation.-A local chemiat's assistant (32), airgle, was granted on exemption. Another young man (23), also single, who is assisting two ladies in conducting a grocary business, was given release till the 1st of January .- Conditional, V.T.C, was the decision in the case of a recently married young man superintending a grocery business for a widowed mother and invalid sister .- A master groser and provision dealer (80) was sent into the army, time being granted till the 1st of Japuary (fical).- At this stage an abjournment was made till Monday afternoon, when the remaining military appeals were heard. The official attendance in personel was precisely the same as on Friday, with the exception of Mr V. Hodgsor.-The Chairman adverted to

# UPPER DALE NOTES.

## [BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT ]

Stanhope Gate Farm sale was held on Friday week, when Mr N. Bousseld, Kirkby Stophen and Mr T. Addison, Bower, wielded the hummer in fine style, and capital prices were realized. Mr Dent is a well-known stockbreeder, and the sale brought a large o mpany of buyers. Black-faced wether lambs made from 18s. to 21 5s. 6d.; black-faced gimmer lambs from 18s. to £1 8s.; black-faced shearings from £1 10s, to £2 2s.; old wethers to A Gainford market gardener and roadman, 22 11c.; black-faced aged tups from 23 to spring colving helfers 218 to 2.55 108; spring colving helfers 218 to 218 108; beifers, 218 10s. to 216 55; gald helfers, 218 to 223 15s.; bollocks from 12 to 18 menths old, 210 10s. to 215 15s; calves from 25 to 29; newly calved cows from 226 to 239; and finger calves from 23 7s 6d. to 24 2s. 6d. Mr Dent's torses are noted, being good sorts and grand movers. There was seen competition for the lot. The bay mare, 5 years old, was sold for 631 guineas to Mr T. W. Guy, Glimonby; bay mare, 2 years, 36 guineas, Mr Gant. Darling-ton; brown mare, 20 guineas, Mr T. Collinson, Wemmorgill; brown yearling filly Sligniness, Fr Joo Walton; bay coli fosl, 18; guiness, Mr Elliott, Woodland; and brown filly fosl, 18; guiness, Mr T. Biyles, Bowes. Other hopors were Messrs Vitty, Darlingson; T. W. Stephenson, Piercobridge; Lawson, Blanch-land; R Reed, Pickering, and W. Heads, Stachope; L. Gibson and J. Collinson, Middle-ton; W. Collinson, Shap; James and Harry Reeday, Skipton; Wearmouth, Metcolfe, and T. H. B. Dent, Bowes ; G. Hare and J. H. ggest, Lartington; R. Wilkinson, M. Roed, and W. Gardiner, Frosterley; T. Robuon, Stainmore; J. Dargue, Kirkby S. phan; J. Dent. Hartley Cestle; G. Dobson, Wolsingham; F. E. Gibson, Valance Lodge; R. Alderson, Hope; Wm Allinea Scholmerter, Destroy, J. Allican, Schoolmaster Pasture ; J. Coates, Long Green; R. Stephenson, Swinbore; Walton, Etherley; T. Helmer, Rum Ekirk; E Harris n, Kirkoswald, Cumberland; G. V. Tarn, Hayberrics; Fred Dawson, W. Swinbank, I. Hetherlogton, T. Allinson, Wro. Stoddart, Tim. Walton, John Lowe, J. W. Rubinson, Amon Richards, Marker, and J. Giberge, M. Dank Bainbridge, Jickson, and J. Gibson. Mr Dons removes to Stoney keld Barm, close to Stanhope Gato, a helding he purchased two years ago. Mr Wm. Bandle, of Nowbiggin, celebrated

his eighty-eighth birthday on Taesday sea., and is still hale and hearty. Mrs Badle is close upon 82 years of age. We offer our congratulations to the aged couple.

An acoldon's occurred as Messes Ord and Maddison's works on Haturday morning, when Albert Anderson, of Newbiggin, a young man about 19 years of age, had his right leg broken below the knee.

Privates Walter Allinson and Fred Collinson, who are both in hospital in Scotland suffering from wounds received in France, are progressing favourably. - Information has been received that Private Jack Handorson gardener at Wemmergill Hall, wao is serving with the colcurs in France, has been would d.

Between 80 and 40 head of cattle were offered at Langdon Beck annual sale on Friday. Mr N. Bourfield was the auctioneer, and a fair trade was done, bullocks making from 26 to 213.

# How the Britishers Attack.

#### Letter from a Brave Officer Who Has Since Bean Killed.

Bean Killed. Second-Lieut. "Dick" Ridgway, of Uxbridges while serving in France with the London Regiment, sect home a letter which clearly showed the cool and fearless plack of the British soldier. The gallant officer's mother, it may be mentioned, is a pative of Teesdale, being horn at Wennergill Hall. Lu cdale, in 1868 She was nee Miss Sarah Lane Collinger release of a single man (18), who had not been medically examined — The Advisory O mnittee said an elder man about by grid- The Chairman: You know that you will aave him till Jenover ist supposing we say "no exemption." You are given that respite in order that you may ad ut coupersilin or something of that kind. -No exemption. Temporary exemption until the let of the soft and the advisory o

## MILITARY CONCERT IN THE VICTOBIA HALL, BARNARD CASTLE.

#### A Packed Audience and a Capital Entertainment.

Last Thursday night a really excellent concert was given by the concert parties and bands of the 6th Reserve Battalico, Highland Light Infantry, and A Company of the Army Service Corps. The concerted items and the quartette party's recdering of "Annie Laurie" were choice, "The Fellies" acquitting themsolves must credibably, and, as an encore song, rendered "The Pieman." Lance-Corporat McCreadie, of the Highland Light I fantry, was encoved in his fine rendering of Balfes dainty little song, "Osme into the garden, Maud." The dances, including the Highland Maud." The dances, including the Highland fling, and more especially the sword dance, were smartly done. A comedy sketch, entitled "The laustic," presented by Mrs Iredell, was much appreciased, as was a Highland reel, which was given to perfection. The programme was lengthy, and Private L. B. Russell'a manipulation of the Japanese fiddle was londly applauded. Several staff officers were present Mrs Bell-Izving wishes to thank Mr Boardman and the Boy Scouts, and all who helped with and the boy Scouts, and all who helped with the concert. The concert was held on "Our Day" for the British Red Cross and St. John of Jerusalem Fund, and the sotal receipts amounted to 255 is 61. No expenses have been deducted, and Mrs Bell-Irving is very much indebted to General Rimington, Colonel Murrey, and Major Tweddle for the delightful entertainment; and also to Mr R Wood and Mr and Mrs Borrowdale. "The 'Teesdale Moreary Office was, as usual," save Mrs Bell-Irving, "most kind in selling seats and keeping the plan, besides with great promptitude executing the whole of the printing, directing the distribution of bills, and forwarding the programmes, the Manager at the 'Mercury' printing works having already been thanked by Mrs Iredell for the exorlient assistance which the newspaper had rendered in calling attention, by wide publicity, to the trastworthy character of the entertainment." The following is the financial statement :- Cash taken at hall, s-ats, and programmes, paid in by Mr R Wood, 239 Ss. 61; "Teesdale Mercury"-reserved seats and donation from Mrs Bite, 28 5s.; per Mrs Borrowdale-sale of seats, 22; per Mrs Bell-Irving-donations: Mrs Dugdale. Miss Smith, and Mr Torbuck, each 21, 23; 10 seats for Mrs Bell-Irving's party, 21 10s ; per Rev. F. Graham-reserved seat, Sz.; and donation, 10s. 6d.; Nurse Inge, 2s. 6d.; and Sergeant Mynore, 2s.; total. 255 1s. 6d.

#### **Rokeby Coursing Meeting.**

This popular meeting is fixed for Taesday, Novembar 21st, when the usual five stakes will be open for competition. The proceeds will be in aid of the Red Cross Fand. Entries can be obtained on application to Mr C. Hedley, Thrue Horse Shoes, Barnard Castle.

#### **Denton Church Consecration** Anniversary.

The 25th anniversary of the consecration of Denton Church was celebrated on Sunday last, when several new gilts to the church were dedicated. The church was consecrated by Bishop Westcatt on Ostober 22nd, 1891, when the Bishop was accompanied by the Archdeacon (the Ven. R. Long) and the Patron (the Rev. Dr. Edieston), and attended by his domestic chapiale (the Rev. C.H. Butflower, now Bishop of South Tokye). On Sunday isst, the Rev. W. Apter, by whose exertions the church was built, dediested the new gifts at the morning service. These included altar vates from Sir Alfred Palmer, Bart., oandlesticks from Mr R. Holizes Edicator, and an almahag from Mr Fred Snowdon. New books and hassocks have also been given. The preacher both at the morning service at 10-30, and the afternoon service at 3 was the Ray, Philip Crick, M.A., late Vicer of Whorlton. The lossons were read by Mr R H. Elieston. The Rev. W.

about two o'clock. Mrs Scarth had heard a sound about noon, and had constantly been in and out of the room during the morning, but it was her inability afterwards to get into the bedroom that made her send for witness. Dr. Welford, continuing, said he found the door locked, but effected an entrance without any assistance. He did not go right into the room, but he saw that Mr Scarth was quite dead. Witness left the body exactly as he had found it, and went to the police station and reported the facts. From the position of the body it was quite evident what the deceased had done. He was laid on his back on the bed,

with his head towards the bed foot, and with a gun right in front of him, and the muzzle pointing to his chin. His fingers were on the barrel

The Coroner : What was the position of the wound

Dr. Welford : There was in a sense no wound The upper portion of his head was destroyed, and there was a large scorching mark on the right temple.

The Coroner : You had no doubt from the position of the body and that of the gun that the injury was self-inflicted ?

Witness: Quite certain.

The Coroner : What do you think as to his mind?

Witness : His condition of health would lead him to become very morbid and depressed The thought of his health resulting in his inability to perform his duties worked upon his brain till it overcame him. This was sufficient to render him temporarily insane.

The Foreman : Cirrhosis of the liver would tend to superinduce morbidity?

Witness: Yes. The Foreman: And in the physiological sense despondency is a resultant? Witness : Yes.

The jury found that the deceased committed

suicide whilst temporarily insanc. Mr Robson said if he might he would like that an expression of sympathy and condolence be sent to the deceased gentleman's widow and family in this unhappy event. Those who like himself intimately knew Mr Scarth could, spart from frailties which were human, appreciate his many good qualities. Honesty in every sense was his divinity, and the grief of the town was great at the sad occurrence.

The jury concurred, and the Coroner said he would address a letter to Mrs Scarth embodying the expressed sentiments of the jury.

#### The Funeral.

The interment took place yesterday, in St. Mary's Parish Church Cemetery, Barnard Castle. amidst every token of the deepest respect, blinds being drawn all along the route to the place of sepulchre. The Rev. II. W. H. Bircham (Vicar) officiated. The coffin, which was of fumed oak, bore the following inscription on the breastplate: "Ernest Edwin Scarth. died October 20th. 1916. aged 46 years." The principal mourners were Messrs Austin Scarth, Darlington; and Cecil Scarth, Rounton (brothers); Master J. Scarth and Miss Scarth, Barnard Castle (son and daughter); Mrs J. A. Jones, Middlesbrough (mother-in-law): Mr George Mitchell, Stockton-on-Tees (brother-in-law); Lieutenant Maltby, London; Dr. C. H. Welford, Barnard Castle; and Messrs Atkinson and Walker, London Joint Stock Bank, Darlington. The

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corsidered (contined to Tees'ale district and 'unedale and Kelton); second given by the Society-M Pescock, Blake House; 2 T H Sowerby, Lune Bead; c H J stokeld, Graanholmo.-5 entries. Special prize, given by Mr R W Raine. Middleton-in-Teesdale. via: :-Two tas of sheep dip, value 7s; second, one tin; third given by bockety, for the best black-f-cod close-coated tup, any age, aze considered, confined to tups shown that day, and not to have won a prize (confined to his customers)-J T Dargue. Wharton Hall; 2 T H Sowerby Lune Head; 3 J Haine, Brow Tep, Dufton.-12 entries. Most handowns theohed's (opEN).

Most handsome shepherd's dog (rough-haired)-J Collinson, Kelton; 2 W Dent, Stainmore; 3 J Stoddart, Marwood. Most handsome shepherd's bitch (rough-haired)-2 Tom Buckle, Thorney Scale. Stainmore. Most handsome shepherd's dog (smooth-haired)-A Dowson; 2 R Scott. Most handsome shepherd's bitch (smooth-haired)-O Raine; J Turesall J Tunstall. BUTTER.

BUTTER. Special prizes were given for the best 3 lbs. of salted butter in rolls, without print. First prize given by Mrs Dr. Beadle-Middleton-in-Teesdale ; second by Mrssts Bainbridge and Company, Richmond; third by Society (open to all)-Mrs Plews, Homaidkirk ; 2 Mrs Haine, Low Way. Holwick ; 3 Mins Brown, Low Bids, Mickleton ; o Mrs Walton, Grains-o'-Beok. Special prizes were given for the best 2 lbs. of salted butter, in rolls, without print. First prize given by a friend, second by Messrs Addison and Woodhams. Barnard Castlo; and third by Messrs Addison and Woodhams. Barnard Castlo; Beedale (confined to district)--1 and 2, Mrs Pescock, Blake Home; 3 and c, Mrs Walton Grains-o'-Beck. Special prize, silver tes-pot, given by Mr R Gowland, for the Success, state the spot, given by Mr K. Gowland, for the set 2 log of salted butter, in rolls, without print; second iven by Mr W Noouet, Middleton-in-Teesdale (confined to diddleton-in-Teesdale district, Luncdale, Kelton and Iolwick) - Mrs Pescock, Blake House; 2 Mrs Haine, Low

Way ; c Mrs Walton, Grains-o'-Beck.

#### CHEESE.

Special prizes for the best new milk cheese (Stilton or fist hape): first, value 1(s, given by the "Teesdale Mercury" Jompany. Limited, Barnard Castle; second prize, given by a riend, value 7a 63; third, given by Mr J T Young, Barnard Castle (open to all)-Mrs Metcalfe, Whorlands; 2 and c Mis I Dixon, c cargill; 3 Mrs Buusell, North Side. EGG8.

Special prizes, given by Mr J R Arrowsmith. Barnard Jantie; second, given by Mr J Baine, Muddleton.in.Treadala, or the beat basket of six hen eggs (white), new-laid (open to 1)...-Mism Collingon, Mickleton; 1 Mrm Collingon, Aukside; c Mins Brown, Mickleton. Special prize, given by Mr J Parkin 1900. Barnard Castle, for the test basket of six hen eggs brown), new-laid; second prize given by the Society (open to dl)-1 and c Mrs Russell, North Side, Barnard Oastle ; 2 Mrs dlinson, Aukside. BREAD.

BRKAD. Brecial prize, given by Means Hilton and Company. Brough; second. given by a friend, for the best white loaf (open to all) -Mrs Brogden, spital, Bowes, 2 Mrs Russell, North Sido; o Mrs Tunstall. Special prize, given by Mr J Stokeld, Lune-dale, for the best loaf of white bread (confined to bis cantomers); second given by Rociety-Mrs Langstaff, Green Gates; 2 Mrs Pescock, Blake House; c Mrs Walter Dent, Thringarth Bpecial prize, given by Mr J Kennedy, Barnard Castle, for the best loaf of brown bread; second given by a friend (open to all)-Miss Collin.on. Mickletan; 2 Mrs Pescock, Blake House; c Mrs Coulthard, Borrowdale.

general mourners included Drs. Robinson and Leishman, Rev. F. G. Gatehouse, Messrs J. H. Holmes, O. S. Scott, J. Adams, W. J. Bainbridge. J I. Dawson, J. G. Johnson, J. Stephenson, J W. Hunter, R. Summerson, J. W. B. Heslop, C

Hedley, A. Steele, R. Morton, R. B. Morton, J Graham, R. Wood, G. C. Harker, Hunton York H. Down, J. H. Dunn, W. Garbutt, Joseph Garbutt (North-Eastern Bank), J. G. Jackson A. Winpenny, J. E. Dent, T. Blackburn, T. Boardman, R. Jackson, G. H. Wolford, and Martin (visitor), Barnard Castle, R. J. Bailey, Startforth ; J. Allison, Street Head ; P. Laug staff, senior, Streatlam : J. Stoddart, Marwood and others. The bearers were Messrs J Blenkinsopp, R. Bayles, A. V. Hempsall. and R. Hopson. Beautiful floral tributes were sent by his widow : Gypsy, Jack and Raymond; his brothers and sisters; Dr. C. H. Welford, Barnard Castle : Misses Balfour : and Daisy and leorge. Messrs T. Borrowdale and Son. of Nowgate, were the undertakers, and the hearse and mourning coaches were jointly supplied from the King's Head mews, and Measrs Oliver and Atkin, Barnard Castle.

was granted to the older man (39), and release till D-comber 1st final, given to the younger man (80), in an application made on bahalf of the executors in a flour mill undertaking in the Staindrop district. No exemption, which means Jacuary 1st, he is a brave lad, I move that we give him till

was the decision in an Alwert Hall appeal case concerning a man who had passed for general asrvice.

The Tribupal refused to liberate a quarryman (18) employed by the Egglestone Ganister Company.

dentist's certificate came up for review, the A rabbit killer (50), married, with two children, and passed for home service, was appellant being a locum tanens, and the refrared exemption.-Mr Davidson: Why not let military appeal was allowed -The proceedings formers kill their own rabbits ?-Mr Stobars : then terminated. They can kill their own rabbits.- Mr Davidson:

But they don't do so. Applications for leave to appeal from Egglestone and Middleton were refused, while a similar application from Bowlees was granted.

An Extersgill applicant was given till ist January, and can sppeal sgain. An Egglestone farmer had been before the

Medical Board and rejected. Conditional exemption was granted to a Middleton man, certified for C II., for 21 days

to get employment in munition works, Mr Dawson appearing. In an adjusted once from Staindrap, appli-

cant occupying a public appointment and being passed B I., garrison, the first of February was the limit fixed.

A West Hause, Forest, miner and farmer applied for a renewal of his certificate. He is married, with a delicate wife and two childron. -Mr Dawsen conducted the case, and temporary examption till the 1st April was granted.

No exemption was the decision in the case of a Harwood youth of 19, whose mother asked that he he put back.

A Middleton onbinet-maker was allowed to appeal for his son who had been examined wice before, and not passed for as y service.let January. final.

A grocer's assistant (19), single, omployed at Middleton, saked for temporary exemption. He had been repeatedly rejected, and was now accepted for Olass IIL-Time granted till 1st December.

A Brookersgill farmer's son, represented by Mr Dawson, was given conditional exemption, the father appealing.

The appeal of a locomotive fireman in the service of Messis Ord and Maddison was with-drawn, and in the case of his brother, of delicate health, temp rary exemption fill ist April was granted. The father appealed.-No exemption was the decision in a waggon repairer's application (32), Mr Stephenson, a

director of the company, appearing. Absolute exemption was grauted to a man (34), passed for Class A., on the appeal of his father.

#### Lord Barnard and Conflicting Medical Certificates.

In the course of the proceedings the Chelr man said : We have conflict here in two medical Board and the other from a private medical | Tablet Form costs 1/1 & 2/1 per bottle, | all parts,

gr und upon which not the remitest trace of was extended till the 1st of April, V.T.C.-A nything green was loft. It was only a mass wholesale spirit merchant (35) said be way of shell holes, and each shell that burst simply "led up" with the present condition of thirge, made one big hole out of two or three. A wood

and had no fear of tooing the line.-A on our left was but a collection of stumps. Is was very difficult walking, as the ground was churned up, and we had the greatest trouble the lat of Bebruary .- This course was agreed n finding the enemy's first line. The Hua is upon, applicant having been in the Boor War. to sportsman, for he fires on as with machine-Temporary exemption, V.T.C., was granted gans until our men are close up, and then he to a cycle dealer, and a farmer and inukcoper puts his bands up and expects to be taken (35), coming up for military revision, was

prisoner. Anyhow a good many got their deserts, but, nevertheloss, we took a lot of granted temporary release.-A mechanical prisoners. We dug ourselves in, and after-wards had little to fear except shelling, and once or twice we had to alt tight. I got a smack on the kace with a piece of shrapnel,

but, fortunately, no damage was done. The last two days the weather has been righer bad ACHEMIST'S WARNING TO DYSPEPTICS We have had a lot of rain, and in about two hours the trenches were knee deep with mud. When we came out we were coated in mud from head to foot, and we could not help laughing "To the majority of anflerers from indigestion at one another when we saw what a pickle and dyspepsia drugs are a curse instead of a everyone was in. At present I am in command blessing," remarked an emineat chemist of the company, and for some days I was alone recently. "The same might also be said of I can tell-you that was a busy time. Consoring various artificial digestants. Pepsin, for letters took up most of my time. We are at

Now present reating and refitting, but I do not pepsin may be very valuable to the aged or to suppose we shall stay very much longer now." a person where stemach is weak from long --Since the above letter was written, however, -Sloce the above letter was written, however, Illness, but careful research has proved that Mrs Ridgway has received a telegram from the in most cases of indigestion and dyspepsis the Record Office, dated October 16th 1916, saying that her son had been killed in action on organs animpaired - the trouble is entirely due October 7th. Mrs Ridgway's only other son, who is also a soldier, is tow in a convalencent

# British Women's Temperance Associa-

#### tion : Cotherstone Branch.

The first meeting of the season was held on bospitals as an effective antacid and food corrective. I have taken bisurated magnesia myself and have recommended is to a great Mariner, who speke very essentiation the need for service. Mrs Bernard Blozey, who always meets with a hearty reception at Cotherstone, gave an address on "England, my England," and illustrated it with one or two beautiful vecitations, recited as only Mrs Storey can recito them .- Miss Dixoo, Barnard Castle, who is always so willing to help, kindly gave three songs, which were much appreci-s ed.-At the class of the meeting the Chairman suggested that the Provident should send a mossage of kindly thought and goodwill to il the kbaki beys who are membris of the Cotherstone branch. As far as pussible this will be done. - The usual coffee and bans brought a very auccessful meeting to a close. - The annual meeting of the Octoerstone branch was held in the Temperance Hall, on

Tuesday, October 17th, at 3 o'clock. -

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and collection was the largest since the day of the consecration.

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### BIRTHS, MARBIAGES, AND DEATHS.

#### Marriages.

DRAPER : TODD .- On October 14th, at the Parish Church, Oliffe, Francis John Standen Draper, Second-LieutenantThird Gloucesters, only son of Mr J J. T. Draper and Mrs. Draper, of Hampden-on-Thames, to Elsie Frances, youngest daughter of Mr Anthony Todd, cf Meopham, Kent.

MARRINER: BOWRON.-By special licence, at Sedge field, on Baturday, October 21st, Flight Bergeant G. Marriner, Royal Flying Corps, to Mies E. Bowron, of Ferrybill.

#### Roll of Honour.

LUNLEY.- Killed in action, in France, Harold, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs T. Lumley, Newgate, aged 19 years.- Deeply mourced by all.

WARDLE - Sulper George Wardle, son of George and Mary Wardle, 43, Bridgegate, Barnard Castle, killed in action, Ooteber 1st, 1916, aged 25 years.

We little thought when he left home, No more he would return, But (rod has will'd it otherwise, And left us here to mourn.

To us it was a bitter blow, None but aching hearts can know. He was a son so true and brave, Now he sleeps in a hero's grave.

-Ever remembered by father, mother-brother and sisters, and all who knew him--He was brother-in-law to Private James Young, who has died of wounds.

In Mamoriam,

STOREY .- In loving memory of Mary Alice and Hilds, beloved daughters of Robert and Martha Storey.

Yes, again we hope to meet them, When the strift of life is fied; And with joy in heaven to greet them, Where us farewall teams are shell.

-Ever remembered by father, mother and brothers.

# market is flooded with groups mixtures of birmuth and magnesis, w'ich in my opinion are likely to do more barm than good. **GENUINE BISURATED MAGNESIA**

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hospitals as au effective autaoid and food many people at different times and have never yes hourd of a case where it has failed. Next time you experience pain after eating, with flushed face, hearthurn, flatulence, oto., gab nome of this pare bisurated magnesia from the under-mentioned or any other good chemist, and take half-a-tenspoonful in a little warm or cold water. It will instantly neutralize the harmfol acid acd prevent all possibility of ford fermenting in your stomach. But, whatever you do, avoid drags, and also be sure you get the pure bisurated un goesta, for the

stomach is quite healthy and the digestive

Drugs that Deceive.

instance, is widely used by dyspeptios.

so far I know, is the only preparation recommended by physicians and used in

to acid in the stomach and consequent fermentation of the food contents. Artificial digestants | depot near Beurnsmunsh. are, of course, useless in such cases, and I know of no drug which can be safely employed; but practically all obemists stock a simple antacid known as bisurated magnesis, and this,