THE TEESDALE MERCURY-WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1917

The Urban Tribunal Halts. MURMURINGS AGAINST MILITARY METHODS.

WHAT REALLY DID TAKE PLACE.

A meeting of the members of the Barnard Castle Urban District Tribunal, held on Thursday night, at the Police Court, to consider twelve mes, including four military reviews, came to an upexpected end in its initial stages. Mr O. B. Martin, J P., presided, and there were also present Messrs M. J. Dixon, J.P., R. Summerson, W. Waine, and Mr. J. I. Pawson, clerk. Mr.J. W. Hartley, J.P., was the military representative, Mr W. Woodhead, clock to the military, and Mr Valentine Hodgson, Board of Agriculture.

On the members taking their seats on the bench, the Chairman rose and said he had rather a novel position to take as the monthpiece of the local Tribunal in announcing that they were not going on with the cases. The members thought they had been ignored by the action of the military suthorities. Their appointment they took to be legal, but had found toat some of the worst cases which had come before them had been appealed against, and the Tribunal thought it was useless to go on. One case they had referred to their Clerk, with a request that he would send on the full facts to the proper succerities. But the meeting would be adjourged on other grounds. He for one thought he had been wasting time, and his brother members were unanimously of the same opinion. They did not propose to go into acy case that night, but at once to communicate with the recognized authorities their conviction that they were in this business useless members.

Mr Hartley : Before you adjourn I should like to know to whom your remarks apply ? Do they apply to the military as represented at the last Tribunal, or do they allude to myself?

The Chairman said they had reference to those who had assumed the responsibility of action in the appeals, and in particular the worst case, which was m st ornel in its results. The area in which the Tribunal adjudicated was a small one, and the members had acted upon their full, carefal, and accurate local knowledge of the circumstances of each case. and, in the matter of this complaint, the Tribunal did not b ar feeling to any one man. but took exception to the action of the military on account of the appeals made behind their backs, and with which the Tribupal did not agree.

Mr Hartley: I would like, as this affects my position, to say a few words. I am s rry that this attitude of the Tribunal is not making my very unplement duty any batter or any more pleasant. I can assure you that the obligation is no pleasure to me. It is quite the reverse. But it is my duty to get as many men as possible for the army, and as long as I hold the position I do I am certainly going to carry out those duties. I have timays treated the Tribunal with courtesy, and I think no one can find fault with me on that p int with fairness. There is one matter, however. I should like to name in connection with the eight appeals from your decisions. Complaint seems to be made that the ca es in the c ses were not stated at the time. Lot me say that there is no necessity for the military representative to state any case in which he intends to appeal,



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Re-examination for Rejacted Man, Attested or Not.

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The new Military Service Act provides that a rejected man aball no longer be exempted if he receives a written notice requiring him to present himself for medical examination, so long as he has not attained the age of 41 years before the appointed date, Voluntarily attested men who were rejected are not treated as discharged from the Army, but are to be called up for further examination.

Appeals for Exemption.

The men called up for re-examination have the right to appeal to local Tribunals for exemption, but this right must be exercised within 30 days from the notice to be reexamined having been sent. Any such attested man may appeal on any of the grounds now open to attested men, including ill-health or ir firmity. Tribunals are directed to deal with such applications on the same principles as previens applications, bearing in mind, how-ever, that the need of the Army for all men of military aga at the earliest possible date is pressing; in particular that for men in Classes A or B1, under 31 years of age, examption on the ground of employment is not justified (unless the man are outside the exceptions mentioned in R 114), and that the standard of hardship is now much stricter that in the earlier days of the war.

Mon in Agriculture.

The Act makes an exception for any man who is for the time being engaged in agriculture, and whose personal work is certifi d by the Board of Agriculture as being of na ional importance. Apparently this exemption can only be granted on an appeal to the local Tribuoal.

Dr. Leishman's St. John's Ambulance **Class Results.**

All the students of Dr. Leishman's St John's Ambulance first-aid class, who sat for the examination, have passed. The following is a

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Memorial Service at Bowes.

A crowded memorial service was held in St. Giles' Church on Sunday afternoon, touching and it is interesting to turn to the youthful

BOWES BAND OF HOPE.

A large company assembled in the Wesleyan Sunday School, Bowes, on Saturday night, March Slas, when another meeting; of the Band of Hope was held. A good programme had been prepared, and was much appreciated. Mr 4. Macdonald, Bowes Gate, presided, and Mrs Watson, Stoneykeld, had charge of the musical arrangements The following were the items rendered :- Recitations, by William Tunstall, Annie Mary Watson, Harriet Shaw, Norah Allan, Nancy Guy, Arthur Donald and Eunice Atlah, Nahoy Guy, Arthur Donaid and Eunice Barwise; sorg, by six children; ductt, by Miss Bayles, Plover Hall, and Mr Thomas Addison, Brostes Farm; dialogues, by six girls, and by six boys; solos, by Beatrice Bainbridge, Miss Winnie Richardson, and Miss Buck.—A collection was taken at the close in aid of the funds - Now that the busy season has commanced it will be impossible to hold these mentions much longer, and the last assembly for it escason was accordingly held in the Wesleyan school-room on Saturday, April 14th, when Mr P verley, of Boldron, presided. The programme was chiefly musical. There were three pieces given by four violicists, namely, Misses Lee and Allison, and Mesters W. Meynell and P. Walker, with Miss Walker accompanying. Solos were also rendered by Misses Constance Allison, Buck, Ida Allison and Lee; recitations by Miss Sarah Buck and Master W. Meynell; and a trio by Misses Hutchinson and Lee and Master W. Meypell. The weather was very unfavourable, but a fairly representative company was present. The meetings held have been much enjoyed, and very successful.

Barnard Castle Rural Council Finance.

At the monthly meeting, on Wednesday sen., Wr R. Armstrong, J.P., presided, and the Surveyor said snow-cutting had been proceeding for sixteen weeks.-The requisition of the workmen for increased wages was ocnsidered, and it was decided to allow the roadmon Ss. a week extra, and to allow a shilling a day more for team labour. - With reference to the request of Miss Todd, Hudeshope Gate, to enclose a portion of the rordside waste and use it as gardens, the Council decided not to give a decision in the matter, the Clerk observing that they could take action when the enclosure began .- It was reported that the paybill smeanted to £786, and that there was only £500 in the bank with which to pay. Next month there would be about £1,000 to be paid, and nothing to pay it with.-The Inspector, baving enrolled as a National Service Volunteer, bad received notice to transfer him as a Clerk in a Surveyor's office at Boston, but the Clerk had appealed within the three days, and the Council confirmed his action. - The question of allotments at Ingleton was referred to the Parish Council.— The Medical Officer's annual report showed that the births numbered 224, a decrease of 47 on 1915, and the deaths 153, a decrease of 34, and 42 people had died between the ages of 70 and 90.-Precepts for a general district rate of 5d, in the pound were made cut, and for special expenses on Cockfield, 2270; Egglestone, 234; Gainford, 235; logieton, 25; Middleton, 235; Staindrop, 280; and Wherlton, 25.

Mr Clarkson Harker and Temperance.

On March 23rd the Cotherstone Band of Hope had a very interesting lecture given by Mr Clarkson Harker, of Barnard Castle, on the aubjact of alcohol: its uses and abuses. The

and, more especially now, when you retire to consider your verd of, because I don't know on what grounds you arrive at your decision. Therefore 1 prver say in which case I am going to appeal. I don't know whether you have ever seen a copy of the "Bulletin" for April 12th, which contairs a review of the Examptions venchers-Katherine Whan, Derothy Laverick, Act, and which I now hand to you

Mr Summersen: The instructions sent out by the Local Government Board and these issued by the military authorities are at variance so much that it is impossible to recoacile them. Our instructions are very different to those which you get

Mr Hartley: In this matter my hands are tied, Mr Sammerson.

Mr Summerson : It appears to me apomalous where the Chairman of the Appeal Court at Durbam has exemption granted to a clerk in his office, a single man of 35, and passed for general service, and with two qualified men already in the chice.

Mr Hartley : I capnot consider that.

Mr Summers u: But it shows that things are very uefair.

Mr Martio: And then take the case of Moore here, and compare is with that of the Chairman of the County Appeal C art, who, as already stated, get exemption for his clerk of 35, single, and graded for general service.

Mr Hartley: I am afraid we cannot deal with that.

Mr Dixon: I should like to say that we are all agreed in this matter.

Mr Hanby Holm & (who was retained in the case of Mr Wilson the general manager of the Teesdale Associated Farmers) : Then I take it that appellants are not affected at all in this matter of adjournment.

The Clerk : No, not at all. The exemptions still run on till the appeals are dealt with figally.

The preceedings then terminated.

Teesdale Education Sub-Committee.

The monthly menting wis held on Wednesday, under the presidency of Mr M. J. Dixee, J.P., and there were also present Messis Armstrong, J.P., G. R. Gent, C. J. Smith, R. T. Richardson, J.P., H. L. Bilo, J.P., J. Wiseman, and Mrs Dawson and Miss Nixon, and Mr.F. D. Brown (clerk) .- The average school attendances were submitted by Mr Lee, as follow :- Sarpard Castle, 86.2; Staindrop, 867; and #iddletor, 85'4 .- The Conirman : I thick you have done remarkably well in doing three mea's work .-Miss Nixon said she was very keen in insisting that any work which could be done by boys should be done at this moment - Mr Smith : Ia the North Riding they have made the rule for leaving school at 13, and I den't myself see why it should be 14 in Durham. Miss N'xon : It is a question of the food of the country that llook ar.- It was agreed to let the question of boy labour stand ever for a monsh .- There were 13 applications for the position of caretaker of the Council School at Barnard Castle, the remuneration being at the rate of about 12r. a week, and Mr Walker Waine secured the appointment.

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Cotherstone Wesleyan Anniversary Services.

The anniversary services of the Wesleyan Sunday School, Cotherstone, vere bele on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. A free too was given to the scholars on Good Friday alternoon, when about forty partock of the nice things provided, and was kindly presided over by Mrs. T. Kipling, Mrs W. Balobridge and Miss Clarkson, after which they were each presented with oranger, the kind gift of the Misses Heming. A public meeting was held in the obapel in the evening, when the enair was taken by Mr T. Kipling, who gave an encouraging address. The Secretary's report showed the school to have done some good work. Able and practical addresses were delivered by Mr. T. Park soon and the Rev. Robinson Larg. Barnard Castle, to a good company. On Easter Sunday earness and appropriate aermons were preached in the morning by the Rev. G Glaudfield, Middleton, and in the evening by the Rev. R. Lang. In the afternoon a service of praise was held, when a choice selection of bymes, recitations, and action sorgs were well rendered by the choir and scholars, assisted by Miss Russell and Mr W. Hall with violics, under the must able training of Mr Ridley, and was well attend d. Good collections were realised.

Barnard Castle and Startforth Nursing Association.

The monthly meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Dispensary on April 7th. Miss Nixon was in the chair, and there were also present Mrs Holmes, Mrs. Manby, Miss Barker, Mrs Barn, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Bainbridge, Miss Harris, Mrs Wiseman, Mrs York, Mrs Wells, Miss Scarre and Miss Walton (tenorary secretaries), and Mr Dent (bonurary treasurer) - The Norse reported 294 visits paid during March to 28 patients. The income for the month was £25 6s. 6d. Nurse the Auction Mars, and any mossages to her abould be left there.

Staindrop Congregational Church-

The appiversary of the above church was held on Easter week-end. On Good Friday afternoon, in the Scarth Memorial Hall, miscellanceus articles were sold. During the evening = grand concert was given by Mrs Depot, Barnard Castle. Tara and party, of Woodland, whose efforts elicited much applause from a large and ap reciative audience. Mr A. Copeland ably presided. Refreshments were served during the afternoon and evening on the cafe system. On Eister Sunday special sermons were preached in the morning and evening by the minister (the Rev. R. W. Young). The soloist was Miss Kate Wall or, and the organist. Miss Soulaby Good con regations gathered at both services. includic ; many young people. Altegether the a piversary was a great BUSCCES.

the death in Brance of Toby Pratt, roadman, days of Mr Jowett when he preached in the who, prior to enlistment, lived with his mother local Congregational Church, and also in the in the village, and was very much esteemed Hale obspel at Outherstone, and to recall his by everyone. He joloed the Rovel Engineers insistence upon personal religion. His for road work in France, and died of bronchitis discourses in parabole showed winderful in that country. The Volunteer Training thought, originality, and research. The Corps was largely represented, and the organist present is a oritical moment in the orner of was Corporal Soper, V.T.C., of Catterick, of the Royal Berks, who played Chopin's "Faneral March " with great skill.

God's Acre.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercu-y."

our sequestered old towe, though the flying Dr. Jowett-it is now £2,400 a year-but this man who alighted the other week could not he refused to accept. The session also offered find us on his map. Proud of its old time him six months' vacation (instead of four bistory, its castle ruics, its cld Market Hall, months) each year until the war ends, so that its wonderful Museum, its rapidly flowing he could visit England and do the work he river, and the glades and becks adjoining, its is called to do at this oritical time. A not distant hills, and the breezy mourland, yes, committee was appointed to ask men of high and God's acre, where our rude forefathers position in civic and religions life to send sleep-that is the acre surrot oding our veper- belegrams and letters to D. Jowett begging able Parish Church. If I must be candid I him to remain in New York. The "New York never did care much, or as much, for the new Herald" states that Dr. Jowett has received an long strip of land we call the cemetery, with intimation from King George that he wishes its comical divisions. At top an imposing bim to return to London, as will as a letter entrance and a good-sized charel; entrance to from Mr Lloyd George apporting the the other portions, no entrance at all. Divid- invitation to Westminster. I' also states that ing the top allotment-excute the word-a President Wilson has been taked to influence wall, another allotment with a tiny chapel, Dr. Joweth to stay in America. Dr. suother wall, a public path, an iron pallisade, Jowett dined with the King on March 3rd, and the third allotment, where a small and 1911, just before leaving for America, and he battered board says, "D'ssenters' burying said onat the Klog's last words to him were: ground "-at least if you can still read it, for "I want to tell you that when you go away, it is some time since I tried to decipher it. you go with the good-will of your Kirg and Not many of us can say where our final resting- Queen." place will be, but this to me is the homliest of the acres, where whistling beys and laughing flappers pass, and not far is a homely street and sound of labour. To me it has ever remained a puzzle as to whom this place belonged. One kind gentleman I could see, not a tall man, pleasant and friendly, who cared for it, with, I fear, m mi small encouragement. I may not tell his name, for that might vex him. He is knight of a trade which dous an apron. I remember unce enquiring who managed this piece, for, as a diligent reader of your paper. I never saw report of any meeting held, and some one says "it has a committee of one," bat, naturally, I took this for humorous. But the entrance, ah! the entrance, along which the other week I passed in planging snow. To myself I said is B.C. civilised, or is convinced that he is ruled by his conviction of inspired him more than the pasimody and is B.C. as contrasted with A.D. the age I live duty. And I am quite sure that America will in ?" I am finished, dear Editor. - I am, for the strain every nerve to retain him.- [We have, Dickin is now living at Flatts View, opposite subject is, indeed, a grave one, yours truiy, of c urse, already stated that Mr Jowett has B.D.

P.S.-Another time I will ask you to say who are the Diesenters. I know of none, and except the memory of this antiquated board I have not beard the word for many years.

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the great prescher. Dr. Jowett recently called a special meeting of the session of Fifth Avecus Pre-byterian Church, New York, and during a conference that lasted natil nearly midnight be said that the call from Westminster Campel had come at a momentous time in his country's history, and great pressure was being brought to bear upon him from England. SIR,-We Barnard Castle people are proud of The accesion affored to increase the salary of

The Rev. J. H. Jowett, M.A., D.D.

These are the times which try men's scule,

What the "Centlewoman" Says :---

Dr. Jowett is being fought for by New York and also by Westminster Chapel. At any moment we may hear what his decision is. Of late his congregations have been larger than over, and it is stated that at least five bundred people have been turned away at every service from the doors. A suggestion has been made that he should alternate his ministry between London and New York. Well, it is a very remarkable thing that any preacher, however famons, should be so eagerly coveted. Certainly it is clear proof that people do value very highly the teaching and preaching of a master hand. Personally I do not think for a moment that ambition guides Dr. Jowett's plans. I am decided to return to England .- ED. T.W.]

Shakespeare and the Germans.

The "kulture" of the Germans did not deceive ou forefathers, and there are many instances of great soldiers referring to them as little better than beasts. Their "own" hero, Shakespeare, which is studied more in Germany than in Eoglard, gives them the unkindest cut of all. In "The Merchant of Venice" the heiress, Portis, is wooed by a Saxon Prince, and to Nerissa's query, "How do you like the young German, the Duke of Saxony's nephaw?' Portia replice, "Very vilely in the morning, when he is sober ; and most vilely in the afternoon, when he is druck; when he is best he is a little worse than a man ; and when he is worst be is little better than a beast; and the worst fall that ever fell, I hope I shall make shift to go without him." One worders if this passage is retained in the German version of the iccomparable William Shakespeare.

R.v. H. Horeley, in his usual humerous style, presided. The lecture was listened to with latence interest, and questions asked received a ready answer. The lecture was given with the intention of the children writing a competition essay on the subject, which was divided into four classes. The c mpany were favoured wi h a song by Miss Gill, and a violin solo by Mr Wm Hall. Miss Ridley accompanied on the plane. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Harker and the Chairman, and the sigging of the National Anthem brought to a close a very interesting and profitable meeting. - On March 30th the awards were made for the best essays. Some prizes were given by Mr Harker (who offered the consulation prizes), one by Mr Horsley, and the remainder by the committee. The awards, which were presented by Miss Watson, were made as follows :- Olive Tyreman, Geo. Ronald Hodgson, Nancy Walker and Marjorie Winsford, and consolation prizes to Tarn Walton, Alfred Reynolds and Ronald Garside, after which addresses were given by Nr Wm. Pigg and Mr Tom Sayer. The number of attendances at the meetings was given by Miss Clarkson. A duct by Rhoda Gibson and Carry Knight concluded the Band of Hope meetings for the season.

Social Evening at the Local Primitive Methodist Church.

The school-room of Newgare Primitive Methodist Church was well filled on Thursday evening sen, and the audience thoroughly erjayed the entertainment provided by a humorous sketch, depicting the gossip of a oburch sewing meeting, in which the following married ladies took place :- Mesdames Lightfoot, Coates, Groft, Nelson, Weiford, Anderson, Gowland, J. Watson, Bayles and Hillary. All the paris were woll sustained, and all entered with spirit and appreciation into the variety of character portrayed in the dialogue. Refreshments were cerried round, and the choir contributed glees, conducted by Mr W. Coates, Miss White playing the accompaniment.- The Chairman (the Rev. C. H. Lightfoot) said he had all his life been fond of music, his first instrument being a concertina, on which at five years of age he could play "God save the Queen." He next tried the finte, and then the piaco. Music had in all ages formed no unimportant part of worship, and no portion of the present divine service impressed or anthem. They owed a great debt to the church choir and its able leader .- The financial result in aid of the ladies' sewing meeting fund amounted to £2 10s.

Marwood Wesleyan Church Eastertide Services.

On Good Briday the Rev. F. G. Gatebouse delivered his interesting lecture, entitled "Unharnessed horses," in a very able manner, which was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present. Appropriate racitations were also rendered by Misses Stoddart, Laycock and Hall. Mr J. H. Walker, of Gilmonby, presided over the gathering. On Easter Sunday the afternoon and evening services were conducted by Messrs J. Alderson and T. Addison, of Bowes, who spoke well and gave promise of great usefulness in the circuit.

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