#### LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Mr Cosmor Bonsor is in a nursing home to undergo an operation, and will not be able to attend to business for some time.

Mr John Smith, Grove Park, was sufficiently recuperated, on Wednesday, as to be able to take his seat on the magisterial bench.

Woodland Beagles will meet on Saturday December 8th, at Doe Park, near Cotherstone,

The Rev. W. Callender Wake, of London, is again indisposed.

The Urban Council have accepted from Mr Galgate, where a tree has died.

Mr George Thompson, veterinary surgeon, Galgate, sustained a nasty fall from his motor cycle at Galgate corner, early on Friday morning. The machine skidded, and Mr Thompson was thrown off. Mr Archer, chauffeur to Dr. Leishman, saw the injured Cman, from his bedroom window, lying in the road, about seven o'clock, and hastened to his assistance. At that time Mr Thompson was unconscious, and was removed to Mr Archer's house, but we are happy to say that he rapidly recovered.

The Food Controller authorises, notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 10 of the Potatoes Order, 1917, sales of and dealings in potatoes of any of the varieties mentioned in such clause (King Edward, Arran Chief, Langworthy, What's Wanted, and Golden Wonder, except in any of the counties of York, Lincoln Cambridge, Norfolk, Huntingdon, Hertford, Warwick, Worcester and Notts, by a grower whose whole acreage of potatoes of all varieties in those counties in the year 1917 exceeds 5 acres.

"There is more glass wasted in Barnard Castle than in any town in England of its size,' says the Chairman of the Urban Council.

By the making over of the water mains by the owners of houses on the Flatts estate, it was stated at the Council meeting, on Thursday night, that a gift had been made to the town of 2100 by Lord Barnard.

Zetland Foxhounds will meet at Stainton, at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning.

By a sale of work opened by Lady Gainford, in the Scarth Memorial Hall, over £40 was raised to meet a deficiency in Staindrop Parish Church accounts.

The final for the billiard handicap at the Conservative Club, the prizes for which were given by the York and Lancaster Regiment per Lieut.-Col. Herne) was played off on Thursday night, the contestants being two brothers - Messrs Harry Carter scratch, and F. Carter (10 start). A good game resulted in Mr Harry Carter winning by 8 points. Messrs A. Urqubart (scratch) and L. Dobson (60 start) ere respectively 3rd and 4th.

The Urban Council approve of a public light in Hall-street archway.

Mr Thomas Errington, of Bank House, Loftus-in-Cleveland, brother of Messrs John and William Errington, of Brignal, received official news from the War Office, on the 27th November, that his son, Private John Birkett Errington, H.A.C., was killed in action, near Ypres, on the 9th of October. He was prewas born in 1898, and was educated at the North Eastern County School, Barnard Castle, where he was very successful as a student and athlete. On leaving school in 1914, he joined England at Middlesbrough. After applying to get into the Flying Corps, but just too late, he volunteered for the H.A.C., and went with his company to France in Jupe of this year.

- 0 -Sappers T. Nicholson and W. Comfort, Royal Engineers; and Quartermaster Sergeant S. Hall and Private Liley, Durham Light Infantry, are on furlough at Barnard Castle from the

The honorary secretary of Lady Ann Lambton's Durham County Work Depot acknowledges garments from Mrs J. Smith, and a contribution in money from Dr. Leishman, of Barnard Castle.

Dr. Welford attended the meeting in connection with maternity and child welfare at the Mansion House, London.

Last night the annual meeting of the local War Emergency Committee was held.

# WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

Teesdale Delegates at the Meeting.

A meeting of delegates from the Women's Institutes of Durham was held at the North Eastern Hotel, Darlington, on Tuesday, Nov-Federation of Women's Institutes, was in the chair. Delegates were present from the followg places, where institutes are either already in existence, or are about to be formed:-Witton-le-Wear, Neasham, Evenwood, Cock field, Staindrop, Howden-le-Wear, Ootherstone, and Middleton-in-Teesdale. Mrs Watt stated that the movement has now been taken over by the Board of Agriculture, which would supply funds for the formation of new Women's Institutes, but after formation they would be affiliated to and responsible to the Central Pederation of Women's Institutes, which, however, would not interfere with their local work. The work of Women's Institutes would thus be done on two lines—the county work of propaganda, and the institute work of after-care. For the former (county work) a sub-committee of the County War Agricultural Committee Executive might be formed as in other counties. Mrs Watt then asked leave to present a scheme of county organisation, known as a "conference," which had been adopted in some of the other counties. It was resolved to adopt the general principle embodied in the onference plan, which provides that delegates from all Women's Institutes in the county shall meet periodically for the discussion of matters connected with the institutes. The following officers were elected :- Obairman, Mrs H G. Stobart (Witton-le-Wear W. I.); vice chairman, Mrs Jolliffe (Neasham W. I); secretary, Miss Beal (Cotherstone W. I), with Miss Jean Stobart as assistant secretary; treasurer, Mrs Creeswell Ward (Neasham W. I.) Each institute will elect its delegate to the conference shortly. Considerable satisfaction was expressed at the formation of the conference. and at the work already accomplished, all the profitable session.

### THE URBAN COUNCIL.

#### New Scheme for Dissenters' Burial Ground.

The monthly meeting was held on Thursday night in the Council chamber at the Conservative Club. Mr C. Hedley presided, and there were also present the Rev. H. W. H. Bircham, and Messrs J. Guy, R. Woodhams, R. Arrowsmith, J. Wiseman, W. Hodgson, H. Walker, F. J. Wilson, C. J. Smith, T. Thompson, and J. I. Dawson (clerk), J. H. Veitch (assistant clerk), F. V. Ord (collector), and L. Simpson (surveyor). - There was a body of water in the reservoir of 19 feet 4 inches, and it transpired that the question of rate arrears had not been overlocked .- The Surveyor's recommendation to purchase R. T. Richardson a plane tree to be planted in automatic couplings for the fire engine was deferred for six months; and Surveyor was directed to report the quantity and condition of scrap iron available, at the next meeting. -Three cases of diphtheria had taken place in Newgate houses, and remedial measures are being applied. On the invitation of Dr. Kerr, of Newcastle, the Surveyor had attended the Tyne city, and had also visited a model village near Newcastle where the houses were arranged in two groups. Mr Martin had secured plans and specifications of these houses.-The Clerk was directed to call the attention of the Water Board to the impassable state of Green Lane cocupation road, owing to the thick coating of clay. - Mr F. J. Wilson and Mr Guy were appointed the committee for the urban district to consider venereal disease, with power to co-opt members as suggested by the county authorities .- The Clerk read a letter from the Urban District Councils' Association on the housing question, setting forth the financial proposals of the Government, which said that these bodies which put forward a scheme would be assisted to the tune of half the cost.

Nonconformist Burial Ground Management.

The Clerk produced a draft of the proposed scheme for the continued management and regulation of the Dissenters Cometery, the object being to put the charity on a business footing.—Mr Smith: This is a matter which altogether concerns the Dissenters, and not the inhabitants generally .- The Vicar remarked that the scheme had reached them for their information, and, as representing the inbabitants, the Council could offer any objection, if necessary. So long, however, as nothing was done to interfere with the interests of the town he thought they should allow the trustees to manage their own

#### A Legal Point and Other Matters.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Local Government Board inquiring as to the legality of the Council's borrowing money to purchase war stock in view of the auditor's observations at the recent audit.-Lord and Lady Barcard wrote to say that they greatly valued the Conneil's expression of sympathy with them in the irreparable loss which they sustained by the death of their eldest son, Captain the Hon. Harry Cecil Vane .- Mr Fletcher, the fisaccial secretary of the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Ne weastle, acknowledged cheque for £20 24 34. the proceeds of the local flag day, and said he was much obliged to Mr O. Hedley for having paid the expenses. It was understood that the -Mr Singer, secretary, complained of interruption when the War Emergeny Committee last met at the Witham Testimonial, and the Council now decided to give them the tree use of the new Council Chamber for their meetings -On the question accommodation at the Witham Testimonial, a viously reported as missing. The deceased letter from Mr Rubert Wood, the secretary to the trustees, was read in which he regretted the severance of long standing associations, but insisted that there had been no breach of contract on their part, and the difficulty could the staff of the National Provincial Bank of have been overcome by a rearrangement of the meetings - Mr Walker said the plain truth was that they were wapting a lot more accommodation than was available,-The Clerk thought it was practically impussible to meet the wants made upon the trustees for accommodation .- Mr Wiseman: And the Council bore it patiently.

Food Control and Prosecutions.

The Clerk called attention to the fact that the Government had issued an order giving the Food Control Committees power to enforce their orders, and the appointment of officers for tale purpose, and for the inspection of books of account, taking samples, weighing and so forth. The Food Inspector had been transferred, and be inferred from the reading of the order that in all probability the cost would come cut of the Exchequer.

# Holidays.

The Council adopted the recommendation of the Tradesmen's Association to observe Ohristmas Day, Thursday, December 27th; Monday, December 31st, and New Year's Day as holidays .- Mr Walker Waine intimated by letter that he would shortly discontinue his tenancy of Thorngate mill, and the Clerk said another builder would probably carry on.

### ember 27th. Mrs Watt, representing the Central Barnard Castle Ladies' Association for War Relief.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." DEAR EIR, - I shall be much obliged if you will once again allow me some of your valuable space to make an appeal for funds for the Barnard Castle Ladies' Association for War Relief. Since Japuary of this year we have ment to cur 6th Durham Light Infantry at the front 500 pairs of socks, 20 pairs of mittens and 17 mofflers. The need of socks is very great at the front, and we are most acxious through the coming winter to keep our men well supplied. Our collectors, as last year, are canvassing the town. May I beg for them a kind and liberal reception? There are many calls on our purses, but so long as our soldiers are facing so bravely the cold and wet of the trenches surely we at home will not withhold the means of providing money for the wool for socks. The commanding officer of the 6th Durbam Light Infantry at the front, in a recent letter, writes: "The battalion has just emerged with credit from a very strangous time, during which the endurance of the men was simply aplendid. I am sure their home people would be very proud of them if they could be told the details." Such men deserve all we can do for them, and more. - I remain, yours faithfully,

SARAH E. BIRCHAM, Chairman of the Association. The Vicarage, Barnard Castle, December 4th, 1917.

POULTRY KEEPERS SHOULD WRITE to Joseph Thorley Ltd, King's Cross, London, who are the manufacturers of OVUM, Thorley's Poultry Spice, for Thorley's Poultry Keepers' members agreeing that it had been a most Account Book, also book giving useful Hints sight, the ploughmen deserve credit, and also to Poultry Keepers. Both sent free.

### MILITARY SOUVENIRS PRESENTED AT BARNARD CASTLE.

700 TOWHSMEN IN THE ARMY: 70 WAKE THE SACRIFICE.

Last Thursday night the Music Hall was filled by a sympathetic throng anxious to commemorate the valour of the late Private George William Croft, son of the esteemed widowed Mrs Croft, of Pearson-terrace, Barnard Castle, on the occasion of the presentation to that lady of the British Military Medal and the French Croix de Guerre, gained by her late son, who, serving in the Durham Light Infantry, was killed at Bullecourt on May 3rd, in heroic acts of signalling. Under the command of Lieut. L. H. Barnard, the local company of the Durham County Volunteer Regiment, was present, and cadets from the Startforth School, under Mr R. J Bailey, headmaster, were also in attendance, the deceased soldier having attended the Morritt Memorial Schools in his boyhood. Private Croft, who was a most courteous and intelligent young man, was, prior to volunteering for active service, in the employment of Mesers Winpenny and Sons, clothiers, of this town.

Major J. W. B. Heslop presided, and was supported by Messrs C. Hedley, the chairman, and T. Thompson, R. Woodhams, W. Hodgson, J Wiseman, J. Guy, F. J Wilson and the Rev. H. W. H. Bircham, members, and Mr C. H. Welford, M.D., medical effiser of the Urban District Council; the Revs. C. H. Lightfoot

and J. Hawkins, and others.

Msjor Heslop said he had a duty to perform which he certainly undertook with very mixed feelings, for one had a sense of sorrow and sympathy and also an impulse for congratulation. They were there to do honour to one of their local heroes—(applause) -for what he had done in the defence of their empire. They regretted that in doing his duty he fell, but in that they were all proud of him. (Loud applause). The first thing that struck Major Heelop was that Private Croft was a lad of their own, whom most of them knew, and who did his duty well, and who in the act had made the greatest sacrifice a man could do for his country. Now they might take it that in doing what he did he did credit to himself, his mother and to his town, and, above all, to his country. They could well imagine a mother's pride in the midst of her sorre w, but, in addition to her own, she would take home with her, that night, the pride of the town as shown by the unanimity of that great gathering. (More applause). The arduous work and deprivation of their soldiers on the western front and elsewhere was an object lesson and incentive to all of them to make some little sacrifice for their country, which, in comparison to the bravery and daring of George Croft, must in its very nature be a small offering indeed. (Applause).

Mr C. Hedley said he had known the departed soldier from infancy, and, although he was now no more, his memory would remain imperishable in this town, which had sent 700 brave lads into the army, 70 of whom had gallantly

made the supreme sacrifice. (Applause). The medals were then pinned on to Mrs Cruft's breast by the Chairman of the Council, the audience standing. Mr Hedley read an official recommendation in reference to the self-sacrificing and heroic doeds of the late Private Croft, from the officer commanding, particulars of which have already been given church collections had not yet been sent in. in this journal, the distinction being earned on April 10th, 1917. That, in conjunction with the town's profound sympathy with Mrs Croft, in her sorrow, was an carnest of deep pride in the valour of ber gallant con.

Most appropriate were the remarks of the Rev. J. Hawkins which followed, in paying a tribute to the memory of the deceas d, and equally comforting were tis allusions to the career of Mrs Croft's family. That lady had two other sons in the army, while one bad been discharged, invalided, after taking part in several engagements, and also two in Canada, and a daughter working on munitions This was a record of which Mrs Croft had every reason to be proud (Applause).

"God save the King," heartily suns, conciuded the proceedings, a record of which was subsequently entered on the minutes of

the Urban Conneil.

### DOES THIS WAR PROVE THE FAILURE OF CHRISTIANITY ?

The Vicar of Barnard Cas le preached on Sunday night from the words: "They say daily unto me, where is thy Gid?"-Psalm 42, part of verse 10 Mr Bircham said some people were saying just the same now, in connection with the present war. It a man attacked and killed and robbed another man, they wid not blame God, but condemned and punished the assailant. So it was, when the Germans attacked and robbed weaker nations, and perpetrated all sorts of barbarities, they musto's say obristianity had failed, but that the Germans had failed to act according to the christian teaching they had, in the Word of God which they possessed. If a doctor prescribed a certain course of treatment and the patient won't carry it out, they can't say that the doctor's remedy had failed. Obristianity said to the Germans, as to all men, "Do to others as you would that they should do unto you." If christianity had been accepted and acted upon and given a fair chance, there would have been no war to-day. But, it was naturally said, "Why doesn't God stop the war?" With their finite intelligence they could not understand all the workings of God's providence. God had given free-will to man, and this implied the possibility of doing evil as well as good. The free-will of man made possible the formation of character, and enabled them to render to God that voluntary service, with which He was pleased. The evil was only temporary, and God was bringing good cut of it. They were fighting on the side of righteousness, and they would win the war, but at great cost of lives and tressure. Could they wonder at God's delay in giving them victory? To a great extent, God was simply ignored, and business was put before religion. God was the God of bathles to-day, and as powerful as in bible times. Let them as a nation return unto Him, and He would return unto them.

# Boon Ploughing at Shepherd's Lodge.

Many friends and neighbours kindly gave a ploughing day at Shepbord's Lodge, recently, in the timely interest of agriculture and to the advantage of the esteemed Mr Wm. Parkin. The gentlemen sending teams were Mesers Jen. Robson, Wm. Kirkup, Geo. Don's, Jss. Stubbs, J. Favel, J. B. Dune, John Wilson, W. Lowry, Jav. Metcail, John Metcall, Wm. Wilson, T. Richardson, W. Wilson and John Stubbs. The work was exceptionally well done, the area decided upon being exceeded. The well-groomed valuable horses were a grand the gentlemen who assisted in other ways.

### UPPER DALE MOTES.

BY OUR OWN OORRESPONDENT. A grand concert was given in the Wesleyan school-room, Middleton, on Saturday night, in aid of the trust fund. A large and appreciative audience gathered. Mr R W. Raine, JP, presided, and the following programme was excellently rendered, practically the whole artistes being encored :- Planoforte solo-Mr J. T. Phillips; action song-Fisher girls girls; solo-The valley by the sea-Miss Ette Thompson; recitation -Auld wife's Christmas tales-Miss Meggie Bayles; action song and drill-Chinese laptern-Miss Doris Dowson and chorus; song-Sauds o' Dee-Mr Wm. Elgey; violin solo-Miss Amy Kidd; duett-Two beggars-Mr F. Lowe and Mr Elgy; action song - The golden orange groves - Miss Glarry Raine and chorus; duet - Not quite the same-Misses F. Dowson and M. Raine: song - Stars of Normandy - Mr F. Lowe; violin solo - Miss Kidd; action song - Little Japa-Miss Molly Raine and chorus; song-God send you back to me-Miss Thompson; songs-Friend o' mine and Kitty-Mr Elgy duett-Hurry up, Pompey-Pompey and Sembo chorus-Good night-all; God save the King Mrs G. V. Tarn and Mr J. T. Phillips were the accompanists. On Sunday afternoon a sacred concert was given in the church, when the principal artistes took part, and the choir rendered special authems. Mr J. T. Phillips presided at the organ, and the chair was taken

A whist drive was held in the Mechanics Institute last Wednesday night, a good company being present. The prize-winners were:-Ladies-1s', Miss O. Thompson; 2nd, Mrs O. H. Nicholson; 3rd, Mrs G G. Morton. Gentlemen-1st, T. Watson; 2nd, T Oliver; 8rd, W Cultman; sealed prize J K Sutherland. The masters of coremonies were Mesurs G. Longstaff and J. W. Hunt

by the Rev. G. Glandfield, minister.

The Primitive Methodist circuit quarterly meeting was held at Middleton on Saturday. Mr J. W. Kettlewell presided in the absence of the Ray, O. Petiler, who, we are sorry to say, is laid aside with a severe illness. A good number of officials attended. The reports were all most satisfactory, and finance good. After all claims were paid a substantial balance was left in the tressurer's hands. A letter was before the meeting from Sir W. P. Hartley effering to pay 25 per cent, on all advances in salaries given to ministers in the Primitive Methodist connexion, and it was decided to give the minister an increase.

Mr James Lee, who has been in Darlington Hospital for some time, passed away on Tuesday week at the age of 52 years. The remains were interred at Lalthkirk on

Official news has been received during the week-end that other two Teesdale lade have made the supreme sacrifice on the field of battle in the persons of P ivate Ernest Ebdon, the Mill, Newbiggin, and Private J W. Morton. Mickleton, the latter being killed in Palestine.

Privates T. Hunt and W. Gray, who have been in France over twelve months, are on fourteen days' leave at their respective homes in Middleton.

### Christmas Fare for 6th Durham Light Infantry.

To the Editor of the " Teesdale Mercury." an appeal through your columns on behalf of side of the river to practise economy in all the 6th Battalion Durbam Light Infantry, now fighting. Christmeetide will soon be upon us, and we are sure that all their friends and like to quote the following words of Lord well wishers would like to f el that, at this season of the year, they who are so publy supporting the cause their country is now fighting for, are not forgotten by us at home. We are desirous of raising a fund large enough to ensure that every one of the Battalion gets at the approaching season a good Chris'mas fare. Any subscription towards this object, which we feel sure will appeal to all, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

Mrs WATSON, The Mones, Barnard Cassie; by Councillor JOHN SHAW, Chairman; or by A. FOSTER, Hon. Secretary,

Town Hall, Bishop Auckland. November 30th, 1917

# CONCERT AT COTHERSTONE.

A very successful concert was held in the Temperance Hall, Outberstone, on November 24th, in connection with the Cotherstone Women's Guild, and was much appreciated by a large audience. The special soloists were Miss Emerson, Bernard Castle; Miss King, Darlington; and Miss Metcalfe, Egglestone; and the local friends were Mrs and Miss T. Heslop, Mrs T. Kipling, Mrs Nottingham, Miss A. Gill, Miss E. Walton, Mr W. Hall, and a number of children. Sergeant Shuker also contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening by rendering a number of humorous pieces. Miss Ridley and Miss W. Andrews acted as accompanists, and the concert was under the presidency of Mr A. A. Marricer, J.P. Mrs Bainbridge, Mrs Langion and Miss Ridley were responsible for the arrangements in concection with the concert, and these were carried out in a very satisfactory manner. On the following Munday a much appreciated address was given to the Guild by Mrs Foster, of Barnard Castle, on "Russell Lowell."

# Congregational Social.

An enjoyable social evening was held in the Hall Street school-room in connection with the Barnard Castle Congregational Church last Friday, it being the first of what is intended to be a series of such gatherings for the winter, chiefly, we believe, as a means of keeping the members together and interested in the church's welfare during the period they are without a pastor. Mr J. E. Dent had arranged a varied programme of items, with the result that everyone experienced considerable pleasure for an hour or two thus spent together. One of the features of the evening was a song guessing competition, each individual being supposed to wear a badge or emblem to represent the title of popular vecal compositions. There was a remarkable display of ingenuity in the "get up" of the competitors, and it was regretted that more prizes were not available, for even by ballet the votes showed pretty close running. The decision of those present was announced by Mr Doot as follows :- Ladiso -Miss Bertha Ainsley (The Jewel Song); gentlemen-Mr J. Appleby (The Perfect Day). Refreshments, suitable to the times, were banded round, and table games as well as round games were indulged in, with occasional selections of music on the violin and piano by MissWalker, Miss M. Ward, Mr J. H. Bainbridge and Mr J. Appleby. There were about eighty persons present, and all look forward to future gatherings of a similar character with joyful anticipation.

### THE BELL-IRVING CHALLENGE CUP.

On Sunday, in clear but cold weather, with a strong wind blowing down the range, the four platoons of C Company 2/3 North Riding Vilunteer Regiment o mpeted for possession of the massive silver cup presented by Captain Bell-leving. This is the first occasion upon which the competition has been fired on the open range, and there was keen rivalry. The teams consisted of ten competitors selected from each plateon, who fired five rounds application and five rounds rapid at secondclass figure targets at 200 yards. The scores were as follow: -Application Rapid Total

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1 Bowes and Startforth ... 157 ... 92 ... 249

2 Repleby and Forcett ... 147 ... 76 ... 223

3 Greta tridge and sutton ... 126 ... 94 ... 220

4 Mickleton and Outherstone ... 144 ... 63 ... 186 Aspecial prize was given by Mrs Bell-Irving for the highest score in application practice, for which two ompositions - Private J. R Dale, Eppleby, and Private Hodgeon, Outberstonetied, making the highest possible score, 20. On the re-shout at 300 yards Private Dale won. A prize, kindly presented by Mr R. B. Morton, Barnard Castle, for the highest score in the rapid practice at 200 yards, was won by Private Thompson, of the Bawes and Startforth Platoon. The bighest score at 300 yards' rapid practice was made by Second-Lieut, Garbuit. Lo-Cpl. Snailham, of Hutton secured the prize offered by Captain Morritt for the non-commissioned officer or man making the best individual score as 300 yards in practice G M C. No. 16, and Captain Piercey, M.O., kindly gave a prize for the highest aggregate score in the cup shoot, which was awarded to Privets Dale, of Eppleby. The competition open to disers of C Company for the highest aggregate soure in practices 4 5 and 16 was won by Lieut, Wiseman .- Captain Bell-Irving handed the cup to Lieut. Wiseman and the various pr z-s to the successful competitors amidat lond cheering. He said it was very necessary that volunteers should make themsolves thoroughly efficient, especially under present circumstances. Men in wellis formed quarters s ill thought an invasion of this country was possible, and it behaved them to be prepared to play their part in no uncertain manner if ever an attempt was made. Tier could only be prepared for such an emergency by taking every opportunity to perfect themselves in those duties which they, se volunteers, were expected to perform. -Lieut Wiseman said he was pleased to accept the cup on behalf of Bowes and Startforth Platoun, and affered hearty thanks to the donors of the priz s and to Captain Beil-Irving, who, in addition to his many generous otions, had kindly provided the in: chenc which they had all so thoroughy erigod .- Company Sargt .-Major Bailey, addressi g the company for the last time as a mior ven-commission ed offiser (be having been granted a commutation, remarked that the best evidence they could give of their gratitude for the generosity of their donors and their approclation of Captain Bell-I-ving was by making O Company the must efficient in the battelion, (L ud cheers.

### FOOD ECUAUSY CAMPAIGN.

To the Editor of the " Feestale Mercury." EIR, - I have been requested, as Chairman of the Barnard Castle Rural Dutriet Council, by the Food Economy Committee recently appointed to carry on an economy campaign in the rural area, to write a letter calling attention to the argent need for economy is food. In according to this request, I would urge my fellow-DEAR SIR, -Once again we venture to make residents in the rural parishes on the Durbam essential fundstoffs, and so prevent the nation being put on compulsory rations. I would Rhondda :-

"To my own fellow-countrymen, I say quite frank'y that what we sak of them in feed consemy is scarcely worthy the name of sacrifice. If these who continue to live and stay in comparative of mirt as bome are not willing to deprive themselves of quite unessential fieds, then our bravest men die in vain."

It has been stated that the greatesi difficulty which Sir A. K Yapp, the director of foud economy, has yet eccountered is in getting people in the country districts, who produce food, to economise. I hope this cannot be said of the inhabitants of this district, but that all will combine to carry out loyally and patriotleally the call for food econ: mr.

Bab-o-maittees are now appointed to work in Middletor, Ockfield and Stainarcp areas of my district. Public mentings, house-to-house cenvass and other means of laying this vital questin before the inhabitants will be tostituted by these sub-commit oce, and I beg the public will support their efficie, and especially will respond to their appeal to enrol in the League of National Safety, the permanent importance of which will be brought before the residents in due ourre. - Y ais ROBERT ARMSTRONG. faithfully, Penny Hill, La gle dale, 3 d D c, 1917.

BIRTHS, WARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

# Roll of Honour.

WORTON - Killed in rotion in Egypt, on November 3rd or 4th, Private John William Mortor, Rayal West Kents, beloved son of Jonathan and the late Suarn Morton, of Bank Side, Mick eton, aged 26 years. - Deeply mourned and eadly missed by all who knew bim. Death

res dence, Majfield Ville, Barnard Caulle,

HARDING .- On November 26th, 1917, at her

Eiler, wife of the late Thomas Harding. Intered in the Outholio Cemetery, Barnard Castle, on the 29 b November, -R.I.P. In Memoriam. CAMERON. - In aff-orionate remembrance of our over mother, Han at Cameron, of Caro Park,

Cotherstone, who pas d away December 2ad, 1916. No gentle in manner, so a lent in pain; Our d ar mothe lett us, heav n tog in; With n ture so gentle, and action so kind, 'Is ha d in this world her squal to find.

We watch d her slowly fade away; We oruld not keep her here; With achieg hearts we had to part With her we loved so dear.

-Lovingly remembered and andly missed by her loving sons, daughters, sous-in-law, daughters-12-law, and grandohildren.

STODDART. - In loving memory of Frances Catherine, beloved wife of Robert Studdart, of 29 Newgate, Barnard Oastle, who died December 8th, 1916.

Rest on, dear mother, thy labours o'er, Thy willing hards will toil no more; A faithful mother, true and kind, No friend omearth like thee we find. -Rver remembered by ner loving husband

and family. TURNER.-In loving memery of my dear husband, Joseph Turner, of Wostgate Farm, Bowen, who died December 3rd, 1915. Also of my neaghter, Ass, who nied December 19 p, 1907 -Lovingly remembered by his wife

and lacity.