

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

The four principal banks at Barnard Castle have, for their united clientele, subscribed £187,630 to the War Loans. In two instances entirely new money is here represented as having been contributed to the New Loan. In the case of a third, war savings and exchequer bonds are included, while in the fourth was comprehended the New War Loan and war savings certificates taken during the period from 11th January to the 16th February inclusive, which will be included in the Government total as War Loan.

Sergt. Bradley, of Middleton-in-Teesdale, was formerly an International Rugby Football player.

Private Jones, of the Royal Field Artillery, late fruiterer at Barnard Castle, and who is stationed in Ireland, has been on a visit to his wife and family. He has quite a smart, soldierly appearance.

The hand-feeding of four hundred sheep, on a depth of four or five feet of snow, was given, at Friday's Tribunal meeting, as one phase of farming in Teesdale at this hour.

Mr W. J. Watson, Spring Lodge, acting on medical advice, is about to take up residence for a few months in the south of England.

The Rev. Canon Gough was appointed Rector of Barningham and Rural Dean in April, 1899.

Colonel Richardson, of Rokeby Grove, is home on leave, and Private Dowson, Maurice Raw and Thomas Clapham have all recently spent a short furlough with their friends in Rokeby parish.

There has been a most loyal and patriotic response to Lord Barnard's War Loan offer to the Raby Estate employees, and, handsome as the collective sum is, it is certain a very much larger amount would freely have been contributed had the movement originated earlier.

A correspondent says that the addresses on sacrifice in national service, economy, war savings and loan investments, which have been delivered by the Vicar of Barnard Castle, have not only been very opportune, but have had a really practical effect.

Perhaps the first lamb born in this district, this season, was the produce of a Cheviot ewe, the property of Mrs Laws, Marden, Barnard Castle, the birth taking place on Saturday night.

The Rev. C. Hilton Hutchinson, Rector of Wycliffe, has received several letters from members of his parish, both at the front and at home, thanking the Working Party for sending comforts.

This month, Mr Isaac Coates, now living with his daughter at Barningham, will complete the ninety-sixth year of his age.

The Rev. George Oyston, B.A., a greatly respected minister of the Wesleyan Church, formerly in the Barnard Castle Circuit, passed away last Thursday, after an illness of some months' duration, at his residence, Union Road, Nether Edge, Sheffield. He entered the Wesleyan Ministry in 1865, and for four years was a tutor at Didsbury College, Manchester.

Private F. Smith, of the Durham Light Infantry, son of Mr and Mrs Smith, Bridgegate, Barnard Castle, who has been wounded, arrived home last week-end for a short furlough; and, on Monday, Mr and Mrs Smith bade adieu to their sixth son who has joined the colours.

Two cases are set down for hearing at the (Greta Bridge) Police Court, this morning, one being a charge of permitting drunkenness and the other common assault.

The death took place at Ireth Road, Askam-in-Furness, at the advanced age of 86, of the Rev. George Ridley, who for 43 years was Rector of Crossby Garrett.

The hoarded gold which has found its way into the banks has surprised the bankers of Cumberland and Westmorland, though it was known that large sums of money were kept in lonely farmhouses, and even in cottages, far away up Cumberland and Westmorland fell sides and in remote dales. Aye, and Barnard Castle bankers have experienced the same astonishment.

Mr Walker, Greta Farm, Gilmonby, sold a shorthorn cow at the Barnard Castle Auction Mart last week for £65. The same animal was re-sold at Gateshead for £70. This looks like a record for the local and Gateshead marts.

After the usual Sunday afternoon's drill, at the North Eastern County School, of the Teesdale Detachment of the 4th Battalion of the Durham County Volunteer Regiment, Temporary Lieutenant L. H. Barnard remarked that he was sorry to inform the members of the detachment that they would soon be deprived of the services of Corporal F. Deacon, who would shortly take up duties in France. They were grieved to lose his presence, and he was sure everyone wished him good luck and a speedy return. Corporal G. H. Welford has been promoted to sergeant, and Mr F. Boardman appointed corporal.

Last night, the annual social of the local Girls' Friendly Society took place in the Mission Hall, and proved highly successful.

The age limit may be raised to fifty.

Despite the German blockade, 108 ships daily entered French ports during the week ended Saturday last. Germany is conjecturing why submarines are not returning. Well they may.

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Urban Council and War Loan.

CHEERFUL RESPONSE TO A CANVASS.

Board of Trade Official Coming.

Local Men to be Interviewed Every Saturday Morning for Months to Come.

A special meeting of the Barnard Castle Urban District Council was held on Wednesday night. Mr F. J. Wilson, J.P., presided, and there were also present Messrs J. Guy, H. Walker, T. Thompson, W. Hodgson, R. Woodhams, J. Wiseman, the Rev. H. W. H. Bireham, and Messrs J. I. Dawson and J. H. Veltch (clerk and assistant-clerk respectively).

Finance Committee's Recommendation Adopted.

Mr Woodhams proposed, and the Vicar seconded, that the Council purchase War Loan stock to the amount equal to the applications, and the proposition was adopted.

Mr Wiseman submitted that, as a result of the canvass instituted in the town, but which was then still incomplete, the result had been very satisfactory. In nine districts offers to the value of £290 had been registered, and other nine localities had yet to come in. During the meeting Mr Joseph Nixon had announced to him that a further sum of £180 had been recorded in applications, and various other sums were in prospect.

The Vicar said the result of the canvass was most satisfactory, and they might congratulate themselves in doing the very best they could for the Government in their need.

The Clerk: The next thing is to arrange a meeting with the bankers, and ask them to buy the stock.

Mr Woodhams: I move that the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Finance Committee be appointed to interview the bankers to-morrow morning.

The motion was carried.
Mr Wiseman: I think we might give expression of gratitude, to-night, to those gentlemen who have come forward so readily to assist us. Mr Helmer and Mr Garbutt have volunteered to keep the accounts, without remuneration, and one will check the other. I move that we cordially thank them.

The Vicar: It is very patriotic of them, and I second the proposition.

The Council adopted the resolution.

Mr Nixon said there was a prospect of £30 to come in, which might be added to the list in the morning.

It was understood that the Chairman's list of about £125 was not included in the figures given.

The Vicar said the Chancellor of the Exchequer had publicly stated that there would be no extension of time in which to purchase War Loan stock, and it was agreed that the local purchase be made on the following morning.

We are informed that the Council's bankers undertook on Thursday morning, to purchase the stock for the Council, it being understood that fresh legislation was pending.

The National Service Scheme.

The Clerk said he had that day been waited upon by Mr Liddle, on behalf of Mr Irons, Chief of the Board of Trade in Newcastle, who had informed him that a campaign would shortly be started calling for volunteers, before compulsory powers were exercised, under the National Service Scheme. Town halls, public libraries and other buildings under public authorities would be utilized by an official for interviewing volunteers. The Council were asked to give the free use of their Council chamber for this purpose, every Saturday, for some months to come. The Clerk added that persons volunteering sent up their application to London on a card, setting out what they were most qualified to do. This came back, and an official was sent down to interview the applicants as to those trades or professions which were most needed. In placing that room at the disposal of the authorities Mr Liddle expected that there would be no rest paid by him. The cost might be half-a-crown a week to the Council.

Mr Wiseman moved that the concession be granted under the circumstances.

Mr Woodhams seconded the proposition, which was carried.

MR PIKE PEASE, M.P., ON AMERICA AND THE WAR.

Last Night's Patriotic Meeting.

A public meeting was held in the Victoria Hall, last night, when Mr Pike Pease, M.P., delivered a stirring address on the War. There were on the platform Mr F. J. Wilson, J.P., who presided, Mr and Mrs Bell-Irving, Mrs H. C. Watson, Mr R. Pease, Mr J. G. Hall, J.P., Mr J. Wiseman, Mr Robert Wood and others.

Mr Pike Pease paid a high tribute to the memory of the late Sir Joseph W. Pease, Bart., M.P., and the Right Hon. Arthur Henderson, M.P., who had been elected a member of a cabinet of fire in the greatest country in the world, and who was perfectly frank in stating what his views once were, but which opinions were antagonistic to the views which he now held. In Mr Pease's humble opinion the submarine warfare instituted by Germany was the most difficult one which they had had to crack since the War began, though he believed there would be many surprises for the Germans in their adventure. England did not know how many submarines the Germans had got, and, therefore, could not deal with the ratio of the danger, though they ought to be thankful that the Hunns had not spent as much money on submarine warfare as they had spent upon Zeppelins. Mr Pease, in an earnest passage, said: "In my humble opinion it is as plain as anything can possibly be that the Americans ought to realise that we are fighting a battle for humanity, liberty and civilization. If the Germans are successful in this war this world would never be worth living in. It would prove to the world not that might is right, but it would show that the German idea of might being right had been successful, and it would demonstrate that they were the predominant partner of the nations of the world." (Applause.)—Other speakers followed.

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The Local Tribunals.

BARNARD CASTLE RURAL.

SUBSTITUTION NOT WORKING RIGHT.

Nineteen Cases Considered.

A meeting of this body was held on Friday afternoon at the Board-room of the Teesdale Guardians. Mr H. L. Fife, J.P., presided, and there were also present Messrs R. W. Raine, J.P., R. Armstrong, J.P., T. Tarn, J. W. I. Davidson, J.P., T. W. Bainbridge (clerk), F. Stobart (military representative), W. Woodhead (clerk to military representative), and V. Hodgson (Board of Agriculture representative).—Lord Barnard wrote to say that he was not yet well enough to attend the Tribunal, as chairman.

The Appeal of Barytes Miners.

The Clerk said the appeal from the Durham County Appeal Tribunal to the Central Appeal Tribunal in London, by Teesdale barytes workers, had not yet been decided. A long list of questions had been sent down to Messrs Temple and Towards, and these had to be submitted to the Chairman of the Tribunal and himself, which was done, before being sent back to London. An accompanying letter with comments had been drawn up and returned with the replies, and nothing more had been heard since then.

The Substitution Schemes Failing.

The Chairman said there were still a great many complaints about taking men without providing substitutes.—Mr Raine: Then let us grant conditional exemption, and not substitution.—The Clerk: I think that substitution is not working well at all. In a long list we sent, in only three cases forwarded to Darlington has substitution taken place.

Timber for Shipment and Collieries.

Mr W. H. Ralston, J.P., chief agent of the Stream estate, supported an appeal for the temporary release of a timber feller (23), and in this connection the Clerk had received a long telegram from the Timber Committee of the Board of Agriculture, and a communication also from the Home Grown Timber Committee at Newcastle, pointing to the importance of the man's services being retained.—Mr J. Bewick, the head forester, was also present, and said the available timber would run out in a short two months.—The time limit, on the suggestion of Mr Ralston, was fixed by the Tribunal for May 1st, unless a substitute can be found in the meantime by the employer.

General Appeals.

The overseer of the High Force Hotel, who has five sons in the army, appealed for his man, saying that he was one man worse off than when he appeared before, but the application was refused.—Conditional exemption was granted to a farm man at Middle Ead (18, C1), on the appeal of his master.—The occupant of Cowley farm, Woodland, sought a re-hearing in the case of his son of 28, but the request was not granted.—The son of a Hindon farmer was allowed temporary exemption for four clear weeks—till the 19th of March.—The case of a Middleton canteen worker was adjourned, and a Middleton man was given conditional exemption for whole time services on the land.—A Patrick House tenant farmer was given conditional exemption, and a Pellett Crag man was granted till March 1st, final; while a Howgill man of 20, whose case was reviewed at the instance of Captain Shearwood, failed to appear, and his certificate of exemption was withdrawn.—Two first-rate men engaged in agriculture at Bell House farm, Staindrop, were, on the appeal of their master, granted conditional exemption on their remaining in the same occupation.—A Gainford farmer appealed for a youth of 19 and temporary release till the 1st of May was decreed, the boy then being brought to the Tribunal.

Sexton's Son's Case.

The son of a sexton and gravedigger in Upper Teesdale (18), who is a barytes miner in the service of the Hedworth Barium Company, was represented by his father, and the case was adjourned till the next meeting, the son meanwhile to go before the Medical Board.—The Vicar of the parish said an important consideration involved was the burial of the dead.—No exemption was the decision in the case of a school-attendance officer at Staindrop (53), the Central Medical Board (London) having confirmed the decision of the Sunderland Medical Board.—A Barford farmer appealed for his son of 18, and the matter was adjourned till the next meeting, the youth meanwhile to go before the Medical Board.—Conditional exemption was granted to a Middleton sawyer (class B2) while he remains in an exempted occupation.—An Ethersgill farmer asked for his son (B2) to remain at home instead of a substitute being found. The case had been marked "excessive" by Captain Shearwood on the finding of the Farm Census Committee.—The Chairman: If this farm has been marked "excessive" it is a clerical error.—The Clerk was instructed to communicate with the military. Mr Raine dissenting from the finding of the census committee.—A Morsion Timmouth all-round man in farming pursuits applied for exemption, while his late employer did not. Applicant was a stallion leader, and the case was adjourned for a month.—Conditional exemption was given a Sledwath Hall farm hand (class B2), and a Stainton youth of 18 has to appear a month hence, after being medically examined.

A Peculiar Position.

A singular case from Staindrop was discussed, two Raby Moor employees having got exemption at the Colliery Recruiting Court, while no release was the ruling at the local Tribunal. Major Burn, it transpired, had written to this effect: "I am afraid in these cases the Colliery Court Tribunal has given exemption, and nothing further can be done."—The Clerk, notwithstanding, was directed to make further inquiries.—The next meeting was fixed for Friday, the 10th of March next, and the Tribunal adjourned at 5-20.

Boldron Band of Hope.

In connection with the above a very successful meeting was held on Thursday evening, the 8th instant. Mr R. Tallentire ably presided, and Mr W. Furness gave an appropriate address. Recitations were contributed by Mrs Taylor and Lilla Ainslie, and a solo was rendered by Miss Furness. Miss L. Kyle and Miss E. Bendelow sang a duet.—The Rev. C. H. Lightfoot will preside over the next meeting.

Mr Prothero III.—Darlington Engagement Postponed.—Mr R. E. Prothero, M.P., President of the Board of Agriculture, who was announced to address a meeting of armers, under the auspices of the Darlington Farmers' Protection Association, on Friday afternoon, has been compelled, under doctor's orders, to postpone his visit. The meeting will be held at a date to be announced later.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The continued storm in Teesdale is having a serious effect on the farmers in the dale. Fodder is going very fast, and, although there were fairly good crops last season, it is to be feared there will be a shortage before the time arrives for cattle to go to grass. The weather has been much milder during the last few days, and it is to be hoped the snow will soon have disappeared.

An old inhabitant of Middletor, in the person of Mr John Scott, Caakland Nioke, passed away on Thursday night at the advanced age of 81 years. The old gentleman's wife predeceased him about 11 years ago.

A most successful entertainment was given on Saturday night in the Institute, Mickleton, the proceeds being to provide woollen comforts for the Mickleton soldiers. The performance was promoted by Mr and Mrs G. V. Tarn, Hayberries, and the place was packed to excess with an appreciative audience. The artistes all acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner, but special mention should be made of the action songs, which were given in excellent style by 12 Mickleton girls, and reflected great credit on Mrs G. V. Tarn, who had trained them. The following was the programme:—Piano-forte duet—Mrs Tarn and Miss Dixon; song—There's only one England—Mr G. V. Tarn; recitation—The freeman's wedding—Edie Braue; action song—The little cooks—girls; song—There's a land—Mr A. E. Wilson (encore); action song—The sweeping-brush brigade—girls; song—Ray my arawberries—Miss Dixon; recitation—Miriam on the fair—Mrs W. Robson; action song—The fisher girls (encore); song—Houswork—Freda Dawson (encore); recitation—Auld grannie's Christmas tale—Meggie Bayles; action song—The Chinese lantern—Doris Dawson; duet—When the wind bloweth from the sea—Miss Dixon and Mr G. V. Tarn; song—Old fashions—Doris Walton; song—The song of the waggoner—Mr G. V. Tarn (encore); Gipsy song—Among the golden orange groves—Gladie Raine; song—Mr A. E. Wilson; the ribbon drill—12 girls; song—In a child's small hand—Miss Dixon; song and chorus—The little Jap—Milly Raine (encore); recitation—The telegram—Mrs W. Robson; duet—Hurry up, Pompey—Sambo and Pompey (encore); chorus—Very sleepy. Mrs Tarn and Miss Dixon were the accompanists, and Mr G. V. Tarn acted as chairman.

HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL WHIST DRIVE.

A very successful whist drive and social was held in the Barnard Castle and Startforth Conservative Working Men's Club, on Thursday last. The large reading-room was tastefully decorated with flags, and at each end of the room were a number of fine plants, kindly lent by Dr. Adams, and arranged by his gardener, Mr T. Bell, who, together with Mr Wm. Willis, spent a great deal of time in decorating and endeavouring to make the arrangements a success. A splendid company assembled, and the prize winners were:—Ladies: 1st, Mrs R. W. Allison; 2nd, Mrs C. W. Stockdale; 3rd, Miss M. J. Hedley; 4th, Miss Steinsaby; 5th, Mrs E. Raine; 6th, Miss Wilkinson; Gentlemen: 1st, Mr J. Wilson; 2nd, Mr C. Raine (Bridgegate); 3rd, Mr S. Sissons; 4th, Mr R. Hall; 5th, Mr G. W. Watson kindly presented the prizes to the successful competitors, and was enthusiastically thanked for her presence and kindness. The duties of M.C. was ably undertaken by Mr A. H. Nicholson. After the whist drive, songs were rendered by Miss Raine and Mrs T. Borrowdale, and Messrs J. Brown, T. Hunter, and I. Gill, the latter's rendering of "The Mayor of Munkledyke" being greatly appreciated, as were also all the other items given by the singers. Mr T. Bell made an efficient chairman, and proposed a vote of thanks to the entertainers, which was seconded by Mr S. R. Leeds.—The whole of the arrangements were undertaken by the honorary secretaries (Messrs A. H. Nicholson and S. R. Leeds), who were ably assisted by a ladies' committee, consisting of the Misses A. and E. Nicholson, A. M. Scarre, and Mrs E. Hedley (caretaker), who worked energetically throughout, and took charge of the refreshments.—It is desired to thank those who gave the refreshments, also Mr J. Hunter for his high efforts in selling so many tickets. Special donations towards the funds were given by Mrs Bell-Irving, Mrs and Miss M. Smith, Messrs W. J. Watson and H. T. Richardson, and Dr. Adams.—Over 50 members of the club have joined the force, and it was with the object of endeavouring to reduce the debt against the club, and to keep it going, if possible, until after the war, so as to enable the members who are fortunate enough to return to again enjoy the privileges of their old club that the social evening was undertaken. The committee are grateful for such an excellent financial result.

BOWES RED CROSS WORKING PARTY.

On Saturday week a very successful jumble sale was held by this party on behalf of the British Red Cross Society and the local branch (for purchase of material). Originally it was fixed for January 1st, and a party of soldiers was expected to give an entertainment. This being found impossible, the date was eventually postponed to February 10th, when the concert was kindly promised by Miss Mattee MacNicol and her war concert party. Again there was a disappointment. The party had arranged to motor over from Appleby, but the road was not opened. However, they have kindly promised to fulfil their original promise on Friday, March 9th. The sale opened informally at 2, and was very well patronised, so that the stalls were quickly stripped bare. Tea and suppers were provided of an excellent quality, and at normal prices. In the evening a concert by local friends was most kindly given, and Mr T. Addison gave his services as auctioneer of the unsold lots (including live poultry, etc.) at the close.—Early in the evening Mrs Bell-Irving was present, and spoke in her usual kindly way about the Red Cross work and the need of war savings.—Major McLean, M.C., of the Royal Flying Corps, accompanied her, and, though he disclaimed any oratorical power, gave a most forcible and interesting address about the war and the need for all to do their bit.—The total proceeds (after expenses were paid) amounted to just short of £40.

The Late Mr Thomas Blenkinsopp, Barnard Castle.

The funeral of Mr Thomas Blenkinsopp, took place at the Church Cemetery on Thursday afternoon. The Rev. S. G. Best, Rector of Renseldrick, officiated. Owing to illness Mrs Blenkinsopp (widow) and Mrs W. W. Blenkinsopp were unable to be present. The chief mourners included Mr W. W. Blenkinsopp, Hutton; and Mr T. Blenkinsopp (sons); Mr J. Blenkinsopp, Barnard Castle, and Mr G. Blenkinsopp, Ripon (brothers); Messrs J. Blenkinsopp, W. Blenkinsopp, and R. Blenkinsopp, Barnard Castle (nephews); Mr and Mrs Adamson, Hutton (nephew and niece); Mrs Peat, Eylesdale Bridge; Mrs W. Wakefield, Hutton, and Mrs McLean, Durham (nieces); Mrs Gardiner, Hutton (elder-in-law), and Mr Sparrow, Hutton. There was also a large gathering of acquaintances amongst whom were Messrs G. Gibson (captain of St. Catherine's Church team of ballplayers, Otharstone); J. G. Hall, G. C. Lee, R. G. Gert, R. B. Morton, W. H. York, J. Doorkill, R. T. Pearson, R. Wood, W. Hodgson, J. Jackson, W. Appleby, J. I. Dawson, R. Welford, and Mr and Mrs Dent. Messrs R. Bayles, T. Peacock, R. Hobson, A. V. Hompsall, R. Stoddart, and Walker Waine were the bearers. Messrs T. Borrowdale and Son were the undertakers, and the hearse and mourning coaches were supplied by Mr T. Oliver. Deceased was held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends in Barnard Castle, and in the earlier part of his life he was a most active member of the Barnard Lodge of Freemasons, of which he was W.M. in 1886 and in 1887 obtained provincial honours.

Hutton Magna War Savings Association.

The War Savings Association scheme, which was started in this village at the beginning of the year, has been received with considerable enthusiasm up to the end of last week. Coupon cards have been taken by 95 members, 2,000 shillings have been collected, and 77 certificates bought, inclusive of 17 single payment ones.

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Yesterday's Prize Show and Sale of Young Bulls.

There was an exceptionally good trade at the local auction mart, yesterday, when the annual spring prize show and sale of young bulls was held. About 160 cattle passed through the ring, and high prices were realised; in fact it was said that it was the best sale known at the mart. The sale commenced punctually at 10 o'clock, and it was half-past four when the last beast was sold. Messrs Wm. Pratt, Garsdale; Thos. Hutchinson, Steeby; and John Dent, Hartley Castle, were the judges; and Messrs J. Balbridge, Darlington; and J. R. Deacon, Gainford, the auctioneers. The following were the winners, prices and buyers:—Bulls, over 18 months old—1st, J. W. Stephenson, 272 R. Richardson; 2nd, John Bayles, 257, T. Harrison; highly commended, Wm. Gibson, 245 10s. T. Harrison; commended, W. Thompson, 244 10s., T. Walker. Bulls, under 18 months old—1st, Mrs Porter, 238 5s., H. Thompson; 2nd, A. Wilkinson, 240. —Wood; 3rd, Thos. Hutchinson, 236 5s., H. Knaggs. Bulls, under 12 months old—1st, Lord Barnard, 240 5s., T. Blackett; 2nd, Jos. Thompson, 240 15s., G. R. Sutton; 3rd, Jos. Peacock, 235 10s. —Longstaff.

CONCERT AT FOREST-IN-TEESDALE.

A concert, supper, and dance were held in Forest school-room, last Friday, in aid of the local soldiers' funds. The promoters have every reason for being satisfied with their efforts. Although snow was many feet deep, there was a crowded company. The chair was taken by the Rev. A. T. Randle (vicar), and, in his closing remarks, read the Roll of Honour of the boys who have joined up from Forest, Ethersgill and Harwood. The items on the programme were many and varied, songs and recitations being rendered by the Misses Beadle, Allison, Beadle, Ireland, Foster, Tallentire, Dowson, Redfear, Mrs W. Foster, and Miss Foster, and Messrs Temple, Wastson, Hodgson, and Dent. Miss Dowson danced the Highland Fling. Miss Natrass, Miss Weedy, and Mrs Gill were the accompanists. Two sketches were admirably rendered by the Misses Blackett and Allison, and Messrs Ireland, Dixon and T. Dawson represented the characters. The good supper provided was generously given by the parishioners, and to those who were responsible for the management of the supper table many thanks are due. Mr Dick Beadle's string band supplied the music gratis for the dance, which broke up at 1 a.m. The whole affair was a complete success, and the splendid sum of £13 was realized. The promoters were Mrs J. Allison, Mrs M. Ireland, Miss M. Allison and Miss Blackett. The arranging and re-arranging and cleaning of the room was done by willing hands, and to all who contributed in any form the best thanks are offered. Mr J. G. Bainbridge acted as master of ceremony for the dance.

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