REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL: REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

Parliamentary County of Durham.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners appointed for the purposes of the above-named Bill have provisionally determined that the Parliamentary County of Durham shall be divided into the divisions described in the Schedule hereto.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that Alexander Graham Drury, Esquire, M.Inst.C.E., one of the Assistant Commissioners, will attend at the Council Chamber, Shire Hall, Durham, on TUESDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF JULY, 1917, at 11-30 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of hearing any objections to the proposed constitution of the said divisions and of receiving any proposal for their alteration.

Any person interested may attend at the time and place above mentioned, and be heard with reference to the matter aforesaid, but the substance of any objection or proposal should be stated in writing and handed to the Assistant Commissioner at the Inquiry.

Witness my hand this 4th day of July, 1917.

G. W. R. McLEOD,
Assistant Secretary to the Commissioners.

Office of the Commissioners,
Local Government Board,
Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

1. The BARNARD CASTLE DIVISION—consisting of the Rural Districts of Barnard Castle and Weardale, so much of the Rural District of Lanchester as is not included in the proposed Consett Division, and the Urban Districts of Barnard Castle, Stanhope, and Tow Law.

2. The BISHOP AUCKLAND DIVISION—consisting of so much of the Rural District of Auckland as is not included in the proposed Spennymoor Division, and the Urban Districts of Bishop Auckland and Shildon.

3. The BLAYDON DIVISION—consisting of the Urban Districts of Blaydon, Ryton, Tanfield and Whickham.

4. The CHESTER-LE-STREET DIVISION—consisting of the Rural District of Chester-le-Street, and the Urban District of Chester-le-Street.

5. The CONSETT DIVISION—consisting of the part of the Rural District of Lanchester which consists of the civil parishes of Ebchester and Medomsley, and the Urban Districts of Annfield Plain, Benfieldside, Consett, Leadgate, and Stanley.

6. The DURHAM DIVISION—consisting of the Rural District of Durham (except the civil parish of Brancepeth), the part of the Rural District of Houghton-le-Spring which consists of the civil parishes of East Rainton, Great Eppleton, Little Eppleton, Moor House, Moorsley, and West Rainton, the Municipal Borough of Durham, and the Urban District of Hetton.

7. The EASINGTON DIVISION—consisting of the Rural District of Easington, and the Urban District of Seaham Harbour.

8. The HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING DIVISION—consisting of the Rural Districts of South Shields and Sunderland, so much of the Rural District of Houghton-le-Spring as is not included in the proposed Durham Division, and the Urban District of Houghton-le-Spring.

9. The JARROW DIVISION—consisting of the Municipal Borough of Jarrow, and the Urban Districts of Felling and Hebburn.

10. The SOUTH EASTERN DIVISION—consisting of the Rural Districts of Darlington, Hartlepool, Sedgefield, and Stockton.

11. The SPENNYMOOR DIVISION—consisting of the part of the Rural District of Auckland which consists of the civil parishes of Helmington Row, Hunwick and Helmington, and North Bedburn, the part of the Rural District of Durham which consists of the civil parish of Brancepeth, and the Urban Districts of Brandon and Byshottles, Crook, Spennymoor, and Willington.

N.B.—A map showing the boundaries and contents of the several divisions as set out above will be deposited and can be inspected at the Office of the Clerk of the County Council, Shire Hall, Durham, on any day before the date of the Inquiry, during ordinary office hours.

Sales by Auction.

Newsham, Yorks.

J. Parkinson & Sons,

INSTRUCTED by the Representatives of the late Miss Glover, will Sell by Auction, on THURSDAY, JULY 19TH 1917, on the premises, the following Household FURNITURE and Effects, including:—Grandfather clock, in oak case; mahogany folding card table, on stalk; mahogany folding leaf table, small mahogany top table, pair Sheffield plate candlesticks, brass candlesticks, 1 dozen old silver teaspoons 2 silver tablespoons, sugar tongs, electro teapot, 9 electro-plated dessert spoons, few pieces old china, old gilded mirror, small mahogany mirror, 3 mahogany chairs, arm chairs, brass lamp, whatnot, circular mahogany table, couch in hair; pictures, mahogany soap table, painted kitchen press, deal dresser, mahogany writing desk, 2 carpets, wood bedstead, iron bedstead and mattress, 2 feather beds, pillows and bolsters, 9 blankets, 3 linen sheets, cotton sheets, 2 swing glasses, cornice pole, mahogany chest of drawers, mahogany three-quarter chest drawers, with brass handles; mahogany enclosed washstand, coal box, fender, and usual sundries.

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TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
In Ten Lots, at the King's Head Hotel, Richmond, on SATURDAY, 21ST JULY, 1917 At 2 for 2-30 p.m. prompt,

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 11TH, 1917.

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Sale of Dairy Cattle at 10-30 a.m.
Fat Cattle at 11 a.m.
One FAT BULL, Wm. Stoddart.

GEO. BELL, Secretary.

Blakeley, Staindrop.

Black Lodge, Bowes.

Thomas Addison,

HAVING received instructions from Miss Franklin, will Sell by Auction, on SATURDAY, JULY 14TH 1917, 28 ACRES of MEADOW GRASS, to go off; also EATAGE up to Martinmas. To be Sold in Lots.

Sale at 4-30 p.m.

Auctioneer's Address: Bowes, Darlington.

SHORT NOTICE

North Terrace, Egglestone.

F. J. Smith

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LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

The death took place, suddenly, on the 28th of June, at the age of 62 years, at Kingsmead House, West Moors, Dorset, of Mr Robert Alexander Davison, late manager of the Barnard Castle branch of the National Provincial Bank of England. It is ten years since Mr Davison left this town for Wisbeach, in Cambridgeshire, and he retired from the banking profession six months ago. He then went to reside at Kingsmead House, which property he had recently acquired.

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Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Watson left Catterick at an early hour on Monday morning for a new home station.

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Major Vincent Smith, A.S.C., son of Mr John Smith, J.P., Barnard Castle (who in civil life is Borough Engineer of Chesterfield), is mentioned in dispatches from General Sir Achibald Murray, Commander-in-Chief of the Egyptian Forces, published on Saturday.

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At a Congregation of the University of Leeds, for the conferment of degrees, held on Saturday, 30th June, the Degree of Bachelor of Arts with Honours was conferred on Miss Evelyn Banks, of the Church of England School, Barnard Castle.

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A twenty-four lengths swimming tournament took place at the baths of the North Eastern County School on Friday, Fletcher (Northumberland House) being the winner, and Stockdale and Moore respectively being second and third. Mr C. Raine was timekeeper.

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Motto for allotment-holders: "Let us spray."

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Mr Adam Dugdale, D.L., J.P., Griffin Lodge, Blackburn, and Gilmonby Hall, Bowes, and head of Thomas Dugdale, Brother, and Company, cotton manufacturers and spinners, left £288,019.

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Messrs Macdonald, Wilson and Company, Government contractors, have taken over the entire work of engineering and laying the duplicate pipe track from Lartington to Middlesbrough. They commenced last Thursday with a staff of 120 workmen, which number is being daily increased, and pipe lengths were duly laid next day. The work of excavation is proceeding in Deepdale Park and on past Pecknall to Lartington. Very soon ten pipes a day will be placed in position, and it is understood that the Music Hall at Barnard Castle will be engaged for the use of the men as a lodging centre. The officials of the Tees Valley Water Board are, of course, rendering every assistance in the undertaking. A large number of the men have secured private accommodation. The men, so far, are working in two gangs.

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Four out of six soldiers from Cleatlam have made the supreme sacrifice.

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Gunner B. Walker, son of Mr A. Walker, the Winston Postmaster, has won the Military Medal. Formerly chief clerk at Crook railway station, he joined the colours in August, 1914, and has been in France for two-and-a-quarter years. He is acting as a wireless operator, and has been promoted Acting-Bombadier.

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Private Fred Jemmeson, of the 2nd Yorkshire Regiment, arrived at his home in Baliol-street, Barnard Castle, and has been spending a few days leave of absence with his parents, after being somewhat badly wounded in the recent heavy fighting.

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Beer guaranteed and £16 a month were the terms stipulated by a haymaker, at the local hirings, last Wednesday.

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Second Lieutenant Charles Sidney Hall, Royal Flying Corps, who was only 18 years of age, was killed in an air fight at the front on April 7th. He was the son of Mr J. J. Hall, of Westfield, Ashington, Northumberland, and was educated at the North Eastern County School, Barnard Castle, and Armstrong College, University of Durham, where he was preparing for the profession of a mining engineer.

A Correspondent writes: The other day I was in conversation with one of our brave wounded soldiers, and suggested that if he cared to speak he could no doubt relate some thrilling adventures. His reply was: "I have been two years at the front. The scenes are terrible. I am trying to forget them, but I do want to get fit again, and return to fight for King and country." A brave patriot! He will not worry the Advisory Committees or Tribunals! God be with him!

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The "London Evening News" says: The late Captain Arthur Henderson, whose Victoria Cross for "most conspicuous bravery" is announced, was a son of Mr Arthur Henderson, M.P. for the Barnard Castle Division, a member of the War Council, who is now in Russia on a mission for the British Government.

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The Committee for Comforts for Sick and Wounded at Malta (Barnard Castle Branch) gratefully acknowledge the receipt of 5s. from Mrs Dove, per Mrs Martin; 5s. from Miss Stobart, and 9s. from Mr R. Ord.

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Regimental Quartermaster - Sergeant Armitage, of the General Staff, France, has been removed from the Chelsea Hospital, and is now spending a time of convalescence at another hospital on the outskirts of London. He is making rapid progress, and hopes to be able to rejoin his depot shortly, but trusts to be in Barnard Castle again before sailing.

Mr J. J. Aubin, secretary to the Bishop Auckland Wounded Soldiers' Employment and Entertainment Fund, acknowledges with grateful thanks the receipt of a cheque value £20 from the Middleton-in-Teesdale Committee towards charabancs, £10 of which is being sent to the Brancepeth Committee, by their request.

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Lance-Corporal J. W. Littlefair, son of Mr W. Littlefair, fruiterer, 28, Thorngate, Barnard Castle, is here for a few days leave of absence from France, where he has been for eighteen months. He came through the Battle of the Somme scatheless. His eldest brother, Albert, was at the front eight months, being wounded three times.

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It will be of interest to the inhabitants of Teesdale to know—writes a correspondent—that Mr William Todd, of the Yews, Barningham, son of the late Mr James Todd, J.P., of Fairview, Barningham, has been gazetted as a Second-Lieutenant in the No. 1 Reserve Horse Transport, Army Service Corps. Mr Todd joined the A.S.C. as a driver, in August, 1915, and had attained the rank of corporal, when he was selected to attend a course of instruction for officers at Aldershot, from which he successfully graduated. Mr Todd's practical experience in the ranks of the A.S.C. for nearly two years, combined with the training he has received at Aldershot, should be a great asset in making him a capable and efficient officer. His friends in Teesdale will undoubtedly watch his future progress with interest and wish him the best of luck

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423 eggs were despatched for our wounded soldiers and sailors from the local depot last week. Of these 35 were received from Ravensworth (Misses Madge Plews and Connie Bainbridge), 20 from Scargill and Hope (Miss Hillary, together with 2s. 6d.), and 25 from some one unknown, the remainder being collected in Barnard Castle and the market.—In the week previous 480 eggs were sent, the collections being as follow:—Mrs Hird, Old Spital, 26; Mrs Hodgson, Cotherstone, 18; the Misses N. and M. Alderson, Bowes, 43, and 1s. 7d.; Mrs Douglas, Startforth, 10, and 5d., and the remainder being collected in Barnard Castle town and market.

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We are asked to state that Mr and Mrs Stoddart, Mr and Mrs Oliver, Mrs Pickthall and Mr and Mrs Raine supplied cigarettes, milk, etcetera, to the wounded soldiers on their late visit to Romaldkirk.

Barnard Castle Man Honoured at Bedale.

Gift to Volunteer Instructor.

The Masham shire Platoon of the North Riding Regiment of Volunteers has forwarded to P.C. Culley, stationed at Bedale, a cheque for £15 in recognition of his services to the platoon as instructor for 18 months prior to the duties being undertaken by an army instructor. A letter sent with the cheque expressed the hope that Constable Culley would continue to take an interest in the platoon, and thanked him for his zealous efforts in the past. In recognition of those services they hoped he would accept the cheque. The committee have also written to Major Bower, C.M.G., Chief Constable of the North Riding, drawing his attention to the patriotic service P.C. Culley had rendered to his country.

Fishing Competition at Lartington High Pond.

A fishing competition promoted by the Sports Club of the 16th York and Lancaster Regiment, by the kind permission of Mr D. M. Spence, of Lartington Hall, and the Committee of the Lartington War Fund, took place on Thursday last, amidst a considerable amount of interest among piscatorial devotees There was a fair number of spectators round the pond, and especially so at the weigh-in. It was a very pleasant contest, and as perch is most abundant in the picturesquely-situated High Pond, there was fairly good sport. Mrs Hare generously provided ample refreshments for the soldier-competitors, who were, in fact, the angling section of the Battalion Sports Club. The first prize was a fishing rod, presented by Major J. C. Craven; 2nd, a briar pipe, by Mrs Craven; and 3rd, a fishing rod and line, presented by the Sports Club. The winners were:—1st—J. Murphie, R.S.M., A Company, 3lbs. 9oz.; 2nd—Private Pickersgill, E Company, 3lbs.; 3rd—Private Hughes, A Company, 1lb. 2oz. It is satisfactory to note that the heart of an enthusiastic youngster was made glad by the big souls of the soldiers, and he marched triumphantly home carrying a decent catch of roach and a fishing-rod, all his very own.

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A GREAT TIBETAN NOBLEMAN.

INTERESTING SKETCH.

The son of a great Tibetan noble, the Mipön of Lhasa, is at present paying a visit to a gentleman living near Barnard Castle. Tibet is, since its expulsion of the Chinese, an independent power. Its ruler, the Dalai Lama, while a fugitive from the Chinese invasion, lived in India, and was so impressed by what he there saw that on his return he sent four boys to England to be educated. There are about fifteen great families in the country. The head of each holds a vast estate by feudal tenure. Each of these heads had to submit the name of one son. The names were put in a ballot box, and the Dalai Lama, who is the incarnation of a Buddhist divinity, and consequently never makes a mistake, drew out four. The boys were sent to Rugby School, and from there to various places of technical education. Three of them have returned to Tibet, the fourth is spending part of the long vacation in Teesdale. It may be remembered that on the outbreak of the War the Dalai Lama sent our King a telegram offering men, and saying that all the monks of Tibet were incessantly praying for the success of the British arms. About one quarter of the population are monks. They may in time bring us more valorous aid. One of the boys left Rugby to train with the New Army, and is now said to be passing on his knowledge to the troops in his father's province.

The Downfall of a Local Clerk.

At the Durham Assizes, on Wednesday, before Mr Justice Coleridge, Sydney Robert Leeds, County Court Clerk, was found guilty on a bill of indictment containing several counts. Defendant pleaded guilty to four charges only, and defended himself from the dock with marked ability.—On Tuesday, Leeds came up for sentence.—Mr Arthur H Nicholson, managing clerk of the firm of Messrs W. J. and H. C. Watson, solicitors, Barnard Castle, in whose service accused was, spoke as to his character prior to this unfortunate business.—The Judge commented on the generous act of Mr Nicholson, and remarked that everything prisoner had done bore the mark of most careful preparation and ingenuity to prevent discovery. He would have to go to prison for twelve months.—Prisoner: I have been in prison for six weeks Can that count part of my sentence?—The Judge: The sentence will run from the time of your apprehension.—Prisoner: Will you make it second division?—The Judge shook his head.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Another batch of wounded soldiers from Bishop Auckland and Windlestone, numbering about fifty, were entertained at Harwood on Wednesday, and spent a most enjoyable time amidst the wild romantic hills of Upper Teesdale. The arrangements were carried out by a local committee, with Mr J. L. Weedy as secretary.

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Mr T. R. Gowling presided over the monthly meeting of the Middleton Parish Council on Wednesday. A communication was read from the Board of Agriculture requesting the Council to procure a machine for the district for spraying potatoes. A complaint was made to the Council in respect of a nuisance caused by the smoke from engines belonging to the Hedworth Barytes Company. The Clerk was instructed to communicate with the firm with a view to having it remedied.

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The interment took place on Thursday, at St. Mary's churchyard, Middleton, amidst every token of respect, of Mrs L. Simpson, wife of Mr Lionel Simpson, surveyor to the Barnard Castle Rural District Council. The Rev. E. O. Butler, Egglestone, officiated, and the Rev. G. Glanfield read the lesson. Mrs Minchell played the "Dead March in Saul" on the organ. The funeral was very largely attended, several of the members of the district council being present. The chief mourners were as follow:—Mr Lionel Simpson, widower; Mr W. Simpson, son; Misses Ida and J Simpson, daughters; Mrs Walton, mother; Mr and Mrs Watson, Sniddon, brother-in-law and sister; Mrs Hutchinson, Shildon, niece; Messrs T. and H. Walton, brothers; Mr and Mrs G. Simpson, Mr and Mrs John Simpson and Mrs E. Simpson Two of Mr Simpson's brothers are on active service in France, and could not attend the obsequies.

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A jumble sale, in aid of the local soldiers serving with His Majesty's forces, was held in the Council School, Middleton, on Saturday, when upwards of £17 was realised, including a donation of £2 from Lord Barnard, £1 from Mrs Turner, and £1 from Messrs Ord and Maddison, Limited.

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The Sunday School anniversary in connection with the Baptist Church, Middleton, was held last week-end. The Rev. J. Lancaster, Ely, was the preacher, and also addressed a young peoples' service on Sunday afternoon, over which the Rev. W. Sumner presided. Recitations and special singing were rendered by the choir and children.

Fruit Preserving without Sugar.

Choose sound dry fruit, place in clean dry bottles or jars Place these in slow oven and gradually increase heat until moisture in fruit is absorbed (about 15 minutes). Then fill with boiling water to half an inch above fruit Seal while hot by pouring on half-an-inch melted "ATORA" Block Suet. Do not disturb until set and cold. Cover with paper. "ATORA" Beef Suet in Blocks for Frying, Cooking, Preserving, or Ready Shredded for Puddings and Pastry. Sold by all Grocers and Stores.

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Military Sports at Barnard Castle.

The return military sports, organised by the local War Emergency Committee, of the 16th Battalion (T.W.) York and Lancaster Regiment, took place, by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel Herne, in the Cricket Field, Barnard Castle, on Saturday. Glorious weather favoured the event, and a good number of spectators, including many officers of the battalion, witnessed some exciting contests. The regimental band discoursed a choice selection of music during the afternoon Mr C. Hedley, J.P., chairman of the War Emergency Committee, and Regimental Sergt.-Major Murphie and his able staff of assistants effectively carried out the arrangements.

Results of the Sports.

Best turned-out man in battalion (full marching order)—Pte Spurling, G Company. High jump—Corpl O'Boyle. 100 yards handicap (military)—Equal 1 Lance-Cpl Walker & Cpl O'Boyle; 3 Pte Milson. Spade and potato race—Sergt Barnes; 2 Pte W Walker; 3 Pte Clark. 220 yards handicap—Sergt Cullingan; 2 Lance-Corpl Walker; 3 Sergt-Major Hornby. Boat race (teams of 5)—H Company. Three-legged race—Pte Clark and Pte Hales; 2 Pte Walker and Pte Waterhouse; 3 Pte White and Lance-Corpl Bust. 440 yards handicap—Pte Whitchurch; 2 Pte Hales; 3 Sergt-Major Hornby. Sack race—Pte Hutchinson; 2 Pte Whitchurch; 3 Pte Clark. 100 yards local handicap—J W Robinson, 12 yards; 2 J T Chatt 16 yards; 3 W Ascough, 8 yards. 80 yards handicap (men of 42 years and over)—Pte Corlett; 2 Pte Milward; 3 Sergt-Major Surman. 120 yards hurdle race—Sergt-Major Hornby; 2 Corpl O'Boyle; 3 Sergt Barnes. Tilting the bucket—Pte Sutton and Pte Walker; 2 Pte Waterhouse and Pte Mortimer. Long jump—Lance-Corpl Bastow. Servants' race—Sergt-Major Warner; 2 Sergt Cullingan; 3 Sergt-Major Hornby. One mile handicap—Pte C Whitchurch; 2 Pte J Whitchurch; 3 Pte Smith. Band race—Pte Smeaton; 2 Pte Ward; 3 Pte Taylor. Inter-company tug-of-war—C Company, 2 E Company. One mile inter-company relay race (teams of 4)—C Company.

At the conclusion of the sports the prizes were gracefully presented by Mrs Herne, to whom Mr F. J Wilson moved a cordial vote of thanks.—Mr C. Hedley, J.P., in seconding, spoke of the good feeling which existed between the battalion and the inhabitants of the town, and added that they were only too glad to do what they could to make the soldiers happy, and when they went away he believed they would have many pleasant memories of Barnard Castle. (Applause)—The Colonel replied on behalf of Mrs Herne, and thanked them for the very hearty vote of thanks. He assured them that they all appreciated very much the effort of the War Emergency Committee, and said the battalion would ever have cause to remember Barnard Castle. (Applause). After the band played the National Anthem the crowd dispersed.

THE CONCERT.

At eventide, in the romantic Inner Bailey of the castle, music dwelt, lingering on as loth to die like thoughts whose very sweetness gave proof that they were born for immortality. The setting was serene, and even the mad river, coursing through riven rocks and grey, was hushed in stillness, while darkly, deeply, beautifully blue was the sky. The environment was charming, and the silent and pathetic appeal to the imagination by the baronial keep and the walls in ruins awakened an appreciation of the past grandeur and massive strength of twelfth century pile. Meanwhile the nooks and crannies reverberated alike the notes of stringed instruments and accomplished vocalists, while laughter's joyous strain rippled upon "comic" and punster in the balmy air of a July sunset. Lance-Corporal Tait opened the programme with a choicely played violin fantasia pastorale, which was followed by an operatic duet, entitled "The moon has raised her lamp above," from "The Lily of Killarney," by Private Albert Tate and Private Leonard Hodgkinson. The rendering was very fine. Lance-Corporal Price, in an amusing ventriloquial entertainment, scored decisively, while in a "Cello" solo Private Moss was enthusiastically recalled. Sergt. W. E. Davies contributed a very acceptable comic song, "You've got a long way to go," and was loudly applauded. The bold nautical song, "The Admiral's Broom," with allusions to the Zuyder Zee, was sung with with spirit and pathos by Company Sergeant Major Surman, and then came the comedy juggler, Private Gyto, who was certainly a princely entertainer and a very great treat. His patter was unique and laughter-provoking, and his feats in jugglery were indeed smart and sustained. An operatic duet from "Il Trovatore" was reminiscent of Carl Rosa, Private L. Hodgkinson (baritone) having been associated with the celebrated company, while the brother of Private Albert Tate (tenor) composed "The Lily of Killarney." The last vocal effort was, perhaps, the gem of the evening, and the weird appeal will live long in the popular recollection. In a word the people of Barnard Castle are deeply indebted to the musical talent of Deerbolt Camp for an evening's real amusement and edification. A social dance followed.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Deaths.

ADAMSON.—On the 1st instant, at the Lawn, Sunderland Mrs Adamson (formerly of Barnard Castle), wife of Mr John Adamson, shipowner, and fourth daughter of the late William Hunter, shipping master, Sunderland.

In Memoriam.

JACKSON.—In loving memory of my dear son, Private W. M Jackson, who was killed in action, July 10th, 1916.—Station Road, Mickleton.

Sleep on, dear son, in a far off land,
In a grave we may never see,
But as long as life and memory last
We will ever remember thee.

—Ever remembered by his loving father, and sister and brother-in-law.

MORLEY.—In loving memory of Sapper Fred Morley, of the Royal Engineers, dearly beloved son of Mary Jane and Thomas Morley, 2, Pearson-terrace, Barnard Castle, who was killed in a mine explosion by the enemy on July 9th, 1916.

Why did he leave everything, abandon everything sacrifice everything? Because he was the champion of right. Right was violated, and he said "No," and as a hero he fought and died for that cause

And for him, O, God, we lift our prayer,
And leave him sleeping 'neath Thy care.
To Thy safe keeping we entrust
His quiet grave and splendid dust.
His comrades shall march home one day,
But he shall be sleeping far away.
His war is o'er, his sun is set,
And through the long, long years to be
His friends shall mourn his loss silently.

"Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away, and we shall behold His face."

—Ever remembered by his loving wife, father, mother, brother, sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephew, Ralph.

MORLEY.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Sapper Fred Morley, killed in action, July 9th, 1916, aged 22 years.

Though buried in a distant grave,
Amidst the shot and shell,
For country's sake his life he gave—
He stood his trials well.
No matter how we think of him—
And his name we oft recall—
There is nothing left to answer
But his photo on the wall.

—Ever remembered by his sisters, Lily and Mary Jane also brother-in-law, and nephew, Willie, at sea.

RODGERS.—In remembrance of my husband, Private John Rodgers killed in France, July 1st. Remembered by his wife and two sons, Joseph and Wilfred. At rest.—Mrs Rodgers, Park End, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

Return Thanks.

MR RAINE AND FAMILY, of Hungary Hall, beg to tender their sincere thanks to all friends for kindness shown in their recent and bereavement.

MR LIONEL SIMPSON AND FAMILY wish to thank all friends for letters expressive of sympathy, and other kindly acts in their recent bereavement.