

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Yesterday, Dr. Hill, the County Medical Officer, and Miss Cooper Hodgson, the County Health Visitor, met in conference the local centre of Maternity and Child Welfare, in the Witham Hall, when it was decided to co-operate, not locally, but with the County Health Department in the matter of nursing.

Viscount Halifax has had leased to him the sporting rights of Wenmergill Moor, from the Earl of Strathmore. The lease was created in 1866, the family name being Wood.

Mr Torbeck, of Morland Hall, Penrith, has renewed the lease securing the shooting rights on Bowes Moor, from the Lords in Trust.

A luxurious crop of tomatoes is ripening at the Bowes Museum Conservatories.

Mr J. J. Bell-Irving has been gazetted captain, Mr J. Wiseman, lieutenant, and Mr J. Garbutt, second-lieutenant, of C Company of the North Riding Volunteer Regiment. Sir John Maxwell, commander of the Northern District, is to inspect the 23 N.R.V.R., at Northallerton, on the 29th July.

The converted Town Head field of Mr Frank York is now adjudged to contain the best garden allotments in the district.

A brilliant double rainbow encircled the western sky at five o'clock on Monday morning.

Mr Tom Jennings, solicitor, Bishop Auckland, was at Barnard Castle on Monday in view of the High Court Appeal in the education cases dismissed at the Police Court, last Wednesday.

The lease of Mr Harry Payne Whitney, of New York, having expired, the shooting-box of Holwick Hall and the adjoining moors are at present vacant.

Mr G. Stokes, who died at Lichfield, aged 74, joined the army as a drummer-boy, and served for 55 years—in the Crimea as his first campaign and the Boer War as his last.

Yesterday, over 100 pipes had been placed in position and caulked, in the duplicate water main from Lartington to Middlesbrough.

The Lord Barnard, D.C.L., F.S.A., in correspondence with the Ecclesiastical Commission, has received the following useful local information from Mr S. E. Downing: "The Chapelry of Barnard Castle was severed from the Parish of Gainford, and constituted a separate parish and benefice under the provisions of the Pluralities Acts by an Order in Council which was dated the 19th of June, 1850, and which became operative upon the next avoidance of the benefice of Gainford, that is to say, in 1862, or thereabouts. The benefice, which thus became a perpetual curacy, was declared a vicarage under the District Church Tithes Act, 1855, by an instrument of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners dated the 17th May, 1866."

Hay-making at Cotherstone is in full swing. The crops are said to be much better than last season.

Captain Vivian Piercy, nephew of Mrs J. J. Bell-Irving, has won the Military Cross.

On Sunday the Earl of Lonsdale received at Lowther Castle a telegram informing him that his mother, the Dowager Countess of Lonsdale, had died that morning at Cotesmore Hall, Oakham.

Cotherstone is full of visitors, who appear to be enjoying this charming summer weather. They stroll over the hills, rest by the riverside, and admire the beauty of Fairy Cupboards, the old mills on the Tees and Balder, and pass delightful moments at Osmond Glen.

The Rev. F. A. Young, Primitive Methodist Minister, Kirby Stephen, has accepted an invitation to remain in the Brough Circuit until July, 1919. By that time his ministry in Westmoreland will have covered a period of seven years.

The death is deplored in the Rokeby district of the Rev. W. Nutley, who was the Bishop's Messenger here for the Great National Mission of Repentance and Hope. It appears that the deceased gentleman was cycling home, and going down a steep hill, lost control of his machine, and was killed.

Tees-siders generally will probably be interested to learn that Mr W. G. Richardson, of this town, who as "Billy Richardson," humorist, is well and favourably known in the district, has lately been appearing with "T. T. Mac's Musical Mummies" at Newcastle-on-Tyne. This combination, founded in 1905, by Mr D. Macpherson ("T. T. Mac"), honorary secretary of the North-Eastern Cyclists' Meet, has already given upwards of one hundred concerts for the entertainment of the soldiers quartered in the Tyneside district, and Mr Richardson is proving a valuable acquisition to the "Mummies."

The Rev. W. Callendar Wake, London, N., is announced as the special holiday preacher for Whitley Bay Congregational Church, on August 12th, and at Trinity Church, Walthamstow, London, S., on August 26th.

Sleeping and lodging accommodation for 250 pipe-track workmen is being prepared in the Music Hall at Barnard Castle. A very large quantity of timber is being used in erecting the bunkers.

There is an exquisite show of roses in the Bowes Museum Park.

Major G. F. T. Leather, the head of six soldier brothers who, at the beginning of the War were well known in Durham, the North Riding and Northumberland, has been appointed a Base Commandant with temporary rank of Colonel, and graded as Assistant-Adjutant-General.

The anniversary of the War is to be celebrated in the Inner Bailey of the Castle on August 4th, the gathering being under the patronage of Lord Barnard, General Rimington (Catterick), General A. Wolfe-Murray, and Colonel A. C. Herne and officers of Deerbolt Camp. General Rimington has arranged for the presence of Lieut. McCready, of the Highland Light Infantry, who is an accomplished vocalist, and two pipers and sword-dancers, the Highland fling being a feature. The proceeds are for the funds of the Newcastle Royal Infirmary and the Young Men's Christian Association for the provision of huts for women engaged in munition works. Lord Barnard hopes to be present to propose the resolution.

Major E. S. V. Grimshawe, who joined the Extra Special Reserve Durham Light Infantry (Barnard Castle) at the beginning of the War, has been appointed President of an Area Quarters Committee, graded as a Staff-Lieutenant (1st Class), and with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. The gallant officer is a retired honorary colonel of the old Militia, and saw active service in the Boer War.

Ordinary-Seaman Robert Johnson Richardson, nephew of Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Eden, of this battleship, was on leave at the time the Vanguard was blown up.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

OUR NEW PARLIAMENTARY DIVISION.

A special meeting of the members of the Barnard Castle Urban District Council was held on Monday night, under the presidency of Mr O. Hedley, J.P. (chairman). There were also present the Rev. W. H. Braham, and Messrs J. Guy, R. Woodhams, H. Walker, C. J. Smith, R. Arrowsmith, T. Thompson, W. Hodgson, and J. I. Dawson (clerk).—The Clerk intimated that in the revised parliamentary boundaries there would be eleven instead of thirteen districts.—Mr Smith remarked that the mining and purely agricultural areas would be kept as separate as possible, so that both interests might have political representation. Town Law was added to the Barnard Castle Division, and Crook had been eliminated, and so much of Lanchoester added.—On the motion of Mr Woodhams it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk attend the Commission to be opened in the Shire Hall, the following day.

National Service Men Wanted.

The Clerk read an application for about 24 persons to go from this town to be engaged in miscellaneous trades, the request being made by the Bishop Auckland Sub-Area for National Service, and he added that he did not think they had got anybody in Barnard Castle who had volunteered to do anything.—The Vicar: We might bring some moral influence to bear upon them.—The Chairman: I don't think you would find a suitable man in the whole town.—Mr Smith: We really want men here rather than send them away.—The Chairman: I have known the place all my life, and I never knew such a scarcity.—Mr Smith: Farmers all want men.—The Clerk was instructed to write and say that there were no persons available here for the class of work which was calling for men.

Co-operation in Trades: Labour of the Towns Depleted.

The Clerk stated that he had received two further letters with reference to co-operation in business, and also as to part-time workers, and if the Council had not established such scheme a reply must be sent embodying the reasons. Mr Dawson said that he had advised, but could get no replies. The letters to which he now referred were from the National Service Committee.—The Vicar commented upon the extravagant use of departmental stationery.—Mr Smith said the Department was wasting their own time and the time of others.—The Chairman: The labour of the place is so depleted that there is not much chance here. If you go to seek a woman for an extra day's work it is like seeking a mouse in a hay stack.—The Clerk said that Mr Woodhead had told him that the osvases had never been completed, though attempts had been made to do so.

The Royal Infirmary at Newcastle.

Arrangements for a proposed flag day for this institution had, said the Chairman, been left in the Clerk's and his own hands, and he would suggest that they should have collectors at the different places of worship in the town on the first Sunday in August. Mrs Bell-Irving had written to him to say that it was contemplated to celebrate the anniversary of the War on the 4th of August. There would be speaking in the Castle grounds and songs and a social.—Mr Walker said the object of such a gathering was obvious, the country being determined to fight to a win.—The Chairman said Mrs Bell-Irving proposed an entrance ticket of sixpence, and seats extra. The celebration was of a patriotic nature, and he had suggested that a portion of the receipts might be given to the Newcastle Royal Infirmary.—The Council agreed that Wednesday, August 8th, be the date of the infirmary flag day, and that the Chairman, Mr Guy and Mr Woodhams form a small committee to carry out the arrangements.—(Mrs Bell-Irving has definitely agreed to divide the money as suggested.)

Foodstuffs and Beer.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury."
SIR,—I have no desire to open up old controversies or to trespass unduly upon your valuable space, but Mrs Bernard Storey's love of fairness invites argument from those who fail to go all the way with her graphic and interesting address. We may, I think, assume that the Premier's reply to the Scotch deputations was the last authoritative word on the vexed question of prohibition, which has shrieked and careered over the country to its ultimate undoing. The Prime Minister alluded rather contemptuously to it as the one and only remedy of its life-long apostles. He reminded these importunate zealots that labour was not with them, clearly hinting that trouble would be brewing were their counsel interpreted into action. The London "Daily Telegraph" announced that the Government had decided upon state purchase. If this be true, prohibition, except so far as local option is to affect it, is dead because of State recognition. The people of the country in these terms will themselves become socialistic purveyors of liquor alcoholics. There is no waste of foodstuffs in the brewing of beer, because it is itself a palatable, wholesome, refreshing and nutritious food. Otherwise, why do the vast majority of moderate people drink it? By the way, how is it the champagne of the rich is never mentioned in the same category? We spent over 100 millions last year in so-called teetotal drinks. These contain a varying percentage of alcohol, and a considerable amount of sugar is used in their manufacture. Prohibitionist mankind is dumb on this point. We, who have tried it, know, however, that brewers' sugar is quite unfit for ordinary domestic purposes. If no more barley is to be malted, the brewing of beer will automatically cease in November next. The malt already in stock is not convertible into foodstuffs, so where is the foodstuff waste? Never was the soldier and the horny-handed civilian more in need of their pint of beer. Our rot is to be despised forefathers drank it at every meal and were not ashamed. We, of this generation, will demand it and have it, in spite of the selfish-fascist, who plead for a liberty they would deny to others.—Yours truly,
WILLIAM STAMER,
West Hartlepool, July 17th, 1917.

The Police Court.

BARNARD CASTLE.

FARMERS' SCHOOL-BOY SONS AND THE LAND.

MAGISTRATE'S REFUSE TO FINE DEFENDANTS.

WEDNESDAY.—Before Mr J. Smith (presiding) and Messrs C. B. Martin, J. W. Hartley, O. Hedley and R. W. Raine.

Ejectment Order Granted.

Mrs Hannah Beadle, Galgate, Barnard Castle, applied for an order of ejectment against Fred Metcalfe, who occupies 110, Galgate, this being applicant's property. In reply to the magistrate's applicant said the tenant was a fortnight or three weeks in arrears with the rent at the time notice was served. She wanted possession of the house for one of her sons' widows.—The Chairman pointed out that there were several empty houses in Galgate.—Defendant's wife appeared, and said she had tried in vain to get a house. Those in Galgate were rather too much money.—The justices granted the order.—The Chairman: But the Bench will give you twenty-one days before putting the order into force.

The New Landlord of the Star Hotel.

The license of the Star Hotel, Horse-market, Barnard Castle, was transferred from Mr John Borwell to Mr John Harvey, who has conducted two hotels in Middlesbrough.

Butterknowle Marriage Tangle.

James Stoddart, Butterknowle, Woodland Colliery brakeman, summoned his wife, Mary Jane Stoddart, under a maintenance order granted on the 11th of April, 1917, by virtue of which separation ensued, and the man was ordered to pay 30s. per week towards the support of his wife and five children, of whom Mrs Stoddart was adjudged to have the custody.—Mr Tom Jennings appeared for the husband, who sought to vary the order, and Mr Dawson represented the wife.—Mr Jennings stated that the wages of the complainant, at the time the order was made, were stated to be 24 a week, or an average of 23 weekly. That sum was now considerably reduced. It was clearly impossible for the man to continue this payment, said Mr Jennings. Complainant's sister kept his house. Two days after the order was made the eldest boy went to his father's house crying, and refused to go back to his mother. The father sent the little fellow back to his old home, but he returned on the Saturday, with visible marks of ill-treatment upon him. Stoddart asked his wife why she had ill-treated the boy, and she replied that he had nothing to do with the child.—Mr Dawson: You have put every obstacle in the way of your wife having her money, and, although you know she was at Egglestone, you refused to send it.—Complainant: I didn't know her address, and I was not told that she had left her directions for letters to be forwarded. I have sent the money to Egglestone ever since I got to know her address. I have given her all the things which belonged to her, and she has 230 which belongs to me. I took all the children out of the workhouse before the order was made.—P.C. Hulse said he asked the boy why he would not go home to his mother, and he said his mother kept beating him because he had gone to see his father. When he questioned the mother on this allegation defendant said she had never touched him. The boy burst out crying, and would not stir out of his father's house. He had one slight bruise on his face.—Mr Dawson submitted that his friend had not proved his case. He had not shown that the complainant was unable financially to meet the order, and had urged that his wife had no longer one of the children to keep. There was nothing in the contentious set up. Stoddart was paying no house rent, and had firing free, whereas the wife had to pay house rent and buy her own coals. There was no proof that the mother was not fit to have the custody of the child, excepting that the father, a prejudiced person, had made the statement that the boy had been badly used. The Cruelty Inspector had advised the father to send the boy back to his mother.—Mrs Stoddart said it was absolutely untrue that she had thrashed the boy (who was undergoing hospital treatment in Newcastle), or that she had used any violence to him.—Mr Dawson: Have you got every payment you were entitled to under the order?—Witness: Yes, I have, up to this week. He had 280 in his pocket when he kicked me out.—The Chairman said the Bench thought the mother was the proper person to have the custody of the child, and they would not vary the order, the case being dismissed with costs.

County Education Committee Prosecute Farmers: Summonses Dismissed.

A series of cases, in which farmers had taken their boys from elementary schools before reaching the age of 14 years, occupied the attention of the court for some time, the prosecuting authority being the Durham County Education Committee, for whom Mr T. Jennings, of Bishop Auckland, appeared. There is a very strong and deep-rooted feeling on this matter in the neighbourhood.—The first defendant was Thomas Allison, of Bridge House, Forest, and his son's name is Robert W. Allison.—The defendant, pleading guilty, at once said he kept his son from school as a matter of necessity, there being only himself on a farm of 120 acres.—Mr Jennings said the bye-laws of the county provided that the parents of every child of not less than five years, and not more than fourteen years, should send that child regularly to an elementary school, and there were only three excuses for non-attendance. The first was that the child was under efficient instruction in some other way; secondly, sickness or any other unavoidable cause; and thirdly, the non-existence of an elementary school within three miles of home. The High Court, however, had held in a London School Board case that it was a reasonable excuse if a child was earning money for the support of the family, but with the reservation that the child was receiving instruction at the same time. Mr Allison was able to maintain his family independently, and by his own industry, and the lad had been absent continuously this year. A labour examination had been arranged at Middleton School, but the lad was not present.—Defendant said the lad had passed Standard VII. twelve months since.—Mr Hedley: Why was the defendant not informed when the labour examination was being held?—Mr Jennings: The inspector expects the children to be present when he holds the examination.—Mr Hartley: The question is, has this man broken the law?—Mr Martin: Technically.—The Chairman: The question of supreme importance is, are we at war or at peace? It will matter little if all the laws are broken if we are starving for want of food.—Mr Jennings said in the usual course fourteen days' notice

of the examination should have been given, but this was a special case in a special emergency.—Mr Hartley: It is hardly likely that a master would send a boy for a boy who had been absent 180 times.—Mr Martin: The question is whether education just now is more important than the feeding of cattle.—The Chairman said that, having in view the fact that the boy had passed Standard VII., the Bench had agreed to dismiss the summons.—Mr Jennings asked the Bench for the specific reason for their decision, as it would not be taken lightly.—Mr Martin: That the boy was necessary at home for the feeding of cattle.—Mr Jennings (with emphasis): We consider the feeding of cattle of much higher national importance than school attendance.

A Farmer Who Threatens to Sell Off and be Done with It.

The next case was that of a farmer named Robert William Bell, of Stainton, who also pleaded guilty.—Mr Martin asked if they were going on with the case?—Mr Jennings: Yes, the anomaly in the previous case was that the man pleaded guilty, and it was dismissed.—Mr Leo said the boy had successively been away from school 279 times.—Mr Martin: Has not the local Education Authority declined to take action?—Defendant: I believe what you say is correct.—Mr Jennings: That is beside the question, because it is the County Education Committee who really control these things and have the say in the matter. It is not because the Education Authority do not recognise the unusual circumstances, but because if the boy wants exemption he must secure a legal labour certificate.—The Chairman: Have the District Committee ever given leave of absence?—Mr Jennings: There has never been a single application to them.—Mr Hartley here left the court.—Defendant said his elder son joined the Army, and had come home minus a leg. He (Mr Bell) told the District Committee that if this son of 13 was not liberated from school he would at once give up the farm. Moreover, he wanted a definite decision that day, and on the answer would depend his calling in the auctioneer at once, or otherwise.—Mr Leo (school attendance officer) said the boy would not be 14 until January, and he had not passed Standard V., the school being two months' walk from his home.—Mr Bell said the local Education Committee had agreed that the lad would be better employed on the land than at school. He stood 5ft. 6in. and weighed 10½ stones, and he was better than any man he could get.—Mr Jennings: I shall ask you to impose a penalty in this case. There is no legal excuse.—The Chairman: Only that of national importance. He cannot get a man. The case is dismissed.

Mr George Atkinson Says Farming is Suffering from Over-Education.

John Pringle, hind, Tees Cottage, West Shaws, who is in the service of George Atkinson, of Shaws, was the third and last defendant.—Mr Leo said G. Arthur Pringle, the son, would be 14 next January, and had been absent from the Barnard Castle Church of England School 83 times, and was only in Standard V. Defendant said he had other boys who were going regularly to school, and this lad was kept at home to help the family to live, there being 60 beasts to fodder.—Mr Atkinson asked indulgence to make a statement. Having been sworn, he said he had three farms, and this man had 60 head of cattle, 100 sheep and a pair of horses belonging to witness under his care. He (witness) kept the boy from school when his own boy went away, and Pringle was not responsible at all. He kept the boy to help his father, and paid him well, as he was not out for cheap labour. He considered it was of national importance to employ the boy, and were it not for his assistance, the draught of horses would have been standing quite half their time. The boy waited on the stock, and his father went with the horses. Witness said he had applied for help to the local labour bureau without avail, and he emphatically declared against woman labour as an honest fact. One of his own sons had gone, and the other was in substitution.—Mr Martin said one of Mr Atkinson's sons was the cleverest boy in England in his year, and that showed Mr Atkinson's interest in education.—Mr Atkinson said he would not conceal his conviction that agriculture was suffering from over-education. The boy Pringle was not a brilliant scholar, but he was useful in other ways.—Mr Jennings: Why not make him a brilliant scholar?—Mr Atkinson: He would probably cease working then. (Laughter).—Mr Martin: I hold strong views in this matter, because I am a farmer's son.—The case was dismissed.—Mr Atkinson added that after a week's fast it was probable that the Durham County Council might have a different view of the need of boys being employed on the land.—Mr R. W. Raine did not adjudicate in the education cases, being a member of the local sub-committee.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The children attending the Baptist Sunday School, Middleton, had their annual picnic on Saturday last, in a field kindly lent by Mr Jonathan Hunt, Lane Side. Games were indulged in, and the youngsters had a most enjoyable time.

The annual camp meeting of the Middleton Primitive Methodists was held on Sunday last. In the morning a good number turned out to mission the town, when hymns were sung and several addresses were given at different points. In the afternoon the camp meeting was held on the Fair Hill, conducted by the Rev. C. Pottler, when stirring gospel addresses were given by Messrs T. Collinson and J. J. Kipling (Lunedale), and J. W. Kettlewell (Romsdalkirk). In the evening, an open-air service was held in the Horse Market, addressed by Mr J. W. Temple (Bowlee), after which a testimony meeting was held in the chapel.

A serious accident occurred to Mr Thomas Hutchinson, son of Mr James Hutchinson, Newbiggin, on Friday night. It appears the young man was returning from his employment as a coal miner to his home on a motor cycle, when it is supposed a dog had run out on to the road, and in swerving to avoid it he had been thrown violently from the machine and rendered unconscious. Dr. Robinson, Barnard Castle, was summoned and attended to the unfortunate man's injuries. At the time of writing he was progressing favourably.

IMPORTANT BOON TO LADIES.

NO Pills or Drugs used in this treatment; my never-failing remedy, and I guarantee to cure all female ailments. I invite those cases that have failed elsewhere. Stamp, free advice.—ROSE'S "LABORATORY," No. 8, Miltre-street, Cheltenham.

DURHAM COUNTY REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS.

Barnard Castle Represented at Yesterday's Inquiry.

An inquiry was held at the Shire Hall, Durham, yesterday, before Mr Commissioner Drury on the proposed new Parliamentary Divisions of the County of Durham. It was largely attended by representatives from local authorities, trades unions and political organizations. Mr C. Hedley, as Chairman, and Mr J. I. Dawson attended on behalf of the Barnard Castle Urban Council. Generally the scheme was approved of, but the labour representatives had prepared a county scheme of their own, and proposed that Escomb, near Bishop Auckland, should be added to the Barnard Castle Division. Mr H. Stohrsparko on behalf of the County Agricultural Committee, and suggested that the farming interest should be represented in two divisions.

HOWICK EN FETE.

Wounded Infantry Soldiers Spend Another Happy Day in the Dales.

The small village of Holwick, hidden away on the Yorkshire side of the higher reaches of the Tees, being the rendezvous of the wounded soldiers from Bishop Auckland Infirmary, the youngsters of the district had been given a special holiday. Their school-room was tastefully decorated with flags and flowers, tables laden with all the good things for the inner man taking the place of desks, and the chapel, near by, stocked with an overflow of bread, butter, meat, cakes, hard-boiled eggs, etc., with the villagers gathered round, to make the day another if those never to be forgotten in the dales. The wounded lads, accompanied by nurses, with a good supply of cigarettes (through the kindness of Mr J. McIvor), set off shortly after 10 a.m. in delightful weather on another of those enjoyable motor tours arranged by Mr Aubin, and soon found themselves gliding along over the Woodland Fells, with the refreshing breeze that creates the desire to make the best use of all that is put before them. The usual halt was made at Egglestone, where Messrs Thompson brothers again supplied the welcome refresher in milk and tea. The tour was then continued via Middleton, and round by the station to the loopy, picturesque road that so many Royalty and gentry have traversed when seeking quietude with sport second to none in this country. As time permitted, the great shooting-box was visited before noon, and a hurried tour of inspection made (thanks to the caretaker). Returning to the village at 1.30 p.m., the inhabitants were found waiting, headed by Mr and Mrs Nattrass, with a very substantial dinner, and the Vicar of Laithkirk, to bid the heroes welcome, after which, accompanied by the ladies and children, the hills overlooking that delightful valley of the Tees were toured in glorious sunshine. Tea being served at 5.30, singing and dancing was next indulged in. A hearty vote of thanks given by the soldiers, and supported by Mr Aubin, was replied to by the Vicar, on behalf of the villagers, who assured the wounded lads of the pleasure it gave them to be able to repay in such a small way, and show their appreciation of what they (the soldiers) had done for them. Each soldier was next presented with one shilling and three hard-boiled eggs. The sum of 25 lbs., with more bottled eggs, was handed to Mr Aubin towards the cost of the excursion, making a total of 28 2s. 8d., a very valuable help that will be much appreciated by the committee. The return journey was made via Mickleton, Romsdalkirk, Barnard Castle and Staindrop, bringing to a close one more enjoyable outing, the news of which so soon spreads to almost every hospital in this country, as well as to those who are fighting at the front.—The sports held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, July 7th, for the funds of the above outing, realised the sum of 234 5s. 6d.

Yesterday, the boys of the Sunderland Sailors' Orphanage arrived at Barnard Castle for their annual outing.

Every Housewife Her own "Food Controller."

You can make an endless variety of milk puddings, savouries, baked puddings, etc., with "ATORA" Shredded Suet and the rice, flaked maize, oatmeal, lentils, peas, beans, etc., advised by the Food Ministry for saving wheat flour. "ATORA" makes puddings very light and very nourishing. Fritters made of these cereals should be fried in "ATORA" Black Suet. "ATORA" is sold by all grocers in 1 lb. boxes 1/5 1/2 lb 9d.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Deaths.

BURTON.—At Bowes Cross, on the 15th inst., Marion, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Burton. To be interred at Bowes on Thursday, the 19th inst., at 2 p.m., cortege leaving residence at 1.15 p.m.—Friends please accept this intimation.

LAMBERT.—On July 14th, Eleanor, the beloved daughter of Joseph and Mary Lambert, of Croft House, Bowes (late of White Close Hill, Gilmourby), aged 46 years.

In Memoriam.

BELL.—In loving memory of Emily, the beloved wife of Sergeant R. Bell, Royal Flying Corps (late 10th Royal Hussars) who died at Potchefstroom, South Africa, July 12th, 1915. Ever remembered by her loving husband, son and daughter, Dick and Bessie. "Gone, but not forgotten."

LONGSTAFF.—In loving memory of Private Robert Longstaff, Northumberland Fusiliers, who died from gas poisoning, in France, July 17th, 1916.

No mother's care did him attend,
Nor over him a father bend,
No sister by to shed a tear,
No brother his last word to hear,
Sick, dying, in a foreign land,
No lov'd one by to take his hand,
A faithful comrade and a friend,
Far from his native land he died.

Ever remembered by his loving mother, sister, and brothers.—9, Bridge-street, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

STODDART.—In loving memory of Sergeant Sidney Stoddart, 10th Durham Light Infantry (son of the late Edward Stoddart), who was killed at Ypres, on July 20th, 1915, aged 25 years.

He was a brother truly fond,
A friend kind and true;
A better brother never lived,
His comrade was no fewer.
God knows how much we miss him,
And he counts the tears we shed,
And wishes "Hush!" he only sleeps,
Your loved one is not dead."

We cannot sleep your hand, dear brother
Your face we cannot see,
We never said "Good-bye!"
But we remember thee.

Ever remembered by his mother, sisters, and brothers-in-law.