

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

The name of Colonel the Hon. William Lionel Vane, of Houghton Hall, Darlington, formerly of the fine old 68th Durham County Line Regiment, and very well known in Barnard Castle, has been laid before the Secretary of State for services rendered in the War.

Sir William Pakenham, K.C.B., who has been appointed to a high command in the Grand Fleet, is a first cousin of Lady Barnard and of Lady Katharine Vane. He was also first cousin of the late Earl of Longford, who lost his life in the Dardanelles Expedition.

The intelligence has reached us that Commander Charles P. Wilson, R.D., R.N.R., was killed on active service on February 24th. There were only seven survivors. Mrs Wilson, the wife of the gallant officer, is a daughter of the late Mr Joseph Lee, of Holwick, and sister of Mr William Lee, of Gilmorby, Bowes. She resides at South Hill, Bradworthy, North Devon.

Lord Barnard has placed the services of Mr H. L. Fife, Staindrop House, Staindrop, Darlington, his Lordship's Chief Agent of the Raby Estates, at the disposal of the National Service Department (Agricultural Section). Mr Fife has been appointed Chief Commissioner for Yorkshire.

Yet another of our divisional magistrates has so far distinguished himself in War work as to have his name brought before the Secretary of State for War. We refer to Captain (Temporary Major) C. E. Hunter, of the Northumberland Hussars Yeomanry (Territorial Force Reserve). Captain Hunter lived for many years at Selaby Hall, and latterly, being the lessee of the sporting rights of the famous grouse moors in Lunedale, resided at Wemmergill Hall. Captain Hunter, who is well known throughout Teesdale, occasionally sat on the bench at the Barnard Castle Police Court, the date of his commission being January, 1888, and he ranking fourth in seniority upon the official list of justices. Mr Hunter, who is practical in his addresses, more than once spoke at public meetings in this town.

At the Barnard-street Auction Mart, Darlington, on Monday, a pig made a record price of £28 7s. 6d., being £1 in excess of the previous record.

Private J. B. Kipling, son of Mr W. Kipling, who is managing the provision business of Mr Thomas Boardman, Bank, Barnard Castle, and late of Cotherstone, has been wounded, and admitted to hospital in France.

Last week the Rev. J. B. Robinson reported that 480 eggs were forwarded to the depot for our wounded soldiers and sailors.

On Monday about fifteen Barnard Castle young men passed the Medical Board at Sunderland in various classes.

The staff at Barnard Castle railway station, and also the guards working trains past Broomfield, have again each received a gift of a couple of rabbits from Lord Strathmore. His Lordship has kindly remembered the staff in this way for a great many years, and they much appreciate the gift.

Mr William Pratt, of Garsdale, Hawes Junction, one of the largest sheep farmers in Yorkshire and Westmorland, observed, the other day, the back of one of the sheep, given up for lost, showing through the melting snow. It was alive, and two of its fellow prisoners were lying dead beside it. The animal had sustained life for 49 days without food, which is regarded as the longest period of endurance known.

Associated with the death of Mr Robert Barton, of Carlisle, at the age of 88, is the circumstance that on one occasion he left Carlisle at midnight with the Glasgow mail, and arrived at Glasgow at ten the next morning. It should be remembered that the Glasgow mail, which was the fastest coach out of Carlisle, was regularly re-horsed at Greta Bridge, and passed, of course, through Bowes.

Major W. G. R. Chichester-Constable, Territorial Force Reserve, of Scargill Lodge and Wood Hall, Constable Burton, is included in the list of officers whose names have been brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for valuable services rendered in connection with the War. Simultaneously appear also the names of Lieutenant-Colonel A. Bell-Irving, D.S.O., late R.A., Royal Defence Corps; and Major the Hon. Lieutenant-Colonel C. T. Hennah, Yorkshire Regiment, private secretary to the Marquis of Zetland, and a well-known Richmond officer.

Yesterday morning, Mr Douglas Ord, only son of Mr Robert Ord, Boa Vista, Lendings (secretary of the Wesleyan Sunday School, Barnard Castle), left home for military service.

Miss Reid, of Raby Avenue, and not Miss Rudd, has been appointed an additional vice-president of the local nursing association.

Mr A. Fletcher, the financial secretary of the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, acknowledges, with thanks, a donation of £3, being the proceeds of a whist drive held at Romaldkirk, per Mr W. Raine, of the Rose and Crown Hotel, Romaldkirk.

Private R. Hardaker, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, writes thanking the secretary and all members of the Barnard Castle Town War Emergency Committee for their kindness to the lads who are away from home, and assures them it gives great encouragement to know that they are, while out in far distant lands, so kindly thought of at home.

Driver Edgar Heslop, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, and of Eastholme Farm, Marwood, Barnard Castle, who left on Saturday for foreign service, heartily thanks his many Marwood friends for their kind parcel of useful articles, and says he enjoys his new life very much.

The Honorary Secretary of the Lady Anne Lambton's Durham County Work Depot, begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of garments, etc., from the following:—Hamsterley Sewing Party, per Mrs Holiday; Staff and scholars of Forest-in-Teesdale Council School, per Mrs Gill; Piercebridge Working Party, per Mrs Dent; Gainford Girls' Friendly Society, per Mrs Watson; Gainford and District Branch of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, per Lady Gainford; Staff and Scholars of Cockfield Council School; per Miss Nettleton. The committee also wish to take this opportunity of thanking the anonymous donors of various parcels.

The death on active service is announced of Captain Leone Sextus Denys Oswald Frandati Filius Tollemache-Tollemache de Orellana Plantagenet Tollemache-Tollemache, who was the son of the Rev. Ralph Tollemache.

Lord Ronaldshay, who has been presented with a silver salver by the members of the Hornsey Constitutional Club, believes, as Governor-General designate of Bengal, that Indian industries are capable of great expansion, and that Indians are destined to play a great part in developing them.

The Zetland Foxhounds will meet at Wycliffe this morning, and at Piercebridge on Saturday: each day at 11-30.

There is reason to believe that bird life has suffered disastrously in Teesdale in the late prolonged storm. Many dead grouse have been picked up, but smaller birds, and especially songsters, take shelter in crannies and openings in walls and buildings, where they perish by starvation. Most of the smaller rapacious animals and rodents die in their retreats.

Lord Allerton, who is known as a Teesdale sportsman, is slightly better.

Zeppelins are reported to be concentrated near the Dutch frontier to be used in a few weeks for an expedition on a large scale against Great Britain.

A tractor was seen ploughing at Sledwich Hall farm, last week. The spectacle was an interesting one to local agriculturists, and was witnessed by pedestrians from the highway. A Toronto firm has presented 100 farm tractors to this country.

On Saturday morning last, at the Mechanics' Institute, Mr J. A. Gallan, of Darlington, interviewed about twenty men from Barnard Castle, Middleton and Staindrop, who had volunteered for National Service.

In London the prevailing malady of the moment—Mr Asquith is its most distinguished victim—is "soldier's throat"—a relaxed condition of the throat, in some cases accompanied by influenza and in others by laryngitis, with general catarrh and temporary loss of voice.

Men's collars of to-day, which, in Lady Selborne's opinion, should remain limp until the war is over, do not use up so much starch as the stiff cravats worn by dandies when we were fighting Napoleon. These were invented by Beau Brummell, the Regent and his associates forming themselves into a "Council of Taste," of which Brummell was unanimously elected president.

Captain S. R. E. Phillips, of the North Eastern County School and of the Herefordshire Regiment, on Sunday afternoon last, gave a short lecture to the members of the Teesdale Detachment of the 4th Battalion Durham County Volunteer Regiment, on the spirit of the bayonet. Afterwards the highly-esteemed officer commanded the detachment in a series of exercises with the bayonet, on the Demesnes parade ground. There was a good muster, in spite of the exceedingly cold weather.

A shop has been opened in Bristol for the sale of horse flesh for human consumption.

An idea is propounded to reduce the school hours of our children from nine a.m. to one p.m. for the next few months. This would have a three-fold benefit. First, the children could help in shops and run errands for tradespeople, the boys could assist the farmers in feeding the stock and looking after the sheep, bring the cows, etc., and the girls help their mothers and mind the younger ones, thus releasing the mothers for paid work. Secondly, it would release the schoolmasters for the afternoon to help in munition work and on the land. Thirdly, the money earned by the family generally would augment the income and help to keep the wolf from the door in these hard times.

In view of their husbands, brothers, and sons being on active service, the Rev. Joseph Hawkins is anxious that help should be afforded in plot culture to women and children in the initial stage of vegetable planting.

Mr Edleston left Gainford, on Friday, for Farnborough. The storm now being experienced in Teesdale is even more severe than the late blizzard, and, yesterday, the snow-ploughs were again out in the upper reaches of the Tees. The weather on the hills is truly Laplandish.

The interment took place at Kirkby Stephen cemetery, on Friday, of Mr Miles Metcalfe, at the age of 70 years. Mrs Metcalfe, who survives, was a sister-in-law of the late Rev. James Jackson, a former President of the Primitive Methodist Conference, and for some time resident at Barnard Castle.

The late Mr George Hodsman, of High Force, Teesdale, and 8, Feversham-terrace, York, quarry owner, left £9,734.

Mrs J. J. Cumming left Gainford, on Friday, for Norwich.

Private T. Chapman, Bridgegate, of the Lewis Gun Section, Durham Light Infantry, and Signaller Walter Hopkin, Bank, 20th Durhams, are both in hospital, the former ailing of trench fever, and the latter being in ill-health from natural causes.

Mr J. J. Bell-Irving says some little reluctance is expressed by local Yorkshiremen at drilling on Sundays. The popular occupant of Rokey Hall replies that he can sympathise with his neighbours in this matter, but reminds them that the Battle of Waterloo was fought on a Sunday.

Mr T. W. Garth, the painstaking representative of the Board of Agriculture, says Hutton farmers to a man have joined the 3rd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteer Regiment.

The Empress Eugenie was represented by Madame d'Attainville at a special service held in the Imperial Crypt at Farnborough, on Saturday, by command of Her Imperial Majesty, for all soldiers killed in the war. Mr Edleston attended the service.

Mrs Montague Cholmeley paid a short visit to Gainford last week.

The Marquis de Rivigny, Mr W. J. Watson, Miss Emily Trotter, Miss Edleston, Mrs J. J. Cumming, Mrs der Moulin-Browne, Mr Temperley, and Mrs Leary have been elected members of the Republic of San Marino section of the Italian Red Cross.

Yesterday, the trial of the charge against four persons of conspiring to murder the Premier, transferred from Derby Assizes, was opened before Mr Justice Low, at the Old Bailey, yesterday.

Volunteer Movement (YORKSHIRE).

Interesting Meeting at Startforth.

The Local Corps of 1803 and 1860.

Bethmann-Holweg the Kaiser's Puppet.

Last Friday night a public meeting was held in the Morrill Memorial School, Startforth, under the presidency of the Rev. A. L. Manby, Vicar, the object being to form a centre and enrol names in the 3rd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteer Regiment, whose headquarters will be at Richmond. Among those present were Mrs Bell-Irving and Mrs Manby, and Messrs Douglas, Furness, Bailey, Tiplady, Lowes, Strong, J. Wiseman and many others.—Mr Bell-Irving, in the course of a highly instructive address, remarked that Mr Herbert Straker, of Hartforth Grange, had asked him to do what he could to get up a volunteer force extending from Richmond and Croft right up the dale to Wemmergill. The area was a very large one, and embraced a distance of thirty miles, and he had been approached to do what he could in the Greta Bridge Division. He was pleased to say that he had met with great success at Rokeyby, Brignall and Hutton Magna, he having secured forty volunteers at the latter place. He had done well at Bowes, and fairly well at Cotherstone and Mickleton. Colonel Bower had instructed Inspector Bland to do all he could to assist the movement. The War Office considered it very essential that everything should be done in these exceptional times to get up a volunteer force both in England and Scotland, the principal reason being the protection of our coasts. He thought they would all agree with him that it was very desirable and essential that the military authorities should take every precaution against a hostile landing, with a repetition of the horrible deeds which the Germans had done in Northern France and in Belgium. He said that 14 drills per month would be needed, principally on Saturdays and Sundays—one hour on Saturday, and two hours on Sunday. The suggested hours were from 8.30 to 4.30 on Saturdays; and from 2.15 to 3.15, with a quarter-of-an-hour off, and then from 3.30 to 4.30 on Sundays. A competent instructor would come out from Richmond camp to attend the drills. In his modest but enlightening address, Mr Bell-Irving, who, with his devoted and patriotic wife, has done magnificent War work, referred to a most interesting local historical fact, namely, The Volunteer Force raised in Teesdale in 1803, and announced that he had with him the actual prayer used at the consecration of the colours, on the 4th of November, 1803, by the Venerable Archbishop Headlam, of Wycliffe. The force was commanded by Mr John Bacon Sawrey Morrill, Napoleon was approaching the zenith of his fame, and it was clear at that time that this country might be invaded by French troops. It was quite possible that had not his (Mr Bell-Irving's) father been a captain of the Volunteers of 1803 he might not have been there that night, for it was during the time that his father was in command of troops, and occupying Scarborough Castle, that he got married. (Applause.)

Mr Wiseman delivered an earnest and patriotic address in outlining with much painstaking thought and skill the duties which would be required of volunteers, and to the extreme urgency of the national needs. Mr John Robson, in a speech replete of local incident, said the uniform of the late Major Haggison's father was yet intact at Romaldkirk, that gentleman having been an officer in the Volunteers formed in 1803, when the imperious Corsican threatened these shores. Mr Robson said that he himself was present at the second local enrolment of volunteers, fifty-seven years later, and the only remaining member of that force now living, so far as he knew, was Alderman Robert Errington, of Harrogate. The late Mr William John Sawrey Morrill, who died at the Bedford Hotel, Brighton, was commandant. Associated with the memorable review on Knaresborough was the name of Earl Cathcart, and the men hesitated not to travel to Eboracum in cattle trucks. (Applause.) The Volunteer movement, continued the speaker, owed its inception to the trickery of the fatalistic Napoleon, who, simulating a reduction of European armaments, stealthily embodied the Grande Mobile, and Britain replied by calling out the Volunteers. But Bonaparte was not without obliquity. A shaft of remorseless cynicism was levelled at the genius in exile when he was stigmatised "the desolator, desolate!" But a far worse doom awaited the vulgar, low-down Kaiser, or, for the matter of that, any man who dared to dream of heaven-decreed universal empire, created, forthwith, in "frightfulness" and a welter of blood. But let there be no mistake. The watchword of humanity still held good, that "rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God," the trite expression having been appropriately coined in recording the history of the three judges of King Charles I. As a student of modern European history, the speaker was convinced that Count Bismarck like the Iron Chancellor (Bismarck) was dismissed for his insistence in checking the wild and impetuous antics of the worst son of the despised House of Hohenzollern, while Bethmann-Holweg was a mere puppet in the hands of the German Emperor, and as such would one day find "that the whirlwind of time brings in his revenges."

Several men enrolled at the conclusion of the meeting. Cotherstone Branch of the British Women's Temperance Association. A most successful meeting, in connection with the above branch, was held in the Temperance Hall, on Thursday night, 22nd February.—The speaker was Mr Berriman, of Middlesbrough, who gave a most eloquent and forceful address. Of course, he put in a most persuasive plea for prohibition, and pointed out the absurdity of the Government cutting short our supplies of sugar, etc., whilst so much barley and sugar were being wasted over the manufacture of beer. Mr Berriman also spoke at some length on the harm intoxicating liquors inflicted on the child-life of the nation.—Miss Place, of Barnard Castle, sang two songs, both of which were most heartily encored, and two recitations, given by Mr Berriman, were much appreciated. The only drawback to the meeting was that Mr Taylor, the chairman, was unable to fulfil his duties owing to indisposition, so the chair was taken by the President.—The next meeting is to be held on March 22nd, when Mr Fletcher, of Newcastle, will be the speaker.

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UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Private Stanley Raine, eldest son of Mr R. W. Raine, J.P., who went to New Zealand about three years ago, to be manager for Messrs A. Robertson sheep-dia manufacturers, enlisted eight months since, and came to Salisbury Plain, is at home on leave, and returns to-day (Wednesday) to headquarters. The gallant soldier's many friends will be pleased to hear of the promising young fellow's patriotic career.

The quarterly meeting of the Middleton-in-Teesdale Primitive Methodist circuit was held on Saturday last. There was a fair attendance of officials. The Rev. C. Pettler presided, and Mr J. W. Kettlewell was secretary. Mr J. G. Collinson having satisfied the examiners and preached his trial sermon, was admitted to the list of accredited preachers. All statements showed substantial progress. An increase of six members was reported for the year, after filling up all vacancies. There was an augmentation of seven teachers and 15 scholars, also an addition of Christian Endeavour members. During the year 218 9s. 11d. has been raised for trust purposes, leaving a balance of £20 15s. 4s., while the Circuit Fund met all its demands, leaving a balance in the hands of the steward. A strongly worded resolution, calling upon the Government to prohibit the sale of drink during the war, was passed. It was pointed out that it was a glaring anomaly to insist upon economy in food and yet allow a waste of food in the production of alcoholic liquors. Rev. C. Pettler was given permission to render some form of national service, at his discretion. Mr Kettlewell was appointed delegate to the district synod, and Mr J. Staley was nominated for conference: Mr J. Colman and Mr T. Dent were appointed circuit stewards: Mr Kettlewell, circuit secretary: and Mr J. Staley, missionary secretary. A fine tone influenced the meeting, and a splendid tea provided by Mrs Colman and Miss Ada Colman brought a suitable termination. Mr Staley moved a vote of thanks to the ladies, which was seconded by Mr T. Collinson.

Mr Alf Anderson, Harwood, along with his cur dog, killed a fine otter, weighing 13 1/2 lbs., in Harwood Beck, on Wednesday, February 21st. It is thought that quite a number of otters are in Upper Teesdale, and a great deal of destruction is being done to trout.

As will be seen in our advertising columns, the Teesdale Glee and Madrigal Society are providing an excellent programme for their concert on Saturday night first, which promises to be a great success.

Local Primitive Methodist Church.

On Thursday evening an entertainment was given in the school-room by the Boldron Primitive Methodist choir, and was greatly enjoyed by a large audience. Dr. Leishman presided. Songs were sung by Mrs Tinkler, Mrs Furness, Mrs Metcalfe, Miss Furness, Miss Mitchell, Miss Raine, Miss Walker, Miss Oliver, Miss Bendslow, Miss Chappelhow, Mr Furness, Mr R. Tallentire and Mr J. Furness; duet—Miss L. White and Miss A. Furness; piano-forte solos and duet—Miss A. Furness, Miss L. Kyle and Mr J. Furness; recitations—Mrs Taylor, Miss L. Kyle, Miss Lila Anlebia and Mr L. Metcalfe; dialogue and action song—Miss H. Cook and Miss J. Plews.—Refreshments were provided at reasonable charges.—The Rev. C. H. Lightfoot voiced the thanks of the audience to Dr. Leishman for the kindness of his presence and help, and congratulated the Boldron choir on the excellent programme.—At the close various games were enjoyed, and, altogether, the evening's proceedings were a great success.

Nursing Association Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Dispensary on Saturday. Mrs J. I. Dawson was in the chair, and there were also present Mrs Holmes, Mr Martin, Mrs Watson, Mrs White, Mrs Manby, Miss Barker, Mrs Barn, Mrs Cooper, Miss Penderleith, Mrs Bainbridge, Mrs Braham, Mrs York, Mrs Wells, and Miss Soarre and Miss Walton (honorary secretaries), and Mr Dent (honorary treasurer).—Miss Nixon was unanimously elected chairman of the committee for the year.—The Treasurer reported subscriptions received during February, £18 11s; members' subscriptions, £2 15s. 6s.; and fees, 1s.—The Nurse stated that she had paid 270 visits during the month to 23 patients.

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GLAMOUR FOR LOCAL PLOTS.

Mr F. J. Wilson, J.P., presided at a lively meeting of the Barnard Castle Urban Council last night week, when a letter was read from Messrs Hunter and Egglestone, on behalf of eighteen applicants for allotments in Mr York's Town Head Field, expressing their desire to obtain possession of the field on the terms of the Local Government Board circular, and through the instrumentality of the Urban District Council.—It was resolved that Mr York be again approached and informed of the facts, and, if the Council failed to secure the field on the terms of the circular, the full facts be placed before Mr Prothero immediately.

A fairly well attended meeting was held in the Council chamber on Thursday night, when the question of acquiring land in the district for plot culture was considered.—Mr J. I. Dawson, who occupied the chair, said they could commandeer any unoccupied land for garden purposes, and vacant charity land must first be offered for allotments, as by law directed. Urban or rural bodies could pay for land at income-tax value, plus the tithe, but owners were reluctant to their land being broken up on such terms, as new-lads were not profitable for a term of six or seven years.

Mr Bottomley said he was almost positive that power to take land compulsorily had just been granted, and he added that it was unthinkable that anyone should wish to hold land up at such a time if people wanted it for cultivation.—Messrs J. Guy, J. Wiseman, J. Robson, H. Bottomley, S. A. Martin, Walker Waine and the Rev. J. Hawkins addressed the meeting, after which it was resolved that some of those present form a committee to canvass the town to ascertain the demand for allotments, and that suitable land be acquired by the Council (if they have power), otherwise by the committee, on the best terms they could make.—Mr Singer, who evinced a fine patriotic spirit, was appointed secretary, and the following gentlemen volunteered with alacrity as canvassers, it being stated that there were 800 houses in the town:—Messrs S. A. Martin, J. Hawkins, C. T. Slinger, A. H. Nicholson, T. Hunter, W. Hewitt, J. Brownless, J. E. Dent, J. Auda, G. Allison, W. Waine, T. Henderson, J. Wiseman, J. Walton, R. Pratt, and others.

Last Night's Meeting: Vicar's Offer.

Last night Mr J. I. Dawson again presided at the adjourned meeting.—It was decided that the Council be asked to apply the compulsory powers conferred upon them to secure Mr York's field for the applicants at the high end of the town.—Mr Wiseman was deputed to interview the Vicar in connection with the land adjoining the Vicarage, and he left the meeting for this purpose, and subsequently reported that the Vicar was anxious to assist the Committee in every possible way, and, as a difficulty of the Committee was a question of fencing the 1-acre, he offered a subscription not exceeding 25 towards this purpose, which after the Committee gratefully accepted.—Altogether there were 62 applicants.—The town has been divided into four sections, two gentlemen in each division interviewing applicants, and endeavouring to fix upon suitable land.

Powers to be Used with Care and Discretion. In reference to the extended powers granted to local authorities under the Cultivation of Lands Order to enter on any land, whether coupled or uncoupled, without the owner's or occupier's consent, Mr Prothero notifies local authorities that they should be exercised with the greatest possible care and discretion, and should not be used to interfere with land which is already being fully cultivated or with meadow or pasture land of good quality the breaking up of which would involve considerable expenditure on restoration on the termination of the occupation.

In view of the urgent importance of maintaining the milk supply, no land should be taken which is being used for the grazing of cows, or which is otherwise essential for dairy purposes.

The local authority will still require the further consent of the Board for entry on common land, and it may not enter on any garden or pleasure ground occupied, or usually occupied with a dwelling-house. Mr Prothero does not think that public recreation grounds in populated areas, which are turfed and are used to any substantial extent for recreation, can with advantage be broken up, but there is much public land which does not fall within this category.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Roll of Honour WILSON—Killed on active service, on February 24 a Commander Charles P. Wilson, R.D., K.N.R., dearly loved husband of Isa (nee Lee), South Hill, Bradworthy, North Devon. "Duty nobly done."

Deaths. STORROW—At Rirk House, Briggall, on March 4, 1917, William Storrow, aged 78 years. To be interred at Briggall, to-day (Wednesday), March 7th, cortege to leave residence at 2 p.m.

AKERS.—At Birmingham, on the 23rd of February, Joseph Akers, aged 72 years (late of Shelton).

USHER. John E. Usher, 85, Amble Grove, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, died February 26th. Interred March 1st, at St. Andrew's Cemetery, Jesmond.

In Memoriam. ASHMORE.—In loving memory of Arthur Ashmore, who died 7th March, 1914; also of Sapper Joseph Ashmore, who was killed in action on 9th March, 1916, dearly beloved son of Mrs E. Ashmore, Thoroughgate, Barnard Castle.

"Thy will be done" seems hard to say. When those we loved are called away. Perhaps some day we'll understand. When we meet them in the better land. —Ever remembered by mother, brothers and sisters. "At Rest."

ASHMORE.—In loving memory of Sapper Joseph Ashmore, beloved husband of Beatrice Ashmore, Thoroughgate, Barnard Castle, who was killed in action on March 9th, 1916. Abroad he rests in peace. A soldier true and brave. And there, with honour, now he sleeps. In a noble soldier's grave. The sorrow in my soul. No human eye may trace. For many a broken heart. Lies behind a smiling face. —Ever remembered by his loving wife.

Return Thanks. MR AND MRS COLLINSON AND FAMILY, Cough and Burns, Spital, Bowes, desire to return thanks for the many expressions of sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavement.