## LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

The Hon. H. Cecil Vane, the eldest son of Lord and Lady Barnard, arrived at Raby Castle on Saturday, on a short visit to his parents, prior to going abroad, on military service, on Monday, June 4th.

The marriage arranged between Captain the Hon. Ralph Vane, 4th Battalion Durham Light Infantry (Special Reserve), youngest son of Lord and Lady Barnard, and Miss Kathleen Mair, only child of Captain Gilbert Mair, N.Z.C. and the late Mrs Mair, of Auckland, New Zesland, will take place at St. Marylebone Church, at 2-30 pm., on Tuesday, June 5th. Captain Vane's connection with "our regiment" is well known, as well as the war service which he has rendered to his country.

The name of Temporary Captain C. C. H. Hall, who was with the Leicesters at Barnard Castle, is mentioned in Sir D. Haig's dispatches.

Among casualties recently reported from France are two which affect an old Barnard Castle family. Previously reported missing, believed killed, and now reported killed in action, Private Robert Thornton, 1st New Zealand Infautry, the elder of the two soldier sons of the late Mr George Thornton. Wounded severely by shrapnel, in both legs, both arms and face, Sergeant G. H. Thornton, Essex Regiment, only son of Mr Charles Thornton, both parents being members of an old Newgate

Captain W. Marley, of Darlington, of the Durham Light Infantry, is mentioned in Sir D. Haig's dispatches.

Lady Anne Lambton's Durham County Work Depot acknowledges garments from the Gainford and District Branch of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild (per Lady Gainford).

Private W. Waine, son of Private Watson Waine, who is in Egypt, and Private T. Chapman, both of the Durham Light Infantry, are now officially reported to be missing in

Lord Barnard, presiding at a meeting of the Tees Fishery Board, said that he had no pecuniary interest in the work of the Board, as he gave away hundreds of fishing tickets, and never charged a single penny for them. The public had practically the free right of fishing in his waters. He did not fish himself, and he asked the members to bear this in mind when they criticised his actions, as they sometimes

Over twenty summonses were made returnable to the Staindrop Police Court, on Friday.

The vessel commanded by Captain H. H. Hill, eldest son of the late Mr Hill, of Egglestone House, has been torpedoed in the Atlantic, about one hundred and fifty miles off the Irish coast. Fortunately Captain Hill managed to get all his crew off before the vessel sank, but they had to spend a night in the boats before being picked up and landed. Captain Hill is an old County School boy.

Mr Johan Johanson, 1,085, Great Western Road, Glasgow, of J. L. Johanson and Company, 70, Wellington-street, Glasgow, coal merchants, Norwegian Consul at Glasgow, left £130,036.

At the Darlington Auction Mart, on Monday. a bullock belonging to Mr J. H. Hett, of Headlam Hall, made the record price of 270 10s.

At the Greta Bridge Police Court, on Wednesday, Walter H. Parratt (13), Startforth, was fined £2 for having stolen two White Wyandotte hens, value 15s., belonging to Mr Thomas Helmer, Wilden Grange, Romaldkirk, on May 3rd, and further with having stolen a White Wyandotte hen and a china egg, together of the value of 7s. 8d., also belonging to Mr Helmer, on May 17th. William Morris, vanman, Barnard Castle, was summoned for having received two of the hens, knowing them to have been stolen, but, owing to defendant's illnes, the hearing was adjourned.

Private J. W. Walton, of the Durham Light Infantry, who was invalided from France on Good Friday, arrived at his home at Stainton on Monday night for a short furlough.

#### NORTH EASTERN COUNTY SCHOOL SPORTS.

Prizes Distributed by Mrs F. L. Brereton. The annual sports associated with this first-

class educational institution were held yesterday. There was a very large attendance of visitors. One of the School Governors-Mr W. J. Sowerby, of York-was not able to be present. This was the first time he had not helped in the School sports. Instead of having a band, a subscription was sent to the Durham Light Infantry. Northumberland House just won the Ellis Cup for the greatest number of points by three points. Two records were equalled-100 yards flat race under 151, being run in 11 2-5 secs., and 100 yards fist race under 14, in 12 2-5 secs. Mrs F. L. Brereton gave

away the prizes. Results: Mile fiat race, open-Edney; 2nd, Scott i. Mile handicap, open—Edney, 54 yds; 2ad, McMurrich, 90 yds; 3rd, Todd iii, 85 yds. 100 yards, under 151-Woodhams; 2nd, Todd iil. 100 yards, under 14-Gray; 2nd, Atkinson vii. 100 yards, under 121 - Cooper; 2nd, Chadwick. 100 yards, open (Clark challenge cup)-Thompson viii; 2nd, Edney. 100 yards handicap (Preparatory School) -Pettinger, 10 yds; 2nd, Rudd, 12 yds. High jump, under 14-Aynsley; 2nd, Wandless. Quarter-wile, open (Richardson challenge cup) - Woodhams; 2nd, Place. Quarter-mile, under 141 (Ladies' challenge cup) -Gray; Hall ii. Hat and ball race (Preparatory School) - Hollywood; 2nd, Bailey. atory Throwing cricket ball, open-Waters; 2ad, Edney. Hurdle race, 100 yards, open-Thompson vili; 2nd, Barker ii. Hurdle race, 100 yards, under 141 - Hall ii; 2nd. Harrison ii. High jump, open-Waters; 2nd, Conaty. 220 yards handicap, under 13 - Cooper, 8 yds; 2nd, Atkinson vii, 4 yds. 220 yards handicap, open-Edney, 4 yds; 2nd. Woodhams, 7 yds 220 yards handicap, under 15-Gray, 13 yds; 21d, Hail ii, 4 yds. Long jump, open-equal, Stockdale and Woodhams. Half-mile flat race, open - Edney; 2nd, McMurrich. Long jump, under 14-Gray; 2nd, Atkinson vi. Putting the 16 lbs weight, open-Watson iii; 2nd, Thompson ii. Half-mile handicap, open — McMurrich, 27 yds; 2nd, Powell, 36 yds; 3rd, Smith vi, 19 yds. Throwing cricket ball, under 14-Mennie i; 2nd, Atkinson vi. Tug-of-war-Durham House beat York House. Steeplechase, bandicap, open-

## LOCAL MILITARY WHITSUNTIDE.

Lieut,-Colonel A. C. Herne's Straight Talk about the Battallon.

Whit-Monday at Barnard Castle, almost uninterruptedly for a quarter-of-a-century and more, has been given over to athletic sports, and, though the great cyclists' carnival is in abeyance during the war, the old town resumed many of its time-bonoured features. Numerous visitors arrived by road and rail, and Queen's weather prevailing, an enjoyable holiday was spent. A variety concert in the evening wound up a capital day's entertainment.

The Sports. The large list of events, arranged by the 16th Battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment. at Deerbolt Camp, on Monday afternoon, drew a very large crowd of spectators, who were highly delighted in witnessing contents wherein the keenest rivalry prevailed. The whole of the arrangements were admirably carried out by Regimental Sergeant-Major Murphy and a hard-working sub-committee. The regimental band played popular sire during the afternoon. The officials were :- President, Lt.-Colonel A. C. Herne (commanding); treas-Gree, Mojor J. Craven; secretary, Captain and Adjutant P. Siade; referee, Lt -Colonel Herne; judges, Major J. Craven, Captain Hicks, and Lieutenant Moss; starter, Captain and Adjutant Slade; handicapper, Lieutenaut Johns; timekeeper, Mr C. Raine, Barnard Castle. The fine challenge cup offered to the company obtaining most points, was secured by H Company, and the Adjutant's gold medal for the competitor considered to be the best all-round athlete was won by Sergeant Hornby. Regults : -

Six-a-side football competition-An exciting encounter ended in favour of B company over D.

Best turned-out man—Pte Dotchin, B company

Throwing the cricket ball-Pte Metcalfe, H; 2nd, Pte Byre, G: 3rd. Pte Hutchinson, O

Boat race—F company
Tilting the bucket—Pte Ross and Pte Douglas, E : 2nd, Pte

Fumley and Pte Mortimer, H. A very amusing event. High jump—Pte Metcalfe, H, 4ft. 4in.

Tent pitching—B company won after a smart contest.
440 yards foot handicap—Pte Goodin, F; 2nd, Pte C. Whitchurch, A; 3rd, Sergt Garrigan, F Obstacle race—Pte Hall, H; 2nd, Pte Peacock, H; 3rd, Pte Phillips H. A good race, provoking much merriment. Half-mile handicap—Pte Goodin; 2nd, Pte White; 3rd,

Sack race-Pte Parker, H; 2nd, Pte Canton; 3rd, Pte Hunter, G

Hunter, G
Tug-of-war—F company prevailed over E. A popular event
100 yards handicap—Pte Geodin, conceding 3 yards, after a
fast and terrific race beat Sergt Garrigan on the post, with
Pte Walker a very close third

Potato gathering race—Pte Baileff; 2nd, Pte Hunter 220 yards handicap—Pte Collins; 2nd, Pte Goodin; 3rd,

90 yards handicap (men over 42 years)—Lance-Cpl Gibson; 2nd, Lance-Cpl McKinley; 3rd, Pte Adams Long jump—Sergt Garrigan. 120 yards hurdle race—Sergt Hornby; 2nd, Pte Metcalfe;

3rd Pte Hutchinson
4-mile inter-company cross-country race—A company's team were the victors, defeating H company. Pto C. Whitchurch took the special prize for first man home finishing some distance shead of his brother, Pte J. Whitchurch, who was

Bergeants' race—Sergt Garrigan: 2nd, Company-Sergeant-Major Warner; 3rd, Sergt Hornby
240 yards open (local handicap)—W. Ascough (45 yards);
2nd, C. Robinson (60 yards); 3rd, D. Mulvie (20 yards)

# Variety Concert in the Victoria Hall:

A Full House. In the evening, at popular prices, the Victoria Hall was literally packed by an enthusiastic audience, when an interesting programme was rendered. Private Grainger, who is an excellent byritone, gave the "Dark blue sea" in a faultss manner, followed by Sergt. Garrigan the ragtime specialist. The latter effort was much appreciated, the audience heartily taking up a popular refrain. Private Tate, who is a enor of provincial calabrity, sang love." in charming style. Private Mason, as living at Middleton (41), married, again pleaded humorist, was inimitable, though a centre of much interest was Private Gyto, a really clever, smart, and accomplished comedy juggler. This man is undoubtedly a genius, and modest withal. Private Hodgkinson rendered an amorous song with much effect, and was followed by Private Ormond in "Wonderful girl." He is a quiet humorist. Private Canton's selections on the ope-string fiddle were exceptionally choice, and Captain Hicks was decidedly great in two capital topical sungs, in one of which the woman on the land was marvellously well limned. It was a funny yet life-like sketch. "My old shakoo" was feelingly rendered by Lieutenant Moss. Private Nunn. in the role of comedian, was well received, and, as a 'cello soloist, Private Moss earned applause. Company Sergeant-Major Goldston in "Mirth and magic," was most meritorious, but, perhaps, the vocal feature of the night was the really fine duet, "Somewhere a voice is calling," as sung by Private Tate and Private Hodgkinson, and which was composed by Mr Tate's brother. The blending of the duettists was very fine, and sympathetically appealed to the vast audience. Fully to grasp the music, however, it is necessary to know the little love plot. The vocalists, of course, could not fully reveal the actual stratagem. Private Turnbuli, as a speciality dancer, had a good reception.

## The Prize Distribution.

In the interval Mrs J.J. Bell-Irving, of Rokeby Park, distributed the prizes to the successful competitors in her usual happy manner.

—Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Herne, commanding, in thanking Mrs Bell-Irving for her services, said this was the first sports' meeting which they had had at Barnard Castle, and it had been very successful. As they knew the proceeds of the sports and the concert were to be shared between the Battalion Sports' Club and the the local War Emergency Committee. The attendance that afternoon was most gratifying, the weather being all that could be desired, while that evening, he was glad to say, the hall was as full as it poseiby could be, many people unfortunately not being able to gain admission. The assistance of the residents and the loan of material had been greatly appreciated. He acknowledged the very good work which had been done by the staff under the presidency of the Regimental Sergeant-Major, and, as he would not have many opportunities of personally addressing so large a gathering, he would like to mention something about the battalion. He had heard it referred to as a labour battalion. Might he ack them to disabuse their minds of that impression. "Our battalion is regarded as a competent unit, and it is part of the fighting forces in home defence. I am glad to say that it has not been referred to in Barnard Cautle as a battalion of conscientions objectors, although it has been so stated elsewhere. I can assure you that the feeling amongst the men was very bitter. A very great number of the men have seen service overseas, and have been wounded and invalided home, and are no longer fit for service abroad. A considerable portion of the battalion are in training, and if you saw the drill which goes on from day to day you would unhesitatingly say that in the case of a raid they would give a very good account of themselves." (Loud applause). -- Mrs Beli-Irving, in returning thanks, said she had so far enjoyed the concert very much, and was but voicing the feelings of the community when she said that they all felt Powders, 1,1; 98 Powders, 6/6, on receipt of Todd iii, 86 yds; 2ad, Powell, 109 yds; 3rd, a sense of security in having a regiment like remittance, by Joseph Thorley, Limited, King's Balmer i, 86 yds. Consolation race—Hunter iii. this quartered in the district.

# BARNARD CASTLE.

### Who is to Appraise the Value of Substitutes?

Lord Barnard presided at a meeting of the Barnard Castle Rural Area Tribunal on Friday afternoon, when about twenty-four cases were considered. There were present Messrs R.W. Raine, J.P., H. L. Fife, J.P., J. W. I. Davidson, J.P., T. Tarn, G. R. Gent, T. W. Bainbridge (clerk), F. Stobart (military representative), W. Woodhead (clerk to the military), and V. Hodgson (Board of Agriculture).—The case of a colliery worker from Cockfield (C3) was adjourned till the next meeting to enable the man to get work on a farm, or become a national service volunteer.-A man recently working at Gainford, but who lives at Park House, Brough, was told to appeal at once to the Kirkby Stephen Tribunal, or he wight be called up. It transpired that he had secured employment in the service of Mr Dobson, who is working for the Government, and who was

## One-Sixth of the Pasture Land of Durham

to be Ploughed Out. The case of a young man who is at this moment employed on the Selaby home farm (19), passed for general service, was considered. - Military Representative: I think he ought to go. I brought the case up myself .- Mr Thmas Carr, the farm bailiff, was present.-Lord Barnard: Do you tell us that you cannot carry on without him ? -Mr Carr : I do.-Mr Hodgson pleaded for greater consideration for farmers, as 64,000 acres, or one-sixth of the available pasture land in Durham county, had to be ploughed out. He said it was very well known that motor tractors were not a success, and there was a great scarcity of men. He suggested conditional exemption pending substitution -Mr Fife remarked that at a meeting of the National Service Commissioners a great discussion had taken place as to whom a substituted man must prove satisfactorysome said the farmer, some the local Tribunal, and others the agricultural representative .-The Clerk: I hold that the farmer is the man who ought to be satisfied - Mr Fife: Nobody seemed to be quite clear about it.-The Obairman: I should say the substitute must prove satisfactory to the County Agricultural War Committee. They are the people who have to see that the land is properly cultivated.-The Tribunal decreed no exemption, but a competent substitute to be provided.

#### More Farming and Other Cases.

Temporary exemption was granted to the manager of Hauxwell farm, Marwood, till 1st October.—An auxiliary postman and farmer (40), Wherlton Ledge, Winston, had his case adjourned pending his reporting that be had secured four days' work a week on a farm. He had joined the V.T.C. Conditional exemption would follow.-Conditional exemption was granted to the son of the occupant of Snotterto 1 Hall farm (18, B2).—In the case of a young man from Field House, Gainford, 19, single, and passed for general service, no exemption was granted, though a substitute will be provided. -Conditional exemption was granted to a man of 39, married, with three children, who works for the Bishop Auckland Co-operative Society on Morton Tinmouth farm.—An engineer and steam road roller driver, married, 33, living at Gordon House, Egglestone, had his exemption withdrawn, the time limit being the first of In a military review a draper's traveller domestic hardship, and the case was adjourned for medical examination.—The Middleton Sub-Postmaster, in category C 3, was granted conditional exemption, this being a distributing centre for a wide district, and Mr Dockrill, of Barnard Castle, reading official correspondence.—The last case for review was explained by Mr J. I. Dawson, and concerned a butcher at Middleton, whose conditional exemption was withdrawn and temporary exemption allowed to the 1st of September. - The Tribunal made no variation in the case of a Gainford butcher (24), C 2, who travels to Winston, Ovington, Wycliffe and New Raby .- A farmer, having holdings at Aukside and Mickleton (36). married, and formerly working as a quarryman, was exempted till Ostober 1st, with a view to his obtaining work on other farms, and attending the Medical Board for examination .- A Middleton man employed at Lonton in full time was told by Lord Barnard that he must do one of two things-either spend the whole of his time in agriculture, or go to the Army .-The exemption of a Middleton man engaged at Stotley was continued on fulfilling the stipulated condition as to farm work .- The same decision was given to another Middleton man working part time at Stanhope Gate.

## Advisory Committee's Exemptions.

A Hindon (Woodland) man sought a rehearing in the case of his sou, which was granted .-Mr Dawson: By his own unaided efforts the man cannot carry on the farm. - The Tribunal refused exemption, but directed that a substitute be found.—The Advisory Committee recommended conditional exemption in the following cases :- Thomas Hutchinson, Egglestone; Robert Bewick, Streatlam; John Firby, Dunn House; Herbert Dent, Underburth; Walter Cutte, Cockfield; and Herbert Bradley, Streatlam, office clerk.—The next meeting of the Tribunal was fixed for the 22nd of Jane, and that of the Advisory Committee for the 16th of June.

## Food Economy Pledge and Ribbon.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." DEAR SIR,-The National Committee having now instituted a universal form of pledge and provided a narrow purple ribbon to be worn on the edge of the coat, the Durham County Committee for War Savings and Food Economy calls the attention of all patriotic Durham people to the terms of this obligation, in place of the pledge suggested for the county only. Particulars of the pledge and supplies of ribbon can now be obtained from any of the 36 local committees operating in Durham County. All whose occupation and circumstances allow them to respond to the King's appeal, to (1) Be frugal with grain; (2) Eat one-fourth loss broad than normally; (2) Use no flour for pastry; (4) Restrict or abandon the use of flour except in bread, should sign the pledge at once for the sake of the country.-Yours faithfully, HENRY BRYETT. Education Offices, Park Road, West Hartlepool, 22nd May 1917.

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## The Rural Tribunal, OFFICIALS OF THE NORTH-EASTERN CYCLISTS' MEET.

## RECEPTION AT THE TURK'S HEAD HOTEL.

A meeting took place at the Turks' Head Hotel, on Monday night, promoted by Mr C. Hedley, J.P., Chairman of the Urban District Council. The object of the gathering was to welcome, on behalf of the Council and the inhabitants, the representatives of the North-Eastern Cyclists' Meet, in Messrs J. H. Woods, ex-president; D. Macpherson, honorary secretary; O. Thompson, Captain of the Kensington Cycling Club; and R. Herron, Vice-president of the Kennington Cycling Club. Councillors H. Walker and E. J. Wilson (exchairman), and Mr J. H. Veitch, assistant-clerk, and other representatives of the town were present—Light refreshments having been banded round, the Chairman proposed "The Officials of the Meet," and extended to them a hearty welcome to the old town, and expressed a wish that the cyclists' meet would return to Barnard Castle with pristine vigour when the opportune time came .- This toast was ably responded to by Messrs J. H. Woods, D. Macpherson, O. Thompson and R. Herron, all old members and ardent supporters of one of the oldest gatherings of its kind in the world. -Councillors H. Walker and F. J. Wilson also addressed the meeting, and dwelt upon the facilities that Barnard Castle offered for a carnival such as the North Eastern Cyclists' Meet. Both gentlemen acknowledged in grateful yet forceful sentences that they were pleased to learn that it was the intention of the veteran wheelmen to make the capital of Teesdale their " Mecca" for many years to come. - The toast of "The Chairman" was proposed by a life-long friend, Mr Ernest Winpenny, and a very pleasant gathering was brought to a conclusion in time to attend the military concert at the Victoria Hall.

#### Durham Light Infantry Prisoners of War Fund.

The following subscriptions have been received by Mrs H. C. Watson towards the above fund :-- Mrs Bircham, £1; Mrs Hare. £2; Mr C. J. Smith, 21; collection, per Mr R T. Richardson, 24; per Mrs B. Heslop, Mr and Mrs Dove, 22 4s. 61. Monthly subscriptions towards the cost of parcels for the 6th Durham Light Infantry prisoners are sent by Mrs. Addington, Miss Brownless (Whorlton Grange), Mrs B. Heslop (Startforth), Mrs Jeffreys (Lyndhurst), Mrs H. C Watson, Miss Watson (Spring Lodge), and the Misses Dashwood. Further subscriptions will be most gratefully received. The cost of one parcel is 7s per month, and every prisoner has five, and, in addition, bread. Each prisoner, therefore, costs nearly £2 per month.

#### Funeral of Mr John Hopkin, Manager of the Sewage Farm.

Mr John Hopkin died last Thursday, leaving m widow and one son, who is in the army, and who was unable to be present at the very largely attended funeral which took place on Sunday afternoon. At the obsequies the Urban District Council was represented by Mr C. Hedley, J.P., chairman, and Messrs R. Arrowsmith, J. Guy and C. J. G. Martin (surveyor), besides a very large number of kinsfolk, friends and acquaintances, the respect paid to the deceased's memory being marked. As manager of the sewage-disposal works the late Mr Hopkin was a faithful employee. The Rev. Sidney E. Martin, curate, officiated.

#### Death of Mr Edmund Fawcett, of Baldersdale.

The death took place at West Birkhat farm, Baldersdale, on Friday, at the age of 85 years, of Mr Edmund Fawcett, who was born at East Friar House, and whose wife entered into rest in 1910. He leaves five sons and three daughters to morn his loss. The deceased succeeded his father as gamekeeper on Cotherstone Moor, and in earlier life was in the Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry for eleven years. The deceased gentleman at one time occupied Hagg Worm farm, but relinquished it some years ago, and was in the service the late Mr James Buckley of the Nook, Greenfield, Oldham, who was for a long period lessee of the sporting rights of Cotherstone Moor. The late Mr Fawcett was hale and hearty at 80, but three years ago gave up his position as keeper, and since that period his health has gradually declined. He was a churchman, and in politics was a Conservative. His remains will be interred this afternoon, in Romaldkirk churchyard.

#### Barnard Castle and Startforth Nursing Association.

The monthly meeting of the executive committee was held in the dispensary, on May 8tb, Miss Nixon in the chair. There were also present Mrs Holmes, Mrs Martin, Mrs Watson, Miss Barker, Mrs Burn, Mrs Cooper, Miss Plenderleith, Mrs Bainbridge, Miss Harris, Mrs Dawson, Mrs York, Mrs Douglas; Miss Scarre and Miss Walton (hon. secretaries); and Mr Dent (bon. treasurer) .- The Treasurer reported the income for April to be £19 11s; made up of subscriptions, £15 13s; members' subscriptions, £2 15s. 6d.; fees, £1 2c. 6d.—The Nurse reported 280 visits paid during the month to 17 patients.

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## UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The alighting of an aeroplane in Teesdale, on Wednesday, attracted a large number of interested spectators. The machine, which came down in a field near Wodencroft, Cotherstone, was somewhat damaged by the descent, and had to be conveyed away by a motor waggon. It is thought that the pilot had got out of his course on account of the fog.

A party of wounded soldiers, numbering about forty, are to be brought from Bishop Auckland on Friday for an outing in Lunedale. Mr Aubin has arranged the visit, and the matter has been taken up enthusiastically by the Lunedale people. A meeting was held at Carlbeck last Briday night, and steps were taken to entertain the soldiers. Mr Aubin and his committee are most desirous that several excursions should be arranged during the summer for the men who have been wounded in battle. Teesdale being the locality selected.

The anniversary celebrations in connection with Bowless Primitive Methodist Sunday School took place last week-and, and were very successful. Mr Pallin, of West Hartlepool, was the special preacher, and addressed a public meeting on Saturday night. The Rev. C. Pettler also spoke, and Mr J. W. Kettlewell, Romaldkirk, was the chairman. The public supper was abandoned this year, but the usual tea for the scholars took place in the afternoon. Services were held on Sunday afternoon and evening, when special hymns and recitations were given by the choir and scholars. Miss Nattrass ably presided at the organ.

Mr T. R. Gowling, one of Lord Barnard's estate joiners, has had rather a serious ascident. On Monday of last week he fell from a ladder whilst working at Cleveland Cottage, receiving a nasty wound on the head. He was rendered unconscious for some time, but is now progressing favourably towards recovery.

There are still traces of the severe aborms on the moors in Teesdale-" winter lingering chills the lap of May." Near "The Standards, on the moor between Lunedale and Toesdale are two good-sized patches of snow.

There was quite a number of visitors in Teesdale for the Whitsuntide holidays, who explored the various places of interest. The Gentiana Verna, which is rather late this year, is now in full bloom, and botanists were keenly on the alert for the lovely and rare little, blue, deeply, beautifully blue, flower, which blooms only in certain parts of Europe.

Barytes now mined at Lunehead, and at present carted to Warcop station, will, we are informed, shortly be conveyed to Middleton station by means of a motor rolley.

It will be of interest to the people of Mickleton to know that Philip Postlethwaite, who went to reside at Darlington just before the War broke out, and is now in the Royal Army Medical Corps, has distinguished himself on the field of battle. The Commanding Officer of the division to which he is attached has reported to the Major-General that Postlethwaite won merit on the 23rd and 24th of April by going up the line for wounded, and the military medal has been awarded to the gallant soldier. He joined the army on the 17th of August, 1914, and five weeks afterwards he was in France.

A sacred concert was given in the Middleton Wesleyan Chapel, on Sunday afternoon, by Madame Pratt, Darlington, and the Teesdale Male Voice Quartette Party. Mr Tunesdale, Shildon, was the special organist, and contributed several items. Dr. Beadle occupied the chair. Mr M. J. Dixon, of Barnard Castle, preached in the evening, after which an organ recital was given by Mr Tunesdale. The effort was on behalf of the trust funds.

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## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Marriages.

HIBBERT: BIRKETT.-Oa May 28th, at Gainford Parish Church, Walter Hibbert, A.M I.E.E., London, to Hannab, daughter of the late Thomas Birkett, West End, Romaldkirk.

Dodds: Brown, - On the 15th inst., at St. Cuthbert's Church, Cotherstone, by the Rev-S. Gilbert Beal, Rector of Romaldkirk, assisted by the Rev. W. W. Wilkinson, William, the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Dedds, of Blue House, Greatham, to Margaret Annie, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Brown, Bocze Wood, Cotherstone.

Deaths.

FAWCETT .- At West Birkbat Farm, Baldersdale, on May 25th, aged 85 years, Edmund Fawcett. The interment will take place, to-day (Wednesday), cortege leaving the residence at 12.50 pm. Friends please accept this intimation.

HOPKIN,-On May the 24th, 1917, at 61, Bank, Barnard Castle, John, the dearly beloved husband of Margaret Hopkin, aged 56 years.

In Memoriam,

THOMPSON.—In loving memory of John Thompsen, of Goodburn House, Middleton-in-Teesdale, who entered the "Homeland" on May 29:b, 1915 "Safe in our Father's keeping." -A. and M. T.

CHATT .- In loving memory of Margaret, the beloved wife of Robert Chatt, who died at Manchester on the 26th of May, 1914.

> Gone from us, but not forgotten, Never shall her memory fade; Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger Hound the grave where thou art laid.

-From husband and family.

Return Thanks.

MR AND MRS KIPLING AND SON, Clove Lodge, Baldersdale, desire to thank all friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement.

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