

The Teesdale Mercury

BARNARD CASTLE, NOVEMBER 7th, 1917

THE CRUMBLING OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

THE time is not yet for peace. We sincerely wish the day had arrived when hostilities might honourably cease. But the Germans are still in possession of stolen property, and as wily, crafty and devilish as ever they were. America is bent upon the destruction of the House of Hohenzollern. Far-seeing Bismarck was against, and von Moltke in favour of Alsace and Lorraine being confiscated for the strengthening of the German frontier. William "sacked" the Iron Chancellor, but Bismarck was right. France was infamously robbed, and England could have prevented the spoliation, but did not. But the criminal maniac of all time, and his morally filthy son will yet be brought to book. The lost provinces must be restored to France—gloriously have her sons fought for this object—quite equal to those of the great Napoleon who laid the arrogant Prussians low at Jena and Auerstadt and dictated terms at Berlin.

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Lord and Lady Barnard greatly value the many kind expressions of sympathy with them in the irreparable loss they have sustained by the death of their eldest son, and thank all most sincerely for their kindness.

Yesterday an intimation was received at the County Court Office, at Barnard Castle, that, owing to a severe attack of bronchitis, His Honour Judge Temperley has had to cancel all his engagements for a fortnight. In consequence the court at Barnard Castle fixed for Monday next now stands adjourned, with the exception of the ordinary business before the Registrar.

The remains of the late Captain the Hon. H. C. Vane were buried with military honours in St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen. It is worth noting that Henry Fane, of Hadlow (Kent), the father of Henry Fane—who subsequently changed the spelling of his name to "Vane," and was the purchaser of the Raby Estates of the Nevilles early in the 17th century—took part in a military expedition despatched by Queen Elizabeth to France, to assist Henry IV. in 1596, made a cocillit to his will at Rouen, on October 13, 1596, and died there the following day, presumably of disease contracted on active service. He may have been buried at Rouen. Henry Fane, of Hadlow, was ancestor in the direct line of Henry Cecil Vane.

The Rev. Leonard Beauclerc Ashby, M.A. (Vicar of Hitchin, and formerly Vicar of Barnard Castle), and Mrs Ashby terminate a short visit to the latter town to-day. It is four years since Mr and Mrs Ashby left Barnard Castle, and the late Vicar, who looks remarkably well, notes many changes.

Mr A. Fletcher, the financial secretary of the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on behalf of the Subscriptions Committee, tenders sincere thanks to the promoters of the Flag Day at Barnard Castle, on behalf of this institution, the proceeds of which, amounting to £20 2s. 3d., have been received per Mr J. Ingram Dawson.

Lest we forget! To the glorious and imperishable memory of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the first divisions, who—fighting against uncounted odds—by their courage and devotion saved Europe and civilization! Mous, Le Cateau, the Marne, the Aisne, Ypres!

Tell them, O guns, that we have heard their call. That we have sworn and will not turn aside, That we will onward till we win or fall, That we will keep the faith for which they died.

The 31st October in each year is the anniversary of the climax of the first great battle of Ypres.

The Bishop of Durham will be present at the memorial service for the late Captain the Hon. H. C. Vane, R.F.A., to be held in Staindrop Church, on Friday next, the 9th instant.

The Zetland Foxhounds started at least half-a-dozen foxes from Bell House whins at Winston, on Saturday morning.

It is now more than probable that troops will be quartered in this town during the winter.

Captain the Honourable Christopher W. Vane has arrived at Raby Castle from France, on leave, for a few days.

Woodland Beagles will meet on Saturday, November 10th, at Romaldkirk, at 12.30.

On Sunday morning Mrs Liley, Bank, received a letter from her brother to the effect that Driver Eberington, of Pearson-terrace, had been killed by enemy gun-fire in France. Private F. Hunter, who has since arrived from France, states that Private Eberington died on his way to hospital. The deceased soldier, who was in the Durham Light Infantry, went to the front a year ago, and previous to enlistment was head cartman at the local co-operative stores, where he had been employed for nearly sixteen years. He leaves a widow and five young children.

Sergt. F. Saltmarsh, D.L.I., of Staindrop, has been awarded the Military Medal. He was wounded by shell fire in the neck during a counter-attack, inspired his platoon with confidence, and brought them out safely.

The Tees Valley Water Board are waiting for special castings, prior to completing the new service. The water will not be turned on for a few days.

Captain K. Bell-irving, of the East Surrey Regiment, is officially reported to have died of wounds.

The Zetland Foxhounds will not hunt at Softley, on Saturday.

Sergt. W. Pent, of the Royal Fusiliers, who was recently awarded the Military Medal, and who has been twice wounded, and is a smart soldier, is visiting his home, 104, Galgate, on a short furlough.

The President of the Wesleyan Conference, a Barnard Castle man, by permission of the Admiralty, has paid a visit to the Grand Fleet. He conducted six services in two days, and let it be known that Simpson Johnson is a down-right hard worker. Depend upon it that close application is expected of the ministry in the days to come.

Yesterday afternoon Lady Enid Vane reached Raby Castle by motor-car from Darlington.

The Lord Bishop of Durham will distribute the certificates at the North Eastern County School on Friday afternoon, November 16th.

Yesterday, being Foundation Day, the annual cross-country run for the Barnard Cup took place in connection with the North Eastern County School. Running was considered fairly heavy, due doubtless to the stiff storm of the previous night. In all sixty runners took part, these being divided into senior and junior teams. Pickersgill, Bowes (Northumberland House), was first for the juniors, distance, five miles; whilst Woodhams, Barnard Castle (also of the Northumberland House), was first man home for the seniors, distance, seven miles. The results were announced in the Central Hall about 11.45 a.m. Durham was first House in points; York, second; and Northumberland, 3rd. Last night at seven o'clock the winners were presented with their medallions.

Major Pease, of the Durham Light Infantry, son of Major Pease, of Sledwich Hall, Westwick, has been awarded the medal for distinguished service.

Mr and Mrs Cook, of Boldron, have received an intimation of the death of their son, Private Oliver Cook, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, in France. The deceased soldier, up to the time of enlistment, worked at Hulands Quarry.

In reference to retailers' applications to obtain supplies of sugar, it should be noted that all sugar cards having been sent to the retailers by the 5th inst., retailers must remember to send in to the local Food Office their applications for authority to obtain the necessary supplies of sugar not later than Monday next.

Gunner J. W. Walker, Royal Garrison Artillery, of 7, Marshall-street, who has been wounded in the left side, is in hospital in Manchester, and is doing well.

The other evening, about nine o'clock, a coal train from Barnard Castle was travelling down the steep incline from the Summit, when the brakes failed to hold the load in check. The train got completely out of control, and dashed along at a high speed, with both engine whistles sounding the alarm. Fortunately the train kept to the metals and was given a clear run through the station yard on to the Tebay line, where the rising gradient had the effect of bringing the runaway to a standstill. The crowd thought of aircraft and fire.

The latest development of the London murder mystery is that the police find a woman's head in a brine tub, and the detectives have also found the missing hands.

Staff Paymaster Kenneth E. Badcock, Royal Navy, son of Mr F. Badcock, solicitor, Bishop Auckland—a native of Barnard Castle—has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for general distinguished conduct. The gallant officer was presented with his decoration by the King.

The following local soldiers have been on leave from the front:—Sappers W. Milner and D. Elliott, Royal Engineers; and Privates Ted Jones and F. Hunter, Durham Light Infantry.

Mr T. H. Hull, headmaster of the Gainford Schools, has been gazetted second-lieutenant to the Royal Garrison Artillery. Second-Lieutenant Hull was for several years assistant master of the St. John's Church of England School, Shildon.

A meeting of the supporters of the late Captain the Honourable H. C. Vane's Hunt was held at Scarborough, Lord Derwent presiding. It was unanimously resolved that the name of the Hunt in the future should be the Derwent Hunt, and that Mr H. Hingworth be Master. Votes of condolence were passed with the relatives of the late Lord Londesborough and Capt. the Hon. H. C. Vane, who recently died in France on active service.

Rokeby Coursing Meeting.

This old-established meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 20th, by kind permission of Mr H. E. Morrill and Mr J. J. Bell-irving, in aid of the Red Cross Funds, and the keeper reports an abundance of game. The judge is Mr G. D. Muncaster, and the slipper Mr T. Sutton. The programme consists of the usual five stakes, namely, Rokeby, for eight puppies at £3 10s. each, winner, 217, second, 27; Greta Bridge, for eight all-ages, at 23 10s., winner, 217, second, 27; Brignall, for eight all-aged greyhounds that have not won more than two courses in one stake, at 23 10s. each, winner, 217, second, 27; Thorpe, for eight puppies which have not won more than one course in any stake, at 23 each, winner, 215, second, 28; Egglestone Abbey, for eight puppies which have not won more than one course in any stake, at 23 each, winner, 215, second, 28. The draw will take place at the Three Horse Shoes Inn, on Monday afternoon, the 19th instant, at four o'clock, Mr C. Hedley being the secretary, and from whom nominations may be obtained.

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 ones that have failed elsewhere. Stamp, free advice.—ROSS'S "LABORATORY," No. 3, Miro-street, Cheltenham.

POULTRY KEEPERS SHOULD WRITE to Joseph Thorley Ltd., King's Cross, London, who are the manufacturers of OVUM, Thorley's Poultry Spice, for Thorley's Poultry Keepers' Account Book, also book giving useful Hints to Poultry Keepers. Both sent free.

Zemoline Skin Ointment is the Ointment with a 10 years' non-failure reputation, 1/1½ per jar, from Mason's Drug Stores, the Zemoline Depot, Barnard Castle.

IS OVUM THORLEY'S POULTRY SPICE different to other Poultry Spices? Yes it is, because it contains all that is necessary or desirable for keeping Poultry healthy and obtaining an abundance of eggs. OVUM is sold by Agents in all parts in Cases containing 72 packets Seven Shillings (complete case); Cartons 1/3 and 8d. each, also bags—Owt. 21 lbs., 66 lbs., 136 lbs., 28 lbs., 9/6. Do not forget to use OVUM for your POULTRY.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY'S MEETING.

Inauguration of a Penny Bank.

Mr W. C. Hawman occupied the chair on Monday night on the occasion of the 110th half-yearly meeting of members of the Barnard Castle Co-operative Society, which was held in the furniture-room of the establishment. There was not a large attendance. In reading the balance-sheet the Chairman said he thought they would all agree with him that the past had been a very successful half-year in spite of the difficulties with which they had to contend in procuring many necessary articles. As they would notice the membership had increased, and it had been a somewhat controversial question whether it was wisdom on the part of the management to accept more members when sometimes it was a difficult problem to supply those they had. However, he thought they had done very well on the whole, and he congratulated the manager and employees alike for what they had accomplished. The sales, too, had advanced. Perhaps it was only slightly when they took into consideration the increased cost of commodities, but, if they could have procured the goods, the sales would still have been larger. The total sales for the last six months were £18,359, making a net profit of £1,897, which was absorbed by paying interest on members' claims, £218; dividend at 1s. 10d. in the pound, £1,094; and sum added to the reserve fund, £85. The share capital stood at £9,177; and the members numbered 1,088. The amount invested in war stock was £500, and in co-operative shares, £2,290. The reserve fund totalled £880, and there was a credit balance at the bank of £688. On the proposition of Mr J. Layfield, seconded by Mr T. Henderson, the balance-sheet was unanimously adopted.

Parliamentary Representation.

The Chairman read a circular seeking the financial support of the society for parliamentary representation. Mr Hawman thought they would not be against paying the sum of £2 per 1,000 members in helping to return members to the House of Commons to look after the interests of co-operators. He thought a justice had been done to many societies by making them pay taxes on excess profits, when, in reality, there were only savings. Fortunately their own society had not been hit in that respect. Co-operators owned lands nearly all over the world, and were the largest producers and distributors in the country. He said they had been slighted by the Government, and he finally appealed to them to be men, and support the proposal.—There was no motion, so the matter dropped.

Penny Bank.

The Chairman said the committee had considered the advisability of starting a penny bank, and had formulated a code of rules, which set out that a member or his or her family could deposit any sum between the amounts of one penny and £1 at any one time, to a total of £20. Interest would be paid on each 10s. at the rate of four per cent, and that an amount up to 25 could be withdrawn without notice, but one week's notice must be given for larger sums. The Chairman enlarged upon the desirability of children saving money so as to give them a start in life.—It was decided to adopt the scheme on the proposition of Mr G. Allison, seconded by Mr Martin.

Employee Killed in Action.

A vote of condolence was passed with the widow and family of Private E. Etherington, who has recently been reported killed in action in France. He had been in the employ of the society for upwards of fifteen years, and had been a dutiful and faithful servant. It was suggested that the sympathy should be practical and not merely empty words, and it was agreed that a grant be sent to the widow, the amount to be given being left in the hands of the committee.

Election of Officers.

The officers were re-elected as follows:—Treasurer, Mr G. W. Morton; secretary, Mr J. W. White; and auditor, with an increase of salary, Mr C. Chipchase. The committee were appointed by ballot as follows:—Messrs J. Runney, 21; *L. Brown, 20; *E. Robson, 17; and *J. Andas, 16. Not elected: Messrs *T. Gowling and R. Macdonald. The latter, however, takes the place of Mr T. Robinson, who is in the army. * Denotes retiring member.

Death of Mr George Lowes, of Kilmond Wood.

Yesterday afternoon the remains of Mr George Lowes, of Kilmond Wood, were consigned to their last resting-place in Bowes Cemetery. There was a large attendance of relatives, friends and neighbours at the funeral, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. H. Straker, Vicar of the parish. The hymns sung were: "Rock of ages" and "Now the labourer's task is o'er." The chief mourners were Mrs Lowes, widow; Miss N. Lowes and Miss E. Lowes, daughters; Mr J. Lowes, son; Mr and Mrs T. Donald, Low Field, daughter and son-in-law; Mr and Mrs G. Hare, Rigg, sister and brother-in-law; Mr T. Lowes, Boldron, brother; Mrs J. Walton, Moor Head, sister; Mr and Mrs N. H. Coates, Woodland; and Mr John Elliott, West Hindon. The deceased gentleman had been ill for about ten days, and died on Saturday night about twelve o'clock. He was born at Kilmond Wood, and was 62 years of age. He leaves a widow and two sons and two daughters. One son is a soldier in Greece. Mr Lowes was a Conservative in politics, and was a warden of St. Giles' Church, a rural district councillor in the Startforth area, a Governor of the Endowed Grammar School at Bowes, and a Trustee for Romaldkirk Charities. He had long suffered from chronic asthma, and dilation of the heart was the final trouble. He was attended by Dr. Leishman, and Dr. Pearson, of Darlington, was called in consultation. Mr Lowes was a kind-hearted and successful farmer, and was much esteemed in the district. The undertaker was Mr John Thompson, of Bowes.

Whist Drive and Dance at Bowes.

A successful whist drive and dance, for funds to provide Christmas parcels for the local lads serving in His Majesty's forces, was held in the school-room, Bowes, on the evening of the 19th ult. There was a record attendance. The winning ladies were:—1st, Miss E. Kyle; 2nd, Miss Hare; 3rd, Miss Robinson; 4th, Mrs Porter and Miss Lowes. Gentlemen:—1st, Mr J. Russell; 2nd, Mr T. Robinson; 3rd, Mr J. Gargrett; 4th, Mr F. Scott. Light refreshments were afterwards served. Messrs Newbold kindly provided music for the dancing. As a result of the above and subscriptions the committee have decided to give to the nearest relative of each local soldier or sailor the money to enable them to make up their own parcels and forward them to the desired destination.

Teesdale Man's Success.

PROSPEROUS CAREER IN BRITISH COLUMBO.

Mr R. H. Helmer, second son of Mrs T. Helmer, of Beekwith, Romaldkirk, who holds a Government appointment in British Columbo, has had a successful career, and the following sketch will prove interesting to his many friends.

The Kelowna Farmers' Institute took a party of twenty members recently to the Dominion experimental station at Summerland. They went by launch, arriving at the old wharf soon after mid-day, when the superintendent, Mr R. H. Helmer, received them.

What struck the visitors most as they mounted the hill was the contrast between the wild sage-brush land just off the farm boundary and the fine grain crops on the cultivated land—the land being on the same level and apparently of the same quality.

A large number of selected roses are being grown to test those which will best stand the cold winters, and a magnificent display of several hundred tests of sweet peas. These, like all other vegetable and crop tests, are clearly marked so that visitors can take note of different varieties which they like, and can note the result when special treatment is used, such as difference in fertilizer or manure, number of cultivations, distance of planting and amount of seed. Several varieties of practically all kinds of vegetable crops are being experimented with.

Many varieties of tomatoes are being grown, staked, unstaked, pruned and unpruned. The best shaped and earliest tomatoes they find are Burpee's Earliest, Earliana and Bunny Best. The best results for early fruit were shown by plants which had been transplanted two or three times.

Mr Helmer is working under difficulties, as far as he has no greenhouses yet to raise his tomatoes and other early plants, having only hot beds which in a cold season are difficult to keep at a uniform temperature.

In potatoes a great variety of tests were examined, and all seemed to promise fine yields. There are variety tests, tests with and without manures, and plantings at different distances apart.

Some large plots showing very heavy yields of corn, wheat, barley, oats, roots, fodder plants, and grasses were noted. A series of rotation experiments is being carried on.

The apple orchard is divided into six plots with the same varieties planted the same distances apart in each. The plots are being treated in six different ways: clean cultivation, under alfalfa, sowing clover, truck crops, and rotation crops, and should in a few years yield some very interesting comparisons. There is also a stone fruit orchard under a variety of conditions.

What particularly struck the visitors was the wonderfully good stand and evenness of the crops. This, apart from good husbandry, is probably explained by the careful manner in which the different plots have been chosen. There are a great variety of levels, but the plots have all been selected to give the same condition as to depth, quality of soil and levels for irrigating similar varieties.

Part of the good husbandry is that Mr Helmer insists on the importance of narrow and deep ploughing, for too much of the ploughing obtaining in the valley is simply a matter of turning over as much soil as is possible in a given time.

One of the most educational features of the station is the excellent system of irrigation which has been laid out in a most careful and efficient manner. It is complete yet simple, and designed to get fullest service out of the water used.

The whole farm is so full of interest that days could be spent taking notes and making comparisons of crops and conditions. Mr Helmer has promised to send over a much larger exhibit this year to the Kelowna Fall Fair, and there is likely to be something there to interest everyone.

All who were of the party left feeling that it was one of the most worth-while days of their lives, and with cheers and musical honours tried to show to Mr Helmer and his assistants how much they had enjoyed and appreciated their visit.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Corporal T. S. Watson, son of Mr and Mrs H. Watson, Newbiggin, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry and devotion to duty on July 31st. Previous to enlistment Corporal Watson was employed as a joiner on Lord Barnard's Upper Teesdale Estate.

Private Edgar Wearmouth, son of Mr and Mrs J. Wearmouth, Post Office, Newbiggin, was wounded in France on September 27th, and is now in hospital at Birkenhead. The latest news states that he is progressing favourably.

Mr Fred Baum, Middleston, was presented with a silver wrist watch on Wednesday night, subscribed for by the Rector, choir and officials of St. Mary's Church. Mr Baum, who is now called to the colours, was a member of the church choir. Mr W. Oddie, choirmaster, made the presentation, and said he hoped the recipient would make as dutiful a soldier as he had been a chorister.

Mrs Fawcett, who has been on the Egglestone school staff for 29 years, and who is now about to sever her connection with the school, was on Wednesday last presented with a silver egg-stand by the children. Miss Elsie Watson, senior girl scholar, made the presentation. Mr W. Oddie, headmaster, presided, and expressed sorrow that Mrs Fawcett was compelled to retire from school duties. Mrs Fawcett feelingly responded, and regretted leaving the school. She thanked them for the beautiful present, which would always remind her of the many happy years she had spent amongst them.

A concert was given in the Wesleyan Sunday school-room, Middleston, on Saturday night, promoted by the Ladies' Red Cross Working Party, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to provide Christmas presents for local soldiers on active service. There was a crowded attendance, and a varied and most interesting programme was given by the following artistes:—Pianoforte solos, Miss Dent; solos, Mrs Jenks, Miss Dobson, Miss M. Horn and Mr E. Lowe; duet, Mrs F. Watson and Miss M. Hunt; trios, Messrs Brignall, Walton and Lowe; recitations, Miss Hunt and Miss Amy Anderson. An action song, entitled "Rag dolls," was given in fine style by eight girls; and a humorous sketch, "Three blind mice," in three acts, was staged by Misses Wearmouth, Brignall and Walton. Mrs Wheeler was president.

FOOD CONTROL COMMITTEES' NEW DUTIES.

Food Economy Campaign.

The Government have put upon Food Control Committees two additional and entirely new duties. The first is the conduct of a food economy campaign within the next few weeks, a view of the known shortage of food stuffs, in the hope that compulsory rationing may be avoided. To this end the Food Control Committees were requested to appoint a committee of twelve persons, representatives of all classes, to conduct the campaign. At a meeting on Wednesday last the committee was constituted, there being six ladies included. The duty of the committee, as laid down in the regulations, is to urge economy, not only in food, but in every other way, the cutting down of everything save bare necessities—in other words, preparing for a rainy day.

A Transport Committee.

Owing to the demands of the Army Authorities for immediate supplies of horses and petrol for army requirements, the Food Control Committee have been advised that in the near future so great will be the shortage that steps must be taken at once to arrange a scheme whereby the carrying of goods from traders to customers shall be put under one control, and that there shall be no overlapping of journeys. For this purpose, it is suggested there shall be no carrying from one town to another, that firms shall exchange customers; and, if going from one centre shall deliver each others goods. In the country it is expected that many journeys will be given up, and farmers will have to take their own parcels and those of their neighbours when coming to or going from market. So far there is no present indication that consignment of goods by rail will be affected, but in other respects, the clock will be put back 50 years. Preference has to be given to actual necessities and perishable goods. In larger centres, it is suggested that no parcel under 7 lb. shall be delivered, but that customers must carry their home themselves. The Food Control Committee has appointed a Transport Committee to deal with the question, the members consisting of three of the committee and other persons selected from the trades most likely to be affected by the drastic change.

"Our Day" at Hutton Magna.

On Friday eve, the 26th, in spite of a rough night of sleet and rain, a large company assembled at Wyckoff School, kindly lent for the occasion, to take part in a whist drive and dance organised by the Committee of the War Workers' Party in aid of the funds of the Red Cross Society. Some 38 tables were occupied by the whist players. At ten o'clock refreshments were handed round by the ladies of the committee, who had most generously provided these gratuitously, and to whose untiring efforts so much of the success of the evening must be attributed. The gentlemen's prizes were the gifts of Mr O. Hedley, J.P., Mr Woodhams, Mr J. Peacock and Dr Sanders; whilst those of the ladies were from Mr W. Brilston, G.O., Mr Balbridge Barker, Mr T. Fawcett, Mrs Storey and Miss Shields, and were won as follows:—Gentlemen: 1st prize, Mr T. Robinson, Soargill; 2nd prize, Mr. Bellwood, Brancas; 3rd, Mr. J. Spence, Orington; 4th, Mr. Richardson, Caldwell. Ladies: 1st prize, won by Miss Barnes, West Layton; 2nd, Miss Richardson, Caldwell; 3rd, Miss Hardy, West Layton; 4th, Miss D. Barnes, West Layton; 5th, Mrs Fenwick, Rokeby Close. The prizes were handed to the winners by Mr Hedley. There were several guessing competitions, which materially helped the funds. A Red Cross Joll, by name Prudence, given by Miss Shields, realised over £4. After the whist drive dancing commenced, and continued until the early hours of Saturday morning. The total sum realised amounted to £50 1 1/2, which sum has been forwarded to the Local District Treasurer, as all expenses in connection with the effort were generously borne by the gentlemen members of the committee. The committee are highly grateful for the kind support they have received from the prize-givers, the subscribers and the large company who were present, and they tender their hearty thanks.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Death.

HOWARD.—Passed away, at the Limes, Cothertone, on November 5th, Herbert (Bertie), dearly loved invalid son of James and Eugenie Howard.—Deeply mourned by all who knew him.—Interment at Ousterstone, on Thursday, 8th instant, at 3 o'clock. All friends kindly invited.

In Memoriam.

HEBDON.—In loving memory of Corporal Ralph Wm. Haddon, 6th Durham Light Infantry, of Tindale Crescent, Bishop Auckland, who fell in action in France, on November 5th, 1916, aged 28 years.

We often sit and think of him,
His name we often call,
Yet there's nothing left to answer,
But his photo on the wall.

It may be a soldier's honour
At his country's call to fall,
But we can't think of the glory
With out the sorrow it caused us all.

—Ever remembered by the Aunt L. z's, Uncle Leonard, and Cousin Ernest, at Newbiggin.

SAYER.—In loving memory of Henry Sayer, of Breatham, who died November 6th, 1916.—Ever remembered by his loving wife and family.

SMITH.—In loving memory of Corporal George Henry Smith, the beloved son of Mr and Mrs Smith, of 33, Bridgeway, Barnard Castle, who was killed in action on the 5th of November, 1916.

One year has passed and still we miss him,
Friends may think the wound is healed;
But they little know the sorrow
Deep within our hearts concealed.

He sleeps beside his comrades,
In a hallowed grave unknown;
But his name is written in letters of love
In the hearts he left at home.

The sunshine from our home has gone
The voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

For many years our family chain
Was closely link'd together;
But, ah, that chain is broken now,
Two links are gone for ever.

—Ever remembered by his loving father, mother, sisters and brothers, relations and all friends.

WARING.—In loving memory of Charlotte, the loved wife of James Waring 4 Hall Street, Barnard Castle, who died on November 7th, 1916.—In a holy stillness: wrapt in sleep.—Also of William Waring, who died on August 3rd, 1897.

Return Thanks.

M.P. AND MRS T. R. W. Greta Bridge, wish to thank all friends for their kind sympathy shown to them in their recent sad bereavement.