

Stainton, near Barnard Castle.

Thomas Addison, HAVING received instructions from Mr Thomas Gibson, who is giving up farming, will sell by Auction, on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1917, the whole of his FARM STOCK, HAY, IMPLEMENTS, ETC. VIZ.:- HORSES.—Black mare pony, 13 1/2 h.h., 12 years old, quiet in all jobs; black colts foal, by "Mountain Ranger."

CATTLE.—Roman cow, served June 5th; red heifer, due September 9th; white heifer, 5 months old. HAY AND STRAW.—4 1/2 tons of excellent hay, to go off; 2 1/2 acres of unbroken fog, till Christmas; 2 1/2 acres of pasture estate, till April 6th; 2 1/2 acres of pasture from Christmas till May-day. 30 Young HENS. IMPLEMENTS.—Rubber-tyred tub trap, no worse than new; good flat cart, 2 good wooden houses, on wheels; 3 good ladders, set of silver-mounted harness, scythe, rakes, forks, barrel churn (up to 30 lbs.), cheese press, etc.

Also for Mrs Peacock, who is giving up farming:-

CATTLE.—7 grand bullocks, 1 1/2 year old. POULTRY.—5 pure-bred White Wyandotte hens and cockerel. HAY.—12 tons of excellent old leas hay (to be sold in three lots), to go off. (Mrs Peacock's Estate has been sold privately.)

IMPLEMENTS, ETC.—Good coup cart and shelving, horse rake, good tub trap, 2 wooden poultry houses, in sections; wheelbarrow, set of draining tools, set of cart gears, no worse; set of harness, 2 bridles, riding saddle, 2 pairs new hames, griddlestone and frame, trap lamps, hay spade, scythes, rakes, forks, axes, etc. Sale to commence, with Mr Gibson's lot, at 1.30 p.m. prompt; Mrs Peacock's immediately following.

Remarks.—The pony is a useful sort and quiet, and the foal is very promising. The cattle are a nice lot, with the bullocks forward in condition. The hay is of excellent quality, and well-won, and the ewags is good. The implements and gear are practically little worse than new.

NOTE.—Intending purchasers of Mrs Peacock's cattle to view beforehand at Black Beck, as it will be sold in the ring. Auctioneer's Address: Bowes, Darlington.

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LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Two hundred casualties occurred in Monday night's air raid, nearly all of them among men connected with the Naval Service. It was a night fight up the Thames estuary. Yesterday afternoon the French official statement said that in the region of Hurbise Farm they broke up an enemy attack, and in Champagne penetrated hostile trenches on a front of 800 yards, and entire depth of first enemy position.

On and after the 9th instant the collections from the town wall boxes will be fifteen minutes earlier than hitherto, both on Sundays and week-days. The clearances from the Head Office box remain unaltered.

In connection with local grouse shooting, it is interesting to note that Mr Birtwhistle has served five generations of the Milbank family in the capacity of gamekeeper on Barningham Moor, and is still hale and hearty. Three guns accounted for 86 brace on Friday.

Private Thomas Staley, lately employed at the co-operative stores in this town, has been rather seriously wounded. His friends will be glad to learn that he has been brought to England, and is improving.

The excessive rainfall as gauged at Hutton Magna is noteworthy. The rainfall for the month of August at this village totalled 7.98 inches. Of this amount 2.02 inches fell on the 8th. The average for the previous nine Augusts is just over 2.68 inches. It is the highest total for any month during the last ten years, except December, 1915, which holds a record of 7.94 inches. Rain fell on 26 days.

Mr Wateridge, of Shrewsbury, arrived at Lartington Hall, on Monday, on a month's visit.

Last week several heavy and well-conditioned salmon were taken from the Tees.

The lighting restrictions are still in full operation, and all dwelling-houses, residences, shops and other places must have screened lights half-an-hour after sunset. There is no modification whatever of the order since last year, and its provisions will be enforced.

The first meeting of the Food Control Committee associated with the Barnard Castle Rural District Council was held on Wednesday, when Mr R. W. Raine, J.P., was elected chairman; Mr T. W. Bainbridge responsible officer; and the office is to be at 19, Galgate.

Fifteen soldiers, including three lieutenants, have been furnished from the establishment of Mr Illsley, dispensing chemist, Barnard Castle. Three of the men have made the supreme sacrifice.

The Lord Mayor of Newcastle (Councillor George Lunn), on behalf of the Shipping Federation, on Newcastle Exchange, the other morning, presented a diploma for meritorious conduct at sea to Mr Stephen James Ullathorne Hogg, nephew of Miss Ullathorne, formerly of Boldron, late second officer of the Dunbarmer. By his skilful handling of the men and boat Second Officer Hogg saved seventeen lives, the vessel having been sunk by an enemy submarine about 180 miles off the west coast of Ireland.

Lartington, "the Queen of North Yorkshire villages," together with the hall and the comprehensive estate, are in the market, and will be brought to the hammer on September 27th and 28th, if not disposed of by private treaty. The particulars are fully set out in our advertisement columns, and meanwhile it may be observed that nature and art have combined to make this village one of the neatest and prettiest in the neighbourhood. A small rivulet and fish-pond, with artificial cascades and rockeries, the banks being planted with trees and shrubs, and the clean-looking houses, each with its well-kept garden, breathe of quietude and contentment.

Private E. Jones, of the King's Own Lancashire Regiment, is at home at Barnard Castle, on short leave, after doing duty in Salonica. Recently he has been in hospital in England, having been invalided.

Private H. Dent, of the West Yorks, Private A. Baker, of a Machine Gun Corps, and Private J. Connell, all of Barnard Castle, are enjoying a short respite from the rigors of the war area.

The following donations have been received, in addition to those already announced in our columns:—Mr Frank York, Beaconsfield House, £5; M.T. J., £1. These sums bring the total receipts to £50 18s., and a cheque for this amount has been forwarded to the honorary treasurer, the Lord Mayor of London, for France's Red Cross Fund, being the splendid result of Barnard Castle's day.

At the Durham County Appeal Tribunal, on Wednesday, Mr John Quinnen, co-operative stores manager, Bridgegate, was granted exemption for three months, with power to appeal; and Mr Henry Sayer, butcher, Market-place, had his appeal dismissed, but he is not to be called to the colours for three months.

The Rev. Reginald Gladstone Burgess, M.A., well known as a boy in Barnard Castle, when living with his parents in Cobden House, Galgate—his father then being Superintendent Wesleyan Minister in this circuit—was drowned whilst bathing with his wife at Castlerock, County Derry, on Thursday last. In attempting to save the life of Miss Lyna Hofer, a Swiss governess, the deceased, who was Headmaster of the Potor Royal School, Enniskillen, and was the brother of Mrs Anthony Steele, of Barnard Castle, became exhausted, and both were drowned in the presence of Mr Burgess' wife.

The Honorary Secretary of the Barnard Castle Bowling Club (Mr H. Hobson) has forwarded £8 5s. to Mrs C. D. Shafto, the Honorary Secretary of the Durham Light Infantry Prisoners of War Fund. This is the nett result of the very successful bowling and tennis tournament held on July 26th. Mrs Shafto, in acknowledging the receipt, kindly thanks the committee and members of the club.

Laithkirk Church is losing a friend and worker in Mrs Hodsman, who is leaving the parish.

At the Cambridge Local Examination, held recently, Miss Greta M. Lockey passed with first class honours (senior division), and Miss Doris M. A. Lockey passed with second class honours (junior division), with distinction in English and botany. Both students attended the Duchess School, Alnwick, and are daughters of Mr W. Lockey, gas manager, Alnwick, and formerly of Barnard Castle.

Captain J. J. Bell-Irving, the other night, at Cockfield, said Englishmen could never forget that Vimy Ridge fell chiefly through the skill and valour of Durham coalminers.

We direct the attention of our readers to an official advertisement appearing in this day's issue as to the closing of shops in the town. Therein the resolution of the Tradesmen's Association is clearly set forth, and we may add that Mr Gill, on behalf of the well-known firm of Government contractors (Messrs Macdonald Wilson and Company), attended the meeting to explain that the Minister of Munitions was pressing his firm heavily to complete the dual pipe-track from Lartington to Middlesbrough. In a word this is an appeal to patriotism, and, as the men victual and clothe themselves, the later closing of the shops is a necessary adjunct.

The day school at Bowes has suffered the loss, by resignation, of Mrs Levitt, the esteemed and capable infant mistress, and also of Miss Chambers, who has done good work in the middle department. Mrs Levitt's place is taken by Miss Stobie, who comes with high recommendation from the Church of England School at Richmond. For the moment Miss Banner and Miss Bell will help with the middle school.

LOCAL WAR EMERGENCY COMMITTEE.

Suggested Retention of the Military.

Memories of the Old Flower Show. A meeting of this body was held on Wednesday night, under the presidency of Mr C. Hedley, J.P. There were all present Messrs J. Adams, J. Lynn, H. Walker, R. B. Morton, J. Quinnen, Mrs Winpenney, Miss Ralston, Miss Barker, Mrs Bayles, Miss D. Bainbridge, and Messrs C. T. Sloger and J. E. Dent, joint secretaries. It was reported that the flag day for France had realised a total of £50 18s., the sum of £42 17s. being the actual amount collected, and donations to be added.—The Chairman announced the receipt of £8 14s. 6d. as their proportion of the proceeds of the military sports held on bank holiday; and added that Mr Dent had waited upon him in stress of time—the calling of a meeting was impossible—asking assistance for one of their soldier's wives who had been sent for hurriedly to travel to the south to see her husband, who had been wounded and sent back, and the sum of 15s. 6d. had been allowed.—The amount was cheerfully sanctioned.—It was resolved to send a letter to the military authorities urging the quartering, during the winter months, of the military in this town, and setting forth all the points favourable to the adoption of such a course.—Mr Adams was warmly thanked and complimented for his organizing arrangements for the collection on France's day, and the splendid efforts of the lady collectors were duly appreciated by the committee.—The Rev. Paynter Boase was elected to succeed Mr Gatehouse on the committee, and it was agreed to co-opt the Rev. Robinson Lang.—The Chairman hoped he saw in the coming vegetable show promoted by the local allotment-holders a revival of the old horticultural society's efforts, of which he himself had been an active supporter and an interested worker. He said he could imagine no more appreciative spectacle than an array of stove or greenhouse plants, staged in the centre of the market, while the cottagers' produce was displayed on surrounding benches. Head gardeners at the neighbouring country residences would, he felt sure, be quite willing to co-operate, and the cultivation of a knowledge of exotic plant life was at all times an interesting study. He added that part of the proceeds of the coming exhibition would find its way into the coffers of the War Emergency Committee's exchequer, and it went without saying that the movement would be supported by the committee.—Mr Quinnen suggested that a little concert and dance might help the funds of the committee.—The Chairman: I think it is a very easy way to get small donations, because people get some amusement for what they give. It is much better than bare collection of money.—The Clerk: We are anxious for all the help possible. Mrs Bell-Irving has promised to open the exhibition, and our Chairman is going to preside. We should not have made such elaborate arrangements if it had not been for the funds of this committee having been considered. I may add that Mr Tullett, of Raby Castle, is going to be the judge.

Bishop of Richmond at Egglestone.

Egglestone was favoured with the opportunity of bearing the Right Rev. Dr. Kiner, Bishop of Richmond, preach last Sunday night, being for his text St. Luke, x. 29: "Who is my neighbour?" and his beautiful sermon was greatly enjoyed by the large congregation present. The choir was accompanied by the organ and a string band. The collections throughout the day were on behalf of the Darlington and Newcastle infirmaries, and amounted to £4 11s. 6d.

Farmers' Red Cross Sale at Barnard Castle.

In aid of the British Farmers' Red Cross Fund an agricultural jumble sale took place at the Teesdale Farmers' Auction Mart, Barnard Castle, on Wednesday, and was very successful. Messrs William Tarn and Albert J. Wilkinson, auctioneers, gave their services, and acted as honorary secretaries in conjunction with Messrs W. Hunsford, York and G. Bell, secretaries to the Mart Company. The donors of the stock, etc., included Lord Barnard, who gave a subscription of £5; the Earl of Strathmore, Messrs J. J. Bell-Irving, G. Atkinson and Sons, G. Byers, Shaw, R. Gibson, Westwick; P. Langstaff, Stainton; Mrs E. Langstaff, Stainton; Messrs R. W. Bell, Stainton; G. Bayles, Hildon; J. Wilson, Hulla Bush; Walker Wilson, G. Gibson, High House; T. Bayles, Plover Hall; J. Walker, Gilmonby; Mrs Turnbull, Messrs J. Swinbank, High Office; J. T. Swinbank, Clifford's Farm; J. W. Stoddart, Marwood; Mrs H. L. Fife, Messrs P. Oliver, M. Lewis, Westwick; J. Brunskill, J. Simpson, Mrs Gibson, High House; Mrs Turnbull, Marwood; Mr J. Bayles, Mrs Harrison, Messrs R. Pease, Sledwick Hall; W. H. York, Woodleigh; W. H. Berry, T. Alderson, Montalbo-terrace; Miss Winnie Richardson, Mr John Raine, Mrs White, Westwick; Mrs J. Sayer, Streatham; Messrs Dodds, Broomfield; G. Dent, Dunhouse; J. Alderson, Three Chimneys; C. Alderson, Richardson, Mollwaters; Keighley Brothers, Mr and Mrs Tallentire, Mary Hall, "The Gravel" Rest; Mrs Peckhall, Romaldkirk; Messrs J. Wilkinson, Maina House;—Watson, Marwood; R. Gill, Cotharstone;—Hardy, Hull; Mrs Tweedie, Mr Dodds, Mrs Cross, Mr Berry, Mr J. Robson, Mrs Tipshy, Mr Cooper, Mr W. Stoddart, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Richardson, Messrs S. Brece, Carter, —Bowdrey, and others. The sheep realised up to 101s. per head. The proceeds to date are over £300, and this sum will be increased by subscriptions not yet to hand, but promised. Mr W. E. York, Barnard Castle, has consented to receive further contributions, and a detailed list of all subscribers will be published by catalogue when the committee close the books in the course of a few days. The committee are grateful to all subscribers and contributors of goods, and also to the ladies for their help in selling flags in town and country.

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The Rev. Vincent J. Ryan, M.A., Vicar of Mansfield, will be the preacher at Startforth Harvest thanksgiving service. Cotherstone, 1st September, 1917.

LOCAL MEN WHO HAVE MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE.

Barnard Castle Bank Clerk Killed.

Second-Lieutenant Bernard Grime Lodge, Durham Light Infantry, whose death in action on August 24th is announced, was 23 years old, and the only child of Mr J. J. G. Lodge, and nephew of Mrs W. Balderston, of Yorebridge, Askrigg. The deceased gentleman was in the Barnard Castle Branch of Messrs Barclay's Bank, and is the second clerk from this establishment who has made the supreme sacrifice. Educated at Yorebridge Grammar School and Gigglewick School, he entered Messrs Barclay's Bank, and joined the Royal Fusiliers U.P.S. in December, 1914. He was at the front with them as a private till April, 1915, and was gazetted on 9th August, 1916, as second-lieutenant. He went out again in September the same year. His commanding officer writes: "A braver, cooler, more reliable young officer could not be found. He had done wonderfully gallant work on patrol on numerous occasions, and whatever the job he had to do I could abundantly rely on his doing it thoroughly. I know of no officer in the battalion I could have spared less than he. He was as brave as a lion. We were counter-attacking at 4.30 a.m. on the 24th, and I turned out all the men at headquarters. He, without any orders, dashed off with the leading men right up to the front where danger threatened. I don't know how I shall replace him, as not only was he valuable as an officer, but I was very fond of him, as were all of us."

Second-Lieutenant G. W. Berry Killed in Action.

It is with feelings of regret that we chronicle the death of yet another Barnard Castle soldier—Second-Lieut. G. W. Berry. The sad news was received by telegraph from the War Office, and much sympathy is felt for his widowed mother and sister. The deceased officer was the second son of the late Mr Thomas Berry and of Mrs Berry, of 11, Montalbo-terrace, and joined the army as a private soldier in October, 1914, enlisting into the City of London Royal Fusiliers. He was sent to Malta on Christmas Eve of the same year, where afterwards he assisted the wounded from the Dardanelles. On returning he was given a commission in the 5th Durham Light Infantry, and after a short training at Catterick, he was transferred to another battalion of the Durhams and drafted to France on the 23rd of April. He underwent a course of instruction with the Lewis gun team, and went back to the trenches. He was killed on August 25th. He was known to be a thoroughly good soldier, and was greatly esteemed by his fellow-officers and the men under his command. Always of a cheery and hopeful disposition, he never feared danger, and was ever willing to undertake the task allotted to him, however hazardous it might seem. The following letter has been received from Captain W. J. Oliver: "I am very sorry to inform you that your brother, Second-Lieut. G. W. Berry, was killed in action two days ago. He asked me if anything happened to him to write to you. He died almost at once from a bullet in the thigh, while leading his men into action. We are all awfully sorry to lose so fine a friend and officer. The men will miss him terribly, as they liked him immensely. As for myself I cannot express to you my feelings, as he was one of the best officers I have ever had. Please express our deepest sympathy to all his people."

Private Higginbotham Killed at Midnight by Enemy Shell Fire.

Pioneer Gordon Gerard Metcalfe Higginbotham, only son of Captain and Mrs Higginbotham, of Alma Dene, Vere-terrace, Barnard Castle, now stationed near Consett, was killed about a fortnight ago, in France, by enemy shell fire, between eleven o'clock and midnight, aged 19 years. Pioneer Higginbotham wrote to his father on the 19th of August: "I am in the best of spirits and the best of health." Two days after he was no more. On the deceased's first visit to France he was very lucky, being in the trenches over twelve months, and got off with a bullet through his haversack. On returning to France he was killed instantly in seventeen days from leaving home. Much as the family grieve over the event, the deceased's father, who is a thorough soldier, says he would rather his son died as a patriot than live as a coward. Gordon's Commanding Officer had recommended him for a commission just a few weeks ago, and had he not been killed, the young fellow would have been recalled to England to join a school of instruction. The following is a letter sent to Captain Higginbotham by his late son's Company Officer:—"It is my painful duty to inform you of the death of your son, Pioneer Higginbotham, by enemy shell fire on the night of the 22nd August, between eleven o'clock and midnight, that night. While the camp was asleep it was heavily shelled, and your son and several of his comrades were killed. I was not with the company when your son previously joined us, and so my acquaintance of him was only of a few days' duration, but what little I did know of him was sufficient to confirm his sergeants and comrades' opinion of him, as a good and willing soldier, and a cheerful and pleasant companion. All ranks join with me in expressing the deepest sympathy with you in your great loss. The funeral—a soldier's funeral—took place this afternoon, and was attended by all ranks. If I can possibly obtain a photograph of the grave I will forward it to you. I have had to return to the trenches this evening, but as soon as I come out I shall forward to you what personal property I have been fortunate enough to salvage. If I can be of any service in any way please let me know."

Startforth Rural District Council Food Control Committee.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." SIR,—The Startforth Rural District Council, to protect the interests of consumers, have appointed to the Food Control Committee three ladies, one of whom is the wife of a retired farmer, seven farmers, a butcher, and the Surveyor as representative of labour. The farming interest may be taken as producing meat, milk, butter, cheese and eggs, and probably wheat, and to have an interest in maintaining good prices, however disinterested they may wish to be; and how the Surveyor, who is a salaried official of the Council, can be said to represent labour might puzzle anyone but the Startforth Rural District Council. In these circumstances, unless Lord Rhonda sees fit to persuade the Council to remodel the committee, it seems possible that the interests of the mere consumer and of labour may be left in the air.—I am, sir, yours faithfully, J. H. BOURNE.

The Rev. Vincent J. Ryan, M.A., Vicar of Mansfield, will be the preacher at Startforth Harvest thanksgiving service.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS AT GRETA BRIDGE.

The wounded soldiers of Bishop Auckland, under the charge of Mr J. J. Aubin, and accompanied by the nurses at the infirmary, enjoyed another outing on Friday last, when the good people of Greta Bridge, Brignol and Rokeby joined in doing honour. The outward journey lay by Ploerbridge, Gasforth, Winton and Ovington, returning again through Barnard Castle and Staiddrop. The wounded were welcomed at Greta Bridge by the Rector of Brignol (the Rev. A. W. Stewart), who expressed the delight of the inhabitants at seeing the men amongst them. The arrangements had been hurried, but they hoped to entertain the lads in as happy a manner as possible. He explained that Mr Ward, landlord of the Morrill Arms, had undertaken, at the request of Mr Aubin, to arrange the day's enjoyment. A committee was formed, Mr Casteral acting as honorary secretary, and the whole of the little country district took the matter up heartily, many even asking to be allowed to subscribe. Though the district is sparsely populated the people wanted to show how they appreciated to the full all that the soldiers had done for them in protecting them and their interests. The venerable Rector of Rokeby (the Rev. F. M. Graham) also gave the lads a warm welcome, and immediately won the hearts of the lads by his characteristic humour and his reference to the brightness and jollity which such an outing provided. After a sumptuous dinner served by the local committee, whom Mr Ward had gathered round him, the company adjourned to Rokeby Park, Captain and Mrs Bell-Irving having placed the grounds at the disposal of the party. Mrs Bell-Irving addressed a few words to the wounded, welcoming them on behalf of the "Squire and herself, warmly congratulating the organisers of the outings upon the good work he was doing, and offering to entertain the men at any time should Mr Aubin find himself short of a place to take them. The hall and gardens were thrown open to the soldiers. The party next proceeded by the meeting of the waters and the Greta side to Sir Walter Scott's cave, returning to the hotel, where a handsome repast was partaken of at tea-time. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Aubin to the committee and workers generally for the very enjoyable outing, and he commented upon the prompt and hearty manner in which his request had been responded to, and the keen interest all had taken to ensure the wounded lads such a delightful time. The "Squire and Mrs Bell-Irving, he remarked, had added much to their pleasure in allowing them to tour the park, hall and gardens, and the speaker confirmed the Rector's remarks that ladies offering to accompany the lads in their walks put new life into the men and caused them to forget their hospital life for a few hours.—Sergt. Church, seconding the vote of thanks, rousing cheers were given.—The rest of the evening was spent in singing and dancing, and here again the Rector of Rokeby could not resist the temptation to join in, and rendered "John Peel" in fine style, much to the amusement of the lads, who returned to Bishop Auckland overjoyed with another splendid outing. The work of the honorary secretary was again lightened by the fact that a good portion of the cost of the obsequies will be paid for out of the funds collected.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] The Rev. W. Sumner conducted a memorial service at the Baptist Chapel, Middleton, on Sunday night, in memory of Private G. W. Morton, who was killed in France, on August 1st. The reverend gentleman made feeling reference to the deceased, and took for his text Numbers fourth chapter, latter part of verse fourteen: "Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses." The chapel was crowded, as Private Morton was held in the highest esteem in the dale.

The Middleton Wesleyans celebrated their chapel anniversary on Sunday last, when Mr Donald Barton, of Darlington, preached apologetic sermons, morning and evening, to large congregations.

On Saturday last the Primitive Methodist quarterly meeting was held at Middleton. There was a fair attendance, over which the Rev. C. Pettler presided, and Mr T. Collinson (Luedale) was elected secretary. All the returns showed the circuit to be in a healthy and progressive state. Arrangements were made for evangelistic and missionary services. The financial and numerical state of the circuit was highly satisfactory. A unanimous invitation was given to the Rev. C. Pettler to remain for a fifth year, which he accepted. The circuit stewards were re-elected. The minister was freed from week-night appointments to devote himself to mission work, which he would arrange with the societies. Tea was provided by Miss Dent.

The Progressive Headworth Barium Company, who are carrying on extensive barytes mining in Upper Teesdale, are shortly to erect an aerial lift, to convey barytes from Cow Green to Langdon Beck, in order to increase the output of this mineral, which is now greatly in demand for manulines.

"The personality of Jesus Christ confronts us as it has confronted every age, and demands an answer. The divinity of Christ is not a doctrine to be reserved for scholars, but an ideal that is meant to be a living experience," said the Rev. Arthur James, of Galashiels, chaplain to the forces at Deerbolt Camp, in the Congregational Church, on Sunday night.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Roll of Honour. BARNETT.—Killed in action, on the 15th August, Corporal Barnett, late of Barlogham, of the Yorkshire Regiment. BERRY.—Killed in action in France, on 25th August, 1917, George Wilfrid Berry, Second-Lieutenant Durham Light Infantry, aged 33 years, second son of the late T. and Mrs Berry, 11, Montalbo-terrace, Barnard Castle. HIGGINBOTHAM.—Killed in France, by enemy shell fire, between 11 o'clock and midnight, 22nd August, 1917, aged 19 years, Pioneer Gordon Gerard Metcalfe Higginbotham, Royal Engineers, only son of Captain and Mrs E. Higginbotham, Alma Dene, Vere-terrace, Barnard Castle.—We feel his loss most keenly. Still we are happy in the thought that he gave his life for his King, country, honour, truth and liberty. In Memoriam. ROWE.—In memory of John Metcalfe Rowe, who died September 2nd, 1914; also of Jane Allen Rowe, who died September 4th, 1915. We miss them, and mourn them, in silence anew. And dwell on the memories of days that have been. Ever remembered by mother, sisters, brothers, brothers-in-law, nephew, and niece.