Hardings, Romaldkirk.

Thomas Addison,

FAVOURED with instructions from Mr Wilfred E. Allinson, will Sell by Auction, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 1917, the whole of his STOCK, CROP, IMPLEMENTS, ETC., as follow:

HORSE.—Brown mare, aged, 14-3 h.h., quiet in all yokes, stinted to "Dalroach Prince."

11 HEAD OF CHOICE CATTLE.—Red and white cow, served May 30th; roan cow, served July 3rd; red cow, served August 20th; red and white heifer, served June 23rd; 5 bull calves, from 5 to 9 months old; 2 heifer calves, 5 months old. 20 YOUNG HENS.

IMPLEMENTS, GEARS, ETC.—Good coup cart and shelvings, Milwaukie horse rake, Raill car, no worse; tank cart, 3 good ladders, sweep, 2 hen houses (one on wheels), wheelbarrow, single-horse grass cutter, by Wood; quantity of boards, coil of wire, 2 scythes, hay spade, quantity of timber, posts, doors, coops, rails, gate ends, old iron, etc; rakes, forks, set of silver-mounted harness, set of cart gears, traces and back-band, harness, neck collar, machine chains, cow chains, back-bands, plough cords, etc.; end-over churn, up to 30 pounds, no worse than new; milk cans, cream pots, dishes, etc.

HAY AND EATAGE.—14 tons of excellent hay, to be sold in 3 lots, to be consumed on the farm; 13 acres of unbroken fog, till Christmas, then from Christmas until May 13th, 1918; 10 acres of pasture eatage, till April 6th, 1918; 3 acres of meadow eatage, till May-day, 1918.

Sale at 1-30 p.m. prompt.

REMARKS.—The Mare is a useful stamp, and the Cattle a choice lot. The Hay is excellent quality and well-won; Eatage good and well-fenced and watered. Mostly all the Implements and Gears are no worse.

Auctioneer's Address: Bowes, Darlington.

Cross Lanes, 2 Miles from Barnard Castle.

Thomas Addison,

HAVING received instructions from Mr Thomas Carter, who is giving up the Blacksmith's Business, and leaving the above place, will Sell by Auction, on TUESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1917, his STOCK, CROP, IMPLEMENTS, and CONTENTS OF BLACKSMITH'S SHOP, as follow:

STOCK.—Black mare pony, 10 years old, 14 hands high, quiet in all yokes; grand white cow, served June 14th; roan bull calf, 5 months old; 21 young hens, cur dog.

HAY AND EATAGE.—7½ tons of grand old land hay, to go off; 5 acres of fog, till Christmas, and then from Christmas till May-day, 1918; 4 acres of pasture eatage, till May-day, 1918

IMPLEMENTS, GEARS, ETC.—Good coup cart, wheelbarrow, 100-gallon cistern, water tubs, grindstone, sheep trough, set of silver-mounted harness, in good order; 2 pig troughs, 2 riding saddles, bridles, kicking strap and tugs, 2 cart neck collars, 2 pairs hames, head collar, 4 good night collars, neck strap and sundry gears, barrel churn, butter scales, milk bowls, cream pots, milk cans, baskets, sundry pots, 2 tables, couch, oil lamp, child's chair, etc.

CONTENTS OF BLACKSMITH'S SHOP.—Single-blast bellows, no worse; anvil, swage block, vice, tueiron, metal coal scoop, numerous tongs and hammers, quantity of new and old iron, nails, bolts, nuts, iron axle, gripe, spades, traces, back-bands, and all the sundry articles connected with a blacksmith's business.

Sale at 1 p.m. prompt.

Auctioneer's Address: Bowes, Darlington.

Fountain Head, Bowes.

Thomas Addison,

FAVOURED with instructions from Mr Thomas Fawcett, will Sell by Auction, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 1917, his STOCK, CROP, ETC. Particulars later.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE.

Rigg Farm, near Lartington.

Geo. Tarn Bainbridge & Son and N. Bousfield,

HONOURED with instructions from Mr Geo. Hare, who is relinquishing the above Farm, will Sell by Auction, on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 1917 his Valuable FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS and CROPS, namely:—

HORSES.—Grey draught mare, 15-3 h.h., with foal at foot by Auckland Society Horse (mare stinted to same horse); black harness mare, 10 years, 15-1 h.h., foal at foot by "Highland Duke" (mare stinted to same horse); black mare, 8 years, 16-2 h.h.

CATTLE.—2 Roan cows, due at time of sale; 4 roan cows, recently calven; 6 roan cows, spring calvers; heifer and sucker, 3 roan heifers, recently served; 9 grand bulling heifers, mostly roan; 6 bullocks, 2 years old; 15 bullocks, rising 2 years; 22 calves, up to 10 months; grand roan bull, 2 years, forward.

SHEEP.—100 Superior H.B. gimmer lambs, 80 H.B. wether lambs, 21 twice-crossed lambs, 10 H.B. ewes, three shear; 140 B.F. dales' ewes, a grand class; 3 Wensleydale tups, 1 Leicester ewe, 2 tup lambs.

IMPLEMENTS.—3 Coup carts, long cart (broad wheels), chain harrows, single-horse grass cutter, sweep, swath turner, by Martin; horse rake, sheep rack, dipping apparatus (out two years), step ladder, ladders, cow chains, 2 barrows, grindstone, joiner's bench, 40 new hurdles, bins, water tubs, scythes, rakes, forks, gripes, small tools, cart gears and plough chains.

DAIRY UTENSILS.—End-over-end churn, up to 60 pounds, little worse; 3 cheese presses, 3 large cheese tins (one with tap), vats, cheese stand and shelves, several milking cans.

HAY AND EATAGE.—60 Acres of over-eaten fog, until May 13th, 1918; 20 acres of pasture eatage, until May 13th, 1918; 166 acres of pasture eatage, until April 6th, 1918 (the fields are well fenced and well watered); 9 stacks of hay, mow of hay, stamp last year's hay (hay to be consumed on). Hay and Eatage will be sold in suitable lots, and buildings allotted.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock.

Refreshments on the ground.

The whole for absolute sale.

A Brake will meet the 10.44 Train from Bishop Auckland at Barnard Castle Station.

Purchasers from a distance can leave their Stock over-night, and Mr Hare will truck on Saturday.

REMARKS.—Attention is called to this genuine Unreserved Sale. The Mares can be confidently recommended (there are two good foals). The Cattle all round are a choice lot. The Cows are young, wealthy sorts. The Heifers are very promising. The Bullocks are a good selection and fit, and the Calves are well bred and nice quality. The Ewes have plenty of frame, and are a sound lot. The H.B. Lambs are well woolled and full of flesh. We make special note of the Gimmer Lambs—they are right quality. There is a lot of grand Winter Eatage—the fields are well fenced and well watered. The Hay is fine quality and well won.

Auctioneers' Offices: Stanhope Road, Darlington; and Brough Sowerby.

A white swallow, apparently one of a late brood, has been caught at Rokeby.

Middleton-in-Teesdale.

IMPORTANT SHOW and SALE BY AUCTION of TUPS AND SHEEP of all classes to be held on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 1917 (Day after Romaldkirk Fair), at Middleton-in-Teesdale, in a Field (kindly lent by Mr M. Richardson, Town End). Present Entries include:—

40 Dales' Bred Tups, above 2 years old
50 " Tup Shearlings
50 " Tup Lambs
4 Scotch Tup Lambs

STORE SHEEP.

10 B.F. Gimmer Lambs, Mr T. Oliver
10 B.F. Wether Lambs, Mr T. Oliver
10 B.F. Gimmer Lambs, Mr C. W. Raine
3 H.B. Gimmer Shearlings, Mr R. Allinson
9 B.F. Wether Shearlings, Mr W. Swinbank
4 B.F. Ewes, Mr J. Gargate

All Sheep to be on the ground not later than 10 a.m.; Judging to commence at 11 o'clock; Sale immediately after.

AUCTIONEER—THOS. ADDISON, Bowes.

Hon. Sec.: JOSEPH WM DENT, Fair View, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

Market Place, Mickleton.

Nicholson Bousfield,

HONOURED with instructions from Mr J. W. Dent, will Sell by Auction, on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1917, his FARMING STOCK, HAY AND EATAGE, &c., comprising:—

SHEEP.—80 black-faced ewes, two to five shear; 18 black-faced shearling gimmers, 60 half-bred lambs, 12 half-bred gimmer lambs, 10 black-faced wether lambs (fat), 1 black-faced tup, two shear; 1 black-faced tup, one shear; 2 black-faced lambs, 1 Leicester ewe, two shear; 1 Leicester gimmer lamb, 1 Leicester tup shearling, 1 Leicester tup lamb.

CATTLE.—Roan cow, served 18th May; red cow, served June 14th; roan cow, served July 14th; red heifer, served May 21st; red heifer, served June 14th; roan heifer, gone with bull; 2 heifers and 1 bullock, 16 months old; 2 heifer and 3 bull calves, 5 to 10 months old.

HORSES.—Grey mare, 15-3 h.h., quiet in all yokes, stinted to "Pageant"; grey filly, 2 years old, broken to chains and cart, stinted to "Highland Duke"; colt foal, by "Royal Ratho"; filly foal, by "Highland Duke."

HAY AND EATAGE.—14 acres broken and unbroken fog; 10 acres pasture eatage, 131 acres allotment, till 6th April, 1918; 2 mows and 1 stack of hay (particulars at time of sale). Please view hay and eatage before sale as it will be sold in the ring.

IMPLEMENTS.—Coup cart, with sheep rails; sheep rack, 2 troughs, sweep, rakes and forks, 30 new hurdles and posts, wire netting, snow plough, long ladder, and other sundries.

TRAP and HARNESS no worse than new.

POULTRY.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock.

REMARKS.—Special attention is called to this sale, as the Sheep and Lambs are a very choice lot, and the same class of animals have been sold to the same buyer for many years, and proved good doers. The Half-bred Gimmers are a right class for breeding. The Cattle are fine colours and excellent sorts to wear. The Horses are quiet and first-rate workers. The Hay is well-won and grand quality.

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THE RETAIL COAL PRICES ORDER, 1917.

Dated the 11th day of September, 1917, made by the Board of Trade.

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Regulations 2(F) to 2(JJ) of the Defence of the Realm Regulations and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf the Board of Trade hereby order as follows:—

1. The price at which coal delivered by road vehicle from a depot or wharf or railway siding in lots of 1 ton or over may be sold shall, subject to the provisions of Article 13 of this Order, not exceed by more than 1s. per ton the price of the coal delivered at the depot or wharf or railway siding in addition to the actual cost of handling and delivery, such cost to include depot and office expenses, but not interest charges or salaries to owners, partners or directors of the business; provided that:—

(i) Where a merchant sells under the same description and at the same price coals of which the prices delivered at the depot or wharf or railway siding are different, the price under this article shall not exceed the average price delivered at the depot or wharf or railway siding of the whole of the coal in question with the additions herein or hereinafter mentioned.

(ii) Where a coal merchant deals in articles other than coal in the course of his business charges common to the sale of coal and other parts of the business are to be fairly apportioned in determining working costs for the purpose of this article.

(iii) The exclusion of salaries to owners, partners, or directors from working costs shall not apply to reasonable remuneration to such owners, partners, or directors in respect of manual labour or clerical work performed by them.

2. The price of coal sold or delivered in smaller lots than 1 ton from a road vehicle shall not exceed by more than 2s. per ton the maximum selling price in the same district for sales of the same description of coal in lots of 1 ton or over from road vehicles as prescribed by Article 1 of this Order.

3. The price of coal delivered from a depot, wharf or railway siding to dealers' shops shall be less than the prices provided in Article 1 of this Order by 6d. per ton or such other amount as may be approved by the local authority.

4. The price of coal sold at depots or wharves or railway sidings to hawkers and dealers in quantities less than 8 tons shall be less than the prices provided in Article 1 of this Order by 3s. per ton or such other amount as may be approved by the local authority.

5. The price of coal sold in quantities of 2 cwt. or less at dealers' shops shall not exceed by more than 1d. per cwt. the maximum selling price in the same district for similar quantities sold from road vehicles as authorised by Article 2 of this Order.

6. The prices for quantities of coal less than 1 cwt. shall be at the same rate to the nearest farthing as the price per cwt. Fractions of a farthing to be charged as a farthing.

7. The maximum price of coal sold in small quantities to consumers from depot or wharf or railway siding shall be 2d. per cwt. less than the maximum price in the same district for smaller lots than 1 ton sold from road vehicles as provided by Article 2 of this Order.

8. The foregoing maximum prices are for cash on delivery and if credit be taken a reasonable charge may be made therefor; provided that such charge shall not exceed such amount as may be approved by the local authority.

9. It shall be the duty of all Coal Merchants to supply the local authority, as defined herein, for the district or districts in which their places of business are situated or in which coal is sold or delivered by them with such information as may be required by the local authority for the purpose of ascertaining whether the retail prices of house coal sold in bulk or in small quantities in their area comply with the requirements of this Order.

10. (a) Every local authority, as defined herein, shall, after consultation with the coal merchants in their area, publish in the local press and in such other manner as may appear to the local authority to be desirable lists showing the prices chargeable under this Order for the various classes of coal sold in the district for household purposes.

(b) The local authority may by publication in the manner prescribed herein withdraw or vary any or all of the prices published by them under this Article.

11. The local authority may appoint a committee consisting of members of the local authority and may delegate subject to such conditions as they may think fit to such committee all or any of their functions under this Order.

12. For the purpose of this Order the term "local authority" means:—

In England and Wales the Council of every Municipal Borough, Urban District and Rural District, including the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

In Scotland in a County the County Council and in a Royal, Parliamentary or Police Burgh, the Town Council.

In Ireland the Council of every County Borough, Borough and Urban District, the Town Commissioners of every Town not being an Urban District, and the Council of every Rural District.

13. The publication of retail prices of house coal by a local authority in the manner prescribed by Article 10 of the Order shall, so long as the prices are not withdrawn or varied as provided therein, be conclusive evidence that such prices comply with the provisions of this Order.

14. (a) No person in charge of a vehicle offering for sale coal in quantities not exceeding two hundredweights in such vehicle shall sell or offer for sale such coal unless there shall be affixed on prominent and conspicuous parts of such vehicle so as to be visible on both sides therof, metal tablets on which shall be clearly marked in a permanent manner in a figure or figures of at least 3 inches in length the price per hundredweight at which the coal is offered for sale, and such persons shall not alter, deface, or remove or exchange such figure or figures, except at the place of loading or at the office of his employer.

(b) No person in charge of a vehicle to which is affixed a metal tablet as aforesaid, shall, on a sale of any such coal, charge to the purchaser any price greater than that marked on the said metal tablet.

Provided that this Article shall not apply to the area of any County Council in Scotland or of any Rural District Council in England or Wales or Ireland except as regards any part of the area to which the local authority may, with the approval of the Controller of Coal Mines, by order apply it.

15. (a) No person being the owner or occupier or in charge of a shop or premises where coal is sold or kept or exposed for sale in quantities not exceeding 2 cwt. shall sell or offer for sale such coal unless there shall be exhibited in some conspicuous place in the shop or premises where coal is sold or kept or exposed for sale a notice on which shall be clearly printed in figures at least one and three-eighths of an inch in length and half an inch in width the price per 112 lbs., 56 lbs., 28 lbs., 14 lbs. and 7 lbs. at which coal is offered for sale, and no person shall alter, deface, or remove such notice except at the commencement of each day upon which such shop or premises shall be open for the sale of coal.

(b) No person being the owner or occupier or in charge of a shop or premises where coal is sold or kept or exposed for sale in which shop or premises is affixed a notice as aforesaid shall, on a sale of any such coal, charge to the purchaser any price greater than that marked on the said notice.

16. No person shall sell or buy or offer to sell or buy by retail coal of any description (a) at a price exceeding the permitted maximum price on the occasion of such a sale of coal of the same description, or (b) under other descriptions than those specified in the lists of prices published by the local authority as provided in Article 10 of this Order.

17. If any person acts in contravention of this Order or aids or abets any other person in doing anything in contravention of this Order that person is guilty of a summary offence against the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and if such person is a corporation or company every director and officer of the corporation or company is guilty of the like offence unless he proves that the contravention took place without his knowledge or consent.

18. Articles 1 to 13 of this Order shall not apply to such part of the area of any local authority as is for the time being subject to the provisions of the Household Coal Distribution Order, 1917, made by the Board of Trade on the 10th August, 1917.

19. The Controller of Coal Mines for the time being appointed by the Board of Trade shall be responsible to and is hereby authorised by the Board of Trade to take all measures that are needed to give effect to this Order.

He may suspend from time to time and for any period and in any district or part of a district the operation of all or any of the articles of this Order or parts thereof as he thinks fit, and may restore such operation.

He may make such rules and issue such instructions under this Order as may be necessary to give effect to its provisions, and such rules and instructions shall be deemed to be part of this Order and shall have the same effect as if they had been included in this Order.

20. This Order may be cited as the Retail Coal Prices Order, 1917.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trade this eleventh day of September, 1917.

W. F. MARWOOD,
A Secretary of the Board of Trade

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Owing to a steadily increasing advertising clientele—the result of a progressive and now far-reaching circulation—and notwithstanding the fact that we have had very deferentially to disappoint local patrons for the moment, we have to explain to our readers that much local news from esteemed correspondents is held over, besides special and exclusive reports of the proceedings of local public bodies. This Journal is one of the oldest newspapers in the North of England.

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The death occurred on Friday last, at Rosemount, Dawlish, of Rear-Admiral Mather Byles, who, years ago, stayed at Spring Grove, and was an expert salmon fisher.

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On Sunday night, the Rev. H. C. Watson, Vicar of Gainford, referred to the death of Lieut. G. E. Gent, a brave young officer from that village, who had been killed in action, and who would be greatly missed.

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The result of the Flag Day on the 19th September, at Barnard Castle, on behalf of the British Prisoners of War, was £32 3s. 9d., including an anonymous subscription of £1. The committee are very grateful for the generous response to their appeal.

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On Monday morning T. W. Ireland, the elder son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Ireland, left his home at Westwood, to join his Majesty's Forces. We wish the brave young lad a safe return.

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Driver A. Browning, of the Darlington Heavy Battery, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Browning, Ovington, is home on short leave from France.

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Mr Burdon, of Ferryhill, is entering upon the farm at Broomielaw, which for many years has been occupied by the Dodd family, under the Earl of Strathmore.

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Lance-Corporal J. P. Hunter, recently in business in this town, is now in France, and is attached to the York and Lancasters. Private Guy D. Hunter, Scottish Rifles, has had a short leave, and has now returned to Ireland.

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Mr T. Archer, Horse-market, has grown Bryden potatoes scaling sixteen to the stone.

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The sow having died, a litter of ten young pigs are being successfully reared by hand at Stubb House, near Winston.

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We understand that the local branch of the National Home Reading Union is to be re-formed for the coming season. Anyone who desires information regarding the subjects and methods of this reading circle had better apply at once to the Rev. J. B. Robinson, 19, Victoria-terrace, Barnard Castle.

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Private J. Rutter, of the York and Lancasters, who was invalided from the front, is now convalescent, and is spending a short leave of absence at his home at Startforth; and Private Robinson, Royal Garrison Artillery, of Lartington; Lance-Corporal G. Etherington, Durham Light Infantry; and Private W. H. Etherington, have also arrived from the battle area.

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The Rev. J. B. Robinson reports that 360 eggs were despatched from the local depot last week, for our wounded soldiers and sailors. Of these, 22 were collected by Mrs Hird, Spital; 22 and 5s. 6d. cash by the Misses N. and M. Alderson, Bowes; 10 by Mrs Douglas, of Startforth; and 23 by Miss Madge Plews and Miss Connie Bainbridge, Ravensworth, the remainder being collected in Barnard Castle. Collectors are greatly needed for this important work of ministering to the sick and helpless.

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A photographic reproduction of a freak potato of the Arran Chief variety, which has been lifted from a food plot by Mr Dixon, of Middleton-in-Teesdale, appears in the "Daily Mail."

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The daily output of coal at Gordon House Colliery is 900 tons.

We are sorry to hear that Captain A. J. B. Weare is still very ill, suffering from septicemic trouble contracted on the Somme a year ago, while acting as Brigade-Major. He has been seriously ill in a military (Guy's) hospital in London, having undergone two operations, and now he has been ordered to the Nursing Home at Llandrindod Wells, by a London specialist, to get the bracing air. Mr Weare was well known and highly esteemed at Barnard Castle, and the news of his distressing and painful illness has come as a great shock to his many friends. Mrs Weare is helping to nurse her husband. Captain Weare went out with the 11th Durham Light Infantry.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Among the local soldiers who have been on leave at their home in Teesdale during last week were Driver T. S. Ireland, son of Mr and Mrs M. Ireland, Ettersgill, who is attached to the Royal Engineers and who was gassed on July 2 st, and has since been in hospital in France; 2nd Corporal T. S. Watson, son of Mr and Mrs H. Watson, Newbiggin, is also having ten days at home after being in hospital in France, suffering from wounds received in action on August 16th, and Private G. N. Wearmouth, who is attached to the North Staffords, and has been twelve months in France, is spending ten days at his home Hude, Middleton. All three leave for France again this (Wednesday) morning.

A special meeting of the members of the Middleton Mechanics' Institute was held on Wednesday night, presided over by Mr W. Oddie, to take into consideration the financial position of the institution. Owing to so many members having joined the colours, the income has been so reduced that it has been found necessary to dispense with the caretaker. After a good deal of discussion a vote of confidence was passed in the committee, and the members are to be requested to assist the committee in trying to keep the institute going. It was also suggested that the landlord (Lord Barnard) should be approached to reduce the rent during the war.

There was a poor show of cattle and sheep at Middleton September fair, held on Thursday last, and very little business was transacted.

The Newbiggin Wesleyan harvest festival services were held during the week-end, when Miss Lythe Darlington, preached twice on Sunday to good congregations, and also spoke at a public meeting on Saturday night, along with Mr J. T. Toward, Harwood, Mr J. Dickinson presiding. Madame Pratt, Darlington, was the special soloist and rendered appropriate pieces at all the services. The chapel was tastefully decorated, and there was a fine display of fruit and vegetables, which were sold on Monday night.

Harvest festival services were also held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Egglestone. Mr G. S. Nixon, Newbiggin, was the special preacher on Sunday, and on Monday night a public meeting was held, addressed by the Rev. C. Pettler (circuit minister). Mr J. Watson presided, and at the close the gifts of fruit and vegetables were sold.

Middleton Ladies' Red Cross Working Party had a special effort on Saturday night, the object of which was to provide Christmas parcels for local lads serving with the colours. The appeal took the form of a musical evening followed by a sale of fruit, vegetables and half-pound gifts, which had been solicited during the week. The event proved a great success, about £13 being realised.

Interment of the Late Mr T. Peacock.

On Tuesday, at the sequestered cemetery of Bowes, were laid to rest the remains of Mr Thomas Peacock, late of Stonykeld. His parents came from Swaledale, and farmed under Mr Bousfield for five years. On Mr Bousfield retiring from Keld they removed thither, where the deceased and his father were engaged in agricultural pursuits for fifty-five years. He was noted as a breeder of Swaledale sheep and shorthorn cattle. He retired to Bowes three years since, on account of ill-health and was succeeded by his nephew, Mr A. Peacock. The deceased gentleman was of a retiring disposition, but noted for his straightforward and upright character. For seventeen years he acted as secretary for Bowes Field Reeves, and only relinquished the position last year. He bore the respect of the countryside, which fact was testified to by the large attendance at his funeral. He married Miss Burne, who was schoolmistress at Bowes, and who survives him, but leaves no issue. The Rev. H. Straker conducted the service. Miss Sayer presided at the organ, and the hymns, "Thy way, not mine, O Lord" and "Jesu, lover of my soul," were sung. Mr J. Thompson was undertaker.

The Late Mrs J. J. Pulleine.

A memorial service was held on Friday, in Gainford Parish Church for Mrs J. J. Pulleine, of the White House, Gainford, widow of the late Bishop of Richmond. The service began at 1 p.m., the same hour as the funeral at Stanhope Parish Church, and was conducted by the Rev. H. C. Watson. The 90th. Psalm was said, the lesson from the burial office followed, and then the Rev. H. C. Watson delivered a short address, in which he spoke feelingly of the fine example of devoted service set by the lady they so greatly mourned. The reverend gentleman specially referred to her strenuous work on behalf of the Diocesan Rescue Association and the Mothers' Union, and to her constant attendance—not only on Sundays—at divine service in the Parish Church. Two hymns were sung, "Praise to the Holiest in the height" and "O God our help in ages past." On Sunday last, suitable hymns were sung, and both the Rev. L. E. Conway in the morning, and the Rev. H. C. Watson in the evening, alluded to the high example set by Mrs Pulleine.

Applications for Sugar Cards.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury."

SIR,—I am experiencing much difficulty with the applications for sugar cards, because so many of the forms are not properly filled up. I have received many without any address, and consequently I cannot return them, nor can sugar cards be issued. Others are faulty in not having christian names or occupations filled in; in some the ages of the children are omitted, and some forms are not signed. I fear several applicants have included more persons than are actually members of the household. The task of carrying through the scheme is no light one, but it is rendered much more difficult by the defective forms, and the ultimate result may be that some persons will have to go without sugar. If this is the case, they must not blame yours faithfully, J. INGRAM DAWSON,

24th Sept., 1917. Clerk to the Food Committee.

Late Quarterly Meeting at Lartington.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury."

DEAR SIR,—Reading the account of the Quarterly Meeting tea held at Lartington on September 13th, I notice it is stated that the tea was given by Mrs Hare alone. This was not so, but by the following ladies:—Mrs Bayles, Mrs Tarn, Miss Nixon and Mrs Hare. I shall be much obliged if you will kindly correct in your next issue.—Yours faithfully,

M. H. HARE

The Rigg, Lartington, September 21st, 1917.

How to Save Bread!

The new maize meal, or mixture of maize meal and oatmeal, makes delicious fritters and rissoles, when fried in "ATORA" Block Suet. Rice, lentils, peas and beans are equally good and save bread without lowering the nourishment of meals. These fritters and rissoles can be used as vegetables or otherwise. A pinch of Hagon's Sauce Powder gives a delicious piquant flavour. Ask for "ATORA" Suet in Blocks for frying and Shredded for puddings, etc., of all grocers. 1 lb. boxes 1/5, ½ lb. 9d.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Marriages.

CHRISTIE: BERRY.—On Saturday, 22nd September, 1917, at the Primitive Methodist Church, Barnard Castle, by the Rev. C. H. Lightfoot, assisted by the Rev. J. Hawkins, Frederick Henderson Christie, L.D.S., Edin., youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. R. Christie, 20, Forth Crescent, Stirling, to Sarah Winifrid Snowdon, only daughter of the late Mr Thos. Berry and of Mrs Berry, 11, Montalbo Terrace, Barnard Castle.

Death.

SIDDLE.—At Thwaites Farm, Scargill, on September 24th, 1917, Mary Isabella, the beloved wife of the late George Siddle, aged 63 years.—To be interred at Barningham on Friday, cortege to leave residence at 1 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation.

HEDLEY.—At London on September 21st, Elizabeth, beloved mother of Margaret E. Beadle, of Kinninvie, aged 79 years.

In Memoriam.

WRIGHT.—In loving memory of James Wright, who died on September 26th, 1911.—Ever remembered by his wife and family.

YOUNG.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Private James Young, who died of wounds received in action on September 23rd, 1916.

Weary and long have we waited
For his coming, but in vain,
Asking ourselves this hopeless question—
Will he ever return again?

—Ever remembered by his wife, son and two daughters.

Return Thanks.

MR AND MRS A. LEYLAND, 39, Newstead Street, Hull, desire to tender sincere thanks to the numerous friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, by letter, in their recent bereavement.

MR J. H. PORTER AND RELATIVES, West Holme, Marwood, wish to thank all friends for kindness and sympathy shown to them in their bereavement; also for letters and flowers.