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DEMOBILIZATION.

THE Government decided long ago that it was not going to be caught napping by peace as it was found unprepared for war. Therefore there are no indications that demobilization is soldiers back to civil life was put in son has been in the army since the commence shape. The principle to be observed is ment of the war. He is at home on leave till to-morrow, and the funeral takes place to-day. demobilization by individuals in accordance with trade requirements, and not by units in accordance with military considerations. In other and as few words, it is primarily the economic factor of the individual soldier that will be consulted. The nation is determined that, after this war, not only will the discharged soldier be given a fair chance, but he will be given every opportunity of satisfactory resettlement. The Labour Minister, however, has been advised by a committee of expert economists, who have made a careful study of the main industries of the country, that there will be such a rise in the volume of trade that not only will there be work for all the men in the country and the men in the armies, but that it will be possible to absorb also those of this land who have entered the field of industry under the abnormal conditions of the war, and who desire to continue in it. So far so good, though no one knows better than the Minister of Labour himself that there is a great scarcity of raw material. Indeed it is clearly pointed out that we have made havoc of the world's stocks of all kinds of raw material, and these raw materials must be secured before industry can get into full swing. This is undoubtedly one of the most serious problems which has to be met. The Government, nevertheless, is keenly alive to the fact that the Germans have a very much easier task than we have to get their troops demobilised. In fact they may very likely all be in their own country when that moment arrives, and the British are not anxious in the very least to let the Hun have any sort of start in restoring normal industrial life.

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

THE Countess of Strathmore left London on Monday for Glamis Castle.

ELEVEN soldiers from the parish of Streatlam and Stainton have made the supreme sacrifice for their country.

THERE was a happy interlude in the Unionist meeting on Wednesday, when some ladies from a sitting-room window asked Mr Rogerson what had become of his heroic son, who was a prisoner in Germany for four years. The answer was in verification of the dictum of Edmund Burke: "He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves, and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper." For, said Mr Rogerson, "My son would not stay at home when there was fighting to be done, so he has joined the Navy, and has gone to the Murman coast."

LORD BARNARD has for some days bee confined to bed with a rather sharp attack of influence. He is, however, progressing fairly satisfactorily. Last night's bulletin says his Lordship is going on all right, and that he was much better than in the morning.

It is interesting to know that Private Keith Powell and Private Charles Kensington, two redoubtable Anzacs from France, have both been staying with Mr John George Johnson, of Deepdale View, Montalbo-terrace. Mr Keith Powell is the grandson of the late Mr Powell, saddler, formerly of Barnard Castle, who emigrated to Australia many years ago, and whose residence in this town will be remembered by some of the older inhabitants. Mr Kensington's father is agent for the Crown lands under the Government, in New Zealand. The visit of the two sprightly colonials has awakened many interesting memories. wakened many interesting memories.

Four Barnard Castle soldiers, who had been made prisoners of war by the Germans, arrived at their respective homes in the town last week. Their names are Private F. Hunter, Victoria-terrace; Private J. Simpson and Lance-Corpl. W. White, Galgate; and Sapper A. Blackett, Thorngate. Private Simpson has been in enemy hands for two years and four months, and was wounded when captured.

PRIVATE PERCIVAL, of the Harmire, reached home on Monday night week. He was in the 8th East Yorks, and was nineteen years of age the day he first crossed the channel for France. The gallant young soldier has been three years and three months a prisoner in Germany, having been captured after the Battle of Loos, on September 15th. At first he was in the on September 18th. At hist he was in the salt mines in Westphalia, and was actually potato picking in Russian Poland when the armistice was signed. His experience of German treatment was varied. In Westphalia there was not much to complain about, beyond losing his liberty, but in Russian Poland his life was like that of Nicholas Nickleby—" one demd horrid grind," and had he not regularly received parcels from home he would have been hungered. Young Percival, prior to oining the army, was on the platform staff at the Barnard Castle passenger station.

PRIVATE GEORGE WRIGHT, Canadian Scottish a native of Thirsk, has been awarded the Military Medal. He is a son of the late Mr John Wright, formerly manager of the Thirsk Savings Bank, and Mrs Wright, Cambridgeterrace, Barnard Castle.

WOODLAND BEAGLES will meet on Saturday, December 14th, at Romaldkirk, at 12:30.

A SUCCESSFUL effort was made last week-enat Marwood to raise funds for sending Christmas presents to the men who had joined the forces from the parish. On Saturday night a supper was held, which was well patronised and on Sunday evening the choir, assisted by friends, rendered a service of song, entitled, "Home again." Mr G. Clarkson Harker read the story, and Mr J. H. Walton conducted the singing. There was a good congregation.

RAIN, fell during November to the extent of 1.95 inches, as registered at the BowesMuseum. Rain fell on 10 out of 30 days, and there were 20 days without rain. No rain fell from the 12th to the 27th. There were 67 inches more rain during November, 1918, than in November

THE death took place last Saturday, from heart trouble, which had confined him to bed for six weeks, during which time he had the devoted attention of Dr. Beadle, of Mr William Horn, of Kelton, at the age of 58 years. The deceased had been a director of the Tee Associated Farmers from the inception of the movement. He was a Primitive Methodist, and had lived all his life in the dale. He leaves going to begin at once, though it is no less than two years since the handling of The eldest son is in Canada, and the second

WE are glad to see that Lient. H. J. W. Scott, who was severely wounded, and taken prisoner, on March 21st last, has reached home safely, having been in the second batch of Prisoners of War exchanged. He was at first in the hospital at Le Cateau, where there were 7,000 wounded, and where the condition were very bad, but after a few weeks was removed to Coblentz, to a hospital carried on by a religious brotherhood, where he was very rell and kindly treated. One of his wor is not yet healed, and gives him a great deal of pain and trouble, but his general health is good. We heartily congratulate him upon his safe return, and wish him a speedy, complete

THE death on Thursday of Mr Fauvell, French-Canadian classical tutor at the North Eastern County School, implores the passing tribute of a sigh. Prior to the interment, o Saturday afternoon, a solemn memorial service was held in the School Chapel, the deceased gentleman's mother having travelled from Bristol to "the last scene of all." Mr Fauvel first joined a Canadian contingent, and afterwards entered the British army, and saw much service in France. He had only been a short time on the teaching staff, and many of the Masters were at the graveside.

A MYSTERY has been solved by the receip of intelligence by Mrs Sissons, Marshall-street through the Red Cross Inquiry Department that her husband, Gunner Sydney Sissons, who was with the Tanks Corps, was killed on May 3rd, near Amiens. He was the son of Mr Oliver Sissons, late gas manager in this town.

THE Streatlam and Stainton working party per Mrs F. W. Judson, have sent garments t Lady Anne Lambton's Durham County Wor

YESTERDAY afternoon, under the presidency of Miss Stobart, of Startforth Hall, Dr. Fisher Head Mistress Girls' County School at Bishoj Auckland, delivered an address to women voters at Barnard Castle.

Last Wednesday morning Mrs W. Peacock of Stainton, received a card from her younges son, Private Jim Peacock, saying that he is prisoner of war in Germany. He has been missing since May 27th, and this is the first still reported missing.

DR. PERCIAAL, the late Bishop of Hereford, was born of humble parents in a farm-house near the railway line from Kirkby Stephen to Barnard Castle.

THE death took place on Monday night of Mr William Blenkinsopp, the familiar and esteemed Barningham postman, at the age of 47 years. He mourned for his blithe soldier son, whom he could not trace, though ill tidings had reached him concerning the lad. The deceased had the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, and felt sorely the pangs of grief. At length he fell a victim to pneumonia, and died deeply deplored as a civil servant of blameless life—courteous and obliging always. A widow and young family remain.

THE meeting addressed by Mr J. E. Rogerson in the Music Hall, Barnard Castle, on Monday night, was large and representative. Colonel the Hon. W. L. Vane, who presided, read a letter from the Dowager Lady Londonderry. the latter just recovering from an attack of acute neuritis, was unable to be present. The Huns should be made to pay for all damage they had committed, and be punished for their guilt, insisted her ladyship.—Mr Rogerson, who had a warm welcome, said the Allies could insist upon a dictated peace, and, if elected, he would not represent one single section of the community to the neglect of other member of the constituency. The men who had served their country were to stand in front of every body. He reviewed in a masterly style the progress of the war, paid a fine tribute to the valour of Durham soldiers, and declared that the 50th Division had covered themselves with glory in smashing autocracy and militarism. He said the barbarities could have been He said the barbarities could have been stopped by the Kaiser by a stroke of his pen, while the Crown Prince was not even a decent criminal. Every perpetrator of outrage must be brought to justice, and the German must pay in full, for he could pay. The colonies would not be restored. He approved of good housing and higher education, and all must concentrate on a strong peace.—Mrs Bell-Irving and Mrs Rogerson also addressed the meeting, and several question were asked and answered.

THE death took place on Friday evening after a brief illness, of Mr Francis Josep Wilson, of Victoria-terrace East. The decease gentleman was of an amiable disposition, and was greatly esteemed by his fellow-members of the Urban District Council, of which body he had been chairman. He was the eldest son of the late Mr Robert Wilson, contractor, whose family has been grievously depleted by the war, two sons having been killed and one wounded. In renovating the Elizabethan mansion of Sledwich, Mr F. J. Wilson displayed considerable ability. He was a staunch Roman Catholic, the Rev. Father Bernard Darley officiating at the funeral on Monday afternoon, when many friends attended the obsequies. He leaves a widow and two

MRS SHEPHERD, of Barningham, has received a touching letter confirmatory of the death of her husband, which shall appear next week.

LAST night there was a large gathering in the Music Hall when Mr J. E. Swan, the Labour candidate, delivered an address, the chair being occupied by Mr Walker Waine. Passages from exhaustive speeches are as follow: The Chairman: "The working man has a right to have a share in framing the legislation of this country. Who knows the position of the worker better than the working man? There is no fear about the result of this election. We are going to win. We are sure to be on the top."—Mr Swan said: "I was given to understand that you in Barnard Castle were living in a New Jerusalem, an eldorado, a land flowing with milk and honey—a place where all had got splendid homes and everything that is lovely; and that your children are well shod and well clothed. But I find that description is not quite accurate." Further: "If we want our claims considered we have to get out of that humiliating position of going cap in hand begging to this ministry and that ministry to state a case for us. We have got to assert our demands, and to get our men on to the floor of the House of Commons in order that the point of labour shall be put in the future as it has never been in the past."

Barnard Castle Rural Council. Mr R. P. Hest, chairman, presided over the usual monthly meeting on Wednesday.

The Late Mr Q. Bainbridge. The Chairman, before the ordinary business of the meeting commenced, referred to the removal by death of Mr George Bainbridge, provisions for the refreshments were given provisions for the refreshments were given to be sent to each of the ladies of the provisions for the refreshments were given to be sent to each of the ladies of the la Most of the members of that Council were also appointed Guardians, and therefore, it was quite unnecessary for him to speak of the late Mr Bainbridge's qualities, as they are very well known. He moved that a vote of sympathy be conveyed to Mrs Bainbridge and family.— The resolution was adopted in silence.

Anticipating Snow Storms.

The Surveyer said almost at any time we may be having a covering of snow, and it was necessary that stops should be taken to keep the roads open in the industrial part of the district. There, perhaps, might be some difficulty in the question of wages paid to the snow-outters, but if the matter was left with him, he would get through the best he could.— Mr Tarn: I can quite see the importance of this, and move that the matter be left in the hands of the Surveyor.—Mr Wright seconded, and the motion was carried.

Health Matters: Influenza Dr. Neligan reported no notifications of infectious disease, but two cases of scarlet infectious disease, but two cases of scarled fever had occurred at St. Peter's Home. Gainford, but not notified. 19 births and 41 deaths were reported during November. Infinenza had been very prevalent in the district, ten deaths having occurred at Cockfield. Four other deaths were also reported at that place.—Mr Widdas said infinenza had been very bad at Cockfield, and an emergency committee had been formed to try and cope with the situation. It was a difficult problem with the situation. It was a difficult problem to get women to nurse the patients. Permission had been granted to Mr Simpson, butcher, to dispose of his surplus beef to patients to make beef-tee. Mr Simpson was willing to undertake the distribution himself.—The Chairman: That is very satisfactory. Are there any signs of abatement?—Mr Widdas: I do not think it is gratting any worse, but I would not like to say with the situation. It was a difficult problem gesting any worse, but I would not like to say in the district. None of these required treat-

Leakage of Water at Gockfield. A complaint had been made about the short-age of water at Cockfield and Mr Linsley said that 30 per cent. of water wasted was due to the leakage of house taps.—Mr T. Tarn: It is in the hands of the Parish Committee to do missing since May 27th, and this is the first news that has been received concerning him. Private Peacock has been in France as a sniper for three years, having joined-up shortly after the outbreak of the war. Mrs Peacock has had five sons in the army, one of whom is scheme, a circular was read pointing out still reported missing. the extreme urgency of taking steps in the matter.—It was generally felt that more houses were needed, but a sub-committee is going to discuss the matter.

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The annual general meeting of the Teesdale (Barnard Castle) Golf Club was held on Wednesday last, at Mr Golightly's rooms. The financial statement showed an overdrawn balance of 241 18z 2d. It was regretted that the wholesome and tonic influence of a few hours of positive and unalloyed enjoyment in a busy and burdened life was not more appreciated. Many would live better, do m re work, and die better, if they took up some innocent regreation like golf, to which they would give themselves up for a time with something of the whole-hearted abandon of a child. The members hoped for an increase of membership, now that the hard times of active warfare have happily come to a glorious finish for us. Lord Barnard was re-elected precident of the club. Mr Balley, Major Friend, Mr R. T. Richardson, Dr C. H. Welford, Mr R. Summerson, and Mr Dixon were again elected vice-presidents; and the captain, Mr Balley, the hon, treasurer, Mr Jackson, and the hon. secretary, Rev. B. Darley, were retained in office. The seven members chosen to form a working committee were Mr Cogdon, Mr Bainbridge, Mr Christi, Mr Hunter, Mr Garbutt, Mr Seott, and Mr Jas. Thompson. Votes of thanks were accorded to the captain, hon, treasurer, the reverend secretary; and to Mr Hunter for useful work done for the welfare of the club during the past year. during the past year.

Startforth Rural District Council. On Wednesday, Mr James Peacook presided over the monthly meeting of the Startforth Rural District Council.

Vote of Sympathy and Condolence. wote of Sympathy and Conditions.

Mr G. V. Tarn moved and Mr J. Allison seconded, and the motion was adopted that a vote of sympathy and condolence be extended to Mr and Mrs James Peacock in their recent becayement in the loss of their daughter, and in their personal illness and sorrow.

Applications for Increase of Wages: Team Labour.

The Clerk read an application from several of the teamsters applying for an increase of wages from 10s to 15s per day.—Resolved that the application lay on the table.—It was proposed and seconded as an amendment that they have 2s per day extra. As none voted for the amendment the original proposition was carried.

The Clerk read an application from Mr James White for an increase of 1s per day owing to the high cost of living, and it was agreed that 6d per day be allowed.

was acceded to, 6 voting for and 5 against the

Workmen's Wages. A request by several of the roadmen asking the Council to reconsider their decision of last month and grant the workmen 7s per day

Medical Officer's Report. Dr. Neligan, the Medical Officer of Health, wrote: Since my last report I have received two notifications, both of pulmonary tuberculosis. Two births were registered in November, both in the north sub-district. Eleven

deaths were also registered, two in north and nine in south Startforth. Influenza had been very prevalent, but, is now abating. In complication with pneumonia it had been the cause of five deaths. The date of the last death from influenza was the 20th November.

Whist Drive and Dance at Stainton.

A whist drive and dance was held at Stainton on November 29th, to raise funds to send a Christmas-box to each soldier from the parish of Streatlam and Stainton, and proved a great success. The sum of £23 7s 5d was left after committee, and many of the ladies of the parish. The prizes for the whist drive were given by Lord Giamis and several tradesmen in Barnard Castle, and also many subscriptions were received on behalf of the fund from ladies and gentlemen in the village and Barnard Castle. The prizes for the whist drive were Castle. The prizes for the winst drive were won as follows:—Ladies—1st, Miss Alsep; 2nd, Mrs M. A. Smith; 3rd, Mrs Handley (after a tie with Miss Leighton); booby prize, Miss M. Stoddart. Gentlemen—1st, Mr S. Allison; 2nd, Mr H. Walton. Winston (who generously returned his prize to be sold on behalf of the fund); 3rd, Mr R. Bell (the two latter winners being discharged wounded soldiers); booby prize, Mr W. J. Smith. A dance followed the whist drive, Mrs Franklin ably presiding at the piano, and was assisted during an interval by a friend in the company. A sale took place by a friend in the company. A sale sook place during the evening of several articles, and realised the handsome sum of 23 5s 10d for the fund. The committee, mostly ladies, worked hard to make the whist drive and dance the great success it proved, and take this opportunity for thanking all prize donors and all who so generously subscribed and gave in kind towards the success of the fund.

North Riding War Pensions.

The Greta Bridge sub-committee met at Rokeby Park, when there were present Mrs Bell-Irving, Rev. S. G. Beal, Mrs Manby, Miss Gough, Rev. Father O'Connell, Rev. J. W. Brent, and Private Simpson. Various cases

Christmas Show and Sale. The annual Christmas show and sale was held at the Barnard Castle and Teesdale Farmers' Mart last Wednesday. Although the

entries were not quite so large as in past years entries were not quite so large as in past years the quality was excellent throughout, and high prices were realised. Judges:—Messra N. Bousfield and J. Henderson. Cow, calved—R. Gill, 275; 2nd, R. J. Stubbs, 277; 3rd, J. N. Walker, 271 10s; b.c., P. Langstaff, 275 10s; J. Crooks, 270 10s; W. Cowling, 267; R. Gill, 267. Cow, in calf—R. Gill, 294; 2nd, E. F. Green, 285; 3rd, R. J. Stubbs, 294 10s; h.c., J. McDonald, 272 10s; J. Peacock, 272 10s; J. McDonald, 272 10s; J. Peacock, 272 10s; J. N. Walker, 272. Heifers—W. Hodgson, 250; 2nd, W. Keilett, 246; h.c., J. Bayles, 241. There was only a small show of store stock, and trade was somewhat slow.

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UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Enthusiastic meetings have been held in higher Teesdale during the week by three of the candidates for the Barnard Castle Division. Capt. John E. Rogerson, the Unionist Coalition Candidate, held a meeting in the Assembly Hall, at Middleton, on Saturday night; Mr J. E. Swan, Labour Candidate, held meetings on Wednesday night, at Forest, Newbiggin and Middleton; and Mr A. Hillary, the Liberal Candidate, addressed gatherings at Forest, Newbiggin and Middleton on Saturday night. Good companies assembled at all the meetings, and several questions were put to the candidates. [BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

candidates.

The quarterly meeting in connection with the Middleton Wesleyan Circuit was held at Middleton on Thursday afternoon last, the Rev. G. Giandfield presiding. There were present a fair number of officials from the various places in the circuit. The numerical statement was the same as the previous quarter, and the finance came up very satisfactory. The circuit stewards and the secretary were re-appointed and thanked for past services. A war bonus of 25 was voted for the minister. In the evening the Rev F. G. Gatehouse delivered his popular lecture on "The Children's Crusade," Mr T. Coatsworth presiding.

Mr and Mrs Jon. Anderson, Harwood, have Mr and Mrs Jon. Anderson, Harwood, have received official information that their son, Private J. R. Anderson, of the 18th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, who was reported a prisoner of war in April, died in a field hospital at Hawbourdin, on the 18th May. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved father and mother, who have been held in suspense for so long. for so long.

Private Walter Scott, second son of Mr Jacob Scott, Langdon Beck, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany for some time, arrived home on Thursday. This is the first prisoner of war to arrive in Teesdale. He was wounded three times before being taken prisoner. Private Scott's younger brother was killed in France about nine months ago.

Mr and Mrs Mark Watson, Town Head, Middleton, have received a communication from their son, Private W. M. Watson, who was a prisoner in Holland, and expects to be

Mrs Allinson, Middleton, has received a letter from her son, Private W. E. Allinson, 2nd Durhams, who has been at the front for about three years, informing her he is now on his way to Gormany, and has been on a march of upwards of 50 miles.

The interment took place at Middleton, on Wednesday, of Miss Winifred A. Robinson, Chapel-terrace, who succumbed to pneumonia following influenza at the early age of 18 years. Prior to the interment an impressive service was held in the Wesleyan church, conducted by the Rev.G. Glandfield. The choir, of which deceased was a member, was in attendance. A large company gathered to pay their last tribute of respect, and much sympathy is extended to the bereaved parents.

Mr J. Coltman presided at the monthly meeting of the Middleton Parish Council held last Wednesday night. The Clerk reported having wednesday night. The Clerk reported naving written to the Gas Company in regard to street lighting, but had not yet received a reply. The lighting question at Middleton is becoming very serious, and there is a strong feeling that there should be electric light for the town and neighbourhood.

Mrs Bell-Irving and True Patriotism.

Mrs J. J. Bell-Irving, speaking at the Unionist Coalitio meeting in the Music Hall on Monday night, said: I belong to no party, as I consider the best brains and the best men haul down our fisg off the sea. The may has saved us from invasion and starvation. Another horror stalking Europe is the form of hydrophobia known as Bolsberism, introduced into Russia by German gold and German influence, and now swinging back like a boomerang on Germany herself. Lenin and Trotaky (the German-Jew Braunstein), with bloodstained hands, have seized the gold in Russia of the rich and the poor for propaganda of their abaurd creed. The Bolsheviks have murdered or ruined the aristocracy and middle classes. Never were the lower classes more miserable. They were starving. The tyranny of Nicholas Bomanoff was paternal and kind compared to the blood-stained tyranny of Lenin and Trotsky. At this crisis business men with brains were needed to guide the country. No one could do better for Barnard Castle than Mr Rogerson, representing no section of the community specially, but himself a mining expert, an agriculturist and a sportsman. I have always wanted to see men get their football and cricket and hunting for those who can afford it. The hunters in England mounted our cavalry and saved the situation in 1914, when young Mr Rogerson went out with them, and was wounded at Mons and taken prisoner. He was one of those put in special cells for reprisals on U-boat men.

BIRTUS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATUS.

Birth. WALTON.—To Mr and Mrs Harry H. Walton, at Colwyn Bay, on November 12th, a son (Tom Westmoreland Edward).

Deaths.

BLENKINSOPP.—On December 9th, at Barnard Castle, William, beloved husband of Mary Elien Blenkinsopp, aged 47 years. To be interred on Thursday, December 12th, cortege to leave residence at 2-30 p.m.—Friends please accept this intimation.

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OULITHARD.—On December 6th, at 23, Thorngate, Mabeldearly loved daughter of Jonathan and Margaret Coulthard, aged 15 years. To be interred on Thursday, cortage leaving residence at 2-45.—Friends kindly accept this intimation. numation.

DOLAN.—On December 8th, inst., at 12, George Street, Barnard Castle, Elizabeth Gertrude, the dearly beloved daughter of Thomas and Jane Dolan, ayed 23 years. To be interred at the Catholic Cemetery on Thursday, December 12th, at 3 p.m.—R.I.P.

DORN.—On the 7th inst., at Kelton, William, the dearly beloved husband of Margaret Horn, aged 58 years. Inter-ment at Laithkirk, on Wednesday (to-day), at 2-30 p.m., cortege to leave residence at 12-31 p.m.—Friends please accept this intimation.

In Memoriam. BOUSFIELD.—In loving memory of Elizabeth, the beloved wife of Joseph Bousfield, of Dovsgill, Dalton, who died on December 10th, 1917.

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She bid no one a last farewell,
She waved her hand to none;
She took her flight before we knew
That she from us had gone.
Shadows rest upon our home,
We miss her loving face;
Wherever we turn, wherever we look,
We see the vacant place.

—Ever remembered by her loving husband and family.

ASH.—In loving memory of Sarah Ann, beloved wife of Matthew Gash, Burns Head Inn, Barnard Castle, who died December 11th, 1917.—Ever remembered by her loving husband and family.

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ASH.—In loving memory of my dear sister, Sarah Ann, the beloved wife of Matthew Gash, Burns' Head Inn, Baruard Castle, who died December 11th, 1917.

This day brings back the memory Of one who has gone to rest.

And those who think of her to-day,

Are those who loved her bast.

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-Inserted by her loving sister, Mrs & Whiteley, Almoud-bury, Huddersfield.

Return Thanks. KIPLING.—Mr and Mrs Kipling and family wish to thank all friends for letters of sympathy and kind enquiries in their sad bereavement.

OKEY.—Mr J. S. Okey and family return thanks to all relatives and friends for kind expressions of sympathy, also floral tributes, in their recent sad bereavement. ROBINSON.—Mr and Mrs Robinson and family, of Alwent Farm, Staindrop, wish to thank all kind friends for letters and other expressions of sympathy received during their very sad bereavement,

FRESH CUT FLOWERS, Wreaths Crosses, and other Floral Designs.—D. B. Bunn, Florist, Barnard Castle.