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THE princely efforts put forth at the recen parochial sale of work at Barnard Castle have afforded deep gratification to churchpeopl in the outstrotching parish, and som judicious disbursements are announced. Ou of the profits the sum of £100 has been paid to the Charity Commissioners, in further reduction of the debt on the Mission Room. The Curate Fund has received £80, and the Mission Room expenses fund, £20. remainder of the large prout made by the sai is being held in reserve until later in the year, when it is hoped that, after other claim upon this fund have been met, a good sum be left for the organ improvement fund.

## The Teesdale Mercury

BARNARD CASTLE, DEC. 24TH, 1918.

#### CHRISTMAS.

An armistice has not brought world pandemonium reigning in Germany, and red-handed murder in Russia. In Portugal the President has been assassinated, and the world is filled with a permeating spirit of unrest and hatred. The quondam Kaiser is ill-at-ease in his Dutch sanctuary, while his marshals and what not, with the abdicated monarch and his immoral son, the Crown Prince, are wanted in the judgment hall for their infamous conduct in a war without parallel for lust of blood and rapine.

Bolshevism remains a power and a is armed to the teeth. And yet to-morrow, throughout England, the of peace on earth and goodwill to men! Strange cozenage! Hope, however, still alive the promises which inspired the King-Poet of antiquity to declare that they were a lamp unto his feet and a light world like to his continuous the same unto his feet and a light world like to his continuous the same and sa light unto his path. And while we mourn becomingly with those who have opportunity presents itself for devout thanksgiving that the huge armies on sheathed their swords, and that a long experience in the years to come is the fervent behest of christendom.

### LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

LORD BARNARD had a relapse on Sunday, and last night's bulletin says he is still in a crtical

MR CHARLES SMITH, 85, Galgate, has, with others, been appointed a justice of the peace for the County of Durham, and will duly qualify at the approaching Quarter Sessions

In the winter of 1814, the Tecs was frozen over to an immense thickness, and the ice was covered with booths of every description, whilst blazing fires were kindled, and cooking operations were conducted in the open air.

WOODLAND BRAGLES will meet on December 26th at Tin Ten, near Romaldkirk, at 11: and on December 28th at H Marthwaite, at 12.

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the 30th of May, 1862, Rifles. THE Cricketers' At Club paid on Thursd

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lington Hospital. A PUGILISTIC hero of fame, in the days Jamie English, a up in every sthe joy of his Canon (No. 84) neglected every is at least 315 gone by, was a man blacksmith. Fightin existence, and for t thing else. He at last to emigrate to the be there his pugnacity id courage were endorsement and reinforced previous prescripestimated at their full value, for he speedily tions. Shortly before its removal from the old became the magistrate of the district in which | church it was breken open, and in his book of he lived, and died a wealthy man. His poems the "Teesdale Poet" (Mr Richard propensities seem to have been inherited by his son, for, about fifty years ago, an American robbery, written in the dialect of the dale.

a stab from a bowie-knife. SECOND-LIEUT. H. E. Raine, surveyor to the Barnard Castle Urban Council, who has won the Military Medal, and who has been a prisoner in Prussia for many months, reached home on Friday night. He has had an exciting experience.

THE consecration of the Church Cemetery at Barnard Castle took place on the, 1st of December, 1859, and of the twenty or thiry local gentlemen present at the lunchion at the King's Head Hotel, not one survives.

THE Primitive Methodist Church in this town contemplate having their chapel organ blown by water power, and the Urban Council are considering an application for the necessary water supply.

THE Forest of Lunedale, as it was designated, was then, doubtless, nearly in its whole extent, a dreary waste, and Sir George Bowes, of Streatlam, for the share he took in the suppression of the insurrection of 1569-long remembered as the "Rising of the North,"-received this tract of Yorkshire territory as a grant from the Crown, the Earl of Westmoreland having suffered attainder. Lunedale once belonged to the Fitzhughs, whose possessions extended from Ravensworth to the head of the Tees, and by marriage came into the hands of the Nevilles. It was but a poor recompence for the gallant l'night of Streatlam, who, as the historian relates—" of all the northern barous was the first to manifest his devotion to Queen Elizabeth, and with a body of his friends and retainers, made so stout defence against the rebel forces, that the rebellion was checked, and in the end easily

A FEW days ago a local farmer lost his pocketbook containing treasury notes, postage stamps and other valuables, and handbills were issued announcing the fact. In due course the pocket-book was returned to its owner, the inside leather being torn, and the whole of the money and stamps abstracted. This looks like

adding insult to injury. CORPORAL JOHN DODDS, only son of Mrs Dodds, of Cambridge-terrace, A Company, 12th Battalion Machine Gun Corps, France, has recently won the Military Medal for bravery in the field. He is only 22 or 23 years of age.

MRS J. J. BELL-IRVING, vice-president Red Cross Society and district representative for Greta Bridge South, has received the following from Northallerton:—"We have been asked whether V.A.D. members would be willing to train for the making of plaster and wax casts of amputated stumps, in order to assist in the perfecting of provisional limbs for discharged men. The Joint War Committee is anxious to establish depots and branches of The Joint War Committee is this work in all parts of the country. The process is simple and requires little practice. Please apply for any particulars to the Secretary, Provisional Limbs Department, Room 82, 83, Pall Mall."

WE understand that the Rev. Mr Gardiner, Curate-in-Charge of Cockfield, has accepted the vacant living of Rokeby.

MISS MARDA BELL-IRVING will spend Christmas at Rokeby Park. She has been working in connection with the Volunteer Aid Detachment in a London Red Cross Hospital.

WE are asked to remind our readers not to forget the whist drive and dance for presents for soldiers and children's treat, and to urge upon all to purchase their tickets from the members of the committee.

MR W. GARBUTT has been elected President of the Barnard Castle Tradesmen's Association. MRS SHEPHERD, postmistress, Barningham has received a touching letter from Private H. Hill, bearing date November 21st, 1918, in which the writer says: "I have just rejoined the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, from which I have been away ill for over three months, and have learned with the deepest regret that your husband and my soldier-chum was killed menace, and whoever else starves its in the advance on the Piave river. I wish to Red Guard, officials and hangers-on are express to you my deepest sympathy in the fed. There is loot in its coffers, and it very sad loss you have sustained. I had known him for about eighteen months, and we had been together nearly all the time we have morrow, throughout England, the been in Italy. I know that a real man went pealing anthem will swell the note of praise, while hundreds of thousands sing I understand he was told to hold a very difficult position, and that he bravely did so with his gun, but was almost immediately struck by a Strange cozenage! Hope, however, still machine gun bullet, which penetrated his unfolds a flattering tale of joy returning, heart, killing him instantaneously. Doubtless while Britain, with all her faults, keeps you have had full particulars of the sad event including especially myself. Many and many a chat had we together—he telling of his happy home life and I of mine, and what we were lost relatives in this cruel war, a fitting both going to do when the terrible war was opportunity presents itself for devout over. Now it is ended, and, alas, he has gone. I can easily imagine how broken-hearted you thanksgiving that the nuge armies on the European continent have at length terrible happening that has come into the lives sheathed their swords, and that a long of you and your dear family. If there are any term of peace may be the world's further details you would like to have, and you will let me know, I will get them for you.

> TRADITION records that a long time ago strange funeral incident took place at Birkdale, which is a small hamlet on the Westmorland border consisting of two farmsteads, situated at an elevation of 1,534 feet above sea-level, and not far from the Tees or Caldron Snout. The Earl of Thanet had formerly a shooting-box there. But, to the story. Snow covered the ground. It was impossible to carry the corpse on men's shoulders to the parish church of Dufton. The coffin, therefore, was strapped across a packsaddle mounted on the back of a jagger-mare, taken for the occasion from her young foal. When the procession reached the village, the mare, with her melancholy load, was attached by a halter to a staple at the door of an inn while the funeral folk were getting some refreshment. When they came out great was their consternation to find that she had slipped the halter, and was nowhere to be seen! Late in the evening, however, but before any of her pursuers, she returned to Birkdale, and the pursuers, she returned to Birkdale, and the by Mrs Sumner (Is burial was necessarily postponed till the Miss Dowson, and following day.

THE church at Middl ittached to a Teesdale have jı the Parish Chu ancient alms ht a dividend of which was orig 1 the old chur the "History c states that the ounty of Durk is probably a the Canon whic ed such a box t hat The date 3, so that th ld, and possibl der it to his advantage as the custom c. .... poor-man's box w ods of America, and and the Canon mentioned merely

> which it was customary for the friends of the family to gather in great numbers, whilst the Misses R. Jenks and E. Watson; planeforte hospitable board groaned under the abundance solo—Longing—Miss Molly Burney; play—of good fare. It was formerly the ambition of Duke of Christmas daisles—by the children. the dalespeople to bury their dead in oak
> coffins, in preference to fir or any other wood,
> as it was believed that oak was more durable,
> of them being quite juveniles. Each item was and better withstood the ravages of decay. There was no riot at the "funeral dinner." All was conducted with a sober decency well pecoming the innate reverence of the character, and with a proper respect for the memory of the dead. The following conversawhich passed between two friends, standing on the opposite banks of the River Lune, will illustrate the predilection in favour of cak coffins. The one knew that the other—
> who was but in straitened circumstances—had
> but the day before lost his wife after a long
> of the competition, which was for the best toy "Thou'll come ti t' funeral, John?" said the widower. "Aye," replied the other, "The successful competitors were: —Girls, Miss "sartinly." "An what does to think, John," Vona Mantell (whip made of stick covered said the first, "Aw've been down to Rumma kirk, an' getten t' wood, an' aws gannin to barry our Betty in a yak coffin, for she could nivver bear t' smell o' fir in her life!"

MR C. H. EYLES. Inspector from the Loca Government Board, met a committee of the Urban District Council privately, on Thursday afternoon, and discussed the proposal of the local authority to meet the housing problem in this town by the erection of twenty-four workmen's dwellings.

THE riot which occured at Barnard Castle between "Heelanders" and Tammy Weavers," on Whit Wednesday, 1816, evinced the most contemptuous defiance of law. Many of the owners of the stalls were fortunate enough to get their goods safely housed at the beginning of the fray, but the majority were not so lucky; and soon, broadcloth, gingerbread, bats, cheeses, bardware, oranges, and the multifarious articles exhibited for sale on market day, were scattered about the streets, trampled upon and utterly destroyed.

An enjoyable and well-attended social was held on Thursday evening in the Primitive Methodist School-room, arranged by the young people of the Christian Endeavour Society. The former part of the programme consisted of a concert presided over by Mr McPhail, M.A. Songs were rendered by Lieut. Davies, Corporal Firth, Miss Firth and Mr Herbert Welford, and an amusing sketch was acted by several young ladies, entitled, "Apartments to Let." Light refreshments were then served. and after a short interval games followed, in which the majority took part. In this way a pleasant evening was spent, thanks to the efforts of those who in any way helped to make

SEVENTY years ago Mallerstang possessed a fine breed of hares, of unsurpassed swiftness. which led many a gallant pack a long and weary chase under the shade of Wildbore Fell.

DR. AND MRS HEADLAM, Christ Church, Oxford, URBAN COUNCIL AFFAIRS: SALARIES are expected home at Whorlton, on the 31st instant.

TO-DAY, in Startforth Churchyard, the remains of the late Mr Thomas Rutherford, formerly manager at the Bridge-end Flax Mills, will be interred. The deceased, who died at South Shields on Friday last, was born at the Low Mill, also used in the dressing of flax by Mesers Ullathorne and Company, but fell into disuse about forty years ago, and the buildings were removed, prior to which they were used as a foundry for a short time. Mr Rutherford's father was manager of the Low Mill for many years, and, on the death of Mr Harry Hutchinson, Mr Thomas Rutherford succeeded him as manager at the Bridge end, and removed to the town to reside. The deceased was held in high esteem by his employers, and retired on a pension, he being presented with a gold watch by the firm. Mr Rutherford was a perfect master af spinning, which is saying a good deal, for the qualifications are numerous and insistent. He was one of the old Wesleyan Day School lads, joined in the mimicry of war in snow-time against the rival school on the hill-top, and, later on-all the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players - was a member of the Barnard Lodge of Freemasons. The deceased's second son, Lieutenant Harry Rutherford, reached home just before his father expired the having been ford, the eldest son, succeeded his father at the mill. The deceased Mr T. Rutherford married Miss J. Dixon, daughter of the late Mr James Dixon, of Rokeby, who survives, together with an upgrown family.

### UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] At a meeting of the trustees of the Middleton Free School Charity, held on Wednesday night last, in the Church Sunday School-Mr J. J. Stobbart presiding-the annual presentation to the successful com-petitors took place. Addresses, were given by Mr R. W. Blenkinsopp (schoolmaster), and the Chairman and Mr J. Coltman, after which! Mr G. A. Thompson presented the following with 25 each :—Jessie Flemming, Dorls Bussey,

Mary Morton, Kitty Walton, and Sydney Morton. The Middleton United Football Club held a successful dance on Saturday night, in the Assembly Hall. There was a good attendance. Mr. F. Watson's band supplied the music, and Messrs L. Rudd and N. Hutchinson were the masters of ceremonics.

Private J. J. Beadle, son of Mr and Mrs J. in Scotland. We learn he is progressing favourably.

The Baptists at Middlet: n commenced their Christmas festivities on Sunday last, when Mr Alcock, West Hartlepool, preached special sermons, morning and evening, and on Sunday afternoon a musical programme was given, Mr R. W. Raine, J.P., presiding. Soles were sung Wight), Miss M.; Hunt, tanley Pinkney. Miss ok each contribated a H. Dobson and Mr well received. The recitation which choir rendered t anthems. The pro-

ceedings are to i stinued on Christmas Day, An event of more rdinary interest took place at Middleto hristmas meeting of hich was held in the occasion being the the Women's Instit Wesleyan school-ro he room was crowded with a large and ap included not only t tive audience, which there of the institute tion of the general but also a notewort public. Mrs Beadle presided. The programme was as follows:—Recitation—The right stuff— Master A. Beadle; Aleatian drill-Misses E. Hernby, R. Jenks, N. Nixon, E. Watson, P. Beadle, and J. Fiemming; action song-Dolly's

his son, for, about fifty years ago, an American paper published an account of the death of "James English," who was slain in a tavern-brawl, by English," who was slain in a tavern-brawl, by grave by the nearest male relatives of the S. Tickler, M. Redtearn and M. Holt; Scandideceased. The funeral feast was also held, at navian drill—six girls; song—Man in the which it was customary for the friends of the moon—Miss M. Falconer; duet—Oh, no John without exception a striking success. The sketch, adapted from Sir John Barrie's "Little White Bird," was especially appreciated. The scene was a park at midnight, and was artistically arranged. The delicately-linted dresses of the fairles were in marked contrast to the dark scenery of the park, and sombre costumes of the cives, while each shild in his or her part was simply perfect. The plants was Miss made by a child, cost not to exceed fourpence with wool tatting and ribbon); and boys, Master J. Bainbridge (model farm-yard, made entirely of cardboard). - The hostesses for the evening were Mrs Burney, Mrs Taylor, Mrs company.—Mr Smith: I second it. Then we Lowe and Mrs Beadle, who served light shall have something to go on,—Motion refreshments to all present in a very creditable carried. manner. The proceedings commenced and concluded with the singing of the national anthem.

## Presents for Local Soldiers.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." DEAR SIR,-Will you kindly insert the follow og in to-morrow's issue, in connection with the Barnard Castle War Emergency Fund for presents to our local soldiers? Amount previously acknowledged, £71 15s 4d. Subscriptions since received: - Mrs Smith (The Grove), £1; Mr Lamb, 2s; friend, 2=6d; friend 2s., making present total 273 1s 10d. The total estimated cost is £100 for presents and fund will be received, and acknowledged through the press, and the same will be closed on Saturday, December 28th. The weekly collections towards the War Emergency Committee's expenditure will also close that day Further sums will be received by yours respectfully, OHRISTOPHER HEDLEY,
Chairman War Emergency Fund.
17, Galgate, Barnard Castle, 23rd Dec.

## Local Farmers' Red Cross Effort.

A whist drive and dance were held in the Witham Hall, Barnard Castie, on Friday night, under the auspices of the Barnard Castle and District Farmers' Red Cross Fund, the effort being under distinguished patronage. The arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr and Mrs Albert J Wilkinson, of Bishop Auckland, and a band of willing helpers. Miss #3 PAUL BLANCHARD, Winifred Wilkinson contributed solos.

# INCREASED.

The Late Mr F. J. Wilson and Mr C. Bainbridge. The monthly meeting of the Barnard Castle Urban Council was held on Thursday night, under the presidency of hir C. Hedley (chairman) There were also present Messis Guy, Woodhams, Smith, Thompson, Hodgson, Wise-man, Walker, the Rev. H. W. H. Bircham, and Mosers Dawson (clerk), Veitch (essistant cle ii), Welford (medical officer), Martin (fire brigade), Simpson (surveyor), and Turnbull (collector).

Children at Entertainments. The Chairman said he had received a com-plaint from an interested party in a local picture hall that children were allowed to attend the recent packed house in the Music Hali in fairly considerable numbers, while their presence was banned at the cinemas. Mr Hedley begged to say that children in numbers were not present at the patriotic entertainment to which allusion had been made, although he did not deny that some were there with their parents or guardians. The complaint was that it was unfair.—The Medical Officer: There is no option so long as the schools are closed. During the holiday time it was different.—It was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of Dr. Welford.

#### Remuneration for Employees.

The Medical Officer asked for an increase of 33; per cent. in his salary, and this was agreed upon.—The Clerk's salary was increased by 245 a year, the war bonns to cease, and the Vicar dissenting.—Mr Wiseman moved that per hour increase in their wages.—The Vicar: I shink is is not at all noreasonable. I second that they have 50 per cent. advance on the against.

The Voyage of their Life is Over. A letter from Mr G. L. Bainbridge, Bedale, returned thanks for kind expressions of sympathy to the family of the late Mr George Bainbridge, and their appreciation of the solating words used at the Council when the resolution of candolence was adopted.—Afterwards the Chairman called attention to a regrettable incident to them all, and that was to the death of their old and esteemed friend, Councillor F. J. Wilson, whose sudden demise made the event even more sad still. The deceased gentleman was a good worker in everything he attempted to take in hand. He was very conscientions, and no one had the town's welfare more at heart than he. Mr Beadle, Broadless Gate, is suffering from a Wilson was a personal friend of his own, and severe attack of pneumonia, and is in hospital he felt his loss very much. In adopting a vote of sympathy and condolence with the family. he acked the members to rise and associate themselves with the resolution in silence.-

#### Food Control Committee and Co-operative Representation.

A letter was read from the local co-operative society setting out that they did not acknowledge Mr Hawman as their nominee on the Food Control Committee, as he directly represented railway operatives. Letters had also been received from headquarters in London and from Newcastle on the same subject, and the Clork said that by paragraph 6 and clause 4, where 12 members constituted Saturday night, the hir Dawson had replied to the London and hristmas meeting of Newcastle letters in identical terms.—Mr Newcastle letters in identical serms.—mx Viseman: If they desire to have a man on United, Barnard Castle R R. Ramshaw I.R., make the membership 13 —Mr Smith said the obvious course to adopt was to ascertain if 13 members were allowable, and that the Clerk St. Helen's Reserve. Fixture lists were coninquire accordingly.—Mr Wiseman: And let plied and referees appointed. The fixtures and referees for Christmas Day and Saturday. them numinate who they like. I second Mr and referees for Christmas Day and Saturday, Smith's proposition.—Agreed.

Gas Supply Criticised. reply from the Secretary to the effect that every care had been taken that the quality of gas sent out was good, and the statement was made that insufficent supplies were due to local conditions within the consumers' control. -Mr Smith : I cannot get a gas engine to run upon it. It is not gas. It is impure air.-The Clerk said he had replied that he could not agree to the statements made, and now queried if the supply was mixed with blue water gas or air. He had received no answer.—Mr Smith: It is not water gas. It may be fresh air.—The Chairman: There are complaints from all over the town, and more especially at daytime, when the pressure is simply ridicalens. No-body can do anything with it.—Mr Wiseman : Some places are worse than here. The pressure is very poor indeed.—Mr Smith: You cannot get an explosion out of it.—The Clerk suggested the poor quality might be due to a certain percentage of air which was present.—
The Chairman thought it would be about Juce before they were allowed to make gas of the specific statutory gravity. Many a day the lights were not as good as a caudle. He said there needed systematic renewal of the mains. which were all bad .- Mr Wiseman: I move that the Clerk press for a reply from the gas company .-- Mr Smith : I second it. Then we

Compliments of the Season. The Chairman wished the members a happy Christmas, which they could all spend in a better frame of mind than last year. The prisoners of war from the town were gradually returning, and he trusted they would try and arrange a little welcome for them.

## Popular Concert at Lartington.

A very interesting entertainment was given on Thursday night in the Institute, Lartington by the local troop of Boy Scouts and Gir Guides, assisted by the Barnard Castle troop of Boy Scents, under the direction of Mrs Norman Field, of Lartington Hall, the Girl children's treat. Further donations to the Guides Leader. The chairman was Mr Wilson The programme included songs by Mrs Field, violin selections by Master E. Smith; plano solus by Miss Heslop, Mr Ronald Chapman and Master Calvert. The Girl Guides also sang "Cock Robin" and "The Girl Guides' Song," and ten of the Barnard Castle Boy Scouts gave 'Ten Little Scout Boys." Several excellant recitations were given by Girl Guides, and an amusing sketch by eight of the Barnard Castle boys, entitled "Accidents will happen," concluded the proceedings. The effort was on behalf of the Sconts and Guides' funds.

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#### PASSAGES FROM THE "MESSIAN" IN THE WESLEYAN CHURCH.

### Christmas Rendering for Blinded Soldiers.

[BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.] Mr John T. Wightman faultlessly conducted a musical recital in the Wesleyan Church, on Sunday afternoon, when the united choirs of the Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist Churches and others, with three soluists, gave passages from Handel's chef de duvre. There was a very large congregation, and the event by common accord was voted seasonable and philanthropic. Criticism is denied the captions in an effort like this, though it may be stated that the programme was well selected from multitudinous persecution contains much multitudinous passages in a soul-stirring work.
The orchestra was musical, and well under control. The charas disclosed evidences of careful training. It was evenly balanced, and precision was most marked in "Their sound is gone out," though the music is more versatile and the harmony more refined and touching in "For unto us a child is born." In the majestic and resounding "Hallelujah" the audience rose to their feet, and this afforded proof of the big attendance. Perhaps one of the most big attendance. Perhaps one of the most solacing, and manifestly so at this hour, of the many truly magnificent modulations in the "Messiah" is "Comfort ye my people," with the connective assurance in the divine promise that "Every valley shall be exalted." These and other tenor passages fell to the lot of the gifted Mr W. Thompson, who is so well and affectionably known to all of us, and who sang with a Asilehting slow of appraintion, while 245 a year, the war bonns to cease, and the Vicar dissenting.—Mr Wiseman moved that the Council's workmen receive threehalfpence faultless articulation did honour to a Saxon componer whose descendant race formed by for the better end of the Prussian rumpthat .- Mr Smith: I move as an amendment pation whose sors were never warriors, but out-and out armed thieves. The bracketed pre-war rate.—Mr Guy: I second that.—The recitative and aria, "For, behold! darkness," amendment was carried by four to three and "The people that walked in darkness," were well rendered by Lieus, W. J. Davies (baritone); and Miss Norah Johnson gave the chief passage in the work, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," with none of the uncertain glory of an April day, but with an assurance born of conviction, and even the least thoughtful in a miscellaneous gathering

> to earthly godfathers and indeed to mortals all. Miss Johnson is a fine soprano. The Rev. P. McPhail presided, and at the close said they were looking forward to a union of Methodists, and it seemed to him that the heart must lead the head in the movement, while music melted them in rotation to the unity of churches equally with the combination of individuals He added that the collection was in aid of 1 200 blinded spidiers and sailors, and the scope of St. Dunstan's was being

must have reflected on the prophetic happen

ing on that latter day which must give pause

The collection, which amounted to 29 14s. will be sent intact to Sir Arthur Pearson, the expenses having been defrayed by private

## Barnard Castle and District Football

League. Mr J. Shield presided at the first monthly meeting of the Barnard Castle and District Football League which was held at the Star Hote!, Barnard Castle, on Saturday. Mr W. Spedding, secretary of the Durham Football Association, attended and held a referee's examination, at which five candidates were successful. The clubs represented were Copley United, Cockfield Swifts, Middleton United, Barnard Castle R R., Ramshaw I.R., December 28th, are as follows: Christmas Day -Cockfield Swifts v. St. Helen's Reserve (T. The Clerk said he wrote on the 20th of November as to the poor quality of gas supplied to the street lamps, and he had received a woodland E.E. Sters (E. Watson), Copley united v. Woodland Institute (J. Shield), v. Woodland Institute (J. Shield), Cockfield Swifts v. Barrard Castle R.R. (R. Appleby). There are vacancies in the league for three clubs, and application should be made to Mr G. Foster, 22, Hude Terrace, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

## Ladies' Association for War Relief.

To the Editor of the "Tecsdale Mercury." DEAR SIR,—I should be glad if you would kindly leases the following particulars in your paper. At a recent meeting of the committee of the Barnard Castle Ladies' Association for Was Relief, which was formed on 13th August, 1914, in order to send comforts to our soldiers at the front, I was saked to express the thanks of the committee to all these who have helped by their most generous subscriptions, and to the number of willing workers who have come forward and helped in making shirts and knitting socks for our sudiers. This association has made 3,243 gramouts, including over 2,000 pairs of socks, and has been enabled to send gifts to the following: —The Navy, the Red Cross Society, the Royal Engineers, the 4th, 6th, 15th, 17th and 20th Battations of the Durham Light Infantry, and Lidy Aon Lambton's County Depot.—Youre faithfully, E. M. HANBY HOLMES, Hon. Socretary.

On June 14th, 1868, the 21st Durham Rifle Volunteers, Barnard Castle, opened the Whorlton Rifle Range.

Barnard Castle, December 20th, 1918.

## BIRTUS, MARRIAGES, AND GEATUS.

HAWTHORNE.—On December 19th, 1918, Stanley Arthur Francis, aged 15 years, belowed son of Ernest S. Hawthorno, F.R.C.S., etc., Komaldkirk, Interred at Romaldkirk, on Saturday, December 21st, 1918.

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METCALFE.—In loving memory of Ena, the beloved daughtor of Frederick and Annie Metcalfe, of Bridge End. Startforth, who died December 15th, 1918, aged 14 years. Was interred at Startforth on December 18th.—Also their little grandson, Juckie, and son of the late Private J. J. Hull, Durham Light Infantry, and Jane Ann Hull, of Bridge End, Startforth, who died December 18th, 1918, aged 2 years and 10 months. Was interred at Startforth on December 23rd.

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RUTHERFORD.—On 20th December, 1918, at 31. Mowbrayroad. South Sifickles, Thomess Ruth rford, late manager of
Messrs Ullathorne's Flax Mills, Barnard Castle. To be
interred at Startforth, to-day (Pussday), at 2 p.m.—No

SCOTT.-December 19th at Moor-terrace, Hartlepool, Marion Emma, last surviving child of the late Major R. W. Soott,

## In Kemoriam.

MORTON.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Jane Morton, who died at Egglettone, on December 29th, 1914; also my dear father, John Morton, who died January 9th, 1911.—Ever remembered by their daughter, Lizzie.

## Return Thanks.

HUTTON.—Mr Hutton and family, Abbey Terrace, Start-forth, return sincere thanks for kind expressions of sympathy and solicitude extended to them in their recent bereavement.

RICHARDSON.—Mr Richardson and family, Bank, Barnard Castle, wish to return sincere thanks to all friends for kindness shown to them in their late becawement.

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