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LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Lady Barnard has now sent to Lady Smith-Dorrien 1,000 bags for the use of wounded soldiers in hospital. Lady Barnard provides all the materials at her own expense, and is assisted in making the bags by the Raby Castle staff. She is still continuing to make and forward bags.

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The Earl of Strathmore has contributed twenty guineas for Church of England purposes in Barnard Castle.

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Mr William James Watson, Spring Lodge, who is at the Prince's Hotel, East Cliff, Bournemouth, is steadily recovering from his recent serious heart trouble.

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Mr Superintendent Riddell, of Barnard Castle, has received word from his only son, Corporal Riddell, of the Grenadier Guards, that he is in hospital suffering from blindness caused by enemy gas. The brave soldier had previously been wounded. There is no intimation that the loss of sight may be permanent.

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Police-Sergeant Lambert, of Cockfield, has received notification from the War Office that his son, who was on active service, died at a clearing station in France on the 30th of January. The deceased at one time was booking clerk at Cockfield station.

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Private Hubert Watson, son of Mrs Watson, Newsham Bridge, is at home spending a short furlough from Italy.

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Motor tractor ploughing is in operation in Hutchaley Park, Deepdale.

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It is strongly suggested that a shaded lamp would be lit on Thorngate footbridge.

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The amount raised by the recent whist drive and dance by the Volunteer Training Corps, in aid of the funds of the War Emergency Committee, was £19, which has been deposited with the treasurer of the committee. The work was considered highly satisfactory, and the committee well appreciate the movement which has been made on their behalf.

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The mill weir at the Lendings has been damaged by recent floods.

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At the Police Court, on Wednesday, the license of the Star Hotel, Barnard Castle, was transferred from Mr Harvey to Mrs Nicholson, Spennymoor, whose husband is engaged at the Weardale ironworks, and who was in court.

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The Zetland Foxhounds will meet at Halnaby, next Saturday, at eleven o'clock.

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Major J. W. B. Heslop has resigned his appointment as second in command of the 4th Battalion Durham County Volunteer Regiment.

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The Milbank Family are noteworthy for their considerate treatment of those in their employ, as witness the length of service of Mr Leggett, the butler, and Mr Birtwhistle, gamekeeper, both of Barningham.

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R. Donald, S.B.A., of the Royal Navy, has been spending a short leave at his home at Dartforth.

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It may be interesting to those who have so kindly and generously assisted in supplying time and money on behalf of the National Egg Collection Society for Wounded Soldiers, and also to the collectors, to know that the Rev. T. H. Robinson and Mrs Robinson, during the time they have carried out the oversight of the collection, have forwarded to the central depot 35,713 eggs and £102 in cash. Every thanks are due to them, and also to the collectors, for such an excellent record.

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A benefit night is being arranged for next Monday in the Victoria Hall, when special pictures will be shown, and a programme of music rendered. As the proceeds are to benefit two worthy local institutions—the Dispensary and the Nursing Association—it is to be hoped that the inhabitants of Barnard Castle will take this opportunity of showing some keen interest in local effort. The gross proceeds will be divided between the above institutions.

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Official intimation has been received of the death of Acting-Quartermaster Alf White, of Stoneferry, Hull, and late of Barnard Castle. Deceased served with the East Kent Yeomanry in the South African campaign, and joined the 1st Hull Heavy Battery (afterwards known as the 11th Howitzer Battery), at Christmas, 1914, and has served with that unit in British East Africa exactly two years. He had an attack of fever from which he never recovered, but subsequently died in Wynberg Hospital on January 6th, the official advice stating cause not known." The late Quartermaster was a few years ago an attendant at the Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, and married Miss Milburn of this town.

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The butchers of Barnard Castle have formed an association, and have issued a notice to the public, which will be found elsewhere in this day's issue.

Spring Lodge has been taken over by the military for officers' quarters.

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Private Harry Winter, formerly employed at the Co-operative Stores, has been visiting Barnard Castle for a few days. He has seen active service in France, when he was wounded.

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The annual meeting of stintowners on Bowes Moor was held on Monday, under the chairmanship of Mr R. T. Richardson. On the motion of Mr Copeland the further consideration of overstocking on the moor was postponed.

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Corporal T. Blackett, who is serving with the local Territorials at the front, and Private G. Paul, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, are on short furlough.

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Owing to military exigencies the children of the elementary schools will assemble for instruction in the Bowes Museum on Monday morning next.

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The death occurred very suddenly on Saturday, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs Challenor, 1, Cobden-street, Padiham, of Mrs Margaret Hopson. The deceased, who was 74 years of age, was a resident of Barnard Castle. About twelve months ago she went to reside with a daughter at Accrington, and six weeks since went to Padiham, where she was found dead in bed at 11·30 in the morning. It was fully established that death was due to natural causes.

Whist Drive and Dance for the Y.M.C.A. Huts.

A whist drive and dance took place in the Witham Hall, Barnard Castle, last Thursday night, in aid of the Young Men's Christian Association Huts. The promoters were Mrs Summerson, Fairfield; and Mrs Leishman, Deepdale View, who were assisted by many willing helpers. The room was most artistically decorated, and reflected great credit on those who undertook this part of the work. Plants and flags were kindly lent by Mrs Adams, Mrs Leishman, Mrs Winpenny, Mr Dalgarno and Mr Hunton York. There were about 150 present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The prizes for the whist drive (which were given by Miss Stobart, Mrs Heslop, Mrs Sherlock, Dr. Leishman and Mrs Summerson), were awarded as follows: Ladies—first, Mrs Garbutt; second, Miss Murray; first, sealed, Miss Raper; second, sealed, Miss Douglas; consolation, Miss Lidderdale; gentlemen, first, Mr R. Gibson; second, Miss Boardman (playing as gentleman); first, sealed, Dr. Leishman; second, sealed, Miss H. Pearson (playing as gentleman); consolation, Mr Johnson. The dance programmes were artistically executed by Mr Sleeman, North Eastern County School. Mrs Franklin presided at the piano, and the Misses Todd provided the refreshments. The efforts of the promoters were well rewarded, the object being a very popular one. The nett proceeds, after payment of all expenses, was £37 16s 8d., and the promoters desire to thank all those who helped and supported them.

Presentation of Military Medal at Mickleton.

On Saturday evening, in the presence of the local Volunteers and a very large company, in the Church Institute, Mickleton, Lance-Corporal Isaac W. Allinson was presented with the Military Medal by Captain J. J. Bell-Irving. The function began at 7.30 p.m., by singing "God save the King." The Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Brent) was in the chair, and said they had met that evening to show their appreciation to one who had gone forth from their township to serve King and country, and had won a great honour, not only for himself, but for them also. However terrible the war was, yet it not only brought out what was worst in man, but also what was best, and such acts of self-sacrifice, and self-forgetfulness as accomplished by Lance-Corpl. Allinson and others made England's greatness. He spoke of justice, and freedom, and security which was really felt by all nations, civilized and uncivilized, in the name of England.—Messrs T. and R. Brown then gave a duet, followed by songs from Mrs Dent and Mr Brown.—Then came the event of the evening, when Captain Bell-Irving, in presenting the medal, said it was a very great pleasure to him to come to Mickleton in order to confer this distinction upon Lance-Corpl. Allinson, which he had gained by an act of great bravery, in rescuing, together with another comrade, the life of a soldier, who, through the bursting of a shell, had become buried. They both rushed forward in the line of fire and dug him out, and brought him back to safety. The medal would always remind him of this act of bravery, and there would always be the happy thought that he had been the means of saving a life.—Captain Bell-Irving then pinned the medal on the breast of the gallant soldier, and shaking him by the hand, called on all present to sing "For he's a jolly brave fellow," which was sung lustily. Songs followed by Messrs G. V. Tarn, R. Brown, M. Dowson, also the Misses J. Raine, J. A Dowson, Mrs Hind, with Mrs G. V. Tarn as accompanist, after which Captain Bell-Irving, acting on behalf of Mrs Bell-Irving, who was unable to be present on account of a cold, handed to Lance-Corporal Allinson a purse containing £7 10s. and a silver cigarette case, subscribed for by 130 residents of Mickleton and his fellow-workers.—Lance-Corpl. Allinson feelingly thanked every one for what they had done for him, and intimated that he was returning to his duties next day, and assured them he would, should occasion arise, do what he already had done to rescue a comrade.—A vote of thanks to Captain Bell-Irving was proposed by Mr G. V. Tarn and seconded by Mr T. Beadle. The singing of 'God save the King" terminated an historical evening.

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DEATH OF SIR POWLETT C. J. MILBANK, BART.

MEMORIAL SERVICE IN BARNINGHAM CHURCH.

We regret to announce the death of Sir Powlett Charles John Milbank, Bart., of Norton Manor, Radnorshire, and Barningham Park, which occurred in a London Nursing Home on Wednesday last, from heart failure, following a severe operation. The deceased baronet was the younger son of the late Sir Frederick Acland Milbank, Bart., and the Dowager Lady Milbank—Alexina Harriet, daughter of the late Sir William Doe, Bart.—who, at an advanced age, resides at Barningham Park. Sir F. A. Milbank was married in 1844, and was Member of Parliament for the North Riding of Yorkshire from 1865 to 1885. The eldest son, Harry Vane, who was born in 1849, and married in 1871, Alice, widow of Mr C. E. Bellroche, predeceased his father by six years, he having died in 1892. Mr H. V. Milbank was a lieutenant in the Royal Horse Guards.

Sir Powlett, who was the second baronet, was well known in this neighbourhood as a fine specimen physically of an Englishman, and an honourable and true-hearted Britisher. He was kindly-disposed, generous and shrewd. Like his father he was an excellent shot, and annually sojourned at Barningham for grouse shooting on the moors forming part of the family patrimony. Everybody speaks highly of the late Sir Powlett, and his memorable speech at Barningham on the occasion of the golden wedding festivities of his father and mother is cherished as one of the finest social utterances ever delivered in this neighbourhood. He was a man of sound common-sense. It was at this event that the famous letter of the late Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone was read.

The late Sir Powlett Milbank was born in Edinburgh in 1852, and was educated at Eton. He succeeded his father in 1893, and was for some time closely identified with North Yorkshire and Durham, being a Justice of the Peace and Deputy-Lieutenant for the North Riding. In later life his interests lay principally in Radnorshire. He represented the county as a Conservative in the House of Commons from 1895 to 1900, was Lord-Lieutenant, an alderman of the County Council, President of the Radnorshire Territorial Association, and had been for some years Master of the Radnor and West Hereford Foxhounds. In 1875 he married a daughter of Sir Richard Green-Price, and is succeeded by his son, Frederick Richard Powlett, who, now on active service in France, was formerly a lieutenant in the Yorkshire Hussars, and an Assistant Provost Marshal. The new baronet, who was born in 1881, married the daughter of the late Colonel John Gerald Wilson, and has three sons.

The late baronet's three daughters all married Army officers, who attained high rank. The eldest, Aline Laura, is the wife of Captain F. W. Forester, who was at one time Lieutenant-Colonel of the West Somerset Yeomanry Cavalry, and is now Master of the Quorn Hounds. The second daughter, Sybil Mary, married Lieut.-Colonel Murrough John Wilson, of Cliffe Hall, Darlington, son of the late Colonel John Wilson; and the husband of the third daughter, Gladys Mary, is Lieut.-Colonel Vivian Henry, C.B., who served with distinction in the South African War, and was in command of the 1st Lancashire Fusiliers in the Gallipoli operations. Sir Powlett was left considerable wealth on the death of the last Duke of Cleveland.

The Funeral.

The interment of the remains of Sir Powlett Milbank took place at Norton, near Knighton, on Saturday. The body had been taken down from London, and was carried on a wagon drawn by three of his preferential horses to the parish church. Sir Frederick Milbank, the new baronet, was present.

Memorial Service at Barningham Church.

A memorial service was held in Barningham Church, at the same hour as the funeral, on Saturday last. The whole village and district were represented in the large congregation that assembled, marking their respect and affection for the memory of a kind and generous landlord and true friend. The flag on the Church hall-mast had been flying so since the news of Sir Powlett Milbank's death reached the village. The congregation were evidently bowed down in sympathetic grief over the great loss sustained and felt by all both as individuals and as a community, and many could not keep back their feelings when the aged Dowager Lady Milbank walked up the church, supported by her neice and her husband, the Right Honourable I. Sandars. The touching scene will never be forgotten, for we understand that Lady Milbank completes the 92nd year of her age this week, and the quiet submission and resignation was indeed a beautiful lesson for all sufferers. Her children are now all gone before her, and her husband, Sir Frederick, died in 1898. The hand of the Lord is indeed heavy upon her, but it was evident she could not only say with her lips but feel in her heart, "It is the Lord, let Him do what seemeth Him good." The hymns sung at the service were "On the Resurrection Morning" and "Lead Kindly Light," the same as sung at the funeral at Norton, and the congregation joined the choir in singing the words with deep feeling, as was also the case on the following day (Sunday), when at the morning service the Dowager Lady Milbank was again present, and remained to Holy Communion. The two younger sons of the new baronet attended the services on Saturday and Sunday, one sitting in his place with the choir, the other with his great grandmother.

Social at Boldron.

On Saturday evening last, under the presidency of the Rev. C. H. Lightfoot, a very successful social was held at Boldron. The following programme was greatly enjoyed by a large audience:—Two choruses by the choir; songs by Miss Tallentire, Miss Furness, Miss Raine and Mr J. Furness; song by the Band of Hope children; recitations by Mrs Taylor, Misses L. Oliver, I Plews and L. Ainsley; pianoforte duet by Miss A. and Mr J. Furness. Much amusement was caused by Mr L. Metcalfe in his illustration of a deaf and dumb lad sent to buy eggs. Refreshments were handed round, after which various games were indulged in, and a real pleasant evening spent.

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The Police Courts.

BARNARD CASTLE.

WEDNESDAY.—Before Messrs J. Smith (presiding), J. G. Hall, J. W. Hartley, C. S. Martin, J. W. I. Davidson and C. Hedley.

The Picture Halls.

Mr J. I. Dawson applied for a renewal of the cinematograph license for the Victoria Hall, and Mr J. W. B. Heslop made a similar application in respect to Wycliffe Hall, both of which were granted.

Rural Food Committee Institute Another Prosecution.

Mr George Bell, the secretary of the Barnard Castle and Teesdale Auction Mart Company, farmer, Blakeley, Staindrop, appeared on a summons charged with having sold a quantity of butter at a figure beyond the maximum price laid down by the Food Controller as the first-hand cost, in contravention of the Butter (Maximum Prices) Orders.—Mr Bell admitted that he was guilty, but said he had no intention whatever to defraud.—Mr Dawson prosecuted. —Mr Robert Brown, food inspector for the Barnard Castle Rural District, told the court that he saw Mr Jackson, grocer, of Staindrop, and asked him as to the price he had paid for butter purchased from the defendant on January 22nd. Witness also interviewed defendant, who admitted that he had sold Mr Jackson 10½ lbs. of butter at 2s. 4d. a pound. Mr Bell said the retailer would be content with 2d. a pound profit.—Defendant intimated that in the Barnard Castle Rural District the fixed prices for butter were 2s. 3d. per lb. wholesale, and 2s. 5d. retail. He, however, saw it stated in the Press, and was in fact told by a member of the Food Control Committee, that there was a scheme to bring all the markets on Teesside into harmony. After that he came to an understanding with Mr Jackson that he should pay him 2s. 4d. a lb., so as to obtain the regular allowance of 2d. in the lb. for selling the butter retail, which was according to an arrangement which had lasted nine or ten years. When he sold this butter the price quoted in the newspapers was 2s. 4d. a lb wholesale, and he pleaded that he was justified in doing what he had done, expecting as he did that this would be the price. Mr Bell added that he had recently spent £140 in the purchase of three cows, and he was now selling three times as much butter as he was doing twelve months ago.—The Deputy-Clerk was hopeful that a joint committee would eventually be formed and these discrepancies in price removed.—The Bench imposed a penalty of £1, including costs.

Charge of Negligence Against a Teesdale Postman.

In this case a Romaldkirk young man, named Alfred Whittaker Oliver (19), recently employed at the Eggleston post office was summoned under the Post Office Act charged with carelessness and negligence with respect to the delivery of certain letters or postal packages.—Mr C. E. Cadle (Messrs Wilsons, Ornsby and Cadle, Durham), prosecuted on behalf of the Postmaster-General, and Mr J. W. B. Heslop was instructed for the defence. Mr C. F. Wavish, from St. Martin's-le-Grand, Cripplegate, London, an Inspector in the postal service, accompanied Mr Cadle.—The prosecuting attorney said the defendant was engaged as temporary postman at the Eggleston post office in February last year, and so continued until the present rupture. Including war bonus, his remuneration was 21s. 6d. a week, with an allowance of 14s. 9d. per week for horse keep. He was charged with endangering the safety of postal packages by retaining them. There were three summonses having reference to four offences, though there were other cases. In particular there was a letter addressed to Mr Henry Beadle, gamekeeper, living at Moor View, Eggleston, containing a cheque for £50, which ought to have been delivered on October 31st, was not given to Mr Beadle until December 14th. Two other letters which ought to have been delivered on December 4th, and a letter which ought to have been delivered on December 5th, were not delivered until December 14th. It was only right to say that when the letters were given up by defendant they were intact, and there was no suggestion or charge of theft in the case. Defendant admitted to the postmistress that he had got them in his overcoat pocket. He said he had got past the house and did not like to turn back, and the next day he dare not deliver the letters, and the suggestion was that it was more laziness and inattention to duty on the part of the defendant. The post office authorities looked upon the case as a serious one.—Mr Henry Beadle, Mr Richard Nicholson, Bent Holme, Eggleston, and Mrs Mary E. Redfearn, the postmistress, gave evidence.—Mr Heslop, pleading guilty for his client, remarked that in July last the youth was kicked by a horse, and was thereby injured physically and mentally. He had reported officially that he did not feel up to his work, and he asked the Bench to deal with Oliver under the First Offenders' Act, and bind him over. The Rector of Romaldkirk had testified to the young fellow's strict honesty.—The Bench fined defendant £1 in each case, and allowed solicitor's fee of two guineas, the Chairman saying that the offences were serious, and the possible consequences grave.

Freemasonry at Barnard Castle.

The annual installation meeting of the Barnard Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Friday night, when Brother Robert Morton was installed as Worshipful Master, the ceremony being impressively performed by the retiring Master, Brother William Brown, assisted by several Past Masters. The new Master appointed his officers as follows:—I.P.M., Bro. William Brown; S.W., Bro. Charles H. Nicholson; J.W., Bro. Robert Peirse; chaplain, Bro. Rev. H. W. H. Bircham, M.A., P.M.; treasurer and almoner, Bro. Christopher Hedley, P.M., P.P.G.P.; secretary and charity representative, Bro. Owen S. Scott, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; D.C., Bro. J. W. B. Heslop, P.M., P.P.G.R.; S.D., Bro. G. H. Welford; J.D., Bro. G. Craig; I.G., Bro. A. Howe; organist Bro. R. Woodhams, P.M., P.P.G.Std B; stewards, Bros W. Allison, J. B. Jackson, R. Watson, E. P. W. Price; and tyler, Bro. C. W. Stockdale. After the ceremony the brethren partook of supper at the King's Head Hotel, when the usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly honoured, and all members of the lodge who are serving their country in various branches of His Majesty's forces were especially remembered.

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UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

As will be seen from our advertisement columns there is to be a grand whist drive and ball in the Assembly Hall, Middleton, on Friday night, which promises to be a great success. The proceeds are for local soldiers.

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The interment took place on Wednesday, at St. Mary's Cemetery, Middleton, of the late Mr John Hunt, Kelton, whose death took place, as announced in our last week's issue, at the age of 62 years. Deceased was a native of Middleton, but had resided at Kelton for about 20 years. There was a large gathering of relations and friends present to show their last tribute of respect.

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Under the auspices of the Federation of Women's Institutes a largely attended public meeting was held in the Temperance Hotel, Middleton, last Wednesday, to take into consideration the advisability of establishing an institute at Middleton. An interesting address was given by Mrs Godman on the work of Women's Institutes. The Durham County Federation was represented by Mrs Stobart, of Selaby, who occupied the chair, and Miss Beal, Romaldkirk, Mrs Bourne and Miss Heming, from the Cotherstone Women's Institute, and Mrs H. C. Watson, Barnard Castle, were also present. It was decided to form an institute, and the following officers and committee were elected:—President, Mrs Beadle; vice-president, Miss Dent; secretary, Miss G. Hall; treasurer, Miss Benson; committee, Mrs Horsfield, Mrs Colling, Mrs I. Parkin, Miss Watson (Lunedale), Miss Hyslop, Mrs Oddie, Mrs Sumner, Miss Wheeler and Miss Pattinson. The first meeting will be held on February 26th, in the Temperance Hotel.

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A good audience of gardeners and allotment holders met in the Mechanics' Institute, Middleton, on Wednesday night, when a paper was read on the cultivation of onions by Mr Ingham, head gardener at Eggleston Hall. Mr W. Oddie occupied the chair. The speaker prefaced his remarks by recommending the formation of a gardening society in connection with the Royal Horticultural Society. Mr Ingham then treated on the propagation of onion seed, the preparation of the soil, the manuring and protection of plants against insect pests, the storing of bulbs, and the best varieties for the district. Mr Ingham then answered several questions on the methods of applying artificial manures, the value of the various kinds of onions, and the properties of different soils. It was decided to form a society of gardeners and allotment holders in Middleton, with Mr Ingham as adviser. A meeting to further consider the matter will be called later.

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We are pleased to hear of the success of Miss Alfreda Beadle, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs Beadle, Middleton, who has passed the Cambridge Senior Examination, class 3, with honours, being distinguished in history. Miss Beadle is a pupil at Miss Barnford's school, at Arnside.

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The football match at Middleton on Saturday, between Middleton Juniors and Woodland Juniors resulted in a win for the home team by 2 goals to 1. Nixon and Rudd scored for Middleton, and Walton for Woodland.

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Privates W. M. Watson and John Lee, Middleton, and Private T. Ireland, Newbiggin, are all on leave from France this week.

IMPORTANT SOON TO LADIES.

NO Pills or Drugs used in this treatment; my never-failing remedy, and I guarantee to cure all female ailments. I invite those cases that have failed elsewhere. Stamp, free advice.—ROSS'S "LABORATORY," No. 8, Mitre-street, Cheltenham.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Deaths.

HOPSON.—In loving memory of Margaret, widow of the late John Hopson, late of Barnard Castle, who died on January 26th, 1918, aged 74 years, and was interred at Padiham Cemetery.

SHIELD.—On January 29th, 1918, Sarah Shiold, of Holwick, aged 59 years.

Roll of Honour.

TAYLOR.—In loving memory of Lance-Corporal Jas. B. Taylor, beloved and only son of Mr and Mrs James Taylor, 6, Victoria-terrace, Middleton-in-Teesdale, who died of pneumonia at the Casualty Clearing Station, France, on January 21st, 1918, aged 23 years.

WHITE.—At Wynberg Hospital, Cape Town, on January 6th, Alfred, dearly beloved husband of E. A. White, of Stoneferry, Hull, late of Barnard Castle.

In Memoriam.

DOVER.—In loving memory of Alice Florence Dover, who died February 7th, 1917, beloved daughter of Mrs Bell, Harmire, Barnard Castle.

HIRD.—In loving and affectionate remembrance of Sergeant J. W. B. Hird, K.O.Y.L.I., who was killed in action in France, on February 11th, 1917, only dearly beloved son of William K. and Isabella Hird, 8, King-street, Barnard Castle.

We miss you and mourn you in silence unseen,
And dwell on the memories of days that have been;
You proved to all who knew you in this life's short span
That you could die as you had lived—a soldier and a man.
Could we have raised his dying head,
And heard is last farewell,
The blow would not have been so hard
To those who loved him well.

—Ever remembered by his loving father, mother, and sisters.

HIRD.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Sergeant J. W. B. Hird, K.O.Y.L.I., who was killed in action, in France, on February 11th, 1917.

We cannot feel that you are gone,
You seemed to us so dear;
And oft we think, when we're alone,
Thy gentle spirit's near.
Not dead to us who loved you dearly;
Not lost but gone before:
You dwell with us in memory still.
And will for evermore.

—Ever remembered by his loving wife and family.

Return Thanks.

MR AND MRS PARKIN AND FAMILY, High Cross, Mickleton, also MISS M. WALLER, wish to thank all friends for kind expressions of sympathy shown to them in their sad bereavement; also for letters received.

MR AND MRS TAYLOR, 6, Victoria-terrace, Middleton-in-Teesdale, wish to thank all kind friends for their expressions of sympathy to them in their sad bereavement.