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> Preliminary Announcement. AUCTION BALB.

ESSRS J. PARKINSON & SONS will shortly Offer for Sale by Public Auction following Properties, viz.:—
MAYFIELD VILLA, GALGATE, BARNARD
CASTLE and adjoining LAND, lately in
the occupation of Mrs Ellen Harding,

VIOTORIA TERRACE, BARNARD CASTLE. oplication for permission to view to be de to J. INGRAM DAWSON.
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SALE ON SATURDAY FIRST. Lartington Hall, RTINGTON, NEAR BARNARD CASTLE.

ortant Notice to Joiners, Masons, Estate Owners etc : Clearance Sale of Outdoor Effects.

WM. TARN, AVOURED with instructions from D. M. Spence, Esq., will Sell by Auction, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 1216, 1918,

A Large Quantity of ners' and Masons' Building Material, AND

Wood, Greenhouse Plants, and Outdoor Effects, viz. :

E ENGINE, with 50 yards of leather hom; on fron roller, large fron tennis roller, ry pump, 6 ladders, from 7 to 24 feet; 6 ad step ladders, from 5 to 10 feet; 12 square of obscure plate glass, a good quantity indow panes and glass, 6 wheelbarrows ious sizes), 2 hand-barrows, 10ft. iron gate hanging post, iron turn-stile, and gate, stity of windows (12 of which are glazed), s chain pulley, 2 patent win iney tops, 5 fancy earthenware chimney, 2 earthenware glazed sink troughs, large trough, 3ft. 8in. by 8ft. by 2ft. deep; barrel, on iron frame and wheels; 2 y-six gallon water barrels, 500 red tiles stone ridging, 200 yards of wire netting, of new felting, large tool box, small tool, gate hangings and fixtures, 6 trestles, secut saw and trestle, 4 wooden troughs, allon oil bottle, manegany bath top, large lis door, a quantity of panelled doors and ers, etc., red balze screen, leather screen, o door, 8ft. by 4ft.; large wooden free frame, 12 strong picks, 7ft. iron bar, ral dozen masons' tools, quarry windlass, and shovels, small pulley, patent window of rollers, 2 new matal five grates large d rollers, 2 new metal fire grates, large rat trap, LARGE BRASS BELL, 3; stones cialty); 2 lead water tanks, date back to inscriptions (a rariety) : 3 lawn brush, large table, 24th, by 3th 4in.; 2 b brass cornice poles and rings, large den bedstead and mattresses, quantity of l bed springs, large quantity of spouting fasts, 2 old-fashioned fiveplaces, part iron large, ring trough 3th 21th by 4in. log, zine trough, 3ft. Sin. by 2ft. by 4in.
; balf-peck measure, 5 white earthen ware
or closes traps, 1 dezen street lamp cases, antity of green and blue slates, earther-pipes and tiles, iron water piping (old w), 70 ornamental path-side tiles, brass taps and valves, galvanised screw fittings, sity of old lead, 3 ball taps, marble slab. in. by 4in.; 3 wood forms, wood harness e, large funnel, good dog house, 4ft. by 5ft. t. high; 2 iron cinder screens, 9ft. loof; RDEN.—Four-wheel rolley, short ladder,

ovels, 2 spades, 3 digging forks, 3 datel.
2 scythes, saw, 500 flower pots, contains a variety of a variety of geraniums and forns, anges, cactus, etc.; 200 flower pots ty), 60 nursery boxes, 5 garden seatsus designs; a quantity of leeks and celery, ards of fruit netting, hampers and swills, g spade and edge outton. MIENTS OF JOINERS' SHOP. - Strong

y, on metal wheels; paint, paint pots, oll, ies, various kinds of hardware, hinges, boxes of scrap, etc.; 2 hucricane lamps, iron vice, large quantity of JOINERS' Iron vice, large quantity of JOINERS LS (of all kinds), new gate ends, BROAD IDSTONE, 3 ft. 6 in. diameter, on patent ogs and frame; 20 BEAMS OF WOOD, 10 ft. to 20 ft. long, 6 in. by 6 in. to 8 in. by proad; 1 broad plaintree plank, 2 short tree planks, quantity of smaller boards rood, iron bar and good mall, 12 boxes of wood, iron bar and good mell, 12 boxes of a fittings, quantity of firewood, 12 yards od trelliging, 2 in rquares; 4 arch frames iry arch bridges), 3 yards wide; wood, 2 large oak brewing, vats, wooding.

LDING PLANT. — 18 Senfolding poles, nks and trestles, lime sereen, 7 ft. by 3 ft.; lime box. 5 ft. by 3 ft.; 15 cwt. of lime.

cuaing at the Joiners' Shop, Masons' a following in the Wood, and at the Hall Yard about 12-30. ort and the lots numerous.

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Lartington Hall FURNITURE SALE

TO-MORROW.

Thursday, Japuary 10th,

At 11 a.m.

Short Notice. Sale Room, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

F. J. Smith, VOURED with instructions from Mr ert Dickinson, will Remove to the Sale Room, and Sell by Austion, on DAY, JANUARY 12TH, 1918, bis MEDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 1918, bis RNITURE, ETc., as follows: -- Eight-days' adiather clock, oak and mahogany case, andid timekeeper; cak-top snap table, irch chairs, old spoon case and spoons, int sideboard bed, with beveiled plate ints in back; excellent oak kitchen press, ited kitchen press, massive marble timesmall wall mirror, buives, forks, spoons, ity of glassware, 2 part sets of olddioned china, timepiece, centro table, chair, in leather ; kitchen chairs, fenders, hpans, cornice poles, various pictures in (to hold five stones), mangle, nearly poss tub and staff, garden tools, three-table, birch half-tester bedstead, with orings and straw mattress; mahogany mirror, bires totalog table, painvou in with 3 drawers under; mattel mirror, spetitie, with 2 drawers; painted writing at fitted interior; happing lamp, coccos along, white metal tea and offse pots, white al craet, Dr. Macanra's Polsacon (new los), roll of new table ofloloth, 11 yard is; quantity of gent,'s collars and tronte, whys' sailor collars, to various sizes; good siles, 7 ft. long, with 5 drawers; strong wines cycle, according form at sundries.

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BIRNARD CASTLE, JANUARY 9TH, 1918.

THE PLOUCHING PROBLEM.

WORK difficult and trying accumulates th extraordinary rapidity at the embers are patient and discriminating. have an intelligent grip of the tense ation. Many-sided and varied are objections which are raised by tenant mers, and perhaps the most remarkle feature of the deliberations is the mingly parochial or restricted view thich is taken by some occupiers of ad. Mr Lloyd George, who is not an ficulturist, long ago gave the first and incing answer to the many-times letated objection of the farmer that Agricultural War Committees were ing him to put his land to a use he, with all his experience, well to be the least profitable use in the run that he could demand from it. Prime Minister's answer is that at moment we must look not to ate results in agriculture, but to mediate war advantages. Grass land, bointed out, can be made to yield hense quantities of food for man now, men such food is imperatively needed the United Kingdom itself. The at is not satisfied by an increase of pplies overseas, for ships would be luired to bring that increase to us, the tonnage is needed to bring the diers from America. Mr W. H. ston made it abundantly clear on tinesday that farmers failing in good bandry would have the land taken them by the authorities. And, ther, he held out no hope that the theduled area for tillage would be odified, the chances on the contrary ting that the aggregate ploughable arface is likelier to be increased.

St. Lawrence's Church, Lartington.

special prayers of intercossion for our idiers and sailors and for a just and courable peace were said at the recently-all Catholic Church of St. Lawrence, issued Saorsment all day, and solemn has Rev. Father O'Connell preached an a Re that is born King of the Jews: we have that is born King of the Jews: we have the His star in the east and have come to

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

At the monthly meeting of the Committee of the Barnard Castle Unitarian Church, the Rev. J. B. Robinson tendered his resignation as pastor, with extreme regret, at severing the ties that had bound them together for some six years. The Committee with equal regret felt it necessary to accept the resignation in consequence of the condition of the church finances. The reverend gentleman expects to leave Barnard Castle about the end of the present month.

Captain T. B. Heslop, of the Durham Light Infantry, son of Major J. W. B. Heslop and Mrs Heslop, of Startforth Villa, has been gazetted acting-major, whilst employed as second in command.

A successful jumble sale organised by Miss Bell-Irving was held at the Morritt Memorial Schools, Startforth, on Friday afternoon. A total of £14 5s. \$d. was realised, £10 of which has been forwarded to the Blind Soldiers Children's Fund, and 24 5s. 3d. to the French War Emergency Fund.

Lieutenant Bernard Norman Wells, of the Manor House, Startforth, has been granted a captaincy.

Second-Lieutenant W. Calvert, only son of Superintendent Calvert, of Pickering, and late of Startforth, previously reported missing, and who was believed to have been killed, is now said to be a wounded prisoner of war in Germany.

The special service in Rokeby Church, on Sunday, was attended by Captain J. J. Bell-Irving and by the local volunteers. Dr. Headlam preached a most interesting sermon.

His Majesty has been pleased to confer the nonour of knighthood upon a Governor of the North Eastern County School, in the person of Professor W. H. Hadow, M.A., Principal of Armstrong College, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Mr W. Sayer, fourth son of MrsReuben Sayer, ohn-Street, who served his apprenticeship with Mr T. B. Illsley, chemist, has success fully passed the final examination of the Pharmaceutical Society. This is the sixth pupil of Mr Illsley who has qualified as a

Corporal W. H. Kent, of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, from Catterick Camp, a gentleman of ample private means, and a former student of Hartley College, Manchester, preaching in the Congregational Church on Sunday morning, deplored renting controversies in the Protestant churches, which were entirely immune in Roman Catholicism. He said that true religion meant the individual soul's ever ommunion with God.

An inquest was held at the Red Lion Inn Cotherstone, on Saturday afternoon, touching the death of Derrick Brian Chambers, eight weeks old, whose parents had resided at Sunnycroft for about three weeks, and who died suddenly on Friday morning. Mr G. J. C. Gardner, coroner, Northallerton, conducted the inquiry, and Mr James Murray Aydon was foreman of the jury, who found that deceased died from convulsions. Dr. Leishman

Mrs Bircham, of the Vicarage, has just received a letter from one of our townsmen at the front, in which he says : " The weather here is cruel, with hard frosts and snow, and the roads like glass. Tell the members of your association that we want heaps more socks, and we want them as early as possible. The weather out here is colder than at Barnard Castle. I know this because men back from leave have told me so; and we have no houses in which to live, as you have at home. We are all grateful to the Barnard Castle people for what they have done for us

The rumour which has been persistently circulated that Private Richard Watson, of the Grenadier Guards, 2, the Bank, Barnard Castle, had been killed on active service, has no foundation in fact, the last letter from him pearing date the 31st December last.

Mr Robert Morrell, gamedealer, Galgate Barnard Castle, has presented each member of the passenger staff at the railway station with a rabbit.

There was a capital attendance each night at the concert and entertainment in aid of the funds of the Congregational Sunday School, on Wednesday and Thursday nights, when about

The Day of National Prayer and Intercession on behalf of our sailors and soldiers was faithfully observed in the churches and chapels in this neighbourhood, on Sunday.

The names of the soldiers who have arrived at Barnard Castle from the front, this week include Sergt. P. Finn, Military Medallist and his brother, Sergt. J. Finn, Corporal E. Bayles, Sapper C. Chatt and Driver H. Brown.

His Majesty the King has conferred the dignity of Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire upon Lieut.-Colonel Richard Bell-Irving, Instructor, Royal Flying

Hutton Magna Rainfall for 1917.

The total rainfall for the past year amounted to 31.20 inches, the average for the last 9 years being 32.01. Rain fell on 161 days. The wettest month was August, which contributed 7.88 inches. February and November each had a rainfall of only 0.91. The wettest day was August 8th, when there was a thunder-storm producing 2.02 inches. April 1st was the coldest day of the year, 26 degress of frost being registered. Sleet or snow fell on 18 days in the great storm of January, and on 11 days during that of March.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

The local committee of the Young Helpers League, of which Lady Glamis is president, working on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, has arranged a whist drive and dance to be held in the Witham Hall, on Friday, January 11th, commencing at 7 pm. Dr. Barnardo's Homes are particularly worthy of support in these days, for they care for any children who are destitute, whatever their religion and position in the world. Many of the old boys are now serving in the new and army, particularly in the home and Canadian contingents. At the close of the last month 8,700 children were being cared for, and, as these are such a great asset to our nation, the committee confidently appeals for help.

PIG KEEPERS WHO WISH THEIR PIGS

Amongst local soldiers on leave from to pay should use as a Condiment Thorley's hospital during the holiday season were Food for Cattle; keeps Pigs thrifty. Sold in Sapper J. Hartley Appleby and Private Stout, Cases containing 56 packets 5s. 6d. (complete Private R. Bell, of Stainton)

Case) by Agents in all parts.

The Police Court. BARNARD CASTLE.

SATURDAY -Before Mr John Smith (oh sirman), Mr J. G. Hall and Mr C. B. Martin. ALLEGED WHOLESALE THEFT OF COAL BAGS.

George Meynell (53), labourer, Barnard Castle, was brought up on remand charged with stealing 19 coal bags, the property of William Hunton York, coal merchant, of this wn, between the 18th of December and the \$rd of January.—Defendant pleaded not guilty, and elected to be dealt with summarily. The first witness was Thomas Kirtley, 14, Ballol-street, who is a

cartman employed by William Hunton York. He said he placed 25 bags in a certain place at the depot in King-street on the 18th of December last, but found no bags there on the 29th of December, though he found 5 corn begs. Information was given to the police, and witness saw the missing bags again on Friday morning last, at the police station. They were the property of Mr W. H. York, and were worth is. 6d. each. There were 19 bags, the total value of which was 21 Se. 6d. After examining the first lot, witness said: "These are 14 of the bags put into the cart and left in the waggon-house." Kirtley then earefully looked at 5 bags more, which were in a separate sack—making 19 altogether which had been recovered—and swore positively that they were Mr York's property.

Prisoner: Kirtley, didn't I tell you that I

had plenty of bags in my own coal-house?
Witness: You didn't tell me anything. You ever mentioned it to me.

Frederick Metcalfe, fruiterer and potato merchant, 6, Back, Barcard Castle, said that on the day before Christmas Day he went to the coal depot to get some coal, and Meynell came to him. Prisoner asked him if he wanted to buy some bags, and added that he had bought them from a man from Auckland who had a little black pony. He said he saw the mac on the road, and they were his own bags. There were 14 bags. Witness said he gave Meynell 4s. 63. for the bags, which was at the rate of 4d. esch. Defendant took the bags bimself to the shop of witness, and went back two hours afterwards for the money. On Christmas Day witness said he took the bags sending potatoes away. "On the Srd of January P.O. Tyrrell came to me and saked me if I knew anything about the bags. I told him I had bought 14 bags from Meynell, and I went with Tyrrell the same night to Mr Fowler's farm. The bags have never been touched, and they are just the same." Prisoner: It is quite true what Mr Metcalfe

wr Metcalfe : Meycell was perfectly sober

James Thompson, boot and shoe dealer, Bank, Barnard Castle, said he saw the prisoner on the 26th of December, when Meynell asked him to buy some empty sacks. Witness told him he did not want any sacks, nor did he see the bags, but they were left lying in the yard. and late the same evening witness put them indoors. On Friday, the 4th of January, he gave the police the bags which were now

Prisoner: Have I not sold you bags years since? You have bought many a lot of bags from me, and your father before you. Witness: Yes, I believe I have, but you did not sell me these bags. I bought no bags from this man, who was then under the influence of

Replying to a question by Meynell, witness said : I have not seen you since Wednesday afternoon, the 26th of December, until now

P.C. Tycrell said that on Thursday, the 3rd of January, he was instructed by Supt. Riddell in respect to some coal bags which had been From inquiries be ascertained that ome bags had been sold to Mr Metcalfe. About seven o'clock on the night of January 3rd witness proceeded to Cleatiam, to Mr Fowler's farm, and received 14 bags there, which he brought to the police station, where they were afterwards identified by Kittley as Mr York's property. On the 4th of January, about 5 o'clock in the morning, I apprehended Meynell at his house, and took him to the police station, where I charged him with steeling 19 bags between the 18th of December and the Std of January, valued at 21 8s 64. He

made no reply.

Moynell made a statement to the effort that he had got these bags from different places. When anyone was shifting furniture he took the bags home, and they had accumulated in his coal-ticuse. "I never took the weight of a pin from Mr York, and I have been twelve months with him." Prisoner added that whether, when he took the bags back which he had loaned to Mr York, he had taken others by mistake, he did not know, but he never

The Chairman said the Bench had found Meynell guilty, but be thought Mr Motcalfe ought to have exercised a little more care. Supt. Riddell: I should like to say that Mr Metcalfe was very straightforward in assisting

the police, The Chairman said prisoner would be committed to Durham gaol for two months, vithout the option of a fine.

Prisoner: It is a ridiculous shame. The Chairman: Your old habit is coming back to you. We thought you had started to

be a reformed man.

Prisoner: If I had wanted to take anything from Mr York I could have taken something pore valuable than a few old coal hage. Prisoner was conveyed to goal by the noon

Lieut.-Colonel Little Lectures to the Local Volunteers.

On Thursday night Lieut.-Colonel A. Little of the Northumberland Fusiliers, who is a native of Barnard Castle, gave a most interesting and instructive lecture to the local detachment of Volunteers in the drill hall. Lieut.-Colonel Little, who has been on active service in France, told of the marvellousness of the British barrage fire, and related some valuable instruction in the preparation and carrying out of an attack. An important thing, he said, was to secure communication, and told of the various methods employed. He paid a great compliment to the wonderful courage and coolness of the men during a "show," and said the British soldiers earry out their orders with the same zeal and enthusiasm as they would do in a football match. " All the troops are just splendid, and whatever you want them to do they do it without a grumble, and no praise you can give them is too wuch." declared the Colonel.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] A ball was held in the Assembly Hall on New Year's Eve, promoted by the Middleton String Band, when upwards of 150 couples attended. The duties of masters of ceremonies were ably discharged by Messrs T. Oliver and W. Atkinson. An up-to-date programme of music was supplied by the band.

The monthly meeting of the Middleton Parish Council was held last Wednesday night Mr T. R. Gowling presiding. It was decided to have the footpaths cleared of snow after storms for the benefit of foot-passengers. An appeal was before the Council from the National Red Cross Society on behalf of the Italian wounded soldlers, but was adjurned till next meeting. Owing to no street lamps being lit it was agreed to postpone the rata-payers' meeting for voting money for lighting purposes to some future date.

A concert was given in the Forest school-room on Friday night by the school children promoted by Mr and Mrs Gill, who take a great interest in the children. The programme was varied, and consisted of recitations, songs and other items, a special feature of which was "The suffragettes." The Rov. A. T. Randle presided, and the proceeds, which were in sid of local soldiers, amounted to upwards

A successful social in aid of local soldiers was held in Newbiggin school-room on Friday evening. An excellent programme of music was given by a string band, composed of Messrs R. Beadie and son, T. Oliver, F. Watson, H. Robinson, T. Muir, J. Smith, M. Anderson and G. Robinson. A most enjoyable evening was spent, which realised upwards of £10.

The yearly balance-sheet just issued by the Middleton Co-operative Society shows the sales in the flour department to have reached over £16,000, with a profit of £1,043, which will allow a dividend of 1s. 2d in the pound. The quarterly balance-sheet for the general departments shows a sale of £9,791 10s, and will allow a dividend of 2s. 2d. in the pound. The share capital row stands at these \$20,000. The share capital now stands at over £30,000 Sixty-nine members have entered the society during the year, and fifty-four have withdrawn There are six nominations for the three vacancies on the committee, which, of course will necessitate an election.

The day of national prayer was observed at all the places of worship in Middleton or Sunday, and a united prayer meeting was held in the Primitive Methodist school-room during

PARISH CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Prize Distribution by Mrs Bircham. On Monday night the Music Hall was filed with a joyous throng, great being the enthusiasm of the annual prize distribution in connection with St. Mary's Church Sunday Schools. While a tempestuous snowstorm raged without, there was much real enjoyment within, and the Vicar's cheering opening words gave voice to the overflowing soul of the youngsters, and one thought with Wordsworth that to be young was very heaven. The Rev. H. W. H. Bircham and Mrs Bircham provided the substantial and elegant prizes at their own cost, and the Vicar said as he grow older he was quite convinced that the Saviour's words were true, that it was more blessed to give than to receive. He was most glad that the continued interest in the Church of England in this town was vouchsafed in the goodly number of future supporters which he saw before him, and referred gratefully to the continued growth of the Parish Sunday S. and to the increased numbers at the Mission School.—Mrs Bircham, who gave away the souvenirs, said the position that night was unique, because everyone in the room had to nrise. She to leave the Suuday school at the age of 16 for they were never too old to leare. Priz a were then awarded to children gaining fivesixths of the possible marks, and to the recipients, as well as to every boy and girl in the schools, a combined hymn book, prayer book and supplemental hymns was given. lovely dressing case was presented to Miss Olive Gibson as the gift of Mrs Bircham, the recipient never having missed a single Sandar, wet or fine, cloud or shine, or snow or cold. (Applause).—Miss Gibson said the prize was a surprise. - The teachers were also given a beautiful gilt-edged prayer book, Mr Harry Walker, the voteran of the boys' school water, the voteral of the boys school, receiving quite an ovation—Mr R. Wood, Mr R. Woodhams, Mr R. Brown, Miss Harris, Miss Kirtley, Mrs Franklin, Miss Willis, Mr Banks, Miss Gent, the Rev. W. B. Blackett and others assisted, the Vicar and Mrs Bircham being heartily thanked on the proposition of Mr Wood, seconded by Mr Blackett, who adjured the scholars to live up to the vision of the bezutiful.

The Death of Mrs Butler, at Egglestone Vicarage.

There passed away, on Christmas Ere, at Egglestone Vicarage, Mrs Ann Batler, widow of the late Rev. T. L. Batler, M A., formerly Vicar of Christ Church, Wellington, and of Adbastor, and the dearly loved mother of the Vicar of the parish, at the advanced age of 85 years. At Wellington, where her husband laboured for 37 years in a large and populous pavish, she was an ever willing and zealous helper. The Sunday sobool, the mothers' meeting and district visiting bore el quent testim my to her good and self-denying work ell. And this good work was continued at Adheston until the death of her husband in 1902. In looking back over a long life, we may truly say of her, " a work well done, a crown well won, now comes rest." Many, to-day, can rise up with their children and call her blessed. Her eldest son, the Rev. R. M. P. Butler, M.A., is Rector of Priston, Bath, and her only daughter is the wife of the Rev. G. Aitkens, Vicar of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia. On Saturday, the 29th December, the remains of the deceased lady were borne to her resting-place in the peaceful churchyard at Egglestone, amidst every token of respect. The last rites were solemnised by the Rev. Dr. Headlam, of Whorlton, and the hymo-Jesu, Lover of my sou!" was feelingly sung by the choir. The coffia was of oak, with ass mounts. Mr Isaac Walton was undertaker. The hearse was supplied by Mr Oliver, of Barnard Castle.

Bowes Band of Hope.

A vory interesting meeting was held on December 14th. The weather was somewhat stormy, but, nothwithstanding, there was a good number present. Mr T. W. Guy presided, and, introducing the Rev. H Horsley, of Cotherstone a Courch of England missionary, returned from Caylon, spoke in a very brotherly manner. There were one or two seasonable recitations by Miss Equipe Barwise and Miss lastings, and a violin duet by Miss Allison and Master Peter Walker. Then Mr Lang, by whole r. quest the Rev. Horsley came to Bowes, read a pirtion of scripture, suited to the address which Mr Horsley was to give. This was on "Walking Siloks," and was listened to with marked attention and much who is r. quest the Rev. Horsley came to Bo e'jyment. The speaker had with him several curius examples. There was a "blackthorn" from Ireland, a silver-topped stick, light and bellow, from Jersey, which tore the name of "Mr Hypperite" Next be tore the name of "Mr Hypnorite" Next be showed one made of leaves, "Mr Funnyman," then one made of \$2 kinds of woot, with an ivory bandle called "Joseph's coat of many colours" " Mr Brass" was a stick with brass op and bettem. Then came \$ fine sticks," Mr Swagger," "Mr Graceful" (made of coconnut), "Mr Dandy" (a silver-mounted Malacca), and last, the speaker's favourise, "Mr Handy."

Harwood School Concert.

The inbabitants of Upper Teesdale had the opportualty of wilceseing a very highly sucb ve school on December 27 h sod 28 h. The periog part of the programme consisted of a Kinderspiel, entitled, "A Happy Family," and introduced such well-known characters as The Old Woman who lived in a shoe, Aladio, Miss Moffet, Ma jory Daw, Sinbad, Derothy Draggletail, Robinson Crusoe, Man Friday, Goody Two Snoes and Cinderella. Each one arquitted herself and himself in a very creditable manner which showed that the master and mistress had had no light task. This was followed by a misce laneous part of songs, etc., chief among which were the Little Mothers, by four little girls, which caused much merriment. The Sallors, by five boys, caused much laughter by their imitations. The pinatore song and dance by four elder girls presented a pleasing picture. A sailor's hornpipe by an infant boy, and a Scotch dance (Shen Trews) received very great applause, especially the latter, who had to appear more than once. Very great credit is due to the teachers (Mr and Mrs Weedy) and to Miss Weedy, who presided at the piano. The proceeds go for comforts for our sallors and soldiers.

Greta Bridge War Pensions.

The first committe meeting of this year took place on Wednesday last at Barolay's Bank, by kind permission of Mr Helmer, honorary treasurer. There were present Mrs Bell-Irving, honorary correspondent; Rev. S. G. Beal, Rev. J. Brent and Rev. H. Straker.—Mrs. Soil-Irving remarked with regret that Mrs. Manby was unable to attend the meeting through illness. She placed on the table Circular 42, and it was agreed to carry out the wishes of the Ministry of Pensions. Other circulars relating to disabled men were read. -The Rev. S. G. Bool reported the progress of the disabled men under his care, and also a case in which the Civil Liabilities were unable to give an allowance. As there seemed some bardship the committee were authorised by Northallecton to allow 3s a week temporarily.

The Rd. J. Brent reported 3 cases of disabled men. Case 794 had not benefitted by the sanatorium treatment, but all possible for him had been done. Case 4 474 had appealed against his discharge. This was forwarded, yesterday, by Mrs Red-Irving, to headquarters. Case 3 190 was still unable to continue active against a gardent and the completes agreed. work as a gardener, and the committee agreed to continue the 54 a week, which made up his pension to the full smount. Mrs Bell-Irving that K w Gardens w men, and that Wack and Wilne and other firms would ples bly have light j be in potting and labiling, and so on She also suggested that he might cut strong sticks for the wounded. If sent to ber she wigld fis them into rubber ferrules, and forward to Northallerton. Basketmaking and splints or slippers for wounded were useful wister occupations, and had been previously suggested as hobbies. - Mr Straker eported a case to wh m the committee had fired a situation, but he had now suited simself on the railway. Another case be would like assisted, and the committee agreed to recommend it to hesequerters. - The Rev. . G. Beal mentioned that for a mother who wished to visit hor san lying seriously ill in hospital in the Boath of Regiand he had hisined a free return ticket from Inspector Band, and that and her relative was able to have a rein'n ticket fe m the railway at prewar rates. These privileges should be better known. The allowsnows for the cases agreed for a d allowed by the committee were paid by MisBe I Irvirg to the members distributing.

BIRTUS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Murriages.

HOWARD: ARROWSMITH, On January 1st, at Spring Head Wesleyan Church, Wednesbury, by the Rev. W. Arrowsmith (father of the bride, assisted by the Revs. J. Walker Clarke and W. Arthur Jones, T. Stanley Howard, Captain, R.G A., to Edith Annie Arrowsmith, A.R.R.C., second daughter of the Rev. and Mrs W. Arrowsmith, Wednesbury.

ROBSON: SUTHERLAND. - On December 24th, at the Presbyterian Church, Redcar, by the Rev. C. McClelland, Percy Barnard, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs J. Robson, Gawin House, Staindrop, to Minnie Burton, nurse, youngest daughter of the late Donald M. and of Mrs Sutherland, Coatham Road, Redear.

UPSHALL: DUCK .- On January 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, Barnard Castle, by the Rev. H W. H. Bircham, Lance-Corpl. S. W. Upshall to Mrs Maggiè Duck.

Desth HIND.—At Rugeley Camp Hospital (suddenly), on January 6th, Private Gilbert N. Hind,

Northumberland Fusiliers, of Hutton Magna, aged 18 years. In Memariam. BARKER.-In loving memory of Jonathan

Coulthard Barker, of Langdon Beck, who died December 28th, 1916,

When we were all together;
A shadow o'er our lie is east—
A dear one gone for ever.

—Ever remembered by his loving mother, sister, brothers and all relatives. WALKER. - In loving memory of my dear father, who died January 10th, 1999.

Out of a work of sorrow and pain,
In heavy we have to me t again,
-Always remembered by his loving daughter and grandchildren.-Ales Kateman.