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## Rubber

#### the Reesdale Mercuru The latest news is that both Premiers in Austria-Hungary have tendered resignations. URNARD CASTLE, JANUARY 28RD, 1918. The Rev. W. Callender Wake, of London, is

"FOR THE FUN OF IT."

Mr James W. Gerard, late American

hassador to the German Imperial

ussian War of 1870 the French Military

maché, in reporting to his Government.

y, but in Prussia the army possessed

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mesting chapter in Mr Gerard's book

the proneness to hostilities of the

an of Mr Gerard's acquaintance, and

if that he hoped war would occur

tile his father was alive; but, if not, he

mid start a war the moment he came

the throne. The exact conversation

the lady's own words is as follows :--

Indgiven him Norman Angell's book,

The Great Illusion,' which seeks to move that war is unprofitable. He (the town Prince) said that, whether war

profitable or not, when he came to

throne there would be war-just for

fun of it! On a previous occasion

te had outlined a plan, which was to

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agland, and, after that, my country Imerica). Russia was also to be

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LOCAL AND OTHER

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resigning his church owing to heart weakness. His medical advisors have suggested his early It is said that no one understands the return to a smaller charge in the bracing man people better than the Kaiser. north-country climate. Mr Wake has been unwell ever since going south, and recently erentiate, in a spirit of magnanimity, spent a fortnight recuperating on the northast coast. ience, and goodwill, between the Corporal George Forster, of the Durhams,

neror and the Prussian Government. whose thrilling experience with Captain Lascelles is reported on page eight, is shot over against them put the German through the thigh, and is in hospital at Ralaton (Paisley). He is the second son of Mr and Mrs T. B. Forster, Galgate. We have ever been convinced the "Zabern Affair" decided the jary autocracy of Germany for a wiy war, and it is reassuring to think

A number of young women at Barnard Castle have "signed on " for service in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

mut, emphasises the fact in his timely Private W. Errington arrived at Brignal on d valuable book, " My Four Years in Wednesday morning, and is spending a short furlough with his parents (Mr and Mrs W. many." Herein we learn first hand the writing on the wall-these letters Errington'. the word "Zabern "-were The death is announced of Mr John Wallace,

mings to the militarists of their under-manager of Woodland Colliery, at the age of 70. He was deeply interested power, and impelled the in agricultural shows. meracy towards war as a blood-letting popular discontent. The

Private J. Kavanagh is, and Lance-Corporal H. Layfield and Private W. Watson have been holders of the abhorrent caste, the ted system, the army and the here on furlough. enzollerns, became boldly assertive,

Mr and Mrs D. M. Spence and family left the brutal act of Lieutenant Forstner Lartington Hall last week. probably the final factor which d the advocates of the old military Lieutenant Harry E. Raine, late surveyor at

Barnard Castle, is at home from the front on me of Germany in favour of European In practice the class of nobles in leave of absence ia own the army, and Mr Gerard

Private Young, Durhams, son of Mr James inds us that more than 125 years ago Young, Bridgegate, is at home from the front abeau, the great French orator. at on furlough commencement of the Revolution.

"war is the national industry of Company Sergeant-Major Armitage, of the Durhams, has been admitted to a base Later Napoleon remarked hospital wounded, but hopes to be discharged Prussia was hatched from a cannon BOOD. and shortly before the Franco-

Miss Freda Patterson, pupil of Miss F. May Dixon, A.R.C.M., 8, Bede-terrace, Barnard Castle, has passed in the higher division of mte that "other countries possessed an pianoforte playing.

> Three of the local soldiers who have come to the front in marks of distinction were at one time members of the Primitive Methodist Church Choir.

wn Prince. The author says that Miss Olive Race, Cockfield, pupil of Miss M my in the winter of 1913-14 the W. K. Simpson, 14, Bleak-terrace, has passed we Prince showed his collection of in the elementary division of pianoforte playing. moleana to a beautiful American

The 1st Durham Girl Guides and their friends gave a very successful entertainment in the Romaldkirk reading-room on Saturday night last. In spite of its being a fearful night, with slush underfoot and rain, the handsome sum of £5 18s. was realised.

The Sunday collection from the railway station wall-box at Barnard Castle is suspended during the present war-conditions.

Lord Barnard was re-elected president of the Darlington, Durham and North Riding Chamber of Commerce, on Monday. The majestic Tees rose in a great flood on Monday morning, and the water mark was the

nearest the river has reached to height registered on the 9th of March, 1881, on the occasion of the great and memorable flood. Very considerable damage has been done at the Flax Mills, the monetary loss alone being heavy. Scores of spectators watched the billowing river coursing to the ocean.

Mrs A. Grice, Croft House, Staindrop, has received news that her youngest son, Gunner Charles Grice, Royal Garrison Artillery, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

There are two cases down for hearing at the Greta Bridge Police Court this morning.

# Control.

DEPUTATION OF BUTCHERS ATTENDS. A meeting of this body was held on Wednesday afternoon, Mr James Peacook presiding.

There were also present Miss Stobart and Mrs Bowes, and Messre T. Metcalfe, T. Bayles, T. H. Plows, T. W. Garth, W. Dent, G. V. Tarn, T. O. Nicholson (olerk), J A. Gargett (executive officer), and W. Porter (inspector).

Live Stock and Dead Meat Distribution. The committee thought that the new meat order was more applicable to towns than to rural areas, and then proceeded to consider the scheme for the control of live stock and dead meat distribution, forms in connection with which having been sent down, and were then in course of duplication .- It was stated that a deputation of butchers would attend the meeting at 3:30 that afternoon, and the Clerk observed that they were bound by the cont, on the sales for that month, he was his beart was to do honour to them. (Cheers). absolutely out of court now.-Mr Bayles : He Mejor Hestop said it was a great honour and goes round every week, and is a very constant privilege for him to be present that night at

move that it stands over.

Have Milk Producers to be Registered ? Mr Tern asked if it was necessary for all milk producers to be registered ? - The Clerk : Apparently, adpording to the order, it would not affect you as a producer. - Mr Tarn : If those who have to plough out land are immuce, that is what made me think that producers had to be registered .- Mr Dent : If you sell milk at all you have got to be registered -The Clerk : This order affects wholesale dealers other than producers. - Mr Tarn : The point is not clear .- The Clerk : I should say that this order does not affect you at all .-Under the above soheme a producer of milk apparently need not register as such, but all wholesale milk dealers must apply to the scretary, Ministry of Food, Whitehall, S.W. 1 for a license after 15th January, 1918. All retailmilk sellers about apply to their Local Food Committee in the same manner.--ED.]

Enter the Butchers. Mrs Dent, Mickleton; and Messys Gill, Cotherstone; Bainbridge, Barningham; and Dowson and Clarkson, then entered the room, and the Clerk informed them that the Ministe of Food had sent out a circular asking that retail butchers should be asked to meet the committee, and themselves to form a committee, with a chairman and secretary, and appoint one or more buying agents, the latter taking a number of certificates to market to

facilitate distribution. They could not get any beats unless they were registered, and

### MILITARY MEDAL PRESENTED IN THE WITHAM HALL.

A FINE SOLDIER HONOURED. Last Saturday night there was a fairly large adience in the Witham Hall, Barnard Castle when Sergeant P. Finn, of the 6th Battalion Durham Light Infantry, who is a untive of the town, became the recipient of a Military Medal, which had been awarded for conspications bravery in the field. Mr C. Hedley, Chairman of the Urban Council, presided, and there were also present Mrs Bernard Heslop, wife of Major Bernard Healop, second in command of the 6th Durhams, and Major J. W. B. Healop, Lieutenant R. Morton, Lieutenant L. H. Barnard, Lieutenant J. Wiseman, Second Lieutenant R J. Billey, and the non sioned officers and men respectively of the Barnard Castle and Startforth Volunteer Sections, the Rev. A. L. Manby and others.

The Chairman said they were there that night to do honour to another of their heroes, of whom they were all proud. As be had said before, they could not all fight, but they could Bood Controller to a reduction of 50 per cent. on the October retail sales.—Mr Dent : The do the best they could not all fight, but they sould supply will limit them. It is not there to be comfortable and happy. Sergeant Finn was got.—The Clerk said provisional returns had the son of a good father, and they were there come in from some butchers, and in the case of to recognize his bravery. He was proud that one Kelton butchet he had said " none " for the they had so many herois lads of the old town month of October, and, being limited to 50 per now at the front-(applause)-and the pride of

attender.-Mr Meteslie: He has been killing the presentation of the Military Medal to mutton all the way through, but he buys beet. -The Clerk road correspondence with the not know that there was a connection between Joint Advisory Committee in which it was the battalion in which the recipient was serv recommended that, the supply of fresh meat being limited, proper quantities of frozen meat should be released.—The Executive Officer said that committee's prices were slightly below the average prices fixed by the Joint Advisory Committee Mar Gasth - I should Advisory Commissee.-Mr Garth : I should Darbam County Regiment, and is was up to Advisory Committee.—Mr Garth : I should think we are much below the average that has been fixed.—Executive Officer : Slightly.—Mr Bayleth: We should hardly reach big town prices with the reats and rates they pay.—Mr Tarn said the idea now was to have uniformity in prises, and the district committees should revise their schedule of prices accordingly.— Mr Garth : When we fixed these prices the Government prices had not come ont.—The he had two sons serving in that batalion, one Government prices had not come out .- The he had two sons serving in that battalion. one Clerk: . We made our list on the 26th of being second in command and another was in October .- Mr Garth : The Food Controller has a lower station. Sergt. Finn was a great come round and has put the producers' prices favourite in the 6th Durhams, and the medal lower than they were when we fixed our he was about to receive, and which he had prices.—The Chairman : Butchers cannot sell carned at great risk to his life, told them of meat advantageously at less than we fixed it his baving made possible a movement which -Mr Plews suggested that the matter stand ended in his battalion, the day following the over till the butchers' committee was formed. 4th of October, taking 250 prisoners. (Loud -- Mr Garth : Hear what the butchers say. I applause). Actions like that deserved the merit such as Sergt. Finn was going to receive shat night. It ought to be a great pride for the town of Barnard Castle to know that they had sent out men like Sergt. Finn, and a great number of others, who did their duty well, and indeed so well that they were earning prominence such as they were recognizing that night. (Applause). Barnard Castle had done excel-lently, and he reminded them that many had given their lives, " whilst we at home gramble that we don't get sufficient bacon. Pray remember when you are beginning to grouse that the Food Controller limits your supply that this is small in proportion to the trouble and dangers borne by our lade at the front, There ought to be a little more self-sacrifice in the people." (Applause). Mrs Bernard Hesiop then pinned the medal

to the gallant Sergeant's breast in tumultumus applause, congratulating him on his great achievement, mean while the Volunteers stood to attention.

Sorgt. Finn appropriately thanked the large andience for their kindness, and especially Mrs Bernard Healop for her services that night. (Applause). The Chairman having asked the peaple to

support the concert to-morrow night in ald of Durham Prisoners of War, the national anthem was heartily supp and the proceedings terminated.

**Yolunteers' Whist Drive and Dance.** commissioned officers and men of the local detachment of the 4th Battalion Durham County Volunteer Regiment, a most enjoyable dead weight. Last week I had one allotted to me which was 62 stores live weight, which in the Witham Hall, on Thursday evening last. the 17th inst. About 260 persons participated in the evening's programme. Some delay in commencing "play" was occasioned by the accessity of providing additional tables and seating for inte comers-the bane of enter tainment promoters-but presumably the genial and efficient president, Mr H. Hobson was able to start his teams, and all went merrily. Midway through the games an interval was announced for retreatments, which were handed round by the Voluateer bosts, who fell into file, and soon had al bountifully supplied—an event in these days of restrictions. The play was then resumed, and, at the end of the card, the prize-winners were sorted out-no casy task when so many proved eligible. Amid scenes of fun and banter, the following were declared winners of the handsome prizes provided by the Command ing Officer, and handed to the recipients by Major Heslop, who did his best in the absence of any Commanding Officer's lady :--lat prize, Miss M. Gent; booby prize, Miss Orefs; sealed prizes, Mrs Keen, Miss Stephenson, Miss Wood, Miss L. Chatt; first prize (gentle-men), Mr W. Abbott; booby prize, Mr J. W. Raine : sealed prizes, Private J. Appleby, M. R. Chapman.—The genial Major took the opportunity of urging those civilians who had not yet donned the "khaki" to do so at once. If, as some said, "there was no darger," then the drill would do them no harm; and if there was danger, then he was no man who shirked doing his bit. He had no respect for these men who, when subject to conscription, had joined the Volunteers, but, when exempted. had backed out. - When willing hands had removed the chairs and tables, the room was speedily prepared for dancing, which was at once engaged in to the excellent music provided by Mr Wightmap. The Witham Hall lights, as in Belgium's Capital, "shone o'er fair women and brave men : a thousand hearts beat happily : and all went merry as a marriage bell." Fortunately there was no "whispering with white lips, 'The foe ! They come ! They come !' " and it was possible to " on with the dance, let joy be unconfined," till the small hours, when the party reluctabily dispersed. after an evening, of unmarred enjoyment, the bandsome profiss of which will go to swell the funds of the War Emergency Committee who are doing such a good work for our soldiers and other sufferers through the war. Great credit is due to the officers, and Sergeants B. Welford, G. H. Welford, and Corporal Burt, with other belpers, who carried out the arrangements so efficiently .- A cordial invitation sent to the North Riding Volunteers to take part in the function was fully responded to, Captain Bell-Irving and his company contributing either patronage or presease.

## UPPER DALE NOTES,

IBY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] [BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] The accust meeting in connection with the Mechanics Institute, held on Thursday night, was largely attended. Mr W. Oddie (vice-president) occupied the chair. The balanceshoot, presented by the Secretary, showed an ine me of 2168 142. 31, with an expecditure of 2 38 8. 91. leaving a bilance in hand of 235 5.61, against 238 7s 113, last year, which was couldered very sitistactory taking into scoonat so many members being on solive service. The following officers were elected ; -President, Dr. J. C. Noligan ; vice-president, Mr W. Oddie ; secretary, Mr J. J. Parker ; ireasurer, Mr H. C. Nicholson ; and librarians, Mesers T. Collinson and C. Hutchingon. The auditors were re-appointed, as were also the committee, with the exception of Mesers G. Longstaff and T. Clarke, who resigned, and Measure B. Watson and W. Coltman were chosed in their stead. •\_+

A snooessfal whist drive has been held in A SBOOGSTAI WDIEU ARIVO HES DOOD HELLA ME Egglestore school-room, promoted by Mrs Tucker, Mrs S. Moore, the Rev. E. O. Batler, Messre Greeswell, Logham and J. Lodge, to value funds for prizes for the oblidred stends raise funds for prizes for the children attend-ing the day school. The prize winners ware : Ladies-1st, Mrs Atkinson ; 2ed, Mrs Dent ; Scd, Miss Walsh; scaled prize, Mrs White, Gooblemen-1st, Mr Atkinson ; 3ad, Mr Coates; Srd, Mr. M., Walson.

Private Alfred Holmes, Ballarat, Australia, attached to the Australian Divisional Headquarters, France, has just paid a visit to his consin, Mrs R. Lowe, Date Terrace, Middleton.

Mr and Mrs Peter Robson, Town End, Middleton, received the and news on Thesday week that their second son, Private Robert E. Robson, had died at the 2nd Canadian Clearance Station, France, of wounds received in action. He was 21 years of age, and had been in France since July.

A familiar figure in Middleton passed away last Wednesday, in the person of Mr Wm. Metcalfe, at the advanced age of 88 years. Deceased was at one time an sogine-driver ander the North Eastern Railway Company, at Shildon, but migrated to London, the place of his birth, at the time of the big strike, where he resided up to eight years ago, when he came to live with his daughter, Mrs Walton. California Row, Middleton. The interment took place on Saturday, at St. Mary's Church amidst every token of respect.

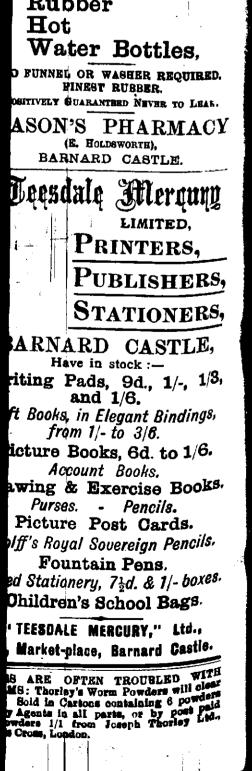
Mrs Bowron, with of Mr T. Bowron, Middiston, died on Friday sight, at the age of 72 years. Deceased had been in failing health for some time. The interment tool place on Monday, a service being conducted in the Primitive Caspel by Mr J. W. Robson, temperance missionary, Biston Anckland,

## SUDDEN DEATH AT CONSETT.

A Teesdate Local Preacher. Mr John Edward Raine, formerly of Mickleton, died andderly on January 12th of the present year, at his own home at Consett. The inceral took place on the following Wednesday. The cersmosy wis conducted by the Roy. H. Prast, Primitive Methodist Minister, Consett. After the off-rive of prayer to the house, the correge proceeded to the Primitive Methodist Oburch at Block Hill, en route to the Benfieldside Cemetery, where part of the burial service was read and a must impressive address given by Mr Prats, in which the salient features of deceased's character were hamed and opph-sized. The reverse d gentleman said, among other things, that J. E. Raine was born at Mickieton in 1859 and, at the age of 17, came on to the Primitive Me.bediet preschere' plan in the Middleton in-Terstals Circuit, Mickleton bei g part of that sircuit. After doing usful servise there for a term of years, he removed into the St. Helen's Circuit, coming finily, 28 vears ago, \$ : Oupsett, to enter the service of the Consets Iron Cumpany. He seld deceased had maintaised the responsible of local preacher with honour and distinction for a period of 40 years. He was careful in preparation, earnest in delivery, and prompt in the discharge of his ongagements. His chief stadles were gool gy, astronomy, and theology. He said further, that deceased was skind bosband, and an affectionate fasher; pead ful as a neighbour, and upright in all his dealings. The churches in the Shotley Bridge Circuit would greatly miss his valuable ervices .- Mr R Clough presided at the organ, rendering "O, rest in the Lord" and the "Dead March," with admirable taste, Two of decessed's favourite bymos were sung. bese being "Sternal Light" and "Master, speak, Thy servant heareth." A goudly number of local preachers, as was builting the occasion, ollowed the remains of the just man to the grave, where a large body of mourners beard in prefound silence the remaining part of the service read, and the final benediction pronounced. A widow and two obildren-a son and a daughter-are left to mourn his loss.

# Startforth Area Food

THE TEESDALE MERCURY-WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1918.



understand that His Honor Judge mpler will sit at the Barnard Castle County art on Monday next, at 1.30 p.m. aptain the Hon. Michael Lyon, Royal Scots, ta son of Lord Strathmore, a prisoner of u, has been moved from Augustubad, tiveidnitz, in Schlesien (Silesia) Germany. the clock faces in the Tower of the Parish months. arch, Barnard Castle, are to be reguilded. Artington Hall is to be heated by radiators alighted by electricity. The stables are derebuilt at a greater distance from the in Lieutenant Field is expected to take up residence about June. Imm Monday last the Bridge-end Flax Mills week, owing to war-time exigencies. ' o'clock. accient and artistic candelabra has been and and replaced in the centre of the meat the parish church at Barnard Castlo. ront. Argeant C. Watson, Barnard Castle, of the Mal Garrison Artillery, has been awarded a magaze of Merit for bravery under heavy tre on the western front, and has bee Summended for a commission in the function Artillery. Sergeant Watson went to \_\_\_\_ Private W. J. Peacock, of the Household talion (Life Guards), eldest son of Mr and Peacock, of Spanham House, left this town the 923 train for Darlington, on Saturday the for London, en foute for active service ted, he having spent a pleasant fortnight's bergeant Pat. Finn, of the 6th Durhams, left mard Castle for London, on Sunday night, Kantara ' the mail train, a circle of friends and well-Takers having given him a 25 note for his Hiss Iris Jardine, the younger daughter of Ernest Jardine, Member of Parliament, of Hinghthingham, was to have been married at thingham, was to have been married at thingham, on Saturday, to Captain Eric off, a New Zealander, belonging to the Royal and Artin dd Artillery, but news arrived on Friday at Captain Croft had been killed in France. Private J. B. Forster, youngest son of Mr Martin T. B. Forster, Galgate, has arrived at Email Castle from Cambrai, for a fortnight's lave of absence.

eslie Calvert, Lartington North-Eastern Automatical Station, has gained a first-class pass Automatical at the examination in music held on Automatical at the examinat

The concert to-morrow night by the Minstrel Froupe of the 16th York and Lancaster Regiment promises to be a great success, a record booking having taken place.

The first term for the year commenced yesterday at the North Eastern County School The Tees Valley Water Board have now been using the new pipe system for two

Through the instrumentality of Mr F. C. )algarno, horticultural representative of the

Startforth rural area, assisted by Mr R. J. Bailey and other gentlemen, an Allotment Holders and Cottage Gardeners' Association has been formed for Startforth and surrounding district. A strong committee has been formed, with the Rev. A. L. Manby as president; Mr R. J. Bailey, secretary; and Mr Rutter, assistant secretary. The next meeting will be held in Startforth school-room on Monday, at

Yesterday, Private J. Gregory and Private H. Walker arrived at Barnard Castle from the

The Committee of the Barnard Castle Branch of the Organization for Comforts for Sick and Wounded at Malta gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following contributions to the funds :- Mrs S. Donaldson, Huddersfield, 5s. ; Measrs Howson and Reay, 4s. 7d.; Mr T Garbutt, 10s. 6d.; and Mrs Robinson, 2s. 6d.

Yesterday, Mrs Blackburn, Angel Hotel received a letter from her son, Trooper E Blackburn, who is with the Hussars in Egypt in which he says : "I was sitting in the Y.M.C.A. the other night, and Robbie Arrowsmith knocked me on the shoulder. This is our third meeting: first on the boat coming out, then at Mena Cairo, and now here at

The Miss Storey Collection at

Lartington. Under date January 19:0, Mr W. Dent, Naby, writes: "By request of the collector, Mr John Hull, I am desired, through your medium, on behalf of Miss Facny Storey, Lartington, to thank the inhabitants of the district who have so generously responded to the call for their assistance in this matter, and to express her deep gratitude to them all for the sum of £2 5s. (two-pounds five-shillings) placed to her oredit, to be expended by the collector in a manner most fitting for her benefit in these most trying

PIG KEEPERS WHO WISH THEIR PIGS Cases containing 56 packets 5c. 6d. Case) by Agents in all parts.

the retail sales would be limited to 50 per cent. of last October's sales. - Mr Gill : In October I was buying a beast weekly to about 50 stones would be about 32 to 33 stones dead weight, which is not the weight of meat I have been selling. Am I entitled to buy another beast this week? - The Chairman : The form distinctly says : "If the number of cattle or theop allowed to be purchased in any week is not in fact purchased, the balance can not be carried forward to the next week."-Mr Bainbridge said he had 140 customers on his books, and the allotted weight would not run to two pounds for each house. It was rather hard lines when farmers were killing and selling meat. During the month he killed only four kyloes, and it was absurd to say that at the present time one beaut of that size must last him a fortnight.-Mr Gill : 1 propose that we form a committee and pool the meat sliothed to us. There are only seven of us, and I maintain that everything should be pooled that comes into the area of the Startforth Rural District Council.—The Clerk : It is for the butchers to decide how they are going to work it,-Mr Gill : It can be worked very simply from a centre, the meat being shared, and the skins and offal divided .- The discussion was continued, and eventually it was decided that it be left to the butchers to make their own arrangements as to appointing a committee and a buying sgent.

### Local Effort for Blinded Soldiers.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." DBAR SIR.-Last week I had the pleasure of sending a sheque for £10 to SirArthur Pearson's St. Duostan's Home for Blinded Soldiers. This sum was a proportion of the result of the recent sale of work in the Wesleyan schoolroom, Barnard Castle, and our ladies were very glad to be able to help in this noble work. I eaclose the reply received Japuary 19th.-Truly, W. J DIXON, Hon. Sec. Teuly, [REPLY.] "Dear Sir,-I have received your letter con-

taining the welcome sum of £10, realised by the sale of work held in the Wesleyan schoolroom, Barnard Castle, for which an official receipt is enclosed. May I ask you to accept yourself, and convey to all who participated in this kindly effort, an expression of very cordial thanks on behalf of the gallant men who will benefit by such sympathetic and truly practical interest in their welfare ?-- Yours faithfully, ARTHUR PHARSON, Chairman Blinded oldiers and Sallors' Committee."

TT'S grand," mays one user of 'Karswood to pay should use as a Condiment Thorley's L Poultry Spice. He often got five egge Food for Cattle ; keeps Pige thrifty. Sold in daily from five pullets in depth of winter.-(complete 2d., 6d., 1/-, from Hopeson, Poulary Food Specialist, Cotherstone.

#### BIBTHS, WARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

#### **Boll of Honour.**

DEAN. - Killed in action, on January 5th, Harold Dean, M.C., Captain and Adjutant, Vorkshiro Regiment, in his 3'st year, dearly beloved husband of Dorothy Dean, and dearly loved son of Mrs William Dean, Middlesbrough, and grandson of the late George Walton, of Leisure House, Cotherstone.

#### In Memoriem,

BAKER. - In cherished memory of our very dear mother, who fell asleep ou January 27th, 1900, in her 69th year. Also our dear father, Edwin Baker, who passed away September 4th, 1909, aged 78 years. Both interred at Barnard Castle. "I do not forget you, I loved you too dearly to let your dear memory fade like a dream." So foudly remembered by their daughter, Georgina.

OLTMAN. - In loving remembrance of my dear husband, John Coltman, Wesley-terrace, Middleton-in-Teesdale, who died January 24th, 1917. - Ever remembered by his wife and family. "At Rest." ONES. – In loving remembrance of Peter Jones,

beloved husband of Maria Jones, of Barnard Castle, who died January 22nd, 1917, aged 68 years. Weep not, dear wife, but be content,

My life to you was only lent; In love we lived, in peace I dicd. You asked my life but was denied. Weep not for me, my children dear, I am not dead, but skeeping here; i was not yours, but Christ's alone, He loved me best, and tack me home.

-Ever remembered by his loving wife and family, and all kind friends. WATSON. - In loving memory of our dear mother. who died at Low Green, Kelton, on January

21st. 1917. She is gone, and how we mist her Never will her memory fade : Loving thoughts will ever wander To our loving mother dear.

- From her loving son and daughter-in-law Matt. and Martha.

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