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THE HEROIC FRENCH.

THE valour of the French in defending their home and more especially the capital, has once more staggered the whole world. The fighting is almost unprecedented in its fury, and the elan of the Gaul, as at Verdun, has electrified and horrified christendom. Lord Rosebery was near the truth when he long ago declared that this stupendous conflict would only end in the killing of Germans, and towards this end the French troops are finding the ground positively littered with Hunnish dead—often they are lying in heaps. This carnage has been brought about solely by the bloodguiltyness of the Kaiser and his infamous son, but America is determined that Germany shall have war, more war, and even more war, until she detests the name of war. And do we not read in "Cato": "My voice is still for war. Gods! can a Roman senate long debate which of the two to choose, slavery or death?"

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

MR WILLIAM GRAHAM, of Edengrove, Westmorland, the well-known shorthorn breeder, has been selected as the prospective agricultural candidate for the Barnard Castle Division at the next general election.

MR JOHN BLENKINSOPP, the senior postman at Barnard Castle, has received a letter from his soldier son, who had been in France since three years gone April, in which he says he is in hospital Mixtede Coulommiers, wounded, and trussed up like a turkey cock. I have got a shrapnel ball in my chest. It wandered round and came round at the back." The gallant young fellow is in capital heart, and this is the first time he has been hit in a comparatively long and eventful period of service.

MR STEPHEN KIRTLEY has presented to the Museum two quaint and interesting old wrought-iron candlesticks, one a rushlight candlestick, the other one, which has an extending arm, for use on a bench. Old articles of this kind—as well as many others once in common use but now fallen into disuetude—are becoming rarer every day, and the Trustees of the Museum, who are desirous of conserving such links with the past, hope that persons possessing any similar objects will, instead of allowing them to be destroyed, thrown away, or relegated to the limbo of the lumber-room, send them to the Museum, where they will be carefully preserved for all time.

CAPTAIN (ACTING MAJOR) T. B. HESLOP is gazetted to be Acting Lieutenant-Colonel whilst commanding a battalion of the Durham Light Infantry. This promotion dated back to the beginning of April, since which time he reverted to his former rank of major and second in command of his battalion. We regret to hear that Major Heslop has been admitted into a hospital in France suffering from machine gun wound (slight) in the leg.

THERE are three vestry charities vacant at Barnard Castle—two women and one man—and a County School almswoman to be elected.

TEMPORARY BRIGADIER-GENERAL ALFRED E. IRVINE, a well-known officer of the Durham Light Infantry, and formerly adjutant of the Special Reserve at Barnard Castle, and Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel Cecil B. Morgan, of the Durhams, have been made C.M.G.

AT the Crewe Association of Shorthorn Breeders' Show and Sale, on Friday, Mr J. Simpson, Snotterton Hall, took second prize with "Masterpiece," a well developed dark roan, fourteen months old, which realised £85 at the subsequent sale.

CORPORAL H. B. Alderson, Royal Garrison Artillery, of Barnard Castle, was severely wounded and gassed on April 12th. He is in Armstrong College Hospital, Newcastle, and is progressing favourably.

AT the request of Major Bower, County Director of British Red Cross, Mrs Bell-Irving is undertaking the Alexandra Rose Day collection for Greta Bridge (South). The proceeds go to the North Riding Hospitals.

CAPTAIN DUTHIE, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, who has been in France for about three years, is on a temporary visit to the Villa, at Bowes. He looks remarkably well.

THERE are no cases at the Barnard Castle Police Court, this morning, the business being confined to an application in ejectment proceedings.

SAPPER F. DEACON, of the Royal Engineers, is on a visit to this town. He was at one time established as a mason in Barnard Castle.

PERMITS for the purchase of sugar under the Sugar (Domestic Preserving) Order, 1918, have effect as from Saturday, 8th inst. In view of the fact that the recent spell of fine weather is likely to result in early ripening of fruit crops, it has been decided that in any case where the special supplies of sugar that are being issued have not been received by a retailer, and where the withholding of supplies would result in fruit being wasted, he may honour these permits out of his ordinary stocks, so far as these are available, and a general License to this effect is now being issued. This privilege should, however, be used only by those permit holders who are in immediate need of sugar in order to avoid loss of fruit.

MR AND MRS LOWES, 12, Montalbo-terrace, Barnard Castle, have received official word that their son, Second-Lieutenant Ernest Ion Lowes, Durham Light Infantry, has been missing since May 27th.

LIEUTENANT H. E. RAINE, of the Durham Light Infantry, has been awarded the Military Cross for consistent good work during all summer and winter, and particularly for gallant services rendered near Paschendaele on November 30th last year. In civil life Lieut. Raine was surveyor to the Barnard Castle Urban District Council, and received his commission in January, 1916. He is now a prisoner of war at Rastatt (Baden) Germany.

PRIVATE J. DEAN, son of Mr and Mrs R. Dean, Barnard Castle, of the Durham Light Infantry, has been wounded a second time, and is now in a hospital in France.

NEWS has been received that Lance-Corporal T. Murray, Durham Light Infantry, son of Mr and Mrs R. Murray, Stainton, who was posted as wounded and missing on April 12th, is now a prisoner in Germany. The gallant young soldier has unfortunately lost his left foot, but is making favourable progress towards recovery.

CORPORAL NIXON, son of Mr and Mrs Winter Nixon, Flatts Cottage, and Driver Gowling, of the Army Service Corps, are at Barnard Castle on leave from the front.

YESTERDAY morning Mrs Albert Foott, Thorngate, received a letter from the Commanding Officer of her husband's battalion stating that no further news was available since Private Albert Foott, her husband, was posted as missing.

THE Committee of the Lady Anne Lambton's Durham County Work Depot have received requests from officers commanding units with the Expeditionary Forces for books and magazines. The stock of these articles is exhausted, and the committee would be grateful for immediate gifts of books and magazines which should be sent to the County Work Depot, Blue Coat Buildings, Durham.

THE Committee of Comforts for Sick and Wounded at Malta (Barnard Castle branch) desires thankfully to acknowledge the receipt of the following contributions to the funds:—Mr R. Ord, £1 1s; the Misses Gibson, Galgate, 5s. A letter from the Headquarters at Malta, dated May 19th, has been received, acknowledging very warmly the recent consignment of comforts. The following extract will be of interest to those who have so kindly worked for this war charity: "The very last bundle we had here was given away the other day, so these two cases have arrived most opportunely. Many of the parcels have been very greatly appreciated by officers who have been landed here after losing all their possessions." As funds are urgently needed for purchasing materials, any subscriptions will be most gratefully received.

"BLACK HORSE" HOTEL OFFERED: WITHDRAWN AT £1,800.

A fairly good company assembled in the dining-room of the above inn on Wednesday afternoon, when Mr George Tarn Bainbridge offered this property for sale in two lots. The first lot comprised the inn and outbuildings and stables, and the date of completion was given as the 14th of August. Two indentures were cited, the first being dated the 18th February, 1879, in which the names of Messrs E. Gerard and Richard Ewbank Harrison appear, and the second was executed on the 24th of September, 1906, between Mary Ann Reay and others. The vendors, he said, were selling as trustees.—The Auctioneer said he did not think he had ever offered property in better condition, and added that the hotel had an excellent reputation, it having been conducted on straight business lines. The week previous between forty and fifty horses had been stabled, and, in 1913, 400 gallons of spirits and 200 barrels of beer had been sold.—Mr A H Nicholson, managing clerk for Messrs W. J. and H. C. Watson, solicitors, was the first and the last bidder. His initial offer was £1,000, and his final bid £1,800, at which figure the lot was withdrawn.—Mr W. Brittton, a director, commenced the bidding at £200 for the premises of the Teesdale Associated Farmers, and he became the purchaser at £485.—The occasion was memorable. William Shenstone said whoever had travelled life's dull round might sigh to think he still had found the warmest welcome at an inn, while the oft-repeated saying is attributed to Archbishop Leighton that if he were to choose a place to die in, it should be an inn. Presumably these were the old-time taverns, where long-lost travellers met at length, and cavalry on the line of march were quartered. The gathering place of local wits and punsters, of army pensioners and sportsmen, and the disciples of that same Izaak Walton who declared that "this dish of meat is too good for any but anglers, or very honest men." These inns of antiquity were the homes of farmers, if not their exchange and mart, and the rendezvous of wool-buyers and cake merchants, besides the quarters of officers and gentlemen of the reigning monarch. And finally there was the annual ball—the dance and jollity which syllable the names of men yet living. Such were the attributes of the more than century old "Black Horse," whose fame was carried to distant lands, and whose hospitable board was a household word, and in these circumstances no wonder that both curiosity and wonder were aroused in the auction of Wednesday.

URBAN COUNCIL MATTERS.

The monthly meeting was held on Thursday ult., when Mr C. Hedley presided, and there were also present Messrs Arrowsmith, Woodhams, Walker, Smith, Guy, Hodgson and Wilson; and Dawson (clerk), Veitch (assistant-clerk), Welford (medical officer), Martin (inspector), Simpson (surveyor), and Ord (collector).—The Surveyor reported 17 feet of water in the reservoir.—The Medical Officer's report showed eight deaths, four being from tuberculosis, and four births.—It was decided that if the Allotment Holders' Association would bear the cost of wirenetting the Council would erect it, but they had no jurisdiction as to user of the Cemetery-road; and, on the score of apportionment of first year's expenses, this appeared to be a matter of arrangement between the allotment holders themselves.—Mr Smith moved—having read the document—the adoption of a report on the subject of maternity and child welfare, a committee having considered a suggestion formulated by the County Committee that the work carried on by the local association be transferred to the county. The local committee found that the several duties that were suggested to be performed were more than any one nurse could undertake.—Mr Wilson seconded, and the Chairman was convinced that they were well off with the existing arrangement.—The Surveyor reported that six ordinary allotments had been let to Messrs Kearton, Brown, A. Morton, Ainsley, Walker and Keake, the rest being taken by the schools.—Notice of Lord Barnard's intention to appeal against the assessment of the market tolls had been received by the Clerk.—A question of wayleave under indenture of 30th May, 1901, in connection with the Lartington estate, came up in consequence of Mr R. T. Richardson's purchase of Smart Gill.—No more than a month's supply of coal can be delivered by local merchants in towns, as set out by the Controller of Coal Mines.

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STARTFORTH AREA TRIBUNAL: MILL OPERATIVES EXEMPTED.

THE NEW ORDER AS TO AGRICULTURISTS.

A meeting was held on Wednesday morning, Mr Joseph Peacock presiding. There were also present Messrs T. Bayles, J. Allison, R. Raine, T. W. Garth, W. Dent, R. W. Storey (clerk), J. W. B. Heslop (National Service Officer), and W. Dent (Board of Agriculture).—There were 25 cases to consider.—The Clerk intimated that from June 11th the Tribunal would have nothing more to do with farmers on occupational grounds, though they could appeal to that Tribunal on personal grounds. The order affected all ages, and vouchers would continue to be issued by War Agricultural Committees, and would be the sole exemption in future.—Major Heslop: It puts the agricultural labourer on the same mark as the miner.

A Gilmonby Gardener.

The only gardener left at Gilmonby Hall, 42 and graded 2, married, said he had been employed in his present situation for 13 or 14 years, where at one time three gardeners were at work. He attended to fruit trees, and 14 persons were supplied with vegetables, the surplus being sent to the Voluntary Aid Detachment Hospital.—Major Heslop: I agree to conditional exemption on account of the man's grade, and the fact that he is doing good work there.—Six months' conditional exemption was granted.

Flax Mill Operatives Conditionally Released.

The cases of two operatives in the Bridge-end factory were reviewed, one being a mill joiner, aged 44, and graded A, married, and being also a special constable and allotment-holder.—Mr Chester, works manager, said the appellant was in a scheduled trade protected under the recent order.—Major Heslop: If he had been a younger man you could not have called him up.—Mr Chester: Protection comes in after 35.—The Tribunal granted release for six months, without Volunteer Training Corps obligation.—The other workman was graded 2, married, and, having worked with the firm from a boy, was called upon to assist in other departments when men were away through unavoidable causes. Serious hardship, it was urged, would follow on this man being called up owing to the delicate state of the health of this operative's wife, who would have an allowance only of 12s 6d per week. The claims for release were dual—occupation and hardship.—Mr Chester: Of every article we do we must send a list.—Major Heslop: He is in a certified occupation like a miner who claims release by flashing his certificate in our faces and we are done.—Mr Chester: He has been brought up in the place, and his principal work is making clay balls.—Six months' exemption was granted, with the Volunteer Training Corps obligation.

Agricultural and Other Cases.

A Haythwaite, Bargingham, farmer was given six months' release without the trammels of the training corps, the distance from a drill station being too far.—A Clifford's Farm tenant farmer also got six months' exemption, and a Startforth B1, married wheelwright and farmer, who had had to give up Government work, but who was a regular attender at drills, got release for six months, with attendance to military duties.—The continued release of an Ox Pasture man was agreed upon, and a Blackton appellant's case was passed, freed of the Volunteer Training Corps.—A Clove Lodge man eight miles from a drill station, B1, was exempted and freed; and a tenant of the Grains-o'-Beck isolated inn, seven miles from a military centre was similarly treated.—A Mense House farm hand was released on his grading, and freed from drill from 1st July to 15th August.—A Crookley shepherd 29 married, with 1,000 acres and well over 1,000 sheep and lambs, and holding a voucher, was granted six months' exemption, without drill.—A Briscoe farm hand, B1, got six months' release and drill; which was the decision in the case of the son of a Little Hutton extensive farmer, and a shepherd and general manager, 25, A, at Hedgeholme, Winston.—A Boldron man holding a voucher got six months' exemption; and an appellant from lonely and isolated Tan Hill, graded 1, 41, announced that he had a colliery certificate, and laid bare the fact that the Tribunal had no jurisdiction.—Major Heslop: You will be called up by the colliery people if they want you.

The Case of a Lead Miner.

An employer appealed for a lead miner living at Cross Houses, Holwick, and urged that men of this craft were not affected by the decertification order. It was still a protected occupation, and if this man was taken the mine would have to be closed. He now held open conditional exemption.—Six months, free of Volunteer Training Corps.

Gilmonby Shepherd's Case Adjourned.

An employee on the home farm of Captain Dugdale, shepherding five allotments, with 1,300 sheep and 600 lambing ewes, who had the help of one man, was represented by Mr Dawson, who asked: Is there not a regulation now that cases pending have to be scrapped?—The Clerk: Not till after the 11th of June.—Mr Dawson: The sheep have to be washed, dipped and clipped, and he is within the list of certified occupations.—The Clerk: The Tribunal can deal with the case on its merits.—Mr Dawson: His whole time is spent in agriculture all the year round.—Eventually the case was adjourned.—A shepherd and stockman at New Houses, Baldersdale, was granted civil freedom for six months, with Volunteer Training Corps duties.

STARTFORTH FOOD CONTROL.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, Mr T. W Garth in the chair. There were present Mrs Bowes, Mrs Lowes, Messrs J. Allison, T. Bayles, T. H. Flews, T. Metcalfe, W. Dent, W. H. Robinson, executive officer, and W. Porter, inspector.—The Chairman welcomed Mrs Lowes and Mr J. Allison, as new members.—In the correspondence read by the Executive Officer was a letter from Mickleton containing certain imputations, and it was agreed to hand the letter over to Mr T. C. Nicholson, the legal adviser to the committee, who will reply.—The stationmaster at Bowes had sent a small parcel containing a ham shank, which had been taken from a passenger train, and the Food Officer was directed to return the parcel to Mr Burn.—Several complaints were laid before the committee as to people being dissatisfied with the quantity of sugar allowed for jam.—The committee found themselves powerless to act.—The landlady of a Cotherstone inn applied for an extra pound of sugar per week till September, and this was allowed.—The retail price of butter will be 2s 4d per pound for June, July and August.—Any person wishing to preserve butter can make application through the officer.

Zemoline Skin Ointment is the Ointment with a 10 years'-non-failure reputation, 1/1½ per jar, from Mason's Drug Stores, the Zemoline Depot, Barnard Castle.

LORD BARNARD AND THE BREEDING OF ANIMALS.

Lord Barnard presided at the Hertford County Appeal Tribunal, on Friday, when Mr J. B. Joel's stud groom, Henry Hogarth (39), was given six months' exemption.—Mr Joel said if Hogarth went he would discontinue the breeding of horses. In the last five years he had exported £250,000 worth of horses to America, and had that day received an offer of £35,000 for the St. Leger winner, Black Jester.—The Chairman said the Tribunal regarded the breeding of animals as one of the leading interests of the country.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SALE OF WORK

Opening by Mrs Richardson, of Rokeby Grove

For a period of eighty-six years a continuous yearly bazaar has been held in connection with the Ball-street church, and on Thursday afternoon the sale of work was opened by Mrs Richardson, of Rokeby Grove, wife of the esteemed Colonel Richardson, who was most cordially introduced by Mr R. T. Richardson, of this town, who presided over a large gathering.—The Rev R. W. Young, after the hearty singing of the hymn, "The church's one foundation," read the 46th Psalm, and the Rev. H. P. Bosse (Wesleyan) offered a most impressive prayer.—The Chairman, who was well received, said that annual event came round with the regularity of the sun and the moon, and, having had a look about the room, in which he had frequently been before, on musical occasions, he hardly again recognised the apartment owing to the beautiful manner in which it had been decorated, and which adornment was a great credit to those who had undertaken the work, and who had so becomingly ornamented the stalls. He hoped all this labour would not go unrequited. He had now the honour of introducing a lady who had recently come into this neighbourhood, and whose gallant husband had served his country in almost every quarter of the world, and on many occasions she had been with him. In due time the Chairman hoped Colonel Richardson would finally settle down at the end of his military career in the environment of Brignal Banks and Greta woods. (Applause).—Mrs Richardson, who had a hearty reception, said it was two years since they came to live at Rokeby, and she had found it a very pleasant port in a storm. She had often wished for an opportunity to take a little part in the welfare of the people among whom she lived, and she congratulated the promoters of that sale of work—the willing hearts and hands who for three generations had carried on the good effort. She wished every success to the movement, and, hoping that the bazaar might continue for many long years, now declared the sale of work open. (Applause).—Miss Leila Hird presented Mrs Richardson with a lovely bouquet of flowers, and Mr John Robson, on behalf of the church and congregation, said he had been asked most cordially to thank Mrs Richardson, Mr R. T. Richardson, the Rev. H. P. Bosse and the Rev R. W. Young for their services.—The vote was carried by acclamation.—Mr J. E. Dent said the first sale of work was held in that school-room in 1836, when £10 was raised for the London Missionary Society.

In the evening an excellent concert was given, the following artistes taking part:—Miss Norah Johnson, Woodland; Miss Gent, Miss Singer, Mr Singer, Miss Kirtley, elocutionist, Mrs Robinson and Miss Raper, accompanist. A series of interesting tableaux followed.

On Friday the bazaar was re-opened by children, who rendered as a first piece "A doll's quarrel," followed by a fairy play, "A dream of nursery rhymes," under the leadership of Miss Atkinson. The performance was excellent in every way, and reflected great credit upon the young lady who had trained the young people.

In the evening the children repeated their musical entertainment, and following that two competitions were held—nail-driving for ladies, in which Mrs Bowron and Miss E. Hird were the successful competitors, and in the hair-dressing competition for gentlemen Messrs Stanley Brown and J. E. Dent were the winners, who presented their prizes to the ladies, Miss Everline Brown and Miss C. Ward.

The takings amounted to £123, an increase of £30 on last year.

The stallholders included the following:—Linen—Mrs A. Winpenny, Mrs Walker, Mrs Appleby, and Mrs Brown. Sewing meeting—Mrs Richardson, Mrs Sang, Miss Swinbank and Miss Brown. Sunday School—Miss Hall, Mrs Waite, Mrs Rudd. Glass and china—Mrs Pinkney, Miss Wright and Miss Atkinson. Flower—Miss Johnson and Miss V. Rudd. Order—Mrs Swinbank. Refreshment—Miss Morton, Miss E. Atkinson and Miss Hedley. Cafe—Miss Dent, the Misses Hird, Mrs Bowron, Mrs Burn and Mrs Dent. The hall stewards consisted of Misses Bell, C. Ward, G. M. Brown, G. Ward, Messrs Brownless, Ward, Hempsall, L. Brown, Stout, J and R. Appleby, and Mrs Swinbank.

LOCAL WAR AGRICULTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE.

A special meeting of the War Agricultural Sub-Committee was held on Saturday afternoon. Mr George Harrison presided, and there were also present Messrs H. L. Fife, G. E. Forster, G. Atkinson, R. Heslop, R. H. Brown, I. C. Bainbridge, and R. Brown (clerk).

Suggested German Prisoners at the Teesdale Union Workhouse.

The Food Production Department had agreed with the Local Government Board that a German camp should be made at the Teesdale Union Workhouse.—A letter from the Labour Officer inquired whether the War Agricultural Sub-Committee agreed or desired to have a camp there.—The committee decided there was no necessity to have one at present.—The committee had to compile a list of wheelwrights and blacksmiths to be retained in civil occupation, and a revised list of agricultural men available for the army.

Important Notice.
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TEESDALE DIVISION GIRL GUIDES.

Seventy Girl Guides of the Teesdale Division met at Romaldkirk on Saturday last for their annual inspection by the Division President, Mrs Bell-Irving, and the Commissioner, Mrs Addison. A number of displays were given, and work and baskets were on view, all of which showed that some hard work had been done by both Officers and Guides. A large number of badges, including the Medal of Merit to Lieutenant Lily Forrest, of the 1st Durhams, were presented by Mrs Bell-Irving, who in an excellent address urged the Guides to be practical, and let theory alone, and learn to think for themselves. Several vice-presidents and members of committee were present, and a number of interested onlookers. The Guides were afterwards photographed by Mr Spraggan, of Middleton.

FOREST WAR SAVINGS.

A meeting in furtherance of the local effort was held on Friday last in the Forest school-room, when the principal speakers were Mr H. Bryett, county secretary, and Mr M. H. Kellett, agent for Messrs Pease and Partners, at Eldon, near Bishop Auckland, the chair being occupied by Mr Phillip Beadle, of Forest, local treasurer.—The speakers, in the course of their remarks, emphasised the need for supporting the Government in every way, but especially in prosecuting the war to a successful issue, so that nations should be free to live their own lives in their own countries: could be free to carry on the arts of peace, unhampered by foreign restrictions: should be free from the presence of a brutal conqueror: should be free from heavy taxation of a war indemnity—we were fighting for nothing beyond these things. It was pointed out that Forest, during the year the association had been in force, had subscribed through its 30 odd members, the sum of £348 or 449 certificates. This was not so good as it looked when it was pointed out that only one house in three subscribed. In conclusion the speakers earnestly urged those present to help the Government to the utmost of what they could lend, for in that way only could the objects just mentioned be won, and the subscribers, by the way, would get the very best investment that ever they had in their lives.—A vote of thanks was accorded the speakers, and during the interval songs were rendered by Forest School senior girls.

BARNARD CASTLE RURAL FOOD.

A meeting of this committee was held on Wednesday, Mr R. W. Raine, J.P., presiding. There were also present Mrs W. Brown, Messrs R P. Hett, J. Tarn, G. A. Thompson, J. W. L. Davidson, J. Tallentire, G. Linsley, J. H. Porter, E C. Adamson, and J. Thompson, with Mr T. W. Bainbridge (Executive Officer), and Mr R. Brown (Food Inspector).—It was decided to communicate with the Newcastle depot, asking that in future all supplies of frozen meat for a distance shall be sent sooner in the week, so that butchers may have a chance to supply their customers.—Several applicants for sugar for jam-making wrote expressing their disappointment at the proportion awarded them.—The Executive Officer stated that in connection with the national rationing scheme every person will get a ration book before July 14th.—A letter was read from the Government Control Depot as to the use of motor cars for the shooting season. The committee made no recommendation.—The price of farmers' butter was recommended to be 2s 3d per lb.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The monthly meeting of the Middleton Parish Council, held at the Town Hall, on Wednesday night last, was presided over by Mr T. R. Gowling. The Allotment Sub-Committee reported that they hoped to have a water supply to the allotments in the near future.—The Clerk was instructed to have the village green and footpaths attended to as soon as possible.—A further discussion took place in regard to a suitable memorial for the local lads who have fallen during the war, and a scheme is to be submitted to the next council meeting.

The Sunday school anniversary in connection with the Primitive Society, Lunedale, was celebrated during the week-end. On Saturday night a public meeting was held, when addresses were given by Mrs Pattler, Middleton, and Mr T. Harker, Arkengarthdale, Mrs Wheeler, Middleton, presided. On Sunday special sermons were preached by Mr Harker, in the afternoon and evening, when large companies assembled.

As will be seen by our advertisement column, the Rev. W. Younger, Newcastle, is to visit Teesdale next week.

Barnard Castle Auction Mart.

Wednesday's quotations: Calved cows (21 forward)—1st, W. Coker, £46 15s; h.c., W. Errington, £44 17s 6d; J. Hutchbridge, £44; G. Nicholson, £44. In-calf cows 31 forward—1st, G. Coates, £45; h.c., T. Waite, £46 10s; J. R. Peacock, £46; R. Hodgson, £44 10s; R. Dent, £44. Bulls under 18 months (14 forward)—1st, R. Law, £46 10s; 2nd, R. Bell, £45 5s; h.c., G. R. [illegible], £33; C. J. Wilson, £33 10s. Bulls under 12 months (36 forward)—1st, J. S. Metcalfe, £28 10s; 2nd, R. Morton, £29; h.c., W. Furness, £20 15s; [illegible], I. C. Bainbridge, £23 10s; G. R. [illegible], £30. Ewes and lambs to 82s each.

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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.

Roll of Honour.

HODGSON.—Killed in action on May 24th, Private Willie Hodgson, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, dearly loved and only surviving son of Mr and Mrs W. Hodgson, 3, Galgate, Barnard Castle.

Deaths

FRANKLIN.—At 5, Victoria-terrace, Barnard Castle, Mary Winifred, the beloved only daughter of William and Margaret Franklin who departed this life June 11th, 1918, aged 20 years. Interred on Friday at the Church Cemetery, at 3 o'clock, cortege leaving residence at 2.45 p.m.

HEPWORTH.—On June 11th, 1918, Captain W. H. Hepworth, R.A.M.C., of Nottingham, formerly of Spring Grove, Barnard Castle.

PEAT.—On June 10th, at the Post Office, Cotherstone, the residence of her brother, Margaret Elizabeth, widow of the late Thos. M. Peat, Galgate, Barnard Castle, and daughter of the late Hilton Heslop, Marwood. To be interred at Barnard Castle, Thursday, 13th inst., at 3-30 p.m., leaving Cotherstone at 2 p.m.—Friends please accept this (the only) intimation.

Return Thanks.

BELL.—Mr and Mrs Joseph Bell and family wish to thank all friends for the kindness and letters of sympathy received in their sad bereavement.—Park House, Romaldkirk.

HODGSON.—Mr and Mrs W. Hodgson and daughters wish to thank all friends for kind letters of sympathy sent to them in their sad bereavement.—Galgate, Barnard Castle.