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BARNARD CASTLE, MAY 29TH, 1918.

UBIQUITOUS AIRMEN.

THE amazing feats which the British have accomplished in air warfare, and the prospect of the arrival of the American air fleet in gigantic numbers, warrant the assertion that war in its most demoralising form may be carried far into German territory. Already the siege of Germany may be said to have begun, and tremendous events are looming in the near future. The Hun does not like aircraft reprisals, and the spiteful city of Cologne especially has no relish for anything savouring of the brutalities heaped upon harmless English women and children without stint by the devilish Prussian. Huge aeroplanes are being used not as auxiliaries of other arms but as an independent arm, and their possibilities are far-reaching. A continuous and unceasing attack can and will be made on every point in the rear of the enemy's lines, and an army may even be stopped on the line of march.

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

WE are glad to say that Mr S. H. C. Jackson, the esteemed manager of the London Joint Stock Bank at Barnard Castle, is recovering from his recent serious indisposition.

THE Rev. Morley Lewis Caulfield Headlam, Vicar of St. John's, Keswick, son of the late Mr Morley Headlam, formerly of Gilmonby Hall, has accepted the living of Horsham, Surrey, which has been offered to him by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Mr Headlam graduated at Oxford, and is a Master of Arts. He was ordained priest in 1894, and was afterwards at St. Saviour's Church, Leicester, where he remained four years. He then went to Adelaide, in South Australia, and was there from 1898 until 1902. Coming back to England he went to Middlesbrough, and after being there a short time he was appointed Vicar of St. John's, Middlesbrough. He remained there until 1906, when the vicariate of St. John's, Keswick, was offered to him. Horsham has a population of 13,000.

PRIVATE HORACE BEBB, a local railwayman, serving with the Durham Light Infantry, is on short leave of absence from the front owing to his wife's indisposition.

A MEMORABLE little war-time scene was enacted at the railway station at Barnard Castle on Thursday morning, when a number of Marwood farmers' sons left to join-up. Among the young recruits was the physically fine William Raine, son of Mr and Mrs William Raine, Newgate. The lads were in good heart. William Raine has been posted to the 4th West Yorkshire Regiment.

THE soup kitchen, which has been successfully conducted at Staindrop during the winter, has been suspended during the summer months.

MR J. BAINBRIDGE, the esteemed ticket-collector at Barnard Castle station, is, it is understood, seeking removal to the Newcastle section, owing solely to family reasons.

PRIVATE A. E. WALTON, of the Liverpool King's Regiment, late in the employ of Mr W. Hodgson, confectioner, Barnard Castle, is officially reported missing from April 6th.

MR A. J. DAWSON, the honorary secretary of Lady Anne Lambton's Durham County Work Depot, in his one hundred and eighty-first list, acknowledges the receipt of garments from the staff and scholars of Harwood Church of England School, per Mr J. L. Weedy; and from the staff and scholars of Forest-in-Teesdale School, per Mr J. J. Scott.

ACTING on the suggestion of Lord Barnard, in a speech at the Cockfield Agricultural Show, two years ago, Mr Robert Littlefair, of Keverstone Grange, has purchased a well-bred roan dairy bull, bred by Mr James Patterson, Toronto, Scotland, for the improvement of the breed of stock in the district. The animal is descended from a famous bull owned by Mr George Harrison, of Gainford.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S recent despatch contains the names of Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col (Temp. Brig.-General) A. E. Irving, D.S.O., Durham Light Infantry, who was adjutant of the 4th Special Reserve (the old Barnard Castle Militia) when war broke out; Captain Guy H. Straker, M.C., Hussars, only son of Mr Herbert Straker, the Master of the Zetland Hounds; and Q.M. and Hon. Captain J. P. Cherry and C.S.M. T. Round, Durham Light Infantry.

MRS ASHMORE, widow of the late Sapper Joseph Ashmore, who was formerly employed by the North Eastern Railway Company at Hulands Quarry, took up her duties at Barnard Castle railway station last Saturday morning, as assistant ticket-collector. Her uniform is smart and seemly.

YESTERDAY afternoon's telegram states that the issue of Monday's battle in Flanders may be regarded with perfect satisfaction. The Germans practically obtained nothing, with heavy casualties.

ON Monday, at the Tees Fishery Board, Lord Barnard presiding, a recommendation of the Standing Committee that no money be spent this year on the purchase of two-years-old trout for re-stocking the river was unanimously agreed to.

THE President of the Board of Agriculture says the Government hope to take the necessary steps to establish the allotment movement as a permanent feature in our national life.

MRS WILSON, of the Victoria Hall cinema, at her home, Springfield Villas, Barnard Castle, had the misfortune yesterday to fracture her arm.

A SUMMONS arising out of an alleged assault upon a child at Middleton, a rate case, and a colliery district dog without a license information are the chief items to be heard at the Barnard Castle Police Court, this morning.

LANCE-CORPL. VICTOR LANE, of the Sherwood Foresters, son of Mr W. R. Lane, stationmaster, Cotherstone, who was reported missing on March 21st, is now a prisoner of war in Germany.

THE Misses Sevier, nieces of Dr. A. H. Sevier, who, as already announced in this journal, has acquired a practice at Kirklington, near Bedale, have, with a party of other ladies, been held up by the Germans, and received rough treatment in their passage from Petrograd to Holland. Two brothers of the Misses Sevier were interned at Ruleben, while the young ladies were sent forward to Holland. It will be remembered that Dr. Sevier's interesting letter on the outbreak of the Russian revolution was printed in these columns at the time, he himself then serving on the staff of a hospital at Petrograd, in the earlier stages of this dreadful conflict.

THE "Aberdeen Free Press" last week was the first newspaper to be printed on paper made from saw-pulp, a form of wood made into flour produced from saw dust.

NEWS has just been received by Mr and Mrs James Sowerby, Blackmoorgate Farm, Stainmore, that their eldest son, Private W. H. Sowerby, is missing. He joined the Durham Light Infantry three years ago.

WITH the commendable idea of improving dairy stock the Staindrop Small Holders' Bull Society have secured the services of the pedigree shorthorn bull, "Dairyman," which was first and champion at the recent Kendal show and sale.

MR W. DENT, of Naby View, in leisure hours, in the long winter evenings, has made a screen of three wings covered entirely by British and foreign stamps; and he has also mounted on tracing paper, also in stamps, the letters forming the full text of the Lord's Prayer. The characters are both large and legible. The original cost of the stamps composing the mountings of the screen alone works out at £49 19s. 9d.

PRIVATE ARTHUR HENRY WARD, eldest son of Mr Ward, gamekeeper, of Hillbeck Hall, Brough; and Private John W. Craig, Brough, are prisoners of war in Germany.

A CARD has been received from Germany, written by Private J. Porter, stating that he is a prisoner of war. The young soldier was formerly employed by Mr Richard Watson, butcher, of this town.

THE REV. H. STRAKER will conclude his ministry at Bowes next Sunday night.

A MOST sympathetic letter has reached Mr and Mrs Hodgson, 3, Galgate, Barnard Castle, from the Rev. Edwin Fleming, Chaplain, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, under date 15th May, which says: "I very much regret having to send you the sad news of the death of your son, Private William Hodgson, who was killed by shell fire last night (14th). I know this will come to you and your family as a great shock, and I should like to assure you of the heartfelt sympathy of officers and men of the battalion with you in your great sorrow. Your son's mortal remains were laid to rest yesterday in a British Military Cemetery near the spot where he fell; and if you should desire a photograph of the grave you should write to 'The Director of Graves. Registration and Enquiries, War Office, Winchester House, St. James' Square, London.' We all pray that God Himself may in His infinite mercy comfort and strengthen you and yours to bear the burden of sorrow which He has laid upon you." A great deal of kindly regard and sympathy is expressed for Mr and Mrs Hodgson in their great trial, but there is wonderful consolation in the fact that this young soldier was not only a great credit to his parentage, but also to the town of his nativity, for in very truth he was from the first determined to fight for his country. Though rejected on medical grounds on two or three successive attempts to join the army he succeeded at length in enlisting into His Majesty's Forces. He left Barnard Castle for the third time for France, having been already wounded, on the 23rd of last March. He was injured at Messines Ridge in the great sapping triumph of the British Army, and has fought like a courageous soldier during the whole campaign.

Barnard Castle Tradesmen's Association.

Apartments for Visitors.

A meeting of the above body was held on Friday night, under the chairmanship of Mr R. B. Morton, when there were present Messrs E. Holdsworth, H. Walker, R. B. Gent, J. T. Knowles and J. T. Marquiss (secretary).—It was agreed to observe August Bank Holiday as usual, and the secretary reported the receipt of several letters—one from St. Leonards-on-Sea—inquiring for a list of persons in the town or immediate district who have apartments to let.—The Secretary was instructed to insert an official advertisement in the "Teesdale Mercury" asking persons who have lodging accommodation at their disposal to send their names at once, with particulars as to the nature of the accommodation, to Mr J. T. Marqiss, Horse Market, Barnard Castle. The list will then be printed in light circular form and sent to all applicants intending to visit this neighbourhood.—The President, in feeling terms, alluded to the death of the late Mr Robert Fawcett, on the field of battle. No doubt the deceased gentleman came to a brave end, said Mr Morton, and he would like to propose that they ask their secretary to send a letter of sympathy to his widow on the great loss she had sustained in the death of her dear partner.—The motion was carried in silence, all present rising to their feet.

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GRETA BRIDGE POLICE COURT.

THE NORTH RIDING LIEUTENANCY AND NON-ATTENDING MAGISTRATES.

At the usual court on Wednesday, Mr W. H. Ralston presided, and the other justices present were Messrs J. Smith, C. H. Welford, J. J. Bell-Irving, and M. J. Dixon.—The Clerk read a letter from Sir Hugh Bell, Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding, in which he said: "You have been good enough for some years past to supply me with a return as to the attendance of justices acting for your division for the private use of the Advisory Committee for the North Riding, framed on the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Selection of Justices of the Peace. I should like to have this information brought up to date in order that it may be laid before the committee at their next meeting. To enable you to do this I enclose forms similar to those formerly sent. I trust I may again count on your assistance. I hope my former letters have made it clear that the lists which you are good enough to prepare for me are to be approved by the justices in petty sessions. They are to contain the names of justices actually resident in the division, with the addition of the names of any gentlemen who have been accustomed to attend petty sessions, or who may have been invited by the justices to do so. This, however, does not interfere in any way with the right of a justice for the North Riding to act in any petty sessional division, even if his name does not appear in the list, although it is not usual or convenient for justices to exercise this right. I again suggest for the consideration of your Bench that when the list to be returned to the Clerk of the Peace is next submitted the names of those persons who do not fulfil the proper conditions should be struck out, so that the list may properly represent the persons in a position to discharge the duties of their office in your petty sessional division."—There seemed to be a little hesitancy on the part of the Bench to striking out the names of those who do not fulfil the whole of the conditions.—The Chairman: Is it necessary to send the number of attendances?—The Clerk: It is perhaps not material.—Mr Dixon: They want that information to guide them.—The Chairman: Very well, let them have it. There is no harm in it.

Lad Fined for Thieving: His Guardian and Future Behaviour.

A boy named Wilfred Rogers (12), Starforth, was charged with having broken into the dwelling-house of Mrs Rose Elizabeth Chapman, Startforth, and stolen a pound of cooked beef and a fountain pen, the goods being valued at 6s 10d, on Sunday, May 5th.—Prosecutrix, a widow, whose husband had been killed in the war, said she left the house at 5 o'clock in the evening, locking the door, but leaving the pantry window open two inches at the bottom. On a plate at the end of the pantry, away from the window, was a pound of cooked beef. At half-past eight, on returning home, she missed the beef, and observed that the pantry window was wide open. Next day she missed the fountain pen, which she had left on the kitchen table on the Sunday. She reported each loss to the police.—P.C. Rennison said that in instituting inquiries he called at the house of Harry Hall, who acted as guardian to the defendant, and Mrs Hall said she had found a fountain pen in the boy's pocket. Questioned by the constable, defendant said the pen had been given to him by a boy named Scott, but he afterwards admitted having entered Mrs Chapman's house and taken the meat and the pen. He said he had eaten the beef in the house.—Defendant pleaded guilty.—Mr Hall said he had no questions to ask, but submitted on behalf of his ward that for some time he had observed a certain dulness about the lad at intervals. He had had him examined by a doctor, who said there was 'something lacking," but that the boy would grow out of that condition. Four years ago he received a blow on the head with a stone, and the doctor said that might have affected him permanently. The defendant was no relation of his. His father was killed in the war two years ago.—The Chairman said it was very good of Mr Hall to have adopted the boy.—The Bench fined the defendant 5s, and bound Mr Hall over in £5 as surety for his future good behaviour.

Teesdale Education Sub-Committee.

New Assistant Teachers.

A meeting of this body was held on Wednesday. Mr M. J. Dixon presided, and there were also present the Rev. H. W. H. Bircham, Mrs Dawson, Miss Nixon. Messrs C. J. Smith, R. T. Richardson, H. L. Fife and L. Gibson.—Mr Lee submitted the school attendance averages for April:—Barnard Castle, 91·1; Staindrop, 86·3; and Teesdale, 86·1. An epidimic of whooping cough at Newbiggin and Forest, which had now subsided, accounted for the paucity of attendance in these schools. Miss Olive Raine has been appointed supplementary teacher at the Infant School at Barnard Castle; Miss L. L. Irene Walker is the new supplementary teacher in Cockfield Council School; Miss O. D. Rushworth has succeeded as uncertificated temporary teacher in the Barnard Castle Roman Catholic School; and Miss Norah Brennan is the recently appointed uncertificated assistant teacher also in the local Roman Catholic School, to commence after the midsummer holidays at a salary of £65 per annum.

Startforth Food Control.

Farmers Can Kill Sheep for their Own Consumption.

A meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon, Mr T. W. Garth presiding, when there were present Mrs Bowes, and Messrs T. Bayles, J Peacock, W. Dent, G. V. Tarn, W. H. Robinson (executive officer), and W. Porter (inspector).—Applications for supplementary ration cards were made by farm labourers, enginemen, firemen, labourer at filter beds, farmers, post woman, and hind.—The committee did not think there was any necessity to ration tea.—Mrs Sheppard, Barningham, and Miss Robinson, Lartington, were registered for the sale of flour.—Mr Absolam Peacock notified that he wished to kill sheep at stated intervals for his own household.—The Chairman: But he must not exceed the amount allowed by the Food Committee.—The Inspector: The order does not state the weight at all per head. If a farmer wishes to kill a sheep he can do so for his own family.—The Chairman said he must give notice within seven days that he has done so.—The Executive Officer was asked to look the matter up, so that the committee might be quite clear upon the point.—A letter from a Cotherstone caterer was directed to lie upon the table.—The other business was routine.

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TEESDALE JOURNALIST'S IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT.

MR W. CHAPMAN WOOD.

The current issue of "The Newspaper World" contains the following:—"Mr W. Chapman Wood, editor of 'The Somerset County Gazette,' has resigned that position to become editor of the 'Hertfordshire Mercury and County Press,' and will be leaving Taunton in the course of a few weeks to take up his new duties. Mr Wood went to Taunton nine years ago from Rotherham, where he had been for some time editor of the 'Rotherham Express.' At Taunton he has actively identified himself with town and county affairs. As secretary, treasurer, or as a member of committees, he is connected with over twenty organizations. He is Chairman of the Taunton and West Somerset Branch of the National Union of Journalists." At the last meeting of the Taunton Food Committee, the Mayor, who was in the chair, referring to the resignation of the executive officer, Mr Chapman Wood, said he was personally very sorry indeed. Mr Wood had had the offer of a better position at Hertford, and he had felt it his duty to accept it. They would all give him their hearty congratulations. He had been associated with Mr Wood on many public bodies, and their relations had always been of the pleasantest possible character. Since he had been Mayor, considerably over £3,000 had been raised for charitable purposes, and Mr Chapman Wood had been the moving spirit in nearly all the efforts. He had promised to continue his duties until his departure about the middle of June. Mr Applin moved that the resignation be formally accepted, and that they place on record their high appreciation of the energetic manner in which Mr Wood had carried out his duties. They all congratulated him on the important position he was accepting at Hertford. Councillor A. J. West and Mr G. Rex also spoke, and, after the resolution had been carried, Mr Chapman Wood replied, thanking the members for their kind expressions of appreciation of his services.—As showing the active interest that Mr Chapman Wood has taken in the public affairs of the community, the following are among the offices which he is now relinquishing at Taunton:—Financial secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, honorary secretary of the Mayoress's Christmas Fund, honorary secretary to the Fund for the Entertainment of the Soldiers, Executive Officer of the Food Control Committee, member of the Parish Council, Burial Board, War Savings Association, Tuberculosis Committee, Infants' Health Society, Boy Scouts' Association, Bible Society and Madrigal Society, a school manager, honorary secretary Flag Day Committee, manager of the Town Mission, and a member of the Galmington Educational Trust.—Mr Chapman Wood is a native of Middleton-in-Teesdale, and in his early journalistic days was a regular contributor to the "Teesdale Mercury."

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The Bowlees Primitive Methodists celebrated their seventieth Sunday school anniversary during the week-end. On Saturday afternoon the scholars were provided with tea. In the evening a public meeting was held, presided over by Mr J. Watson, and excellent addresses were given by Mrs J. Staley, Forest, and Mr J. C. Sayer, blind evangelist, Birtley, who is a native of Mickleton. On Sunday Mr Sayer preached afternoon and evening to large congregations. Recitations were given at all the services by the children, and special anniversary hymns were sung. Miss Nattrass ably presided at the organ.

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Mr James H. Nattrass, Bedale, preached afternoon and evening at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Mickleton, on Sunday last, and also gave the readings at a service of song, entitled, "Old Davey," given on Saturday night. The effort was on behalf of the trust fund.

Cycling Accident at Barnard Castle.

A somewhat serious accident occurred at Barnard Castle on Whit-Sunday, when a man named Thomas Baxter, employed at Darlington Forge, fell from his cycle near the Workhouse, and was rendered unconscious. It appeared that Baxter cycled from Darlington to Barnard Castle to visit his wife's mother (Mrs Hargreaves, of Baliol-street), and when just in front of the Infirmary, evidently overcome by the hot weather, he appeared to lose control of the machine, and was thrown somewhat violently to the ground. The Workhouse-master (Mr Warnes) heard the crash, and rushed to the scene, and with the help of others brought Baxter into the institution in an unconscious state, where he had every attention by the nurse and doctor. On the following day the injured man was conveyed by motor-car to Greenbank Hospital, Darlington.

Durham Prisoners of War Fund.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury."

DEAR SIR,—I shall be glad if you will kindly permit me to express thanks to the collectors donors of flowers and vegetables, stall-holders, and all officials who helped to make the flower and flag day held on Wednesday last such a pleasing success. The amount realised altogether was £59 0s 9d, a sum which I am sure has exceeded all our hopeful anticipations, and is extremely gratifying. Included in this amount are the following subscriptions, viz:—Mr R. T. Richardson, £5; Mr C. B. Martin, 10/; Sir Frederick Milbank, £1; Mr O. S. Scott, £1; Mr and Mrs John Smith, £1; Mr Pratt, 6/; anonymous, £1; Mrs Elliott, 10/-; Mrs G. Lowes, 4/-; friends, 2/6; Mr G. C. Lee, 10/-; Mr Jas. Adams, 5/. I am, sir, yours faithfully,

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LADY BARNARD'S WILL.

Lady Barnard left estate of the value £12 891 16s 9d, with net personalty of £12,892 15s. Baron Barnard and Captain the Hon. William Vane, her son, are the executors. The will is dated February 10th, 1918. Testatrix left £500 to each of her sons, £100 to the churchwardens of Staindrop Church, £250 to each of her daughters-in-law, and £25 each to her god-children. The residue of the property is left to Lord Barnard.

STARTFORTH RURAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of this body was largely attended on Wednesday. Mr James Peacock presided.

The Election of Chairman.

Mr Allison moved the appointment of Mr Peacock as chairman, and Mr Bayles seconded.—Mr Raine (High Street) proposed the re-election of Mr John Walton as chairman.—Mr W. Dent: I think it would have been better if we had left it in the old grove, and I second the re-election of Mr Walton. It would have been better to have continued as we were until the war is over.—Mr Allison: I understand Mr Walton gave up last meeting.—Mr Bayles thought Mr Peacock had had the major portion of the work to do, and he thought the honour should be given to the vice-chairman.—Mr Dent: I believe Mr Walton has done his part, and the only thing is that I think it would have been better if we had moved on quietly until the end of the war.—Mr Allison: why did Mr Walton, at the last meeting, say that he wished to retire from the chairmanship?—Mr Dent: He said so in the meeting, but he did not object to stand.—Mr Preston: He did not say that at the meeting, and what is said outside we cannot take into account.—Six voted for the amendment, and the original proposition was carried.—Mr Peacock, on taking the chair, thanked them very much for conferring the honour upon him of being placed in the position of chairman. He would discharge the duties to the best of his abilities. Mr Walton had said that the members had a good deal to do in making a good chairman, and Mr Peacock believed the words were quite correct. He trusted they would give him all the support they could. (Hear, hear).—Mr Hunt proposed Mr Garth as the vice-chairman, and Mr Bayles seconded.—The motion was adopted, and Mr Garth returned thanks, remarking that he hoped to fulfil the duties of the office to their satisfaction.

Coal Situation Acute.

In the matter of the appointment of a local controller of coal, the Council were officially informed that the coal situation in the country was becoming very acute, and rationing might extend to Durham and Northumberland, as the result of a conference shortly to be held in Newcastle. It was intimated that it would be incumbent to appoint a local controller. The matter, however, was left in abeyance.

The Case of an Injured Startforth Man.

The Clerk read the following letter from Mr J. W. Bowder, Northallerton, under date 1st May, 1918: "I am instructed to inform you that the North Riding Distress Committee is of the opinion that this case appears to be now one that should be dealt with under the poor-law, and they would ask your committee to reconsider the case in this light. In the meantime they approve of the payment of a grant of ten shillings per week for one month."—It transpired that this man was blinded as an operative in a mill, while attempting to save the life of a fellow-workman. The members of the local distress sub-committee (the Council meeting having ended) were strongly against the suggestion contained in the letter, and it was agreed to ask the Distress Committee at Northallerton to continue the payment as heretofore, although the sub-committee had previously recommended an increase of ten shillings per week.

Primitive Methodist Sunday School.

Interest in child life fortunately is unfailingly popular, and few if any celebration of the year excites more, if as much, interest as a school anniversary. It was quite what we anticipated on Sunday last to see, afternoon and evening especially, large congregations assembled in the church in Newgate. Councillor J. G. Cawthorne, of Waitby, discoursed eloquently in the morning from the story of the lad with the five barley loaves and two small fishes.—In the evening Mr Cawthorne gave an impressive and well-illustrated address to parents and teachers.—The afternoon service was conducted by the Rev J. Hawkins, who expressed sympathy and regret at the absence of Mrs Cawthorne, who was unable as advertised to be with them. He said the duty of the religious education of the children rested primarily upon the parents, and the school and the church come in as aids and helps. The modern tendency was to leave it almost entirely to the school and the church, a tendency to be strongly deprecated. Mr Hawkins also referred to the great loss the school had sustained since their last anniversary by the death of Mr J. W. White, their oldest superintendent.—In the afternoon the children and choir gave a very pleasing song and recitation-service, entitled, "The Circling Year," and in the evening a similar combination of praise-service with anthems, all executed with care, and all impressive and profitable. Mr W. Coates had evidently bestowed much labour as conductor, and Miss White, as organist. Collections were good, and in excess of last year.

Mr J. I. Dawson defended William Pounder landlord of the Black Horse Inn, Stainmore, for having acquired eight hams on February 1st, and George Metcalfe, farmer, Thornton Rust, Aysgarth, was charged with aiding and abetting.—The Kirkby Stephen Bench dismissed both cases.

The County School sports will take place to-morrow.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Marriages.

BRAITHWAITE: TODD—On the 28th inst., at the Wesleyan Chapel, Middleton-in-Teesdale, George Holden Braithwaite of Daisybank, Startforth to Jane, daughter of the late George and Elizabeth Todd, of Middleton-in-Teesdale.

O'CONNOR: BUXTON—At St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Barnard Castle, on the 27th inst., Bernard Lewis O'Connor, of Manchester, to Jennie McGregor Buxton, of West Hartlepool.

Deaths.

JOHNSON.—At West View, Montalbo-terrace, Barnard Castle, on May 7th 1918 Margaret Ellen beloved wife of John George Johnson. Interment at the Church Cemetery, on Thursday (to-morrow), May 30th, cortege leaving residence at 2.30 p.m. No flowers.

PROUD—On May 24th, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs Bradley at Felling-on-Tyne, Agnes, widow of the late James Proud of Stockton-on-Tees aged 74 years. Interred at Oxbridge-lane Cemetery, Stockton, on Thursday, 23rd inst.

Return Thanks

PREECE.—Mr and Mrs Preece and Mr and Mrs F. Metcalfe wish to express their grateful thanks to all friends for their very kind sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

SMITH.—Miss Smith, 16, Newgate, Barnard Castle, wishes to thank all friends for kindness and sympathy shown to her in her sad bereavement.