been less zealous. Both the latter

schools have made their mark at Barnard

Castle, where dame schools and

adventitious teachers flourished within

living memory. The village pedagogue

is tenderly enshrined in traditional lore

as an authority upon knitting and

of exceptional interest here, it being the

occasion of the Emerson Testimonial

assembled in that building of happy

memories were haunted by the broodings

of Charles Lamb, who in a reverie sad

reflected that he had had playmates and

companions in the days of his childhood,

in his joyful school days, but all, all were

intimate forms of vanished masters, or

recollection, to remind us in solemnity

of the flight of time. But the sound

County Education Secretary emphasised

what Bishop Lightfoot had already made

plain, that the schoolmaster and the

parent were alone responsible for a safe

democracy in a safe commonwealth. In

other words the central aim in all

culture was the formation of character.

in the demoralization of the community.

Already the liberal professions are

district especially the ridiculous "nut

pride of the world.

colonel H. C. Watson, V.D.

cordially taken up the gauntlet.

is progressing towards recovery.

school at Rokeby Hall.

having entered the school in 1838.

undertaken by a paid official.

argest number of books correctly.

must have a sorry time. A wise

LOCAL AND OTHER

NOTES.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to

confer the Territorial Force Decoration upon

Mr Reginald Pease, of Sledwich Hall, is

The Vicar of Barnard Castle has asked Mr merson to meet him in debate at the Mission

Mr G. Gillard, kennel huntsman and first

The Barnard Castle Women Unionists

course the wearing of the mask is optional.

Mr William Lee, of Darlington, is the oldest

Last Friday evening, in connection will the

local Wesley Guild, a "book" social was held when about forty titles were represented

Mrs Robinson was awarded the prize for the

most unique representation-"Robinson Crusoe"—and Mrs Christie guessed the

The Committee of the Discharged Sailors

and Soldiers Association were instrumental in

securing the buglers for sounding the last

post at Barnard Castle on the anniversary of

Mr C. Hedley has attended all the meetings

of the Urban Housing Committee, over forty in

The opening meeting of the Cotherstone Women's Guild was held in the Temperance

Hallon Monbay afternoon, when an interesting address was given by Mrs F. C. Foster, of Barnard Castle, the subject being "Two

Pictures. Two solos were pleasingly rendered by Miss (iil). After the meeting the members

At Whitby open poultry show on Wednesday

last. November 26th. in the any other variety

class, cock or hen, the first and second prizes

were won by Mr J. Wearmouth, 34, Galgate.

with his Blue Andalusian cock and Light

Sussex hen respectively, both birds being his

The death is announced, after a lingering

illness, of Mr Jonathan Gregory, of Startforth. Deceased was employed in the Bridge-end flax

mills for over 48 years, and for a period was

oreman. He was at one time a member of the

Startforth Parish Council. The interment will

On Monday, at the police office, Supt

Riddell presented ex-Police Constable Scott. of

Butterknowle, with a pipe, walking-stick and umbrella on his leaving the Durham County

Constabulary, after twenty-five years service. Engraved on a silver circular riband on the walking-stick was a record of the esteem of

the recipient's comrades. There was a full muster of the officers in the division, and

take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

leaves a widow and four daughters.

bearing upon police duty to the men.

partook of afternoon tea.

own breeding.

state that they secured a

Hall, on the subject of Church Disestablishment

adding baths to the houses of his estate

CORN PRODUCTION ACT, 1917. Agricultural Weges Board (England and Weles)

Variation of the Special Minimum Rates of ges at Present in Force for a Special Class ages at Present in Northumberland and

THE Agricultural Wages Board England Durham, HE Agricultural wages and Wales hereby give Notice, as required by the above Act, that they have varied their by the above Act, that they have varied their Drder of the 3rd September, 1918, so as to provide that the minimum rates of wages payable for employment of male workers etween the ages of 16 and 18 employed between the ages of 10 and 10 employed as Horsemen, Cattlemen, or employed wholly or mainly in tending sheep or in attending to other Stock other than whole-time Shepherds: in the area comprising the administrative counties of Northumberland including the orough of Berwick-upon-Tweed and Durham, and the county boroughs of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tynemouth. Darlington, Gateshead outh Shields, Sunderland and West Hartle. of, for a week consisting of the hours of ook customary in the above area, shall be sancelled, and that such workers shall entitled to the minimum rates of wages fixed ntitled to the minimum rates of wages night y the Board in their Order of the 25th eptember. 1919, and applicable to male rkers of the said ages in the above area. This Order shall come into operation on the eighth day of December, 1919. Dated this twenty-eighth day of November

Signed by Order of the Wages Board. E. W. MOSS-BLUNDELL,

Agricultural Wages Board (England and Wales: 80, Pall Mail, London, S.W. 1.

CORN PRODUCTION ACT, 1917. Agricultural Wages Board (England and Wales).

Variation of the Definition of Overtime Employ. ment in Northumberland and Durham.

IME Agricultural Wages Board (England and Wales, hereby give Notice, as required by Paragraph 4 of the Agricultural Wages tegulations, 1918, that they made the follow. ing ()rder :--In the case of any workman employed in

griculture in the area comprising the administrative counties of Northumberland including the borough of Berwick-uponweed and Durham, and the county boroughs of Newcastle-on-Tyne, Tynemouth, Darlington, Gateshead, South Shields, Sanderland and West Hartlepool, who under an agreement with his employer made in writing and ubmitted to and approved by the Northum herland and Durham Wages Committee, is entitled in each half-year either to a week's holiday on full pay or a week's work on double pay, the provision of the Order of the Wages Board dated the 25th of September, 1919, that n addition to any other employment which ranks as overtime employment under any Order of the Wages Board all employment in excess of 6! hours on a Saturday or on such other day not being Sunday in every week as may be agreed between the employer and the workman shall also rank as overtime employment, shall not longer apply.

This Order shall come into operation on the

eighth day of December, 1919. Dated this twenty-eighth day of November.

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WESTWOOD FARM, BARNARD GASTLE

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BARNARD CASTLE, DEC. 3RD, 1919.

EDUCATION AND CHARACTER.

THE evolution of the education problem has certainly favoured this town, for, in addition to the palatial County Schools a middle-class palatinate school for girls is in scrious contemplation, and there may possibly be even further devolopments for the higher instruction of boys. It is undeniable that the Church of England was a pioneer in elementary tuition, and locally at all events the Wesleyan body has not NOTES FROM THE HIGHER DALES.

BY OUR CONRESPONDENT. The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute held on Tuesday night week was presided over by Mrs Beadle. Mrs Parkin, who had attended the federation meetings in London in October gave a full report of the thwack, and in blissful ignorance of the proceedings. A demonstration in upholstering old proverb—"maxima debetur puero A programme of music was rendered by the reverentia." Friday last was a day following:—Pianoforte duet—"IrsMinchell and chairs was given by Mrs Douglas, Wolsingham. Miss Colling; recitation-The artist's dream -Miss A. Harrison; solo-My ain folk-Mrs observance, and many who were J. R. Watson : clarionet and pianoforte duet-Missouri waltz-Mr J. J. Thompson and Miss Connie Thompson (encore). Mr Jobson was the successful competitor for the best home-made marketing bag, but as the prize had been provided by Mr Jobson it was handed over to Mrs J. W. Walton, who was second. The hostesses for the evening were Mrs Ward and

gone, the old familiar faces. The The chapel anniversary in connection with some of them, came vividly to mind, and the Newbiggin Wesleyaus was celebrated such names as Sutherland, Wainwright, during last week end, when a party from Loftus gave a concert on Saturday and Sunday Oakley, Bell, Legard, Muckslow, Taylor nights, Mr H. Bainbridge presiding at the and possibly others, crowded upon the former and Mr J. Dickinson at the latter. Mr W. Tarn presided in the afternoon. A public supper was held after the concert on Saturday talk on educational matters rendered the night. All the services were well attended, gathering memorable, for the Durham and the whole effort was very successful. At a meeting of the members of the Middleton

Silver Band held on Thursday night, it was decided to reuder special music in the district during Christmas and New Year, and to hand over half the takings to the War Memorial Committee.

A ball was held on Friday night in the Assembly Hall, Middleton, promoted by the The preposterous notion that the Agricultural Show Committee, which was well acquisition of knowledge is designed to attended. Music was provided by Mr Walton's escape the primeval sentence of living band, and the duties of masters of ceremonies were carried out by Messrs E. Liddle, Butterby the sweat of the brow can only result knowle; M. Collinson, Mickleton; R. Lowson Romaldkirk; and W. Allinson, Barnard Castle. A whist drive and dance was also held at overstocked, and in an agricultural Holwick on the Friday night previous, the proceeds of which were in aid of the High Force Agricultural Show. Mr R. Beadle's philanthropy would, if possible, persuade band supplied the music, and Mr T. Raine young and vigorous men of all conditions carried out the duties of master of ceremonies. Anniversary services in connection with the

to assimilate a large measure of toil with Middleton Baptist Christian Endeavour Society were held during last week end. On their other pursuits. The proneness to shun work ought to be regarded as a bad Saturday night Mr A. Anderson addressed a sign of our times. Fashion is a poor public meeting, at which solos and recitations vocation, and the creed that idleness is a HOUSE and SHOP, situate and known as privilege and work a disgrace, is among the Misses L. Walton, F. Walton, A. Anderson the deadliest errors of the hour. were given by Mr Bloomfield, Shildon: and round. Mr H. Bainbridge presided. On Whoever seeks truth with an earnest mind belongs to the school of intellectual Sunday special sermons were preached, men, and skilled craftsmen are still the morning and evening, by Mr Anderson. Mr Bloomfield was the soloist

The football match played at Middleton, on Saturday, between Middleton United and Darlington Locomotive Works. resulted in a win for the home team by 3 goals to 2. Gibson scored for Middleton in the first half, but before the interval Darlington equalised. On resuming Darlington took the lead. The home eleven had most of the game towards the close, and Alderson and H. Ward added

LARTINGTON HALL CHAPEL

LAST NIGHT'S DEDICATORY SERVICE. Last night the Venerable Archdeacon Hall, and the retired schoolmaster has very C.B.E. (Chaplain to the King) dedicated and reopened the private chapel at Lartington Hall to public worship in an impressive service, at whip, Lartington, who recently sustained slight concussion and wrenched muscles which Canon Gough, Rector of Barningham and Rural Dean; the Rev. S. G. Beal, Rector shoulder blade) in following the Zetland Hunt. of Romaldkirk : the Rev. E. J. W. Nesbitt. Curate of Romaldkirk; the Rev. J. W. Brent, Vicar of Laithkirk; and the Rev. E.A. Stockdale masked ball on New Year's Eve is being Vicar of Middleton Tyas, were present. The much discussed, and many people are already interior of the building has been restored, and enquiring where they can get a mask. The artistically and appropriately treated under the direction of Mr and Mrs Norman Field. VALUABLE FREEHOLD FARM FOR SALE. supply last October, from a leading London the whole having been executed with the same firm, and that a mask will be presented gratis with every ticket purchased for the ball. Of the residence among the principal mansions in the North of England. After the lesson-Mrs Bell-Irving, during the teachers difficulty Revelation xxi., 1, 6—the license of the Bishop in the North Riding, with the assistance of of Ripon authorising the holding of divine Miss Gardiner, of Rokeby Rectory, conducted service in the chapel was read by the Rural Dean, and handed by the Archdeacon to the Rector of Romaldkirk. "O. God, our help in iving scholar who attended the Wesleyan ages past," and other well-known hymns were Council) Day School at Barnard Castle, he rendered, and the Archdeacon preached a powerful dedicatory sermon to a large and deeply interested congregation. The fine The secretarial duties discharged by Mrs Bell-Irving, in connection with the Greta organ. recently installed, was heard to great Bridge Branch of the War Pensions Fund, will advantage. Mr and Mrs Field afterwards entertained the clergy and others to dinner.

"IS THRIFT ALWAYS A VIRTUE?

Last night the above question was debated n a non-contentious spirit at the weekly meeting of the local Debating Society, there being a good attendance. The Vicar was leader, and remarked that by thrift was meant a state of thriving, frugality and carefulness as applied to money. The word was derived from the verb "to thrive," which was itself derived from the Icelandic word "thrifa." to grasp and so to hold, control. and to master. to succeed. True thrift was always a virtuestarving oneself and one's family to save noney was folly, and not thrift. Miserliness too, was simply love of money for its own sake and not for the good that money may accomplish. Thrift fostered independence, self-help being the best. It taught self-control self-mastery, and made a man methodical. Thrift may be practised by putting aside what was intended to be saved, and what was left could only be spent: by joining a friendly society, life insurance, by endowment policy by house purchase, and by investments selected for the safety of the capital rather than for a high rate of interest. All should practise thrift according to their ability. thus benefitting their character and estate, man possessing the gift of giving and God expecting him to use it .-- Mr Wiseman contended no form of thrift. which placed the material advantage of the individual before those of the community, could be considered a virtue Thrift only became a virtue when it was exercised in accordance with the great precent of charity, and the cardinal virtues of prudence justice. fortitude and temperatee.—The President (Mr W. Emerson) occupied the chair, and thought the discussion in Parliament the night previous might have some bearing on the subject.--Discussion followed.

No more new houses are required in the Startforth Rural District area, according to Supt. Riddell addressed most practical remarks the amended housing report of the committee.

EGGLESTON PRESENTATION.

MR JOHN T. RAINE, M.M.

On Saturday evening an event of historical interest took place at the above village. The meeting was presided over by Mr Matthew Raine, who, in an opening speech, referred to the historical nature of the event, the glories and throes of war, and the advent of peace. In introducing Captain Roy H. Helmer, M.C. who was invited to make the presentation, the Chairman referred to Captain Helmer's intimate association with Eggleston and Teesdale, making strong mention of the fact that they ought to feel gratified in having an officer so closely allied to Eggleston, but yet such a distance away (South Lincolnshire), to come and make the presentation. Mr Raine in thanking the large company assembled for supporting him, called upon Captain Helmer to hand over the gift.—Captain Helmer, who was received with acclamation, at once referred to the delight of the presentation reflecting the affection of the Eggleston people, an affection which he assured them he reciprocated to the full. The Speaker touched upon the deeds of war and valour, describing the life in the trenches and the anxious ones at home. Captain Helmer congratulated John Thomas Raine, he having known him as "Tony," to the full for the honour he had brought to Eggleston, and assured the audience that the medal had been thoroughly earned. Many were the deeds of heroism untold, and would never be known The Speaker asked the recipient to step forward, and he pinned the medal on his breast. -Mr Stokoe arose and handed over Eggleston's appreciation of the honour-a silver watchemarking as to Eggleston's tradition-"Honour and gratitude," when deserved—a nation's honour, a medal; and the village gratitude, a silver watch.—Private J. T. Raine replied in modest terms, saying that he had only done as others, his duty, and he thanked the audience. - The Rev. E. O. Butler, Vicar of Eggleston, accorded a cordial vote of thanks to Captain Helmer, and referred to that warm feeling which the villagers held for ancestors of the Captain, and, on behalf of Eggleston, thanked him heartfly for coming to make the presentation.—Captain Helmer suitably responded, and Mr Raine called for cheers for the following artistes, who rendered a musical programme:—The Eggleston String Band—selection; Miss R. Tallentire—The king's own; Miss Doris Walker-Roses of Picardy; Mr F. Watson-Standing at the corner of the street; Miss F. Lamb-My soldier boy; Miss M. Beadle-Dreaming; Captain R. H. Helmer-Sketches from humour;

LARTINGTON HOUNDS.

Mr Stokoe-Lying in your bed in the morning;

Miss Gladys Tallentire-A perfect day. Miss

A. Addison and Mr Thomas Addison were the

accompanists.

The hounds will meet on December 4th, at Gill Field; 8th, Oak Tree, Lartington; 11th, Nabb House: 15th, Spanham, and 18th, Boldron each day at 12 a.m.—G. Gillard, kennel huntsman and chief white.

WEDDING AT BOWES.

A very pretty wedding took place at the Parish Church. Bowes, on Thursday last, when Mr John Lowes, eldest son of the late Mr George Lowes, Kilmond Wood, was married to Miss Kate, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Tennet, Bowfald. The bride, who was given away by her father, was neatly attired in a pale blue costume with blue velour hat to match. The bride was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Jane Tennet, sister of the bride, and Miss Mary Race, of Darlington. The groomsmen were Mr Nicholas Lowes, brother of the bridegroom, and Mr Thomas Teunet, brother of the bridegroom, and Mr Thomas Teunet, brother of the bride The Rev. F. Summerseill, of Bowes, was the officiating clergyman. The motor-car was supplied by Mr Louis Smith, the Garage, Barnard Castle. Afterwards a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. honeymoon is being spent at Wigton Cumberland. The presents were very numerous, costly and most neeful.

SITES PROBLEM.

To the Editor of the "Toesdale Mercury."

Drag Sir.—Perhaps you will be good enough to allow a real working man to reply to the letter in your last issue from "One of the Oldest Ratepayers." As working man's representative on the Council I would like to know how your correspondent has obtained the information upon which he claims to base his calculations. The Council has never yet been informed of the price of the Harmire site. It would be interesting to know if your correspondent is a working man in the ordinary sense of the term, or one who is living in a healthy, sanitary and convenient situation, and is afraid that his view may be spoiled, or the neighbourhood made less exclusive if similar advantages became possible to workers. We workers want to know our new friend. Let him reveal his name. Surely he can't be ashamed of it. Those of us who favour the Flatts Estate do so because we believe it to be the most salubrious, the most central and the best for our purpose of all the sites suggested. The extra cost per house (if anything) will be small indeed when all is taken into consideration. We claim that the workers and their families should, when possible, be housed in the best and most consideration. We claim that the workers and their families should, when possible, be housed in the best and most suitable situation.—I am, yours obediently,

December 2nd, 1918. WALKER WAINE.

BIRTUS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATUS.

HEWARD: THOMPSON.—On November 14th at Rawlins, Wyoming, U.S.A. the Rev Youngclaus. Wesleysu Minister, officiating, Mr Robert Heward, of Little Medicins, second son of Mrs Heward, late of Newbiggin-in-Tessdals, to Mins Mary Thompson, eldest daughter of Mrs Thompson and the late Mr John Thompson, of Newbiggin-in-Tessdale.

PICKARD: WALTN —On the 27th of November 1919, at the Wesleysu Church. Barnard Castle, the Rev. Thomas Pickard, of Manningham, Bradford, to Annie, only daughter of Mrs Walton, 29, Horse Market, and of the late Mr Joseph Walton, of Vane Road, Barnard Castle.

Deaths. GREGORY—At Low Startforth on November 30th, 1913, Jonathan the beloved husband of Sophia Jregory, aged 58 years. To be interred at Startforth on Wednesday, December 3rd, cortege to leave residence at 2 p.m. Friends please this (the only, intimation.

In Memoriam. OKEY.—In affectionate remembrance of our dear brother, Norris, who died 2nd December, 1918.—Still remembered by father, brothers and sisters.

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ROBINSON.—In loving memory of our dear son, Frederick Edward Robinson, of Alwent, Staindrop, who died on December 3rd, 1918.

Just when his life seemed brightest,
Just when his days were best.

He was called from a world of sorrow
To a bome of eternal rest.

—Ever remembered by his loving father, mother, brothers and sister.

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ROBINSON—In loving memory of Winnietred A, dearly beloved daughter of Henry and Winnietred A. Robinson, who died December 1st. 1918, Middleton-in-Tecadale, aged 18 years.

Love pover dies, although One year har slowly passed away
We think of her, and speak of her,
And miss her every day.

-Ever remembered by father, mother, brothers and

WILKINSON —In loving memory of Thomas Wilkinson, Red Well Inn, who died November 30th 1918.—Ever remembered by his sisters and brother, also nephews and nieces.

Return Thanks. CLABKSON — Mr R Clarkson and family desire to thank all friends and relatives for the kindness shown to them in their recent and bereavement, also for letters of sympathy.

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COATES.—The family of the late Mrs Coates, of Cotherstone, desire to return thanks for letters and kind enquiries shown to them during their recent ead becaseement.

FIRTH.—Mr and Mrs Kettlewell Station House, Bonaklkirk, and other members of the family of the late Mr Firth, desire to express their slucere thanks to all who in any way have shown tokens of sympathy to them in their recent becase them.

1.1 NT -The brothers and sisters of the late Mr. John Hunt desire gratifully to think (riends who have sent flowers, and those who orally and by letter have expressed their sympathy to the family in their sudden betweenth.