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d HEIFERS, STORE CATTLE,
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH.
E OF FAT CATTLE AND SHEEP.
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n Mart, Barnard Castle.

TRAL SALE ROOMS,
Barnard Castle.

. PARKINSON & SONS,
UCTED by Mr John Graham, of Bede
race, and others have removed to the
Rooms, and will Sell by Auction, on
AY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1919, the

usehold Furniture
And EFFECTS, including:—
ano, by Steinmayer, Metal Frame,
ised Case, Trichord, Overstrung;
in Walnut Case, by Burling & Mansfield;
stools, revolving office chair, 4ft 6in
y sheffonier sideboard, maple book
d desk, LARGE WALNUT OVERMANTEL,
pier glass, black and gilt mirror,
ique 2-Flap Oval Mahogany Table,
gany card tables, gipsy and bamboo
BROOK'S SAFE, 30 by 20 by 18 inches;
carpets square, tapestry and Brussels
, hearthrugs and mats,
Double Chest of Oak Drawers,
s, mahogany dining table, 9 by 4 feet,
; 50 pictures, 100 books, 4 easy chairs,
her, 6 mahogany chairs, in leather; 6
in plush; BRASS KERB AND BRASSES,
ahogany Knee-Hole Writing Table,
ll cabinet, WALNUT WALL CLOCK,
erb and fenders, 2 small occasional
painted dressing chest, gent.'s painted
be, painted kitchen press, old oak
, deal dresser and rack, mahogany
and, 3 swing mirrors, French timepiece,
glass, ornaments,
gany Bedstead and Hair Mattress,
bedstead, iron bedstead and mattress,
bedsteads, 4 FEATHER BEDS, pillows
ster, good commode, stools,
antity of Bedding and Linen,
and linoleum, kitchen table, chairs,
ENT'S CYCLE, 3-SPEED GEAR;
Vestibule Door and Frames,
steps, stuffed badger, oak writing
, electro-plate and cutlery, bedroom
y, dinner ware, and many sundries.
ADDITIONS:—
NO, in Walnut Case, by John Arnold;
mahogany china cabinet, four-fold
any screen, brass fire screen, oak tray,
bamber service, fine walnut octagon
fumed-mahogany overmantel.
ale at 9-30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

STORIA TERRACE, Barnard Castle.

J. PARKINSON & SONS,
TRUCTED by the Representative of the
ate Mr F. J. Wilson, Builder and Con-
r, will Sell by Auction, on THURSDAY
NOON, FEBRUARY 27TH, 1919, on the
es behind Victoria Terrace and in the
adjoining, a quantity of BUILDER'S
RIAL and Stock-in-Trade, including:—
slates, few marble blocks, battens, beams,
d poles, timber, stable barrow, 2 stone
s, hand-cart, sack trolley, picks and
s, 2 sand screens, 4 sieves, 2 grindstones,
boiler pots, blocks, 3 gin wheels, ropes,
n steps, scales and weights, 40-rung
, 28-rung ladder, mortice machine,
s bench, clamp, bolts and screws, coke
WOODEN SHED, 30 by 16 by 7 feet;
roofed shed, 3 corn bins, hay chopper,
od, a few tools, and many sundries.
Sale at 1-30 o'clock.

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ouse, will remove to the above Hall, and
y Auction, on
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tents of Dining and Drawing Rooms,
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Full particulars later.

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TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
e Central Sale Rooms, Barnard Castle, on
DAY, THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1919,
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eral Conditions of Sale of the Durham
North Yorkshire Law Society and to
special conditions as will be then read).
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situate and being No. 9, King Street,
rd Castle, containing Sitting Room,
g Room, Kitchen, Larder and Scullery,
Bedrooms; also a Cell r-Kitchen and the
Conveniences, together with the Yard,
o, Greenhouse and Stable behind the
and now in the occupation of Mr J.
low, as tenant.
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state of repair, with a right of way over
astern portion of the adjoining archway,
ubject as set out in the conditions of

further particulars and permission to
apply to the AUCTIONEERS, Horse Market,
rd Castle; or
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Solicitors, Barnard Castle.

FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, ETC.
KELTON, MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE.

WM. TARN,

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1 Good Young Black MARE, 8 years old, 14-3 h.h., quiet and right in all yokes, and good action.
20 HEAD OF CATTLE:—Good red and white cow, 4 years old, served December 30th; good roan cow, second calf, served June 1st; good red cow, 4 years old, served June 21st; red and white cow, 4 years old, served June 23rd; good roan cow, 3½ years old, served June 27th; white cow, 4 years old, served July 11th; 2 good red and white bulling heifers, rising 2 years old; 2 red and white bullocks, rising 2 years old; 3 bullock stirks, 10 months old; 4 good heifer calves, red and white, from 6 to 11 months old; 2 bull calves, 4 months old.
POULTRY:—7 Young hens and 5 grand pullets, 1 duck, 1 drake.
25 SHEEP:—24 Good young Scotch ewes, in lamb to Leicester tup; 1 shearling Leicester ram.
PRODUCE:—Mow of hay, to eat on; 2 mows and 1 stack, to go off; 28 acres of winter cabage, till April 6th. 12 Tons of Hay will be sold at Government Prices.
IMPLEMENTS, DAIRY UTENSILS, &c.—Good single-horse grass cutter, good horse rake, coup cart, cart and trap harness, hay sweep, sledge, ladders, rakes and forks, sheep stools, quantity of hurdles, good barrel churn, up to 30lbs; "Eagle" cream separator (45 gallons per hour), and other requisites.
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Sale to commence at 12 o'clock.
The Stock are fine, young, hairy sorts, the Sheep, young and good, and the Mare a grand improving sort, and all are likely to do well from this high farm. The Hay was exceedingly well won.
Hunderthwaite, Romaldkirk.

Preliminary Notice.
BOWES and BOLDRON.

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LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

WE understand that Miss Agnes Gough, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., has returned home to Barningham Rectory after 3½ years' active service in Mudros and Mesopotamia, on leave, which will expire at the end of the present month.

ENGLAND is rapidly hastening to national bankruptcy and suicide. This is the thoughtful opinion of skilled students of economics. Five years ago the country owed, in the form of National Debt, £5 a head: to-day that sum has grown to £150 for each man, woman and child in these islands. And the downward rush is continuous.

MR ROBERT TAYLOR RICHARDSON, of the Starlings, is retiring as the County Council representative for the Barnard Castle Division. His chief reasons are advancing years, and his conviction that a younger man should now undertake the duties. Mr Richardson has held the position for 18 years, having been first elected on the 6th of March, 1901. It is interesting to note that the first representative for this town was the late Mr William Watson, of Thorngate House, who was elected on the 24th of January, 1889: re-elected in 1892, but resigned as unable to qualify owing to ill-health. The late Lord Barnard was elected on August 5th, 1892, at a bye-election. Mr Richardson has seen many developments in county administration, and has attended fairly regularly the statutory meetings at the Shire Hall.

MR BLAND, formerly gamekeeper at Rokeby, is now head keeper at Sandringham, and, at a recent Royal shoot, Private Willie Illsley, son of Mr T. B. Illsley, pharmaceutical chemist, Barnard Castle, of the Royal Aircraft Force, had fine exercise in beating for the party. Seven hundred pheasants and ninety hares fell to four guns before luncheon. Mr Bland playfully calls young Illsley, "Barney."

THE passing of Canon Brown emphasises the fact that, although endowed with extraordinary attainments, he was content to spend practically the whole of his professional career as an humble parish priest. There were few appointments in the field of learning which he would not have filled with distinction, and although from time to time he was offered positions of considerable importance, the lure of "pastures new" failed to attract him from parochial duties. In recalling the Cambridge Mathematical Tripos of 1859, an interesting feature is revealed, namely, that the Senior Wrangler for that year, the Ven. J. M. Wilson, D.D., is still performing his duties as Canon of Worcester: he was formerly Head Master of Clifton College, and later Archdeacon of Manchester. Canon Brown was bracketed 2nd Wrangler with Mr A. W. W. Steel, some time Fellow of Gonville and Caius College. The 4th Wrangler was Mr W. Jack, a distinguished Scotchman and Professor of Mathematics at Glasgow University, while the next in order was Mr Stone, an eminent astronomer, who was Radcliffe Observer at Oxford University from 1879 to 1897, the 6th Wrangler being Mr R. B. Clifton, the many-years Professor of Experimental Philosophy at Oxford. After taking his degree, Canon Brown remained at Cambridge until 1865 as Fellow of Trinity College, where he had as a colleague the late Dr. Lightfoot, Bishop of Durham.

SIR F. MILBANK, BART., of Barningham Park, the only son of the late Sir P. Milbank, has been awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre. He has seen over two years' service on the Western front.

WHILE he is not the youngest Member of Parliament, Mr John E. Swan, the Labour Member for the Barnard Castle Division, is one of the youngest looking. He confesses to over forty, but looks twenty-five. Except for reading he cared little for school-learning, which he left at twelve to go herding. Afterwards he became a miner—but he knows every bird that flies, and grows the loveliest of roses.

A MEETING of the Eggleston Agricultural Society will be held to-morrow night to consider holding the show this year, when it is hoped that a large attendance of members will be present to discuss the matter—should the show be held this year? We trust it will have the same loyal support of farmers and the public in general that was accorded to it in pre-war times.

MESSRS DAWSON AND HICKS, solicitors, were in attendance when the two residences in Montalbo-terrace were offered for sale by Mr T. Parkinson, on Thursday afternoon. Number 12 was withdrawn at £310, and number 13 was similarly reserved at £350. It is understood that both houses were sold privately the next day—one to Mrs White, Galgate, and the other to Mrs Swinbank, who resides on Stainmore.

THE draw for the Rokeby Coursing Meeting will take place at the Three Horse Shoes Inn; to-morrow night. The prospects, so far, are roseate, and the funds of the immortal Red Cross will benefit in proportion to the attendance of the public.

THE death of Mr William Raine, a native of Barnard Castle, has taken place at Shildon, under melancholy circumstances, at the age of 78 years. The deceased, who was half-brother to Mr Charles Raine, plumber, of this town, resided in Foundry-street, and had been engaged as tinsmith for thirty years by the North-Eastern Railway Company, at Shildon shops. He retired ten years ago. An inquest, disclosed at the inquest, deceased, who was ill, got out of bed at 5-30 on Sunday evening, and fell down stairs. He was picked up in an unconscious condition, and died on Wednesday. Many local residents attended the funeral last Saturday.

THE Bishop of Richmond conducted the service on Friday, instituting and inducting the Rev. Frederick Summersgill, M.A., to the living of Bowes, assisted by the Rev. Canon Gough, Rector of Barningham and Rural Dean, and in the presence of the churchwardens and sidesmen and a large congregation and full choir. The hymns were "Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire," "We love the place, O, God;" "We love the word of life;" "We love Thy altar, Lord;" and "O, God our help in ages past." The Bishop's address was explanatory in part of the combined service that day, which proved most enjoyable. Miss Pickersgill presided at the organ. This was the first service under the new form of induction, the Bishop of Ripon instituting and the Rector of Barningham inducting.

IT was agreed at a meeting of returned soldiers, held at Barnard Castle, on Saturday night, to form a local branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers, earnest addresses having been delivered by delegates, including Mr Manners, Mrs Harvey, Mr Marley and Mr Furness (chairman). Mr Dryden, a Barnard Castle soldier who has lost a leg in the war, also spoke, and, on being offered the chairmanship, Mr Watson Waine declined on the ground of not yet being settled, and added that he certainly had no quarrel with the Government. Mr Bert Robinson, of this town, was asked to become chairman, and said: The majority of these lads will be leaving the town, because there is nothing in it. That is where the trouble comes.—Mr Percy S. Little, in the end, accepted the chairmanship for the time being, and on like conditions Mr George Allinson undertook the secretarial duties.—The meeting was adjourned till Saturday night next, at six o'clock, a hope being expressed that there would be a good attendance of soldiers from the district.—Mr J. Robson drew attention to the magnificent work accomplished in the interest of Barney's soldier sons purely by local organizations. Regretting that over one hundred of the youth and early manhood of the town had been sacrificed, he remarked that he knew of no town of equal proportions which had and was discharging its duty so nobly.—The Chairman said the movement in hand was an auxiliary and not antagonistic.

MR ROY H. HELMER, solicitor, Romaldkirk, who has seen long and continuous service on the Western front, arrived in Teesdale about a month ago. He has been warmly welcomed at the Darlington Police Court by the presiding magistrate. We understand Mr Helmer will not resume practice at Barnard Castle.

THERE is no busiuess of any kind at the Greta Bridge Police Court, this morning.

YESTERDAY afternoon, on the occasion of the funeral of Mr Robert Willis, a dumb peal was rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church. Deceased was captain of the local team of bellringers, he having been a ringer over 50 years—39 at Barnard Castle and remainder at Romaldkirk. He was a fire-brigade member.

MR R. LAMB, Headlam-place, commenced on Monday as traveller for the Bishop Auckland and Weardale Farmers' Association, and Mr J. H. Walton, Harmire, has received a similar appointment.

Yesterday's Prize Show and Sale.

Young Bull Brings £100.

Yesterday, at the local auction mart, the annual spring prize show and sale of young bulls took place, when there were splendid entries and exceptionally good prices realised. The following were the awards and figures:—Bulls, over 18 months old—Capt. Dundale £79; J J Longstaff, £55 15s; S H Jackson, £55; hc G J Walker, £5; c J W Stephenson, £49 10s. Bulls, under 18 months—J W Stephenson, £100; 2 E Peacock, £18; 3 and hc J Bayles and Son, £53 and £40; c H Thompson, £41. Bull, under 12 months—J L Peacock, £61 10s; 2 and 3 Lord Barnard, £10 10s and £17; hc, R Metcalfe and Son, £43.

Concert at Bowes.

A most successful entertainment, promoted by the Reading Room Committee, was held in the school-room, on Friday evening last, the room being packed to overflowing. The performers were all local except two friends from Kirkby Stephen and Shildon. Two sketches, entitled, "Wanted a confidential clerk" and "The wrong flat," were given, in which the characters were exceptionally well portrayed: The concert was followed by a supper and dance. Eatables were so liberally provided by friends of the committee that it was decided to hold a dance and supper on the following Monday evening. The proceeds are to be devoted to the expense of re-covering the billiard table, and the committee take this opportunity of thanking all who so kindly helped in taking part in the concert or providing refreshments.

Comforts for Sick and Wounded at Malta.

The work of the "Malta Fund" sewing meetings, in connection with the Barnard Castle Branch, have come to an end, the Armistice having removed the demand which it has supplied. A quantity of surplus goods has been sent to Blandford Military Camp, where urgent need has been experienced. Since October, 1915, when the working parties were started, the Malta hospitals have been supplied with 227 complete bundles, each containing shirt, suit of pyjamas, pair of socks, small pillow, two pillow-cases, small sponge, cake of soap, two towels, tooth brush, four handkerchiefs, comb, bottle of Listerine, bottle of salts, writing block, book of fiction, Testament, and a bag. Sundry articles, such as pyjamas, shirts, socks and toilet requisites, have also been sent in considerable quantities independently of the bundles. Lady Methuen, the founder of the "Malta Fund," has expressed the warmest gratitude to the workers whose efforts have achieved these results, and Matrons of the Malta Hospitals have often written to say how very much the contents of the bundles have been appreciated. The committee desires gratefully to acknowledge the following donations:—Mrs J. Thompson, 2s 6d; Mr White, 5s; anonymous, 2s 6d; the tea fund, per Mrs Martin, £1 4s; T. Garbutt Ltd, 15s; Mr Ord £1 3s 7d. A sum of thirty pounds remains; this it is proposed to distribute equally between St. Dunstan's Home for blinded soldiers; The Lord Roberts' Fund for Disabled Sailors and Soldiers, and the Edith Cavell Home of Rest for Nurses.

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UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

The marriage took place at the Wesleyan Church, Barnard Castle, on Monday week, of Miss Olive Wardle, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Wardle, Middleton, and Mr Thos. Irving Craig, Middleton. Miss Walton was the bridesmaid, and Mr J. W. Hunt, groomsman. The Rev. H. P. Boase was the officiating minister. The bride was neatly attired in a costume of grey gaberdine, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums and narcissus. After the ceremony the party motored back to the bride's home, where a reception was held. The honeymoon is being spent at Hull, the bride travelling in a sand serge coat, and black furs. There were many useful and ornamental presents.

Mr J. L. Weedy, schoolmaster, Harwood, conducted the annual examination at the Council School, Middleton, for the five scholarships of £5 each in connection with the Middleton Free School Charity. There were only eight candidates, the following being successful:—Doris Watson, Charles Holmes, Connie Falconer, Olive Watson and Fred Pinkney.

Mrs A. Thompson, who until recently had acted for some time as postwoman in one of the outlying districts of Middleton, was, on Tuesday night, presented with a gold wristlet watch subscribed for by the inhabitants of the locality. Mr W. Oddie, in a neat speech, made the presentation, and Mrs Thompson suitably responded.

A successful concert was held in the Wesleyan school-room on Saturday night in connection with the Middleton Ladies' Red Cross Working Party. A good company gathered, over which Mrs Sumner presided. The Girl Guides were in attendance in uniform, under the superintendence of Mrs Pierse. The following excellent programme was rendered, several items being encored:—

Pianoforte solo—Miss Dent; quartette—The sea hath its pearls—Quartette party; song—I never thought—Miss Beadle; duet—Tenor and baritone—Messrs F Lowe and Davies; song—Angus McDonald—Mrs Penman; clarionet solo—Mr J J Thompson; songs—Two dreamy eyes and O, flower divine—Lieut. Davies; song—Peg away—Mrs Willey; pianoforte solo—Miss Dent; song—There's a land—Mr F Lowe; clarionet solo—Mr J J Thompson; duet—Over the hawthorne hedge—Mrs Penman and Mrs Willey; poppy drill—by 12 girls; song—selected—Miss Beadle; quartette—The long day closes—Party.

The Middleton Wesleyans celebrated their choir anniversary on Sunday, when Mr J Allinson, Leeds, was the special preacher, and discoursed morning and evening to good congregations. On Sunday afternoon a sacred concert was given by the choir, assisted by several of the artistes who took part in the concert on Saturday night. Mr C. J. Walton presided.

A benefit dance was held in the Assembly Hall on Saturday night, for two Middleton young men who have been off work through illness for some time. Mr F. Watson's band supplied the music.

STARTFORTH RURAL COUNCIL.

WARNING NOTE BY TAX-COLLECTOR.

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, under the presidency of Mr James Peacock, there being present also Messrs J. J. Walton, J. Longstaff, J. Iceton, A. Coulthard, G. Thompson, J. Raine (Mickleton), D. Alderson, W. Dent, C. Waller, J. A. Preston, Mark Scrafton, T. W. Garth, W. Bowes, T. Bayles, G. V. Tarn, W. Errington, J. Raine (High-street), J. Hunt, T. Metcalfe, T. C. Nicholson (deputy-clerk), T. H. Plews (surveyor), and W. Porter (inspector).—The bank balance amounted to £2,638 15s 4d, and 429 yards of highway had been rolled.—Three applications from villages for war trophies had been forwarded to the Lord Lieutenant (Sir Hugh Boll), and he had replied that he doubted that the demands could be met, Mr Nicholson adding that a rifle or gas-mask would be the limit to hamlets.—It was agreed to allow Mr Parkin Raine an extra five shillings per day for leading stone from a quarry at Romaldkirk to Ball Hill.—The Surveyor suggested an application for a moiety of the £10,000,000 grant by the Government for road restoration, and named the highway from Bowes to Barnard Castle as a basis. The maintenance cost £130 in 1913-14, and in the coming year the outlay would be £300. He asked the Council to apply for £175 towards the extra cost of this year. Mr Plews also named the Barnard Castle to Middleton road, which in 1913-14 cost £230, and it would take £460 next year to repair it. He asked for £230 and the remaining district roads could be strengthened in the meantime.—Mr Dent moved accordingly, and the motion was adopted.—Eight births and no deaths were reported for January, and no infectious disease was notified. Influenza as an epidemic had disappeared.—It was stated, in dealing with property on his estate, that Major Chichester Constable was now his own agent—he was acting himself.—It was agreed permanently to increase Dr. Neligan's salary by £10 a year.—Mr Dent: I am having a fearful struggle to get the money in to pay for all these things. I don't know where it is coming from. If we go on increasing the rates and taxes we shall certainly arrive at a crisis.—Messrs McCallum and Peverley were elected on the Food Control Committee, vice Messrs G. V. Tarn and Joe Longstaff, retired.

School Presentation at Whorlton.

On Wednesday, 5th inst., Richard Elgey, a son of Mr T. Elgey, of Sledwich Cottages, was presented with a luminous watch and chain by the school managers as a memento of his having completed, in January last, seven years of unbroken attendance at this school, during the greater portion of which time he had to walk daily from Wycliffe Cottages. The period would have been eight years but for two weeks' enforced absence through illness. As this performance marked a unique record in connection with the school, the managers regarded the occasion as a fitting opportunity of showing their appreciation of it in a tangible form. In making the presentation, in the presence of the teachers and school children, the Vicar (Rev. E. Gleaves) made some appropriate remarks with reference to the punctual and regular attendance of children at school, and the ultimate value attaching thereto. Mr T. R. Glyn, in complimenting the boy on his achievement, stated that he had never known a similar record in connection with Whorlton school. Small beginnings, he said, often made big endings. If boys and girls would stick fast to their resolutions by making perseverance their best friend, the measure of their success in life would be proportionately greater, perseverance being, in his opinion, the master-key to success in every sphere of life.

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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.

TEESDALE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The chair on Wednesday was occupied by Mr M. J. Dixon when Mr Widdas said the paybill reached £3,385 4s 6d, which included Durham County and Police rates.—The Finance Committee recommended bonus allowances until June 30th, as follows:—Relieving officers, 11s per week, making a total war bonus of 15s; Dr. Leishman, medical officer, 10s; Master and Matron, allowance in lieu of extra rations increased from 5s to 10s per week each; the Master to receive the porter's salary so long as he does the work while the office is vacant; porter, assistant nurse, children's caretaker, and assistant matron, 8s per week instead of 4s in lieu of extra rations. The clerk's salary is to remain as at present.—Dr. W. J. Hickey was appointed to succeed his late father as medical officer and public vaccinator for Gainford.—The House Committee recommended that no change be made in the dietary table until sugar, meat and fats could be dealt with, and the Board agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Master and the Clerk.

Barnard Castle and District Football League.

Mr H. Longstaff, Cockfield, presided over the monthly meeting of the above league, held on Saturday at the Star Hotel, Barnard Castle. There were present representatives from all the league clubs (with the exception of Copley United). Messrs Adam Clark and George Forster (secretary).

Referees were appointed for the medal competition (first round), which is to be played on Saturday, as follows:—
Middleton United v. Woodland Stars (T. W. Rand).
Lands Institute v. Cockfield Swifts (J. Shield).
St. Helen's v. 16th York and Lancs. (R. Appleby).
Ramshaw v. Copley United (E. Watson).

The draw for the semi-finals of the medal competition resulted as follows:—
1. St. Helen's or 16th York and Lancs. v. Middleton United or Woodland Stars.
2. Lands Institute or Cockfield Swifts v. Ramshaw or Copley United.

(1) To be played at Cockfield and (2) at Barnard Castle, both on March 22nd.

It is hoped by the medal competition to raise sufficient funds for the league championship medals, and also to provide another set for the winners of the medal competition. Subscriptions will be thankfully received towards the medals by the Secretary, Mr G. Forster, 6, Orchard Road, Darlington.

Woodland Stars' claim of 3s 6d against Lands was allowed, as was their claim of 6s 6d against Ramshaw. Cockfield's claim of 12s 6d against Woodland Institute was not allowed, but they were awarded 2s 6d in respect of expense incurred owing to Woodland postponing their fixture. Clubs putting off matches are to be severely dealt with in the future. Woodland Institute appealed against the committee's decision in leaving them out of the medal competition, but as the draw had already been made no change was authorised.

Results of matches played on February 15th:—
*Cockfield Swifts, 7; Woodland Stars, 1.
*Lands Institute, 3; 16th York and Lancs, 1.
*Woodland Institute, 2; Copley, 1 (game unfinished).

Barnard Castle Brewster Sessions.

At the annual Brewster Sessions on Wednesday, before Messrs Ralston (presiding), Davidson, Hedley, Hartley, Hall, and Smith, Supt. Riddell read his yearly report to the licensing justices. He said: The number of houses licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors for consumption on or off the premises is as follows:—85 fully licensed houses, 4 beer houses, 2 beer off; total, 71. There are 8 licenses for the sale of spirits, wines, and sweets off, in addition to this number. 7 places are licensed for public entertainments, viz.:—Cinematograph, 5; billiards, 2. Proceedings have been taken against 13 persons for drunkenness during the year, all of whom were males. Of this number 12 were convicted, as against 11 persons proceeded against and 9 convicted during the preceding year, being an increase of 3 males convicted. The population of the division, according to the census of 1911, is 19,776, giving an average of 1·78 persons to each licensed house, and 60 convicted of drunkenness per 1,000 population, as compared with 45 persons per 1,000 convicted of drunkenness last year, and as compared with 458 persons to each licensed house, and 291 per 1,000 persons convicted in the administrative county during the same period. There is one registered club in the division, at Cockfield, where intoxicating liquor is sold, with a membership of 804, being a decrease of 20 members during the year. There were 6 full licenses transferred during the year, 2 billiards, and one wines. I have received notice from G. W. Wilkinson, who has returned from the army, asking for the re-transfer of a billiard license for premises at Front Street, Butterknowle, from his wife, Florence Wilkinson, to himself, and from W. G. Robson, who also has returned from the army, for the transfer of the license of the daby Moor Hotel, Cockfield, from Jane Mills, his housekeeper, to himself, the license having been transferred to her on his joining the army.—The Bench sanctioned the whole of the transfers.—The Chairman remarked that the report was very satisfactory, and the Bench concurred.

Whist Drive at Mickleton.

The annual whist drive and dance in connection with the soldiers' funds, organised by Mrs Dent, Low Green, took place at Mickleton on Tuesday last, and was a great success. The winners in the whist were:—Ladies—1, Mrs Edmonson; 2, Mrs J. Collinson; 3, Miss M. A. Longstaff; 4, Mrs J. Raine. Gentlemen—1, Mr J. Collinson; 2, Mr J. Coates; 3, Mr Wm. Atkinson; 4, Mr G. Beadle. The prizes were presented by the Rev. J. W. Brent. Refreshments were supplied by Mrs Dent and Miss Burdess. Mickleton String Band supplied the dance music free. The masters of ceremonies were Messrs C. Raine and J. W. Raine, and the sum realised was £14 16s 6d.

The Rokeby Billiard Shield.

The final heat in this competition was played at the Conservative Club on Saturday, February 1st, between F. Webster (25 start) and R. W. Deacon, late 6th Durhams (20 start). The game was 150 up, Deacon winning by 28. The previous winners of the competition are:—1913, A. H. Hemming; 1914, J. Brownless; 1915, A. Urquhart; 1916, Arthur H. Nicholson; 1917, R. Appleby.

Whist Drive and Dance at Whorlton.

A whist drive and dance was held in Whorlton school-room on Friday last in aid of St Dunstan's hostel. Prizes were given by Miss Brownless, Mrs Stanton Brown, Mrs Glyn, Miss Headlam, Mrs Stanton, Mr Hedley (Barnard Castle), Dr Headlam and Mr Peace. All the ladies of the parish gave generously to the refreshment committee, with the result that, after supplying refreshments liberally at the whist drive, £4 was taken at a buffet during the dance. The indefatigable labours of the ladies composing the refreshment committee deserve great credit. The committee gentlemen worked most assiduously, selling £20 worth of tickets before the date of the event, thus ensuring its success, and giving their whole-hearted energy in promoting smoothness and comfort. The Vicar (the Rev K E Gleaves) gave a resume of the work in connection with the hostel, and distributed the prizes. Mr J T Wightman officiated at the piano, and the whole proceedings went off merrily.

Barnard Castle Chess Club.

An inter-club tournament took place in the Witham Hall on Thursday last, between teams chosen by the President and the Honorary Secretary, the latter's team winning by the narrow margin of one point. The scores were as follows:—

President's Team.	Games	Secretary's Team.	Games
Mr Richmond ...	1	Pte Eid-forth ...	1
Mr T Borrowdale	0	Mr W H Chester ...	2
Mr M J Dixon (president)	0	Mr J Dockrill (hon sec)	2
Mr F C Delgarno ...	1	Mr S A Sweeten ...	0
Q.M.S. Payne ...	2	Mr Tallon	0
Total ...	4	Total ...	5

Proposed War Memorial at Forest.

Public meetings, both at Forest-in-Teesdale and Harwood, followed by a committee meeting at the former place, were held for the purpose of raising funds for a suitable war memorial to the lads of this part of the dale. It was decided to erect a cross of either granite or marble, probably with polished panels, suitably inscribed, the funds to be raised by a canvass of the whole district (Forest and Harwood) for subscriptions, and later on, this to be supplemented by social events in the schools. Mr Weedy, Harwood, was chosen chairman, Mrs Gill secretary, and Mr John Collinson treasurer. The Raby Estate was to be approached for a site centrally in the parish, and various monumental firms for designs and prices.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Deaths.

WILLIS.—On the 15th inst., at 27, Horse Market, Barnard Castle, Robert, the beloved husband of Mary Ann Willis, aged 61 years.

In Memoriam.

ALDERSON.—In loving memory of Elizabeth Alderson, who died on February 19th, 1918.—Ever remembered by her loving husband, daughter, son-in-law, and grandson.—1, Peel-terrace, Barnard Castle.

WAINE.—In loving memory of Sergeant George Graham Waine, dearly beloved son of Watson and Elizabeth Waine, 25, Thorngate, Barnard Castle, who was killed in action in France, February 15th, 1916.
In our home you are fondly remembered,
Sweet memories cling round your name;
True hearts that have always loved you,
Will love you in death just the same.
—Ever remembered by his loving father, mother, and sisters.

Return Thanks.

ALDERSON.—Mrs Alderson, Turner Holme, Lunedale, wishes to thank all friends for their kind letters and other expressions of sympathy in her sudden bereavement.

STUBBS.—Mr [illegible] Stubbs, of Carr House, Staindrop, sincerely [illegible] all kind friends for sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.