DEATH OF COLONE, THE

HON. W. L. VANE.

AUTHOR OF BROCHURE ON DURHAM

It is with deep regret that we record th

demise of Colonel the Hon. William Lyonel

Vane, which took place on Friday afternoon

at his residence. Haughton Hall, Darlington,

at the age of 60 years, he having been born

brothers of the late Lord Barnard, of Raby

Castle, who died on the 28th of December

1918, the peerage having been created in

born in 1888. The late Colonel Vane, who

was a Deputy-Lieutenant of the County of Durham, adopted the profession of arms. He

had a distinguished career in the Army, and

emulated his illustrious namesakes of Raby by

The older pair of colours, believed to have

been presented by the Earl of Darlington to

Chapter House, Durham Cathedral, and the

services in the Durham Light Infantry.

He was the youngest of the three

FENCIBLES.

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E, JAN. 28TH, 1920.

RY IN BALLAD.

story of Teesdale in no small literary k has been accom-Teesdale's talented etres, heroic, elegiac, are of Greek origin, aulay, and the best the feeble echo of ld, are bad copies of of Sophocles and Latin comedies are from Demophilus, llidorus. Nay, more, orators constantly

elves as patterns the sthenes and Lysias. songs were the only ast which the ancient and during many many revolutions,

its influence over nd the Celtic race. Athelstane were the Anglo-Saxons, by the Danes, in

rude poems, of which a few fragments have come down to us. It is fearlessly asserted that there can be no doubt that the great Homeric poems are generically

ballads, though widely distinguished

from all other ballads, and indeed from

almost all other human compositions, by

ranscendent sublimity and beauty.

Lord Macaulay claims that Sir Walter

Scott, who was a frequent visitor to this

district, and who united to the fire of a

great poet the diligence of a greater

antiquary, was but just in time to save

the precious relics of the Minstrelsy of

the Border The value of ballads, then,

gratitude is therefore due to the memory

having incorporated in his "Lays of

Castle Barnard" the story of "Cecily,

the Rose of Raby." This ballad will live

long in Teesdale, unfolding as it does

the numerous tragic scenes witnessed by

Proud Cis" in the Wars of the Roses,

perishing of her youngest son, Richard

III., after usurping the crown, at the

hattle of Bosworth Field. But there was

ight at eventide in the chequered career

Duke of York, for in the end she saw

the two Houses of York and Lancaster

united by the marriage of her grand-

daughter Elizabeth, with King Henry

495, and was buried at Fotheringay

beside her husband. This village was

he birthplace of Richard III., the scene

of the trial of Mary Queen of Scots, and

the place of her execution. Literary

men throughout Teesdale are greatly

ndebted to Mr R. J. Jones, B.A., son of

former esteemed Vicar of Egglestone,

for completing the task of the talented

athor, with biographical sketch of Mr

Clarke and a lucid historical introduction.

The volume is highly prized in many libraries in the valley of the Tees, mainly

on account of its intrinsic worth and

accurate data. In "Lays of Castle

arnard" the skilful metrician links

eerbolt, the Baron's penance, the last

the Balliols, the silver boar, Sir

eorge Bowes on the momentous Rising

the North, the retreat, the surrender-

ng and the dismantling of the great

ortress now in ruins; and a ballad on

Cotherstone Castle, which is founded on

the traditional report of the destruction

in a foray by the Scots, probably about

333, of this edifice, once the abode of the

Fitz-Hugh family, the supposition being

that the castle was destroyed by fire, and

the garrison in Lord Balliol's stronghold

being summoned to the rescue

the building of the castle, the

this widow of Richard Plantagenet,

culminating in the miserable

the late Rev. Blackburn Clarke for

MONS HERO BURIED. MILITARY FUNERAL AT THE CHURCH

CEMETERY. The spectacle of a soldier who was badly shot at Mons, and who died in the Sunderland War Pensions Hospital yesterday week, being interred with full military honours at Barnard Castle, was witnessed on Sunday afternoon. Private Benjamin Shepperd, of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, who resided in the Broadgates, Bank, was a reservist called up in August, 1914, and rejoining the above regiment he went straight to France. He was wounded in the November following at the fearful onslaught at Mons, receiving a shell hit in the head, from the effects of which is established in history, and a debt of the brave soldier never fairly recovered A portion of the skull was blown away by a German missile. His case awakened great interest in surgical professional circles, and the wonderful operation of trepanning was at the time discussed in the "Laucet" and "British Medical Journal." Long after, epileptic fits supervened. The deceased was a stoutnearted young fellow, and fought against his best surgical and medical aid, and where he ultimately succumbed as already stated. A pathetic incident associated with the "pride comp and circumstance of glorious war found in the fact that immediately on poor Benny "closing his eyes for ever on all earthly scenes, Lance Corporal Roberts, the late engineer at the County Schools, who was wounded in the war, entered the Pensions Hospital at Sunderland, with the object of undergoing an operation, he having also been grievously shot in the head. The remains of Private Shepperd were conveyed to Barnard Castle last Friday morning, and, in a fine spirit of comradeship, full military honours were accorded at the interment, which was witnessed by a large concourse of spectators. A numerous body of demobilised soldiers and sailors, under the command of Lieut. Raine, and a firing party of ex-service men in charge of Sergt. Travers, together with a very large following of civilians of both sexes, accompanied the hearse, while the Cockfield Prize Silver Band, under the leadership of Mr Jackson, played "The Dead March" (in Saul). To their credit be it said the really excellent band gave their highly esteemed services free of cost, and thus felt another's woe in the hope alone of mercy being vouchsafed to them. There was a silence deep as death, save the solemnity of the weird music of the funeral march. The Rev. H. W. H. Bircham conducted the service in the mortuary chapel and pronounced the committal sentences. The band sweetly played "Abide with me" at the graveside, and three volleys were fired over the remains. Then the echoes were awakened by the shrill notes of the last post sounded by the buglers, and the band, returning, played "Fallen Herees." scene was most impressive throughout. A committee of the Discharged Sailors and Soldiers' Federation worked hard in the arrangements, and on their behalf we are asked gratefully to thank all who so kindly

THORNGATE FOOTBRIDGE.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury."

DEAR SIR,-May I be allowed to make use

while the surface is by no means even to walk

upon. Some of the planks may, with very little effort, be entirely removed. To tread on them is to cause them to rock violently to

below. Perhaps the authorities will see to it

that the crazy boarding is replaced in a

satisfactory manner before an imminent

NORTH EASTERN COUNTY

SCHOOL.

Twelve boys from the North Eastern County

School, Barnard Castle, sat for the Cambridge

others school certificates. Result :- 1st class

honours-A. W. Lightfoot (with distinction

n mathematics); 2nd class honours—H.

MacDonald, G. Forster, J. W. Kendall (with

distinction in drawing); 3rd class honours-

F. Kellett, J. R. Hargreaves, G. R. Woodbams;

pass-J. L. Bainbridge, E. H. Sims, E. A.

TEESDALE GOLF CLUB.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury."

SIR,-With reference to the paragraph in

your last week's issue, re Sunday golf, I wish to state that I was not responsible for it. It

contained some inaccuracies, especially as to

Lord Barnard's views on the matter and the

January 27th, 1920. Honorary Secretary.

FREEMASONS' WHIST DRIVE

Under the auspices of the Barnard Lodge of

Freemasons a whist drive and dance took

place in the Witham Hall, on Friday night

About 130 were present, including the Worshipful Master (Brother Nicholson, of

Middleton-in-Teesdale), and several officers

and brethren of the Lodge. Refreshments were provided by Mrs Golightly, and were ruled excellent. Mr Dalgarno's band provided

the music, and the decorations included palms

were

and plants from the Bowes Museum.

floral decorations in the supper-room

To morrow night the Darlington

Quartette will appear in the Witham Hall.

whom are well known in the north-country

A fine musical night is in contemplation, and

who rendered her songs beautifully at a Darlington concert on Monday night. Mr Albert Edwards, the entertainer, is coming.

most chaste.

R. SUMMERSON,

names of those not present at the meeting.

Senior Local Examination in December last. Seven of these obtained honours, and three

accident occurs.—Yours hopefully,
DAILY IN FEAR OF A DUCKING.

January 27th, 1920.

LOCAL AND OTHER assisted to meet the expenses incurred in honouring the memory of the brave Mons soldier in the last office for the dead. NOTES.

blierman Norman, of Morpeth, has given Ir F. C. Dalgarno a cordial invitation to meet committee appointed by the Town Council take steps to lay out a twenty-five acres ark which has been presented to the town by be Countess of Carlisle.

The meeting of the Agricultural Wages loard fixed for the 22ud instant has been ostponed until February 12th.

The Lartington Harriers will meet on the owing days :- February 6th, at Gilmonby : ebruary 18th, at Kinninvie; each day at 12

Last night the subject scheduled for discuson at the local debating society was "That science is an infallible guide to right doing." Mr H. Firth was the proposer, and Mr J. A. Valton contrarient.

Last Thursday afternoon Mr and Mrs larkson Harker, Horse-market, entertained cir employees to a sumptuous repast, and the evening was spent in a happy and onvivial manner.

This morning, tifteen cases will occupy the tention of the magistrates at the Barnard astle Police Court. Six summonses relate to come-tax, and the remainder to vehicle ghts, cycling on footpath and wheeling a arrow on the causeway.

Company Sergeant-Major E. Toohey, of the Ourham Light Infantry, 27, Queen street, Barnard Castle, has received from the Colonel mmanding 5, H. District, a recognition in cordance with the desire of the Army Council the gratitude of the army and the nation in spect of military services rendered by him ing the recent national crisis arising out of

war against Germany and her allies. Bishop Bacon, Bishop Williams, and Dr. and ladame Leon have been staying at Gainford.

Ou Friday, January 9th, Miss Margaret at the venerable age of 95. She was the last viving member of the family of the late illiam Hodgson, of Bishop Auckland. Her rother, the late Major Hodgson, the presiding uagistrate at the Barnard Castle Police Court the resided with her many years at Gainford ad who was well-known in the country and he hunting field, died twelve years before her in his 91st year. Miss Hodgson was buried at Bishop Auckland. In her will Miss Hodgson as remembered some of the great charitable tutions in the country. The Durham ounty Hospital, the Darlington Greenbank ospital, the Royal Victoria Infirmary, of weastle-on-Tyne; and the Church of Sugland Waifs' and Strays' Society will each

eccive a benefaction of £500. The committee of the Mechanics' Institution have with commendable enterprise, arranged for a high-class concert on Monday, the 16th larox. for which they have engaged a number noted artistes. It is hoped the lovers of sood music will support this effort for its own sake as well as to benefit a good cause.

On Friday, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, Captain Oliver Lyttelton and Lady Moira odolphin Osborne, youngest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Leeds, and sister of Lady Glamis, of Streatlam Castle, will be married.

Late Advertisement. OST, 15 Grazing Hoggs, 8 H.B. and 7 Down. Tar mark C., noar side.—Watson, Butcher.

physical disadvantages with conspicuous bravery. At the expiration of five years, however, he was compelled again to seek medical dvice and attention in the Sunderland War Pensions Hospital, where he received the

Union with Ireland, and subsequently brought up to date by an attempt to alter the St. Andrew's Cross into the Union Jack, are preserved in the Parish Church of Barnard Castle, where the headquarters of the Durham Militia have been since 1759. Colonel Vane was an officer in the County Line Regiment-the fine old 68th Battalionand afterwards served in the Volunteers and Territorials of the Palatinate. He saw much service in the Boer War, and retired with the rank of Major and Honorary Colonel. The deceased officer was later associated with and was in command of the 6th Battalion for some time, his familiar figure on the Demesues being fresh in the local recollection. At the beginning of the late war he offered his services as Major and Second-in-Command of the "Faithful Durhams." At a later period he was in command of a large military his commission, he returned to England. The attention of the Secretary of State was called to his name for valuable services rendered in

In the Conservative interest the decease Castle Division, first in 1895, against Sir Joseph Pease, and again in 1900, but without success. On the death of Sir Joseph in 1903, he waged a plucky fight in a three cornered contest, he being in opposition to Mr Arthur Henderson, who was the Labour candidate and Mr H. G. Beaumont, Liberal. Though Colonel Vane was again defeated. he was within an ace of winning the seat. The deceased gentleman was chairman of the Barnard Castle Division Unionist Association.

He was appointed a county magistrate in October, 1903, and was Chairman of the Darlington County Bench. He married Lady Katherine, sister of the late Earl of Langford who was kiled in the World's War, and leaves a widow and several children. The Langford representative peerage was created in 1800.

and the family name is Rowley.

As indicating the late Colonel Vane's intense interest in Durham military matters, he compiled a little brochure a few years ago, rescuing almost from obliviou facts relating to the Durham Fencibles. At the commence-ment of the last decade of the eighteenth century, the disturbed state of affairs, both at home and abroad, caused the Government, in which the Right Hon. William Pitt was Premier, considerable anxiety as to the of your space to draw attention to the dangerous condition of the footway over the sufficiency of the national forces, with the result that a branch of the Army called "Fencibles" was re-introduced. Tees at Thorngate? The planking is quite rotten, and the bolts no longer hold tightly,

YESTERDAY'S FUNERAL. Yesterday noon the mortal remains of the late Colonel Vane were laid to rest in Haughton-le-Skerne churchyard, and at the and fro, so that the unfortunate pedestrian fears a closer acquaintance with the deep pool below. Perhaps the authorities will see the control of the contro attendance. St. Andrew's Church, Haughton, was filled with mourners, and on the plain oak coffin, enclosing the remains of the deceased, being borne up the aisle, the organist, Mr . Irvin, played the Dead March in "Saul. The choir chanted the Psalm and sung the hymn selected by Lady Katherine Vane for the Mothers' Union, of which she is president, "Life nor death shall us dissever." As the mourners left the church the organist played "O, Rest in the Lord." The service was conducted by the Venerable Archdeacon Derry, and when the committal sentences were pronounced the choir sang the hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

The chief mourners were the widow, Lady Katherine Vane (son and daughter), Viscountess Gough, Lord Barnard (nephew), the Hon. Mrs G. Vaue, Major the Hon. E. M. Pakenham, the Countess of Langford, Admiral Sir William Pakenham, Capt. Ralph Vanc, Mr Parkin. The five maids also attended the

The late Colonel Vane was held in high esteem by his fellow officers, and Col. H. C. Watson (who succeeded him in command of the 6th D.L.I.) and six officers and four warrant officers of that regiment attended the

obsequies. Among the officers present were: Major D. L. Brereton, D.S.O., Major J. M. Byrne, Sunderland; Capt. H. Sherwood, Adjutant 5th D.L.I.; Capt. T. Boddy, 6th D.L.I.; Col. T. Dowling, A.S.C., Bishop Auckland; Major Wilkinson, Bishop Auckland; Major J. E. Spedding, Major P. Cummins, 6th D.L.I.; Lieut. Col. F. T. Tristram, Major C. F. Thomas Col. H. Bowes, secretary Durham Territorial association; Mr W. W. Henderson, representing the Staff of the County Territorials; Capt. Higginbotham, Capt. Robson, D.L.I. (who served with deceased in India), Col. Spence,

5th D.L.I. Others who attended the service were the Hon. Cyril Liddell, the Hon. Agues Liddell, Mr Fife, agent to the Raby Estate; Mr W. H. Ralston, representing tue Earl of Strathmore and Lord Glamis; Mr J. Walker Hartley, J.P., Gainford; the Rev. W. Apter (Denton), and

Mr G. E. M. Walker, secretary of the Durham County Unionist Association, represented that Mr Sam Caudler, chairman of the The party comprises a galaxy of talent, all of Crook Constitutional Club and Spennymoor Unionist Association, represented those bodies. and Mr W. Woodhead, the agent, represented patrons will have an opportunity of hearing Madam Greenwell, the appreciative contralto, the Barnard Castle Division Association. The Union Jack was lowered to half-mast at the Conservative Club at Barnard Mr Castle,

BLACK-FACED DALES-BRED SHEEP SOCIETY.

INFLUENTIAL MEETING AT THE A large and influential meeting of Teesdale Stainmore and Swaledale flockmasters was held at the Raby Hotel, Barnard Castle, on Wednesday afternoon, under the presidency of Mr W. Dent, Naby. Among others present were Messrs Dent, Hartley Ca-tle; C. W. Raine, Holwick; J. Thompson, Stotley; J. Robinson, Middle End; J. Kearton, Bowes; J. Allison, Woodland: E. K. Cleasby, Gilmonby J. Peacock. Punchard : J. B. Beckwith, Stain born in 1888. The late Colonel Vane, who son, Winton; E. Brown, Arkengarthdale; G. Wearmouth, Briscoe: R. Whitchead, Swale dale; J. Clarkson, G. W. Dent, Stainmore; A Dent, J. Hutchinson, R. Close, C. Macdonald. Bowes: T. H. Sowerby, J. Smith, T. Dent, T. Poster, M. Bainbridge, Lunedale: J.T. Dargue. W. Alderson, Kirkby Stephen; J. Raine, Dufton; J. Gargate, G. Dent, J. Coatsworth, W. Wearmouth, J. Bussey, T. Scott, H. Thompson, Middleton; W. Longstaff, Micklethe Durham Militia in 1759, are laid up in the second pair, also probably presented by the Earl of Darlington about 1800, before the ton; O. Stones, Arkengarthdale; W. Heslop Butterknowle; James Peacock, Spanham, and

> the society. The Chairman commented on the satisfactory attendance, and said by the efforts of the society a new class of slieep was coming into existence. Dales-bred sheep would be entered at the Royal Show at Darlington, in June, for the first time. No class of sheep had been more improved in modern times.

> many others. The special business was to extend the movement, and to consider the

arrangements for forming a flock book. Much

interest was manifested in the operations of

A SWALEDALE PROTEST. Mr Whitehead (Swaledale) suggested that the title of the society should be altered, the people of Swaledale being under the impression that there had been something taken from them, and that their class of sheep was disappearing.—The Chairman: No, they are not.—Mr T. Addison (secretary) remarked convalescent camp at Malta, and, resigning that at Muker Show these sheep were always called close-coated dales-bred sheep .- Mr Whitehead: They are best known as Swale dale sheep .- Mr Addison : And in Weardale they are called Teesdales.-Mr Whitehead In Weardale they always ask for Swaledale gentleman three times contested the Barnard tups.—Mr James Peacock remarked that even if that meeting did alter the title of the society it could not be amended in the catalogue of the Royal Show .- The minutes were adopted by 31 votes to 17 against.-The Chairman added that there was no desire to deprive Swaledale of the honour of having originated the breed, but new conditions must prevail, the breed having a new name. RULES RECOMMENDED.

Copies of the rules recommended for the review or adoption of the meeting were then distributed and discussed, and in the main were approved, there being a few corrective amendments. It was generally determined that the ownership of sheep whose descent was in pure-breeding should constitute membership, all sheep, of course, being sired by registered rams.—Mr C. W. Raine moved, and Mr Allison seconded that it be left to the inspection committee in each district to decide whether sheep be eligible for registration or not .- Carried unanimously .- Mr Robinson suggested that every district find its own nspection committee.—It was agreed that ten constitute a quorum.-Mr J. Dent, Hartley Castle, proposed, and Mr J. Raine, Dufton, seconded, that no committee inspect in their own district.—Carried without a dissentient.— Mr Robinson moved and Mr Whitehead seconded that each separate district appoint ts own inspection committee from another district.—It was also agreed that each district be responsible for getting forward by the 1st of March.

SOCIETY'S HORN BURN. An interesting discussion took place on the selection of a distinctive mark on registering sheep, Mr Robinson moving and Mr Dent the motion was carried unanimously, the design being left with the committee. APPOINTMENT OF PATRONS, OFFICIALS

AND WORKING COUNCIL. Mr Gilbert Dugdale, Gilmonby Hall, was elected president, with the following as vice-presidents: Lord Strathmore, Lord Barnard, Lord Hothfield, Mr J. J. Bell-Irving, Sir Frederick Milbank, Col. Wilson (Arkengarthlale), Col. Charlesworth (Grinton Lodge), Mr Norman Field (Lartington Hall), Mr R. W. Raine (Middleton), Mr J. S. Helmer, Mr J. J. C. Allison, Mr Thompson (Stobars Hall, Kirkby Stephen), Mr J. Ingram Dawson (Barnard Castle), and Mr J. Thompson (Middleton) Other officials were elected as follow:

Chairman, Mr W. Dent; vice-chairman, Mr James Peacock : secretaries, Messrs J. W. Dent (Middleton) and T. Addison (Bowes); treasurer, Mr J S Helmer It was decided that the area of the society

should be divided into five districts: - Tees dale Union, Reeth Union, East Ward Union

Weardale and Wensleydale. The working council was appointed as follows: East Ward Union-Messrs M. Robinson, J. T. Dargue, John Dent (Hartley Castle) W. Dent, W. Alderson, J. Raine, G. Beckwith J. Cleasby, W. Richardson (Dufton). Reeth Union-C. Peacock, L. Peacock, T. Saver, N Harker, R. Bell, W. Allinson, J Alderson, J Scott, J. Kilburn, Teesdale-John Bussey John Smith, J. H. Sowerby, E. K. Cleasby, C. W. Raine, C. W. McDonald, T. Scott, G. Wear

mouth, J. Kipling.

HOW THIN PEOPLE CAN PUT ON FLESH AND GET STRONG.

People who have tried it-and hundreds have here in this district itself-say that if you are weak, thin, nervous, run-down, and can't sleep at night, the quickest, surest, and best way to get strong, increase weight, and be able to sleep well is to take a five-grain tablet of Blood-Iron Phosphate with every meal. The invariably remarkable benefit following the use of Blood-Iron Phosphate is said to be to the fact that it does two things-feeds the nerves and supplies iron to the blood. As any-one who has tried it will readily acknowledge. Blood-Iron Phosphate is most beneficial to weak, thin, nervous, run-down, ansemic men and women; it costs but 3 - a bottle, and the results obtained have been so uniformly successful that a guarantee of satisfaction or noney back is enclosed with every package. The purchaser is therefore protected from all possibility of loss, and those suffering from any nervous disorder should at once obtain od-Iron Phosphate from the nearest chemist and begin its use without delay.

NOTES FROM THE HICHER DALES.

[BY OUR CONRESPONDENT.] A public meeting in connection with the Middleton Branch of the British Women's Temperance Association was held in the Primitive school-room on Tuesday night week. Mrs Pettler, organising secretary for Durham County, was the speaker, and gave an able address on temperance work. Mrs (Dr.) Beadle rendered a solo, and Mrs Sumner presided. Light refreshments were handed round, after which several new members were enrolled.

The annual meeting in connection with the Upper Teesdale hospital effort was held in the Temperance Hotel. Middleton, on Thursday night, Mr J. T. Bowron presiding, in the absence of Dr. J. Beadle, who had been called away. The Secretary reported that from last year's effort £45 4s 10d had been sent to the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle, and £2017s 5d to Darlington Greenbank Hospital. The election of officers was as follows :- President, Dr. J. Beadle; vice-president, Mr F. Smith; treasurer, Mr G. Prescott : secretary, Mr J. Watson, with a large committee. A sub-committee was also appointed to raise funds for medical appliances for local use. This year's effort is to be held on June 5th and 6th.

An interesting lecture was given in the Baptist Chapel, Middleton, on Thursday night last by Miss Dent, the Grove, on " Middleton and District during the 16th and 17th cen-There was a good company present turies." despite the very rough night, and the lecture was most interesting and instructive. Mr G. Prescott presided, and Mrs Beadle contributed

The election for three directors for the local co-operative society took place-on Saturday last by ballot, and out of six candidates who contested for the honour, Messrs Joshua Watson, T. Pinkney and Wm. Gibson were elected. Messrs T. Dent, J. Grieve and Jona Morton are the retiring members.

The returned soldiers in connection with the "Reform Tent," Independent Order of Rechabites, Middleton, were entertained to supper on Saturday night in the Temperance Hotel, together with their wives and lady friends. Mr J. H. Shaw, chief ruler, presided, and Mr R. Dobson, one of the first members of the tent, gave an address of welcome to the returned lads, and referred to the hardships they had endured during their years of absence, and hoped now that they had returned they would stand firm to their temperance pledge, and support the tent as far as was in their power. Whilst rejoicing to have them back they could not forget those who would never return. Three of their members were numbered among soldiers who had made the supreme sacrifice. company present rose to their feet in memory of these brave lads. Mr Dobson then said he had now a pleasing duty to perform. He wished, on behalf of the tent, to present Mr Jas. Watson, late secretary, and Mr Wm. Scott, late treasurer, with the emblem of the order in recognition of their long and faithful service to the tent and order, both of whom had recently retired from office. Mr Watson and Mr Scott both suitably responded, and thanked the members for the beautiful emblems, which were mounted in oak frames and suitably inscribed. After this songs, games and so on were indulged in till a late hour. and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Much sympathy is extended to Mr Sydney Hodgson, Hill Top. Eggleston, in the great loss he has sustained through the death of his wife, which took place on Friday morning after a short illness, at the age of 34 years, and who leaves a baby only a week old. The interment took place at Middleton on Monday, when a large company followed the remains to their last resting place.

BARNARD CASTLE'S FIRST

MOTOR-CARS. With head winds and rain, soft roads and sheep. Mr Robinson moving and Mr Dent winter-wrecked ways, the Black Prince light cars have just made a most successful run to Glasgow under the most adverse and trying weather conditions that could be wished, for testing the capabilities of the new departure made by Black Prince Motors, Limited, in their novel designs incorporated in their Runabout" and "Buckboard." These cars are not heavy touring cars, drinking up petrol by the hogshead, but light laud craft, dainty and as easy to drive and control as the most fastidious lady could wish, That these cars could run straight to Glasgow under such conditions speaks volumes for their stability and general efficiency. The average speed—but no someone will talk of speed limits if one goes any further in that direction. would the ancient occupiers of Thorngate Mills say could they but have looked on while these two graceful cars, apparently instinct with life, glided out of their place of daily toil and sped to Carlisle, where a stop was made for the drivers' inner good, and then on, on to bonnie Scotland? Over the hills without pause or hitch, past moor and meadow, looking somewhat drear in the wintry gale, passing like a flash that solitary old oak that seemed to look in wonder at these flying meteors as much as to say, what are these strauge creatures that venture where I alone have weathered the storm? Well, well. This proves at any rate that things can be done in

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Birth. HICKS.—At Barnard Castle, on the 26th inst., the wife of Gilbert Hicks, of a son.

Deaths. SHEPPERD.—At the Sunderland War Pensions Hospital, on January 20th, Private Benjamin Shopperd, late of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, aged 20 years. Was interred at Barnard Castle, with military honours January

25th.
WINTER.—At Eden Valley Cottages, Clifton, near Penrith,
Westmoreland, on Tuesday, January 20th, Ann. the dearly
beloved wife of Thomas Winter, late of 17, Montalboterrace, Barnard Castle, after a long and painful illness,
aged 58 years. Deeply regreted.
STAYMAN.—At Stockton-on-Tees, on the 25th inst., Thomas
Stayman, formerly of Barnard Castle, aged 71 years. Will
be interred to-day (January 25th), at Stockton, cortoge
leaving 4, Wharf-street at 3-15 p.m. Friends please accept
this intimation.

In Memorism.

GIBSON.—In loving memory of William, dearly beloved husband of Jane Gibson, of 9, Station-terrace, Cotherstone, who died January 28th, 1918.

This day brings back our memory Of one who was called to rest;
And those who think of him to-day

Are those who loved him best.

Ever remembered by his wife and family. LEE.-In loving memory of Martin Edwin Lee. of 1 Riggs, Forest, who died at Dunkirk Hospital, Franc January 30th, 1919.

Riggs, Forest, who died at Dunkirk Hospital, France, on January 30th, 1919.

He has gone from our home to a mansion above, While our hearts here with acquish are riven; Bur why should we mourn for the boy that we love, When we know he is happy in heaven?

Ever remembered by his loving mother, brothers and