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The Teesdale Mercury

BARNARD CASTLE, AUGUST 27TH, 1924.

Communism Raises Its Head.

Having scored two great triumphs over the Government, Communism is now beginning to show its hand a little more boldly all over the country. It successfully interfered to compel Mr MacDonald to sign the Russian Treaty and it claims to have exerted such pressure on the Government as to force it to abandon the prosecution of the "Workers' Weekly." These are two notable achievements. It has secured a further, if smaller, victory in Birmingham, where three men were charged with inciting people to commit felony. One of these in addressing a crowd of unemployed said, "You will have to get rifles and bayonets and use them where your enemies are. You will get nothing without bloodshed." No doubt this is the kind of silly froth that seems to be poured forth so easily by Communist orators, and perhaps ought not to be taken too seriously, but when addressed to a large crowd of unemployed and despairing men (still waiting for that positive remedy for unemployment promised them by the Government) it might easily have provoked a breach of the peace. The magistrate found the men guilty and required them to find sureties for good behaviour or go to prison.

The result of these occurrences all over the country is that Communism is no longer working furtively, but is raising its head and defying authority with an assurance that can only be due to the belief that political interference will be able to secure it against the consequences of its illegal actions. This assurance is conspicuously seen in Glasgow, where large masses of people are openly refusing to pay rent. The more moderate members of the Labour Party are trying to arrange an understanding with the property owners, but their efforts are frustrated by the Communists, who incite the people to pay nothing. They are deliberately trying to provoke a conflict with the Law, and to bring about that bloodshed they delight to talk about in their speeches, but which they themselves would carefully avoid when the conflict came.

In this connexion it is interesting to remember that on Saturday week the Labour Party of the Barnard Castle Division made a mild "attack" on Barnard Castle town and for the first time held a demonstration on the Mains. The silly story gained credence that the gates leading to this open space between the town and the river were being barred against the demonstrators. As it happened the workmen of the Lord of the Manor were repairing the gates in order to prevent cattle from straying. The gates were fully open when the demonstrators appeared, and there was never any idea of closing them. The story, however, shows what a lot may be made out of a little when it suits the convenience of those who make it. Carefully watched and held in check Socialism itself cannot do a great deal of harm, but when it is likely to lead to Communism and all the horrors of its operations, it is time for all anti-Socialists to set their teeth and say it shall not have a chance.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

[BY MERCURIUS.]

Last week's note on the origin and meaning of the word "jike" seems to have aroused considerable interest among the readers of this column, several of whom have written on the subject. Some of these letters are given elsewhere in this issue. The esteemed correspondent who started it with his inquiry, and who lives at Grange-over-Sands, writes:—"I only on Friday was chatting the matter over with an old septuagenarian friend here, and he was quite familiar with the word. It was constantly used by his mother, who hailed from Appleby. She used it also as regards squeaky boots, as for instance:—'Them boots is'nt paid for, Ah can hear. Thou mun git 'em paid for and stop that jike.' As you know squeaky boots are proverbially said to belong to a man (or woman) whose cobbler's account is still owing."

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A recent reference to the attainment by the Teesdale Mercury of its 70th anniversary, and to the fact that the copy of the first issue is not in the possession of the proprietors, has brought several kind offers from friends whose ancestors happened to preserve the first number of this journal, of an opportunity of examining it. There are at least three copies of the first number in Middleton-in-Teesdale, and Mr Robert Peirse, who owns one of them, has very kindly lent it to the Editor for perusal. It is an interesting number, and among the advertisers whose announcements occupy a very considerable portion of the little four-paged sheet are the names of several people still living in Barnard Castle and engaged in business there. It is hoped on some occasion in the early future to review this copy at length, and it may be possible, if our readers would like to have them, to circulate facsimile copies for their edification.

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Among Barnard Castle's new residents is Major J. H. Laidman from the Constitutional Workers' Association, London, who has come down for the purpose of carrying on intensive work of an anti-Socialist character among the industrial portions of the Barnard Castle Parliamentary Division. Major Laidman has travelled in most countries in Europe, and has just returned to England after spending several years in the East, including Egypt, Palestine, and Transylvania. As he is an athlete of repute, it is not unlikely that in his spare moments he will show an active interest in local football. His office for business purposes is at No. 26, Horse-market, Barnard Castle, where any who are inclined to action against the rising forces of Communism will be very welcome.

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In opening out the old house at Barnard Castle known as Blagroves, Mr V. Walton, who purchased it a year or two ago from Lord Barnard, has undoubtedly added to the attractions which the town can offer for the entertainment of visitors. It was an eye-opener the other day to see the large numbers of people passing in and out of the hoary old building, but one has doubts as to whether the majority of Barnard Castle people know really what a transformation has taken place in the interior under Mr Walton's direction. While endeavouring to preserve the interior of the house as it looked when Oliver Cromwell was entertained there by the leading inhabitants on a memorable night in September, 1648, Mr Walton has added a unique collection of curiosities from all parts of the world, including some relics of the Stuart period bearing directly upon the time when Oliver Cromwell ate short cakes and sipped burnt ale in the historic parlour.

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Among these relics are a pair of top boots said to have been worn by "Old Noll" himself. While the house has been renovated, its most interesting features have been preserved, even to the Roundhead texts painted long ago on the walls of the upper sleeping apartments. But Mr Walton has had a great deal of excavation executed in the basement, and there are as a result some wonderful underground apartments opened out, all requiring to be illuminated in order to be seen. There is the armourer's chamber which may date from the Tudor times when the house was first built, and beyond this are a number of subterranean rooms of which few knew the existence for many years. The excavations are proceeding, and there seems every probability that when they are completed it will be found that the house, which was apparently at one time the official residence of the Town Governor, once communicated with other places in the vicinity. At the rear of the house Mr Walton has constructed a museum and picture gallery. Altogether Blagroves has attained to some importance, entitling Barnard Castle to rank with other places of antiquarian interest in the possession of its "old house."

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Mr Hugh Haley Simpson, the eminent musician who delighted us all with his pianoforte recital in the Witham Hall, Barnard Castle, last year, has been visiting the town during his summer vacation from the Leipsic Conservatoire. Mr Simpson who returns to Leipsic about the middle of October, has been prevailed upon to give another recital in Barnard Castle, and Thursday, October 9th, has been fixed for it. Mr Simpson, who will play on his own grand piano, will occupy the whole of the programme, preceding each selection with a brief exposition of it. Some music of the modern school will be included, and Scriabin and Chopin are among the composers whose works will be dipped into, beside some of the compositions of Mr Simpson himself.

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The Marquess of Zetland, who celebrated his eightieth birthday during the past week (says "Antolycus" in the Sunday Times), is one of the great territorial magnates of Yorkshire. His home at Aske Hall, near Richmond, is one of the "show places" of the North Riding, and it is here that he passes most of his time, being but rarely seen in London. At one time, however, he was quite a keen politician and a very staunch supporter of the late Marquess of Salisbury, who made him Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, a position that he filled with very considerable success. His heir, the Earl of Ronaldshay, is one of the leading authorities on the Middle East at the present day, and his name is being very prominently mentioned at the present time as a possible successor to Lord Forster as Governor-General of Australia in the early part of next year.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT.

Lord and Lady Barnard.

Lord and Lady Barnard were among the guests of the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry at Wynyard Park on Saturday for the great Unionist gathering. Five thousand people pledged themselves with hands upraised to support the Unionist policy.

A Singer from the States.

At evensong in the Parish Church on Sunday last, the hymn "The King of Love my Shepherd is" was sung as an anthem, the soprano solo and duet parts being beautifully rendered by Mrs James Briscoe, of Santa Barbara, California, U.S.A. (niece of Mr Geo. T. Burt), who is on a visit to this town.

Girl Guides' Jumble Sale.

A jumble sale was held at the Thorngate Mill, Barnard Castle, on Saturday, on behalf of the funds of the 3rd Barnard Castle Girl Guides. The total proceeds came to £5 2s. 9d., and by arrangement with Miss Brereton, who kindly supplied a large proportion of the goods, half of these were given to the North Eastern County School Chapel Fund.

The Allotment Holders' Show.

The 8th annual exhibition of the Barnard Castle Allotment Holders' Association, which takes place in the Witham Hall on Saturday, promises to be a success. Entries are very satisfactory. The show will be opened by Mrs J. T. Knowles, wife of the president, and Mr A. H. Nicholson, J.P., will preside. It is to be hoped that the allotment holders will receive the encouragement they deserve.

Cockfield Show Sports.

The following are the results of the equine sports held in connection with Cockfield Agricultural Show on Saturday:—Pony scamper (handicap)—1, J. E. Simpson, Gilling West; 2, E. Watson, Wackerfield. Trotting handicap—1, J. R. Blyth, Richmond; 2, R. Blackett, Morley; 3, Bert Richardson, Bishop Auckland. Local trotting handicap—1, Bert Richardson; 2, R. Blackett.

GOLF.

BARNARD CASTLE v. KIRKBY STEPHEN.
Played on Thursday.

BARNARD CASTLE.		KIRKBY STEPHEN.	
J. H. Brown... ...	1	C. R. Whitill ...	0
S. H. C. Jackson ...	1	F. H. Marshall ...	0
J. A. S. Steele ...	1	G. Thompson ...	0
C. E. Edmondson	1	R. Yare	0
R. H. Wade	1	S. Ridley	0
T. P. S. Summerson	1	E. T. Storey ...	0
R. J. Bailey	1	H. F. Searle ...	0
T. Errington ...	1	S. Gibson	0
F. H. Christie ...	1	R. Braithwaite ...	0
J. W. Hunter ...	1	J. F. Addie ...	0
G. W. Wood ...	1	W. Farrar	0
A. C. Staples ...	1	E. J. Stream ...	0
T. W. Allinson ...	1	W. W. Hallam ...	0
R. B. Gent	1	J. W. Lawson ...	0
	14		0

BARNARD CASTLE v. BISHOP AUCKLAND.
Played on Saturday.

BARNARD CASTLE.		BISHOP AUCKLAND.	
F. B. Welford ...	0	J. D. Hedley ...	1
H. M. Lingford ...	0	J. Murray	1
S. H. C. Jackson	0	R. V. Hare... ...	1
J. A. S. Steele ...	0	C. Law	1
C. E. Edmondson	0	P. J. M. Loft ...	1
W. P. Wallis ...	0	A. Emmerson ...	1
R. H. Wade ...	0	W. T. Foster ...	1
T. P. S. Summerson	1	E. B. Pround ...	0
R. J. Bailey	0	N. Dewhirst ...	1
T. Errington ...	0	P. Cummins ...	1
A. C. Staples ...	0	A. Rutherford ...	1
	1		10
Watson (pro.) ...	0	Lamb (pro.) ...	1

THE LAITHKIRK BENEFICE.

BAZAAR FOR THE AUGMENTATION FUND.

In the Church Hall at Mickleton, on Monday afternoon, Lord Glamis opened a bazaar in aid of the fund for the augmentation of the benefice of Laithkirk, now held by the Rev. J. W. Brent. There was a very large attendance, the spacious hall being crowded. The stalls were well laden, and it was evident that a determined attempt had been made to ensure success for the effort, which was to raise sufficient funds to justify substantial grants from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and others. The opening proceedings were presided over by Lord Rochdale, who was accompanied by his daughter, the Hon. Mrs Maude, wife of Colonel Maude, and by his son, the Hon. John Kemp. Motoring down from Wemmergill the party was received at the entrance to the hall by a company of Scouts from Gateshead, who, with the Rev. Canon Stephenson, Rector of Gateshead, are camping in the vicinity, the buglers sounding the general salute. Among others present, besides the Vicar of Laithkirk, were the Rev. J. E. Cowgill, Vicar of Startforth, and Mrs Cowgill; the Rev. F. H. H. Ladell, Vicar of Egglestone; the Rev. J. R. Gardiner, Rector of Rokeby; the Rev. A. W. Sewart, Rector of Brignall, Mrs Sewart and Miss Sewart; the Rev. H. C. Perrott (Rector of Middleton), Mr W. H. Ralston, J.P., Dr. Beadle, Middleton, and Mrs Beadle, Mr George Hodsman, Mr Collinson, manager of the Tees Valley Water Board, and Mrs Collinson; Mr Calvert, treasurer of the Water Board, and Mrs Calvert.

The following were the principal stall-holders:—
Mickleton work stall—Miss Richardson.
Toilet requisites—Miss Harvey and Miss Foster.
Baskets and crockeryware—Mr E. Stoddart.
Books and stationery—Miss Dennyson.
Household linen—Mrs Lowes.
Lunedale produce—Mrs John Brown, Bowbank.
Pound stall—Miss Grace Raine.
Children's stall—The children.
Flowers—Miss Lee.
Sweets & confectionery—Miss Nattrass, Holwick.
Holwick work stall—Mrs Miers.
Tea, &c.—Mrs W. Dent, Low Green.
Bran tub—The children.
Fishpond—Mr Wilfred Parkin.

AN INADEQUATE STIPEND.

Lord Rochdale, who had a cordial reception, said in opening the proceedings that the object of the bazaar was the raising of money for the augmentation of the living of Laithkirk, and he thought it was a very worthy one, because the benefice was poor, and in his opinion entirely inadequate for its purpose. It was in the year 1845 that Laithkirk was separated from the mother parish of Romaldkirk, and the stipend allocated to the incumbent was the magnificent one of £100 a year. That had been augmented from time to time, and now it amounted to about £294. Provisional grants had been made by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, but these might at any time be taken away. The parish contained 33,000 acres, and there were at that time more than a thousand inhabitants, and so the Commissioners made a temporary grant of £100 per annum. Now that the population was less than a thousand, although the area remained the same, it was possible that the grant might be lost. He thought the position was very unsatisfactory, but if every parishioner contributed 4s. the sum of £200 which was required would be raised. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners would give £500, and a further £500 would be forthcoming if the £200 were raised, making a total of £1,200, or sufficient when invested to add £60 to the value of the living. The Vicar would then have a stipend more substantial. Considering what the Vicar had to do, it was not unreasonable that he should have more income, for it was not right that one who had so much to do should be paid less than was paid to an unskilled labourer. He (Lord Rochdale) did not know of any job more difficult than a Vicar's. He had now to introduce to the company one whom they knew very well and one whom he had known for nearly forty years, and who had travelled four hundred miles in order to open the bazaar. He was sure they were all grateful to Lord Glamis for coming. (Applause). He hoped that everyone present would be able to say when they reached home what he had heard a Lancashire man say when he attended a bazaar of this kind—"Ah bowt what Ah thowt and then Ah coomed out." (Laughter and applause).

LOVE OF LAITHKIRK.

Lord Glamis, who was heartily cheered, said it was true, as Lord Rochdale had said, that he had come 400 miles in order to open the bazaar, and he would have liked to come if he had been a thousand miles away, because his heart always lightened when he stepped into the train at King's Cross for a journey to the North. He supposed the love of the North Country had been bred in his bones for hundreds of years. Laithkirk was one of the largest parishes in the Kingdom, not so much in the number of its population as in its acreage and the long distances between the centres of its population. The Vicar had a great responsibility, for although his parish lay in a most beautiful part of the country he supposed the most enthusiastic inhabitant would not pretend that the weather was all that could be desired in the winter months. There was no doubt, continued his Lordship, that at the present time one of the most disturbing elements was the attempt being made upon religion in general. It was noticed all over the world, and it was therefore the duty of all who belonged to the Established Church to uphold its strength and dignity; and he did not think there was a better way of doing that than by trying to add to the strength and dignity of the representative of the Church in the parish. (Applause). Such an object was worthy of their best endeavour, and for that reason he had pleasure in declaring the bazaar open. (Applause).

FUTURE VICARS WILL BENEFIT.

The Rev. J. W. Brent, Vicar, in moving a vote of thanks to their Lordships, said that when he heard from the Secretary of the Board of Finance what the proposal was he thought it was impossible to raise £200 in the parish in order to obtain the other grants, but he felt he had no right to refuse to make the effort because the matter was not merely one by which he would benefit personally, but one which would benefit those who should come after him. It was impossible for incumbents with such slender incomes to send their sons to school and college, and that was one reason why there was such a shortage of candidates for ordination. So he brought the matter before his parochial church council at Easter last year, and it was decided to make this effort to raise funds. The result of that effort could be seen that day in the well-laden stalls.

Mr W. Dent, High Green, churchwarden, seconded the vote of thanks, which was heartily passed.

During the afternoon the school children gave a delightful series of country dances, and a display of Swedish drill, etc., by the Boy Scouts added greatly to the interesting programme.

The total takings for the day amounted to £157 15s. 7d.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The bazaar was re-opened yesterday by Mr Isaac Tarn, the chairman being the Rev. Canon Stephenson.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.
Our columns are open for the expression of opinion, but we do not necessarily adopt the views of our correspondents. All communications must bear the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith.

"JIKE."

SIR,—Anent the word "Jike," concerning which reference was made in your notes last week, its use is by no means confined to either Baldersdale or Teesdale. As a dialectical word it may be met with in parts of Durham, Cumberland, Westmorland, Lancashire and the North Riding of Yorkshire. It appears under different forms, viz., jike, jyke, gike and gyke, the general meaning of the word being "to creak or squeak," and in this respect it is especially applied to footwear, as for example: "His shoes jike." It is also used in speaking of chairs, tables, etc., whose joinings are beginning to loosen. The word does not often appear in print, and is not found either in "The Glossary of Teesdale Words" or "The Glossary of North Riding Words" (Blakeborough). The origin of the word seems to be obscure, but it is probably allied to the word "gig," which also means "to creak," especially in reference to a door when the hinges need oiling. This word is met with in other parts of Yorkshire in the forms of jeeg and jigs.—I am, Sir, &c.,
A MEMBER OF THE YORKSHIRE DIALECT SOCIETY.
Darlington.

SIR,—As the word "Jike" is not in the glossary of words used by Burns, one might conclude it is not in use on the Scotch side of the Border, and it may be a word of fairly local use and even of local origin. There are certain words such as jangle and gingle, which have a certain analogy and which are formed from the mere sound, also jig, a lively tune, from French *gigue*, a lively dance, or a thing that moves lightly, or Iceland *gig-ga*, a fiddle. I shall be pleased if Baldersdale can prove the origin of jike to be of this dale, or even Teesdale, but would beg to remind the people, without prejudice, that by some strange chance the word has jumped the Pennine range, and is used in Cumberland. The best example I can give is found in verses of John Richardson, of St. John's, Keswick, entitled "It's Nobbut Me."—I am, Sir, &c.,
J. HAWKINS.
Barnard Castle.

[Mr Hawkins suggests that the poem might prove interesting by reason of its quaintness, and his wish shall be acceded to. Here is the poem:—

"IT'S NOBBUT ME."

Ya winter neet, I mind it weel,
Oor lads 'ed been at t' fell,
An', bein' tir't, went seun to bed,
An' I sat be mesel.
I hard a jike on t' window pane,
An' deftly went to see;
Bit when I ax't, "Who's jiken theer?"
Says t' chap, "It's nobbut me!"

"Who's me?" says I, "What want ye here?
Oor fwok ur aw i' bed;"—
"I dunnet want your folk at aw,
It's thee I want," he sed.
"What cant'e want wi' me," says I;
"An' who, the deuce, can't be?
Just tell me who it is, an' than"—
Says he, "It's nobbut me."

"I want a sweetheart, an' I thowt
Thoo mebby wad an' aw;
I'd been a bit down t' deal to-neet,
An' thowt 'at I wad caw;
What, cant'e like me, dus t'e think?
I think I wad like thee"—
"I dunnet know who 't is," says I,
Says he, "It's nobbut me."

We pestil on a canny while,
I thowt his voice I kent;
An' than I steall quite whisht away,
An' oot at t' dooer I went.
I creåpp, an' gat 'im be t' cwoat laps,
'Twas dark, he cuddent see;
He startit roond, an' said, "Who's that?"
Says I, "It's nobbut me."

An' menny a time he come agean,
An' menny a time I went,
An' sed, "Who's that at's jiken theer?"
When gaily weel I kent:
An' mainly what t' sceamn answer com,
Fra back-o' t' laylick tree;
He sed, "I think thoo knows who't is:
Thoo knows it's nobbut me."

It's twenty year an' mair sen than,
An' ups an' doons we've hed;
An' six fine barns hev blest us beath,
Sen Jim an' me war wed.
An' menny a time I've known 'im steal,
When I'd yan on me knee,
To mak me start, an' than wad laugh—
Ha! ha! "It's nobbut me."

—Ed., T.M.]

SIR,—I am afraid Baldersdale cannot claim to be the birthplace of the work "jike" or "jyke." It is common in the County of Westmorland and possibly in Cumberland. It is interesting to find the subject of disappearing words brought forward. The present generation does not know what treasures of expression are being lost through disuse. "Jyke" means much which can scarcely be compassed by any single word, as it is much more than squeak. This is felt when an individual goes late into church and his boots are not paid for: they "jyke"; and probably the door "jykes" also. I am unable to give the derivation of the word.

Another disappearing word, the meaning of which would take at least half a dozen sentences to express, is "fettle." The same remark applies to "feckless," an epithet applied to a person who is useless—an individual who has no "nouse." And where is the modern equivalent of "fratch," less than quarreling, and more than "chuntering on"? A boy is "lish" when he is "nimble on his pins," and his parents are "fashed" when he will not come in at nights. A husband may complain that the bread is as "sad as liver" when it has not risen, while if the milk has "set on" or been burnt in the pan, the "bishop has been."

Where is there a word better qualified to describe the state of the Barnard Castle roads after rain than "clarty"? A room upset, especially a kitchen, is a "scrow." If a man is "nowt at dow" he is worthless in character. "Walsh," or "welsh," is the quality of anything insipid or tasteless, generally applied to the absence of salt in food. "Cap" (to beat, or excel) is well known, and to "whittle" (cut with a knife) dates from Chaucer's time. "Clashy" weather is generally to be experienced about Brough Hill Fair. Winter butter is "blake" (pale) and rancid butter is "strong."

Dozens more instances could be given of similar words in use when I was a boy. It is a great pity they are becoming obsolete, as they are true and correct English, and the wretched slang of to-day cannot be compared with them.—I am, Sir, &c.,
J. INGRAM DAWSON.
Oak Bank, Barnard Castle.

The Late Mrs Scaife, Middleton.

The interment took place at Middleton on Saturday afternoon of Mrs Scaife, wife of Mr Scaife, New Town, who passed away on the previous Wednesday at the age of 54. Mrs Scaife, who had not been well for some time, was suddenly taken worse and died in a few days. A large number attended the funeral, for although Mrs Scaife only came to the place four years ago she has made many friends. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved husband.

FOOTBALL.

BARNARD CASTLE AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

At the meeting of the Barnard Castle and District League on Thursday night, at which all the clubs were represented, excepting Cotherstone and Rokeby, the latter's resignation was accepted, they being unable to raise a team sufficiently strong to carry on throughout the season. The application of Middleton-in-Teesdale United Reserve and Woodland United for membership were accepted. This brings the number of clubs forming the league to ten, and, with these additions, more interest will undoubtedly be aroused, and keener and more interesting games be the outcome. The league fixtures were provisionally arranged for the season. The Medal Competition and arrangements for the Charity Cup were held in abeyance until the next monthly meeting.

Any referee desiring to have his name added to the league's list should make his application without delay, as a scarcity of qualified controllers of the game in this district causes a good deal of annoyance, and at times additional expense to the club when men have to be engaged from a distance.

As is usual in this district no games will be played on the opening day (Saturday), but many interesting games have been fixed-up for the first month of the season.

FIXTURES FOR SEPTEMBER.

13th—Middleton Reserve v. Raby United
Staindrop Athletic v. Woodland United
20th—Bowes United v. Bd. Castle Athletic
Woodland United v. Staindrop Athletic
27th—Bd. Castle Athletic v. Bowes United
Staindrop Athletic v. Middleton Reserve
Woodland United v. Eppleby

T. W. Coltman, late of Middleton United, created a good impression by his fine play in a trial game with Darlington.

Leo Duffy (a Barnard Castle youth), who last season played for Darlington Reserve, has thrown in his lot with Bishop Auckland, and has shown brilliant promise in the trial games. He has been chosen to play against Scarborough on Saturday. He is described as being both fast and clever with the ball.

FOR THE BLIND.

The flag day organised at Barnard Castle by Mrs Foott for the funds of the National Institution for the Blind brought £10.

CRICKET.

RABY 2ND XI. v. BARNARD CASTLE 2ND XI.

At Raby on Saturday. BARNARD CASTLE 2nd XI.—F. Wilkinson, b Walwark 26; J. T. Roe, c Wall, b Robinson 33; T. F. Wilson, c Stevenson, b Robinson 12; J. Etherington, c Turner, Hall 3; R. Arrowsmith, run out 6; H. R. Jackson, c Walwark, b Hall 7; W. R. Woodhams, c Walwark, b Hall 1; R. Watson, c Stephenson, b Hall 1; T. P. Hutchinson, c Paty, b Robinson 0; R. A. Pounder, c Paty, b Robinson 0; A. C. Willis, not out 0; extras 1; total 90.

RABY 2ND XI.—H. Walker, b Hutchinson 1; G. Wall, c Arrowsmith, b Hutchinson 0; L. Hall, c Etherindton, b Hutchinson 9; E. Wright, c Watson, b Wilson 6; R. Walwark, c Willis, b Watson 24; H. Patey, c Pounder, b Wilson 0; W. Mawson, c & b Wilson 0; H. Robinson, not 3; A. Tanner, b Wilson 0; C. Stephenson, b Watson 0; G. Duffy, c Roe, b Watson 0; extras 3; total 46.

BARNARD CASTLE OLD BOYS v. STOCKTON.

At Stockton on Thursday last. In this whole day's match the Stockton team was defeated after a very pleasant and interesting game. For the Old Boys R. Arrowsmith played steady cricket for 53; F. Haswell forced the pace in his innings of 51 not out. For Stockton W. F. Moore played a very fine innings.

BARNARD CASTLE OLD BOYS.

T. A. Southern b Newcombe	2
R. Arrowsmith c and b Newcombe	5
F. Coulson b Scaife	23
H. Wright b Newcombe	3
L. W. Shout c and b Hammond	23
F. Haswell not out	51
R. Wright b Newcombe	10
E. R. Appleton run out	10
R. J. Gray c and b Newcombe	0
C. Mitchell c Newcombe, b Wilkinson	6
C. W. Nelson not out	3
Extras	17
Total (9 wickets, declared)	224

STOCKTON.

W. S. Hammond b Shout	30
W. F. Moore c Mitchell, b Shout	67
J. R. Jackson c Haswell, b Shout	25
T. Borrie b Shout	0
S Snowden b Arrowsmith	7
R. V. Gooding b Arrowsmith	0
T. Newcombe c Haswell, b Arrowsmith	0
J. Walker, c Mitchell, b Shout	7
F. L. Scaife not out	15
A Bowey l.b.w. b Wright	2
T. Wilkinson b Gray	8
Extras	25
Total	186

BOWLING.—Barnard Castle Old Boys: T. Wilkinson 1 for 27; T. Newcombe 5 for 59; W. S. Hammond 1 for 33; F. L. Scaife 1 for 33. Stockton: R. Arrowsmith 3 for 46; L. W. Shout 5 for 54; H. Wright 1 for 13; R. Gray 1 for 24.

MARKETS.

BARNARD CASTLE CATTLE, Monday.—There were forward 59 fat cattle, 200 sheep, and nine pigs. A fair trade all round, but beef was inclined to be easier. Best beef made to 60s. per cwt. live weight, shearlings to 95s. each, ewes to 70s., and lambs to 100s., while porkers sold for £5 16s.

BARNARD CASTLE CATTLE, Wednesday.—There were forward 28 dairy cows and