

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

[BY MERCURIUS.]

BARNARD CASTLE'S weekly market was held for the first time in the Witham Hall on Wednesday, and everybody concerned remarked on the comfortable character of the hall in comparison with the market cross, where the market has been held since its erection in 1747. It was unfortunate, perhaps, from the market people's point of view, that owing to a prior arrangement with a Newcastle furniture firm the hall could not on this occasion be occupied entirely by those engaged in the selling and buying of eggs and dairy produce. The consequence of so large a portion of the hall being occupied by large articles of furniture was that people had not so much space to move in as they will have when the hall is devoted entirely to market purposes. The Urban Council, who have taken the premises on a ten-years' agreement with the trustees, will no doubt be able to effect an improvement as the weeks go on. It is already stated that ability to trade in comfort enabled vendors to obtain more for their goods than they would have been able to get in the market cross where they were often only too willing to accept a smaller amount in order to get the business over early.

Some people have been criticising the Urban Council for agreeing to pay the trustees £75 a year for the use of the Witham Hall premises. It should be understood that for this amount the Council have obtained the right to all the lettings of the hall, which, of course, will bring in a considerable sum toward the increased expenditure. The difference will no doubt be made up by increased market tolls—at any rate the Council's financial position with regard to the markets is not likely to be hurt in consequence of this annual payment to the trustees, and on the other hand there will be shelter for the market people from all the winds that blow. By the way, cannot the doors at both ends of the hall be opened on market day?

So far as can be seen there will be quite sufficient money raised by voluntary contributions to meet the cost of the Jubilee celebration at Barnard Castle. Up to Thursday night no less than £74 had been gathered and banked, and according to the estimate the expenses will not quite reach that total. A very useful contribution has been a sum of £17 odd handed to the committee by Mr Fred Nevison, being the balance of the fund raised by him when he was first chairman of the Urban Council for the purpose of providing a day at the seaside for the poor children of Barnard Castle and Startforth. In another column will be found a tentative programme of the day's proceedings on Jubilee Day, May 6th.

The Bishop of Mombasa (the Rt. Rev. Richard Stanley Heywood, D.D.), whose charming address at the Confirmation which he conducted at Barnard Castle Church last week in place of the Bishop of Durham, was so much appreciated, has held his see since 1918. He has seen much service abroad, for two years after his ordination in 1892 (when he was appointed curate of Walcot, Bath), he was appointed Principal of the C.M.S. Divinity School, Poona, India, and held that position till his appointment as secretary of the C.M.S. in Bombay in 1903. He was formerly a hon. canon of Bombay Cathedral and examining chaplain to the Bishop of Bombay. His official address is now Bishopsbourne, Nairobi, Kenya Colony. Dr. Heywood was educated at Wellington College (scholar), Trinity College (scholar), and Ridley Hall, Cambridge, and was 27th Wrangler. He was born in 1867, married in 1894, and has three daughters.

Major T. L. Dugdale, M.P. for the Richmond Division, has arranged to spend the first portion of the Easter Recess at Westport, County Mayo, the seat of the Marquis of Sligo. The Marquis will be remembered in the Richmond Division as having been during the General Election of 1929 in charge of the transport arrangements. He is a personal friend of Major Dugdale, having served with him in the Scots Greys in the Great War.

Nineteen boys of Barnard Castle School returned on Saturday afternoon from a very enjoyable week's holiday in Paris, whither they set out on Friday week under the care of Mr C. E. Hardy, one of the masters. Crossing the Channel from Newhaven to Dieppe on the Friday night they reached the Gay City in time for the "petit déjeuner" at 7.30 a.m. Most of the sights

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of Paris were visited, including, of course, the Palace of Versailles, but one of the things that interested the party most was the new Zoo at Vincennes, described as a magnificent spot in a remarkable setting. The members of the party were permitted by Imperial Airways to visit the airport at Le Bourget, where they saw a plane set off for Croydon and another arrive from that English airport and discharge its passengers. The Louvre and the Eiffel Tower were also objects of marked attention. The homeward voyage was better than the outward one!

The gathering of vocalists under Mr J. T. Wightman on Sunday for the practice of music to be rendered on the occasion of the Jubilee celebration at Barnard Castle was pleasingly surprising. Few had imagined there were so many people in Barnard Castle—the number must have exceeded a hundred—ready to tackle the intricacies of a Handel chorus. The practice was excellent, and one wonders why, with so many talented singers in the town, there are not more members of the Choral Society.

An agricultural exhibition to-day comprises all classes of manufactured goods, and at the "Great Yorkshire" Show, which will be held this year on a magnificent site of one hundred acres at Coal Aston Aerodrome, Norton, Sheffield, on the 10th, 11th and 12th July, there will be ample accommodation for enterprising exhibitors who wish to use this as a means of propaganda. Besides being a "show window" for all, it is a social event where the town and country meet once a year. Implement schedules have just been published and may be had on application to the Secretary, Mr A. S. Cavers, St. Leonard's, York. The closing date for entries in this section is May 18th.

BILLIARDS.

TEES VALLEY BILLIARDS LEAGUE.

COPLEY (CHAMPIONS) v. REST OF LEAGUE.

This game was played at Copley on Thursday before a good company of spectators, when Copley ran out winners by 600 to 406.

At the conclusion, Mr A. H. Nicholson, Barnard Castle, introduced Colonel Grellett, President of the League, and asked him to present the shield to the captain of the champions. This Colonel Grellett did in a few well-chosen remarks, saying that he thought the finish of the league had even been more exciting than last year, as until a few weeks ago three or four teams were in the running, Cockfield cutting up badly at the finish, while Bowes seemed to fade out, and Woodland were, like many race-horses, just piped on the post.

Mr W. Kipling, who received the shield, referred to some tight finishes they had had, about three of their games ending in victories by two.

A vote of thanks to Colonel Grellett for presenting the shield was moved by Mr W. Lowe and seconded by Mr J. Kidd, both of Copley, and passed in the usual way.

The prize for the highest break, kindly given by Mr A. H. Nicholson, of Barnard Castle, was won by Mr John Bell, of Woodland.

Here (writes Mr J. T. N. Raine, secretary of the League, who kindly sends the report) I think a little duty was omitted—that of thanking Mr Nicholson for so kindly giving the prize, and I would like Mr Nicholson to accept through the Teesdale Mercury the very best thanks of the League for kindly giving it.

At the conclusion the spectators were entertained to a supper and social which was very much enjoyed. Scores:

Copley.		Rest of League.	
150 G. Kidd		R. C. Jackson	52
150 J. T. Wallace		J. Clark	111
150 L. Walker		J. Bell	135
150 W. Kipling		W. Metcalfe	108
600			406

Bowes Institute.

The Married opposed the Single in the final match at Bowes Institute on Tuesday night, the Married running out winners by 2 games to 1. Final match scores:—

Single.		Married.	
59 C. Wright		H. Preston	100
74 W. Hind		W. Dawson	100
82 L. Longstaff		M. Bendelow	100
100 M. Thompson		J. Porter	80
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BADMINTON.

BARNARD CASTLE BADMINTON CLUB.

A very pleasing incident took place on Friday evening at the final night of the badminton season in Barnard Castle, when a presentation was made by the members of the club to Mr and Mrs J. C. Heslop, who have left the town and now live in Thirsk.

Miss N. Robinson, one of the original members of the present club, made the presentation, which took the form of a cut glass cheese dish.

Mr Heslop, in reply, referred to the many happy hours spent by Mrs Heslop and himself in the Badminton Club. He spoke of the early struggles of the club, and in wishing the members continued success, said he hoped they would "keep on keeping on," and that they would "go from strength to strength."

The Secretary (Mr E. Anderson) intimated that it was proposed to make Mr and Mrs Heslop hon. members of the club at the next general meeting, and said he knew it was the wish of every member that they should visit the Badminton Club as often as possible.

The final mixed doubles tournament was played during the evening. The winners were Mrs F. L. White and Mr J. Swinbank, who beat Miss N. Sayer and Mr E. Anderson in the final by 15 points to 11.

Although the season is now closed, the Badminton Hall is open for members during the summer months.

We learn that Master Francis Garforth's recently-won scholarship is tenable at Queen's College, Cambridge, and not Oxford, as we were at first (in error) informed. Master Garforth is the younger son of the Rev. J. W. Garforth (Methodist minister) and Mrs Garforth, of Horncastle, formerly of Barnard Castle.

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