

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

BY MERCURIUS.

The Barnard Castle and Startforth Nursing Association are holding their annual house-to-house collection and flag day on Whit Monday.

The Upper Holloway Messenger, the monthly organ of the Baptist Church in that metropolitan borough, refers at length to the loss sustained by the death of one of the church's most valuable workers.

The Rev. C. Hilton Hutchinson, Rector of Wycliffe since 1914, whose impending removal to a parish near Wetherby, in the West Riding, is announced to-day, is with one exception in point of service the oldest priest in that part of the Diocese of Ripon.

Mr Hutchinson's tenure of the Wycliffe benefice is also one of the longest in the Ripon Diocese. Only six other of the whole 277 incumbents have held their livings longer than he, the oldest being the Vicar of Arthington, Leeds, the Rev. T. Brackebury.

One of the historic treasures of Wycliffe Rectory—an ecclesiastical heirloom, as it were—is the portrait of John Wycliffe (the Morning Star of the Reformation) which hangs in one of the rooms and is often inspected by tourists who know the ease with which it may be seen.

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Whorlton bridge, is built on the site of the original manor house which was the home of the Wicliff family.

The resignation of Mr Hutchinson from Wycliffe Rectory means among other things the cessation of the rectory house as the home of the rector, for under an order made as long ago as 1922 Wycliffe will in future be amalgamated with the adjacent parish of Hutton Magna, or, as it used to be called, Hutton Long Villiers.

The Rev. E. V. Cave, Vicar of Startforth, who is a prisoner of war in the hands of the Germans, seems to be making the best of his hard lot.

There were thirty chaplains at Oflag VII. C/H, and after a month two of us were the first to volunteer to be sent for the duration of the war to any prison camp.

Captain Fergus MacCunn, Chief Secretary of the R.S.P.C.A., who had been ill for a very long time past with heart trouble, died on Sunday, May 18th.

Captain MacCunn initiated reforms and innovations both external and internal. He made a prolonged and sincere effort to bring about a better understanding and closer co-operation between the various Welfare Societies in the country.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has always had strong support from the Barnard Castle area, and it is therefore interesting to learn that Mrs J. Bell, the local secretary, is arranging for a jumble sale in aid of its funds to be held toward the end of June.

The Archdeacon of Richmond (the Ven. D. M. M. Bartlett) made his annual visitation on Saturday to the clergy and churchwardens of the various Richmond deaneries.

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WYCLIFFE RECTOR GOES

APPOINTMENT TO A LIVING NEAR WETHERBY.

The Rev. C. H. Hutchinson, Rector of Wycliffe since 1914, has been offered by Major Dent, of Ribston Hall, Wetherby, the living of Hunsingore-with-Cowthorpe, near Wetherby, which he has accepted.

GRETA BRIDGE POLICE.

WEDNESDAY. — Before Sir Frederick Milbank (presiding), Mrs Norman Field, Major H. E. Morrill, Mr James Peacock, Mr H. M. Lingford, and Mr J. W. Alderson.

An Ejectment Order.

Mr J. Ingram Dawson, solicitor, Barnard Castle, applied on behalf of Mr Charles Henry Pearson, of North Stainmoor, for an ejectment order against Mrs Rapson, the tenant of West Cottage, Cothelstone, of which he is the owner, and of which he desired to have possession.

Mr Pearson said he had received no rent from the tenant since December and he required possession of the cottage. In reply to respondent's brother, who appeared on her behalf and who said he was responsible for her moral and social welfare, Mr Pearson said it was not true that on two occasions he had refused the rent offered on behalf of his sister.

The brother said the agreed rent was to have been 6s. a week, which his sister had paid regularly until it was increased to 7s.

Mr Dawson: Do you know that the extra shilling was not rent, but for papering and painting the house which your sister promised to pay?

The brother: My sister did all the painting and papering herself. Nothing has been paid since December because the landlord refused to accept it.

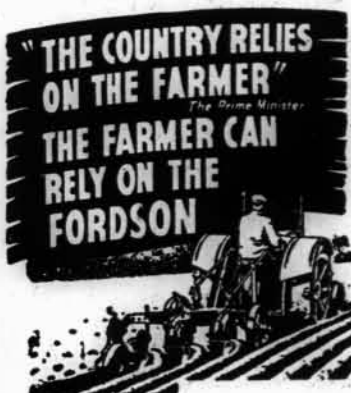
Replying to the Chairman the brother said he would have paid the rent if it had remained at 6s., but he objected to paying the extra shilling.

Mr Dawson said the original rent was 7s., but it was reduced. The bench granted the ejectment order to operate within thirty days.

Failed to Immobilize Car.

John Henry Pickersgill, butcher, Middleham, was summoned for failing to immobilize a motor car which he left unattended at Bowes.

P.C. Martin, Bowes, proved finding the car unattended and immobilized in the courtyard of the Unicorn Hotel, Bowes, and said that when he called the defendant's attention to the omission to it (he being in the hotel at the time) he said he had lost the door key, but had removed the ignition key from the car. He admitted his mistake, saying he thought he had done all that was necessary to prevent the car from being started by anyone else. Defendant was fined 10s.



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