OCCASIONAL NOTES.

BY MERCURIUS.

The Barnard Castle and Startforth Nms ing Association are holding their annual house-to-house collection and flag day on Wint Monday. This Association was formed in February, 1911, so that for more than 30 years its nurses have given un grudging attention to the sick of the town and neighbourhood. During the last year the nurses paid 4.321 visus to 205 patients. The membership ice is one of the lowest in the country, and the committee are very graderal to all who have given them their support, but owing to the trying and difficult times we are now living in, it is impossible to hold any of the social functions which have helped to raise funds to carry on this splendid work, so it is hoped that everylody will be as generous as they can on Whit Monday, when the collectors visit them in their homes and present their flowers for sale in the streets.

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. Miss Elizabeth Ottaway. Trained at Ranyard Centre, Miss Ottaway entered her work at Upper Holloway in 1895 and remained until Centre, Miss Ottaway entered her work at Upper Holloway in 1895 and remained until take place on the vacancy occurring at 1925, when she retired from official work but Upper Holloway in 1895 and remained until Wycliffe, because the Hutton living has continued to render much personal service mutil laid low by illness about four years ago. Shrinking from publicity, says the writer. Miss Ottaway fulfilled a ministry which was a henediction to many. Leader of the Rupert Road women's meeting and worker in the school and mission, she was one of the most faithful and conscientious of mission sisters; and she exercised as influence wide and deep long after she laid down her official routine. Miss Ottaway, by the way, was the eldest sister of Mrs J. Franklin, Barnard Castle.

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 comprised in the Rural Deanery of Rich-mond North, which is in effect that part of the Yorkshire part of Teesdale between the Westmortand border and Winston Gate, or rather, Ovington. The exception is the Rev. J. W. Brent, Vicar of Laithkirk, who although not appointed to his parish until 1915, had been for some time previously curate of Romaldkirk at Cotherstone. Mr Hutchinson has seen changes in every other of the nine parishes included in the deanery, mostly by death, occasionally, although not often by removal. He has known two or three rectors or vicars of most of the parishes, and for a number of years when the Bishop of Ripon has had occasion to visit this part of the diocese he has had the honour of being selected to bear the pastoral staff as the Bishop's attendant. One of the great events of his tenure of the Wycliffe living was the recent successful completion of his effort to raise sufficient money to meet the expense incurred by the renovation of the roof of his parish church which suffered so sadly in the great storm a few years ago.

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. Brackenbury, whose induction took place as long ago as 1891. The others are the Vicar of Beckwithshaw, near Harrogate, the Rev. H. R. Stott, 1894; the Vicar of Hampsthwaite, Harrogate, the Rev. H. J. Peck, 1896; the Vicar of Downholme, Swaledale, the Rev E. E. Hart, 1907; the Vicar of Far Headingley, Leeds, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, 1907; and the Bector of Melsonby, the Rev. J. V. Bullard, 1909; while the only other clergy-man appointed in the same year as Mr Hutchinson is the Rector of Kirk Deighton, the Rev. C. V. Stillingfleet. that the chief advantage to Mr Hutchinson will be a smaller house to maintain, the Rectory at Hunsingore being a less potentious building than the Rectory at Wycliffe the dining room of which alone has four doors-one in each corner. The stipend is about the same. The population is larger— 528 as compared with Wycliffe's 316, with church accommodation for 340 (240 at Hunsingore and 100 at Cowthorpe) against Wycliffe's 140 seats.

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. This portrait is by the 16th century Flemish painter, Sir Antonio-a-More, and was bequeathed to succeeding rectors by Dr. Zouch, who was rector of the parish toward the close of the 18th century, and is said to have refused the bishopric of Durham when it was offered to him. Wycliffe parish, of course. claims to be the birthplace of the Reformer and many readers will remember the news-paper controversy of nearly twenty years in which the late Mr T. R. Glynn, of Whorlton, sought to solve the problem of whether the hamlet of Spreswell in which John Wycliffe was born is the present-day Hipswell, near Richmond, or that other Spreswell near Wycliffe which Mr Glynn claimed to be identical with the hamlet of Thorpe which in olden days formed part of the manor of Wiclif belonging to the Wiclifs. Mr Glynn went so far as to say that Thorpe Hall, at the southern end of

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

The resignation of Mr Hutchinson from Wycfiffe 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 Wyeliffe will in future be amalgamated with the adjacent parish of Hutton Magna, or, as it used to be called, Hutton Long Villiers. The late Rev. A. W. M. Close, who was vicar of Hutton Magna for many years, often referred to the fact that his vicarage was in Wyciiffe parish and he was really a parishioner of been vacant three times since Mr Close retired, and Mr Hutchinson has waived the option of taking over the cure of the neigh bouring parish. As the rectory of Wycliffe will cease to be the home of the incumbent. one wonders what will become of the heirloom."

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. In a letter to his mother, dated April 10th, in which he records a three days snow storm, Mr Cave says that previously the weather had been so warm that sun-bathing could be indulged in Referring to his recent removal from one camp to another, Mr Cave writes:

"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. On August 31st I was sent to this camp, where I now am—the first to leave Oflag VII. C/H. The German authorities have been most helpful with regard to services. Holy Week (1 write in it) has Holy Communion daily at 9 a.m. and service at 6-30. On Good Friday matins at 9, service at 10-15. Easter Day Holy Communion at 8-30 and 9-15; Morning Prayer at 10-15. It is hoped that we shall all have a sweetbread Paschal lamb on Easter Day. I am also in charge of the library which now has over 1,200 books. We need a lot as we have a good deal of time for reading. I am in a soccer team in a knock-out final on-Saturday."

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 who was first associated with the Society in 1910, became Assistant Secretary in 1924 and Chief Secretary in 1934. His father was Hamish MacCunn, the composer of much Scottish music frequently played over the wireless. As Chief Secretary Captain MacCunn proved himself an outstanding success, Gifted with imagination and a ready power of speech, he attended innumerable meetings in all parts of the country, and did much to build up and increase the rapidly extending number of increase the rapidly extending number of branches and auxiliaries. At the same time his capacity for hard work at headquarters was notable, while his tact and vigorous personality gained him general esteem and

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 cooperation between the various Welfard Societies in the country. His work created the excellent relations now existing between the Veterinary Profession and the Society In addition he possessed a marked literary flair, which might have carried him far in journalism, had he so desired. He contri buted a number of articles to various magazines and publications, and his book "Country Friends" has many readers. He was a pioneer in educational work for the principles of the Society. In the last Great War he saw service abroad in the London Scottish and the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Wounded in 1915, he was again severely wounded in 1917 and suffered as a result of nervous shock for some consider able time afterwards.

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. If there are any peopl-who, while spring-cleaning, find anything of no further use to themselves which is saleable, and will let Mrs Bell, 33, Newgate, Barnard Castle, or Miss Errington, John Street know, arrangements will be made for collecting them.

The Archdeacon of Richmond (the Ven. D. M. M. Bartlett) made his annual visitation on Saturday to the clergy and church wardens of the various Richmond deaneries. He received them in the Town Hall, Richmond, and later addressed the gathering in St. Mary's Parish Church.

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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.

Mr Hutchinson succeeds the Rev. G. T. Shettle, who has been at Hunsingore since 1924. Mr Shettle, it will be remembered, was Rector of Wycliffe until 1914, when Mr Hutchinson succeeded him.

GRETA BRIDGE POLICE.

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

An Ejeciment 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, Cotherstone, of which he is the owner, and of which he desired to have possession. He said that Mrs Rapson, a refugee from Hull, had been in occupation of the cottage since April, The owner served her with a notice to quit on April 21st this year, and she should have given possession a week later. She had paid no rent since December, and

£7 2s. was due to the owner.

Mr Pearson said he had received no reut 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 occa-sions he had refused the rent offered on behalf of his sister.

Mr Barry Henderson Tiffin, Mr Dawson's articled clerk, proved having served the notice to quit on Mrs Rapson and explained

its purport to her.

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. was the extra shilling that she refused to pay. The owner refused to take 6s.
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. I was there twice when he refused it. It is the landlord's fault that the rent is in arrear. You are not entitled to increase the rent in war time. I am not going to see my sister turned into the street.

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.

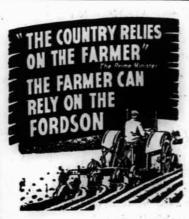
Mr Dawson said the original rent was 7s. but it was reduced. The bench granted the ejectment order to

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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