

Mercury

NOV. 8TH, 1905.

FOR FREEDOM.

tion Nationale, in red that the tree of freedom by the blood of the Russian nation...

Operative Society.

Mr Hugh Wilson presenting the minutes of the last meeting...

Bible Society.

At the Barnard Castle worthy and laudable reading evening last night...

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eral, the Connexionist will preach on Sunday evening next...

All Pictures.

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to us all as a well-known name, the Rev. John Charter...

"THE BARNARD RUN" AT THE NORTH EASTERN COUNTY SCHOOL.

Celebration of "Foundation Day."

If any of our fellow-townsmen had happened to be on the Demesnes, on Monday morning last, they would have been spectators of an event which, though it has hitherto attracted little attention...

For several years after the founding of the North Eastern County School it was the custom at the School to organize a paper-chase on "Foundation Day," the November 6th, in 1892...

The excitement caused in Lunedale, on Tuesday night, over the lost girl (Annie Kipling) was intense, and not a few joined in the search which lasted all night...

AMATEUR THEATRICALS AT THE SILVERTOP INSTITUTE.

On Friday evening last an amateur theatrical entertainment was given in the above institute by a company of talented local artists, which proved to be a great success from every point of view...

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NOTES FROM UPPER TEESDALE.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The Wesleyans of Lunedale held their missionary meeting on Thursday night, when addresses were given by the Rev. W. R. Butterworth and Mr. C. Walton, Middleton.

The Coming-of-Age of Lord Glamis.

BALL IN THE MUSIC HALL LAST NIGHT.

Presentation by the Teesdale Tenantry.

Address by the Heir-at-Law.

Last night, in a fine spirit of becoming conviviality and enthusiasm, the Earl and Countess of Strathmore, and a distinguished house party from Streamlat Castle, including Lord Glamis, Lady Mary Boves-Lyon, and Lady Rose Boves-Lyon, met their West-riding friends at their cosmopolitan and Upper Teesdale tenantry at a fashionable ball held in the Music Hall, on the occasion of Lord Glamis, who is an officer in the Scots Guards, attaining his majority, the actual date of which was the 22nd of September of this year.

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The concert in connection with the brass band had the attendance that has usually been the case with this annual function. But Middleton is poorer now than it has been for some time, and perhaps, this was the most attributable reason for the falling off on Friday night. However, those who were present were highly entertained for about two hours by the excellent music of the Middleton Choir opened out the programme with "Salvors' Chorus," and during the evening rendered "Village Church" and "Comrades in Arms." The "Village Church" is a new piece to the Middleton people, and perhaps, this was the most favoured of the choir's part of the programme. Miss Bainbridge, a local singer of much promise, delighted the audience with her sweet rendering of "Heaven." Mr W. Thompson was the next performer, but we can't say that he was in good voice, though for "The Death of Nelson" he received a hearty encore. Mr J. H. Thompson was again in evidence, and his melodious letters were selected was much shorter than last year's, it was none the less appreciated. Miss Thompson, of Barnard Castle, made her debut before a Middleton audience, and her performance was most successful.

Souvenirs to Lord Glamis.

A little after ten o'clock, on the platform in the Music Hall, Mr Thomas Harrison Byers, of East Shaws, the oldest tenant on the West-riding estate, presented Lord Glamis with a costly dressing case, and said the return of 15 per cent. to the tenantry came as a complete surprise, and he hoped that both Lord Strathmore and Lady Rose Boves-Lyon would give their lordships the best shooting in Britain. (Applause.)

Speech by Lord Glamis.

Lord Glamis, replying, said: Lord Strathmore, Mr Byers, Mr Atkinson, Ladies and Gentlemen: I find it difficult, owing to the brevity of the language I have at command, and to my very slight experience of speaking, to convey to you in appropriate words my great gratitude for, and appreciation of, the magnificent gifts which the tenants of the Streamlat and Wemmergill estates have just made me. And I must take the opportunity of thanking you, Mr Byers, and you, Mr Atkinson, for the very kind terms you have used in making the presentations. I know very well that these presents are not due to any merits of my own, or to anything that I have done, but are one more proof of the kindly feelings which you regard my father and my family, and of the great respect and affection in which you hold my late grandfather. (Loud applause.) All these gifts, I am sure, raise in me the ambition to prove myself worthy of the spirit in which they were given. I shall appreciate them throughout my life, not only on account of their beauty and value, but still more as a memento of the present gathering, and of the happy evenings connected with it. (Applause.)

The Supper.

Messrs Tilley and Company, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, were the caterers, and, in a faultless manner, carried out their contract, the supper being of a most recherche character, and the utmost attention being paid to the guests. At the supper the Earl of Strathmore presided, and Mr White proposed "Lord Glamis," to which his lordship appropriately responded. The Earl and Countess of Strathmore" was proposed by Mr Henry Sayer, of Friar Cote, and the noble Chairman, in reply, expressed the hope that the good and honourable understanding which existed between himself and his tenants everywhere would be strengthened and cemented by that auspicious event, and proposed "The Streamlat and Westwick