

BERWICK JOURNAL

JAN 7th 1915

CHARITY

Something To Smoke-£250 Raised-Ten Thousand Reached.

Spittal Parish Church Tea and Concert realised £9 11s, in aid of the Ladies' Work Party for War Relief purposes.

Berwick Brotherhood Concert-For Belgian Relief Fund-The President intimated that the collection had amounted to £2 12s, and this, in addition to a donation from the Mayor in the name of himself and the Mayoress of 10s, made a total of £3 2s to be handed over to the Belgium Funds.

Something To Smoke-One Thousand Parcels Have Reached The Battlefield, For 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers-Many contributions have and are reaching us from various parts of the British Isles, from the Continent of Europe, from our Colonies, and from other Countries of the World.

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JAN 14th 1915

CHARITY

The (Berwick) Guild of Aid has already sent a box of goods to Lady French, and hope to be able to send more. Since the last report 166 articles have been sent to Lady French, and 74 articles to Edinburgh's Branch of the British Red Cross Society. The total number of articles made and collected by members of the Guild...is 1790. These have been distributed as follows: To British Red Cross Society, 3 consignments; to Service Companies of 7th NF (Territorials); to KOSB at the Front, 2 bales; to the local Emergency Hospitals, 509 articles; and to Her Majesty the Queen, 163 articles. These are in addition to those sent to Lady French.

Berwick Soldier's Home-Useful Work-Tributes From The Front-There are few ladies in Berwick who have a wider interest in the War than Mrs Highgate, whose Soldiers' Home on the Quay Walls is now in its fifth year of usefulness. Not only has she several cousins and nephews in the firing line, but hundreds of young Borderers, who have been or are still in the trenches, have grateful memories of the Home. The Visitors' Book contains the names of no less than 54 soldiers who had been home wounded; all the engagements in which the Borderers have fought are represented. But Mrs Highgate's interests are not confined to the Borderers. The Territorials share in the hospitality of the Home, and some of the Cyclists appreciate very much the opportunity which is afforded in getting hot baths at a moderate charge. There are often over 50 men in the Home in an evening.

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JAN 21st 1915

CHARITY

Border Children's Club-How The Children Can Help The Soldiers-In every home, without exception, there is work being done for our brave soldiers and sailors, for the many they have left behind, and for the great number of refugees. Naturally, the young folks like to help and contribute their share, and it's a great pity, if the energy and unselfishness of the little people is not turned to good account. For the girls who are not too small there are various forms of needlework. Making pillows is quite an agreeable occupation, at which boys and girls can

work together. Gifts of books and papers are constantly demanded. Girls, again, can make handkerchiefs of old strips and squares of linen.

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JAN 28th 1915

CHARITY

Something To Smoke-London and Edinburgh Again Help Us-Slides in the Playhouse-Gifts for Belgian Soldiers Now-Almost every man in King Albert's gallant little army is an all-day-long cigarette smoker. If you would like to send a few gift parcels to them you can now do so by specially marking your contribution "For The Belgians"-

Checked	Total:	10,417	1/2:	-Grand	Total	10,844	5/6.
Gifts	for	7th	NF--List	of	gifts	given.	

Berwick Guild of Aid-A consignment of 25 mufflers, 2 shirts, 2 vests, 12 belts, 31 pairs mittens and wristlets, 38 pairs socks, and 7 helmets, Total 117, have been sent to Lady French, in response to her special appeal, in addition to 165 articles sent to her on January 6th. The Guild of Aid has now collected and distributed 1907 articles.

BERWICK JOURNAL

FEB 4th 1915

CHARITY

Tweedside Co-operative Society have sent a subscription of £50 direct to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Something To Smoke-Over 11,000 Sixpences-£275-Already Raised-Slides at Playhouse-Checked Total: 10844 5/6-Grand Total 11041 5/6. Think what the 11,000 Sixpences we have raised mean. They mean 11,000 parcels for our Heroes, and as each parcel contains 10 cigarettes and 2 cakes of tobacco, this shows the remarkable total of 110,000 cigarettes and 22,000 cakes of tobacco raised so far.

BERWICK JOURNAL

FEB 11th 1915

CHARITY

The half-yearly general meeting of the Berwick Cycling Club was held last night in the Clubroom...The Treasurer (Mr RP Smith) reported that the £5 voted from the annual meeting to be given to a War Fund had been handed over to the Secretary of the local Fund.

Berwick Guild of Aid-87 articles were sent to Lady French on Feb 9th, making a total to this special collection of 379. The Guild has now collected and distributed over 2,000 articles since the war began between Royal Red Cross Society, KOSB, 7th NF, local Emergency Hospitals, and Her Majesty the Queen's collection.

BERWICK JOURNAL

FEB 18th 1915

CHARITY

Our Letter Box-Indian Troops Fund-Sir, I should again like to thank your readers who have so generously contributed to the Indian Troops Fund. The total number of articles of clothing collected and dispatched up to date amounts to 225.

BERWICK JOURNAL

FEB 25th 1915

CHARITY

Something To Smoke-11,800 Reached and Passed-Over £295 Raised and Almost £300 Up-Over 118,910 Cigarettes and 23,782 Cakes of Tobacco-Nearly 1 1/2 Tons of Tobacco Alone, not Counting Cigarettes-Grand Total-11957 ½.

Berwick Guild of Aid-A large parcel of mufflers, socks, mittens and belts was sent to Lady French on Tuesday; a parcel of helmets to Edinburgh Branch British Red Cross Society; and a dozen mittens and gloves, especially ear-marked for the Grand Duke Michael of Russia's collection for the troops, was forwarded on Feb 23rd, to His Imperial Highness.

BERWICK JOURNAL

March 4th 1915

CHARITY

To Make Our Soldiers Feel At Home And Happy In Berwick-It is far from creditable that no provision for a Recreation Room has been made for the 500 men of the 10th Royal Scots who arrived last week to take over the duties of Coast Defence in succession to the Welsh Cyclists; and we are glad to learn that the Mayor is taking measures towards supplying what is a felt want.

Something To Smoke-12,000 Reached and Passed-Over £300 Raised-Over 120,000 Cigarettes and 24,000 Cakes of Tobacco-Won't you please help by filling one Collecting Book-£5 collected from your friends will cheer 200 soldiers-

BERWICK JOURNAL

March 11th 1915

CHARITY

Recreation For Troops In Berwick-Big Scheme Started-By the generosity of the proprietor, the premises in Hide Hill, formerly occupied by Messers Walter Wilson Ltd, have been secured for a mere acknowledgment, and these are now being converted to suit their new purpose. An appeal has been issued for financial support: the rooms are to be run chiefly on public subscriptions.

The Committee make an earnest appeal for magazines, daily papers, etc and for any small tables and chairs...Any offers of help of this kind will be gladly received by the Secretary. The law clerks of Berwick have subscribed £2 14s towards the Law Clerks Red Cross Fund, in conjunction with the British Red Cross Society.

BERWICK JOURNAL

MARCH 18th 1915

CHARITY

Something To Smoke-Over 12,800 Sixpences Raised-£320 Reached-Over 128,000 Cigarettes and 25,600 Cakes of Tobacco-Checked Total: 12,764 5/6--Grand Total: 12,842 5/6. Parcels sent free of duty or postal charge.

Recreation Rooms For Troops Opened-A Good Start-Each night the catering is looked after by a committee of ladies from one or other of the churches in the town...If there is one department more than another which the soldiers appreciate it is this-the provision of wholesome food at a very nominal cost.

BERWICK ADVERTISER

MARCH 19th 1915

Military Recreation Rooms open in Hide Hill, in Walter Wilson's premises.

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MARCH 25th 1915

CHARITY

Something To Smoke-12,900 Sixpences Raised-Our Fund sends a 1/6 parcel for every 6d you subscribe, and sends carriage free to the Front-Checked Total: 12,842 5/6--Grand Total: 12,980 5/6.

Improvised Hospitals, Berwick-on-Tweed-A Grand Evening Concert-will be held in the Corn Exchange on Thursday 29th April to raise funds to provide Comforts for Wounded Sailors and Soldiers expected at the Berwick Hospitals.

(Advert) Think of the Wounded Today-and put your thoughts into Active Service-by sending a subscription. However Small, to the-Wounded Allies Relief Committee.

Berwick Soldiers' Recreation Rooms-The expense of initiating the Recreation Rooms was between £50 and £60; and towards this and the cost of maintenance something like £75 has already been subscribed. Two Church collections have been received-£1 1s 6d and £1 11s 6d-and others are to be devoted to this deserving object.

Tweedside Cycling Club-To mark the coming-of-age of the Club, which was last year, but on account of the war nothing was done to mark the occasion, it was agreed to give a donation of one guinea each to Berwick Infirmary and Ladies' Nursing Association, as a coming-of-age donation.

Latest contributions to Northumberland Relief Fund include:- Ralph Nesbitt (East Ancroft) £2; G Douglas, (Schoolhouse, Doddington) further subscription, 10s.

Berwick Education Committee-Bell Tower Hospital-Question of Charging Military-The General Purposes Sub-committee further reported receipt of a letter from the Hon. Treasurer of Greenses Mission Hall, stating that he thought £18 per annum would be a fair rent for the Hall. The Sub-committee also recommended the payment of £1 3s 3d towards the gas bill of the Hall. (They found this reasonable but were unsure if they could charge the military as they were not sure if the Hall was commandeered or not).

Something To Smoke-13,000 Sixpences Raised

BERWICK JOURNAL

APRIL 1st 1915

CHARITY

To Belgian Relief Fund, Mr and Mrs James Stevenson, St Andrew, North Road, Berwick have given three guineas.

The Military Recreation Room Concert By The Royal Scots-When the new Army and Navy Recreation Rooms were opened in Berwick a fortnight ago, the Sheriff suggested that the different military bodies in the town should take turns at providing a concert.

Something To Smoke-13,000 Sixpences Raised-£325 Up and still going strong-Checked Total: 12,981 5/6--Grand Total: 13,067 5/6.

Berwick Lecture Association-Annual General Meeting-On the invitation of the Local Relief Fund Committee, your Committee undertook the arrangements for a lecture in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund, and so the result, a lecture by Dr Sarolea in the Corn Exchange in December, they were able to hand over to that fund the sum of £39. £10 was also voted from the Society's balance to the National Relief Fund.

BERWICK JOURNAL

APRIL 8th 1915

CHARITY

The Treasurer of Berwick Infirmary gratefully acknowledges £5 12s from the Employees of Scremerston Coal Co Ltd. From the annual report of the Institution it is interesting to note that during last financial year, the employees of the Company contributed £29 7s 2d.

Berwick Infirmary inpatients during the past 12 months total 231, against 205 for the preceding year. Annual subscriptions total £164 13s6d-a decrease of £14 7s 6d. Donations amounting to £68 15s 6d have been received during the past 12 months. Hospital Sunday collections total £60 12s 8d, compared with £64 3s the previous year. Alexandra Day (last Tweedmouth Feast Monday) realised £51 0s 1d, by the sale of roses. Scremerston Brass Band raised £11 12s for the Infirmary Funds by a Saturday afternoon parade of the Borough. Something To Smoke-Over 13,200 Sixpences Raised-Nearly £330 Up and Still Going Strong-Two Tons of Tobacco Alone, not Counting Over 132,000 Cigarettes-Checked Total: 13,037 5/6--Grand Total: 13,340 ½.

Eastertide in Berwick-Easter Sale of Work Starts Today-The annual sale of work of Berwick Parish Church was held this afternoon...The object of the sale was to obtain money for payment of the interest on the Parochial Buildings loan, and if possible to reduce the debt on the buildings.

BERWICK JOURNAL

APRIL 15th 1915

CHARITY

Berwick infirmary-Annual Meeting-The sum of £68 15s 6d was received in donations during the year, which is most satisfactory. Many of the donations were specially given in view of the work being done on behalf of wounded soldiers. Satisfactory-Considering-There was a decrease of only £14 13s 6d in the annual subscriptions. This was owing to the death of several large subscribers and it was really a smaller decrease than they expected in a year when £2,000 had been raised by the town towards war funds.

Berwick Lecture Association has given £10 to Berwick Relief Fund for the War.

Ald. Logan and Mr Alexander Darling, JP, have each given £1 1s to Berwick Naval and Military Recreation Rooms; and Mr and Mrs Eric Constable have subscribed £1. Something like £85 has been raised.

Under the auspices of Women's Missionary Association of Wallace Green Church, Berwick, two organ recitals will be given on April 22nd (according to advertisement) by Professor Firmen Swinnen from Belgium....A refugee in England, he is at present on tour giving recitals in aid of Belgian Relief Funds and for Church purposes.

Something To Smoke-Over 13,800 Sixpences Raised-Nearly £350 Up-Over Two Tons of Tobacco Alone, not Counting Over 138,000 Cigarettes.

Berwick Recreation Room-An excellent concert was held in the Rooms on Thursday evening; the attendance numbered over 300, and included a number of the Royal Scots, the 7th Northumberland Fusiliers...and KOS Borderers.

BERWICK ADVERTISER

APRIL 16th 1915

Berwick Dispensary and Infirmary—The sum of £68 15s 6d was received in donations during the year, which is most satisfactory. Many of these donations were especially given in view of the work being done on behalf of the wounded soldiers.

BERWICK JOURNAL

APRIL 22nd 1915

SPORTS & PASTIMES

Clubs are Always Patriotic--One of the latest schemes for helping the Belgian Relief Fund is an angling competition. Reston Angling Club is combining this with supplying trout to hospitals and convalescent homes.

CHARITY

Tomorrow Is St George's Day-Royal Society of St George, which enjoys the gracious patronage of Their Majesties the King and Queen, and of Queen Alexandra, has initiated an English "Flag Day" under the auspices of the Mayors and Mayoresses of England, the collections resulting will go in aid of the local war funds of the respective boroughs.

Something To Smoke-14,000 Sixpences Now Raised-£350 Up-140,000 Cigarettes-Checked Total: 13,379 1/3--Grand Total: 13,455 5/6.

Berwick subscriptions for the War Fund total about £1780, and for the Belgian Relief Fund about £410.

To Berwick Naval and Military Recreation Rooms, Major Thomas Darling has given £1 1s, and Mr Prentice £1. Nearly £100 has been raised.

BERWICK JOURNAL

APRIL 29th 1915

CHARITY

Kings Own Scottish Borderers-Interned Prisoners-HELP is earnestly INVITED on behalf of the above to provide them with foodstuffs. Any subscriptions, however small, will be gratefully received and should be sent to Mrs Macdonald, 24 Crowstone Rd, South, Westcliff on Sea, Essex.

BERWICK JOURNAL

MAY 6th 1915

CHARITY

Empire Day-Suggestions for what could be done-At such functions collections could be made for supplying our sailors and soldiers at the front with comforts, each locality assisting its own particular regiment or regiments.

Soldiers' Recreation Rooms-On Tuesday evening the following programme was given by members of Berwick Cycling Club...

Belgian Relief Fund has received £14 from Wallace Green Church Berwick, for Organ Recital (possibly Belgian organist)

Something To Smoke-£380 Up-Total Checked: 14,596 5/6--Grand Total: 15,269 2/3.

For Our Wounded-Successful Berwick Concert-Cause, means, and result were all good. Thus may one summarise the Concert held in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Thursday night, in aid of the local Emergency Hospitals, which did good work last winter, and it is expected will soon again be required. There was a very good audience, who enjoyed a programme of good quality, and the net proceeds amounted to £47 10s 5d. The total takings were £62 5s 9d, and the expenses £14 15s 4d.

BERWICK JOURNAL

MAY 13th 1915

CHARITY

Soldiers' Recreation Room-Many local ladies and gentlemen give their services nightly, in addition to the ladies who are on duty at the buffet. On Monday night a concert was given by members of the 2/10th Royal Scots.

Something To Smoke-1,000 Parcels Sent to 7th Northumberland Fusiliers-

BERWICK JOURNAL

MAY 20th 1915

SPORT

Berwick Town Golf Club's first competition for the season, and last on the 9 hole course, took place on Thursday in splendid weather when there was a surprisingly good entry. The entrance fees were devoted to the local Belgian Relief Fund, and 15s has been handed over.

CHARITY

Something To Smoke-£400 Up-160,000 Cigarettes Besides Two Tons of Tobacco-Berwickshire, Northumberland, and Border Regiments Being Looked After.

Berwick Recreation Rooms-Another successful concert was given by 2/10th Royal Scots.

Guild of Aid-Over 2,500 articles have been collected and distributed to the Red Cross Society, Her Majesty The Queen's Collection, the 7th Northumberland Fusiliers, the KOSB, Lady French's Collection, and the Ladies' Territorial Association.

We regret that Berwick Horse Parade and Procession on Berwick Fair Saturday is abandoned.

The first in a series of concerts to be given by the newly-formed St Mary's Convent Orchestral Society, Berwick, was held in the Convent last Thursday evening.

Collected £40 For Belgians-We give a picture of a pretty turn-out which in Otago, New Zealand, has been collecting for the Belgians.

BERWICK JOURNAL

MAY 27th 1915

CHARITY

Tweedmouth Ambulance Association-Concert and Presentation-The members of the NER Ambulance Corps, Tweedmouth, held a concert in the Mitchell Memorial Hall, Tweedmouth, on Thursday night.

Something To Smoke-Checked Total: 15,528 2/3--Grand Total: 16,393 1/2-Even Americans Are Donating

BERWICK JOURNAL

JUNE 3rd 1915

CHARITY

Alexandra Rose Day in Berwick for the Infirmary realised more than last year-£66 being collected by the ladies. It was an excellent idea to have a collection at Berwick Fair Saturday.

Guild of Aid-At a committee meeting of the above Guild, held on Thursday May 27th, it was decided that for the present, the energies of the Guild should be concentrated upon the making of shirts, and the knitting of socks, to send out to soldiers who have gone from Berwick to the Front.

BERWICK JOURNAL

JUNE 10th 1915

SPORT

Quite a nice little sum was secured for one of the local patriotic funds on Thursday night by a football match in the Stanks between the Royal Scots and Berwick Rovers. The amount collected was 20s 6d.

CHARITY

Berwick War Relief Fund totals over £1870. Berwick Belgian Relief Fund is over £243. Tweedside Cycling Club have given £1 1s, and Berwick Town Golf Club, 14s.

Something To Smoke- Something To Smoke-Over 16,600 Sixpences-£420

BERWICK JOURNAL

JUNE 17th 1915

SPORT

The promoters of last Thursday night's football match between the Royal Scots and Berwick Rovers have every reason to be satisfied with the result...Over £8 were obtained on behalf of the Queen's Nursing Assoc.

CHARITY

Something To Smoke-This Week Not Only The Borderland But Canada And New Zealand Also Help-18,000 Sixpences=-£449-180,000 Cigarettes Besides Nearly Three Tons Of Tobacco-

BERWICK JOURNAL

JUNE 24th 1915

CHARITY

Something To Smoke-18,550 Sixpences-Over £460-185,500 Cigarettes-More Consignments Sent Off By Our Fund, For KOSB, 7th NF and HMS Berwick-Checked Total: 17982 1/6--Grand Total: 18,557 2/3.

Wounded Soldiers In Berwick Hospitals-90 Heroes being Nursed in the Town-After a lapse of some five months, the improvised hospitals in Berwick are again being utilized for the nursing of some of our wounded and sick heroes. There was a large crowd in the vicinity of the Railway Station when, five minutes before her time, Hospital Train No 15 steamed into the station. Of the 90 patients, 40 were stretcher cases. The majority of these were carried on the stretchers from the Station to the Bell Tower Hospital. The less serious stretcher cases were conveyed by motor to the other two hospitals- The Infirmary and the Parochial Hall.

Gifts To Wounded Soldiers-(List of names of people who donated gifts).

BERWICK JOURNAL

JULY 1st 1915

CHARITY

Something To Smoke-Australia and Canada Again With Us-Over 18,700 Sixpences-£470 Up-185,700 Cigarettes Besides Nearly Three Tons of Tobacco

BERWICK JOURNAL

JULY 8th 1915

SPORT

On Thursday the 2/10th Royal Scots, Berwick, got their own back from the 1st Line Battalion at football. The match was one of a popular series which have been played on the Stanks in aid of local charities. The collection which was in aid of Berwick Infirmary funds realised £2 11s 3d.

Berwick Bowling Club-On July 22nd the Club is having a Points Tournament for the benefit of the War Relief Funds.

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Playhouse-To Honour the French Flag Day, July 14th 1915, the Hall will be Decorated with the Flags, and a collection taken for the French relief Fund. A miniature flag will be given to each contributor.

Tweedmouth Feast Is At Hand-Street collections (to be) made for the War Funds.

Something To Smoke-£470 Up-190,000 Cigarettes Besides Three Tons of Tobacco-Checked

BERWICK JOURNAL

JULY 15th 1915

CHARITY

I am glad to see that the School Gala is to come off with five events in the Ladies' Bathing Pond a week today. It is right and proper that any money derived from it should be given to a patriotic purpose, and the objects chosen-the Local Hospitals Tobacco Fund and the Berwick Journal Something to Smoke Fund-have justified their existence as patriotic funds.

Berwick And Our Wounded Soldiers-Last week we expressed our pleasure that the Wounded Soldiers in Berwick's Improvised Hospitals were being so well looked after and so kindly treated, and we were able to state from personal knowledge that the men appreciate it all most highly. We asked the many generous people in Berwick and District to remember that there is also a Military Hospital in Berwick, and that there are therein wounded and sick soldiers-KOSB-who would be glad of any ;little luxuries...we are able to announce that a number of kind friends have very promptly seen to it that the Military Hospital in Berwick and the King's Own Scottish Borderers are not forgotten.

Berwick Army and Navy Recreation Rooms-The reading and writing rooms on the ground floor are very often filled, and between 150 and 200 letters and postcards are deposited in the postbox every evening. Stamps are sold on the premises by a member of the Committee in charge for the evening, and letter paper, envelopes and postcards are supplied free of charge. Thanks are due to the Church of Scotland for this advantage. In the Refreshment Room there is always a bustle. Prices are fixed so as to cover cost only. There is also a well equipped games room and lending library. The whole work of the Recreation Rooms deserves the hearty support of all members and friends connected with the congregation, and any gifts...or contributions towards the general funds will be heartily appreciated.

BERWICK JOURNAL

JULY 22nd 1915

CHARITY

Big Military Race-600 Runners To Compete At Berwick-will take place at Berwick on Saturday afternoon under the auspices of Berwick Amateur Athletics Club-All the 600 runners are to be provided with tea in the Corn Exchange after the race. This will mean a big drain upon the slender financial resources of the club, and the committee make an earnest appeal for subscriptions towards the tea fund.

Concert For The Wounded-Last Thursday afternoon, a concert, organised by Miss Young, Castle Terrace, Berwick, was successfully given to the wounded soldiers in Bell Tower Hospital.

Spittal; Council School Grand Display-The Headmaster of Spittal Council School (Mr TWG Borthwick) has received the following letter, signed by 54 wounded soldiers who were entertained by the scholars and members of staff a week ago. Letter is from the Improvised Hospitals. "We, the undersigned wounded soldiers from the Expeditionary Force in France, at present quartered in the above hospitals, wish to convey our sincere thanks to the children of the Spittal Council School for the most enthusiastic reception they gave us on Wednesday afternoon, and also to the Staff of the School for their kind attention and for the hospitable manner in which they entertained us to tea. Signed....."

The letter will be carefully preserved as a memento of a very pleasant afternoon. A sum of £1 8s 1d was collected on behalf of the local fund for Wounded Soldiers. (There was dancing and entertaining drills). Seats were provided at a charge of 3d each, and it was gratifying to notice that some of the wounded soldiers had come over from Berwick. The school has already done well in providing comforts for our wounded soldiers in local hospitals. The proceeds of the second display go to provide gifts for the Spittal men who are now serving in the Navy or in the Army.

Something To Smoke-Checked Total: 19,386 5/6--Grand Total: 19,645 1/3.

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JULY 29th 1915

CHARITY

Berwick Guardians-For The Belgians-The Chairman read a letter from the National Committee for Relief in Belgium, asking him to become a member of the Northumberland Committee, and to use his endeavours to obtain help for the 1,500,000 Belgians who are practically starving in their own country. Mr Carr complained there was a good deal of overlapping, and sometimes they did not know whether the societies were realities or not. By the kind permission of Mr W Taylor, manager of the Playhouse, Berwick, Mr Jack Duncanson, the well-known Basso and entertainer, gave an entertainment to the wounded soldiers at the Bell Tower Hospital on Friday afternoon last.

A Flag Day on behalf of the people of Serbia was held in Berwick on Saturday...A sum of fully £80 has already been handed in, and there is still more to come...Two wounded soldiers in the Bell Tower Hospital, who are familiarly known to nurses and visitors as Pat and Ginger, did good business at the gates of the hospital ground, collecting almost £4 between them.

On the 18th inst. St Paul's Church, Spittal, Sunday School Anniversary was held in the church, and took the form of a flower service...After the service the flowers were taken to the wounded soldiers, the Cemeteries, and the sick.

BERWICK JOURNAL

AUG 5th 1915

CHARITY

The Locomotive Department in Tweedmouth District NER is subscribing loyally to the local War Relief Fund. For May the sum handed to the Treasurer was £8 19s 8d; while for June it was £11 6s 6d.

Berwick Bowling Club recently held a private points tournament on behalf of the local Patriotic Fund...As the result of the tournament, the Secretary and Treasurer has now been able to hand over to the different societies, sums totalling over £34.

Something To Smoke-Checked Total: 20,063 5/6--Grand Total: 20,396 1/3.

A YEAR OF WAR-July 31st 1914-July 31st 1915-How it has Affected the Borderland-What Border Men and Women Have Done-Berwick Journal Review-The Year's Relief Work-To the local War Relief Fund, which was started within a few days of the outbreak of hostilities, the sum of £1933 11s 5d has been subscribed...The two largest donations have been £100 and £50. Two Churches in the Borough make monthly collections on behalf of the Fund. The cost of relief, which in every case is given in kind, is about £5 per week. In addition 12s 6d is given weekly to the Recreation Room to help the expenses; and £500 has been sent up to the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund.

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AUG 6th 1915

On Thursday some 40 wounded soldiers from the Bell Tower Hospital were entertained to a motor boat sail up the Tweed to Paxton House.

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AUG 12th 1915

CHARITY

The National Committee for Relief in Belgium have sent to the Editor of The Berwick Journal official announcement regarding Northumberland's action in the matter of Help for Belgium. We are informed that the Duke of Northumberland is President of the Local Committee. In a list of districts and towns already "doing their bit" to keep alive the unfortunate millions in Belgium we do not find Berwick mentioned, although such districts as Belford and Glendale and Norham, receive prominence! It is many months ago since a Belgium Relief Fund was opened in Berwick, but its existence is not recognised either by the National Committee or by the Duke of Northumberland's Committee. we hope that immediate steps will be taken by Berwick to have this matter put right.

BERWICK JOURNAL

AUG 19th 1915

CHARITY

Berwick Military Hospital-The following gifts to the Hospital are acknowledged with many thanks, and we are glad to learn that it is now getting a better share in the way of comforts for wounded soldiers.

Guild of Aid-(sent lots of shirts and socks to the wounded and those at the Front)

Upwards of 3 1/2 tons of literature have been forwarded from Berwick to the Central Depot of the Camps Library, whence they are distributed amongst our gallant fighting men. More are still urgently needed.

Our Letter Box-Berwick and Relief in Belgium-Dear Sir, My attention has been drawn to your comment of August 14th, which states that in our list of places in Northumberland helping to relieve the distress in Belgium, Berwick is not mentioned. On June 30th we wrote to the Mayor of Berwick inviting him to join the County Committee and asking him to open a fund. So far we have not heard from the Mayor and therefore we naturally were not able to include Berwick among the towns that were co-operating. We are delighted to hear that Berwick has already done benevolent work on behalf of the Belgians and we sincerely hope that she will "do her bit" towards averting famine amongst the seven million people who remained in Belgium. WAM Goode, Hon Secretary, National Committee For Relief In Belgium.

BERWICK JOURNAL

AUG 26th 1915

CHARITY

Where Are We?-Share And Share Alike!-We are of opinion that in addition to National Registration there ought to be Local Registration. ...Each community, as a community, should be bound to register-and to register for Public information and for Public use and Public advantage-every man, woman and child. Can it be possible that there are business establishments in our midst who have contributed not one single individual or one single penny to the War? We do not wish to believe such a thing of our compatriots, but it would be a thousand times better that the whole matter should be forthwith systematically and officially probed top the bottom than that any local business establishment should be under the stigma that it has done nothing, and-far worse still-means to do nothing.

Something To Smoke-Checked Total: 20,929 2/6--Grand Total: 20,997 2/6.

Our Letter Box-Belgian Relief Fund-Dear Sir, My attention has been drawn to a paragraph in your issue of the 14th inst in which you urge that immediate steps be taken to have Berwick recognised by the National Committee or the Duke of Northumberland's Committee. I would point out that shortly after the War broke out, a local Belgian Relief Fund was started, and considerably over £400 in cash subscribed and disbursed, also valuable gifts in kind, amounting to over £100 in value, sent to Belgium...

BERWICK JOURNAL

SEPT 2nd 1915

SPORTS

Last week I published in this column an appeal by Capt CB Balfour for bowls for the use of wounded soldiers at Newton Don Hospital. It is gratifying to have the following further letter from Capt Balfour this week:-Dear Sir-The kind response to my appeal for the loan of Bowls for the invalided soldiers here has been so great that we require no more.

Last month's Monthly Medal Competition on the Town Golf Course was won by Sgt-Mjr Westle...The entry money from last Thursday's competition goes to the War Fund.

CHARITY

War Savings Campaign, Berwickshire Committee-There was a large attendance, which included ministers, schoolmasters, chairmen of parish councils and chairmen of school boards in the County, who had been invited to confer with the committee as to best means to be adopted in order to organise in each Parish a system of war saving in combination with Patriotic Food League.....He (?) moved the meeting to instruct him to write in name of the Committee to all Chairmen of Parish Councils in Berwickshire and ask them to form a Committee in each parish to initiate a campaign, arranging their own meetings, etc. the central committee to provide speakers and pay all expenses. This was unanimously agreed to.

Our Letter Box-Berwick Improvised Hospitals-The wounded soldiers leaving Berwick, and those still there are thankful for all the treatment by professionals and gifts from the public-Hon Sec of the Hospitals.

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CHARITY

Since mid-April, Mr Toohey, Collector of Customs, Berwick, forwarded to the Camps Library 6 tons of books and other reading matter-More is needed.

A letter asking for a melodeon.

Local Hospitals-List of gifts including fruit, eggs, rabbits etc.

The Guild of Aid and Berwick Territorials-A total sent to the 7th NF of 113 shirts and 300 pairs of socks, during July and August. The Committee appeal for further gifts of shirts, socks, mufflers and mittens, or of material to make these, or money to buy material.

Something To Smoke-Is Being Helped All Over The World-21,600 Sixpences Raised In Less Than Twelve Months-£540-216,000 Cigarettes Besides About 4 Tons of Tobacco-Checked Total: 21,513 5/6--Grand Total: 21,974 1/2.

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CHARITY

The Editor of The Berwick Journal has received from the ship's company of HMS Berwick the sum of £10 for hospital purposes in Berwick District, in recognition of kindness shown to them during the War. The money has been remitted through the Admiralty, and its disposal rests with the Editor of The Journal.

In aid of the Auctioneers and Estate Agents Institute's Fund for equipping and maintaining the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, which the Institute has bought and given to the Red Cross Association, a free-gift jumble sale, organised by Mr AL Miller, JP, Berwick, was held in the Corn Exchange, yesterday...Bidding was good, but there were no fancy prices, the highest figure realised for a single item was £6 10s for a wagonette. The total proceeds of the sale were about £70...The whole of the sum realised-without any deduction whatever-goes to the Institute's Fund for equipping the Star and Garter.

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SEPT 23rd 1915

CHARITY

Advert-Berwick-on-Tweed-French Flag Day-in aid of the French Relief Fund-and the French Wounded Emergency Fund-Saturday 25th September.

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CHARITY

Something To Smoke-Berwickshire Lady in New Zealand Collects 290 Sixpences-Checked Total: 22,181--Grand Total: 22,627 ½.

Scottish Coast Mission which operates along the Coast from Berwick to Bervie in Kincardineshire has, in addition to its ordinary work, undertaken special work in connection with the war. Religious services have been provided for the Mine Sweeping and Patrol Flotilla operating from the Firth of Forth. Each ship is regularly visited and gifts of comforts and literature are given as required.

French Flag Day In Berwick-On Saturday, a French Flag Day was observed in Berwick and District. Prior to this date, one or two of the surrounding districts had been visited by collectors, and owing to the inclement weather on Saturday, other country districts were overtaken on Monday. The total sum realised from all such collections was £59 10s; and after payment of the small expenses incident to the Flag Day, half of the sum will be sent Secretary of French Relief Fund, and the other half to the Secretary of the French Wounded Emergency Fund.

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CHARITY

Berwick Lecture Association-Seventh Session-A Series of Six Lectures-Queen's Rooms-Between October and March-Nos 2,3,4 are illustrated by Lantern Slides. After providing for necessary expenditure any balance will be devoted to some Fund connected with the War. Berwick war Comforts For Berwick Men-An Important Public Matter-Schemes are now on foot for War Comforts, and in view of the fact that there is to be another Winter Campaign before us, the urgent cry will be "War Comforts, and Still More War Comforts". We are told that amongst the things most needed and most useful for our Local; Men are socks, scarves, mufflers and mittens. (Also mentions parcels should be sent to a senior officer so they can go out in bulk so thieves find them harder to steal.

The first concert of the season was held in the Military Recreation Rooms on Thursday night. We note with satisfaction that gifts continue to be sent to Berwick Military Hospital, Ravensdowne, for sick and wounded soldiers.

Something To Smoke-22,700 Sixpences Raised In Twelve Months-£570-Checked Total: 22,627 1/2--Grand Total: 22,768 1/2.-The Budget And Our Fund-Happily, the increased duty on Tobacco and Cigarettes won't affect our Tobacco Fund. The Government will charge no duty on soldiers' smokes sent through our funds, and the only difference is that you can now send 2/- worth for 6d, instead of 1/6 worth.

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OCT 14th 1915

CHARITY

Army And Navy Recreation Rooms-A Public Lecture in aid of the above institution will be held in Wallace Green Church Oct 21st-On Garibaldi and Italy, a silver collection will be taken.

Our Letter Box-Barnardo's Old Boys and the War-"Sir, with reference to the concert and cake and candy sale to be held on Oct 28th in aid of Dr Barnardo's Homes, may I crave space in your columns to correct an erroneous view of such efforts which appears to be prevalent. To many persons at [present, any appeal which has not a direct War Fund as its object, is out of place-is taboo; and the claims of such philanthropic institutions as Dr Barnardo's Home and their magnificent work would, in blind ignorance, be pushed aside for at least the duration of the War. Now what are the circumstances? No organisation in the Country has done more to produce recruits of the right stamp for His Majesty's Navy and Army, produce them out of material which, but for the nobly sympathetic efforts of the Society's founders, would have been lost to the Nation by early death or otherwise perhaps directed to crime. But further than that, in many parts, and none more than the East End of London, there is at present great destitution due directly and indirectly to the War and its resultant increased cost of living.

What would become of many of the poor starving waifs and strays to whom the near approach of another winter of cold and privation is a very real terror, if it were not for such charitable institutions as Barnardo's Homes, which "turn none away?"

Berwick Cycling Club-A very successful whist drive was held (the only one this year), the balance £5 being given to the local War Relief Fund.

Appeal To The Borderland-Border Folks At Home and Abroad will "remember our wounded" on Red Cross Flag Day, Saturday Oct 23rd, when appeal will be made throughout the Borderland.

Garrison Gossip-A grand concert in commemoration of the mobilization of the Battalion was

given in the Recreation Rooms, Berwick, last night by 2/10th Royal Scots.

We are glad to hear that at least one Berwick church sends useful subscriptions each week to War Relief Fund.

Guild of Aid-The Committee sent to 7th NF during July and August, 113 shirts and 300 pairs socks.

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OCT 21st 1915

CHARITY

Berwick's Duty-What we would like to see-and it's not impossible-would be our local Guild of Aid so thoroughly organised and developed in its good and noble work that its ramifications would ensure the best possible being done in the future for our own local Territorials, for KOSB, for 2/10th Royal Scots, for HMS Berwick and for Berwickers generally belonging to our Navy and Army.

Our Day-A Flag Day on behalf of the British Red Cross Society, and the Order of St John of Jerusalem, is to be observed in Berwick and the adjoining district on Saturday...The flags to be sold will bear on one side the Red Cross, and on the other badges of different Scottish Regiments. Valuable assistance in organising the Flag Day has been given by the local Boy Scouts.

Approximately some 7 tons of books and reading matter have been received at the Customs House, Berwick, and forwarded to Headquarters for distribution amongst our troops in camps and trenches.

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OCT 28th 1915

CHARITY

Sanitary Authority-Finance-On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Ald. Greenwood, power of attorney was sealed for the sale of 600 2 1/2 per cent consols in respect of the investment of £800 4 1/2 per cent War Loans.

What Our Men Really Need-Extras for the men's rations are what are much appreciated, and the best way of these being provided is to send money to the Commanding Officer from time to time, and the Quartermaster will buy extras and send them up the trenches with the ordinary rations. Cases of apples and oranges would be most acceptable. A supply of concentrated soups, which can be got in packets, are also very much appreciated.

Lecture on Garibaldi in Wallace Green Church for the Recreation Rooms was very good, but only half filled the church. They hope the collection will help.

Red Cross Flag Day-(Mentions towns and how much they raised, but not Berwick)
Something To Smoke-£586-Tyneside, Glasgow, London and Canada Again With Us-
Checked Total: 23,310 1/2--Grand Total: 23,478.

Our Day in Berwick-The gross proceeds realised in the Borough amounted to £60 11s 11d. For the last three Flag Days-French, Serbian and Scottish-Berwick's total collection is £200. Mr Philip Henderson, the Under Sheriff, has proved a capital organizer

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NOV 4th 1915

CHARITY

For Dr Barnardo's-(Concert seemed to go fine, with the War apparently not affecting it much). Sale made £3 16s.

The Mayor's Record-He has been a faithful attender of the weekly Petty Sessions, and as Chairman of the War Relief committee, and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Recreation Rooms, and of other special committees, he has had a large amount of work to do, additional to the ordinary duties of the office of Mayor.

Young Helpers' League Concert-(in Berwick for Dr Barnardo's-realised £56 and the Sale of Work £14).

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CHARITY

British Farmers' Red Cross And Other Relief Funds-A Public Meeting will be held in the Corn Exchange on Saturday 20th Nov.

A Patriotic Benefactor in Berwick-(Talks about the Recreation Rooms and how they wouldn't exist if the owner of the property, Mr William Drysdale Purves hadn't given it for use)

Remarkable Development Of Our Tobacco Fund For Soldier And Sailor Heroes-We send splendid value for every sixpence contributed-three or four times as much as could be bought for the money in the ordinary way-and now we are going to increase the scope of the usefulness of our Tobacco Fund by introducing the Postal Service for parcels to individual men. Henceforth, we shall send every personal parcel by letter post, so that the soldier will get it as quickly as possible. Hitherto the minimum postage alone has been one shilling, because the Customs would not allow less than 1/2 lb of tobacco or 1/2 lb of cigarettes, to be sent free of duty. (There is a choice of one shilling packets) But we have not the slightest intention of using this money for our own purposes, so we intend to apply it to a Prisoners of War Fund. we shall "adopt" certain friendless Prisoners of War in Germany, and send them parcels of Tobacco and Cigarettes regularly, out of the money so obtained.

Something To Smoke-£620-250,000 Cigarettes Besides Some 5 Tons of Tobacco-Donations From Africa-Checked Total: 24,660 1/2--Grand Total: 25,018 5/6.

Individual Parcels For Individual Men-The old plan remains as before for the troops generally; a 6d parcel containing 30 cigarettes and 1 oz of tobacco, which can be sent to the troops in general, or to any particular unit, but not to any individual man.

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NOV 25th 1915

CHARITY

Berwick Guild of Aid-In response to recent appeal for mufflers, mittens, etc, for 7th NF, 135 mufflers, 147 pairs of mittens, 18 pairs of socks, 9 helmets and 2 waistcoats were sent in on or before November 9th, and were packed and despatched to Capt Smail without delay.

In Berwick Infirmary's last financial report it was noted Employees of Scremerston Coal Co had organised regular collections on behalf of this institution and sums amounting to £29 7s 2d were acknowledged. Since then sums amounting to £94 14s 6d have been received.

As an example of what a Border Church could do for its own men at the Front, we last week instanced Bankhill EP Congregation (Rev P Leggal's), Berwick, who are busy with the preparation of Christmas [parcels of comforts to members of the congregation on active service. It would be a good idea of all good do something similar.

The Treasurer of Berwick War Relief Fund acknowledges with thanks £11, being the October contribution from the members of the Locomotive Dept, NE Railway, Tweedmouth Section. Something To Smoke-£635-254,000 Cigarettes, Besides Some 5 Tons of Tobacco-Checked Total: 25,011 1/2--Grand Total: 25,421.

Berwick Police Concert-Is one of the very few features of our social life which has not, visibly, been affected by the war.

Christmas Fare For 7th NF-Friends of the 7th NF recently inaugurated a movement to provide the lads at the Front with extra Christmas fare, the result of which has been the following gratifying response: Berwick £12 11s 9d: Tweedmouth £8 3s; Spittal £9 6s 3d--- Total £30 1s.

Farmers and Red Cross-Meeting at Berwick-A meeting of Border farmers and others was held in the Corn Exchange. Mr Hubert Brown, London, the founder and organiser of the British Farmers' Red Cross Society, made an appeal on behalf of its funds saying that they aimed at raising a quarter of a million, and already had about £150,000. A definite proportion was expected from the farmers in each County, and from Northumberland they hoped to get £5,000. In working for the Red Cross they were working for lives; they were helping to save their own lads, and helping the brave women who nursed them. It was agreed at the meeting to have a free gift sale at Berwick.

Our Letter Box-(A letter asking for comforts for the 1st Garrison Battalion Royal Scots who set sail for an unknown destination.

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CHARITY

Garrison Gossip-St Andrew's Day was celebrated by the Sergeants at Berwick Depot, KOSB, with a smoking concert in the Mess.

Miss GJ Maclagan, English Presbyterian Mission, Changpu, Amoy, China, Native of Berwick, has generously contributed £5 to local Belgian Relief Fund, and £1 to European War Relief Fund.

A Free Night-Since the 10th Royal Scots came to Berwick, excellent feeling has existed between them and the townspeople, and an opportunity for that sentiment to find seasonable expression is afforded by the "Free Night" proposed to be held at the Recreation Rooms on December 29th. The more familiar KOSBs and NFs and all other patrons of the Rooms will participate and we hope it will be a thoroughly Christmassy gathering; it may be the last some of the men will have before going to foreign service. The Secretary of the Rooms (Mr Erskine, Hide Hill) will be glad of any gifts which will help to make it a bumper night. Berwick Churches and War Work-Sir-Re: your remarks in Journal Jottings of last week's issue, it may interest you to learn that for some considerable time monthly retiring collections have been taken in College Place Primitive Methodist Church. The proceeds have been used to purchase materials which have been made up by the ladies of the Church and Congregation, and the completed garments forwarded to Berwick Guild of Aid-J Ramsay, Minister.

Our Letter Box-Berwick's Duty-Appeal by the Mayoress-Dear Sir, May I venture through your columns, to make an appeal on behalf of the 50 men from our Borough, who are serving with Northern Cyclists in Lincolnshire. The Captain of their Company writes that mufflers, mitts and gloves would be most useful for them- Mayoress Isabella H Plenderleith. Something To Smoke-£642-Checked Total: 25,421--Grand Total: 25,814.

Berwick Guardians-Christmas beer was offered free of charge for the paupers, this was agreed to-Thanks to Mrs P Stirling.

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CHARITY

For Our Brave Border Lads-Laudable Scheme Started At Berwick-Berwick Railway Station-Arrangements have been made whereby soldiers arriving late at night or early in the morning at Berwick, and who have some time to wait before they can catch their connection, will be properly cared for. A room in the station premises is being set apart for them. In it they will be provided free of charge with a hot supper, or breakfast, or both: and made as comfortable as possible during the time they have to wait for the train.

The scheme is being carried out by the Army and Navy Recreation Rooms, and an appeal for funds has been made throughout the county.

Berwick Recreation Rooms-Those interested in the good work the Rooms are doing for our brave defenders at home should send anything in the way of gifts for the "Free Night" in Christmas Week.

Piper Laidlaw VC-Berwick Journal and Berwickshire News Shilling Fund For KOSB Hero-Encouraged his men by piping, and kept morale up on Hill 70. Kept playing until he was injured. Total Shillings-190 3/4-(Might even get a Welcome Home parade in Berwick)

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CHARITY

The Girls' Guild of St Mary's Parish Church, Berwick, are busy preparing and sending out Christmas parcels to soldiers in the trenches.

**Piper Laidlaw VC Welcome Home
Berwick Journal and Berwickshire News Testimonial
Public Presentation
Of the Fund now being raised in these Columns
Will Probably Take Place In
Queen's Rooms, Berwick
(Kindly loaned for the occasion by Mrs Mather, Lessee of Queen's Rooms)
On
Saturday Afternoon January 8th 1916**

British Farmers Red Cross Fund-£250,000 Wanted-Free gift sale set to be on the 27th January at Embleton and Sons Auction Mart.

Berwick-upon-Tweed European War Relief Fund-Notice-(Just saying that to make sure flag days and concerts don't overlap, all proposals should be sent to the Mayor or the Hon Secretary, European War Relief Fund).

Piper Laidlaw VC-Splendid Progress of Berwick Journal and Berwickshire News Shilling Fund For KOSB Hero-£25 Already Raised-Archbishop of Canterbury Subscribes-Total Shillings 533 $\frac{3}{4}$

Bankhill Church, Berwick, has sent 23 Christmas parcel to members of the congregation at the Front. The parcels contain cakes, sweets, muffler, mitts, and socks, and a Testament bearing the Union Jack.

A benefit concert under the auspices of Berwick Brotherhood was held on Thursday evening in the Queen's Rooms.

Plum Pudding Wanted For The Boys-(Letter to the Editor asking for plum puddings to be sent to 21st Provisional Battalion, on Coast Defence Duty on the North Sea as they won't get Christmas off).

Something To Smoke-25,800 Sixpences-£642-Duns Merchant's 11th List-1673 Sixpences-Over £41-Checked Total: 26,464--Grand Total: 27,579 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Mayor Of Berwick's Christmas Message To Berwick And Border Men On Service-Fathers And Sons Defending The Homeland-Christmas letter to boys in the trenches....

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CHARITY

Wooler VC's Homecoming-Enthusiastic Welcome-(Hasn't come to Berwick yet)

Since the end of October, the pupils of the Church of England Girls' School have sent 6 donations to various patriotic objects.

The Hon Treasurer of Berwick Relief Fund begs to acknowledge with thanks the sum of £8 16s 2d received from the NE Railway employees, Locomotive Dept, Tweedmouth Section, for November.

Our Letter Box-(people did send Christmas puddings).

Garrison Battalion Fund-The fund for comforts for 1st Garrison Battalion, Royal Scots...is making good progress...The total receipts in money are £62 1s 6d after a month's work. The Battalion is serving with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. 900 plum puddings have been sent to them. The Battalion have received assistance from Camps Library, Queen Alexandra's Field Force Fund, Soldiers' Recreation Fund (games), Scottish Red Cross and the Berwick Guild of Aid (30 pairs of socks).

Berwick Branch BWTA sent a donation towards the Motor Kitchens Fund of the National British Women's Temperance Association. Three fully equipped motor kitchens have been seen by the Association for troops, and are working at Boulogne, Salisbury Plain and Whitchurch (Salop). The Association is also arranging to supply light coffee vans, and to furnish recreation institutes in billets in France and Flanders under the auspices of the Wesleyan Army and Navy Board.

Something To Smoke-£692-Checked Total: 27,579 1/2--Grand Total--27,885 1/2. (Even a Tommy sent money for the Fund)

Piper Laidlaw VC-Shilling Fund-£50 Already Raised-Total Shillings 987 3/4.

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DEC 30th 1915

CHARITY

Local Belgian Relief Fund-In view of a special appeal made just before Christmas, the Treasurer of the Local Belgian Relief Fund has remitted £25 to the Headquarters of the National Committee for Relief in Belgium, this being approximately the balance remaining in his hands.

268 lbs Of Christmas Puddings-Thanks to the kindness of Berwick friends, Mrs Alexander Steven, of Stecarven, Berwick, was able to send 268 lbs of plum pudding for Christmas to 7th NF on Coast Defence Duty at Cambois.

Cheer For Travelling Soldiers-The appeal recently issued on behalf of the fund for providing comforts and refreshments for soldiers and sailors arriving in Berwick late at night or early in the morning, has met with a generous response from the people of Berwickshire.

subscriptions received amount to £44 12s 6d...in the mornings of the 4 days prior to Christmas 41 soldiers and sailors were provided with hot meals.

The receipts from the Carol Concert held in Berwick last Thursday, amounted to £16 8s 8d; and the expenditure to £4 13s 10d. The sum of £11 14s 10d will be remitted to the National Institutions For The Blind.

HMS Berwick's Gift To Berwick-The Editor of the Berwick Journal and Berwickshire News has sent the following donations to Berwick and Berwickshire Hospitals from the Ship's Company of HMS Berwick in appreciation of tobacco and cigarettes sent to our Local Battleship by the...Something To Smoke Fund:--Berwick infirmary, £3; Berwick Hospitals For Wounded Sailors and Soldiers, £2; Berwick, Queen Victoria Nursing Association, £1; Hon Lady Miller's Convalescent Home at St Abbs For Wounded Sailors and Soldiers, £1; Capt and Lady Nina Balfour's Hospital at Newton Don for Wounded Sailors and Soldiers, £1; Southfield Hospital for Wounded Sailors and Soldiers, Duns, £1; Lady Issobel Home's Hospital at Edenhall For Wounded Sailors and Soldiers £1.

Free Night At Berwick Recreation Rooms-The hall was seasonably decorated. A substantial supper, consisting of sandwiches, mince pies, plum puddings, etc, with tea or coffee, was served to the men who attended in large numbers, and afterwards smokes were handed round...The arrangements were made and carried through by the ladies from the various Churches who since the inauguration of the Rooms have taken their turns of duty in the refreshment room. To these ladies, and to the kind donors who made the free night possible... Something To Smoke-Checked Total: 27,895 3/6--Grand Total: 27,986 1/2.

Carol Concert at Berwick-For Blind Soldiers and Sailors-The proceeds were given to the National Institution for the Blind, who have undertaken the new task of caring for and teaching trades to soldiers and sailors who have lost their eyesight in the course of the War. Piper Laidlaw VC-£50 Already Raised-Total Shillings: 1077 1/4.