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BARDON EX-SOLDIER'S SAD CHRISTMAS

TWO CHILDREN DIE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

It was a sad Christmas for Mr and Mrs Harry Fewkes, of No. 37, the Old Row, Bardon Hill, two of whose children passed away within a few hours of each other on Christmas morning. The mother, twelve days before, had given birth to twins, one of which was still born, and the other twin, Eric, died of convulsions at six o'clock on Christmas morning, this being followed a few hours later by the death of Julia Ida, aged 13 years, who had been ill from bronchitis.

The father has also been at home ill for 7 weeks suffering from the effects of malaria, contracted during his four years' military service in Egypt in the 3rd Leicesters. He was demobilised in the early part of the year, since when, up to his illness, he has been employed at Messrs. Stableford and Co.'s waggon works at Coalville, and this was his first Christmas at home since the war started.

The two children were buried in one grave in Bardon Hill Churchyard, on Monday afternoon.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Sergeant P. Marper, of the Notts. and Derbys. Regiment, of Masboro', has been notified that he has been awarded the Croix de Guerre, which he gained on 14th January, 1918, this being in addition to the D.C.M. which he has also received. He is also entitled to the 1914 - 15 medal with star, to the general service medal, the victory medal and the Allies' medal, and has received a certificate for gallantry from Major-General Stuart Wortley. He has been wounded three times, and is at present suffering from wounds in the right shoulder. He has served six years and 227 days, of which three years and nine months were spent abroad. Sergt. Marper is a brother of Mr Seth Marper, of Wilkin's Lane, Hugglescote.

Christmastide passed off quietly in Coalville and district, and there were many signs that it was the happiest Christmas since 1913. It was the first Christmas which many of the returned soldiers had spent with their families since war broke out, and there were many happy reunions. The weather was cold and wet and snow fell in large flakes on Christmas Day, but that mattered little inasmuch as the fireside was the cosiest place. Numerous carol singers were out on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and the local Bands made a round of the district cheering the people with their Christmas music and, incidentally, adding a little to their exchequer by means of the collecting boxes. The church services on Christmas morning were also well attended.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Towns and institutions may apply to the Admiralty for guns, torpedoes, periscopes and other trophies from ex-German submarines?

At a masked fancy dress ball at Shepshed, swords were presented to officers and time-pieces to N.C.O.'s and men to commemorate the winning of distinctions in the war?

EMPLOYMENT OF EX-SERVICE MEN

THE NATIONAL ROLL

The hospitals are still discharging disabled ex-service men – men that is whose disability is for the most part simply military and who, if they are able to earn their own living in various walks of life. It does not follow, in fact, it very rarely follows, that because a man is no longer fit to be a soldier he is incapable of resuming his old trade; still more rarely does it occur that the man who is both disabled in the military sense and disabled so far as his own trade is concerned, cannot be provided for in a new one in which he can give every satisfaction to his employer and earn for himself as good or perhaps even a better livelihood than that which he sacrificed when he went out to fight. It is a question of fitting the man to the job and the job to the man, and with care and consideration there are very few cases in which it cannot be done.

In September last, a great appeal was made, led by the King, to employers to help in the solution of the problem. They were asked to provide employment or to keep vacancies open for disabled ex-service men to the extent of an agreed percentage of their staffs. Those who gave the requisite undertaking became entitled to use the Seal of Honour which signified to all that they had recognised the claim that these men have upon us all and were doing their part to meet the sacred obligation. Further, their names were inscribed upon the National Roll, the first edition of which is to be published in the beginning of the New Year. It will interest most people to know that when the Roll appears, it will be found to contain ten thousand names, names of great firms and of small ones, of public bodies and of single individuals. It will be a very noble record of gratitude and patriotism resounding highly to the credit of British employers as a class.

But the hospitals are still discharging, and it is hard to keep up with the continual flow of disabled ex-service men, nearly all perfectly competent to do a man's full work, and all not merely willing, but eager to have the chance of doing it. Consider what the situation really is. A re-absorption into industry has occupied the best efforts of the Labour Ministry, with the assistance of all those employers who have realised how imperative it is that the process should be hastened to the utmost extent. But at the moment of writing these lines, there are about forty thousand of the disabled men displaced – and the hospitals are still discharging. It is almost an army in itself. It is larger than the armies employed in the "little wars" in which, from time to time, we used to be engaged and which we thought of vast importance before the great war came to dwarf all previous experience. It is just about the size of the army which we sent to the Crimea, and is has just as great a claim upon us as the forces which furnished the heroes of Balaclava and Inkerman. And it is continually being added to. Every week the hospitals discharge as cured, but disabled, hundreds of men to take the places of those for whom employment has been found.

There is need of a great effort, and it can only be made by the employers themselves. All that can be done in the way of creating machinery for training men who have become unfit for their own jobs to take up new ones, and for bringing together the employer who wants a workman and the workman who wants the sort of work he has to give, is being done. It would be easy for anyone conversant with the facts to fill pages with the mere enumeration of the different trades in which places have been found for disabled men, trades in which the man's disability has proved no hindrance to his work. But there is more, much more, still to be done. Despite the number on the National Roll, there must still be many employers who could win the right to have their names upon its pages and have not yet done so. Very often one may well believe the neglect is due to mere thoughtlessness, and the feeling that what is everybody's business is nobody's business and that in so large a matter there will be plenty to do all that is required.

Plenty of people never realise that there are only a thousand ones in a thousand, and that they themselves count one. It is only be each man doing his part, and not being content to hope that the other nine hundred and ninety-nine will do their part that this or any other great enterprise can be brought to a successful issue.

If you are an employer, ask yourself whether your name will appear on the National Roll when the New Year opens, and if not, how you can honestly justify the omission to yourself. We know very well what would have happened if these men who have been disabled in the service of the country had refused to do their duty. The victorious enemy would, to use the words of that great German statesman, whom all German statesmen and soldiers accept as their exemplar, "*have left us nothing but our eyes to weep with.*" To save us from that fate, these men did their part, and were broken in the doing of it. We owe them a duty which we can never

pay in full. Is it too much to ask that those who can at least discharge some part of it should gladly embrace the opportunity?

It is a bitter and a cruel thing that any disabled ex-service man, conscious of ample capacity to do a good day's work, should be allowed to feel that no one wants him after all he has done, and all that he has suffered in the common cause. It is very hard to believe that any large employer of labour cannot find places for such men, and it is still harder to the men themselves to credit it. Even on the lowest grounds and setting all feelings of gratitude and patriotism aside, the thing is worth doing. The Government have made provision against any extra risks the employer may run by taking disabled men into his employment; the method of adopting the scheme is simplicity itself. All that is necessary being an application to the nearest Employment Exchange. The appeal is still made, the emergency is still with us, and the National Roll is still open. Who will refuse to sign?

KIRKBY MALLORY CHURCH

BELLS AND TABLET DEDICATED

An unusually interesting service was held on Sunday afternoon, at Kirkby Mallory All Saints' Church. The parishioners decided to express their thankfulness for mercies during the years of the war, by placing two additional bells in the tower of the church, and also erecting a tablet.

The service was solely for the dedication of these gifts. The sailors and soldiers now demobilised had seats reserved for them, and attended in full strength. Four of them, who had all seen long active service, were in special attendance, with the churchwardens and the clergy, viz., Major Swain, M.C., D.C.M., Corporal G. Sowman, Lance-Corporal W. Staines, A.B., E. Wilson, R.N. The Rector, the Rev. W. Townshend, took the prayers.

Colonel Fawcett unveiled the tablet, on which, among others, was the name of his son, who was killed at Gaza on November 6, 1917. The "Last Post" was very impressively sounded.

Canon Hurrell, the Rural Dean, dedicated the bells, after which the new bells were chimed alone; then all the bells were chimed together.

ASHBY BOARD OF GUARDIANS

THE LATE CAPTAIN R. D. FARMER

The chairman called the attention of the members to a large framed portrait, in uniform, of the late Captain R. D. Farmer, 1/5th Leicesters, son of the clerk, and formerly deputy clerk to the Guardians, who was killed in action, which had been hung up in the Board Room. Every Guardian, said the chairman, who had any connection with the late Roland Farmer could not help but appreciate his great kindness and great ability. He (the chairman) had hoped that the time might come when the clerk, having laid down the tools of office, it would have been his great pleasure to propose Mr R. Farmer, as his successor, but that was not to be. They were all very pleased to see that photograph hanging there, and if it would be any help to Mr and Mrs Farmer to hear their loss he was sure they would be all very glad that they had done this. Their special thanks were due to Mr Bowley, the relieving officer, for the trouble he had taken in procuring that beautiful picture. When it was mentioned to the Guardians they took it up whole-heartedly. He hoped that Mr Farmer would be with them yet for many years and that every time he came into the Board Room it would be some gratification to him to know that the services of his late son were appreciated by them all. (Cheers).

Mr Blakely said that no young man in Ashby was more highly respected than the late Mr R. Farmer. He was an honour to the town and to that Board of Guardians. If a Guardian required information at any time, he was most willing to give it and was one of the most pleasant young fellows he had ever met. (Applause).

Mr Andrews said that as a Labour representative on the Board he would like to say that the late Mr Farmer always acknowledged him the same as any other member and he appreciated him for that. He felt that the Board had suffered a great loss in the death of Mr Farmer.

Mr Jones added his tribute and Mr Pargeter said he had never known a nicer or more obliging young man. Till the war broke out, he had hoped that Mr R. Farmer would be the future clerk to the Board. They all felt it a great loss and sympathised with the parents.

The clerk, speaking with some emotion, said he hoped they would excuse him not saying much. He appreciated very highly their kind expressions regarding his son and would be very pleased to convey them to his mother and other members of the family.

Mr Bowley, invited to speak, said he was pleased that what he had done in connection with the matter had given satisfaction to the Board.

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WHITWICK FRIENDLY SOCIETY'S PROPOSED WAR MEMORIAL TO TEN FALLEN MEMBERS

The Marquis of Hastings Friendly Society at Whitwick, of which Mr Walter Whitmore is secretary, have set out upon a worthy object. When war broke out they had 350 members, and of these, no less than 90 joined the Forces, of whom ten were killed in action. The members are now endeavouring to raise £100 as a memorial to these fallen brothers, the sum to be invested and the interest used for relieving needy cases.

Towards this object, a very successful whist drive and fancy dress dance were held in the Whitwick Holy Cross Schools, on Wednesday night, when there was a large attendance and many of the dancers wore excellent fancy dresses for which prizes were awarded. The Whitwick Holy Cross Band played for dancing, for which the M.C.'s were Messrs. J. H. McCarthy and B. Massey, and the prize-winners were:

Ladies: 1 Miss Darby, as an Italian peasant; 2 Mrs Roulstone, a gipsy.
Gents: 1 Mr B. Hutchby, a Chinaman; 2 Mr Haywood of Coalville, as "Ole Bill."

The prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Canon O'Reilly. The M.C.'s for whist were Messrs. F. E. Needham, E. Commons and T. W. Hull, and several good prizes were awarded. It is interesting to note that four of the club's members won the Military Medal, these being Thomas Bailey, Robert C. Whitmore, Robert Berrington and Samuel William Taylor. The two latter were killed in action.

WAR MEMORIAL BAZAAR AT WHITWICK

GRANITE CROSS TO BE ERECTED IN THE CHURCHYARD

A bazaar was held in the Whitwick Church of England School, on Wednesday, in aid of the fund for providing a war memorial at Whitwick. The room was nicely decorated and there was a good supply of various kinds of articles on the stalls. The opening ceremony performed by Dr. Burkitt, was well attended.

The Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, presided, and in his opening remarks, said the bazaar had been organised in a short time by a very enthusiastic band of workers to assist in raising money for a memorial to Whitwick men who fell in the war, and it was their unanimous wish that Dr. Burkitt should be asked to open the bazaar. As they all knew, the doctor had been right in the thick of it in France. They had heard that when men were falling and falling fast, Dr. Burkitt, in pursuance of his duties as a medical man, had gone out under heavy shot and shell to succour the wounded and the dying. They were proud of him as a Whitwick man, knowing his many excellent qualities, and in view also of the services he rendered in France, they could not have done better than ask him to open the bazaar which was connected with the disaster of the late war.

Dr. Burkitt thanked the Vicar for his kind words, and assured them that he considered it an honour to be asked to open the bazaar. They all knew the object. It was to raise funds for a memorial to the fallen Whitwick men, who at the call of duty, risked all and gave their lives to save their country and to save the women and children from the ruthless hand of the Hun. He was sure that every resident of Whitwick appreciated the work they had done. They had given their lives for a glorious cause, not only for their own country and their own kith and kin, but for the world, because the Germans would have dominated the world but for these English heroes. That bazaar was to raise funds to commemorate their memory. There was no

occasion to commemorate them in the hearts of those who knew them, but it was to show future generations what Whitwick men did in the great war; that there were Whitwick men who counted their lives nothing when called upon to fight for the honour of their country, and he thought he was voicing the sentiments of everybody in Whitwick, irrespective of politics or creed, when he said that every man who died in France was a hero. And they were now only too glad to have the opportunity of raising some memorial. He understood that a granite cross, with the names of the fallen men from that parish inscribed on the base, was to be erected in their old Parish Churchyard. He thought there could be no more suitable place. Concluding, he said that any memorial they might erect could not be worthy of those who had died for them.

Mr W. Adams moved a vote of thanks to the doctor for opening the bazaar, and this was heartily accorded. Business was then commenced. Mrs Walters and the members of the Mothers' Union were in charge of one of the stalls, another was under the supervision of Nurse Sherratt and Mrs Aris, Mrs S. W. West and Mrs W. Adams (wives of the churchwardens) were in charge of the refreshment stall, with numerous helpers, Mrs Kelly and Mr Bakewell managed the hoopla, and there were various other side-shows, including a war museum, arranged by the ex-service men of Whitwick, which contained some very interesting relics of the war. The bazaar was well-patronised and was a great success.

PRESENTATION AT WHITWICK

PLEASING RECOGNITION OF MRS KELLY'S SERVICES

An interesting event at the Whitwick National School, on Wednesday night, was a presentation by the members of the Whitwick War Decorations Committee to Mrs Kelly, late manageress of the Picture House, the gift consisting of a handsome clock, and a gold brooch.

The committee, it may be explained, was formed some three or four years ago for the purpose of raising funds to make a suitable gift to every Whitwick soldier or sailor who won honours in the war. About a dozen won this recognition and, except in the cases of those who were killed, the presentations have been made publicly, interest being increased by the fact that Mrs Kelly allowed them each time to take place at the Picture House, of which she acted as manageress, taking the place of her husband, the former manager, who joined the Forces, and was very severely wounded in France.

Mr H. T. Bastard, as secretary of the committee, made the arrangements for the presentation, at which the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters (chairman of the committee) presided, and said they wished to make that recognition of how greatly they appreciated the help which Mrs Kelly gave the committee while she was manageress of the Picture House, and also to show the great respect in which she was held by them all. Mrs Kelly suitably responded.

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THRINGSTONE

EX-SERVICE MEN'S "WELCOME"

By the issue of the balance sheet for this event, in another column, the parish is given an opportunity of having particulars how the organisation appointed at the public meeting concluded its duties. The work of the committee has been greatly assisted by the noble co-operation and support of those having an interest in the parish. This effort, combined with the Patriotic Fund raised in 1917 and 1918, for the recognition of men from the parish who had received special awards for distinguished acts of bravery (and which committee also initiated the "Welcome Home") is a substantial proof that Thringstone appreciated, and was determined to honour those who had borne the hardship of the great war, and helped to save their country from German tyranny, and to secure victory. Over one hundred pounds, in addition to gifts, and personal services, has been devoted to the joint schemes, and is a proud record for Thringstone to remember, and to hand on to future generations.

COALVILLE EX-SERVICE MEN

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRANCH

The annual general meeting of the Coalville Branch of the N.F.D.D.S. and S. was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, Capt. Hawley, of Hinckley Grange, the President of the Branch, was in the chair.

Mr Whitford, the hon. treasurer, submitted an account of the year's work, together with a statement of accounts and balance sheet, which was considered satisfactory and passed. Arrangements were made for the ballot of committee men for the ensuing year to take place on Friday evening, January 16th from 6 to 9, and Saturday 17th, from 5 to 8, in the Masonic Hall.

The hope was expressed that during the coming year, steps would be taken to secure larger premises, or purchase the Masonic Hall, and enlarge it so as to provide reading, writing, billiard and game rooms, and separate refreshment rooms for temperance and excisable refreshments, and to make the club quite a first-class and up-to-date Institute.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr Whitford for the work he had done for the branch during the year, and in replying, Mr Whitford intimated that he would be retiring, but on being pressed by the members, he said he would reconsider it.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Capt. Hawley for presiding at the meeting, and in reply the Captain said that he always had the welfare of the "boys" at heart, and he would always be glad to come forward and help the Coalville branch in any way he could.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Ashby discharged soldiers and sailors paraded on Sunday morning under Colonel German, and attended service at the Parish Church?

It is expected that the Leicestershire Regiment will be one of those selected for raising from two line battalions to three line battalions?

Daniel Sitdown wishes farmers and others to know that his son, William Sitdown, the original horse slaughterer, is demobbed after service in France and Russia, and has again joined him in the business as Licensed Horse Slaughterers. Prompt payment and best prices given. Distance no object. Telephone No. 41. The Old Address: 1, Belvoir Road, Coalville.

IN MEMORIAM

Haywood – In ever loving memory of our dear son, Pte. Lot Haywood, Scottish Rifles, who went down with the torpedoed "Aragon," when on its way to Egypt, December 30th, 1917. Aged 21 years.

"Only a little while, and we shall meet again."

From Loving Mother and Dad.

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HEATHER

WHIST DRIVE

The demobilised and discharged soldiers and sailors held a very successful whist drive and dance at the National Schools, Heather, on Saturday evening, the prize winners were:

Ladies: 1 Mrs Forrester; 2 Mrs Beardall; 3 Mrs F. Forrester; 4 Mrs Oakey.
Gents: 1 Mr A. Gadsby; 2 Mr E. Taylor; 3 Mr W. Cooper; 4 Mr W. Shurmer.

In the raffles competition the winners were Mrs Westerby, Mr H. Dronfeld and Mr B. Grewcock; and the winners at skittles were Mrs Breadall (13) and Mr P. Webster (11). A committee of ladies provided refreshments.

NATIONAL FEDERTION DISCHARGED AND DEMOBILISED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS

20,000/- SCHEME

Below is printed a list of subscribers of a part of Coalville, which has been canvassed, towards the above appeal. Where the envelopes have not yet been collected, they will be called for during the week-end and next week, hoping the inhabitants will show their appreciation for what the ex-service men have come for them in making the appeal a financial success. We would be pleased to hear from those people who have received the personal appeal by post from us.

Captain A. E. Hawley	5	0	0
Mr A. Boot	1	1	0
Anonymous	5	0	0

Collected from Bakewell Street, Charnwood Street, Cambridge Street and Oxford Street by Mr J. Leath.

Mr W. J. Cracknell, 5/-; Mr J. Harris, 5/-; Mr T. Price, 2/6; Mr H. Palmer, 2/6; Mr W. J. Cracknell, Mr Jelley, Mr A. Wilson, Mrs Petcher and Mr T. J. Mason, 2/- each; Mrs Wiggins, Mrs Combiar, Mr T. Cox, Mr L. Scott, Mr D. Cracknell, Mr Rockcliffe, Mr I. King, Mrs A. Bonser, Mr A. Bonser, Mrs E. King, Mr H. Clamp, Mr J. W. Parish, Mr J. Massey, Mr Beard, Mr Pepper, Mr Brown and Mr Rowell, 1/- each. Anonymous sums 7/3.

Collected from Hermitage Road, Mammoth Street, Club Row by Mr Sabok.

Mr A. Cotton and family 3/-; Mr T. A. Rowell and family 3/-; Mr W. Sleigh 2/6; Mr J. Potter 2/6; Mr W. Commons 2/-; Mr Russell 2/-; Mr Holbeck, Mrs Dodwell, Mr O. Geary, Mr A. W. King, Mrs Smallwood, 1/- each; Anonymous sums £1/0/1 ½.

Collected from Hugglescote, North Street, Wilkins Lane, etc. by Mr J. Walker.

Mr Glithero 6/-; Mr Dean 5/-; Mr Gamble 5/-; Mr Pegg 5/-; Mr Eyre 4/-; Mr W. Beesley 4/-; Mr Richardson 3/-; Mr Taylor 3/-; Mr Richards 2/6; Mr Wilkins 2/6; Mrs Hares 2/-; Mr Cooper 2/-; Mr King 2/-; Mr Andrews 2/-; Mr Clifford 2/-; Mr Fowkes 2/-; Mr Mugglestone 2/-; Mr Holmes 2/-; Mr Saunders 2/-; Mr Holmes 2/-; Mr Baxter 2/-; Mr Dean 2/-; a friend 2/-; Mr D. Merrell 1/6; Mr C. Thompson 1/6; Mrs Whitehurst, Mrs Day, Mrs Holt, Messrs. Gazzard, Walker, Wilkins, Burton, Wardin, Brown, Smith, Bishop, Aucott, A. Boser, Weakes, Cooper, Welford, Moon, Wyatt, F. Platts, Hares, Bishop, Saunders, Busby, Heward, Gray, Newbold, Paget, Keminy, Webb, Bayliss, Martin, Jacobs, Ball, Poole, Powdrill, Wilcox and Mrs Pratt 1/- each. Anonymous sums £2/11/6.

Collected in Owen Street, Gutteridge Street, James Street, Vaughan Street, Jackson Street by Messrs. Ducker and Boss.

Mr A. Nixon 6/6; Mr G. Gutteridge 5/-; Mr J. Cole 5/-; Mr Lenton 5/-; Mrs Ducker 4/-; Mr G. Briers 4/-; Mrs Roulstone 2/-; Mrs Hall 2/-; Mrs C. Coleman 2/-; Mrs Wildgoose 2/-; Mr T. Williamson 2/-; Mr A. Johnson 2/-; Mr Woods 2/-; Mr Palmer 2/-; Mr Fox 1/6; Mr H. Swan 1/6; Mr Hudson 1/ 4; Messrs. Clay, Cuthbert, G. Clay, Green, Wardle, Stevens, Hull, Oliver, Carr, Jackson, Palmer, Chamberlain, Allett, Insley, J. Pearce, A. Thompson, Meakin, F. Green, Kirk and Mrs Insley, 1/- each. Anonymous sums £1/8/10.

Amount previously acknowledged	£47	19	8 ½
Total this week	£28	7	3 ½

Total to date	£76	7	0
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G. Boss, Secretary

A further list will be published in next week's issue.

PARISH OF THRINGSTONE "WELCOME HOME"

IN HONOUR TO THE HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR, 1914 – 1919, NOV. 22ND 1919.

Balance Sheet

Receipts – By subscriptions to Treasurer and Secretary.

	£	s.	d.
Coalville Co-Operative Society	5	5	0
Whitwick Colliery Company	5	5	0
Messrs. Offiler and Co.	2	2	0
E.M.P. De Lisle, Esq	1	11	6
21/- Subscribers			
Messrs. Alton & Co., Dr. J. H. Blakesey, Mr J. Biddle, C. Crane Esq., J. J. Sharp, Esq.	5	5	0
20/- Subscribers			
Mrs Booth, C. Z. M. Booth, Esq., Sir G. A. Beaumont, Bart., Sir M. Levy, Bart., Snibstone Colliery	5	0	0
10/- Subscribers			
Mr Bodycote, Mr G. H. Herrod, Mr C. Illsley, Mr S. Jarvis, Mr J. Kidger, E. W. de Lisle, Esq., Mr J. Nicklinson, Mrs North, the Rev. C. Shrewsbury, Mr R. H. Vesty, Mr J. H. Weston and Mr H. Wright	6	0	0
Card collection in the parish	16	6	6
	<u>46</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>

Expenses

Purchase of Beef, Mutton and Pork	14	13	8
Plum Puddings, Pies, Bread, Cheese, etc.	13	9	9
Celery and various ingredients	1	6	5
Presentation smokes	1	6	6
Mineral Waters		13	10
Hire of Crockery, Cutlery and Glass	2	0	0
Printing, Typing and Advertising	4	19	6
Cleaners and Washing Table Cloths		14	0
Carting Expenses	1	10	0
Entertainment Expenses		7	6
Postage, Stationery	1	0	0
Incidentals		17	8
	<u>42</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>
Grant to four ex-service men unable to attend	1	0	0
Balance	<u>2</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>
	46	15	0

Auditor's Certificate

We certify having examined all receipts and payments in connection with the Thringstone "Welcome Home" and found everything correct. John H. Webb, Wm. Jas. Gough Waldrum, Auditors.

The committee acknowledge with sincere thanks the response by subscribers and the many promise of gifts to the "Welcome," all of which, with one exception, were received, and included a carcass of venison from J. G. Shields, Esq., Isley Walton; a fat lamb, per Mr John Waldrum, Thringstone; beer, per the Burton Brewery Company, Messrs. Z. Smith and Co., Messrs. James Smith, James Shelton, Joseph Waldrum; mineral waters, Messrs. Eames, Loughborough, John Massey, Whitwick; smokes, Messrs. T. W. Bourne, H. Harrison; vegetables, Messrs. H. Croson, N. Fowkes, J. Hatton, J. Houlton, Jos. Hunt, J. Leach, J. Morley, J. Thurman, C. Wilmot, S. Winfield and G. Wilton; loan of cutlery, Mrs Kirby, Snibstone New Inn, Coalville; rosettes, Messrs. J. H. Weston; Mr J. G. Waldrum for National Service Register; the trustees for the free use of Thringstone Hall; the splendid assistance of the Ladies' Committee; the artistes for their tip-top entertainment; and Mr John Biddle for his free services in preparing the plum puddings, venison pies, and the cooking of the joints.

Committee

Messrs. Edward Atkins, John Biddle, Benjamin Baxter, Herbert Bradley, Arthur Gee, Ernest Gee, Joseph Amos Hunt, Philip Neale, Albert G. Ottey, J. H. Weston, Thomas Watts, John Waldrum, S. J. Winfield, J. Wilford and George Wilton.

Ernest Watts, Hon. Secretary
James Smith, Treasurer
Henry G. W. Howe, Chairman

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The Peace Treaty with Germany was ratified in Paris, on Saturday?

The recent bazaar at Whitwick towards the cost of erecting a war memorial cross in the churchyard, realised over £50?

Countess Beatty is taking steps to erect a small memorial to those who fell in the Battle of Jutland, in the church at Brooksby, Leicestershire, where the family has been accustomed to worship for some years past?

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Several ex-Service men, mostly members of the ex-Service Club, in recognition of the kindness extended by Mrs Butler, proprietress of the Fox and Goose Hotel, Coalville, whilst they were serving in the Forces, have presented the lady with a handsomely engraved e.p. tray. Mrs Butler sent a great many very acceptable parcels to overseas and home service men, who on their return to civil life were not unmindful her gifts. The inscription on the tray was, "*Presented to Mrs R. A. Butler, by a few of the returned lads, as a token of appreciation, for kindness shown to them while serving in the great war, 1914 – 1919.*" The gift was quite unexpected, and came as a pleasant surprise to Mrs Butler.

The case of the Whitwick ex-soldier who became chargeable to the funds of the Ashby Union has attained some prominence as a result of the action taken by the Whitwick Branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Soldiers' and Sailors', and the matter was again discussed by the Guardians on Saturday, arising out of a letter from the Whitwick Branch. Anyone acquainted with the whole facts of the case is bound to admit that the stand taken by the ex-service men is the right one, and if justice is done the whole of the money which is the Guardians, have now decided to ask to be refunded by the Ministry of Pensions, will be paid. This man is now admitted by the authorities to have got into his present unfortunate conditions as the result of military service, and the military authorities should recognise their responsibilities to the full. There is more in the case than the mere repayment of £5/8/0 to the father. As Mr Briers said, a matter of principle is involved, and it is for this reason that the Whitwick ex-service men desire to see the case placed on a proper basis. We hold no brief for the Guardians, but in dealing with the case, as they did up to the point of the man being recognised as a service patient, the Board acted in a legal and proper

manner, and we believe the sympathy of the majority of the members is with the ex-service men in desiring to see justice done.

ABSENTEE

Pte. A. Briers, of the 1st Leicestershire Regiment, was brought before Mr J. W. Farmer, at Coalville Police Court, on Tuesday, charged as an absentee, from his regiment, stationed near Liverpool, having been apprehended by P.C. Percival. The soldier was remanded to await an escort, which arrived for him on Wednesday.

There was a similar charge against Pte. G. S. Jones, of the North Staffs. Regiment, an absentee from Lichfield, and he also was remanded to await an escort.

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WHITWICK WIFE UNFAITHFULL

REMARKABLE LETTER TO HUSBAND IN FRANCE

COALVILLE POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS

Remarkable and unusual features were revealed in a case before the Coalville magistrates on Friday, in which Matthew E. Green (20), collier, Coalville, was summoned by Miriam Danvers, of Whitwick, in respect of the maintenance of her child.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville), was for the complainant, and Mr J. F. Jesson (Ashby) for the defendant, who denied the paternity. Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) held a watching brief for the husband.

Complainant said she lived at 64, Leicester Road, Whitwick, and was the wife of Harry Danvers, to whom she was married on December 4th, 1915, and there was one child of the marriage. The child in regard to which these proceedings were taken was born on November 29th, 1918. Up to the time her husband went for a soldier on 5th May, 1916, she lived with him at his mother's house. He went to France in the following July, and had his first leave on November 10th, 1917. She was then living with his mother, and he stayed with her there for 14 days. The next time she saw him was when he came to fetch the baby away on November 5th, 1918. From November 24th, 1917, when he returned to France, she did not see him till he fetched the baby away on November 5th, 1918, which, as far as she knew, was in consequence of a letter she had written to him. In the meantime, she had left her husband's mother, and gone to live with her own mother. Complainant then detailed acts of intimacy between her and defendant, after her husband had gone to France and said she went away with the defendant, and they lived as man and wife at Hycomb, Lincolnshire, for ten days, after which the defendant's mother fetched him away. Referring to the visit of her husband to fetch his child, complainant said she had written to him in France, telling him of her condition. When she wrote she knew the child to be born was not his. She understood that her husband was taking divorce proceedings against her. The letter she wrote to her husband in France was as follows.

"Castle Rock Farm, Coalville. Well, dear Harry, I write these few lines to tell you that I have been unfaithful towards you and that I do not want any more to do with you, as I could not get out of what I have done. Your mother said that if there was anything wrong what you would do, so I think it my best thing to get away from the farm. If you had listened to me when you were at home instead of your mother, things might have been different. I shall take the baby with me, and I shall not want anything more from you. You were under your mother's control too much to have any love for me, and she never wanted me. So I give you your liberty to do just as you like, for I shall never make it up to you again. Miriam."

To that letter, continued complainant, she received no reply. When the child was born, defendant was living with his mother. He had made payments of money to her on various dates.

Answering Mr Jesson, complainant said that at the time of her marriage she and her husband and the defendant lived at Castle Rock Farm with Mrs Edwards, who was her husband's mother and grandmother of the defendant. Her husband and defendant worked on the farm. It was untrue that she had been familiar with any man, except the defendant, during her husband's absence in France.

The clerk: *How old are you?*
Complainant: *Twenty-three.*
And the defendant? – *He is 21.*

Mary Ann West, wife of John West, Castle Street, Whitwick, sister of the complainant, also gave evidence.

Harry Danvers, the husband, deposed as to his periods of leave from France, and his visits to his wife's mother's house to fetch his child, in consequence of receiving her letter in France. When he left the house his wife told him she hoped he would be shot when he went back. That was all he got from his wife for going to do his bit. During all the time he was in France, his wife drew separation allowance, and he sent her money besides.

Mr Jesson addressed the Bench, urging that there was not sufficient evidence of corroboration and that the woman at the time was not a single woman within the meaning of the Act.

The Bench adjudged the defendant to be the father of the child, and ordered him to pay 10/- a week till it is 14 years of age, also £2/2/0 advocate's fee, and 14/6 costs.

ASHBY BOARD OF GUARDIANS

WHITWICK EX-SOLDIER'S CASE

The Whitwick Branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors' and Soldiers' sent the following letter:

"At a general meeting of ex-service men of the Whitwick Branch N.F.D.D.S. and S., strongly protests against the action of the Ashby Guardians in the case of _____, late of the 3rd Leicestershire Regiment, who was sent to an asylum by the military authorities. We suggest, in view of the fact that the ex-soldier is now recognised as a service patient.

- (1) The £5/8/0 paid by the father should be refunded.*
- (2) The whole of his military effects should be handed over to his next-of-kin, or placed in trust for the soldier himself.*
- (3) The amount due to the Guardians during the period before the said soldier was recognised as a service patient should be claimed from the Ministry of Pensions.*

_ *E. Perry, Chairman.*
_ *E. Needham, Secretary.*

Mr Bowley (relieving officer) said the man became insane while in the Army, and was discharged, being admitted to the Beverley Asylum and chargeable to the Pattrington Union. The Ashby Board was asked to accept settlement, which they did, and the man was removed to the asylum at Narborough. The father was asked to make an offer towards his son's maintenance, and offered 3/- a week, which the Board accepted. Eventually, the man was taken over by the Government as a service patient, and was not now chargeable to the Ashby Board.

The chairman said the point was whether the Ministry of Pensions was likely to repay the £5/8/0 which the Guardians collected from the father.

Mr Bowley said he was afraid not. The Ashby Board paid £6/5/0 to the Pattrington Union, £2/18/0 to the Beverley Asylum, the cost of the man's removal to Narborough was £5/5/0, and his maintenance there £44/6/0, making a total paid by that Board of £58/14/0. Towards this, they received £2/16/9 balance of the man's military pay, and £5/8/0 paid by the father, leaving £50/9/3. During the time the man was in the asylum, and before he was taken over as a service patient, the Government allowed him a gratuity of £25, and the Guardians were asked if they made any claim. They claimed the gratuity, so that there was still due to the Board a balance of £25/9/3. They claimed for the whole of the costs up to the date of the man being taken over as a service patient, but the reply was that they regretted that they had no funds available, the full gratuity allowed having been paid to the Guardians.

The chairman: *He is a single man?*

Mr Bowley: Yes.

The chairman: *What is the position of his father?*

Mr Bowley: *He is a miner.*

He added that at the time the father was asked to make an offer to the Board, he was earning £2/14/6 and had no dependents. Others in the family were also at work, making a total of £7/5/9 per week going into the house.

Mr Parker said the point raised was whether the Government, having taken this man over as a service patient, should not pay. He thought the Guardians should refund it to the father and claim it from the Ministry.

Mr Briers said he mentioned the case a few weeks' ago, when a letter from the discharged soldiers appeared in the Press. It was not a matter of what the father was getting; the discharged soldiers had taken up the case because there was a principle involved. The Board would recollect that at first the doctors reported that a man's condition was not due to Army service, but later they admitted that it was, and the military authorities accepted responsibility. He agreed, therefore, that the Board should try to get the money back, not only the £5/8/0 paid by the father, but also the £25/9/3 due to the Guardians. He did not see why the ratepayers should pay for this man's maintenance when the responsibility was on the Government, and he would move that the clerk write requesting the repayment of the two sums named.

The clerk said it would be no use passing a resolution of that sort. The Board tried to get the authorities to recognise the man as a service patient, and they were a long time before they would do that. They argued that the mental condition of the man was now attributable to his service in the Army, and there was a long period during which he was in the asylum and chargeable to the Board. After the man was recognised as a service patient, the Guardians took the case up, as Mr Bowley had stated, and the authorities replied that they had no funds out of which they could pay. Mr Bowley got every penny he could and made every effort in this case, but they could not get blood out of a stone, and so they left it where it was.

Mr Parker said that although they denied it, it was a service case at first, they had admitted now and the military authorities, therefore, were not relieved of their liability. He thought they ought to be able to get the money back, because the authorities had not proved that the man's insanity was not due to military service.

The chairman: *They have admitted it.*

Mr Parker: *Then they should take the liability and not the ratepayers. If we had not fought the case we should still have had to go on paying as long as the man was in the asylum.*

The clerk: *They only admit liability from the time he was recognised as a service patient.*

The chairman: *Then, it is no good writing?*

The clerk: *I don't think so.*

Mr Andrews: *It is like fighting the wind.*

Mr Briers said that whether it was like fighting the wind or not, he would like his resolution to go forward. Many a thing was lost in this world for the want of asking. The authorities had admitted themselves responsible and should pay. Mr Andrews said he was quite in favour of trying to get the money, and would second the resolution.

The resolution was carried and the clerk and Mr Bowley were asked to do their best to get the whole of the money refunded.

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MARKET BOSWORTH PETTY SESSIONS

PATERNITY CASE

Pte. J. E. Lawrence, of the Notts and Derby Regiment, Oswestry, was summoned by Alice A. Everitt, single, of Osbaston, respecting her child.

Mr F. Bouskell (Market Bosworth) who appeared for applicant, said defendant had been demobilised and promised to marry the girl at Market Bosworth Registry Office on January 1st, but did not put in an

appearance. The defendant had paid £2/2/6 applicant's solicitor's costs, Lawrence formerly lodged with applicant's mother.

Applicant said defendant had admitted being the father of her child, and notice of marriage was given at the Registry Office. She had heard nothing from him since, and did not know where he was. Defendant was ordered to pay 10/- a week till the child is 16, and costs £1/11/0.

GROBY

D. AND D.S. AND S.

Under the auspices of the National Federation of D. and D.S. and S., a dance was held in the Council School, Groby, on Saturday evening, in aid of the Groby branch. Mr A. M. Easey, was M.C., and Mr J. A. Preston and Mr T. Jordan, of Ratby, provided the dance music. During the evening, Sapper William Stokes Rouse, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Harry Rouse, 5, Leicester Road, Groby, was presented with the M.M., Mr J. E. Quain, county organiser, and Mr Bonsell, performing the ceremony.

In September, 1917, Sapper Rouse was bringing wounded away from an advanced dressing post on Pilkin Ridge during the advance, and whilst he was returning to the casualty clearing station, the enemy blew the railway up in several places. He assisted to repair it with timber before he could get the wounded away, during which time the Germans were shelling heavily. The doctors of the Guard's Division said, "*You had done splendidly under extremely trying circumstances.*"

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THRINGSTONE "WELCOME HOME"

In respect to the Balance Sheet referring to the above in the last issue of the "Coalville Times" it is regretted an omission occurred in the list of the committee, the name of Mr Edgar Beniston being accidentally omitted from the same. The kind insertion of this apology will oblige.

Ernest Watts, Hon. Secretary
Henry G. W. Howe, Chairman
January 13th, 1919.

Friday January 23rd 1920 (Issue 1455)

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Mr S. E. Perry, of Whitwick, who held a commission in the Leicestershire Regiment during the war, has been appointed secretary of the Coalville Branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Soldiers' and Sailors'?

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GROBY

WELCOME HOME

The Groby Soldiers' and Sailors' Committee gave an entertainment in the Council Schools, on Saturday, to over 100 of the ex-service men of the village. Those present included the Vicar, the Rev. H. D. Handford and Mrs Handford, Mr and Mrs Morley (Branting Hill), Mr and Mrs Hyde-Thompson (Pool House), and Mr and Mrs Hazlegrave (Newtown Linford). Mr W. H. Harris (chairman), presented the committee's balance sheet, which showed that £813/4/6 had been raised for various purposes, and £431/12/9 solely for the service men. The balance of £8/4/6 ½ was divided between the Church and Congregational memorial tablets.

Mrs Hyde-Thompson spoke of the achievements of the women's working party. Mr Clarke conveyed the thanks of the men to the committee, Mr W. Rouse seconding. Mr Harris replied.

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The Ibstock War Memorial Committee recently issued a statement to the effect that the committee have met ten times, and the sub-committee four times. An order has been given for the erection of a central site of a monument bearing the names of all men from the parish who fell in the war, and the cost will be £750 towards which £570 has been collected, leaving £180 still to be raised. Mr A. Turner is the president of the committee, Ald. Eggington chairman, Mr W. T. Williams, treasurer and Messrs. F. Holmes and T. Wright, secretaries.

Sergeant George James Griffin, M.M., of Ashby, late 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, has received the following letter from Colonel J. C. Hamilton, his commanding officer, dated from Regimental Headquarters, Buckingham Gate, S.W., January 7th, 1920.

“Dear Griffin – I forward to you herewith, your Military Medal, and congratulate you upon having been awarded this decoration.” Sergeant Griffin had had the choice of having his medal presented to him on parade, but asked for it to be sent to him. He was twice wounded, first on the 25th September, 1916, and again on 7th October, 1917, and has, happily, completely recovered. Sergeant Griffin is in possession of the Certificate of the Guards’ Division, 1917, that in the action on September 16th, 1916, he was sent to locate the positions of the platoons of the company, which he accomplished in the open under heavy rifle fire.

WHEN WILL THE WAR END OFFICIALLY

BUSINESS WAITING UPON RATIFICATIONS

Despite the ratification of the Peace Treaty with Germany, the official date of the end of the war is not yet definitely fixed. In the meantime, many financial interests – rent, insurance, contracts, etc – continue to be placed in an uncertain position.

“It is stated that the Government’s legal advice is that the statutory date of the end of the war is the one on which the Peace Treaty with the last of the enemy Powers comes into force.”

This means that the end of the war is scarcely in sight, for, apart from the ratifications with Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria, the Turkish Treaty has not yet been presented. The Termination of the War (Definition) Act, says that the King by Order in Council, shall decide the date of the war’s finish, which is to be as near to that of the ratification as possible. The fact that the King holds a Council on Thursday next may not be without significance.

Friday January 30th 1920 (Issue 1456)

MARKFIELD

WELCOME HOME

With the kind assistance of the sister churches of Belgrave Hall and King Richard’s Road, Leicester, the “boys” attached to the Wesleyan Church were on Saturday cordially welcomed home. The proceedings opened with a splendid tea, served in the Wesleyan Schoolroom. Each “boy” invited one friend, and with the helpers the company exceeded 100. The Rev. A. Price Hughes, in the name of the church, and Mr Prevett, on behalf of the village, welcomed the guests. Mr Shardlow, as superintendent, joined in the words of welcome. A splendid concert, consisting of a sketch entitled “Aunt Dorinda,” duets by Mr and Miss Chapman, and the Messrs. Langley, songs by Miss Liddell, Miss Hughes and Mr Chapman, monologues by the Rev. A. Price Hughes, and humorous sketches by Mr Pole was gone through. Mr Thacker (Leicester) presided, and at the conclusion very hearty thanks were accorded.

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

We are pleased to hear that Captain P. W. Hay, M.C., of the Australian Imperial Force, has been successful in gaining a colliery manager's certificate. He is the son-in-law of Mr T. Y. Hay, manager of the Whitwick Colliery, and visited England on war service. While staying in this country, Capt. Hay, by kind permission of Mr Wm. Hay, director and general manager of the colliers of Messrs. Newton, Chambers and Co., Ltd, studied at the Tankersley Colliery, near Barnsley, of which Mr George P. Hay is the manager, and this result is the happy outcome of his examination. During his stay in Coalville, Capt. Hay made many friends, who will be pleased to hear of his success. He sailed with his wife (nee Ethel Hay) and child, for Australia on December 28th.

HEATHER

"WELCOME HOME" TO THE SOLDIERS

Between 40 and 50 of the returned soldiers at Heather were entertained at a "welcome home" in the school, on Saturday last. The proceedings began at 4pm, when a substantial meat tea was provided, this being followed by an entertainment, presided over by Mr H. J. Ford, during which illuminated addresses were presented to the men. An attractive musical programme was provided. The lady soloist was Madame Ada Ludlow (Birmingham) who was in splendid voice, the titles of her songs being, "Angus MacDonald," "Killarney," "Down Vauxhall way," and Tosti's "Goodbye." Recitations were given by Miss Sybil Gardner (Nailstone). Mr Benj. Baxter (Ibstock) gave "The Trumpete," and "The mighty deep," and the Rev. H. Standidge sung "The Admiral's Broom," and "Up from Somerset." Mr J. E. Heath (Leicester) provided the humorous part, his songs and musical sketches causing roars of laughter. Altogether a very pleasant time was spent. The expenses were defrayed by means of subscriptions from the parishioners, these amounting to upwards of £27.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

The War Office reports that since the Armistice 3,885,065 officers and men have been demobilised or discharged from the army?

Ex-Private Simmons will speak at 11 am and 6.30 pm in the Public Hall, Ellistown, on Sunday, February 1st; subject, "Why a Soldier joined the I.L.P.?"

Friday February 6th 1920 (Issue 1457)

SITUATIONS WANTED

Motor Driver – Ex-service man (disabled) requires situation. Age 25. Single, Undertake own repairs. References if required. Apply Employment Exchange, Coalville.

HERMITAGE ROAD, COALVILLE

ORCHARD & JOYCE

are instructed by the Leicestershire Miners' Association to Sell by Auction, ON THE PREMISES at the rear of the Y.M.C.A., HERMITAGE ROAD, COALVILLE, on TUESDAY, FEB. 17th, 1920, TWO MOTOR AMBULANCE CARS, viz. :—One Buick, and One McLaughlin. The above have been returned after service abroad, and can readily be converted into Trade Vans or Wagonettes.

SALE AT THREE O'clock Prompt.

COALVILLE URBAN COUNCIL

WAR TROPHY FOR ELLISTOWN

A letter was received from the War Office stating that it was the wish of the officer who was in command in Italy, that a 9 cm trench mortar, captured on the Italian front should be presented as a trophy to the village of Ellistown. Mr Fellows moved the acceptance of the same, and that they ask for the permission of the Education Authority to place it in their Council School recreation ground which he thought would be the most appropriate place. Mr Armson seconded, though he said this was the first he had heard of it. Very few Ellistown lads went to Italy, the only one he knew was his brother. The resolution was carried.

ABSENTEE

Before Major Hatchett, at the Coalville Police Station, on Monday, Private Jos. A. Hall, of the 1st Leicesters, a Whitwick man, was charged with being an absentee from his regiment since Friday, and was remanded to await an escort.

MOTHER'S HOPE SHATTERED

Mrs Cope, wife of Mr Charles Cope, a miner, of 61, Waterworks Road, has been informed by the Lichfield Record Office, with regret, that it is concluded that her son, Private Chas. Cope, North Staffords, died on the 26th August, 1918, or since. He was reported missing on the 26th August, 1918, and the mother had not lost hope until she was officially informed on Saturday morning of the conclusion arrived at. The deceased soldier was 24 years old when he joined up on August 8th, 1914, and before enlisting was a miner, employed at Whitwick Colliery. He was wounded three times and gassed twice, and afterwards went to Mesopotamia. Another son, serving in the Machine Gun Corps, but who had also joined the Staffords, got through the war safely. Mrs Cope's other bereavements were the loss of five nephews, and a son-in-law killed in action.

EX-SERVICE MEN AND THE URBAN COUNCIL

A general meeting of the ex-Service members of the club, off Hotel Street, was held on Monday night, Mr A. P. Thomas presiding over a good attendance. It was resolved to apply to the local War Pensions Committee for two direct representatives of the D.S. and S. branch on the committee, and Mr S. E. Perry, secretary of the branch, and Mr W. Saddington, were nominated. The meeting was addressed by Mr T. Warden and Mr S. E. Perry on the work of the Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' Federation. It was resolved to convene a special meeting of the members to consider the question of nominating ex-Service candidates for the Urban Council election in March. The committee have formulated a scheme of reconstruction of the branch, the membership of which up to date is 680, and daily increasing. Mr R. H. Whitford, jeweller, Belvoir Road, was mentioned as a possible candidate for the Central Ward, Coalville.

GROBY

CHURCH PARADE

Under the auspices of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers, of which Mr J. A. Clements is secretary, a church parade of ex-service men took place at Groby, on Sunday. The village contingent was augmented by the men of Ratby, under the command of ex-Sergeant Robert Pearson. The Ratby contingent was accompanied by the Ratby Town Brass Band, under the leadership of Mr J. A. Gamble, and were joined by the Groby section under the command of ex-Captain Archibald Harris, where the combined party marched to the Church. The Vicar, the Rev. H. D. Handford (ex-chaplain to the forces) preaching.

LAST GERMAN PRISONERS

274,358 REPATRIATED SINCE THE ARMISTICE

The War Office states that the repatriation of German prisoners of war from the United Kingdom has now been completed. The last batch to be sent home comprised of 144 officers and many other ranks, who were embarked at Hull last week.

The total number of German prisoners repatriated by Great Britain from all theatres of war since the Armistice is 274,358.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

The Coalville Soldiers' and Sailors' Welcome Home Committee, are inviting suggestions from the public as to what shall be done with a balance which they have in hand amounting to £375?

SWANNINGTON WAR MEMORIAL

At Swannington Church on Sunday evening, the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A., vicar of Whitwick, in the absence through illness of the Vicar of Swannington, the Rev. G. Robinson, dedicated a memorial to the memory of 23 Swannington men who fell in the war. Presented by Mr Thomas Atkins, of Swannington, who performed the act of unveiling, the memorial consists of a brass plate mounted on an oak block erected as a mural tablet. It contains the following names of Swannington men who made the supreme sacrifice:

William Bird, Samuel Thomas Birkin, James Blythe, John William Barkby, George Bailey, Thomas William Curtis, Harold Curtis, Charles Deadman, Charles Elliott, Leonard George Fowkes, George Henry Irons, Joseph Arthur Johnson, Cedric William Johnson, James Taylor Rowse, Alfred Bernard Smith, Arthur Smith, Albert Shakespear, Walter Shaw, Herbert William Watts, Alfred Walster, Percy Walster, William Wardle, and William Young.

IN MEMORIAM

Dexter – In affectionate remembrance of Private Fred Dexter of the Durham Light Infantry, who died in France, February 6th, 1919.

From his loving Wife and Children, Brother and Sister.

Tovell – In loving memory of our dear son, Archie Tovell, killed in action in France, February 1st, 1917, 138th M.G. Corps.

*"It is not sadness, peace from strife;
To fall asleep is not to die;
To dwell with Christ is better life."*

CORRESPONDENCE

COALVILLE URBAN DISTRICT "WELCOME HOME" FUND

Dear Sir, I read in an evening contemporary that the "Welcome Home" Committee is considering the question of disposing of the balance in their hands, and as one whose husband made the supreme sacrifice, I would like, through the medium of your paper, to suggest to the Committee that no better use could be made of the money than by erecting some permanent monument to the men who will never return, but whose lives and deaths should be an inspiration for ever towards all that is best in the British race.

Rumour has been busy with reports of proposed feasting and doles to the widows and dependents of these men, but I trust that the good sense of the Committee will save us from such an insult.

I rejoiced at the feasting and welcome given to the men who were fortunate enough to return, but I also witnessed the reverent tears of those who paid their tribute to the names on the Cenotaph with its inspiring inscription, "They live! And those who knew them will not forget. Let those who come after see that their names are not forgotten."

*Yours truly
"A Coalville War Widow."*

LOUGHBOROUGH CARILLON

MAY BE OPENED BY THE WORLD'S MASTER

The War Memorial Committee at Loughborough have adopted the plan of issuing stamps as a means of popularising the project for a tower and carillon. The proposed memorial is exciting a great deal of interest among musicians in the country; for there is nothing in Great Britain at all comparable with the carillons of Belgium and Holland. Already musicians are taking it for granted that Loughborough will accept the proposal, and the younger school of composers intends to write special music suitable for the carillon.

A great deal of misconception exists as to the character of a carillon, so many persons having the idea that it is a kind of glorified change-ringing. It is said that the Scots at Aberdeen, when they installed a carillon, went out into the villages four or five miles distant to hear the first concert, and were astonished that they heard nothing! When the Loughborough carillon is ready, the master Carillonneur of the world, M. Josef Denyn, of Mechlin, is said to be anxious to pay a visit to the town to open with the first concert.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Hugglescote and Coalville people may be interested and pleased to learn that the name of Lieut. A. N. Choyce, of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been brought to the attention of the Secretary of State for War for valuable services rendered in the United States of America in connection with the war. Lieut. Choyce is a Hugglescote man, residing in North Street, and before the war was a teacher in the Coalville Bridge Road Council Schools. After taking part in the fighting in France he went to America on a lecturing tour, and made a wonderful impression on the numerous meetings he addressed. He is a fine speaker, and it is also interesting to note that he has successfully published a few books, one of which, "Crimson Stains," poems on love and war, was reviewed in these columns some little time ago.

EX-SOLDIERS' MEETING

A special meeting of the Coalville branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers was held at the club on Monday night, to consider running candidates in the forthcoming Urban District Council elections in March. The meeting was largely attended, Mr A. P. Thomas presiding. Mr B. Morris was nominated for the Coalville Ward, and it was agreed not to contest Whitwick and Hugglescote, the ex-service men of these wards would watch their interests. Mr R. H. Whitford said that it was impossible for him to stand for the Council owing to business reasons. The meeting unanimously passed a resolution against the employment of female labour in the local Pensions Office.

The question of the surplus money the "Welcome Home" Committee had in hand was discussed, and it was decided to suggest that the whole of the money, about £300, be given to a fund to provide for necessitous ex-service men, soldiers' widows and children.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

By an order in Council published in Tuesday night's "London Gazette," 10th January is fixed as the date of the termination of the war with Germany?

COALVILLE AND DISTRICT "WELCOME HOME"

The sub-joined letter to the "Welcome Home" Committee, is being signed by many of the subscribers to the fund, and copies are at Messrs. Brown and Sons, and Messrs. Land, High Street; Messrs. Kemp and Co., Belvoir Road; Mr T. Hatter, Hugglescote; Mr R. Blower, Ellistown; and Mr J. W. Eagles, Whitwick; in order that any person wishing to do so, can support the suggestion therein by signing the same.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COALVILLE AND DISTRICT "WELCOME HOME" COMMITTEE

Gentlemen, - Having seen your invitation in the "Coalville Times" for suggesting as to the disposal of the surplus remaining of the fund raised for the welcome home of our men who so bravely threw themselves between us and unthinkable horrors threatened in the late great war, we, as subscribers to that fund, venture to state our views on the matter.

First, we would point out that subscriptions were asked, and the money was raised for the specific purpose of expressing our admiration and thanks to the men themselves, and was in no sense intended as a relief or dole to them, or their dependants. Having carried out this idea, and making it available to all who had returned in time for the day of honour, and had accepted the invitation given them, whatever money remains belongs by right to those who, having made the supreme sacrifice, can never return to us.

How better can we honour these than by erecting some memorial, bearing their names, placed either in the midst of our town, or on some commanding height in our urban area, where it shall be a fitting and lasting remembrance of them, as well as a permanent witness and example to future generations.

The main question appears to us, shall this memorial be utilitarian, or shall it be a memento having no other object than silently, though eloquently, bearing testimony to their superb heroism, and our appreciation of it.

If the former, let a massive base of our own local granite be piled in the centre of our prospective new market place (or some other equally appropriate site), in which be built a panel with all their names indelibly engraved.

On this base let a spire be raised with an illuminated striking clock, authoritatively supplying a need that Coalville should be provided with. Or if the latter idea found favour, then, of like material, let a solid pile of granite be built in the urban area, but high up somewhere, with similar panel and inscription as suggested for the clock spire base, a record, a landmark, and a loving tribute for ever; to be seen by all who pass by, and a spot to which our steps might turn when taking our walks on the borders of our beautiful Forest.

We are not only willing, but would earnestly urge that one of these schemes be carried out. We are aware that other suggestions have been made, which it is not for us to criticise or condemn here, and now we content ourselves with giving expression to our own desires, which we hope may commend themselves to your committee, to our fellow subscribers, and to the public at large.

CORRESPONDANCE

COALVILLE URBAN DISTRICT "WELCOME HOME" FUND

Dear Sir – May I, through the medium of your valued paper, say how very much I appreciated and approved of the letter signed "A Coalville War Widow" in your last week's issue, with regard to the disposal of the surplus fund of the "Welcome Home."

Surely, the least thing we, as a community can do, is to raise a fitting and permanent memorial to those who have sacrificed their whole on the altar of their country and kindred. It should be placed in as prominent a position as possible, as a continual reminder to us, and a fitting tribute to their memory. In writing this, I am sure I have the support and sympathy of every widow, mother, sweetheart, relation or friend, who has lost dear ones.

Yours truly.

"A Mother who gave her only son."

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WHITWICK FOOTBALLERS HELP ST. DUNSTAN'S

When Moira United visited Whitwick a fortnight ago, to play their Leicestershire Senior League match with the Imperial, on the Duke of Newcastle ground, the Whitwick club officials made a collection among the spectators for the funds of St. Dunstan's Hostel for soldiers blinded in the war, and realised the excellent sum of £4/10/0.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Sergeant W. Hemsley, of Market Street, Ashby, has received from his commanding officer, the Meritorious Service Medal, in recognition of distinguished service in the Royal Air Force. It is understood that the award is for an invention by Sergeant Hemsley for improvements in photographic apparatus for aeroplanes whilst on active service, which was adopted by the army.

The picturesque village of Twycross was lately the scene of an interesting ceremony when Lady Waring, wife of Sir Samuel Waring, Bart., of Gopsall Hall, unveiled the war memorial which has been erected by parishioners and friends to the honour of the bravery of the village who gave their lives in the war. The memorial has taken the form of a Runic cross, springing from a massive stone base, on which is inscribed in touching language, the epitaph to the fallen, "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori."

The following amounts of collections made at Whitwick Colliery on behalf of wives and children of service men who died during the war, and had been employed at Whitwick Colliery, has been issued by the secretary of the fund, Mr Dennis Ottey, of Castle Street, Whitwick. 1915: £185/13/11; 1916: £38/4/6; 1917: £410/4/9; 1918: £378/9/1; 1919: £367/2/1; a total of £1,728/14/4.

LOCAL NEWS

COLLIER INJURED

A serious accident happened on Friday morning to Mr John Roland Hill, collier, aged 18, eldest son of ex-Sergt.-Major Roland Hill, of 301, Ashby Road, Coalville. Hill was experimenting with some chemicals, when an explosion occurred, and his left hand was severely injured. After being attended by Dr. Dunkin, he was removed to the Leicester Royal Infirmary. It was at first thought that amputation of the shattered hand would be necessary, but a later message stated that the doctors hoped to be able to save the hand, though the middle finger and part of the thumb had to be taken off. He is progressing as well as can be expected. At the time of the explosion, Hill's little brother stood close by, but, fortunately, he was uninjured.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

New Zealand troops, constituting the last contingent to leave England, left Plymouth on Monday night for home?

A brass tablet has been unveiled in the Parish Church at Higham-on-the-Hill in memory of 19 men and youths from the village who fell in the war?

The Empress Works directors awarded to 155 of their workpeople at Loughborough, gold, silver and bronze medals as a recognition of the hard and unceasing effort put forth by the recipients during the production of munitions of war?

At a meeting of the Leicestershire Automobile Club, it was resolved that an outing be arranged, preferably for the first week in June, for all Leicestershire soldiers maimed in the war, and the secretary (Mr R. A. Loseby) was instructed to obtain a list from the Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' Association, so that invitations could be sent out?

WHITWICK DIVORCE CASE

In the Divorce Court, on Monday, George William Turner, now of Douglas Terrace, Smethwick, and formerly of 149, Leicester Road, Whitwick, was granted a decree nisi because of the adultery of his wife with a man named Urwin.

Petitioner stated that he married the respondent in April, 1906, at the Registry Office, West Bromwich, and afterwards lived with her at Leicester Road, Whitwick. He joined the army in 1914. He came home on leave in 1916, and then found the co-respondent living with his wife. She threw their "*marriage lines*" at witness, and said she did not want to have anything to do with him. He accordingly rejoined his unit.

Mrs Ellen Grice, sister of petitioner, said that respondent said to her, "*I now have a better man than George ever knows how to be.*"

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ASHBY GUARDIANS

THE WHITWICK EX-SOLDIER'S CASE

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Pension Issue Office (Ministry of Pensions), Baker Street, London, W.1. re the case of a Whitwick ex-soldier in the Asylum, as follows:

"Sir, - I beg to acknowledge your letter of 15th January, 1920, relative to the above named man, and to inform you that it is regretted that no further payments can be made in respect of the gratuitant, prior to his classification, the man having been admitted to the asylum, 9th June, 1916, and the Service patient scheme not being in force until 9th October, 1917. It should be noted that the man was discharged from the Army after 124 days' service, with insanity held to be neither due to nor aggravated by his war service. It is further pointed out that the necessary form from the medical superintendent recommending the man's classification, was not received in this office until May 1st, 1919."

The clerk said that bore out what he had previously told the Board. Mr Bowley and himself thrashed the case out, and tried to get the money refunded, but failed.

The chairman: *What do you recommend?*

The clerk said he could make no recommendation. It showed that the Guardians were fully justified in recovering what they did to maintain the man while he was chargeable to them. The Whitwick branch of the D.S. and S. wrote asking him to claim from the Ministry what was said by the man's father, and also what was still due to the Guardians, but this letter showed that there was no possibility of recovering anything more from the Ministry of Pensions.

Mr Betteridge: *You think Mr Bowley was justified in receiving payment from the father?*

The clerk: *Undoubtedly he was.*

Dr. Atkinson observed that the man was only in the forces 124 days, and the medical authorities said his insanity was not due in any way to Army service. The clerk said that against that was the fact that after much pressure, the Army authorities did recognise the man as a service patient.

Dr. Atkinson: *But not before the passing of the Act.*

It was left to the clerk to communicate the result to the Whitwick branch.

A MEMBER'S BEREAVEMENT

The chairman referred to the loss sustained by one of the members of the Board, Mr H. M. Cuthbert, of Coleorton, by the death of his wife. Mr Cuthbert, he said, lost a son in the war, and this was another heavy blow. They all sympathised with him very much and he moved a vote accordingly. Mr Pargeter seconded and it was silently carried by the members rising from their seats.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Lost, Between Coalville and Whitwick, Monday night, a wallet containing notes; also photo of soldier inside. Finder will be handsomely rewarded. Apply "M", 'Times' office.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

A meeting of the Coalville Belvoir Road Council School old scholars was held on Wednesday night, Mr T. Frith, presiding, when considerable progress was reported respecting the war memorial to old boys to be placed in the school, and arrangements were made for the unveiling to take place shortly.

The War Office has compiled a list of funds, associations, societies and other organisations which are now in a position to render assistance to officers and men who have been demobilised and discharged, and to widows and other dependents of those who fell in the war. Provision is made by these organisations for temporary financial assistance; for special nursing and medical attendance; for the education of fatherless children; and the higher education of soldiers' sons in industry and commerce; for the assistance of professional men whose circumstances have been adversely affected by the war; for the formation of industrial training centres, and the acquisition of small holdings; and for a great variety of other help which is still needed by both officers and men and their families.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

£1,600 has been collected and disbursed by the Shepshed, Charley and Oaks-in-Charnwood Soldiers' and Sailors' Christmas presents fund, which was opened August 1915?

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COALVILLE URBAN COUNCIL

It was reported that Mr P. H. Hadfield, of Hugglescote, an ex-soldier, had been appointed store keeper at a wage of 55/- per week.

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BAGWORTH

PARTY

On Saturday, February 28th, Mr and Mrs A. Smith, of Little Bagworth, gave a party on the coming of age of their daughter, Miss Mabel G. Smith, also for the safe return of their three sons from Mesopotamia, they having served 3 years; 6 years; 1 year; all in the R.F.A. 30 guests sat down to tea and supper, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

HEATHER TRAGEDY

EX-SOLDIER DROWNED IN THE MILL DAM

A SAD CASE

A sad story of the suicide of a young man, broken in health through war service, which made him irresponsible for his actions, was unfolded at an inquest by Mr H. J. Deane, at the Station House, Heather, on Tuesday afternoon, on the body of Percy Taylor, aged 33 years, the only son of the Heather station master, and formerly a Midland Railway goods clerk at Leicester, whose body was recovered from the Heather mill dam on Sunday afternoon, after the deceased had been missing from his home since Thursday night.

Alfred Henry Taylor, station master, Heather, said he identified the body as that of his son, Percy. Before joining the Forces, he was a Midland Railway clerk at Leicester. He joined the Royal Engineers and was about 2 ½ years on foreign service. With the rank of second-class corporal; he was discharged from the Army on February 7th last, as physically unfit for further service, and he arrived home on February 9th. He was then a long way from being well, and was in a very shaky condition. He seemed to pick up after he had been at home a day or two, but after the first week he got worse.

The Coroner: *Was the shakiness the result of shell-shock?*

Witness: *It was considered so.*

Did you find his memory defective? – Yes. It was very bad and that seemed to be one of his worries.

He was generally in a broken-up, nervous condition? – Yes, thoroughly broken up.

Answering further questions, witness said the deceased had a fall when at Wellington Barracks. He was returning to service when the railway strike was on, and as he could not get through he stayed with his sister in Leicester for a day or two. He got to Wellington and there he had a bad fall. All he could tell witness about it was that when he came round about six hours later, he found himself in Lewisham Hospital. He had not the least idea how it happened. When they went over to see him in hospital, he had not the least memory of what happened.

How had he seemed latterly. Had he improved? – No, he got considerably worse the last week. He could not remember things, and was always fretting about his memory going.

When did you last see him? – He was with us till 20 minutes to ten on Thursday evening, when he walked out of the room. He had been complaining tremendously just before about a buzzing pain on the temple. I went out soon after, in about five minutes, and called "Percy," but he did not answer. I went to look for him, but he had gone, and I did not see him again.

Then you became nervous about him? – Yes, there was a train due, and I wondered whether he had got onto the line. He was in such a state that I did not know what he might do.

You reported it to police? – Yes.

Had he threatened to make away with himself? – No, I didn't hear him make any threat at all. He had spasms occasionally.

How had he been sleeping? – Awfully bad. He got no sleep at all some nights. On the Wednesday, he got off to sleep a bit about three o'clock.

What sort of health had he before he joined up? – Very good health. As healthy a young fellow as ever walked.

P.C. Higgs said he received a report at midnight on Tuesday that the deceased was missing. He was searching the district up to the time the body was found. The mill dam was dragged, and the water afterwards run off on Friday, without result. The sheet of water on the other side which fed the dam was also dragged, and revealed nothing, but there were several deep places under the trees which they could not reach. On Sunday, the miller said he would run the water off into the meadow by cutting a grip in the bank, and when the water had been lowered about two feet, a little girl living in one of the cottages near observed the body in a crouching position in the water. She gave the alarm and a lot of people came to the spot. Witness arrived just as the body had been got out and placed on the bank by a man named Houghton. Unless the deceased went round the road by the cottages, he must have gone through the brook to get to the spot where he was found. After a lot of water had been run off, it was still about 5 feet deep.

Dr. Agnew, of Ibstock, said he saw the deceased once since he returned home and he agreed with the father's statement as to his condition. Witness was trying to get him back into a military hospital and had discussed the matter with Dr. Logan, of Ashby, who said it was simply a matter of time before they could get him back.

The Coroner: *What conclusion had you come to as to the deceased's mental state?*

The doctor: *He was very depressed and he kept rubbing his hand over his head as if he did not know what to do, and he complained of pains in his head. He told me and his father about the fall in Wellington Barracks but we could not ascertain what it was. He said he was in hospital three months with neurasthenia. He was very bad and wondered whether he was going back to the hospital. Further answering the Coroner, witness said he thought suicidal mania might come on suddenly and he thought it advisable to get him back into hospital as soon as possible. There were no marks of violence on the body and the cause of death was suffocation by drowning.*

The Coroner said that having heard the evidence, he had no doubt as to what his verdict should be. He was exceedingly sorry to have to hold an inquest on a man who had served his country and who had, for all practical purposes, paid with his life, just as much as if he had fallen in action. It was perfectly clear that the vigours of the campaign he went through had so seriously affected his health that his mind became unhinged and he was in such a mental state that he was not responsible for his actions when he drowned himself in the water. "I can only say," concluded Mr Deane, "that Percy Taylor died from suffocation by drowning and that he drowned himself while of unsound mind, and I desire to tender my very sincere sympathy with Mr and Mrs Taylor in the loss they have sustained."

Mr Taylor: *Thank you, sir.*

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

As a tribute to the memory of former workmates who fell in the war, the employees of Messrs. Stableford and Co., wagon builders, Coalville, are this week sending to the nearest of kin of each of the deceased men, a handsome coloured picture, framed in gilt, of a fallen soldier, lying at the foot of a figure of the Saviour on the Cross. At the top of the picture are printed the words, "In memory, from Messrs. Stableford and Co.'s employees, Coalville. The Great Sacrifice." At the foot appear the words, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends," underneath which is printed the name of the particular man, age, regiment, and date on which he fell.

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CORRESPONDENCE

"WELCOME HOME" FUND

Sir, the "Welcome Home" Committee have invited suggestions for the disposal of the balance of the above fund. The proposal made to erect a monument to the memory of the fallen will meet the wishes of most reasonable and thinking people, especially of those who have lost relatives or friends. These brave and noble sons went away so full of hope and enthusiasm, in all the pride and glory of vigorous youth and manhood, and made the greatest sacrifice it is possible for man to make, and it will be a disgrace to every citizen if there is not a memorial of some kind, with their names in letters of gold, erected in their honour.

While agreeing with the erection of such a memorial, I do not agree with the two sites suggested. Whatever the proposed new Market Place may be in the future, no one will claim it as a beauty spot at the present time, and if the monument is erected there, it will probably be a rendezvous for all the loafers, etc. and all the mongrel dogs of the district. A site on the forest is very fascinating and picturesque, but would soon be forgotten and neglected, and be described as someone's "folly". To my mind the most ideal site would be in front of the Grammar School (if the governors will give consent) – a piece of the shrubbery next to Forest Road, railed off with stout iron fencing, without any seating near, so as to avoid it becoming a playground, or "roadsters" resting place. Several of the young men who fell in action, received their education at this school, and probably many of the leading citizens of the future will be educated there, and to all such a memorial in

front of the school would fill them with pride and admiration to think that former students of the school gave their all for humanity. Of course, these sites are private property at present, and consent will have to be obtained wherever it is erected.

Before closing I would like to call attention to the fact that Coalville and Hugglescote are practically the only two places in the district that have not made some kind of recognition of the valour and bravery of men who won distinction on the field of battle. These were gained by bravery and courage in action, and not by soft cushy jobs. Whitwick has shown more patriotism, and they and most of the villages around, presented their gallant men with some small token of their admiration of heroic deeds.

Thanking you in anticipation – Yours truly

“A small subscriber to the fund.”

RAVENSTONE

WAR MEMORIAL

A public meeting was held in the Ravenstone Church School on Saturday night to consider the question of a memorial to the men from the village who fell in the war. The meeting decided on the erection of a monument in the churchyard and the arrangements and ways and means of defraying the cost were left to a committee.

THORNTON

DEMOBILISED SOLDIERS' WELCOME

On Saturday, the demobilised soldiers of Thornton were entertained to tea in the schoolroom by the Sailors' and Soldiers' Committee. The Thornton Brass Band had previously marched to the Church Lane, and at the beautiful Lych gate (recently erected at the entrance to the churchyard by the late Vicar and Mrs Cooper, in memory of their son, Second-Lieut. H. B. Cooper, and the other Thornton men who fell in the war), played appropriate music. Returning to the school, the Band played other selections. During the evening a capital entertainment, consisting of songs, glee and recitation, was contributed by the Markfield United Choir, and Miss Darby, of Barrow-on-Soar. Mr C. H. Massey was chairman, and Miss Bott accompanied.

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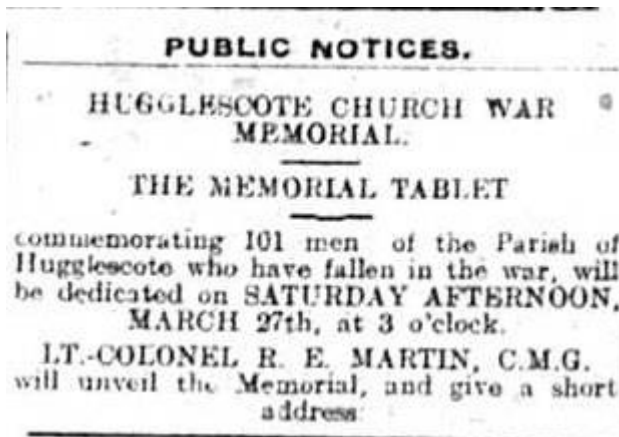
DONISTHORPE MEMORIAL

A further general meeting in connection with Donisthorpe War Memorial was held in the old schoolroom on Saturday night. Mr Armson officiated as chairman. Mr George Clamp read the report of the last parish council meeting, which stated that the parish council had unanimously agreed that the field in question be turned over to the chairman of the Council, Mr R. Betteridge. This proposal was put to the meeting and unanimously agreed.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The unveiling of the tablet erected in memory of the fallen boys, and also the roll of honour will take place in the Belvoir Road Council School, on Saturday, March 27th at 3 o'clock by Mr T. Frith.



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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The amount subscribed towards the Whitwick Parish Church war memorial is £240/1/11?

The Groby Soldiers' and Sailors' Committee have made a house-to-house collection, and also held a prize drawing in aid of Mr H. Burdett and the effort realised £20?

IN MEMORIAM

Buckingham – In ever loving memory of Sergeant S. Buckingham, late of Highfields, Coalville, who was killed in action, March 22nd, 1918.

Never forgotten by his loving Wife and Betty.

Foster – In ever loving memory of my dear husband, Richard Philip Foster, 6th Leicestershire Regiment, who fell in France, March 23rd, 1918.

“To-day recalls sad memories”

From his loving Wife and Children

Johnson – In ever loving memory of Arthur Edward, the beloved son of Arthur and Jane Johnson, who died in France, March 22nd, 1918.

*“Blest are the brave and true
For they shall see God.”*

From his loving Mother, Father, Sister and Brothers.
16, Jackson Street, Coalville.

Stinchcombe – In loving memory of our dear son, Private E. Stinchcombe who was killed in action, March 20th, 1917.

*“Dearer to memory than words can tell,
Are thoughts of him we loved so well.
His loving smile, his willing face,
And still there is the vacant place.”*

From his loving Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters.
22, Ashby Road, Hugglescote.

Richardson – In loving and affectionate memory of my only dear son, also brother Private Samuel William Richardson, who was presumed killed on the 22nd March, 1918.

*“Some may think we have forgotten,
When at times they see us smile.
But they little know the sorrow,
The smile hides all the while.”*

From his sorrowing widowed Mother and Sisters and Brothers-in-law.

Leech – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Corporal William Henry Leech, who was killed somewhere in France, 22nd March, 1918.

*“Days of sadness still come o’er us,
Tears of sorrow often flow,
Memory keeps our loved ones near us,
Whom God called two years ago,
Some day we hope to meet him,
Some day, we know not when.
To clasp his hand in the Better Land,
Never to part again.”*

From his sorrowing Mother and Brothers.

Gray – In affectionate remembrance of Private Frank Gray, 7th Leicesters, who was reported missing, and later presumed killed, on March 22nd, 1918.

*“Oft in silence we seem to hear,
His loving voice which was so dear.
A dearer lad, so true and kind,
He proved to be in heart and mind.
For all of us he did his best,
God grant to him eternal rest.”*

From his sorrowing Mother, Uncles, Aunts, and Fred.
3, Reform Road, Ibstock

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IN MEMORIAM

Smith – In loving memory of Driver John Smith, R.A.S.C., who died at Huddersfield War Hospital, March 27th, 1919, aged 25 years.

*“The shot and shell they passed him by,
Back to his native land to die.”*

From Mother, Brothers and Sister

Kellam – In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, A. B. Thomas T. Kellham, Royal Naval Division, killed in action, March 25th, 1918.

*“In health and strength he left our home,
Not thinking death so near.
It pleased the Lord to bid him come,
And in His sight appear.”*

*A light is from our household gone,
A voice we loved is stilled.
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled."*

From his loving Mother and Father, Brothers and Sisters.

Finch – In ever loving memory of our dear son, Gunner L. A. P. Finch, who was killed in action in France, March 21st, 1918.

*"A loving son, and brother kind,
He was to us in heart and mind.
Cherished memories of one so dear,
Are often recalled by a silent tear."*

From Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters.
275, Belvoir Road, Coalville

Lewis – In loving remembrance of our two sons, Private Harry Lewis and Sergeant Walter Lewis and Sergeant Walter Lewis, M.M., and Bar, who were killed in action in France, March 21st and March 25th, 1918.

From Father, Mother, Sisters and Brother-in-law.
Crescent Road, Hugglescote

Partner – In loving memory of my dear son, Able-Seaman George Harry Partner, reported killed on March 25th, 1918.

*"Let the winds of heaven blow gently,
O'er the sweet and sacred spot.
Although you are so far away
Dear son, you are not forgot."*

From his loving Mother, Sister and Brothers.

Underwood – In fond remembrance of Robert Underwood, who died in France, March 25th, 1918.

From his loving Wife and Child.

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SWANNINGTON

SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' COMMITTEE

The above committee terminated their five years' of office on Saturday, March 6th, by giving their returned men a "Welcome Home" supper. Some of the men being detained for the Army of Occupation (but have now returned) they were unable to have their "Welcome Home" sooner. Mr F. H. Deacon, Hotel Street, Coalville, did the catering, and he set before the men a most excellent repast, to which they did ample justice.

The Rev. G. Robinson presided, and after supper proposed a toast to His Majesty King George. Mr Durant (late secretary for the committee) proposed a vote of gratitude to the men who had fought for our safety, and very feelingly referred to the dear dead. Mr Measures responded, and then proposed a vote of thanks to the committee, who started in 1914 with five men, to send parcels, etc. and finished with 160.

Mr Burder responded for the men, who agreed most heartily. After the supper, Mr Arthur Robinson, Miss Leach and Miss H. Pickering with Messrs. Bellward, Horn and the brothers Booth, gave a capital concert over which Mr Beastall presided, each item being much appreciated. Miss A. Atkins ably performed the duties of accompanist. During the interval, cigarettes were handed to the men, while their wives or friends were regaled with coffee, sandwiches and pastries. In 1919, when the accounts were audited, there was a balance of £21/13/11 ½. Donations, £10/2/6 added to that, enabled the committee to pay all expenses,

leaving a very small balance, which they handed over to the Vicar and school managers for their kindness during the past five years. It was accepted by them on behalf of the school debt.

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BRITISH EMPIRE ORDER

LOCAL GENTLEMAN HONOURED

A special supplement of the "London Gazette" issued on Tuesday night for publication, contains a long list of promotions in, and appointments to, the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, which the King has conferred for services in connection with the war, to be dated January 1st, 1920. Included in the list is the name of

JOSEPH WILLIAM EAGLES

Hon. Secretary, Coalville War Savings Committee.

To be M.B.E. (Civil Division) Mr Eagles is the manager of the Coalville Urban District Council's Gasworks at Whitwick.

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The Belvoir Road Council School song, entitled, "Belvoir Roadians," which was sung at the unveiling of the memorial tablet on Saturday, is the composition, both words and music, of Mr A. E. Rawlins, a former pupil teacher at the school.

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IN MEMORIAM

Riley – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Lance-Corporal G. A. Riley, who fell in action, 21st March, 1918.

*"Tis sweet to know we'll meet again,
Where partings are no more,
And that the one we loved so dear,
Has only gone before."*

"He answered his country's call."

From his sorrowing Mother and Father, Sisters and Brothers.

Cracknell – In loving memory of Gunner Frederick Cracknell, killed in action, April 2nd, 1916.

*"Let the winds of Heaven blow gently,
O'er the sweet and sacred spot,
Although you are so far away,
Dear son, you are not forgot."*

From his loving Father, Mother, Sisters and Brothers.

WAR MEMORIAL AT HUGGLESCOTE CHURCH

UNVEILED BY COL. R. E. MARTIN

A tablet which has been placed in Hugglescote Parish Church, to the memory of men from the parish who fell in the war, was unveiled by Lt.-Colonel R. E. Martin, C.M.G., on Saturday afternoon in the presence of a large congregation.

The tablet is of excellent design, in keeping with the handsome edifice, and is of a permanent character, the names of 101 men being inscribed on Swithland slate, set in a frame of Ketton stone, surmounted by a cross and crown encircled in a carved laurel wreath, with similar carvings on either side. The inscription runs as follows:

"Their name liveth for evermore."

"To the Glory of God, and in imperishable memory of the men of the parish who fell in the great war, 1914 – 1918."

The names of the men inscribed on the tablet are as follows:-

H. A. Attwood, C. T. Beadman, J. Brooks, W. Baker, J. E. Briggs, H. G. Blackham, J. T. Bishop, J. Barrs, G. Barrs, R. Beadman, E. Bonser, G. Beale, J. G. Bennett, E. S. Boot, W. Berrisford, F. J. Betteridge, F. P. Benistone, J. W. Cawley, F. Chamberlain, J. A. Crookes, R. A. Cross, L. Cross, J. Cox, P. Cliff, J. W. F. Collier, C. Drewett, H. B. Drewett, S. Dodds, A. Elkin, H. C. Elkin, J. Farn, H. Fletcher, H. Finch, L. Finch, G. Firban, G. Gadsby, A. Gamble, S. F. Gamble, W. Gray, W. O. Hoden, O. Hallam, B. Hatter, J. Haywood, W. Hill, F. Hill, J. E. Hibbert, G. Hart, G. H. Highfield, E. Harper, J. W. Harper, H. Hall, J. E. Holmes, J. Jones, W. Jones, F. J. Kirby, I. V. Kelham, H. Lewis, W. Lewis, W. Massey, H. O. Moseley, T. Marriott, G. Martin, J. A. Moulton, J. Maunders, J. Moon, I. Mycroft, W. Newbold, O. H. Pratt, J. A. Pegg, F. Pink, E. H. Palmer, W. Riley, A. T. Richardson, W. Rogers, C. Simmons, E. A. Stinchcombe, J. Summers, S. Summers, C. Shilton, G. Slatter, J. Smith, J. C. Shaw, S. Smith, G. Spencer, S. C. Smith, J. W. Setchell, W. Statham, A. G. Tovell, S. T. Timson, J. Tebbatt, F. Whitmore, E. Willett, B. Walker, H. Watson, C. H. Walker, J. Woods, T. Willett, A. Wright, A. Wood, J. Young and W. Young.

As the congregation passed into the church, members of the Hugglescote Church Lads' Brigade, with the ex-Sergt.-Major W. Hill in charge, lined up on either side of the entrance and two of the Brigade with bowed heads and leaning on reversed rifles, stood by the memorial, covered with the Union Jack.

The service, which was very impressive, was conducted by the Rev. Canon Broughton (vicar) and opened with the hymn, "Stand up for Jesus." Then followed prayers and collects. Psalm 130, and a lesson read by the Rev. J. C. Wallace, after which the clergy and choir proceeded to the memorial, led by the churchwardens, Messrs. W. E. Canner and J. W. Fletcher.

In unveiling the tablet, Colonel Martin said *"To the glory of God and in imperishable memory of the men of this parish who fell in the great war 1914 – 1918, I unveil this tablet, which has been erected by their fellow parishioners in grateful recognition of their self-sacrifice."*

The "Last Post" having been sounded by buglers of the Church Lads' Brigade, the choir and clergy returned to their places and Colonel Martin gave an address from the chancel steps.

He spoke of the memorable days in August 1914, when the principles on which our national life is based were being assailed, and it was the part of every true man to stand in defence of them. They had tangible proof that the spirit which was then evoked in the nation was the same spirit as that shown by their forefathers who went out to fight country's enemies. He would never forget the day about the end of August, 1914, when the North Midland Territorial Division, which had been mobilised about three weeks, was told to fill up its ranks for service abroad. It fell to him, among others, to come back into Leicestershire to try and explain to the people what they were up against, and he remembered what a splendid response they gave. In the North Midland Division, between 80 and 90 per cent of the men said they were prepared to go anywhere, though many of them were married men who had never experienced Army service before. Many

things have happened since – much self-seeking, a desire to get rich quickly, many apparent inequalities of justice and self-sacrifice – but he was sure they could all take comfort from the fact that there was tangible proof given in those days that the nation was sound at heart and could be trusted to do the right thing when the crisis really arose. And what happened when the armies got overseas and began their real work? He ventured to say that no one had the privilege of serving in a better battalion. The men from that district – Coalville men they always called them – were a splendid lot of men filled with genuine enthusiasm for fitting themselves for the part which they had to play, and who on getting across the water, proved themselves as good as the best. He went on to speak of evidences of practical Christianity displayed by the men, and of deeds of heroism which came to his notice. One instance he recalled was when they were between Hill 60 and Ypres. When the Brigadier realised that he had in the ranks men accustomed to mining, he formed a number of Coalville men into a mining section, whose duty it was to construct projecting galleries in front of the trenches, to find out if the Germans were under-mining. One day a member of the party came across a German mine filled with German explosives in large quantities, and it would have been a very natural thing for him to want to get away from it as soon as possible, but instead of that, he crawled over the top and disconnected the mine and came back and reported it to his commanding officer. This man, whose name was Starbuck, had no thought for his own safety, but first took steps to safeguard his comrades.

Proceeding, Col. Martin said his services came to an end in October, 1915, but he had always felt ever since then that the war had been worth while, if for nothing else than for the fine spirit it brought out, and if the same spirit could be shown in regard to present day problems, it would go a long way towards reaching a solution. He was not one of those who said this country ought to have stood aside and have taken advantage of the trade while other countries were fighting. The people, who said that, he thought, were wrong. He thought that what the people of this country did when they found what they were up against should be an example and pattern to them now. If the war had done nothing else, with all the misery, self-sacrifice and sorrow, he believed they were worth while because they afforded the opportunity which was taken by so many of showing a truly Christian spirit. He believed that experience had not been lost, but would help them to get through present day difficulties with credit to themselves.

The closing hymn was 11, "For all the saints," and a collection was taken for St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blind Soldiers and Sailors. As the congregation were leaving the church, Mr F. Baxter (organist) played, "O, rest in the Lord." Before and after the service, peals were rung with the bells half-muffled.

COALVILLE "OLD BOYS" MEMORIAL

TABLET UNVEILED AT THE BELVOIR ROAD COUNCIL SCHOOL

The Roll of Honour and a tablet containing the names of 51 "old boys" of the Belvoir Road Council School, Coalville, who fell in the war, was unveiled at the School on Saturday afternoon in the presence of a good number of old boys, parents and friends.

Mr J. W. Taylor, one of the former scholars, occupied the chair, and in the opening proceedings said, "*On rising to make my few remarks, I must first say how pleased I am to see such a good company present, and on doubt some of you have wondered as to the history of this old scholars' effort, to place something on record of our respect and appreciation to the old boys who gave their lives in the great war for their King and country. As most of you are aware, Mr Frith, the headmaster, has been at these schools for nearly thirty years, during which period a large number of scholars have passed through the school, and on the cessation of hostilities he thought that something should be done. With that end in view, a meeting was called, through the Press, of old scholars. I am very pleased to tell you that the meeting was very well attended, and it was decided to carry out the following programme:*

- 1. A tablet to be erected in memory of the old boys who had made the great sacrifice.*
- 2. To obtain a Roll of Honour, placing on record the names of the old boys, so far as we were able to obtain same, who had served in H.M. Forces.*
- 3. That a "Welcome Home" be given to the old boys who had been fortunate enough to return home.*

A subscription list was opened, and about £28 was promised at the first meeting, at which it was decided that only old scholars should be allowed to subscribe to the tablet and the Roll of Honour, with one exception, that being that relatives of the fallen could subscribe if they wished. Meetings have been held periodically and the business has been carried on very smoothly, and in such a manner that has given all the committee general satisfaction. Regarding the financial position I may say that our liabilities for the tablet and the Roll of

Honour are approximately £75, and towards this amount, we have standing to our credit at the bank the sum of £68/4/4, so that if there are any old scholars present who wish to subscribe we shall be pleased for them to do so. Having succeeded in raising practically the amount required for the first and second items on our original programme, the committee will be pleased to receive subscriptions from the public generally towards the "Welcome Home" fund, so that they can arrange to give the boys who have returned a hearty welcome home, and we trust that our appeal will receive a fair amount of support."

The Rev. F. Pickbourne, (London Road Baptist pastor), preached a sermon on the text, 2c. 9v. Philippians, "A name above every name," and this was followed by a short address by Mr Frith.

The handsome brass tablet mounted on oak was then unveiled by Mr Frith. The inscription read as follows:-

"Belvoir Road Council School (late Wesleyan School). For Honour, Truth, and Right. To the glory of God, and in memory of the "Old Boys," who bravely fought and nobly fell in the Great War, 1914 – 1919."

This tablet is erected by past and present Scholars.

T. Frith, headmaster.

The names inscribed thereon are:-

E. Batho, G. A. Beale, F. P. Benistone, J. G. Bennett, W. A. Berrisford, E. S. Boot, A. C. Bradshaw, T. H. Brooks, L. D. Brown, H. T. Cliff, P. W. Cliff, J. Clibbery, J. W. T. Collier, J. F. Colver, J. A. Crooker, S. F. Dodds, D. W. Drinkwater, W. Ducksbury, M. Eames, I. A. P. Finch, H. Geary, W. Gray, J. Hall, V. W. Hancox, E. Harper, J. W. Harper, D. Hickling, W. Hill, J. B. Holmes, E. Holyoak, A. Johnson, A. E. Johnson, J. Jones, H. Lewis, W. Lewis, J. Manders, T. Marriott, S. Maclachlan, J. Moon, L. M. Newman, J. W. Setchell, S. C. Smith, S. Stacey, J. W. Tugby, A. W. Wells, T. W. Wild, J. T. Williamson, G. A. Wood, H. Wright, W. Wright and W. Fantom.

The school children sang the school song, "Belvoir-Roadians" and the hymns sung during the service were "O God our help," and "These things shall be." The meeting closing with the National Anthem.

ASHBY

WESLEYAN CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL

A large congregation, including members of other denominations, members of the Urban Council, and representatives of the Forces, was present in the Wesleyan Church, Ashby, last week, when a war memorial was unveiled by Brigadier-General Sir John Barnsley. The memorial group in gun-metal represents the entrance to a mausoleum, with the flag draped over the studded door. Guarding the door are the lion, holding down a dead eagle, and the Angel of Resurrection. The group occupies a central place in front of the rostrum. One tablet contains the names of 88 men associated with the church, and a second tablet bears the names of 13 who fell. All the names were read out by the Rev. Wm. Hopper, minister. After the unveiling, General Barnsley, who was in uniform, gave a striking address from the rostrum on the lessons of the great war. They glorified in the part that Methodism played in it, he said, and in the devotion and loyalty of their sons to a high ideal and a sacred cause. They thanked God for the miracle of a merciful deliverance and for the wonderful outburst of unity which was manifested. The price of victory was the blood of their sons. God grant that they had not paid it in vain!

At the end of the service the "Last Post" was sounded, and Mrs Sutton, the organist, played Chopin's Funeral March.

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DEATH OF MRS S. W. BROWN

We regret to record the death of Mrs Brown, wife of Mr S. W. Brown, of London Road, Coalville, and a member of the firm of Brown and Sons, boot manufacturers, which occurred in a nursing home at Leicester on Tuesday afternoon. The deceased lady had not enjoyed good health since her only son, Cecil, was killed

in war. She was an active worker for the Coalville Women Unionists' Association, and during the war was one of the officials of Coalville and District Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild which did such splendid work for the local men serving in the forces. Her death has occasioned widespread regret and much sympathy is felt for the husband, Molly (only child) and other relatives in their sad loss.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The Loughborough War Memorial Fund for a tower and carillon of bells, has now passed £6,000?

Mrs Frances McLaren, who has given £1,000 towards the Spalding War Memorial, is the widow of Francis McLaren, who, when elected in 1910 for the Spalding Division, was the youngest member of the House of Commons?

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IN MEMORIAM

Baum – In loving memory of Horace Bradshaw Baum, of the 7th Durham Light Infantry, who fell in action on April 10th, 1918.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

From his loving Father, Mother and Brothers.

Baum – In loving memory of Horace Baum, of the Durham Light Infantry, killed in France, April 10th, 1918.

*“Tis sweet to know we'll meet again,
Where partings are no more;
And that the one we loved so dear,
Has only gone before.”*

From his loving Grandma, Aunts and Uncles.

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CONCERT AND PRESENTATION AT WHITWICK

RECOGNITION OF NURSE'S WORK

A capital concert arranged by Nurse Sherratt, in aid of the Whitwick War Memorial and the Whitwick and Thringstone Nursing Association, was held in the Whitwick Church Schools on Wednesday night, the various songs and dances given being much appreciated by a crowded audience, and there were several encores, despite the fact that there were 25 items on the programme.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) presided, and during an interval presented a wallet containing treasury notes from the Committee of the Nursing Association to Nurse Sherratt, who is leaving Whitwick to be married in Lancashire.

The presentations had a charming introduction by the appearance on the platform of a bevy of pretty girls, all dressed in white, and one of whom, Miss Watson, handed to the nurse a beautiful bouquet.

The Vicar said it took some people a long time to get into the hearts of other people, but although Nurse Sherratt had only been in Whitwick for 2 ½ years, it seemed as if she was born there and had been brought up there because she had got so deep down into their hearts that they felt they could do anything for her. They were sad at losing her, but much as she loved Whitwick, she had found somebody whom she loved much more, and that was the reason she was going away to be married at Bolton. They hoped to see her again at Whitwick sometimes, as she had made so many friends there by the excellent way in which she had carried out the duties as district nurse. The work of a nurse was arduous and sometimes dangerous, but she

had never shirked her duty and it was because they appreciated her work so much that the Committee had asked him to make the presentation. They all wished her much joy and happiness in her married life (cheers).

The nurse, in reply, said she had mixed feelings that night. She was sorry to leave so many friends at Whitwick, but was glad to know that her efforts on behalf of the sick people had been so much appreciated. She thanked them very much for the gift and for their good wishes.

Mr R. G. West was the accompanist and Mr Mann managed the stage lime-light effects. The concert was repeated to a large audience again on Thursday night and on this occasion the nurse received a similar presentation from the inhabitants of Whitwick and Thringstone.

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WHITWICK VESTRY MEETING

GIFT OF A STAINED GLASS WINDOW

The Whitwick Vestry meeting was held on Tuesday night, the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A., presiding.

The chairman said they were all pleased that peace had been declared during the year. As far as they knew, over 70 Whitwick men fell in the war, and it had been decided to place a memorial in the church and one in the churchyard. The latter would take the form of a granite cross and the suggestion in regard to the memorial to be placed in the church was that a screen be erected. Their efforts to meet the cost had been splendidly responded to, so that at present they had nearly £300 in hand. When the work was got in hand, he had no doubt subscriptions ----- in faster, though he was well satisfied with what had been done so far. During the year, an important Act – The Enabling Act – had been passed, which affected the Church. In every parish there should be a meeting of electors before the second Sunday after Easter, failing which they might be disfranchised, so far as church matters were concerned. The meeting was being held at Whitwick next Monday, and it was important that such a meeting should be held in every parish. One object of the meeting was to elect a Church Council which would have to elect representatives to the ruri-decanal conference, instead of this being done at the Vestry meeting.

He said a window had been placed in the church by Mr J. J. Sharp, as a thank offering for peace, and this was unveiled by Mr Sharp, and dedicated by himself (the Vicar) at the service on Easter Sunday morning. Although the window was the gift of Mr Sharp and his son, he suggested that the whole parish would look upon it as an expression of thankfulness for peace, and Mr Sharp had told him that he would be delighted if the parish did regard the window in that way. The inscription on the window, continued the Vicar, read as follows:

“This window is placed here to the glory of God, and in humble thankfulness for peace, by Mr J. J. Sharp and Major A. T. Sharp, 1920.”

He had written to the makers for the artist’s description of the window, which was as follows:

“The subject chosen is the mystic vision of the peerless knight, Sir Galahad, of Arthurian period, who was adjudged worthy to set out in quest of the Holy Grail. The illustration shows the knight intent on his mission, and it has been assumed that the Holy Presence of our Lord was the reward for his diligent quest. The colouring is as rich as the subject will permit – the figure of the knight being in armour does not lend itself to colour, the shield being the only portion in that light to admit of decided colour. The Mantle of our Lord has, however, been selected from choice ruby glass, and the sunset effect gives a soft richness to the whole. The pure white of the horse is very restful, and helps to give effect to all the other colours.”

Mr J. H. Robinson, on behalf of the Vestry, and of the parishioners generally, expressed thanks to Mr Sharp for his gift, which would still further beautify their beautiful old church, of which they were all so proud. They also joined with Mr Sharp in this expression of thankfulness at the safe return of Major Sharp, after taking his part in the war. They hoped that the Major would long be spared to assist his father in the business, which they trusted would go on from generation to generation. He moved a vote of appreciation and thanks to Mr Sharp for his gift. Mr W. Adams seconded, and it was unanimously carried.

Mr S. W. West presented a financial statement, showing that last year they had a record in special collections, and they had another record this year, to total £136/6/8 being a few shillings more than last year. The collections for church expenses totalled £123/10/1, and the wardens had a balance in hand of £1/4/10, which was satisfactory, considering the increased cost of many things, and extra work which they had had to get done. The total collections in the church for all purposes was £249/13/10, which was a slight increase on last year. Particulars of a number of separate accounts were also given. Proceeding, Mr West said he regretted to say that a lot of damage was done in the churchyard by youths. It was a source of great regret that people living around the church did not regard it in the right way, but they seemed to treat the old churchyard as if it was a receptacle for their rubbish. He had collected as many as 20 old tins and pans on one visit. Broken windows in the church had been a serious item for several years. Having completed his survey of the various church efforts during the year, Mr West said that last year the total of the balances of the various funds was £185, and this year it was £322/10/8. It was made up as follows:

War memorial £260, the ringers' war memorial £4/2/9, special window fund £12, churchwardens balance £1/4/10, churchyard £25/7/4, and day school emergency fund £18/3/10. He calculated that the total raised in the parish in connection with the church during the year was £468/13/8 against £375 last year.

Answering the Vicar, Mr West said that did not include the amount for the missionary boxes.

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BELTON

CHANGE RINGING

On Saturday afternoon at St. Peter's Church, Belton, the following members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change Ringers successfully rang a complete peal of minor, containing 5,040 changes, in 2 hours, 55 minutes, consisting of 720 Kent treble bob, 720 Single Court, 1,440 Plain bob, 2,160 Oxford bob. The ringers were all ex-servicemen, stationed as follows:

Pte. H. Kendall (Suffolks), treble; Corporal H. Churchill (Leicesters), 2; Pte. H. Buzzard (K.O.R. Lancs), 3; Pte. F. Staniforth (R.A.O.C.), 4; Pte. F. T. Bindley, M.M. (Leicesters), 5; Sergt. E. Morris (R.A.S.C.), tenor.

Great credit is due to the ringer of the second for the wonderful way in which he rang his bell, striking it perfectly throughout. He had his right arm entirely shot away on the Somme in Bazentin Wood on July 14th, 1916. This peal is the first yet rung by treble and 3rd ringers, and was conducted by ex-Sergt. Ernest Morris, R.A.S.C., of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Many old Wyggestonians in the Coalville district will be interested in a letter sent to the Press by the Rev. H. S. Bigg, compiler of the Wyggeston School Roll of Honour, as follows: "*After many unavoidable delays the complete edition of the above is now in the hands of the printer. A sufficient number of copies will be printed so that every O.W. (1,236) whose name appears on the roll can have a copy on application to me at the school, after the 2^{1st} inst. While every effort has been made to render the roll accurate, errors will doubtless be found. The notification of such will be gladly received by me.*"

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

A stained glass window, estimated to cost about £250, is to be placed in Shackerstone Parish Church, as a war memorial?

IBSTOCK

ANOTHER WAR HONOUR

We have pleasure in announcing that Miss F. Eggington, T.F.N.S., second daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Eggington, of the Rose Villa, Copson Street, Ibstock, has been awarded the Royal Red Cross for services both in England with the 1st Western Command, Fazakerley, Liverpool, from August 6th, 1914, to September 1st, 1916, and subsequently in Egypt, where she served in the 19th General Hospital, Alexandria, as theatre sister. She was sent up the desert to the 44th Stationary Hospital, Kantara, where she did all kinds of nursing in plagues and diseases of all kinds amongst our soldiers and great numbers of Turks and Germans, and every tribe of native she came in contact with. In addition to this, she was theatre sister during the taking of Gaza, Beersheba and Jerusalem, in a most trying climate, serving two and three nights without any break for rest or sleep, doing special x-ray work and operation cases. Sister Eggington was invested with the R.R.C. by King George, at Buckingham Palace on the 25th March, 1920. On leaving the Investiture, she was commanded to proceed to Marlborough House to be presented to Queen Alexandra, who presented her with an autograph note and book. She is also the happy possessor of the Territorial Medal, British War Medal and Victory Medal. Sister Eggington is now serving at Fazakerley Hospital as ward sister. In the meantime she has been doing duty at Mill Lane Hospital, Liverpool, but has now gone to take up duties where she laid them down in 1914 to give her services to our brave soldiers and her country.

IN MEMORIAM

Watson – In loving and affectionate remembrance of Drummer Harry Watson, killed in action, April 15th, 1918.

“Ever in our memories.”

From Dad, Ruth, Jack and Ben

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GROBY

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE

A whist drive and dance under the auspices of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Committee was held in the Council Schools on Saturday, to help provide tools for boot and shoe repairing for Mr Alfred Chippington, who was disabled in the war. Mr Otter and Mr W. E. Clements were the M.C.'s for the drive and dance, and Mr W. H. Harris presented valuable prizes to the following players:

Ladies 1 Miss Edna Bennett, 2 Mrs Arthur Barrett, 3 Mrs Albert Furborough.
Gentlemen 1 Mr Arthur Wellars, 2 Mr James Muir, 3 Mr Walter Overton.

Mr Joseph Gamble (piano), Ratby, provided the dance music.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The Directorate of Graves Registration has now made arrangements further to facilitate visits by relatives to soldiers' graves in France and Flanders. Inquiry bureaux have opened at Ypres (Rue de Temple), Arras (Portslade Camp, Rue de Rosati), Albert (Amiens road, near the station), Amiens (17, Rue Lamartine). Information will there be supplied to relatives, but intending visitors are advised first to inquire at the Directorate of Graves Registration, Winchester House, St. James Square, S.W. with a view to verifying their information with regard to the graves they desire to see.

NOTICES

COPT OAK

The Bishop of Peterborough will dedicate the new war memorial window at the Parish Church, Copt Oak, on Sunday morning, April 25th at 11 am.

IN MEMORIAM

Surman – in remembrance of Pte. J. S. Surman, Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action, April 20th, 1917.

“Gone, but not forgotten.”

From Auntie, Uncle and Brother

Smith – In ever loving remembrance of Sergeant G. W. Smith, Ibstock, killed in action, April 29th, 1918.

*“Sunshine passes, shadows fall,
But sweet remembrance outlasts all
A day of remembrance sad to recall.”*

Ever remembered by Mary and all at Castle Gresley.

Dring – In loving memory of my dear son, Reggie Dring, killed in France, April 28th, 1918. Aged 22.

*“Only a mother knows the pain
Of losing a son she loved so dearly
And to know she will never see him again.”*

Only missed by his sorrowing Mother.

CADEBY WAR MEMORIAL

Sir Thomas Cope, of Osbaston Hall, has unveiled, and the Rector (the Rev. J. Stewart Borrowdale) has dedicated a war memorial, which has been placed in the church by the villagers of Cadeby and Osbaston, in memory of the men from the two villages who lost their lives in the war. The memorial is of white marble, and has been erected on the north wall of the church at a cost of £15/18/0. It bears the following names:

William Hadland, Leicestershire Regiment; Frederick B. Bartlam, Leicestershire Regiment; Wm. E. Parry, Leicestershire Regiment; Albert Arthur Unwin, Leicestershire Regiment; Wm. J. Pallett, Leicestershire Regiment; Chas. Ball, Hawke Battalion, N.D.; and Geo. Pallett, Lincolnshire Regiment.

ASHBY

PROPOSED INSTITUTE FOR EX-SERVICE MEN

A meeting was held in the large room at the Queen’s Head Hotel, Ashby, on Friday evening, to further consider the proposed Institute for ex-service men, including V.T.C. civilian guards, special constables, etc. Lieut.-Colonel German, D.S.O., presided, and outlined the object and an address was also given by Mr Bailey, of London. It is proposed to take rooms at the back of the Queen’s Hotel – in some of which the German prisoners were housed – and the question of the issue of shares, and other matters concerned with the launching of the scheme were fully discussed. The matter was taken up very enthusiastically and there is every prospect of a successful institute being formed.

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LOCAL NEWS

Captain Abney Moore, M.C. of Appleby, who served with the 5th Leicesters in France, and belongs to A (Hastings) Company, has been appointed to the command of the Territorial Company, to be formed in Ashby and Coalville. Staff Sergeant-Instructor Mercer is busy recruiting in the district, and hopes to take up his residence at Range House, Rifle Range Road, Ashby, shortly. In the meantime, young men wishing to join the Ashby and Coalville Company may see him at Rifle Range Road at any time. It is intended to form two platoons at Ashby, and two at Coalville.

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IN MEMORIAM

Smith – In loving remembrance of Sergt. G. W. Smith, South Staffs. Regiment, killed in action, April 26th, 1918.

*“Gone is the face we loved so dear,
Silent the voice we loved to hear,
Too far away from sight and speech,
But not too far for our thoughts to reach.”*

“Still remembered in our thoughts.”

From Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters, 105, Melbourne Road, Ibstock.

Massey – In loving memory of our dear son, Private F. Massey, who died of wounds, May 1st, 1915.

“To-day recalls sad memories.”

From his loving Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

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WAR MEMORIAL AT COPT OAK CHURCH

WINDOW DECORATED BY THE BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH

A large congregation was present at Copt Oak Church on Sunday morning to witness the dedication by the Bishop of Peterborough of a beautiful stained-glass window which has been placed in the church in memory of local men who gave their lives in the great war.

The window has three lights, the centre light being occupied by a warrior kneeling at the foot of Christ, with the inscription, *“Faithful unto death, 1914 – 1918.”* The following are the fallen who are commemorated:

E. Bowley, J. W. Brooks, J. H. Gibbins, H. Heggs, H. A. V. Hull, H. Hall, R. Irons, T. J. Kelham, A. H. Mason, G. H. Partner, P. B. Pearce, S. W. Richardson, H. Read, P. Tyers, S. A. Whyles and W. Wibberley.

Immediately preceding the service, a muffled peal was rung on the bells. The Rev. H. C. Gannell (vicar) took the first part of the service, which was fully choral, and the Rev. J. Martin, of Charley Hall, read the lessons. The special music rendered by the choir included the Te Deum (Hopkins) and the anthem, “Rejoice in the Lord” (Elvey). Mrs Gannell officiated at the organ, and at the close played the Dead March in “Saul.”

The Bishop, in his address from St. John, xx, 29, emphasised the power of the Resurrection, dealing with the introduction of Christianity into Britain, the progress made in Uganda, India and China. Instead of thinking of God as a kind of arch-magistrate seated on a distant star, we must think of one who is full of sympathy even for those whom many consider as beyond the pale. His Lordship continued, *“We remember those gallant*

men who gave their lives in the war. They have cleared the way for a new Britain, a better Europe and a new world. Our task is to carry on, not to beat the Germans, but to form a truer fellowship, a lasting peace and goodwill. We must never falter until the great League of Nations is rooted and grounded in brotherly love, and a new comradeship is established, not every one grabbing for self, but each man loving his neighbour as himself."

The congregation included many of the relatives of the deceased men. The collections at the services, including the Choral Communion Service at 8 am, at which the Bishop of Peterborough was the celebrant, were for the Window Fund. The service at 6.30 pm was taken by the Rev. T. W. Walters, Whitwick, Rural Dean.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

There has just been hung up in the office at the Coalville Police Station, and at every Police Station in Leicestershire, a handsomely-designed roll of honour, in oak frame, in connection with the war services of the Leicestershire County Constabulary. At the time war broke out, there were 202 men on the Force in the county and of these, no less than 70 joined the Colours. Ten made the supreme sacrifice, and two were totally incapacitated by wounds. Splendid portraits of the ten men who fell are given in the picture and it is noteworthy that three of them went from the Coalville district. They were P.C. L. Henson, who was stationed at New Swannington, and P.C.'s Clifford Page and T. Grainger, both of Coalville. Another of the killed was P.C. Prew, the son of a former Hugglescote constable. The names of all the men who served in the war appear on the Roll of Honour. Many of the men won war decorations and promotions. The members of the Force have defrayed the cost of the Roll of Honour by voluntary contributions.

LOCAL NEWS

AFTER MANY DAYS

Mr Roland Hill, ex-Company Sergeant Major, and a former member of the Hastings Company (Ashby-de-la-Zouch) Territorials (5th Battalion), has received Princess Mary's Christmas box, sent to the battalion in 1914. The box, of brass, stamped with Queen Mary's portrait, and the date is well preserved, and quite without tarnish, suggesting that it has been under cover since the date of issue. An ex-soldier suggested that the parcel had been overlooked in some department. Mr Hill received a parcel containing seventeen of the boxes, and is carefully sorting out the men who have claims. Each box had a Christmas card from the Princess and a pencil made from a cartridge case in imitation of a service bullet.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

218,000 ex-Servicemen are unemployed?

The ex-Kaiser is moving into his new residence at Doorn on 12th May?

A man's enlistment in the Territorial Army will not affect his pension, the War Office announces?

Incompatibility of American and French customs is declared to have caused 12,000 of approximately 50,000 war brides to return to France?

IBSTOCK

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The meeting of this committee was held at the Town Hall, Ibstock, Ald. Eggington presiding over a fair attendance. Mr T. B. Wain produced contracts for the building of the memorial, and Ald. Eggington, Messrs. J. T. Jacques and J. Baxter were authorised to sign on behalf of the committee. The treasurer was

authorised to honour the architect's certificates for payments as the work proceeded. It was reported that the stone was now ready for despatch. Mr J. T. Jacques promised to have the site ready early. The sum of approximately £200 is still required to complete. A portion of this it is hoped will be raised at the unveiling ceremony.

IN MEMORIAM

Moult – In loving memory of our dear son, John Albert Moult, who was killed in action, May 3rd, 1917. Aged 24 years.

“Greater love hath no man than this, than to lay down his life for his friends.”

From his loving Father, Mother, Sisters and Brothers.

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SOLDER'S GRAVES IN FRANCE

VISITED BY CAPT. C. E. LOSEBY, M.C. M.P.

Writing in the May 6th number of the “British Citizen,” the organ of the National Democratic Party, Capt. C. E. Loseby, M.C., M.P., son of Mr A. J. Loseby, Registrar of the Market Bosworth County Court, says:

“We were met at Calais by the Director of the Imperial War Graves Commission, who conducted us first of all to the headquarters at St. Omer. The first hour was spent going into figures, and we were surprised to learn that there are no fewer than four thousand British cemeteries in France, all of which will eventually come under the control of the Commission. The construction of the cemeteries is being undertaken by fourteen architects, presided over by Mr Lutyens, the distinguished British architect. We inspected some of the plans, and were immediately impressed by the beauty of design and general conception. In a prominent place in every cemetery a large cross stands, in the centre of which is a sword of bronze. Another prominent feature is the stone of memory constructed in marble, and weighing something over ten tons. Upon it is engraved these words, “They live for evermore.” In a thousand years’ time these stones will remain as a reminder of a great race now passed away and of the mighty struggle which once was fought. I will not say more of this now, as I intend to describe certain cemeteries in detail.

Another feature of the organisation is the division of the country into two areas, over each of which an officer, with a superintendent gardener under him is in control. It is the duty of these officers to ensure that the cemeteries are designed, from a horticultural point of view, to become eventually as beautiful as it is possible to make them. In passing, let me say we were tremendously impressed by the enthusiasm of these young officers, both on the architectural and on the horticultural side, all of whom seemed to realise the intense value, from a national and historical point of view, of the work under their charge.

The same afternoon we took a long journey, going by car from St. Omer to Poperinghe, thence to Ypres via Vlamertinghe. The devastated areas present a pitiable spectacle, although the civilian population is slowly returning to the ruined villages which remain as monuments to the fury of the Huns. From Ypres we proceeded along the Messines Ridge, thence to Steenwerck and Merville, arriving finally at St. Pol, where we were entertained by General Wyatt, the head of the Grave Registration Department. We were particularly impressed by the cemeteries at Poperinghe, Vlamertinghe and Ypres, none of which have as yet, actually been taken over by the Imperial War Graves Commission, but were all in beautiful order from an horticultural point of view. The immediate plan of the horticultural officer is to effect such temporary work as will make the cemeteries beautiful even before the final and lasting work upon them is undertaken.

At nine o'clock next morning we set out again from St. Pol on our way to Albert, visiting two finished and two unfinished cemeteries en route. We were a little disappointed with the first finished cemetery, as the walls surrounding it were rather too high and shut out to a certain degree the beautiful surrounding country. The architects, however, appear to have come to the same conclusion after examining their finished work, and the high walls were absent in the next case, greatly to the benefit of the general effect. These graveyards do not resemble ordinary cemeteries, but remind one more of beautiful consecrated gardens, pervaded by the

joyous spirit of immortal youth, where beautiful trees, shrubs, plants and flowers, emblematic of life and not of death, send out their fragrance to the surrounding air. This effect was produced upon more than one member of the party. It would appear, therefore, that the conception of the architects, and horticulturists cannot, as Lord Wolmer suggests, have been wholly at fault.

We visited Albert more for the purpose of inspecting registration arrangements than anything else. We wanted to satisfy our minds that the arrangements were as perfect as possible in the matter of card-indexing. It is obviously of vital importance that officials at this inquiry office should be in a position to locate graves for the benefit of relatives within a minimum of time. We were not satisfied that the organisation in this report was as complete as might be desired. Representations, therefore, were made to the proper authorities, which will, I have no doubt, have the desired effect.

From Albert we proceeded along the Somme battlefield northwards in the direction of Arras, visiting en route cemeteries at Caterpillar Wood, Delville Wood, Saily Sallisel, and Bapaume. The cemetery at Delville Wood has a grandeur peculiar to itself. Neither grass nor flowers are growing here. Situated on high, barren ground swept by the wind, no place, nevertheless, would appear to be a more fitting burial ground for the soldiers that fell in this never-to-be-forgotten spot. Some 3,000 bodies lie buried here, and rough-hewn crosses mark the places where they lie. Three crosses in particular impressed themselves upon our minds. Upon the centre one these words are cut: "Here lies the body of the Honourable Major Grenville X, 3rd Coldstream Guards. Killed in action at Delville Wood." On the right cross, "To an unknown British Soldier," on the left also, "To an unknown British Soldier." I have no doubt that the distinguished soldier lying in the centre would, if he could have his choice, ask for no more pleasing bedfellows. I mention this only because an incident so striking would not be possible under Lord Robert Cecil's scheme. Major the Hon. Grenville X would have a monument, but no monument would be forthcoming for "An Unknown British Soldier."

One further point I would wish to make. If, as has been suggested, relatives were allowed to exhume the bodies and bring them back again to this country, the glorious company would be broken up. Surely that would be wrong. These men gave not only their lives but their bodies to their country, and the country should be too jealous of the priceless gift to spare even one. It is their privilege to guard them and to ensure that the places where they lie shall be consecrated to their memory and remain for evermore.

Every cemetery has, to a certain extent, the artistic conception of the constructional architect stamped upon it, and we were particularly impressed by those in and about Arras. The cemeteries located in this city consist of a series of green English lawns with yellow daffodils sprinkled here and there. The general effect is particularly beautiful. We all agreed that nothing could have been finely conceived.

I should like to say in conclusion that one or two particular impressions remain upon my mind. Firstly, that these cemeteries represent the greatest attempt to make history through the medium of monuments since the pyramids, and that they should constitute a lasting bond between ourselves and the French people. It appears to me that some attempt should be made to recognise the community of interest and ownership in them. Would it be out of place if, in some prominent position, in or outside each cemetery, a large stone were dedicated and consecrated? Upon it such words as these might be written, "The sacred soil on which these British soldiers lie was presented by the French Government to the British people to be held by them on perpetual lease. It was gratefully accepted by the latter in memory of a common struggle."

Lastly I feel that the individuals of the nation should have the privilege of sharing in the task of beautifying these sacred places by presenting shrubs and flowers and seeds, the latter to be appropriated to chosen graves.

Our final conclusions were that we were satisfied that we could return and give the assurance which we hoped to be able to give – that this work is being undertaken and controlled by people who realise its value and importance, and that relatives may be content to leave it in their hands."

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“DEAD” OFFICER ROMANCE

Two years ago Lieut. Coaton, of Burton-on-Trent, was officially reported killed, and a memorial service was held in the Congregational Church there. Later the report was found to be untrue, and on Thursday, Lieut. Coaton, now demobilised, was married to Miss Edith Miller in the same church.

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BATTRAM

WAR MEMORIAL

In the presence of a large number of members of the Fitzwilliam Hall Sick and Dividend Club held at the Neville Arms, Battram, Mr E. Webster, under-manager of the Nailstone Colliery, unveiled an oil painting to the memory of the following members of the Lodge, who died whilst serving their country during the war:

Privates W. O. Hoden, A. Price, A. Quilter, John W. Partner, H. Partner and S. W. Richards. These names were beautifully written on the memorial, which is framed in oak, and hung in the Lodge Room. A bugler of Ibstock Prize Band sounded the Last Post and the Band gave a selection of suitable pieces.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The work of erecting a war memorial monument in the centre of the Market Place, at Market Bosworth, has been commenced this week?

IN MEMORIAM

Harper – In loving memory of my dear husband, Private W. E. Harper, died of wounds, May 15th, 1917.

*“Let the winds of Heaven blow gently,
O'er the sweet and sacred spot.
Although you are so far away
Dear husband, you are not forgot.”*

From his loving Wife and Sons.

Harper – In loving memory of Pte. W. E. Harper, died of wounds in France, May 15th, 1917.

*“A loving son, and brother kind,
He was to us in heart and mind.
Cherished memories of one so dear,
Are often recalled by a silent tear.”*

From Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters.
118 Whitehill Road, Ellistown.

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HUGGLESCOTE BAPTIST WAR MEMORIAL

UNVEILING OF A COMMUNION TABLE

The memory of young men from the Hugglescote Baptist Church and Sunday School, who fell in the war is to be perpetuated by a handsome oak communion table, with an inlaid brass plate, containing fourteen names, and a suitable inscription, and at a special service last Sunday afternoon the table was unveiled.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. Barker (pastor) in the presence of a large congregation. The inscription and names on the table are as follows:

"In memory of those who gave their lives for freedom in the great war, 1914 – 1918"

James Cox, John W. Williamson, Frederick Chamberlain, Charles Drewett, John W. Brooks, J. W. T. Collier, John W. Barrs, T. Percy Deacon, George Barrs, Charles H. Shilton, George Wood, H. B. Drewett, Leslie Cross and Fred Whitmore.

The hymns sung during the service were "O God our help," "Now the labourer's task is o'er," and "For all the saints." Prior to the unveiling, the Rev. C. Barker read appropriate passages of scripture, and gave an address dealing with what had been accomplished in the war, and the debt they owed to the men who accomplished it. Ex-Captain J. Emmerson also gave a short address, speaking of his connection with the boys.

The Rev. C. Barker also read a letter from Captain Jamie, in which he wrote, *"I very much appreciate the honour you have done me in suggesting that I should assist in the unveiling of your war memorial, and were it at all possible for me to get over to Coalville on that day I should have been proud to do so. However, I am afraid that is impossible. I very much regret this, as I was closely associated with many of your Hugglescote men during the war, and would gladly have taken such an opportunity of paying homage to the memory of those whose names are on the roll of honour."*

At the close of the service, the congregation sang "God bless our native land." On Sunday evening, the Rev. C. Barker preached a memorial sermon, based on the text, "They being dead, yet speak." Hebrews 11 – 4.

The collections realised over £10 towards the cost of the table, over £70, the whole of which has now been raised.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Major Guest, M.P. for the Loughborough Division, on Wednesday, unveiled a memorial tablet placed in the Ashby Holy Trinity Church, containing the names of 72 men from the parish who fell in the war. Major Guest spoke of the noble part played by these gallant men. The memorial was dedicated by the Rev. F. Macnutt, Territorial chaplain to the Forces, Vicar of St. Martin's, Leicester, who also gave an address.

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LOCAL EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

NATIONAL SCHEME FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED EX-SERVICE MEN

Mr A. G. Parkinson, secretary, reported that several additional employers had signed undertakings during the month in connection with the above scheme and the employers to whom certificates had now been issued by the Ministry of Labour were as follows:

Coalville Urban District Council
Coalville Motor 'Bus Co. (C. Coleman)
Mr John Holdron, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
Messrs. Orton and Co. (Coalville)
Messrs. J. and E. Ison, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.
Messrs. Newfield Pipe Co. Moira, Ashby.
Messrs. Bagworth Brick Co., Bagworth.
Messrs. Brown and Sons, Whitwick,
Messrs. National Brick Co., Heather
Messrs. Coalville Working Men's Co-Operative Society Limited.
Messrs. Parsons Bros Ltd, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.
Messrs. The Whitwick Granite Co. Ltd, Whitwick
Messrs. Lands Ltd, Coalville
Messrs. W. Moss and Son, Coalville
Messrs. The Cliffe Hill Granite Co., Markfield.
Messrs. Ellis and Everard, Bardon Hill.
Mr F. H. Deacon, Coalville.
Mr J. W. West, Coalville.

IN MEMORIAM

Hart – In ever loving memory of Lance-Corporal E. A. Hart, 1/6th North Staffords, who gave his life in France, May 16th, 1918. Aged 26 years.

“Loved too much in life to be forgotten in death.”

From his sorrowing Dad and Mother.
Roy House, Church Lane, Whitwick.

Chamberlain – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Frederick Chamberlain, who was killed in action, May 24th, 1916.

*“A loving son and brother kind,
He was to us in heart and mind,
Cherished memories of one so dear,
Are oft recalled by a silent tear.”*

From Mother, Father, Brothers and Sister.

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THRINGSTONE WAR MEMORIAL

UNVEILED BY COL. BOOTH AT THE PARISH CHURCH

A beautiful stained-glass window has been placed in St. Andrew's Church, Thringstone, in memory of men from the parish who fell in the war, together with a brass tablet bearing all the names, and the unveiling was performed by Col. T. Booth at a special service last Sunday afternoon, when there was a crowded congregation, which included many relatives of the deceased soldiers.

The service was impressively conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Shrewsbury) and opened with the singing of the hymn, "There is a Land of pure Delight." Other hymns sung were, "O God our help in ages past," "The Saints of God," and "For all the Saints," also the psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd."

The window, which faces the church entrance, depicts St. Alban, the first British martyr to die for the Christian faith, and inscribed, "Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end."

The tablet by the side of the window bears the inscription, *“To the greater glory of God, and in memory of the following who from this parish and congregation have given their lives for their country in the great war 1914 – 1919, this window is dedicated by the congregation and parishioners of St. Andrew's.”*

Here are 27 names, as follows:

	1914
Pte. T. Jones, Durham Light Infantry.	
	1915
Pte. E. Hall, Leicestershire	
Corp'l W. E. Moore, R.G.A.	
Pte. I. Hall, Leicestershire	
	1916
Pte. E. Howe, Leicestershire	
Sapper E. Robinson, Royal Engineers	
Pte. L. Whitmore, Leicestershire	
Pte. T. Squires, Leicestershire	
Pte. M. Grainger, Leicestershire	
	1917
Pte. F. B. Bowler, Royal Dublin Fusiliers	
Pte. R. Freeman, Leicestershire	
Sapper H. Briers, Royal Engineers	
A. J. Turner, telegraphist, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve	
Pte. J. Squires, Leicestershire	
Pte. L. Haywood, Scottish Rifles	
Corp'l W. Sykes, Leicestershire	
Pte. T. Bailey, Royal Scots	
	1918
Corp'l J. Bancroft, Leicestershire	
Rfn. G. W. W. Howe, Rifle Brigade	
Pte. J. Gee, York and Lancaster	
2 nd Lieut. T. F. McCarthy, Loyal North Lancashire	
Pte. S. R. Dring, Leicestershire	
J. T. Fortnam, Able Seaman, Royal Naval Division	
L.-Corp'l A. Griffin, Sherwood Foresters	
Pte. J. Morley, Suffolk	
Pte. H. Freeman, Leicestershire	
Pte. H. Lakin, Leicestershire	

At the foot appear the words: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Having unveiled the memorial, Col. Booth proceeded to the other end of the church and from the chancel steps addressed the congregation as follows:

"My friends, I have been entrusted with the very solemn, but to me, the very proud duty, of coming here to address you, the members of this congregation on the subject of the memorial, that beautiful brass tablet which I have just had the honour to unveil, and I can assure you all that I am fully alive to the responsibility which that has involved upon me, and I am also very appreciative of the honour which it has imposed upon me. I am sure that as you heard those names read out, you could not fail to have been impressed, as I was, with the fact that these precious lives came from every class and from all ranks. What you may not have realised altogether is the width and scope of their sacrifice. I will try to explain what I mean. Reading out those names, I first find mention of men who went out at the start, in 1914, to help to stem the first wild onslaught of the Germans before we were ready; when everything was unprepared. Think of that. Then we pass on to other names of men who gave their lives in 1915, in those dull days in the trenches, when everything seemed dark, and when we appeared to be hammering our heads against a stone wall. Then I find more names in 1916, men who died in the great Battle of the Somme, which lasted for many weeks, but in which their services were rewarded by the first ray of hope which seemed to come to the nation. Then more names I find in 1917, men who took part in those hammering blows which we may regard as the period during which the war reached its height, when the storm seemed to be at its worst. Then in those terrible days in the early spring of 1918, I find more names, when the nation strained well-nigh to breaking point in her brave endeavour to stave off the last despairing effort of the Germans to overwhelm us on the soil of France. Lastly, and to me the most pathetic of all, are some few names of men who fell just as the dawn was

breaking, a few days before the Armistice. Well, I have given a brief account of how those names covered that scope I spoke of at first. What then do we owe these men? I do not know whether you, or I, or anybody can yet appreciate the magnitude of that debt, but certain it is, we can never repay. What are we to do then – what must we do? Well, I think we must see to it that these men are never forgotten; that their names are never forgotten. This beautiful brass tablet and memorial window are the proof we intend to give that they shall not be forgotten. I think we must do more than this; we must see that we explain to the new generation that is coming on – explain to them what this tablet means; show them the names, and as they get older and more able to understand, explain to them what it stands for, what we really owe to these men; that we owe to them the peaceful possession of our houses, the freedom of the countryside to-day, the honour of our women and the safety of our little children. I think that is the duty for us in the future, and they will carry it on long after we are no more. Then, finally, I want to say a word to the members of this congregation who are relatives of the fallen. I know that nothing I can say is any real comfort; nothing that anybody can say is of any real comfort; but it may afford you some consolation to know that we, your fellow countrymen, are determined that the names of those beloved ones are not forgotten, and that brass tablet and window stand for all time as a witness to the noble and unselfish example of those brave souls, and I hope when you leave this church after this beautiful service, that you will feel as I do, and as all this congregation do I am sure, that their sacrifice has not been in vain.”

After the Benediction, the service closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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MEMORIAL TO OLD WYGGESTONIANS

UNVEILING CEREMONY BY THE LATE HEADMASTER

A memorial tablet to Old Wyggestonians who lost their lives in the war was unveiled by the late headmaster, the Rev. Jas. Went, at a morning service in the Boy's School. The service opened with Stanhope Arkwright's hymn, "O Valiant Hearts."

In thanking Mr Went for officiating, Mr T. Kingdom, M.A., the headmaster, said that it was a great pleasure to see him again at the scene of his long and useful labours, though the duty he had to perform was a sad one. Mr Went, replying, told the school that it gave him great pleasure to perform the ceremony for those who in their youth had been not only pupils, but personal friends of his, and many of them brilliant students. He referred in particular to W. P. Scholes, whose life, he said, was an example for every Wyggestonian to follow, and publicly thanked the Rev. H. S. Biggs for his conscientious labour and untiring energy in compiling the Roll of Honour.

The tablet, a work of art, by Mr G. Spawton Catlow, is framed in oak, and was tastefully draped in white and purple. At the close of the ceremony, the hymn, "O God our help in ages past," was sung.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Congratulations to Mr Bernard J. Hussey, son of Mr and Mrs Chas. Hussey, of Market Street, Ashby, on being awarded the B.A. degree of the London University. A happy coincidence is that it is dated on his 24th birthday. Mr B. J. Hussey, B.A. is an old Ashby Grammar School boy, and served in France from early in 1915 till January, 1920.

IN MEMORIAM

Tivey – In ever loving memory of my dear son, Private Frederick Joseph Tivey, 8th Leicestershire Regiment, presumed killed May 27th, 1918.

*“I think of him in silence,
No eyes can see me weep.
But, dear, within my heart
His memory I shall keep,
Unknown to the world he stands
By my side and whispers
My dear mother, death cannot divide.”*

From his ever sorrowing Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

Hayes – In loving remembrance of Pte. H. Hayes, who fell in action, May 26th, 1917.

*“He sleeps within a foreign land,
The lad we loved so well,
He did his duty like a man
And like a hero fell.”*

From his loving Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Captain Paul Phillimore, of the Manor House, Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks, formerly of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, late 17th Lancers, who died 3rd November last, left estate of the gross value of £1,087/7/9, with net personality £421/15/3. Probate of his will has been granted to his widow, Mrs Augusta Mary Gwendoline Phillimore.

LOCAL SOLDIERS IN EGYPT

Dear Sir, I myself being a native of Whitwick, and an old reader of your “Coalville Times” I am taking the liberty of writing you these few lines on behalf of myself and several other Leicestershire boys. All of us being in a monotonous part of Egypt, and having a good amount of spare time to pass away, would very much like a few instruments of any kind – a gramophone preferable. Hoping you can help us in some form or other; wishing you and your paper every success – I am, yours faithfully.

R. E. Capell
Engine Repair Depot
Royal Air Force
Abassia, Egypt
23/5/20

PRINTERS' WAR MEMORIAL IN LEICESTERSHIRE
CONVALESCENT HOME OPENED AT WELLSBOROUGH
CEREMONY BY LORD NORTHCLIFFE AND LORD BURNHAM

An interesting and important event took place in the pretty and quiet hamlet of Wellsborough, near Market Bosworth, on Friday afternoon, when the Home of Rest for members of the National Society of Operative Printers and Assistants was formally opened by Lord Northcliffe and Lord Burnham, who were accompanied by Lord Riddell and other magnates of the newspaper world, as well as numerous distinguished visitors.

These included Sir Samuel Waring, Mr Alfred Blades, Mr C. W. Bowerman, M.P., the Rev. A. Taylor, vicar of St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street; the Rev. T. P. Stevens, Succentor, Southwark Cathedral; Mr George A. Isaac, general secretary of the society, and Mrs Isaac; Mr A. E. Holmes, Professor B. Moore, Mr T. E. Naylor (London Society of Compositors), Mr T. E. Newland (National Union of Printing and Paper Works), Mr H. W. Howes (Machine Printers Trade Society), Mr A. O'Connor (Printers' Medical Aid Society), Mr H. F. Parker (Lloyd Memorial Convalescent Home), Mr E. J. Williams, of Messrs. Harding and Williams, the architects of the home, and a large number of members of the society and their wives.

The institution bears the somewhat peculiar name, the "Natsopa" Memorial Home, which is a combination of the initial letters of the Society.

It is the beginning of a greater scheme for the erection of a sanatorium for printers suffering from consumption, a convalescent home and a home for aged printers, which the National Society of Operative Printers and Assistants have inaugurated as a lasting memorial to 341 of their members who fell in the war. For this purpose they have acquired Temple Farm, a farm of 310 acres on Sir Samuel Waring's estate on the border of the county. It stands 300 ft above sea level, on the highest point within a radius of 12 miles. Midway between Leicester and Tamworth, it commands views of well-wooded and fertile Leicestershire and Warwickshire; and in the plain below lies the field of the Battle of Bosworth. The land which has been acquired is to be farmed on up-to-date and scientific principles, and on a co-operative basis.

The buildings of the Convalescent Homes, which were opened on Friday, are but temporary structures. They are three converted new army huts, which contain a dining-room and recreation room, and 24 cubicles, 12 for male convalescents and 12 for female convalescents. Behind the home, facing south and commanding beautiful views of the country below, a spacious lawn has been laid.

It will be flanked by kitchen gardens and shrubberies, and a large orchard and poultry run are being planned. In front of the main buildings there will be cottage buildings, the kitchen, laundry, and offices and stores, which will be concealed in shrubbery of the pleasure grounds. There will be central heating, and up-to-date drainage, and three complete sets of engines will be installed for generating electric current.

Access to the home is by a memorial gate in wrought iron, set in pillars of patent stone, and flanked by a monument, the whole being from the design by Mr E. J. Williams. Carved in the stone are inscriptions commemorating the opening of the gates by Lord Northcliffe, and above are the words, "*In memory of members who fell in the great war. They gave their lives. Let us commemorate their sacrifice by saving the lives of others.*"

After lunch, the party, led by Viscounts Northcliffe and Burnham, proceeded to the memorial gates which were unlocked by Lord Northcliffe with a silver key presented to him as a souvenir of the occasion by Mr Williams (architect) and on reaching the main buildings these were declared opened by Lord Burnham.

The company having assembled on the lawn, a few speeches were made. Lord Northcliffe, addressing his brother printers, said that they had met together on one of the most memorable occasions in the history of their craft. That meeting was the result of the enthusiasm of one of their young trade union leaders, who had shown to all the industries in Great Britain what could be done to bring about a pleasant and happy regime between capital and labour such as existed in the printing trade, and what could be done in the formation of this beautiful home for the benefit of those who produced newspapers and books in this country.

Having read of the Natsopa Home, they were all glad of an opportunity of seeing the extent of the work being done and about to be done on the magnificent site that had been acquired for this beneficent object, and they were grateful for the generosity of Sir Samuel Waring, who had given Mr Isaac and his colleagues carte blanche to wander over the whole Gopsall estate and select the place they thought most suitable.

He was personally very grateful to Sir Samuel Waring and Mr Isaacs and his colleagues because as one of a number of newspaper proprietors, he had come there with an object that might not have occurred to some of them. He looked with interest at these buildings because when he read the statement of "Lord" Lansbury yesterday about the cost of production of newspapers – how wages had gone up by 150 per cent – he thought it was very possible that the unfortunate newspapers would disappear.

So he and Lord Burnham and Lord Riddell were present with a double purpose. They came to thank Mr Isaac and his friends, and they came to look out for a place for themselves in the future. (Laughter). He had been particularly struck by one passage in the programme of the day's proceedings, and he proposed to show it to Lady Northcliffe. It was the third object of the scheme. *"A home for the aged member and his wife, who may thus spend the evening of their lives in comfort; provided by mutual self-help and not by charity."* He should be very happy to know that had this pleasant place to go. (Laughter).

It might be true that printers' wages had increased by 150 per cent. He could assure them that his had diminished by nearly as much. Many things operated against the unfortunate newspaper owner at the present time, and it was likely that Mr Isaac would have to double or treble the house to take them all in. (Laughter).

Seriously that was a most memorable occasion, and everybody in Fleet Street would see to it that the place was thoroughly well kept up by liberal contributions. He was sure the newspapers would support it as long as they were able to do so. (Cheers).

Mr Alfred Blades, speaking for the Federation of Master Printers, expressed his pride and satisfaction at being present on that memorable occasion. Lord Burnham offered his sincere congratulations on the consummation of the labours and anxieties which had brought this great plan to realisation. It was a wonderful testimony to the good feeling and good fellowship that animated the whole of their trade. He had always contended that in their profession and business there was on the whole sweeter relations between all parties and all classes concerned than in any other which he knew. (Cheers). It seemed to him that this great place of healing would be evidence of it. It was their duty to do all they could for all who were concerned in the printing trade to remove to some extent the stigma and disgrace that lay upon it so that the figures of disease might show a further reduction. And he knew no way in which that could be better done than by allowing men to recover their health and regain their strength.

It was a great pleasure to him to be present in the company of his colleagues and his competitors (Laughter). He always felt their collegueship more than competition (hear, hear). They had joined the heads of all branches in consecrating that ground to a beneficent purpose. There was a famous Spanish saint who, after his death, developed ten heads. They had developed a good many heads in their business and they were all here that day. They had put their heads together and so far they had done well. (Cheers.)

The Rt. Hon. C. W. Bowerman, M.P., in the course of an address, said he could remember the time when the relations existing between the employers and the Printers' Society were not so happy as they are today, but that was before Mr Isaac was the secretary. He complimented them on the splendid work begun there that afternoon – a work which the State had not done satisfactorily – and he looked forward to the time when the permanent sanatorium buildings would be completed. (Applause).

After a dedication service, at which the Rev. A. Taylor and the Rev. T. P. Stevens officiated. Lord Riddell said it was a red letter day in the history of the trade and in the history of the trade union movement in the country. He believed in the trade union movement, and he believed in it both for masters and men. It was a very great gain that the leaders, a great trade union, both masters and men, should meet together for a common purpose such as this. He added his tribute to the eulogies of Mr Isaac.

Sir Samuel Waring said he would like to add his congratulations. The brilliant sunshine which had burst through during the dedication service he regarded as a happy omen. He congratulated the society on the presence that day of three great leaders like Lords Northcliffe, Burnham and Riddell. Great responsibilities rested on the Press, but he did not know of three men more actuated by a sense of their responsibilities than

the three he had referred to. (Cheers). He also paid a tribute to Mr Isaac and wished them every success in this great movement which he hoped would be the means of bringing restored health to those who needed it.

Mr Isaac, in returning thanks for the society, said they were going to make a big effort. They had been stirred up by seeing so many men fall by the way. Many of these men could have been saved. They were going to save those lives, and the machine-room was going to be a better place to work in. (Cheers).

Trees were then planted in the Memorial Avenue by the Rt. Hon. the Viscount Northcliffe, the Rt. Hon. the Viscount Burnham, Lord Riddell, Sir Samuel Waring, Alfred Blades, Esq., the Rt. Hon. W. C. Bowerman, P.C., I.P., M.P., A. E. Holmes, Esq., Prof. B. Moore, A. W. Tyler, Esq., and Mrs G. A. Isaacs; and trees were planted in the drive by T. E. Naylor (London Society of Compositors), T. E. Newland (National Union of Printing and Paperworkers) H. W. Howes, Esq., (Machine Managers' Trade Society), A. O'Connor, Esq. (Printers' Medical Aid Society), H. F. Parker, Esq. (Lloyd Memorial Convalescent Home), S. J. White, Esq.. (Caxton Convalescent Home).

SANATORIUM PLANS

The Sanatorium, the plans of which are now being prepared, will be erected with the donations of the various employers' associations, connected with the industry. The following donations have been received:

The Newspaper Proprietors' Association, the Weekly Periodical Owners' Association, and the Newspaper Society £6,921/4/6: the Federation of Master Printers, £1,723/9/0: and the Society of British Printing Ink Makers £42; a total of £8,686. Further donations are solicited.

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ASHBY'S WAR MEMORIAL

Lt.-Col. German, D.S.O., presided at a public meeting at Ashby on Tuesday night, to consider the provision of a war memorial. The attendance was not as large as had been expected.

The chairman reported on the work of the committee appointed to consider the matter, and said the conclusion arrived at was that £3,000 would be required for the proposed monument and Institute. The monument would cost £1,000 and the Institute £2,000. Towards that sum, the volunteers, special constables, and other similar bodies which did service during the war had offered to provide £500 in £1 shares. (Cheers).

Mr W. M Slater moved that the two schemes be adopted. Mr A. Stimson seconded and after some discussion, the resolution was unanimously carried.

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COALVILLE URBAN DISTRICT

"WELCOME HOME"

On the 3rd inst., the committee met to consider the suggestions which had been received in response to the invitation issued to the public through the "Coalville Times" in February last, to send in suggestions as to the most suitable means of disposing of the balance left over from the festivities of September last year.

Numerous suggestions were received, but leaving out of count those which were of the begging letter type, which always crop up in connection with such a fund, the suggestions resolved themselves broadly into three types.

1. Various scheme to divide up the balance amongst the widows, dependents or parents of men who had been killed.
2. To subscribe in some form to a hospital.
3. To allow the balance to form a nucleus for a fund to erect a permanent memorial to the men of the whole of Coalville Urban District who had lost their lives in the war.

Suggestions on the first line came from the Coalville branch of the N.F.D. and D.S. and S., the Coalville Trades Council, Leicestershire Miners' Association, and several private individuals.

On the second line, suggestions came from the Whitwick branch N.F.D. and D.S. and S., Leicester Infirmary, and the Nottingham and Notts. Paralysed Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.

On the third line was a memorial signed by 105 subscribers to the "Welcome Home" Fund, representing about 80 per cent of the money subscribed; also a resolution from the Coalville District Soldiers' Comforts Guild; and numerous letters from widows and parents of men who had been killed.

On behalf of the Miners' Association, Mr George Brooks moved the resolution suggested by the Association, and Mr Clay seconded, but on being put to the vote, it was lost. The proposition on the third line was proposed by Mr L. L. Baldwin, seconded by Mr Blower, supported by several of the members of the committee, and carried unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned until the 14th inst., when the proposal will be further discussed, and arrangements made for the calling of public meetings, and the appointment of a committee to carry out the project.

IN MEMORIAM

White – In loving memory of Lance-Corporal Hubert R White, died June 9th, 1918, from gas poisoning.

*"Gone from our home, O, how we miss him,
Loving him dearly, his memory we keep,
Never while life lingers shall we forget him,
Sacred to us is the spot where he sleeps."*

From his loving Mother and Father, Brothers and Sisters.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Disapproving of the acceptance of a German gun by the local authorities of Ashbourne, Derbyshire, ex-Servicemen seized the weapon and followed by a large crowd, deposited it in the lake in front of Ashbourne Hall. The men declared that they wanted no reminders of the losses the town had suffered.

A meeting of the Coalville District "Welcome Home" Committee was held in the Council chamber, on Monday evening to consider the question of the steps to be taken for the erection of a permanent memorial to the men of the Coalville urban district. Mr J. W. Farmer presided, and it was decided to invite representatives from the various bodies in the area. It was stated that there was a sum of £375 which was to form a nucleus for the project.

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MARKFIELD

The Markfield War Memorial Institute fund has benefited considerably by the generosity of Mrs Lillingston, in throwing open the beautiful grounds of "Ulverscroft." There was dancing on the lawn to the strains of the Desford Band, and the Leicester West End Adult School Male Choir gave glee in good style. Songs were also rendered by the Markfield United Choir, and various other attractions were provided.

DR. WYKES HONOURED BY THE KING

The many friends of Dr. Wykes will be pleased to know that he has received from His Majesty King Albert of Belgium, the Order of the Crown, with Silver Palms. This decoration has been conferred upon in him

recognition of his medical services gratuitously and cheerfully rendered to the Belgian war refugees during their sojourn in the Coalville district. Our readers, and the public generally, will join us in offering to Dr. Wykes hearty congratulations upon receiving a well-merited distinction.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

The Duke of Rutland, through the good offices of Sir Thomas Cope, has consented to unveil the memorial cross in the Market Place at Market Bosworth during July?

IN MEMORIAM

Ketcher – In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, Bomb. Harold Edwin Ketcher, of the 12th N. F. who fell in action, June 16th, 1917.

*“Somewhere in France he’s lying;
Somewhere in France he fell;
We little thought when parting
‘Twould be the last farewell.”*

From his sorrowing Mother, Dad, Sisters and Brothers.

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MARRIAGE OF MAJOR POWELL’S NIECE

PRETTY CEREMONY AT COALVILLE CHURCH

A pretty wedding took place at Christ Church, Coalville, on June 16th, when Miss Celia M. Hewes, daughter of Mrs Hewes and niece of Major H. E. Powell, D.S.O. of London Road, Coalville, was married to Mr Cecil E. E. Herington, M.B., B.S., son of Mr and Mrs Percy H. Herington, of Merston, Chichester, Sussex.

The officiating clergyman was the Rev. S. Herington, M.A. Vicar of Heydour, Lincs., uncle of the bridegroom, and the bride was given away by her uncle, Major Powell. She wore a dress of white georgette, with wreath and veil, and carried a handsome bouquet of lilies and white heather. The only bridesmaid was Miss Kitty Wootton, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Wootton, of London Road, who was dressed in pale blue, with a wreath and veil to match.

Major Maltby, M.C., L.R.C.P., of London, was best man and, like Major Powell, appeared in uniform, while the bridegroom wore the uniform of the Royal Naval Medical Service, in which he was formerly lieutenant. At the close of the service, Mr Amos Clarke (the blind organist), played Mendelssohn’s Wedding March.

The wedding party were entertained at Major Powell’s house, and later in the day Dr and Mrs Herington left for Goring-on-Thames, where the first part of the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of many beautiful presents.

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LOCAL V.A.D. LEAVES FOR CANADA

Much interest has been aroused in the district of Ravenstone by the departure of Miss Edith Fowkes, daughter of Mr Wm. Fowkes, builder, Ravenstone, for Canada on the S.S. Tunisian, from London. Miss Fowkes joined up as a V.A.D. nurse, December 1916, and was posted at the 4th Northern General Hospital, Lincoln, where she remained for 16 months, being drafted from there to the 14th Stationary Hospital, B.E.F., France, for the March push, 1918. On November 22nd, that same year, she was invalided to England, and on recovering, was posted at Belton Park Military Hospital, Grantham, and remained there until it closed down, November, 1919, when she was again transferred to Clipstone Military Hospital, Mansfield. On March 26th of this present year, the following letter from the secretary British Red Cross and Order of St. John of Jerusalem, was received by her.

"Dear Miss Fowkes – Now that demobilisation is taking place, my committee wish me to express to you their sincere thanks for the work that you have given to the service of the sick and wounded. The reports on your war work have been admirable, and we fully realise not only the excellence of your work, but also that you have helped us to maintain the high standard which the V.A.D.'s have set during the war. Please accept our grateful thanks.

Yours Sincerely, Margaret Amphill (chairman, Joint Women's V.A.D. Committee)"

Miss Fowkes is going out to join her brother, and the best wishes of the inhabitants of Ravenstone go with her. She left London on Monday (June 22nd) of this week.

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COALVILLE WAR MEMORIAL

UNVEILED AT THE WESLEYAN CHURCH

An impressive service was held in the Coalville Wesleyan Church, on Wednesday evening, when a beautiful marble tablet placed on the front of the pulpit as a memorial to the men formerly connected with the church and Sunday School, who fell in the war, was unveiled.

The large congregation present included a good number of relatives of the deceased men, a contingent of discharged soldiers, and the local Women's V.A.D.

The Rev. W. D. Knight, resident minister, conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. W. Hopper, of Ashby, and the tablet was unveiled by Mr Jabez Ball. The centre panel, containing the names of the men is of white marble, set in an alabaster frame, and the inscription reads as follows:

"This tablet is erected to the Glory of God, and to perpetuate the memory, and revere the names of those who fell in the great war, 1914 – 1919. Albert Cecil Bradshaw, George Arthur Beale, Ernest Batho, Sidney Frank Dodds, Albert Essex, Martin Eames, Frederick Wilfred Hart, James Horace Hall, John Hall, Arthur Edward Johnson, Wilfred Horace Jones, Jesse Jones, Walter Lewis, Harris Lewis, Samuel Calladine Smith, John William Setchell, Thomas Handley Usherwood, George Alfred Wood, Thomas Wilmott Wild, Albert Willis Wells. – Their names shall live for ever, and their glory shall never fade away."

Mr J. C. Brown (secretary of the committee) read a long scroll of honour, and also the names on the memorial, after which he formerly presented the tablet, on behalf of the church and Sunday School, to the trustees, and expressed the hope that it would always be carefully preserved.

Mr C. Bradshaw accepted the tablet on behalf of the trustees, and said they would do their best to keep it in good order, and he hoped that as each one of them looked upon it from time to time, it would ever keep fresh in the memory of the lads whom they loved so well, and who did so much for them.

The Rev. W. D. Knight gave a suitable address, in which he paid a tribute to the men who faced unspeakable horrors and counted their lives as nought that they might render a service to others. The message to those present that night was *"make good and carry on."* Let them consecrate themselves afresh, and carry on to perfection what those heroes died to obtain.

The choir gave a beautiful rendering of the anthem, *"No shadows yonder,"* and the hymns sung were *"God bless our native land," "Our blest Redeemer," "O love that wilt not let me go," "Give me the wings,"* and *"For all the Saints."* Two portions of Scripture, 90th Psalm, and Rev. 21, 1-7, 22, 1-5, were also read, and at the close of the service the organist, Mr S. A. Rawlins, played *"O rest in the Lord."*

ALLEGED BIGAMY AT ASHBY

SEQUEL TO WARRANT ON SEPARATION ORDER

At the Ashby Petty Sessions, on Saturday, before Mr John Hassall and Mr J. G. Shields, William Key, 28, farm labourer, now employed at Staunton Harold, was charged with bigamously marrying May Taylor, 20, of Oakthorpe, at Ashby, on May 11th last, his wife, Sarah Ann Key then being alive.

The accused served in France during the war, and this was the first case of its kind that had been heard at Ashby for the last 25 years.

Sarah Ann Key, of Newland Cottage, Riddings, Derbyshire, said that she married prisoner on 26th February, 1917, at the Parish Church, Colton, Staffordshire. She lived with her parents for three weeks, and then went to live with prisoner at Golden Valley, Riddings, where they were till May, 1918, when prisoner left her. Witness heard nothing of him for six months, and then learned that he was at Swadlincote. She was granted a separation order at Alfreton on the ground of desertion, and prisoner was ordered to pay her £1 a week. She had to take out a warrant against him for arrears on three occasions. There were two children, one two years and four months, and the other six months old, witness having lived with prisoner since she got the separation order.

Asked by the clerk if she knew her husband had married somebody else, witness answered, "Yes." A certificate of the marriage at Colton was produced.

May Taylor, a pleasant-looking girl, with rosy cheeks and large blue eyes, said she was 20, and was now living with her parents near the Holly Bush Inn, Oakthorpe. She first met prisoner in a train going from Burton to Nottingham. She could not remember the date, but it was this year. They were the only people in the carriage, and prisoner spoke first. He said he was a single man. Witness was in service as housemaid in Nottingham, and prisoner went with her to her home, helping with her trunk. After that, she saw him three times a week until she returned home at Easter. She stayed at home three weeks, and then went to prisoner's lodgings at Mansfield. He was not there, but he came to her home at Oakthorpe by a later train the same day. Witness had seen prisoner's landlady, who made a communication to witness which she did not believe. After prisoner had been at Oakthorpe a day or two, he asked her to marry him, and she said she would. They were married on May 11th, at the Registry Office, Ashby, her father and mother being present. A copy of the marriage certificate was produced. They then went to live at Staunton Harold on 13th May. At that time she did not know that the prisoner had been previously married, but he told her the night before the police came to see him that he was married and had one child, and that while he was in France, his wife had another baby. Asked about prisoner's treatment of her, witness said he had repeatedly struck her and knocked her down, and threatened to put her in the cellar. He said she had other men, but it was not true. She lived with prisoner up till Wednesday.

Prisoner and witness engaged in a little argument across the court, in the course of which witness admitted that the landlady at Mansfield told her that prisoner was married, but said she did not believe it. She also said that prisoner told her before the marriage, but she did not believe it.

In reply to the chairman, the prisoner said he had been very happy with this woman, because he loved her so much and cared for her, and would do it again, but he was very jealous of her. As to the marriage, he did not think he was doing any harm.

Superintendent Lockton said he received a warrant for the recovery from prisoner of £10 arrears on a separation order. He made enquiries and found that he had been married to May Taylor. Prisoner was remanded for trial, bail being allowed prisoner in £25, and his employer, Mr Royden, in £25.

Meantime the two women had been engaged at the back of the court in friendly conversation till prisoner, turning round, asked May Taylor to go back to him, when she said, "*I've finished,*" and laughed merrily.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

On the 30th June, 1870, Mr and Mrs Jos. Harriman, were married at the then Charley Hall Baptist Chapel by the late Rev. J. Bromwich, and many congratulations have already been extended to them on their golden wedding. Mr Harriman is identified with the public life of Shepshed, and has for many years been a magistrate and County Councillor, and for upwards of 40 years he has been a guardian. The handsome war memorial in Shepshed Market Place was erected by Mr and Mrs Harriman.

Recruiting for the A. or Hastings Company (Ashby and Coalville) of the 5th battalion, Leicestershire Territorial Regiment is now proceeding and for this purpose, Sergt-Instructor Mercer has established offices at the Snibston New Inn Club room which he will attend every Monday and Thursday. Buglers and drummers are also being enlisted. It is pointed out that while in camp, the Territorials will be paid at the same rate as men in the regular army and independent of this can obtain a bounty of £5 each as trained men, of £4 for each recruit. A man who has served before can join for one or three years and recruits for four years. The Instructor will be pleased to give any further information.

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LEICESTERSHIRE YEOMANRY "C" SQUADRON

Major W. Bonn, officer commanding "C" Squadron of the Leicestershire Yeomanry, is forming a local branch of the Old Comrades' Association, with a view to reforming of the squadron. Colonel J. C. S. Burkitt, of Whitwick, is equally anxious to assist in reforming the squadron, and recently attended a preliminary meeting.

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IN MEMORIAM

Parker - In loving memory of our Son, William Zachariah Parker, who died June 30th, 1919, aged 24 years.

*"Christ shall link the broken chain
When in Heaven we meet again."*

From his sorrowing Mother, Father and Sisters.

Geary – In affectionate remembrance of Private H. Geary, who died July 1st, 1919.

*"Not dead to us, we love him still
Not lost, but gone before
He lives with us in memory still,
And will for evermore."*

From his loving Mother, Brothers, Sisters and Dorothy.

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COALVILLE POLICEMAN ASSAULTED

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, John W. Eaton (26), collier, Thringstone, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Bond, while in the execution of his duty; also for assaulting Sarah Toon, married, of Coalville, on the same date. He pleaded guilty in each case.

P.C. Bond stated that he saw the defendant about 10.30 pm in Margaret Street, mad drunk, and threatening to kill his wife. Witness advised him to go home and he replied, "*What, go home with a thing like that,*" (alluding to his wife). He was near his wife's father's house and said he would smash every window in the

house before he went. Defendant then rushed at witness and they rolled over on the road, defendant kicking him several times on the legs and punching him in the body. Mrs Toon came to his assistance and the defendant kicked her. Afterwards, Eaton ran into his wife's father's house and returned with a hammer with which he struck at witness, but missed. He blew his whistle and Sergt. Kirkland and another policeman came up. They found the defendant in the entry with a poke in his hand and he was arrested and conveyed to the Police Station. When asked by Inspector Dobney what he meant by using such weapons (the hammer and poker), defendant replied, "*I don't care a _____, I am fed up.*"

Sarah Toon, wife of Albert Toon, said she heard defendant saying he would kill his wife before he went home. When she tried to get him off the policeman, he took two running kicks at her, above and below the knee. She had to be attended by Dr. Dunkin in consequence.

Defendant said he was very sorry, but he had no recollection of what happened. He left the army with a good character, after serving over 3 years in the 5th Leicesters. He was badly wounded in the war and had concussion and a little beer soon affected him.

The chairman said the Bench took into consideration the defendant's good record in the army and were inclined to be lenient on that account, but he must be careful in the future and would do well to leave the drink alone.

For the assault on Mrs Toon, defendant was fined 15/-, for the assault on the policeman £2/2/0, and for being drunk and disorderly 12/-, with 5/- for a witness total £3/12/0 or one month. The chairman said the Bench wished to thank Mrs Toon for pluckily going to the assistance of the policeman when he was being attacked.

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IN MEMORIAM

Martin – In loving memory of our dear son, Pte. John Henry Martin, who was killed in action, July 11th, 1916.

*"Not dead to us, we love him still;
Not lost, but gone before.
He lives with us in memory still,
And will for evermore."*

From his loving Father, Mother, Sisters and Brothers, and his little children.

Friday July 16th 1920 (Issue 1480)

ASHBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

WELFARE OF EX-SERVICE MEN

A letter addressed to the chairman from The Magazine, Leicester, referred to the money available from canteen profits during the war, which was to be expended for the welfare of ex-servicemen, grants being made to the different districts, and the Council were asked to suggest names to serve on the local committee. It was left to members to make enquiries in their parishes as to suitable men to serve.

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

At a recent funeral, with military honours, of an old soldier at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, eight old soldiers acted as bearers, who between them had an aggregate of 208 years' service in His Majesty's Forces, and were the possessors of no less than thirty-three medals.

MAN AND WIFE ON CRUTCHES

REMARKABLE MATRIMONIAL CASE AT COALVILLE

There were remarkable features in a case before the Coalville magistrates on Friday in which Horace F. Briers, discharged soldier, of 22, Ansdell Road, Bentley, Yorks, was summoned for deserting his wife, Rose M. Briers, of Coalville, who applied for a maintenance order.

Both the man and woman appeared in court on crutches, the defendant having lost a leg in the war, and the woman, who had served in the W.A.A.C.'s having a diseased ankle. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for the complainant, and Mr J. T. Jesson (Ashby) for the defendant, who denied desertion.

Complainant said she was married to the defendant in April, 1919. She was then a W.A.A.C. and the defendant had lost his leg in the Army. After a few weeks she left the service and went to work in Leicester, to assist her husband in getting a home together. She returned to him at his request, and they lived with her husband's parents. Later she rejoined the W.A.A.C.'s but had to take her discharge because her mother was ill. Differences occurred later, and she returned to London, leaving a letter behind for her husband, which she admitted writing in a temper. Her husband had said enough the morning she went away to rouse anyone's temper. In London she was in Church Army Home for a time, and then went into service, but she had to go into hospital and was now under treatment at Leicester Infirmary. She wrote several letters to her husband, which were unanswered, and she did not know where he had gone when he went to Doncaster.

By Mr Jesson: *Her husband was four years in France, and had his leg blown off, and was gassed. He left the Army with a good character. They married after a five months' courtship. Defendant had an artificial leg, and got work at Stableford's, but she was not aware that he had an accident which damaged the artificial leg so that he could not wear it. She enjoyed the life in the W.A.A.C.'s, and after this she was not dissatisfied with a quiet married life in Coalville. The trouble was that he would not find her a home. When she went to Leicester, her husband did not know where she had gone. She was away 3 weeks. They made it up and she came back and they lived at her mother's. He used to say he was tired after leaving his work at Stableford's and she was disappointed that he would not take her once a week to the pictures. She had not been in the habit of lying in bed when she should be up getting her husband's breakfast. She did on the morning she went away, because he had been talking to her like a dog. In the letter she wrote, "This is the final letter from me, so don't expect any more. I am off for good, and you need not try to find me." Later, in consequence of what her mother had written to her, she wrote another nasty letter to the defendant from London, in which she stated "Don't trouble about me. You have no love for me or you would have got a home for me. My mother will know my whereabouts, but she will not tell you. I don't ever want to see you again." After she went into the hospital, she changed her mind, and wrote another letter, commencing, "My dear husband," and signed, "Still your loving wife," with several crosses. In this letter she explained that she was in hospital, and asked him to come and see her, but he ignored the letters.*

The clerk asked whether Mr Sharp could prove desertion in face of the woman's letters. Mr Sharp said that since these letters, defendant had contributed to his wife's maintenance. In spite of what had transpired, complainant was the defendant's wife, and he was liable for her maintenance, but he had gone away with another woman.

Further questioned by Mr Jesson, complainant said she had always been faithful to her husband. As to the defendant going away with another woman, she (complainant) only knew what she had been told.

Mary Ann Elliott, of Club Row, Coalville, mother of the complainant, said the defendant was very nasty-tempered. She had seen him talking to another woman. Complainant was now living with her. The clerk asked what the complainant was suffering from, to which the mother replied that she had a tuberculous ankle.

Mr Jesson submitted that there was no evidence of desertion. The Bench upheld this view, and dismissed the case, complainant's costs being remitted. The clerk said there was no doubt that defendant should contribute something to his wife, and Mr Jesson said he would mention it to the defendant.

WAR MEMORIAL AT MARKET BOSWORTH

UNVEILED BY SIR THOMAS COPE

A beautiful war memorial, erected in the centre of the market square of the old Leicestershire town of Market Bosworth, was unveiled on Thursday by Sir Thomas Cope, of Osbaston Hall, in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the Duke of Rutland, who had been expected to perform the ceremony.

The memorial consists of a Portland stone cross rising from a base of octagonal steps. The design is based upon the mediaeval market cross, but shows the influence of modern thought, making the design an adaption of the old form rather than a direct copy of the ancient type of cross. The total height of the monument from the ground is 17ft 6in, the height of the cross proper being 11ft 6in. The octagonal base on which the cross stands has panels of local slate obtained from the Swithland district, let into it. Incised in these are dedicatory inscriptions, giving the names of all the Market Bosworth men who fell in the great war. The Memorial Committee has aimed at obtaining a simple and monumental design constructed of lasting materials, and with this object all ironwork has been eliminated, copper being the only metal used, while a solid base of concrete over 18ft in diameter has been provided.

On the front panel appears the inscription, "1914-1918. In memory of the men of Market Bosworth, who gave their lives in the great war." Another panel is inscribed, "Erected in honour of the men who served their King and country in the great war, 1914-1918." The other two panels contain the names of 18 men who fell, as follows:

J. H. Alcott, F. Bartlam, W. W. Bradbury, C. H. Clarke, F. Clarke, R. P. Davy, F. W. Goddard, B. G. L. Goode, T. Hickling, A. Miller, H. Moorhen, R. J. Osborne, E. W. Parry, R. Pegg, J. S. Quincey, G. Shave, A. T. Stevens and W. T. Trivett.

The work was carried out by Messrs. Wells and Co., of Hugglescote, under the direction of the architects, Messrs. Cowdell and Bryan, of Leicester.

There was a large company at the dedication and unveiling ceremony, including ex-servicemen and cadets of the Bosworth School, who formed a circle round the memorial. The service opened with the singing of the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," and portions of the sentence were taken by the Rev. F. C. Darvell, Baptist Minister, Barton Fabis, and the Rev. P. Bower, Rector at Market Bosworth.

Sir Thomas Cope, in his uniform of Deputy Lord Lieutenant of the county, read a letter from the Duke of Rutland, who was ill in bed, expressing his great disappointment at being unable to be present. Sir Thomas spoke of the great interest which the Duke took in the Leicestershire Territorials, who took such an active part in the war. Proceeding, he said history would relate the great crisis in which England stood, and how nobly her sons responded. When the great Lord Kitchener, so to speak, stamped his foot, the men of England rose in millions and set to work. Men who had never fought before and who never dreamed of fighting, showed what excellent stuff England was made of, and England had won unconquerable glory for the manner in which her sons came forward on this occasion. Bosworth contributed its share to the heroic body of men who went willingly and gave their lives for their country, and so the people of Bosworth that day, with all their hearts, gave honour to these noble men, who did honour to themselves, honour to England and honour to the ancient town of Market Bosworth. They could not think too highly of those who stepped in for the country's aid at the hour of peril, and kept the Germans back. And so that day they unveiled this memorial to the men of Bosworth who took an active part, and those who gave their lives for their country.

Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar," was afterwards sung, also the hymn, "O valiant hearts," and at the close of the service, the "Last Post" was sounded by buglers, followed by the National Anthem. Many beautiful floral tributes were placed on the steps of the memorial, and there was a good display of flags and other decorations at various buildings in the town.

PROPOSED WAR MEMORIAL
FOR THE WHOLE OF THE COALVILLE URBAN DISTRICT
FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the new committee which has been formed to consider the question of a permanent war memorial for the Coalville urban district, was held in the Council Chamber, on Monday night, when there was a good attendance of representatives from various societies and organisations in the district. Mr J. W. Farmer was voted to the chair, and on taking this position, said he hoped, the proposed scheme would be carried out as smoothly and with as great success as the "Welcome Home" to the local men who served in the war, and had the good fortune to return home.

Mr L. L. Baldwin (hon. secretary) read the minutes of the last meeting of the "Welcome Home" Committee, which had now been dissolved. It was unanimously agreed that Mr Baldwin be the secretary to the new committee, and he said he would be pleased to accept. He hoped they would be as successful in their last effort, but it would not be done without hard work.

Mr Baldwin said invitations to send representatives to the meeting had been sent to the medical profession, butchers', bakers' and grocers' Associations, and the tradesmen of the district, Co-Operative Society and employees, Wootton Bros., and employees, M.R. employees / Miners' Association, Master Builders and Operative Builders, licensed victuallers, colliery owners, textile trade owners and employees, quarry owners and employees, Coalville and Whitwick branches of the D.S. and S., Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild, the clergy, Parade and Gala committee, St. John Ambulance Association, United Services Fund, the Coalville Urban Council, and the Teachers Association. The chairman said they did not want to leave anyone out, and asked if any other society should be invited. It was decided to invite the Adult School, Co-Operative Women's Guild and Co-Operative Educational Committee.

The chairman said that as about only half the bodies named were represented, it would hardly be right that night to tie their hands to any scheme. They could discuss it, but he pointed out that if they accepted the £375 from the "Welcome Home" Committee, it would be on condition that it was for a permanent memorial for the whole area. As to the form it should take and the position of the memorial, it was for the committee to decide. They could discuss it, if they liked, but he thought they should give all a chance to be represented before they decided on anything. (Hear, hear.)

Mr F. Cook said the workers were in favour of something which would be useful to the district. Baths had been suggested, or a clock, and they might be considered first. Baths were required in the town as much as anything. The chairman said baths should be provided by the Urban Council, and ought not to be by a voluntary effort of this kind.

Mr Cook: *I don't care what it comes from.*

Mr Leach said he did not think that the boys who fell in France would wish them to erect some dead thing. They died to benefit the country, and the memorial should be something of use to the people. The chairman said he did not think he would be justified that night in taking any definite resolution. He did not mind them expressing their views.

Mr C. E. Marston said they might take down suggestions and then appoint a committee to enquire into the probable cost. The chairman said that would be done at another meeting.

Mr A. E. Aday said they should go back to their different bodies, and get to know their views. Mr H. Taylor suggested the calling of a town's meeting. Whatever they did, he did not suppose they would please everybody, but something should be done which would be of a lasting character, which would live in the minds of generations to come, and show them what it represented.

Mr James Smith said he favoured a memorial in the centre of the town, with the names inscribed thereon of the men from the three wards, each facing their own ward. It might be a dead thing, but he agreed that such things as baths should be provided by the public authority. These heroes ought to be commemorated by the town.

Mr Taylor agreed, but contended that baths, or a recreation ground, would commemorate the fallen as well as a tablet or a monument.

Mr L. L. Baldwin said he should strenuously oppose the death of these men being used to get something which the Urban Council should provide. There was sufficient inspiration in the death of these lads surely to enable them to build a monument to them without having to get some side-line. Thousands of them lay in France at the present time, with no other memorial than a little wooden cross. If those who had lost their lads had been able to bury them at home, would they have been satisfied to put up little wooden cross? Would not they have wanted a memorial as handsome and as permanent as it was possible to make it? If they put up a cenotaph it would not be a dead thing. Stones certainly were dead – Westminster Abbey was dead in that sense, but if there was a living thing in England today, it was surely the spirit of Westminster Abbey, and so the spirit of a cenotaph should be an inspiration, not only to them, but to the generations which came after them. The only record they had at present of the men when they wished to honour was that printed on a piece of paper in the Council Chamber. Was that consistent with the dignity of the district? Was that to be the only record of the men who gave their lives from this district? *“They live, and those who knew them will not forget. Let those who come after, see that their names are not forgotten.”*

Mr H. Taylor then moved that the meeting be adjourned for 14 days for the societies not represented to be written to, that it might be ascertained whether they intended to send representatives or not. Mr Blower asked whether the next meeting would decide the principal of the memorial.

Mr T. Frith said he took it that if the memorial was something useful, it would have on it a record of the names of the men who fell. Mr Blower said he was not in favour of utility scheme. If they buried a son in the local cemetery, how many of them would think of putting a clock or a bath in the house to perpetuate his memory? These men died to make the country better, and if a memorial did not make people think what they died for and make them better citizens, it ought to. Although they were heavily burdened with the rates, he did not think they should use this occasion to get something they ought to get from another direction. Mr Cook said that was only Mr Blower’s opinion.

Mr Blower: *I agree.*

Mr Cook said he thought the town should decide. Mr Baldwin’s remarks were touching, but there were two sides. Mr Blower said the townspeople were represented there. Mr Baldwin said there was no reason why they should not have a town’s meeting. He wanted this scheme right from the start to have as much publicity as possible, but if they had a town’s meeting, they must go there with some recommendation. Mr Morris said there was still the ward feeling between Coalville, Hugglescote and Whitwick. Mr Baldwin said this was to be a memorial for all the men from the whole urban district.

Mr Morris: *The question they ask at Hugglescote and Whitwick is, why should it be at Coalville?*

The chairman said it had not yet been decided where the memorial would be erected. One suggestion was a site in the Whitwick ward. Another was that it should be on the ground at Coalville just acquired by the Council. The committee had a perfectly free hand to decide what and where it should be. The only way in which they were tied, if they accepted the money from the “Welcome Home” Committee, was that it was to be a permanent memorial.

Mr Briers: *You will find it hard to get Whitwick people to subscribe to anything at Coalville. That is the feeling in Whitwick.*

Mr Baldwin asked whether Whitwick would object to a memorial for the whole district?

Mr Briers: *I don’t know.*

Mr Baldwin: *It depends, perhaps, where it is.*

Mr Briers: *It was a strenuous thing to get money at Whitwick for the welcome home to the boys.*

Mr Catlow: *Whitwick already has £300 in hand towards a memorial of their own.*

Mr Briers: *Yes, between £300 and £400.*

Mr C. E. Marston said the ward feeling was very strong when he first came to Coalville 26 years ago, and, unfortunately, it was with them still. It made it very difficult to do anything for the district. He did not think they

would do much good by a town's meeting. They would get a few there, and it would be delegated to a committee. He thought the best thing was for this committee to go straight forward with the matter.

Eventually, it was decided to adjourn till that day fortnight, with a view to getting a thoroughly representative committee.

Friday July 23rd 1920 (Issue 1481)

DO YOU KNOW THAT

A flag day for the V.A.D. will be held in Coalville and district tomorrow?

Sir Samuel Waring will unveil a memorial in Shackerstone Church on August 21st to 8 men from the parish who fell in the war?

Mr W. Tapp has been elected by the Coalville Men's Adult School to represent them on the War Memorial Committee?

IN MEMORIAM

Attwood – In loving memory of Lance-Sergeant Ambrose Harold Attwood, King's Royal Rifle Corps, who fell in action while serving his country in France, July 27th, 1916.

*“Not now, but in the coming years,
It may be in the better land;
We'll read the meaning of our tears,
And there, sometime we'll understand.”*

From Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters

Friday July 30th 1920 (Issue 1482)

COALVILLE V.A.D. HOSPITAL

ARMY COUNCIL'S THANKS

The Army Council have forwarded to Mr A. L. Bertenshaw, as secretary for the Coalville V.A.D. hospital, a beautifully designed certificate as a permanent record of their thanks to be placed in Broom Leys, which was used as the hospital for British sick and wounded during the great war. The certificate reads as follows:

“During the great war of 1914 – 1919 this building was established and maintained as a hospital for British sick and wounded. The Army Council in the name of the nation, thank those who have rendered to it this valuable and patriotic assistance in the hour of its emergency, and they desire also to express their deep appreciation of the whole-hearted attention which the staff of this hospital gave to the patients who were under their care. The war has once again called upon the devotion and self-sacrifice of British men and women, and the nation will remember with pride and gratitude their willing and inestimable service.”

It is proposed to frame the certificate and hang it up in Broom Leys, which has now been purchased by the Leicestershire Education Committee for a Grammar School.

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The band of the 5th Battalion Leicestershire Territorial Regiment was to have given a concert in the Fox and Goose field, Coalville, on Sunday night, but wet weather upset the arrangements. In the morning the band led a church parade of Territorials, ex-soldiers, scouts and others at Ashby.

DID YOU KNOW

War regulations relating to pigeons are still in force?

The flag day at Coalville last Saturday for the V.A.D. (Miss Moseley, secretary) realised a little over £37?

Mrs J. R. Bennett, of Coalville, accompanied by her son, is on a visit to France and Belgium for the purpose of seeing the grave, near Ypres, of her eldest son, George, who fell in action?

IN MEMORIAM

Briers – In loving memory of Cyril Ernest Briers, 1st Coldstream Guards, killed in action July 29th, 1915.

“The souls of the righteous are in the Hands of God.”

From Aunt, Uncle and Cousins.

CROIX DE GUERRE AWARD

HOW STAUNTON HAROLD SOLDIER OUTWITTED THE ENEMY

The presentation of the French Croix de Guerre to Lance-Corporal William Hartnell, of the Worcestershire Regiment, at the Leicester Royal Infirmary synchronised appropriately with the opening of the new departments at that institution.

Lance-Corporal Hartnell, who is a patient in the hospital from Staunton Harold, Leicestershire, was awarded the distinction on account of his pluck and tact, an exemplified in the following official description.

“During a reconnaissance, the officer in command of the patrol, having been wounded, he took command, and when his party was attacked at very close range by about 30 of the enemy, by his presence of mind and great courage, completely misled the enemy as to his strength, repulsed him for some time, inflicting a considerable number of casualties, and retired without loss. A battalion of British infantry having appeared on the scene and being unaware of the position of affairs, in consequence of his excellent report, were enabled not only to avoid an engagement with superior forces, but to destroy completely an enemy patrol. During the whole of this day this man, by his coolness and great devotion to duty rendered very great service.”

The medal was pinned on by Col. A. J. Collis, commanding the local Pensions Hospital.

LEICESTER FREEMASON'S WAR MEMORIAL

On Thursday, the High Sheriff of Leicestershire, Mr J. Turner, formerly opened the newly-erected Orthopaedic Department of the Leicester Infirmary, the cost of which – amounting to £5,500 – had been defrayed by Leicester and Leicestershire Freemason's as a memorial to those brethren who fell in the great war.

COALVILLE D.S. AND S.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING

The half-yearly meeting of the Coalville branch of the N.F.D.D.S. and S. was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening. The secretary gave a comprehensive report of the past year's work of the club, which was considered very satisfactory. The balance sheet for the past half-year, showing a nett profit of £62/12/9, was read. The nett assets of the Federation on the 30th June were £277/3/5. It was pointed out that this did not include the result of the Twenty Thousand Shilling Scheme, which amounted to £100, and which had been ear-marked for the building fund. The report and balance sheet were passed as read, and great satisfaction was expressed at the management of the club and institute under the managing secretary, Mr S. E. Perry and the steward, Mr Frank Tansey.

Mr Whitford explained the object of the United Services Fund to the meeting, and a resolution was unanimously passed requesting that the local grant might be used for the furtherance and equipment of the ex-Servicemen's clubs in the district.

Major Sharp explained the scheme for purchasing the Masonic Hall, and altering it in a suitable manner to make it one of the best institutes in the district, and said it was decided to purchase, and a deposit of ten per cent had been paid to secure it.

The honorary officers were all re-elected en bloc, namely: Captain Hawley, president; Sir George Beaumont, Major Powell, Major A.T. Sharp, Captain Jamie, vice-presidents; and Mr R. H. Whitford, treasurer. The retiring members of the committee, Messrs. W. Slatter, E. Rawlings, J. Leech, W. E. Walker, together with Mr W. Saddington, were elected for a further period.

A vote of thanks to Captain Hawley, Major Sharp and Mr Whitford for the work done by them for the Federation, was passed with acclamation. A vote of thanks to Major Sharp for coming over from Leicester to be present at the meeting terminated the proceedings.

COALVILLE WAR MEMORIAL

A MONUMENT TO BE ERECTED

A meeting of the Coalville War Memorial Committee was held in the Council Chamber on Monday night, Mr J. W. Farmer presiding over a capital attendance.

Discussion of an informal character took place as to the form the memorial should take. Mr Harry Brown asked whether they were committed to any definite scheme if they accepted the £375 from the "Welcome Home" Committee. The chairman said it had to be a memorial which would forever perpetuate the names of the local men who fell.

Mr Drewett said the feeling of the Welcome Home Committee was that if they got no more money they should erect a block of stone bearing the names which, as the resolution said, would stand "for ever." They did not want to commit the district to an expensive thing. It should be spontaneous and while the public were to be given the opportunity subscribing if they wished, there should be no begging.

Mr James Smith and Mr T. Frith both remarked that they were in agreement. Mr Tapp said the feeling was against anything of a utility character.

The question was asked whether any further funds were known to be available, and the chairman said the Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild had a small surplus they would give to the object, and the Coalville Charity F.A. had decided to devote a certain sum to a memorial. He added that he hoped the ward feeling would be dropped. Whatever the future might bring forward Coalville would remain the centre of the district, and he thought they would have no difficulty in persuading the Council to permit them to erect a memorial there.

Mr Drewett said he thought the ward feeling was dead. He did not mind whether it was at Coalville, Hugglescote or Whitwick, so long as a suitable site could be found. He would like to see all their names dropped and one township or Corporation formed under the name, of say, Charnwood. He had hoped that would come before now. No objection was raised when the Coalville Grammar School was built at Hugglescote, and he would point out that the Coalville Gasworks were at Whitwick. Let the ward feeling die down.

Mr Catlow said he represented the Whitwick branch of the D.S. and S. and was instructed to vote for a memorial if it was not put in a public place, always to remind the boys of what they had gone through. They wanted to forget that. Mr Drewett said it ceased to be a memorial if the people did not see it.

Mr J. Wootton said it was a memorial to the boys who had laid down their lives. Mr Curtis said he thought they were forgetting these boys. If they could speak, they would say that they did not want a dead thing.

The chairman: *Can you suggest anything?*

Mr Curtis: *Why not build a cottage hospital and the cenotaph in the grounds?*

Mr J. R. Bennett: *And always remind sick people of these things?*

The chairman said two committees had tried to get a cottage hospital, and when a public meeting was recently convened they could not get sufficient people there to hold a meeting. Mr Drewett said a hospital would cost £15,000 to £20,000.

Mr Leach spoke in favour of baths. Mr George Brooks said it was for the Urban Council to provide baths. He would like to see a hospital as a memorial. Mr Morris supported this.

Mr J. Smith said two attempts to get a hospital had failed, and he did not think it right to bring it in now. They did not build a wash-house to commemorate the memory of a friend or relative. Memorials were being erected in parishes all around them, and he was feeling ashamed of Coalville, his native town, in not having a memorial before now to the boys who died for them.

Mr O. Haywood said they wanted the memorial to be a sacred thing, and he thought it ruled out anything of a utilitarian character.

Mr Drewett said he did not want a memorial to be delayed by introducing these much more expensive schemes. They had £375 now, and could erect a monument if they got no more. The chairman asked for a resolution.

Mr Curtis moved that the meeting cause to be erected a cottage hospital as a war memorial. The chairman said he could hardly accept that as a resolution. It was contrary to the feeling of the Welcome Home Committee in placing the £375 at their disposal.

Mr Brooks said he was on the Welcome Home Committee, and did not think the feeling of the committee was averse to the money being used for a cottage hospital as a war memorial.

Mr Tapp said public opinion in favour of a cottage hospital was growing, as he thought it would, when he moved six months ago, that the matter should stand adjourned for six months. They wanted the names of the boys who fell to be recorded, and he thought this £375 might be ear-marked for that in connection with the erection of a hospital.

The chairman said the hospital committee was still in existence, and they should not trespass on the work of the hospital committee.

Mr Frith said he understood that when talking of a cottage hospital they meant a miniature Leicester Infirmary ("No, no"). If that was introduced, it would delay this scheme.

Mrs Allen said the Women's Guild favoured a Cottage Hospital. They had £300 in the bank towards it, and were prepared to work to raise £1,000. Mr Curtis then moved that the meeting favours the erection of a cottage hospital as a memorial. Mrs Allen seconded.

The chairman moved an amendment that this committee proceeds to erect a memorial to the boys who lost their lives in the war. Mr Smith seconded, suggesting that they leave the cottage hospital alone. This was carried by a large majority.

Mr Tapp asked whether that ruled out the question of a cottage hospital as a memorial. The chairman said it did. Mr Tapp suggested that the two committees should be merged. They must look at it from the public point of view, and it would seem hardly the thing to be making two appeals at the same time. He would like the two to go together.

Mr Brooks and Mr Curtis both said that though they favoured a cottage hospital, which had been defeated, they would be pleased to work to the best of their ability for the scheme adopted by the committee. (Cheers).

Mrs Allen said the Women's Guild had worked for a cottage hospital and had raised nearly £300 for that purpose. It placed them in an awkward position, and they would have to wait and see what was done at the hospital committee meeting on Thursday night.

Mr George Smith moved that a sub-committee be appointed to go into the matter of designs for a memorial, cost, etc. The following were elected as a sub-committee: Messrs. B. B. Drewett, A. E. Clay, C. E. Marston, J. R. Bennett, James Wootton, G. Smith, H. R. Brown and Mr Curtis.

Friday August 6th 1920 (Issue 1483)

ASHBY'S MEMORIAL

A DISCHARGED SOLDIER'S INSTITUTION

Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Friday decided to build a Discharged Soldiers' Institute costing £2,500 as a war memorial. The Vicar, answering criticism by teetotalers that intoxicants would be supplied, sharply retorted that if soldiers could not conduct themselves during a great war, they would not be likely to mis-conduct themselves simply because beer was sold.

ASHBY FETE

It was left to the Ashby branch of the D.S. and S. to provide the Bank Holiday attraction, which took the form of a fete and gala in the Bath Grounds. Splendid weather favoured the affair, and the event was largely patronised.

A cricket match between Lichfield Bankers and Ashby Hastings furnished an interesting item of the "bill of fare," whilst the members of the Ashby Hastings Lawn Tennis Club had a full day's programme. Old world types of amusements were provided in the form of performances by acrobats and clowns, and these worthies performed feats and went through antics that contributed largely to the amusement of several thousands. An impromptu tug-of-war provided an admirable diversion.

The band of the D.S. and S. provided the musical programme, and also played for dancing in the evening. The final item of a list of attractions was a pyrotechnic display. The funds of the D.S. and S. should considerably benefit by their enterprise.

SUTTON CHENEY

WAR MEMORIAL

There was a large gathering of parishioners at Sutton Cheney Parish Church on Wednesday afternoon on the occasion of the unveiling of the memorial which had been placed in the church in honour of the men from the parish who fell in the war. The memorial consists of a clock in the turret which has two dials of five feet in diameter, and which weigh 1 ½ cwt each, and a stone tablet in the church recording the names of the men from the parish who lost their lives. The unveiling of the tablet was performed by Colonel Dugall Stuart, the owner of the Sutton Cheney estate, who also set the clock going. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. F. Robotham, assisted by Canon Bowers, of Market Bosworth, and the Rev. A. J. G. Pitley, of Barwell. The cost of the memorial was £130, which sum has been subscribed by the parishioners.

Friday August 13th 1920 (Issue 1484)

D.S. AND S.

As a result of the recent fete and gala at the Bath Grounds, the funds of the above will benefit to the extent of over £100. Determined efforts are being made to raise the £2,200, the amount estimated to convert the rear premises of the Queen's Hotel into an institute and equip it. The scheme has been adopted by the town as its war memorial.

COALVILLE PETTY SESSIONS

SPECTATORS ENJOYED IT

George Costelow (29), collier, Whitwick, and Joseph Farn (25), quarryman, Ellistown, were summoned for violent conduct at Coalville, on July 24th. Only Farn appeared, and he pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Culpin said Costelow told him he should not lose a day's work for that bit of a thing. P.C. Bursnall said he saw the defendants fighting in the Market Place about 10.15 pm. Inspector Dobney corroborated.

Farn said he was struck, and he only defended himself. Inspector Dobney said it was a good fight. They had four or five rounds, and the people who were watching said they were sorry that the police parted them, as it was about the best fight they had seen. Defendant said he could only use one arm.

The Inspector: *Then you used it well.*

Defendant, who had two wound stripes, said he had a bullet wound in one arm. He saw Costelow on to a lad and told him to fight someone bigger; then Costelow struck him.

Costelow was fined 12/6 or seven days; and Farn 7/6 or seven days.

Friday August 20th 1920 (Issue 1485)

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Mr Wilfred Lilley, of Margaret Street, Coalville, who won the Military Medal and bar during the war, and his wife, will sail from Tilbury Docks on Saturday (tomorrow) for Australia. Mr Lilley was in the P.M. choir, the members of which recently presented him with a hymn book and supplement.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Mr S. Boot, secretary of the Coalville Liberal Club, and Mrs Boot, are on a visit to France for the purpose of seeing the grave of their son, killed in action in 1915?

IN MEMORIAM

Ottey – In loving memory of Private Arthur Ottey, 7th Leicester Regiment, who was killed in action on August 22nd, 1918.

*“He bravely answered duty’s call,
His life he gave for one and all.
But the unknown grave is the bitterest blow.
None but an aching heart can know.”*

From Father, Mother, Brothers, Sisters and sweetheart.

Marriott – In loving memory of Private Thomas Marriott, Northumberland Fusiliers, died of wounds, 21st August, 1918.

*“Not now, but in the coming years,
It may be in the Better Land,
We’ll read the meaning of our tears,
And there some day we’ll understand.”*

From Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

Friday August 27th 1920 (Issue 1486)

EX-SOLDIERS AND POLITICS

The local branch of the National Federation of the D. and D.S.S. has received from London headquarters a batch of ballot papers for use in the question of affiliation with political parties. The men were asked to vote on the question of affiliation with any political party, and if so, what party. The parties named are the Conservative, Liberal, and Labour. Hitherto, the ex-service men here have declined an invitation by the local Labour party to become affiliated.

SHACKERSTONE, O DSTONE AND GOPSALL WAR MEMORIAL

On Saturday afternoon, the large three light east window in Shackerstone Church was dedicated to the memory of those from the parishes of Shackerstone, Gopsall and Odstone, who gave their lives in the late war. The unveiling ceremony was performed by Sir Samuel Waring, of Gopsall, and the service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Neep (Vicar). The window represents the Resurrection of Our Lord, with the disciples standing round, and two angels holding scrolls with the following texts, "*Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens,*" and on the other scroll, "*And let Thy glory be above all the earth.*" The subjects are enclosed within a richly designed canopy and base, along the lines of the famous examples of 15th century glass, and the figure and details call for special attention, being very delicately and beautifully painted. The colour scheme is rich and shows to great advantage against the silvery white canopy and base. The inscription reads, "*To the Glory of God, and in loving memory of John Wm. Pickering, Ernest Wm. Blaza, Alfred Ridgway, Frederick Arthur Petcher, Harold Jackson Wyatt, John Wild, Arthur Cheshire, Jos. Wm. Cuthbert, who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-1919.*" "*Until the day break and the shadows flee away.*" *This window is a tribute of affection and gratitude from the inhabitants of Shackerstone, Odstone and Gopsall.*

Friday September 3rd 1920 (Issue 1487)

IN MEMORIAM

Sharpe – In loving memory of our dear son, Pte. George Sharpe, who was killed in action, September 6th, 1918.

*"Not dead to us; we love him still,
Not lost, but gone before,
He lives with us in memory still,
And will for evermore."*

From his loving Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers.
14, Leicester Road, Ibstock.

Sharpe – In loving memory of my dear husband, Pte. George Sharpe, who was killed in action, September 6th, 1918.

*"God's will be done though hearts may break,
'Twas His to give, 'twas his to take.
From memory's page will never blot,
Three little words: Forget him not."*

From his dear Wife and Child.
14, Leicester Road, Ibstock.

Friday September 10th 1920 (Issue 1488)

ABSENTEE

At the Coalville Police Court, on Tuesday, Pte. Levi Peace (21), of the 1st Staffs. Regiment, was brought before Mr G. J. Brooks, charged with being an absentee from Ireland since August 23rd. P.C. Bursnall deposed to seeing the man on the railway station, and he ran across the line. Witness arrested him three-quarters of an hour later at his parent's home in Margaret Street. He wore ribbons for war service, and had re-engaged for the Army after the war. He was remanded to await an escort.

IN MEMORIAM

Beasley – In ever loving memory of our dear son, William Beasley, who fell in action, September 11th, 1917.

*“Gone to his rest, through the pathway of duty,
Giving his life that others may live.
Such as the word on the Tablet of Beauty,
In letters immortal in honour to live,
May he rest in peace.”*

From his sorrowing Mother and Father.
Hermitage Hotel.

Colver – Always remembered, my old chum, Signaller Fred Colver, killed in action, September 10th, 1918.

“One of the best.”

Frank Eric Onions.

MEMORIAL CROSS AT BARDON

UNVEILING AND DEDICATION SERVICE

The unveiling and dedication of the memorial to the memory of the men from the parish of Bardon Hill who gave their lives for their country in the late war, took place on Saturday afternoon.

The memorial is a cross of Portland stone attending on a square base of the same stone, with panels of Swithland slate on three sides, and supported on Bardon granite with Portland stone dressings, and surrounded by a granite slab, and is erected in St. Peter's Churchyard. The front tablet bears the words, *“To the Glory of God, and in memory of the men of the parish who gave their lives for their country in the Great War – 1914 – 1918.”* The names and regiments of the fallen are inscribed on the panels on the North and South sides. A small Swithland slate tablet, let in the granite base at the front says, *“Their name liveth for evermore.”* The design and finish are most artistic, and reflect great credit on the architect, Mr Nott, of Leicester.

The church was full to overflowing for the dedication service. The processional hymn was, *“Ten thousand times ten thousand.”* The Vicar, (the Rev. E. Pillifant) took the first part of the service, and the Rev. J. A. Hopwood, Bardon Park Chapel, read the special lesson. After the singing of Psalm 84, and the hymn, *“O God our help in ages past,”* the offertory, which was for the war memorial fund was taken, and amounted to £11/2/3. A most impressive sermon was preached by the Rural Dean, the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A., Vicar of Whitwick, from the text: *“Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.”* In the course of his address, the rev. gentleman said no monument that was ever made would be worthy of the heroic deed, who saved, not only Europe, but the world, by their gallant efforts, and died so that better things might ensue in our land. But had these better things followed? Was it for all this unrest in our land that these men died? What was the cause of it all? A conflict between national feelings and class feelings. These men did not die for sections or parties, but that the whole might be better, that the traditions of this nation should be carried on to a future time. What is the remedy? Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, and take the principles of Christianity as the foundation of our dealings with man. The hymn, *“Fight the good fight,”* followed the reading of the names of the fallen by the Vicar, and a solemn Te Deum was sung.

Then the congregation, headed by the choir and clergy, proceeded to the churchyard where the cross was unveiled by Mr B. N. Everard (Bardon Hill), who said he was glad for two things to have the honour of taking part in the proceedings that day. The first was that he knew most of the men personally, and the second was that it was an opportunity to express his sympathy with the bereaved. It was also a consolation to him to think that some day he should not only be near to his dear ones at rest, but also in the shadow the cross erected to the brave heroes of the parish. The Rev. Canon Broughton read the dedicatory prayers and pronounced the Blessing, the singing of the National Anthem bringing the ceremony to a close. A large number of beautiful floral tributes were placed on the memorial by relatives and friends of the fallen.

AN IBSTOCK'S SOLDIER'S APPEAL

Dear Sir, - Will you please publish a few lines in the "Coalville Times" for myself and a few of the boys out here. I want you to ask the boys of the Ibstock cricket teams (to which place I belong), if they would please send us a few cricket balls, and an old bat, as the sports gear that we buy out here does not last many minutes, and it is only throwing money away to keep buying it. So if the boys of Ibstock would please do as I ask, we shall all be greatly obliged to both them and yourself.

I hope this meets with your approval. I remain, yours truly (a regular reader of the "C.T.")

284924 Driver R. J. Lardner
165th Battery, 26th Brigade, R.F.
Alexandra Barracks, Jhanai, Central India.

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HUGGLESCOTE

OLD GATE INN SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' PRESENTS FUND

A committee meeting of the above fund was held on Wednesday evening, for the purpose of winding up the fund. Mr W. Gray presided. It was reported by the treasurer, Mr J Wilkins, that the balance at the bank was £6/4/0. After a lengthy discussion as to the best way to distribute the money so that it would do the greatest good to the greatest number, it was resolved to disburse it as follows:

Leicester Infirmary £1; Ellistown Nursing Association £1; Coalville St. John Ambulance Brigade £1; and the remaining £3 odd to Hugglescote Nursing Association. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the treasurer, Mr J. Wilkins; the secretary, Mr H. Spencer; and all who assisted in any way to the success of the Fund.

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

P.C. John Robertson, stationed at Coalville for some years, has been appointed to Ratby parish, and his many acquaintances have congratulated the popular officer on his promotion. P.C. Robertson served four years in the Army, two of which were in France. After the Armistice, he took up police duties here, which he had relinquished to join the Army. He is a relative of Supt. Robertson, of Market Harborough.

IN MEMORIAM

Jones – In loving remembrance of my dear son, Corporal David Archibald Jones, who was killed September 6th, 1915, aged 23 years. Also in loving memory of Lance-Corporal Wilfred Jones, who was killed September 15th, 1916, aged 24 years; the loving sons of Mr and Mrs Jones, Standard Hill (late of Melbourne Street).

*"Call them not dead, these brave, these splendid heroes
Death is too cold a word for such as they;
Nay, rather say, they sleep in happy dreaming,
Waking to Heaven's everlasting day."*

From their loving Mother, Father, Brothers and Sister.

Curtis – In loving memory of Corpl. J. Curtis, of Ravenstone, who died of wounds, somewhere in France, September 18th, 1918.

From Wife and Children; Sister Annie and Brother Jim.

WHITWICK YOUTH'S THEFT OF BICYCLE

A DESERTER FROM THE ARMY

At the Leicester City Police Court on Monday, William Henry Ward, aged 18, said to be a collier, of 34, Cademan Street, Whitwick, denied that last Thursday he stole a bicycle worth £8, belonging to George Sarson, of 196, Beaumanor Road, Leicester.

Mr Sarson said he went to Cossington Street baths on September 9th, and left his bicycle outside. When he came out the bicycle had gone. He reported his loss to the police. Detective R. Parkin said he received the defendant from Derbyshire police at Ilkeston on Saturday, along with the bicycle. Witness told him that the machine was like the one stolen from outside the Cossington Street baths at Leicester, and he replied: "Yes, *that's right. My pal was with me when it was taken.*" He charged the youth with stealing it, and then he replied, "Yes, *that's right; I'm sorry.*"

It was stated that Ward was a soldier in the Leicestershire Regiment, now at Ross Common, but had deserted, and a further charge in respect to that was now before the court. The Bench sentenced Ward to hard labour for a month and at the request of Inspector Choyce, the chairman stated that they would take into consideration in passing that sentence, another similar offence in the county. At the end of the period, defendant would be handed over to an escort.

Friday September 24th 1920 (Issue 1490)

RELICS OF THE GREAT WAR

One of the principal attractions in London recently was the Exhibition of Famous War Models gathered together and exhibited by Messrs. Thomas Parsons and Sons, 315 – 317 Oxford Street.

The Exhibition was visited by over 300,000 people, whose admission fees (in round figures £15,000) were handed over by the promoters to the War Seal Foundation without deduction, for the furtherance of its work in behalf of disabled soldiers and sailors.

Queen Alexandra and Princess Arthur of Connaught both took a deep personal interest in the Exhibition, and in addition most of our principal naval and military officers lent exhibits, and in some cases presented personal trophies for sale, the proceeds to be devoted to the War Seal Foundation.

Amongst these were Admiral Lord Beatty's personal Chart of Pentland Firth, sold at Christie's for 160 guineas. Other trophies include a gift from General Sir Wm. Birdwood, of the 5th Army flag which affixed to the bonnet of his motor car in France, was flown before and during the advance which culminated so gloriously in the deliverance of Lille and Tournai. Field-Marshal Lord Allenby gave a war ordnance map, in leather case, which he used throughout the fighting at Mons, the Marne, the Aisne, Messines and Ypres, together with his cap badge worn in the Battle of Arras, and later in Palestine.

The ill-fated Dardanelles Expedition, is represented by a handsome hoth-handled silver mounted fly whisk, given by General Sir Ian Hamilton, who himself used it in the Dardanelles, and previously in other campaigns in the Far East. A pair of handsomely-polished lead and mahogany chart weights came from Admiral Sir Roger Keyes. General Sir Robert Baden Powell presented a pair of chain mail shoulder straps which he wore during his campaigns in India and South Africa, and amongst other equally valuable contributions is the tunic worn by the late Captain Ball, V.C., during that thrilling fight in the air when he won his Military Cross. Each of these gifts has attached to it an autograph letter of authentication which in some cases describes the part each played in the Great War.

As the Exhibition is now closed, these trophies are offered for sale, and as they represent absolutely irreplaceable articles personal to the donors, it is believed that public spirited persons through the empire will take immediate steps to secure them either for private or national collections. The proceeds from their sale will be used by the War Seal Foundation for the erection of self-contained residential flats wherein disabled servicemen can live with their families, and obtain for themselves, on the spot, the after-care and treatment necessary to their well-being and comfort. Offers should be made to Mr Wm. J. Roberts, Secretary of the War Seal Foundation, 10, Charing Cross Road, W.C. 2.

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Efforts are being made by the Ashby branch of the D.S. and S. to induce Admiral Beatty to open the new institute when completed. The town has adopted the Institute as its war memorial, and in addition there is already a stone cross erected in the Parish Churchyard, whilst both Holy Trinity Church and the Wesleyan Chapel have memorials of their own. Something like £800 has been promised towards the institute project, but an outlay of over £2,000 is contemplated. Mr W. E. Jennings having resigned from the secretaryship of the War Memorial Committee, the gap has been filled by Mrs Pratt.

RECRUITING AT COALVILLE

TWO PLATOONS TO BE FORMED

It is proposed to form two Coalville platoons of "A" Co. 5th Battalion Leicestershire Territorial Regiment, and a meeting of ex-servicemen and others was held in the Snibston New Inn clubroom, on Wednesday night, to discuss the matter.

Capt. Jamie presided, and explained that under a new arrangement, two platoons to be formed at Coalville would be self-supporting with their own officers and N.C.O.'s. Army huts had been erected off Ashby Road, Coalville, as the headquarters, and would shortly be opened as a club. A miniature rifle range had been installed, and there would be other attractions for the men. Any ex-servicemen would be welcomed for their help and advice and as the N.C.O.'s would be Coalville men, any such who rejoined would be given their old rank.

It was decided to hold a church parade at an early date, in which ex-servicemen were invited to join, and the headquarters band from Loughborough would attend. It was explained that Colour-Sergeant Instructor Mercer attended at the Snibston New Inn clubroom every Wednesday and Saturday for the purpose of attesting recruits. The sergeant said they were doing well at Ashby, and they wanted the Coalville platoons to be as strong.

IN MEMORIAM

WILLETT – In loving memory of Thomas William Willett, who was killed in action, September 25th, 1915. Aged 29 years.

"In memory ever dear."

HARRIS – In loving memory of Lance.-Corporal G. H. Harris, son of Mrs H. Harris, of Swepstone Road, Heather, who fell in action on September 19th, 1918. Aged 25 years.

*"Let the winds of Heaven blow gently,
O'er that sweet and sacred spot,
Although you are so far away
Dear George, you are not forgot."*

From his loving Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

SHILTON – In loving memory of our dear and only son, C. H. (Harry) Shilton, killed in action, September 23rd, 1917.

*"God's will be done, though hearts may break
'Twas His to give; 'twas His to take,
From memory's page we will never blot
Three little words: Forget him not."*

One of the best.

From Father, Mother and Sisters.

MASON – In loving memory of our dear son, Private William Mason, killed in action, September 26th, 1917.

*“This day brings back to memory
A loved one laid to rest;
And those who think of him today
Are those who loved him best.”*

From his loving Mother and Father.

MEASHAM MEMORIAL

A meeting of the Measham Memorial and Sports Committee was held at the Meeting Room, on Monday evening. The following members were present: Rev. J. Hewetson (in the chair), Miss Hewetson, Messrs. J. B. Hammersley, T. G. Blake, J. Stanfield, E. E. Wileman, J. Measures, J. Wileman, H. Randle, W. Francis, C. H. Higham, A. H. Thirlby, A. Outram, W. Egan, Father Moens, H. Sears and the secretary.

It was reported by the secretary that the public meeting had approved of having a monument erected on the piece of ground given by the late Earl of Loudoun, and two tennis courts and a bowling green laid out; also that the field be purchased from Mr Sharpe for sports.

Mr T. G. Blake presented a statement of the accounts, which showed that there was a balance in hand of £331. Mr C. H. Higham reported that there should be £60 handed over to the committee as a result of the annual sports.

The ways and means of raising more money was discussed, and eventually it was decided to give full information respecting the scheme, an appeal for funds to be made later. It was resolved to secure possession of the sports field as soon as possible. The provision of a permanent children's recreation ground was considered, and it was unanimously decided to purchase the field of two and a half acres at the back of the memorial ground.

Mr J. B. Hammersley presented the financial statement of the Football Club for the past year.

COALVILLE PETTY SESSIONS

EX-SOLDIER'S APPLICATION REFUSED

Leonard Johnson (26), collier, Ravenstone, was the respondent in an application by John Henry Willars, for an ejection order. Mr C. E. Crane appeared for the respondent.

Willars said he bought the house at Standard Hill in July, since being discharged from the Army. He wanted the house for his own occupation, and had offered respondent the rest of the house except the two front rooms. It was a six-roomed house, and Johnson would have four rooms for 4/- a week. They would both use the same range. The present rent was 5/9 a week. Applicant had a wife and one child, and respondent also had a wife and child.

By Mr Crane: Johnson, as well as applicant, was an ex-soldier. Respondent had kept his house on during the war, but applicant had to give up his house because it was sold. His mother sold the house, and he had been lodging with her since he left the Army. He was a plasterer and was at present working at Ashby. He moved about to where the work was, but he could not keep moving his home. If they shared the house, as suggested, they would have to go through the kitchen to get upstairs. The only pantry was under the stairs. There were plenty of people sharing houses and jointly using the cooking range.

Answering the clerk, applicant said his boy was five years old. Johnson said his was nearly four. Continuing, respondent said he was an electrician at the Ibstock Colliery. He had had possession of the house since 1916, and it was a big effort for him to keep his house on while he was in the Army. His wife only had 19/6 separation allowance, later increased to 22/6 per week, but he kept the house on so that he might have a home to return to when he left the Army. There was not enough room in the house for the two families. He had made every effort to get another house. He believed that if Willars came to live in the house, he (respondent) would soon be in the street.

Mr Crane submitted that it was not a case in which the Bench should make an order. The accommodation offered was not reasonable or sufficient. Willars, recalled, said the house he lived in now with his mother was sold, and was wanted for two families.

The Bench decided that the accommodation offered was not sufficient, and declined to make an order.

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IN MEMORIAM

FOWKES – In ever loving memory of Private Walter Fowkes, who was killed in action, September 30th, 1917.

*“I miss him and mourn him in silence unseen,
And dwell on the happiness of what might have been.”*

*“I had hoped for his safe returning,
Once more to clasp his hand;
But God has postponed our meeting,
Till we meet in the Better Land.”*

From his loving Sister and Brother, Ibstock

WRIGHT – In ever loving memory of Private J. H. Wright, 8th Leicesters, who fell in action, October 6th, 1917.

From Ethel

WRIGHT – In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, Pte. J. H. Wright, 8th Leicesters, who fell in action, October 6th, 1917.

*“Three years have passed, but still to memory ever dear,
His name we often breathe and shed a tear.
Time cannot alter love so deep, so true,
This day brings back our grief anew.”*

From his sorrowing Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters.
17, Hinckley Road, Ibstock.

TAYLOR – In loving memory of dear Will (Sergt. S. W. Taylor, M.M., 1/5th Leicesters), who fell in action September 29th, 1918.

“The memory of a noble life lives for ever.”

From Sarah.

TAYLOR – In loving memory of our dear friend, Will (Sergt. S. W. Taylor, M.M., 1/5th Leicesters), who fell in action September 29th, 1918.

*“Sunshine passes, shadows fall,
But sweet remembrance outlasts all.”*

From Mr and Mrs A. Wallam, and Daisy and Albert.

SYKES – In loving memory of our dear son, Corpl. Wilfred Sykes, killed in action, September 26th, 1917.

*“A light is from our household gone;
A voice we loved is stilled.
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.”*

“We loved him too dearly in life,

We can never forget him in death."

From his loving Mother and Father, Brothers and Sisters.
Co-Operative Cottages, Thringstone.

GAMBLE – In loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, Gunner A. Gamble, who died of wounds at Ypres, October 2nd, 1918. Aged 21 years.

*"Two years have passed since that sad day,
When one we loved was called away.
God took him Home; it was His will,
But in our hearts we love him still."*

From his loving Father, Mother, Brother, Sister and Niece.

Friday October 8th 1920 (Issue 1492)

WHIST DRIVE

A whist drive was held in the Whitwick National School on Saturday evening, the M.C.'s being Messrs. J. Elliott and H. Underwood. The proceeds were for the Whitwick Memorial Fund.

IN MEMORIAM

WILD – In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, T. W. Wild, who died while a prisoner of war in Germany on October 6th, 1918.

*"We miss him and mourn him in silence unseen,
And dwell on the happiness of what might have been.
We had hoped for his safe returning,
Once more to clasp his hand.
But God has postponed our meeting,
Till we meet in the better land."*

From his loving Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers.

WHARMBY – In loving memory of our dear son, Private Herbert Gladstone Wharmby, killed in action on the Somme, October 8th, 1916.

"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember him."

Mother, Father, Brother and Sisters, of 43, Bakewell Street, Coalville.

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LOCAL NEWS

SMOKING CONCERT

A smoking concert was held at the Snibstone New Inn clubroom, Coalville, on Saturday evening, in connection with "A" Company, 5th Batt. Leicestershire Regiment, Sergeant-Major T. H. Wain presided, and there was a good attendance, those present including Capt. R. Abney-Hastings and Capt. J. P. W. Jamie. A capital programme was given, the contributors including the Hugglescote Town Band Quartet Party, Messrs. W. Burton (humourist) T. Hancock (baritone), G. Leigh-Dugmore (pianist) and others. A good number of recruits was enrolled and the hearty support of several ex-service men was promised.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

A good company of recruits for the Coalville Company of the Leicestershire Territorials were enrolled at a meeting on Saturday night?

FREEDOM OF THE CITY

LEICESTER COUNCIL TO HONOUR EARL HAIG

A private meeting of the Leicester City Council was held on Tuesday evening, to consider a proposal to confer the freedom of the city upon Earl Haig on the occasion of his forthcoming visit. There was some opposition from members of the Labour Party, not on personal grounds, but for the reason that the present is not a time either to glorify militarism, or to spend money on baubles. In spite of this, however, a proposition that the distinguished Field-Marshal be asked to accept the freedom was carried by a large majority.

IN MEMORIAM

HALL – In proud and loving memory of our dear nephew and cousin, Lance-Corporal James Horace Hall, Leicestershire Regt. killed in action, October 15th, 1917.

*“His days were short in youthful bloom,
By Death he was cut down.
But Jesus rising from His tomb,
Procures a heavenly crown.”*

*“He rests in shrouds of glory,
Every debt of honour paid.”*

From Aunt and Uncle Shilliam; Florrie, Edgar and George.

TWELLS – In loving memory of Lancelot John Twells, who died whilst a prisoner of war at Worms-on-Rhine, Germany, October 13th, 1918. Aged 26 years.

*“Safe at last, all dangers past;
Safe in his Father’s Home.”*

From his Mother, Father, Brothers, Sister and Brother-in-law.

MARLOW – In loving memory of our dear son, Lance-Corporal F. Marlow, who nobly fell in action October 10th, 1918.

*“On the resurrection morning,
Soul and body meet again;
No more sorrow, no more weeping,
No more pain.”*

From Mother, Father and Sisters

HALL – Sacred to the memory of our dear son and brother, Lance-Corporal James Horace Hall, killed in action, October 15th, 1917.

*“No one knows the parting,
Or what the parting cost;
But God in His good mercy
Has gained him we have lost.”*

Ever remembered by his loving Mother, Father and Sisters.

FLETCHER – In very precious memory of our dear son and brother, George E. Fletcher, who made the supreme sacrifice, October 13th, 1915.

*"We think we see him still in life,
Though five years have passed,
But in our memory still he lives,
And will do to the last.
This day bring back sad memories
And those who think of him today,
Are those who loved him best."*

"Our loved one at rest"

From his loving Mother, Brothers and Sisters and Louie.
9, Ibstock Road, Ellistown.

EAMES – In loving memory of my dear husband, Martin Eames, who died while a prisoner of war in Germany, October 19th, 1918.

*"I long for household voices gone,
For vanished smiles I long
But God hath led my dear one on,
And He can do no wrong."*

From his loving Wife and Son.

EAMES – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Martin, who died whilst a prisoner of war, October 19th, 1918.

*"Not dead to us, for we love him still,
Not lost, but gone before.
He lives with us in memory still,
And will for evermore."*

From Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

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THORNTON

WAR MEMORIAL

A memorial tablet in honour of the Thornton men who served during the war has been erected in Thornton Council School, and was unveiled on Saturday last. It is composed of grey granite, with a bronze border on the top and at the sides, measures 5ft by 2ft, and contains the names of

T. H. Brown, J. Clarke, H. B. Cooper, A. H. de Ville, J. W. Farmer, B. Garfield, F. Mee, W. A. Poole and A. Unwin, who died in action.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Horn (Wesleyan minister), who read the lesson, the Rev. E. G. Garnham (Baptist minister) who gave an appropriate address, and the Rev. R. Pratt (the Vicar), who read the prayers. After the memorial had been unveiled by the schoolmaster, the Thornton Brass Band played the Dead March ("Saul") and at the close the bandmaster (Mr H. Bennett) sounded the "Last Post", and the audience joined in singing the National Anthem. The cost of the memorial (£100) was raised by the Sailors' and Soldiers' Committee.

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IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Pte. J. Sheffield, killed in action, September 26th, 1916.

*"Time cannot alter love so true,
This day brings back our grief anew."*

"May he rest in peace."

From Mother and Father, and Family
79, Charnwood Street, Coalville

THACKER – In loving memory of our dear son, Private Thomas Thacker, of Coalville, 1/1 Cambridgeshire Regiment, killed in action in France, October 26th, 1918 aged 21 years.

Then said he, "I am going to my Father, yet now I do not repent me of all the trouble."

Ever remembered by his loving Mother, Father and Sisters.

ORTON – In loving memory of my dear son, Private E. Orton, who died of wounds received in France on the 23rd day of October, 1916.

*"As we look at his picture which hangs on the wall,
The smile of his boyhood we can't but recall.
We miss you, God knows, and mourn you unseen,
And memories are sacred of the days that have been."*

Sadly missed by his sorrowing Mother, Brother and Sister.

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EX-SOLDIER'S OFFENCE AT COALVILLE

PATHETIC SCENE IN COURT

VICTIM OF SHELL-SHOCK

A pathetic scene was witnessed in the Coalville Police Court on Friday, when Arthur J. Horsenail (25), labourer, Leicester, was charged with stealing a dog, value £3/10/6 at Coalville on September 17th.

Defendant, who had a wound stripe on his sleeve, and was unable to keep his limbs still, on account of shell shock, said he was waiting for hospital treatment. He said he did not steal the dog.

Frances M. Bower, wife of John C. Bower, of the Blue Bell Inn, Coalville, said she missed her Pomeranian dog, and heard that a man had been seen with it going towards the station, and she told the station master, who telephoned along the line, and the dog was brought to her in the evening.

Defendant said his wife saw the dog in the street and picked it up. It had no collar on. Addressing Mrs Bower, he said, *"I am very sorry, lady, but I did not intend to steal it."* While making this statement, defendant fell heavily to the floor of the dock in a fit.

He came round in a few minutes, and the chairman told him that on account of his condition the case would

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MARKET BOSWORTH PETTY SESSIONS

EX-SOLDIER AND HIS FERRET

Gordon H. Shilton and Sidney Shilton, hosiery hands, and Sidney Loveridge, labourer, all of Hinckley, were summoned for an offence under the Poaching Prevention Act at Fenny Drayton, on October 15th. Gordon

Shilton and Loveridge wore war ribbons and medals. The former pleaded not guilty, and Loveridge and Sidney Shilton guilty.

P.C. Bramall said about mid-day he was on duty in plain clothes in the Fen Lanes with P.C. Willars, and saw G. H. Shilton with a pony and trolley in the lane. They saw Loveridge coming from the direction of Mr Buchannan's field. His boots were wet and dirty and there was clay on his trouser knees. They told him they were constables, and suspected him and should search him. They found on him a bag containing a ferret, and in a bag under some grass on the trolley were three rabbits, which were quite warm, being freshly killed. He told the defendants they would be charged under the Poaching Prevention Act, and they made no reply, but drove off in the direction of Fenny Drayton. Witness next searched the hedgerow and found the other defendant (Sidney Shilton) hiding in a deep ditch. He got up and said it was a "fair cop". He had eight nets and a ferret on him. The other two drove back again, and picked the third man up. There had been complaints from farmers of the district.

Gordon Shilton said he had nothing to do with it. He said he was paralysed in his right hand and could do nothing.

The clerk: *You were in possession of the trolley with the rabbit on it.*

Sidney Shilton said he had been waiting 16 or 17 weeks for a pension from the Army and had only just come out of a sanatorium. He did not start out with the intention of poaching.

Gordon Shilton was fined 10/- or seven years and the other two £1 each.

Loveridge said he had served 23 years in the Army. The Bench ordered the nets and ferrets to be confiscated. Sidney Shilton pleaded with the Bench to let him have the ferret back again, and was told that this could not be so, as he had used it for an unlawful purpose. The defendant then asked if he could see it destroyed as he would not like to see it get into other hands.

The clerk: *It might be sold.*

Defendant: *Then can I buy it back?*

The clerk: *You must see the Superintendent about that.*

Defendant offered to buy the ferret back again, but the Superintendent subsequently announced that they had decided to destroy it in the defendant's presence.

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RAVENSTONE WAR MEMORIAL

UNVEILED BY MAJOR HATCHETT, J.P.

IMPRESSIVE SERVICE

Few villages, perhaps in proportion to population, suffered more heavily in the war than Ravenstone, where on Sunday afternoon the unveiling took place of a memorial to 28 men of the parish who made the supreme sacrifice. The memorial consists of a cross of Weldon stone, 12ft high, with steps at the base and three panels in Swithland slate bearing the names of the men, and on the front panel appears the inscription

"In glorious memory of the unreturning brave 1914 – 1918"

The names of the fallen are as follows:

L.-Corporal J. C. Andrews, Pte. H. Walker, Corporal P. L. Smith, Pte. G. T. Andrews, Pte. J. Martin, Pte. W. Brooks, Corporal C. Fairbrother, Pte. J. Nicholls, Gunner A. Prew, Pte. S. Poole, Seaman W. Potter, Corporal J. Sinfield, Pte. C. T. Colver, Corporal J. Curtis, Pte. H. Congrave, Corporal J. Collier, L.-Corporal F. Marlow, Pte. J. Watson, Pte. R. Bodle, Pte. W. Glover, Pte. A. R. Brooks, Pte. G. Yates, Pte. J. Knifton, Pte. W. Hill, Pte. C. H. C. Wilson, Rfn. W. Knight, Sergt. J. Hancock and Pte. A. Fowkes.

The cross was designed by Mr T. H. Fosbrooke, architect, of Leicester, whose brother is the Squire of Ravenstone Hall, and it was executed by Mr J. H. Morcomb, also of Leicester. The cost was about £150, which has been defrayed by public subscription.

The memorial stands in a most eminent position in the picturesque churchyard, by the side of the pathway leading to the main entrance of the church, and the unveiling ceremony by Major Hatchett, J.P., in the autumn sunshine, with a huge concourse of people gathered around, formed a very impressive scene.

THE SERVICE

The proceedings commenced with a service in the quaint old church, which was packed to the doors, many, in fact, being unable to get in. The uplifting strains of the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," formed an appropriate commencement, and then followed a form of service, led by the Rector (the Rev. S. Dowling) in which proper Psalms (21 and 121), lessons (Wisdom iii, 1 – 9 and Rev. 21 1 – 7) and prayers were fittingly mingled, each serving to emphasise the leading note of the day. The anthem beautifully rendered by the choir, was taken from the words of the special lesson. "The Souls of the Righteous," and the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. D. C. Wallace, the Master of Ravenstone Hospital, whose text was Philippians 1c 22v "With Christ, which is far better." He said that for many centuries in peace and war time that church had stood at Ravenstone, but never before in its history had it seen what stood in its shadow to-day – a beautiful memorial inscribed with the names of nearly 30 Ravenstone boys who gave their lives in the war. Never before was there such a war, and never before was Ravenstone called upon to make such a sacrifice. "*We need no monument,*" he said, "*They are our boys; we know their faces, know their generous dispositions and the fine spirit which sent them forth. All that is enshrined in our memories and nothing can deface it. We need no monument, but there is one outside because there will come after us generations who knew not our boys, and that monument will tell them in years to come what Ravenstone boys did in the hour of England's peril.*"

The memorial, he continued, was a symbol of their faith, of the greatest sacrifice of that Eternal Son of God, Who came from Heaven. It was that supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross that inspired their boys to make their sacrifice upon the altar of patriotism, and it would be acceptable to God. There would be sad thoughts that day, but he asked them to let proud thoughts prevail over the sad ones. They should be proud because they were the parents and friends of such boys – proud because they were not found wanting in the crucial hour, and because a new glory had come to their homes whether it was castle or cottage, the glory of their boys. Then their thoughts should help them to look forward, because the boys had only just passed on before them, called to a nobler work, and presently they would follow them. Let them not also forget the boys who came back. They went to stop the cruel evil and oppression which was threatening the people of this country from abroad. They wanted to ensure a peaceful and happy life for those here at home, believing them to be worthy of it. It was for them to prove that worth during the rest of their lives. If they were to keep up their jealousies and petty grievances the boys would have fought in vain, and there would be no better England. The boys taught them charitableness, unselfishness, and through love to serve one another. Let them take up the task and as they stood around the memorial solemnly pledge themselves before God and their boys that they would fight uncharitableness and selfishness among themselves and try to be more brotherly men and more sisterly women, to stand together for peace and good-will at home as they stood together in awful peril of the war. "*That,*" he concluded, "*is the best tribute we can pay to those gallant boys, and when they see and know that, they will know that they have not died in vain; that we are worthy for whom they did such great things, and they will rest in peace and possess their souls in patience until that glad day when we and they shall meet again in the blessed presence of that one God, the Father and Saviour of us all.*"

After the sermon the hymn, "Ten thousand times, ten thousand," was sung, during which a collection for the memorial fund realised £13/8/3.

THE UNVEILING

A procession was then formed of the choir, clergy, wardens and members of the Memorial Committee, which proceeded to the cross, singing the hymn, "Through the night doubt and sorrow."

Relatives of the fallen were given a place of prominence around the memorial, and the service of dedication, conducted by the Rector, opened with the singing of "When I survey the wondrous Cross." Having performed

the ceremony of unveiling, Major J. Hatchett, J.P., said, "Several years ago, the Rector called a meeting, which appointed a committee to consider and report upon a suitable memorial, to do honour to the memory of the men who died for their country in the great war. The committee were fortunate in having the kind advice and assistance of an eminent architect, who was a native of Ravenstone, and took great interest in the memorial, the result being the placing here of this beautiful monument. The architect's name is Mr Thomas Fosbrooke, of Leicester, and we have to thank Mr Fosbrooke very much for what he has done. We have today taken part in a solemn service in that venerable church in which so many generations of our fathers have worshipped, and we now are privileged to be assembled here in this acre of sacred ground, the resting place of so many of our beloved dead, for the purpose of discharging the honourable duty of assisting at the dedication of this memorial erected by the people of Ravenstone to the blessed memory of 28 brave men, who loved their country, and gave their lives to save English men, women and children from tyranny and oppression. We all desire to show our unstinted appreciation and our unbounded admiration of the courageous spirit of those fearless men, who, when their country was wantonly attacked, considered it to be a sacred duty to defend it; and this memorial, which has been raised as a tribute of respect, will remind us and those who came after us, our children and our children's children, of the undaunted courage and the undying fame of those men of Ravenstone who, whilst upholding the honour of the British flag, and sustaining the reputation of the British soldier, sacrificed their lives. We owe an eternal debt of gratitude to the men who went forth in full health and strength, leaving home, comfort, friends and relatives, to take their places in the battle line to fight in the righteous cause of freedom and justice, against the most cruel, vindictive and treacherous foe the world has ever known. Our sincere, straight-forward, unassuming, determined men, were unafraid and undismayed, although they knew that the Angel of Death was hovering over their path. Their loyal and valued services were very helpful to their country in the hour of her need. We had hoped to witness their return to receive a grateful nation's recognition and thanks, but the inscrutable degree of Providence ordered it otherwise. They faithfully and manfully performed their duty, they died glorious deaths, they died for England, they died for all of us and the places on the field of honour, where they lie in warriors graves, are hallowed and sanctified by a nation's grief, and watered by a nation's tears. We deplore their loss; their splendid examples will remain; their glorious memories will endure. We thank God for such men; and if England's sons maintain the courage, the devotion and the unselfish patriotism displayed by them, we have no fear for the independence of our race, or for the position of our country and empire amongst the nations of the world. We tender our sincere sympathy to their relatives, trusting that God's blessing will rest upon them and lighten the burden of their bereavement. Ravenstone is proud of the ever-living memories and the noble deeds of her unreturning immortal heroes, who without fear faced the foe and walked into the valley of the shadow of death, to save the lives, the honour and liberties of those they left behind. These brave British soldiers still live in our hearts and will not be forgotten; their name liveth for ever. We shall always mention with respect and reverence the names inscribed on this memorial stone, which has been raised to protect their memory, and preserve their story, and remain a lasting monument of their glory. Duty impelled them and they never faltered. There was no need for her to call them twice. The end they saw not, nor would have wished it altered. They took the cross, and made the sacrifice. God grant that we may be found worthy of them, in the days that are to be!"

The dedication of the monument was solemnly performed by the Rector and prayers were followed by the singing of the Doxology.

Two buglers then stepped to the front of the memorial and sounded the "Last Post" and whilst this was in progress, there flew up towards the heavens four homing pigeons released from the hands of the Rev. J. D. C. Wallace, beautifully symbolical of carrying the message of that day's proceedings.

Many beautiful floral tributes were placed on the memorial by relatives and friends of the deceased men.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Ravenstone Churchyard, where a war memorial was unveiled on Sunday afternoon, now has two such monuments, one having been erected many years ago to the memory of two Ravenstone men who fell in the Crimean War. Both were named Baxter, one of them, who was in the Coldstream Guards, having fallen at Inkerman, and the other, in the Grenadiers, was killed at Alma. It is proposed to remove this and have the two memorials side by side. It is interesting to note also that buried in the Ravenstone churchyard is Mrs Healey, who was one of Florence Nightingale's nurses.

Ex-Service men who desire to obtain a small holding under a local authority in England and Wales must apply before the 1st December if they wish to take advantage of the preference to be given to ex-Servicemen over civilian applicants under the Government's land settlement scheme. They should apply to the clerk of the County Council at the county town of the county in which they resided before joining up.

IBSTOCK

WAR MEMORIAL

The work of erecting the war memorial to the fallen has now been commenced on the Central Avenue. A high barricade has been erected around the site, and a street lamp fixed at each end. The site chosen is in the centre of the main road, near where the District Council's housing scheme is being carried out.

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IN MEMORIAM

HOLLAND – In ever loving memory of Private Robert Holland, Manchester Regiment, who nobly fell in action in France, November 4th, 1918. Aged 28.

*“His days were short, in youthful bloom
By death he was cut down,
But Jesus, rising from his tomb,
Procures a heavenly crown.
Though gone and forgotten by some he may be,
Dear in our memory he will ever be.
He rests in shrouds of glory,
Ever debt of honour paid.”*

From his sorrowing Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters.
89, Curzon Street, Ibstock.

SMITH – In loving memory of Pte. Samuel Smith, 5th Leicester Regt. killed in action, November 8th, 1918.

*“His days were short in youthful bloom
By death he was cut down.
But Jesus, rising from His tomb
Procures a heavenly crown.”*

“He rests in shrouds of glory, every debt of honour paid.”

From his loving Father and Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

WATSON – In ever loving memory of our dear son, Private Thomas Watson, of the 5th Leicesters, who fell in action November 8th, 1916.

*“A light is from our household gone,
A voice we loved so well,
A vacant place upon our hearth
Which never can be filled.”*

From his loving Mother and Father; Sisters and Brother.
Standard Hill, Coalville.

WATSON

In loving memory of my dear brother, Private Thomas Watson, of the 5th Leicesters, who was killed in action November 8th, 1916.

*“Stars of the night are gleaming,
Upon a silent grave,
Where lieth our dear brother,
The one we could not save.
But hope in Heaven to meet again,
And when the roll is called up yonder, he'll be there.”*

From his loving Sister and her Husband.
Coventry.

COLLIER – In loving memory of our dear son, Private J. W. T. Collier, 50 Division, 1/6 N.F. who passed away in France, November 2nd, 1918.

*“In a land among strangers our dear son lies,
Not one of us near to bid him good-bye;
But the angels of Heaven are guarding his soul,
Till we meet again at the call of the roll.”*

From his loving Mother and Father.

COLLIER – In loving memory of Pte. J. W. T. Collier, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, who passed away in France, November 2nd, 1918.

From his two old pals, G and A.

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WAR MEMORIAL UNVEILING

A large congregation assembled to Bardon Park Chapel, on Sunday evening on the occasion of the unveiling of a memorial tablet to the former scholars of the Sunday School who gave their lives in the great war. A number of the relatives of the fallen were present. The service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Hopwood. The hymns sung included, “There is a land of pure delight,” and “Now thank we all our God.” The unveiling ceremony was performed by Mr T. Smith, as the oldest member of the congregation, who is 81, and has been a member for between 50 and 60 years.

The tablet is of white marble, with a black border, and bears the names of 14 men. The Rev. J. A. Hopwood, in the course of his sermon which followed, said their service that night was one of remembrance of the courage and devotion of their boys who had gone out to uphold the right. The tablet they had unveiled would continually remind them of that devotion. There was a collection in aid of the memorial fund.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Armistice Day was observed yesterday in the Coalville Schools by a two minutes' silence the meaning of which was explained to the scholars in short addresses by the head masters. At the Belvoir Road Council School, Mr T. Frith read the school's roll of honour. In each case the observance was very impressive.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Earl Haig, who visits Leicester next Saturday, will unveil a memorial at Ratby on Saturday afternoon?

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IN MEMORIAM

SMITH – In loving memory of our dear son, Frank A. Smith, Lance-Corporal M.F.P., who passed away in Mesopotamia, November 13th, 1918.

From his loving Father and Mother, Brother and Dorothy.

WARD – In ever loving memory of our dear son, and brother, Private Joseph R. Ward, 12th Royal Sussex Regiment, who fell in action, November 13th, 1916.

*“Four years have passed, but still to memory ever dear;
His name we often breathe and shed a tear.
Time cannot alter love so deep, so true,
This day brings back our grief anew.”*

From his loving Father and Mother, Brothers and Sisters.
25, Kendal Road, Ellistown.

HOLLAND – In loving memory of Pte. Robert Holland, South Staffs Regiment, killed in action, November 4th, 1918.

*“A broken link,
In friendship’s chain.”*

From Joe.

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EARL HAIG’S VISIT

A BUSY WEEK-END IN LEICESTER AND DISTRICT

The programme of the proceedings of the conference which the National Federation of Discharged Sailors’ and Soldiers’ is holding in Leicester on Saturday next, has now been definitely completed.

Earl Haig will be present at the opening of the meeting, which will be one representative of branches all over the British Isles. At 9 am on Saturday morning a guard of honour, consisting of local ex-servicemen will be formed in the Town Hall Square, and will meet Earl Haig and escort him to the Junior Training Hall, which is the venue of the conference. At 10 am the Mayor (Councillor G. E. Hilton) will give a civic welcome to the delegates, and a short speech will be followed by a brief one from the Earl.

In the afternoon, at three o’clock, the former Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces will unveil a war memorial at Ratby, an event which is being eagerly looked forward to by the people of the village and surrounding districts.

A dinner is to be held in the Junior Training Hall in the evening, and the Earl will be the chief guest. Tickets are being sold to the members of the association at a reduced figure, thanks to the generosity of a patron, and there are a few left which can be obtained at the Institute, East Bond Street.

A memorial service will be held in St. Martin’s Church on Sunday morning, at which a special invitation to be present is extended to relatives of fallen soldiers and sailors. Immediately prior to that, Earl Haig will probably pay a visit to the Institute to inspect the premises, and it is hoped that he will head a column of ex-servicemen who will march from their headquarters to St. Martin’s Church.

BLACKFORDBY MEMORIALS

The Bishop of Peterborough, on Saturday afternoon unveiled memorials to the 28 men from Blackfordby who fell in the great war. They take the form of a clock placed in the tower of the Parish Church, and a marble tablet erected in the wall of the church. His Lordship also dedicated a beautiful stained-glass window, placed over the alter, and a bronze tablet in the chancel, to the memory of the late Lieut. R. C. Lawton, and Mrs

Lawton, son and wife respectively of Mr Robert Lawton, J.P. of Boothorpe. The Bishop and clergy, including the vicar, the Rev. B. Kenyon, headed a procession from the schools, to the church. His lordship delivered an address, referring to the sacrifices made for the cause of justice and right. Memorials have also been placed in the Nonconformist places of worship, and the unveiling ceremonies have recently taken place.

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THE DAY BEFORE

A BARROW SOLDIER'S UNPLEASANT HOME-COMING

A decree nisi was granted in the Divorce Court on Tuesday, to Alfred Wilkins, of Barrow-on-Soar, on the grounds of his wife's adultery with a man not known. The marriage took place at Barrow-on-Soar Parish Church, and the parties lived in Long Whatton. There were no children. After being in the Army, Wilkins returned home in August last, and found that on the previous day his wife had had a child of which he was not the father.

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MARKFIELD – MEMORIALS

There was a crowded congregation at the dedication of the Parish Church memorials by the Bishop of Peterborough last Thursday evening. A stained-glass window has been erected in the east end of the church, the centre light portraying the Crucifixion and the side lights representing St. Michael (patron saint) and St. George respectively. A brass tablet affixed to the reredos bears the following inscription:

"In perpetual memory of those who from this parish went into, but did not come back from the war, this window is dedicated, November 11th, 1920, by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough."

On a second tablet the names of the fallen are inscribed: Walter Bailey, Harold Bott, Harry Brown, Edward Burrows, Albert Cave, Reginald Cramp, William Dowell, Fred Frith, William Pell, Harry Spence, William Spence, Walter Swain, Abraham Wardle, Joshua Watson and Cecil Wilson.

A cross has also been erected to the memory of A. H. Butler, Shipley, a grandson of the late rector. In addition, a beautiful window has been erected in the south aisle, between the existing Dalley monuments by Mrs Dalley Burchall, the Manor House, in memory of her parents and in commemoration of peace. The two lights respectively portray full length figures of St. Luke the Physician and Dorcas.

The inscription is *"To the glory of God and in memory of Charles Thomas Dalley, M.R.C.S.L.S.A. and Elizabeth, his wife, this window is erected to their daughter, Edith Augusta Dalley Burchall, 1920."*

The unveiling ceremony was performed by the Bishop. The service was fully choral, the special lessons were read by the Rev. H. E. Gannell (Copt Oak) and the Rector (Rev. H. Chambers). Before and after the service muffled peals were rung by members of the Midland Association of Change Ringers. An eloquent address was given by the Bishop from Joshua X, 13-14. At the close of the service, the "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded.

IBSTOCK

Armistice Day was observed at the Ibstock Colliery by the stopping of all the machinery, pumps, etc. for the space of two minutes. Special signals were arranged above and below ground, so as to ensure simultaneous recognition by all the employees.

PARISH CHURCH

On Armistice Day, special services were held at the Ibstock Parish Church, to commemorate the second anniversary, and in memory of those who had fallen in the great war. Holy communion was celebrated at

7:30 and in the evening at seven o'clock, there was a large congregation. The hymns sung were: "Soldiers of Christ arise," "Ten thousand times ten thousand," and "For all the Saints." The special lesson was read by Lieutenant James H. Harratt, M.C., 3rd Leicesters. The Rector (Rev. H. A. Birks, M.A.) conducted the service and preached an appropriate sermon from the text, "He shall see of the travail of His Soul, and shall be satisfied." At the conclusion of the service the organist, (Mr W. Dunstan) played the "Dead March," (in Saul), and the "Last Post" was sounded by members of the local Church Lads' Brigade. The ringers rang the bells half muffled for the service.

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IN MEMORIAM

WOODCOCK – In ever loving remembrance of George Henry Woodcock, died September 20th, 1917, also of Pte. Clarkson Woodcock, 1st Leicesters, aged 21, killed in action, November 20th, 1917.

"Ever in our thoughts"

"Sadly missed."

From Mother and Family

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THE NATION'S GRATITUDE

MR A. E. HAWLEY AND THE DEBT TO EX-SERVICE MEN

The ex-service men of Hinckley held a concert at the Club and Institute last Thursday night, in celebration of Armistice Day. Large numbers of members put in an appearance and the concert room proved quite inadequate for the accommodation of all-comers. Colonel E. C. Atkins and Major J. L. Griffiths, were among the officers present.

Mr A. E. Hawley was in the chair, and opening the proceedings, remarked that he did not know who the old cynic was who was responsible for the statement that *"the only place to look for gratitude is the dictionary."* It was true that they as English were not by nature a demonstrative people, and were perhaps given rather too much to keeping their feelings to themselves. Notwithstanding that he thought they all understood each other.

He felt sure that when the full accounts come to hand of the doings all over the country that day in celebration of the second anniversary of Armistice Day, they would find that the British people had not forgotten the debt they owed to the gallant and noble warriors, living or dead, in whose valour, unflinching courage, endurance and self-sacrifice the great war was won. (Applause).

Speaking as one of those whose lot it was to take no share in the fighting, he could only say how much he appreciated the great kindness and honour they had conferred upon him by their invitation to take the chair that evening's Armistice Day celebration. At the same time he had to confess to a rather uneasy feeling that the "boot ought to have been on the other foot" – that it was the people who did not go out to the Front who should be entertaining the ex-soldiers rather than ex-soldiers should be entertaining those who remained behind. Still, perhaps that duty might be borne upon their minds before another Armistice Day came round. In the meantime he would like to say how great a pleasure it was to him to be amongst the ex-service men at such a splendid gathering of old comrades in arms, and to see them so happy in each other's company, singing the old songs, recalling the old stories and incidents of the war and in every way thoroughly happy together.

As he did not intend to interrupt their enjoyment by making a long speech, he would only say on behalf of himself and those who remained behind, how proud they still were of their ex-soldiers and how grateful they still felt for all they had done for them. They missed them when they were away, and now felt happy to have so many of them back again. In spite of the old cynic's words, he asked to believe that gratitude was still to be found warm and alive in their countrymen's hearts, and not only a meaningless word in the dictionary.

Selection were given by the Hinckley Town Band, and songs by Miss E. Robinson, Miss H. Fleming, Messrs. J. H. Wood, W. Thompson, Camwell and others.

At the close of the programme the gathering accorded Mr Hawley a very hearty vote of thanks for presiding. Mr W. M. Stokes, moving the resolution, emphasised the great pleasure which the appreciation of the services rendered by ex-service men on the part of those who were not permitted to take part in the war, occasioned amongst the members of the Institute, and he trusted that there would be a continuance of this appreciation as the years went by. (Applause)

The proposition was seconded by Colonel E. C. Atkins, and a most successful and enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

From Paris comes a rumour that the ex-Kaiser intends to go to his castle in Corfu?

A vote in favour of the amalgamation of ex-Service men's organisations throughout the country was given at a meeting on Saturday of the National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers?

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The name of Mr Wilfred Moss, solicitor, of Loughborough, appears in the honours list for services rendered in connection with the war. It is announced in the "London Gazette" Supplement that he has been made a Member of the Order of the British Empire, he having been Chairman of Advisory Committee under the Derby Scheme and Military Service Act. Mr Moss, the son of Alderman William Moss (Moss and Sons, contractors), is one of the best known men in the Loughborough district, and has rendered conspicuous public service. He was very painstaking in the work of the committee, of which he was chairman during the war. He has taken a practical interest in children's societies and convalescent homes. Mr Moss is well known in Coalville and District.

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THE LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE WAR MEMORIAL

At the public meeting held at the City Hall on October 25th, it was decided to erect a memorial to all Leicestershire men who fell in the Great War. At present some 2,500 names have been sent in to Major Freer, 10, New Street, Leicester. Any additional names with full descriptions of rank and ship or regiment should be forwarded at once; and any corrections reported. Sir Jonathan North Kt, is the Hon. Treasurer of the fund, and contributions to this memorial from relatives should be sent to him at 57, Rutland Street, Leicester.

H.A. Pritchard
W.J. Freer (Hon. Secretaries)

IN MEMORIAM

BODLE – In ever loving memory of our dear son, Private Sam Bodle, who died from wounds received in action, December 3rd, 1918.

*"May the winds of Heaven blow soft,
O'er that sweet and sacred spot.
Although you are so far away*

Dear son, you will not be forgot."

*"Not now, but in the coming years;
It may be in the Better Land.
We read the meaning of our tears,
And then, ah then, we'll understand."*

From his loving Mother, Dad, Sisters and Brother.

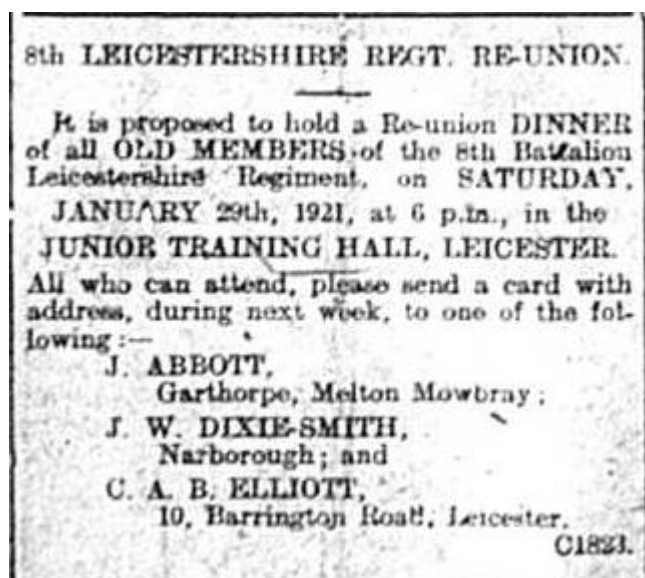
BODLE – In loving memory of our dear nephew and cousin, Sam Bodle, died of wounds, on December 3rd, 1918.

*"For days and nights he bore his pain,
To wait for cure but all in vain.
But God above knew what was best.
He took him home and gave him rest."*

From Aunt and Uncle Emma and Sim; Annie and Harry; Bob, Bert, Nell and Jim, Leicester.

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MILITARY FUNERAL

The funeral of Mr Jos. Smith, took place at Ibstock, on Saturday afternoon last week. The Rector, (Rev. A. H. Birks, M.A.) officiated. Deceased had seen much service in France, and was afterwards taken a prisoner of war. He was buried with full military honours. A firing party attended, and fired three volleys over the grave, after which the "Last Post" was sounded. The Ibstock Town Band was in attendance and played "The Dead March," "Abide with me," "Lead kindly light," etc. There were many floral tributes, and a permanent wreath from his mates in the district at Ibstock Colliery, where he worked when he received his fatal injuries. Mr Wm. Percival, under-manger, represented the Ibstock Collieries. Representatives of the D.S. and S. were also present. Deceased leaves a widow and two children.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT

The total amount received so far, towards the Whitwick Parish Church War Memorial Fund is £380/10/7?

ACKNOWLEDEMENTS

Mrs Jos. Smith (the wife of the late Mr Jos. Smith, of Ibstock); also his Father, Mother, Brother and Sisters; desire to sincerely thank all kind friends who have sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement.

Friday December 17th 1920 (Issue 1502)

There were no relevant articles in this week's issue.

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LOCAL EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

DISABLED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

The report of a special meeting of the sub-committee in connection with the question of severely disabled ex-service men was submitted. The sub-committee made several suggestions and recommendations concerning ex-service men, who although capable of partial employment, are prevented by their disability from earning their living under normal conditions and the Committee's recommendations forwarded for the consideration of the Special Departmental Committee appointed by the Minister of Labour, under the chairmanship of Sir Montague Barlow.

LOCAL CHIT CHAT

We understand that Mr Joseph Hood, M.P., who opened the Ashby ex-Service Men's Institute on Wednesday evening last week, has given an additional £30 as a donation. This will make £50 which he has subscribed towards the building. Donations large and small have been freely given to the cause.

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IBSTOCK

UNVEILING OF WAR MEMORIAL

On Sunday afternoon at the Wesleyan Church, Ibstock, an impressive service was conducted by the Rev. W. D. Knight, of Coalville, at which the war memorial, recently erected, was unveiled by Mr A. T. Eggington, M.C., late captain Royal Engineers. The memorial, which is in the form of a brass tablet, suitably mounted on oak and bearing the names of ten boys, all of whom had passed through the Sunday School, and fell during the great war, was presented to the trustees of the church on behalf of the Sunday School, and a few friends by Mr C. Smith, M.M., B.C.G., late acting Company Sergeant-Major of the Staffordshire Regiment. The tablet was received on behalf of the trustees by Alderman W. Eggington, J.P. During the service, an address was given by the Rev. W. D. Knight, in which he made reference to the uses of a memorial. An anthem was rendered by the choir, viz. "Watchman, what of the night?" (Sullivan).

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GROBY

D.S. AND S. INSTITUTE

The general meeting of the Groby D.S. and S. was held at the Village Hall, under the presidency of Mr A. Parker. The secretary (Mr J. A. Clements) presented the statement of the institute which showed a balance on the right side. After thanking the retiring officers, the following were elected for 1921:

President: Mr A. Parker; vice-president, Mr J. H. Jordan; treasurer, Mr Jas, Kenney; secretary, Mr J. H. Clements. A committee of 15 members was chosen, and it was unanimously decided to start a sick and dividend club in connection with the institute in the new year.

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GROBY

D.S. AND S.

Under the auspices of the Groby D.S. and S. a largely-attended meeting was held, under the presidency of Mr A. Parker, to form a sick and dividend club. It was decided to open it to the villagers. The following officers were elected. President, Mr A. Parker, secretary, Mr J. H. Jordan, treasurer, Mr G. C. Palmer; and committee, Messrs. E. Gillett, Charles Bennett, E. Spence and Arthur Willars. Over 40 joined at the opening meeting.

SKITTLES COMPETITION

Under the auspices of the Groby D.S. and S. a skittle competition finished prior to Christmas, in aid of Mr W. H. Perkins, a member of the Groby D.S. and S. who was injured in the recent football match at Ratby, when playing against the Ratby Council School Old Boys. A good sum was realised. The winners were:

1 A. Parker; 2 Walter Bennett; 3 Chas. Clapham.

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LOCAL CHIT CHAT

The War Office states that pending the consideration of the erection of permanent headstones by the Imperial War Graves Commission, a temporary wooden cross of the type designed for all war graves, if desired by the next-of-kin will be erected at the public expense over the graves of all soldiers who fell in the great war, and are buried in Great Britain and Ireland.

Christmastide has been a happy time with the members of the Coalville D.S. and S. Club in Hotel Street. The club is in a flourishing condition and a large number of members partook of the committee's hospitality on Boxing Day, when a substantial free lunch was served. There was a large attendance at a concert in the evening, when, under the presidency of Mr A. P. Thomas, a capital programme was given, the contributors to which included Messrs. R. Watson, J. Stevens, J. Needham, H. Allen, S. Allen, W. Hagger, E. Evans and the chairman. Mr C. Jones was the accompanist.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

**COALVILLE DISTRICT SOLDIERS' AND
SAILORS' COMFORTS GUILD.**

FINAL BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s.	d.
By balance at Bank	119	4	7
Sale of Goods	25	8	6
Bank Interest	1	10	0
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	£146	3	1
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To Higgins and Sons	7	18	6
Thompson and Hodgkinson	5	8	0
J. Davies	5	9	0
Hawthorn Bros.		6	11
Pickering Bros.	1	12	0
T. Cramp		13	3
A. Wilkins and Son		18	3
Caretaker Council Chambers, Stamps, etc.	2	17	3
"Welcome Home" Fund	80	0	0
Bank Charges		2	6
Balance for approved scheme of War Memorial	40	17	5
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	£146	3	1

I have carefully examined the Books and Vouchers, and declare the above Balance Sheet correct.

BENJAMIN GEORGE HALE.

19/11/20.

M. A. FARMER, Hon. Treasurer.
C1233.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

A cross of Cornwall granite, erected in picturesque surroundings near the church and hall, is Shenton's tribute to the men belonging to the village who fell in the great war?