

*The National Christmas Card*  
*in aid of*  
*The Prince of Wales'*  
*National Relief Fund.*

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the National Christmas Card*

**T**HE STRENUOUS TIMES through which we are passing will assuredly cause the SEASONS OF PEACE AND GOODWILL to be especially welcomed, as affording some restful period from the stress and strain of War, and few will be the folks who will this year fail to send to their friends the cherished Christmas Greeting Card, hallowed by time and custom.

With us it is confidently held that it is upon the sale of the regular Christmas Card, and especially the NATIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD, conveying the Season's greeting, and being an expression to the Patriotic sentiment, that we can animate all hearts and best appreciate the true meaning of the PRINCE OF WALES NATIONAL GREETING FUND.

Miss Raper, of London, has been selected to select the designs for the cards, and the designs of the National Christmas Card are now being printed at the National Printing Works, Ltd., at their works at Sale, near Manchester. The cards will be ready for sale on the 1st of November, and will be sold at the National Christmas Card Sale.

The cards are being printed in a most beautiful artistic style, and the designs are a most pleasing and artistic one. The price of each card is only **SIXPENCE**, and the sale of the cards will be **£2,000,000**. A National demand may be made, and the cards will be sold in all parts of the country, and there can be no doubt that both the National Christmas Card and the National Christmas Card will be the most beautiful and the most beautiful Christmas cards of our time.

# Description of The National Christmas Card.

## DEFENDERS OF THE EMPIRE.

*The design is illustrative of the vigour and manhood of the Imperial Forces upon which the safety of the Realm depends.*

*It is beautifully reproduced in colours in the famous "OUBLIE" process as well as in Photogravure, after the original pictures by Mr. Harry Payne and Mr. Bernard Grebbles, the well-known Military and Marine Painters. The first page, entitled "DEFENDERS OF THE EMPIRE," shows a picturesque representative group of the Home, Colonial and Indian Forces in the various branches of the Services, the Navy being well in evidence, together with the Royal Flying Corps. The inside leaflet tied in Red, White and Blue portrays on the third page a powerful Dreadnought passing and saluting Nelson's "Victory"—in homage from His Majesty's historic message to the Navy at the outbreak of the War: "ONCE AGAIN THE SURE SHIELD OF BRITAIN AND OF HER EMPIRE," giving the significant keynote. An appropriate Greeting and Quotations, a telling line from the immortal Shakespeare, and a stanza from John Coates' stirring patriotic poem "Home-land, Sea-land," complete a historic Christmas Card replete with dignity and beauty.*



# SETTLE AND DISTRICT SEWING COMMITTEE.

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*A Meeting will be held at.....*

*Settle, on..... at..... o'clock.*

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**BUSINESS:**

*Yours faithfully,*

CATTERAL HALL,  
SETTLE.

*Hon. Sec.*





DEFENDERS OF THE EMPIRE.



We'll meet the Future  
full of Faith and Hope.

Christmas Greetings  
& all Good Wishes  
for the coming  
Year



from

Home-land, sea-land,  
Home of the free-land,  
.. Faithful thy children  
.. wherever they be ;  
One in thy motherhood,  
One in our brotherhood,  
.. One in devotion  
.. undying to thee .

*John Lubbock*



"ONCE AGAIN THE SURE SHIELD OF BRITAIN  
AND OF HER EMPIRE." GEORGE V, R.I.





# **BRITONS!**

Your King & Country Need You.

PARLIAMENTARY RECRUITING COMMITTEE  
(SKIPTON DIVISION).

## **A PUBLIC MEETING**

TO ENCOURAGE ENLISTMENT IN THE ARMY  
WILL BE HELD IN THE

SCHOOL-ROOM, GIGGLESWICK,  
On Tuesday, January 12th, 1915,

When ADDRESSES will be delivered by

**Mr. G. H. Bibbings & Mr. J. Farnsworth**

Of the Parliamentary Recruiting Committee,

**MR. J. W. MORKILL,**  
AND OTHERS.

Capt. J. Groves, Capt. R. D. Roberts, 2nd-Lieut. Woodhead & 2nd-Lieut. J. M. Somerville  
are expected to attend this Meeting.

PATRIOTIC SONGS will be rendered by MR. H. EDMONDSON, and  
the audience is invited to join in the Choruses.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS OF THE ALLIES will also be sung.

Chair to be taken at 7-30 p.m. by

**MR. WM. SIMPSON.**

COME IN CROWDS.

SMOKING PERMITTED.

"Craven Herald" Works, High Street, Skipton.



# STILL THEY COME!

## Men Rallying Splendidly to the Colours.

110 FROM LEEDS YESTERDAY.

## Settle Man's Anxiety to Join the "Medicals."

### HIS CHANCE IN LEEDS.

Recruiting in Leeds proceeds apace. The number joining yesterday at the different depots was 110, being apportioned as follows: "Bantam" Battalion 33, Hanover-square depot (other units) 41, Army Service Corps (Harewood Barracks) 5, 7th and 8th (Reserve) Battalions of the Leeds Rifles (Carlton Hill Barracks) 26, Northern Telegraph Companies (Gibraltar Barracks) 5.

Up to noon to-day 18 "Bantams" and 32 for other units had been attested at the Hanover-square depot. At the Harewood Barracks two men joined the Army Service Corps.

The Leeds Rifles Reserve Battalion was strengthened to the extent of eight men for the 8th and six for the 7th.

### SETTLE MAN'S POINT.

A Settle correspondent, signing himself "Medical Corps," writes as follows:

In Monday's edition of the "Yorkshire Evening News" you publish five questions to the physically fit about recruiting. What is the use of asking such things when they will not accept men who are willing to go?

It is about six weeks since I tried to join the R.A.M.C. for the duration of the war, but was told that they were full up. I am 32 years of age and married.

They will not pass me for the infantry as I am slightly shortsighted in the right eye, but I am not afraid of any physical examination, and I should like to do my share in any way I can in the "Medicals."

I have passed the St. John Ambulance examinations about six times, and I hold a medal.

**Skipton Parliamentary Recruiting Committee.**—A meeting of the Skipton Division Parliamentary Recruiting Committee was held on Saturday afternoon in the Overseer's Room, Town Hall, Skipton. Mr. W. Clough, M.P., was in the chair, and there were also present:—Messrs. R. B. Barrett, Col. H. P. Dawson, A. Gunnell, F. Marlor, J. W. Morkill, G. M. Robinson, A. R. Stockdale, and R. Wilson, with the secretaries (Messrs. A. Broadbent and J. Illingworth). Capt. R. D. Roberts & Col.-Sergt. A. C. Briggs were present as representing the military authorities. Mr. Barrett reported, on behalf of the meetings sub-committee, that 12 meetings had recently been held in the Settle Council Area, resulting in 37 recruits being at once obtained. Mr. Barrett said that another series of 24 meetings would commence on the 11th inst., to be addressed by speakers from the Central Parliamentary Recruiting Committee, who have already rendered excellent service in this campaign. Col.-Sergt. Briggs reported that he had secured suitable rooms in Earby, Barnoldswick, and Silsden for recruiting purposes, and these were now open daily in charge of properly authorised officials. A supply of Attestation Forms for both the Territorial Force and Lord Kitchener's Army has been received so that any recruit may have a free choice as to which branch of the Army he will serve in. It was decided that steps be at once taken to form a joint recruiting committee in each polling district with a view to compiling lists of eligible men who will, as far as possible, be personally interviewed and urged to join the Colours.

**RECRUITING MEETING.**—Under the auspices of the Parliamentary Recruiting Committee (Skipton Division), a public meeting was held in the National School on Tuesday last. Meetings have also been held at Stainforth, Lungecliffe, and Giggleswick. At the Settle meeting Mr. John Waugh, J.P., occupied the chair, and there was a packed attendance, but those who were fit and eligible were conspicuous by their absence. The meeting was most enthusiastic, patriotic songs being sung by the audience, and songs by Mr. R. Sanctuary, whilst the Wesleyan Quarter Party also helped. Both Mr. G. H. Bibbings and Mr. J. Farnsworth, of the Recruiting Committee, worked very hard, and their eloquent speeches were most attentively listened to, the audience being moved to tears on many occasions at the stories of the hardships of the "Tomnies" in the trenches, and the barbarous methods of the Germans in Belgium and elsewhere. The result at the close was disappointing, as only a few sought information of the recruiting officer. Of course Settle has already sent a large number of men to fight for their country, but the speakers persisted that there were many left who ought to go. Mr. J. W. Morkill also spoke.

## STAINFORTH.

**RECRUITING MEETING.**—On Monday, a well-attended meeting was held in the School-room. Mr. Duncan Mackenzie presided. Captains Groves and Brewin, and Second Lieutenants Woodhead and McKillop, from Skipton, were present. The speakers were Mr. Bibbings, of Sheffield, and Mr. W. Simpson. The latter said the village had only added one in 75 of the population to the roll of honour. Mr. Lund, however, told him that this was not so, and Mr. Simpson withdrew the remark. Instead of three, at least six were doing their little bit for their King and country. Mr. Farnsworth then addressed the meeting, chiefly on the allowances made to wife and children of those who enlisted. Captain Groves also gave an address on the German people and its military advisers. Five married men volunteered their services, viz.: John Greenbank, James Greenbank, Arthur Greenbank, Henry Lund, and John Lund. These were sworn in and heartily cheered. At intervals patriotic songs were sung by Mr. Thornber, the audience joining in the choruses. In addition to the songs on the sheet, Mr. Thornber sang "The flag that never comes down" and "Boys in khaki, boys in blue." Mr. Leaworthy accompanied on the piano.



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The Falmouth Hotel  
Falmouth

January 16  
1915

My dear Prangshaw

Many thanks for your letter. It rather makes me long to be among you working for the war, but it would not do; I have a rather persistent cough, and little work tires me. Ever since I had a "stroke" in November I have found that I have become an old man; even a walk of one mile tires me now. So my duty at present is to keep alive so that I can do my duties. This would leave me on my death.

But Gaven is doing admirably.



Of course the population are of much  
higher type than the people of the big  
West Riding Towns, which have been  
long noted, in the wars a century ago  
as most for their lack of Patriotism.  
It is the teaching of the Manchester  
School.

But England generally has come out  
splendidly, men women and children,  
and the terrible sacrifices of men and  
money are well worth incurring in  
their protest against the worship of  
mammon to which I feared that we  
were sinking.

The war may even convert the  
Germans and make them a decent  
race. They must get rid of the Kaiser and  
the Junkers, perhaps by a Socialistic  
Revolution.

I hear that English Fishermen piloted  
the German ships to Scarborough, and that  
they were caught and shot at once before  
the Germans could intervene. But this is only  
gossip  
Yours truly  
Thomas Brydson Esq. W. Worswick



SETTLE  
Women's Liberal Association.

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A  
**NEW YEAR PARTY**

WILL BE HELD IN THE  
LIBERAL CLUB,

ON  
FRIDAY, January 15th, 1915,  
At SEVEN P.M.

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MUSIC, GAMES, and  
REFRESHMENTS.

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Admission 6d. each.

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Proceeds to be given towards the cost of an X RAY  
APPARATUS, which has already been despatched to the  
Front by the Women's National Liberal Association.

## WOMEN'S LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.—

A New Year's party was held in the Liberal Club on Friday last, under the auspices of the Women's Liberal Association. The proceeds were on behalf of a fund to provide by the Women's Liberal National Association certain X-Ray apparatus for use at one of the base hospitals in France. A splendid programme was given, and there was a good attendance. Mr. C. J. Lord was the chairman, and Miss Haygarth was the accompanist for the first half of the programme, and Miss Thistlethwaite the latter half of the programme. The following took part:—The "Gatty" Quartet Party, Miss E. Haygarth, Mr. T. Butler, Mr. James Haygarth, Mr. C. A. Milford, Miss Leaworthy, Mr. E. Lord, Miss Hunt, Private Lambert, Mrs. Bannister, Miss P. Thistlethwaite.

**WAR LECTURE.**

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**A LECTURE**

ON

**“The Kaiser’s blow at Britain”**

OR

**“The Fight for the Straits of Dover,”**

Prepared by Mr. Wm. Le Queux of the “Daily Mail,” and illustrated by  
Eighty lime-light views, will be given by the

**Rev. W. E. LINNEY, M.A.,**

IN THE

**NATIONAL SCHOOL, SETTLE**

(The Victoria Hall having been commandeered),

ON

**Wednesday, Jan. 13th, 1915.**

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**The Chair will be taken by**

**J. W. SHEPHERD, ESQ.,**

**At 7-30 p.m.**

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**ADMISSION:—First Seats, 1/-; Second Seats, 6d.;  
Third Seats, 3d.**

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**The Proceeds will be given to the National Relief Fund.**

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WAR LECTURE.—The Vicar (Rev. W. E. Litney, M.A.) delivered a lecture in the National School on Wednesday night last entitled "The Kaiser's blow at Britain, or the fight for the Straits of Dover," prepared by Mr. Wm. Le Queux. Mr. J. W. Shepherd occupied the chair. The proceeds are to be given to the National Relief Fund.

## WAR LECTURE.

The lecture on "The Fight for the Straits of Dover," held in the School-room on Jan. 13th, instead of the Victoria Hall, which was in use by the Soldiers, was not as well attended as it deserved to be. The pictures were excellent, and the lecture, written by Mr. Wm. LeQueux, was very interesting. Mr. J. W. Shepherd kindly took the chair, the Vicar read the lecture, and Messrs. W. Slinger and Jos. Handby were operators at the lantern. The organising was carried out by Mr. Davis and other Members of the Men's Society. The proceeds from sale of tickets amounted to £1 19s. 6d. The expenses were: slides 12/4, oxygen 5/-, handbills 4/6, cleaning room, &c., 2/6—total £1 4s. 4d., leaving a balance of 15/2. Two or three friends made up the sum to £1, which was sent to the National Relief Fund.

**ENGLAND'S DANGER**  
FROM THE  
**GERMAN MENACE.**

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. THE .  
**LECTURE**

BY THE  
**Rev. A. J. WHYTE**

(Vicar of Hellifield),

On the above subject, will be given again by him, by request,  
and brought up to date

On **MONDAY, FEB. 1st, 1915,**

IN THE

**Conservative Club Room, Settle.**

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The Chair will be taken at **7-30 p.m.**

BY

**THOS. BRAYSHAW, Esq., J.P.**

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**ADMISSION FREE.**

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Collection for the **SETTLE Y.M.C.A. HUT.**

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Printed by Edmondson & Wilson, Station Road, Settle.

## LECTURE—ENGLAND'S DANGER FROM THE GERMAN MENACE.

This lecture was given by the Rev. A. J. Whyte, Vicar of Hellifield, on Monday, Feb. 1st, in the Conservative Club Room. It was in every way admirable, and those who heard it appreciated it thoroughly. But considering that it was given a second time, and in response to fairly numerous requests, the attendance could scarcely be regarded as satisfactory, numbering as it did only between fifty and sixty. Nor were the financial results all that might have been wished. After defraying the cost of printing and the hire of the room there was only 6/6 left to be handed over to the Settle Y.M.C.A. Hut. Nevertheless it was felt to have been quite worth while for the lecture to have been repeated, and our best thanks are due and are heartily offered to Mr. Whyte. Nor are we less grateful to Mr. T. Brayshaw, who again kindly helped us by presiding at the lecture.



SETTLE

Women's Liberal Association.

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On Tuesday, Jan. 26th, 1915,

Mr. J. J. Brigg

(Prospective Liberal Candidate),

WILL GIVE A

**LECTURE**

ON

**“ EGYPT ”**

(Illustrated by Lantern Slides),

In the **LIBERAL CLUB**, Settle,

At 7-45 p.m.

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The Chair will be taken by Mr. F. MARLOR.

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A Collection will be taken during the evening, which will be given to the Young Men's Christian Association, to help in the good work they are doing for our Soldiers and Recruits.

WOMEN'S LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.  
—Under the auspices of this Association Mr. J. J. Brigg delivered an interesting lantern lecture to a crowded audience in the Liberal Club on Tuesday last, entitled "Egypt." Mr. F. Marlor occupied the chair. At the close a vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Marlor, and seconded by Mr. A. Horner. A collection was made for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian Association.





SETTLE INVADED. — The splendid shooting range at Attamire is at last in use. On Thursday week last about 115 men under Captain England arrived at Settle for shooting practice, but the weather is against them getting much done. The men are billeted in the Victoria Hall and the Assembly Room at the Golden Lion Hotel, and they appear very comfortable. Their meals are all prepared and partaken of in the former place. The hospital (where a few of the men are laid up with colds) is in the Friends' Meeting House, and is nice and warm. A "dry" canteen, reading and playing room, etc., have been opened by a committee, composed of representatives of all the religious bodies in the town, and here cups of tea and coffee may be obtained by the men at the bedrock price of one half-penny per cup, whilst cakes are one penny each. Both political clubs have been opened for the free use of the soldiers, and there is no doubt that, although Settle is quiet, the men are enjoying their stay in the district. Concerts have and are being arranged for the benefit of the soldiers.







## VICAR'S NOTES.

The war is still with us, and apparently will be for an indefinite time to come. It has been kept before us at Settle during the month in a number of ways, notably by the presence of something like a hundred and forty territorials from the 15th to the 27th. The authorities of the Friends' Adult School kindly placed the School premises at the disposal of a committee for opening a Soldiers' Institute, and a certain amount of funds were made available by the representatives of the Branch of the Y.M.C.A. that used to be carried on at Settle. The accommodation provided by the Institute for games, letter-writing, reading, and social intercourse, as well as the supply of refreshments at very small charges was much appreciated by the men. It was pleasant to hear them report, when they left Settle, that they had been remarkably well cared for, and—barring the weather, had had the best of times. Parade Services were held on the two Sunday mornings that the soldiers were with us.

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Whilst the men are gone to fight, and to train for active service in the field or for home defence, the women and girls are asking what they can do. This question has been answered by the formation of an organisation called 'the league of honour.' Those who join the league are required to promise by the help of God to do all in their power to uphold the honour of our Empire and its defenders in this time of war, by Prayer, Purity, and Temperance.

There is also a further promise which they are encouraged to make, but which is not compulsory. It is "to abstain from all alcoholic drinks as beverages during the war, and to encourage others to do the same."

A Branch of this league has been formed in Settle, and we warmly invite women and girls to become members of it. There is an enrolment fee of one penny. The enrolling officers for the Church are Mrs. Butterworth and Miss Clayton.

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COUNTY HALL,

WAKEFIELD,

19th November, 1914.

DEAR SIR,

INTOXICATING LIQUOR (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) ACT, 1914.

In accordance with the following Resolution of the West Riding Standing Joint Committee :—

“ That it is desirable to hold a Conference between the Lord Mayors, Mayors, Chief Constables of the Riding and Boroughs, and Chairmen of the several Benches, to consider the question of restricting the sale of drink.”

I beg to invite your attendance at a Conference to be held at the County Hall, Wakefield, on Monday, 7th December, at 11 o'clock a.m.

It appears to the Committee that action by the Licensing Justices of any Division or Town must often be ineffective unless corresponding steps are taken in neighbouring places ; hence the need of considering concerted action arises.

In case you cannot be present perhaps some other representative of your Licensing Committee can attend.

Yours faithfully,

T. H. MORRIS.

SECTION 1 (1) of the Act is as follows :—

1.—(1) The licensing justices for any licensing district may, if they think fit, upon the recommendation of the chief officer of police that it is desirable for the maintenance of order or the suppression of drunkenness in any area, by order direct that the sale or consumption of intoxicating liquor on the premises of any persons holding any retailers' licence in the area, and the supply or consumption of intoxicating liquor in any registered club in the area, shall be suspended while the order is in operation, during such hours and subject to such conditions or exceptions (if any) as may be specified in the order.

of the

Metropolitan Division of

*West Staincliffe*



## WEST RIDING CLUBS AND PUBLIC-HOUSES.

### Conference on Early Closing.

A conference of representatives of the various licensing authorities in West Yorkshire was held on Tuesday at the County Hall, Wakefield, to consider the advisability of restricting the hours for the sale of intoxicating liquors during the period of the war, and of recommending, if agreed upon, a similar hour of closing, both of public-houses and clubs, throughout the whole of the West Riding. Major T. H. Morris (chairman of the West Riding Standing Joint Committee) presided, and the representatives present from the different authorities included:—Keighley, Mr. W. Anderton Brigg (Mayor), and Mr. John Sugden; East Staincliffe (Skipton), Mr. A. J. Birley; West Staincliffe, Mr. T. Brayshaw. Mr. J. W. Morkill (acting chairman of the Skipton Bench), represented the Leeds West Riding Bench.

Mr. J. W. Morkill said he was aware that the question was a difficult one and would elicit much difference of opinion. He wished to say that he did not broach the subject in the spirit of a teetotaler. He had always respected the point of view of the teetotaler, but he was not one himself. The evils attending the supply of drink to soldiers were well known. The two chief temptations which assailed the soldier were the worship of Bacchus and the fascination of females. Speaking from his intimate knowledge of a small town where a large number of troops were congregated he was satisfied that the men were assailed by both these temptations, and it appeared to him that the power of the men to withstand the blandishments of Venus depended at least to some extent upon their worship of Bacchus. We had the example of our allies in curtailing as much as possible these temptations to the soldier. In Russia the sale of vodka, which corresponded, he understood, to our whisky, had been entirely prohibited, and the other nations had imposed restrictions. It seemed to him that the West Riding ought not to be backward in making any restrictions which might seem desirable. It was a matter of common knowledge that the less liquor that was consumed by the troops the better were the chances of recovery from wounds. He held in his hand a list of seventy places where early closing had been adopted. The closing from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. was adopted in many cases, but there were variations. He did not wish to make imputations upon the conduct of anyone, but it was generally admitted that there was a good deal of drinking going on among soldiers' wives, who seemed to have more money than before. He would propose that licensed houses should be closed from 9 p.m. to 8-30 a.m.—A representative: Is that to include clubs?—Mr. Morkill: Yes; without including clubs the proposal would be futile.

Mr. Ben Turner (Mayor of Batley) moved as an amendment that the recommendation should be that it was expedient that orders should be made suspending the sale or consumption of intoxicating liquor on licensed premises and the supply or consumption of such liquor in any registered club at 10 p.m.

Mr. T. Norton (Barnsley) seconded the amendment.

Mr. Morkill, replying upon the discussion, said it was far from his intention to cast a slur upon either soldiers or women. He bowed to no one in his admiration for our troops. He agreed that it would be better if the Government made a regulation for the whole country, but admittedly the Government was too busy. He would like a resolution to be sent to the Home Secretary urging that a general 10 o'clock closing would, in the opinion of the conference, be beneficial for the whole country. He was quite prepared to amend his resolution to make the period of closing from 10 p.m. to 8-30 a.m.

After further discussion and suggested amendments, Mr. Turner's amendment recommending a general closing throughout the Riding at 10 p.m. (without any attempt to interfere with the opening hour) was carried as the substantive resolution by twenty-six votes to thirteen votes cast for another amendment proposed by Mr. Raley, to the effect that no recommendation should be made.



**Early Closing.**—The magistrates of the Ewe-cross Division met at the Court House, Ingleton, on Wednesday, and it was decided that all public houses open at 9 o'clock in the morning and close at 9 o'clock in the evening. On Sundays they will open as usual at 12-30 p.m., and close at 2-30 p.m., and in the evening they will be open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bona-fide travellers are to be done away with on Sundays, and during the closing hours the public-houses will be closed to everybody. These regulations will come into operation as soon as they have received the sanction of the Home Office.

**HORSING THE ARMY.**

**Major-General Birkbeck's  
Wonderful Work.**

THERE are a number of military men unobtrusively carrying out important work for the Army in busy offices at Whitehall, where the limelight of publicity does not reach them. Such a man is Major-General Birkbeck, the Director of Remounts, to whom the Army owes an immense debt for the able manner in which he has collected horses from all quarters of the globe for the use of our troops. Twelve days after war was declared he had 36,000 horses ready for the Regular Army and 80,000 for the Territorials, an organizing feat which will live in history, and this despite the fact that for years critics had prophesied a disastrous shortage of horses when our cavalry, artillery, and transports had to be equipped for a big war. Now Major-General Birkbeck has the responsible task of



MAJOR-GENERAL W. H. BIRKBECK.

*Photo. Elliott & Fry.*

replacing horses killed and injured at the Front and of securing huge reserves so that there may be no shortage in the future. He has established remount commissions in our Colonies—Canada has already sent us 20,000 horses—and by this means is keeping pace with the demands of the Expeditionary Force, which is requiring horses by tens of thousands.

**Making a Horse Census.**

The Army is now reaping the benefit of two years of untiring work on the part of Major-General Birkbeck. Alarmed by the alleged shortage of horses in this country, the War Office in 1912 formed a remount directorate, with the Major at its head. He had a stiff problem to solve, but, gathering round him an able body of workers, he set on foot a magnificently-organized scheme which enabled him to get into touch with every horse-owner in the United Kingdom. He sent officers all over the country, who had the power to inspect the stable of the humble tradesman as well as the mews of the wealthy horse-owner. Animals fit for Army purposes were registered, and thus a complete census of horses was obtained. Every part of England was then divided up into a division, at the head of which

**Success Petticoat is offered Free in this week**

was placed a deputy assistant director of remounts, who at a moment's notice could set to work to supply several hundred horses for the Army from the local stables. On the outbreak of war this scheme, which has only been briefly outlined, operated like clockwork. All over the country officials purchased the necessary animals, stamped them with the Government mark, and forwarded them to the various concentration bases. It was a triumph of organization, and it says a great deal for the ability of Major-General Birkbeck that he brought such intricate schemes to perfection in the comparatively short space of two years.

### **Mentioned in Despatches.**

The Director of Remounts is an expert judge of horses, and he knows the exact type of animal which can best withstand the rigours of campaigning. He has studied the subject both in peace and in war. For five years he was Commandant of the Cavalry School at Netheravon, and during his many campaigns he had ample opportunities of observing the behaviour of Army horses on active service. Major-General Birkbeck entered the Army thirty-two years ago, and served in several important campaigns, including the South African War when he was mentioned in despatches and gained



# PROPOSED ROLL OF HONOUR.

## An Appeal.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CRAVEN HERALD.

Sir,—I am a native of Settle, and though long absent from my native place, I feel the keenest interest—how can I help doing so?—in all that happens in Settle and Giggleswick and the neighbourhood.

The other day I asked a friend to get for me—if he could—a list of the local men serving in the Army and Navy; and I learn from him that there is no authoritative list in existence. My friend sent me, however, a copy of the list published in the Settle Almanack, and it stirred me deeply to read in the Roll of Honour the old names familiar to me as long as I can remember anything. Everyone of these men has given the final proof of patriotism and is fighting for his country. What are we (not the Government, but his friends and neighbours) doing for them? Many things, perhaps, are being done, of which I am unaware, but one thing is not being done. No roll is being kept of their names. The very least thing we can do, and the first we ought to do, is to compile and publish in a permanent form, and one worthy of the subject, a local Roll of Honour.

The thanks of everyone are due to Mr. Lambert for having compiled and published the Roll of Honour in the Settle Almanack, even though it may be, as he himself believes, incomplete. But the compilation of such a list should not be left to an individual. No single individual has the time to collect the necessary particulars or to make the enquiries which must be made to ensure no one being left out; nor is it fair to ask anyone to bear the cost of what should be public work—a recognition by the public—of the work these men are doing.

There is no hope of making a correct list if we wait till the close of hostilities. If we have not the energy to do it now, or the time and money to spare in the heat of the conflict, be assured that when the war is over, we shall never do it. Besides, however much we shall prize the Roll when peace is declared, it is now, when we expect to hear any day that our local battalions have been in action, that we want to refer to it.

I hope, sir, that my suggestion will commend itself to the men and women of influence in the district, and that they will put their hands to the work, enlist the sympathy and the help of the public, and compile and publish a Roll which will be regarded as an authoritative list, and as a public testimonial to the patriotism of our local soldiers and sailors.

I remain, &c.,

A. W. BREWIN.

Killiney, near Dublin.  
August 30th, 1915.





IN THE WEST RIDING OF THE COUNTY OF YORK,  
PETTY SESSIONAL DIVISION OF STAINCLIFFE WEST.

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TO each and every person holding any Retailer's Licence or Licences in the said Division and to the Secretaries and all other Officers of all Registered Clubs in the said Division and to all other persons whom it may concern.

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**Notice is hereby given** that on the 23rd day of February, 1915, at a Special Meeting called for the purpose, under and by virtue of the provisions of the Intoxicating Liquor (Temporary Restriction) Act, 1914, the Licensing Justices for the said Division upon the recommendation of the Chief Officer of Police of the said Division that it was desirable for the maintenance of order or the suppression of drunkenness in the said Division temporarily to restrict the sale and consumption of intoxicating liquor, and the said Licensing Justices thinking fit so to do did in pursuance of Section 1 of the said Act, **order** that the sale or consumption of intoxicating liquor on the premises of each and every person holding any Retailer's Licence or Licenses and the supply or consumption of intoxicating liquor in each and every Registered Club in the said Division should be suspended while the said Order is in operation from 9 o'clock every evening until 6 a.m. on the following day being a week-day and 12-30 p.m. on the following day being a Sunday, and that such Order should take effect as from and including MONDAY, the FIRST DAY of MARCH, 1915, and should remain in operation until varied or discharged by due course of Law, and should be subject to the following conditions and exceptions, viz.:—that it should not prohibit the sale to or the consumption of intoxicating liquor by any bona fide residents in any of the said licensed premises or the supply or consumption of intoxicating liquor to or by any bona fide residents in any of such Registered Clubs respectively, nor should it apply to the Refreshment Rooms at the Hellifield Railway Station in the said Division.

The penalty for any breach of the Order is a fine not exceeding £50.

*J. H. Vant,*

*Clerk to the said Licensing Justices.*

SETTLE, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1915.



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**STARNER,**

Clerk to the Parish Council.

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on, Station Road, Settle.



**Darkness.**—The lighting committee of the Parish Council, having received a police notice to darken the tops of the lamps, have decided to close the lighting season for an indefinite period. Thus Settle at night is in total darkness.

Mar 5<sup>th</sup>

## IN DARKEST SETTLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CRAVEN HERALD.

Sir,—The action of the Lighting Committee of the Settle Parish Council in ceasing to light the lamps instead of blacking the tops as suggested by the police has caused great dissatisfaction to many of the inhabitants. The best way to get the evil remedied is for every ratepayer who feels aggrieved to attend the annual assembly of the Parish Meeting next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, and by their unanimous vote ask for the lighting to be resumed on the lines suggested by the police. The Parish Council would be well advised to do this or their powers might be easily transferred to the District Council.

Yours truly,  
GEO. HORNER.

Mar 12

PARISH MEETING. — The annual assembly of the Parish Meeting was held in the National School on Wednesday night. Mr. Thomas Bradley, chairman of the Parish Council, presided. There were about 70 parishioners present. — Mr. Bradley gave a resume of the past year's work of the Council.—With regard to the footbridge at Rundley, Mr. A. Stockil asked what had been done with the money which had been collected, and what was the amount.—The Chairman said the same as in the bank, and that it, along with promised donations, would amount to £57.—The Chairman explained that the cost of materials to build the bridge had doubled, and he thought it would be a good thing to leave the matter until more settled times.—This was agreed to.—A discussion then followed as to the lighting of the streets.—Mr. Foxcroft said that the chairman, in his opening remarks, had said that the Council had approached the Gas Company for a reduction in the price of gas for street lighting. "You will not require that now," said Mr. Foxcroft.—The Chairman explained that at a 'few minutes' notice the Lighting Committee had been called together to consider the Defence of the Realm Act, and the committee, after carefully considering the matter, decided that they postpone the lighting of the streets for an indefinite period. When the light were first put out the moon was giving its light, and they never lit the lamps when it was moonlight.—On being asked what would have been the cost of darkening the tops of the lamps, the Chairman said he thought about 30s.—Mr. J. W. Dales said that the lighting rate had been collected, and the ratepayers had a right to have the lamps lit. They had lights at Giggleswick. Why could they not have them at Settle? There was no more chance of an invasion from the Germans at Settle than there was at Giggleswick.—Mr. T. Brayshaw said he had an old lamp, a relic of the time when the Parish Council tried to light the streets with oil-lamps; he was now going to put an empty gas burner alongside it and label it: "The effort of the Settle Parish Council to light the streets in 1915." —Mr. J. W. Dales proposed that the tops of the lamps be darkened, and that the streets be again lighted.—This was seconded by Mr. J. L. Brayshaw and carried.



Feb 20, 1910

**PRIMROSE LEAGUE.**—A whist drive in connection with the Settle Habitation of the Primrose League was held on Wednesday, the proceeds being given to the Y.M.C.A. Settle Hut and the St. John Ambulance Association. 35 tables were occupied, and the prizes, which were given by Miss Stansfield and Mrs. Birkbeck, were won by the following ladies:— 1 (clock) Miss Wilman, 2 (case of scissors) Mrs. Heselden, 3 (bag) Mrs. H. V. Maudsley, consolation (sugar sifter) Mrs. Wilson; gentlemen: 1 (case of carvers) Mr. J. Fletcher, 2 (umbrella) Mr. James Bentham, 3 (letter case) Mr. W. Hayton, consolation (pickle fork) Mr. J. W. Dales.

Feb 27

CRICKET.—At a meeting of the committee of the Settle Cricket Club, held on Monday last, after giving the matter full and careful consideration, it was decided to abandon the idea of taking part in the Ribblesdale League Competition during the season 1915. It was considered that the present was not the time to take part in cricket so serious as league cricket. It was, however, decided to endeavour to carry on the club and to play an ordinary fixture now and again at home with clubs in similar positions to their own, but owing to the expenses and other reasons, it was decided not to play away fixtures.

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## Gallantry on the Battlefield: Honour for a Langcliffe Man.

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The Distinguished Conduct Medal has been awarded 6141 Sergt.-Major J. Parker, 2nd Battalion Manchester Regiment. It was part of his duty to see that ammunition was carried to trenches, and this he did under a heavy fire from the enemy. He will be well-known to Langcliffe people and to others as the brother of Mr. Ralph Parker, of Bridge End, Settle, farmer.

Another to gain the above medal is a native of Giggleswick, Lance-Corporal A. J. Brown, 2nd West Yorkshire Regiment. He is the son of Mr. Fred Brown, who recently resided at Giggleswick, but who now lives at Sheffield. Lance-Corporal Brown, who was called up at the beginning of the war, was a police constable stationed at Gildersome.

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# HUNTING.

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## MR. W. THOMPSON'S OTTER HOUNDS: ANNUAL PUPPY SHOW.

The annual puppy show was held on Saturday at the Crescent Hotel, Iikley, and prior to the show the puppy walkers were entertained at luncheon by the Master. There was an entry of ten couples, and the quality of previous years was well maintained. The Master, Capt. Thompson, although military duties will probably prevent him hunting himself, has made arrangements to have the whole of the country hunted as usual, and has expressed a wish that those members of the hunt who are debarred from active service will assist him in keeping country and hounds together until the advent of happier times.

In the absence, through military duty, of Sir Maurice Bromley-Wilson, who has officiated as judge for several years, the young entry was judged by Mr. W. A. Lucas, and his awards were:—

Dogs.—1, Truman (Mr. G. Addison, Giggleswick); 2, Bugler (Mr. T. Lord, Settle); 3, Trouncer (Mr. Astin, Settle). Bitches—1, Hebe (Mr. F. Bell, Northend, Durham); 2, Trulass (Mr. Shipley, Slingsby); 3, Tempest (Mr. J. Brown, Addingham).

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SETTLE AND DISTRICT WAR RELIEF FUND.—A meeting of the Council of this fund was held on Thursday afternoon, Mr. G. K. Charlesworth presiding. The various committees presented their reports on their respective branches of work. Mr. Dixon, on behalf of the Finance Committee, reported that the total receipts up to date amounted to £1,076 (in addition to the Christmas presents special fund), and the expenditure to £490, leaving a balance in hand of £586. Although the formal appeal had not yet been made, a gratifying feature was the large number of gifts as the proceeds of sundry entertainments, etc., or from bodies, such as the Co-operative Society, Farmers' Association, etc. Promises of handsome support when needed had also been given. The Relief Committee stated that they had rendered assistance in the case of 70 adults and 110 children, being the families or dependents of 64 of the men from this district who are serving in some branch or other of the forces. Their expenditure so far amounted to £190, and they had 35 cases on their permanent list and about five cases a week on their temporary list, from £8 to £10 a week being distributed. An important feature of this committee's work is giving advice and help to those who seek to secure the Government grant. The Working and Sewing Parties Committee reported that they had purchased material to the amount of £248, out of which an enormous number of articles of clothing, etc., had been made, over 2,650 of which had been already despatched to various regiments, hospitals, etc. The Council made a further grant of £50 to this Committee for the purchase of material. The Christmas Parcels Committee reported that they had received £42 in donations in addition to hundreds of cakes, boxes of chocolate, handkerchiefs, mittens, etc., and that they had sent substantial parcels to nearly 300 local men. The Ambulance and other committees were also doing good work. The appeal for further funds will be made when the Council are in a better position to form an estimate as to their probable requirements, but in the meantime it is most gratifying to note how cordially the public generally support the work that is being carried on by the fund, and the points dealt with by the various committees are numerous and of very diversified character. It is hoped that the secretaries, Mr. Thos. Brayshaw and Mr. T. E. Pearson, may be notified of all new recruits in any branch of the Army or Navy from this district, as well as of promotions, etc., in order that the roll of honour may be kept accurate and complete.

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Mar 19

## LANGCLIFFE.

FUNERAL OF A "TERRIER."—The funeral of Mr. Thomas Piercy took place at Langcliffe last Saturday. The deceased, who has been with the 6th Battalion West Riding Regiment, now stationed at Doncaster, since they were called up, had been sent home to undergo an operation. He went to the Bradford Infirmary, but died during the operation. The pall-bearers were eight men from the 6th Battalion West Riding Regiment who were on leave, and the coffin was covered with the Union Jack, on which were placed the deceased's cap and belt. The service was taken by the Vicar, Rev. F. Barham Foster. The deceased leaves a wife and one child.



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# RAZORS FOR THE TROOP.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE CRAVEN HERALD.

Dear Sir,—The Master Cutler of Sheffield is making an appeal for 100,000 out-of-use razors. These will be put into proper order and dispatched to our soldiers at the front. As there must be a considerable number lying dormant in various parts of the Dales, will those who can and who like to see our gallant soldiers looking spick and span please forward to the under-mentioned and oblige,

Yours truly,

Market Place, Settle.

J. MOORE.

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# DEDICATED TO BENTHAM'S RECRUITS.

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(Tune : " Tramp, Tramp, Tramp ").

At the Front they're hard at it,  
It's a time for men and grit ;  
For the German-Huns are striving all their  
    might,  
But it matters not a jot,  
For our boys are on the spot,  
And as ready as they're fearless day or night.

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Yes ! They're fighting and to win,  
And to settle Kultur'd Sin,  
That it ne'er again can break its prison gates ;  
They will trounce it once for all,  
And whate'er the cost or call.  
And so bottle up its booming brag and hates.

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They are sons of Freemen born,  
And for Freedom death they scorn,  
So their sacrifice is sacred to our Soul.  
Yes, their Country holds them dear,  
So salute them with a cheer,  
For their fame shall ever rest on Honour's Roll.

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Chorus—

Crack ! Bang ! Crack !

The Boys are fighting—

So hurry up recruits and give them cheer ;  
For each well-directed crack—

Pops a German on his back,

And the rest will soon skedaddle to the rear.

PERCY COATES.

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WOUNDED SOLDIER'S RETURN FROM THE FRONT.—Pie. Thos. Hardacre, son of Mr. Thos. Hardacre, carter, of Settle, has this week been home on short leave. He was wounded in the battle of Hill 60. He was struck by a piece of shrapnel on the head, and shot in the leg. His conversation about the many things he has seen in Flanders is most interesting. He says it was a sight to be for ever remembered when the British blew up Hill 60 when in possession of the enemy. He said the earth trembled a mile off.



## Settle Man Home from the Trenches.

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Mr. Charles Reiley, who is a private in the Scottish Borderers, and has been in France since the commencement of the war, came home to Settle on Saturday evening last for a short leave. He looked the picture of health, and appeared in high spirits. He is a brother-in-law of Mr. Harold Goss, greengrocer, etc., of Chapel Street, Settle. He returned on Wednesday morning. Several gentlemen in the district hired a motor-car and took Reiley to Hellifield Station. When he was leaving Settle those who happened to be in the know gave him a hearty send-off. He is going straight to the trenches.

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## COMMISSION FOR GIGGLESWICK BOY.

Corporal C. T. Jenkinson, youngest son of Geo. Jenkinson, Black Horse Hotel, Giggleswick, who has been several weeks on active service in Flanders, with the York and Lancaster Regiment, has been selected for promotion to commissioned rank, and is now undergoing a course of training, at a Cadet School somewhere in France.

When the war broke out he was undergoing a 2 years' course of training at the Sheffield Teachers' Training College; but he (and all other eligible students) answered his country's call, sacrificing the two remaining terms of the course at that College and joined the York and Lancaster Regiment. He had been training at South Shields, and later at Sunderland before proceeding to Flanders. He is an "old boy" of the Giggleswick Grammar School.

VICTORIA HALL, SETTLE.



# TWO POPULAR LECTURES

In connection with the present crisis  
will be given in the above Hall, on

Monday Evenings, March 8th & 22nd,

BY

**Mr. E. L. S. Horsburgh, B.A.**

*(Staff Lecturer, Oxford University Extension).*

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Chair to be taken at 7-45 p.m., by Mr. R. N. DOUGLAS, of Giggleswick School.

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## **Lecture I.—March 8th.**

**The Indirect Causes of the War.  
The Spirit of Germany To-day.**

## **Lecture II.—March 22nd.**

**The Direct Diplomatic Causes of the War.  
The Cause for which we are fighting.**

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Reserved Seats 4/- for the two lectures; 2/6 for single lecture. Entrance 1/-, 6d., & 3d. each lecture.

Tickets may be obtained at Mr. J. W. Lambert's, or from Miss Pickard, Overdale School, Settle.

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**PROCEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO THE WAR FUNDS.**

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LECTURE.—Mr. E. L. S. Horsburgh, B.A., gave his second lecture in the Victoria Hall on Monday last. Mr. R. N. Douglas, of Giggleswick School, took the chair, and there was another interested audience. The lecturer, who is staff lecturer, Oxford University Extension, had for his subject, "The direct causes of the war, and the cause for which we are fighting," and was attentively listened to. The war funds are to benefit by the proceeds.

**War Lecture.**—A lecture was given in the Victoria Hall on Monday evening last by Mr. E. L. S. Horsburgh, B.A. (Staff Lecturer, Oxford University Extension). The lecture is the first of two and was entitled "The Indirect Cause of the War: the Spirit of Germany to-day." The chair was taken by Mr. R. N. Douglas, and there was an interested company present. The proceeds are to be given to the War Funds.

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPER- ANCE SOCIETY.

Special attention is drawn to the lime-light lecture to be given on Monday, March 15th, by the Rev. James Bell, on "The War: Our Duty." It will be given in the School-room, and admission will be free, but as there is considerable expense connected with these lime-light lectures, and we wish also to help the Ripoon Diocesan Branch of the C.E. T.S., there will be a collection, and it is hoped that generous contributions will be given.

Another consideration is that the lecture and pictures will be on the lines of the Inter-diocesan Examination Syllabus, and as the Examination is to take place ten days later, i.e., on March 25th, those who are going in may expect to receive help which should be very valuable.

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A Committee Meeting was held in the Church Room on Tuesday, Feb. 9th, to take into consideration the desirability of giving up the Annual Shrove Tuesday Soirée, on account of the war. The question was thoroughly discussed, and a resolution passed with only one dissentient, that the Soirée be not held this year.



Mr. Thomas Brayshaw has been serving on the Grand Jury at the present Leeds Assizes, and was amongst those gentlemen invited by the Lord Mayor to meet his Majesty's Judges at dinner last Friday.

Sister Jessie Rapson (Wesley Deaconess) who is home on furlough from Freetown Sierra Leone, gave an account of her experiences and impressions of that part of West Africa to an interested audience in the Wesleyan Schoolroom on Monday evening. A collection was taken for Wesley Guild medical missions.

**WAR LECTURE.**—Under the auspices of the Church of England Temperance Society, a lantern lecture was delivered in the National School on Monday night by Rev. James Bell (Diocesan Organising Secretary of the C.E.T.S.), his subject being "The war: our duty." Rev. W. E. Linney presided, and the collection, after defraying expenses, was in aid of the Police Court Mission.

# MR. BIRKBECK'S APPEAL.

## A MOTOR KITCHEN FOR WOUNDED IN FRANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CRAVEN HERALD.

Sir,—I am taking a motor kitchen out to France to work on the lines of communication to feed wounded soldiers. The kitchen was originally given by the people of Sheffield for the use of their own battalion, but was not allowed to proceed to France for this purpose; it has for some months been in use at Doncaster. Great difficulty was found in getting it accepted for abroad, but for the purpose named permission has now been given by the General commanding the lines of communication. Expenses entailed in preparing the motor kitchen for foreign service will amount to £100. It is felt that only a small part of this ought to be borne by the Sheffield people, as they have already subscribed generously, and, as it will be of use to all kinds of soldiers, and is a Yorkshire undertaking, I hope that the people all over Yorkshire will help.

Of course, if the funds run to it, there will be many little comforts that we should be able to provide, such as cigarettes, fruit, papers, &c. The actual food will be supplied by the military authorities; but we are told that concentrated materials for making cooling drinks would be most acceptable, and when it is considered that we have to deal with trains of 600 and 1,000 wounded, it will be realised that this will be no inconsiderable item.

I should like to mention that the greatest help has been given me by the St. John Ambulance Association in the most difficult preliminaries attending the undertaking.

My mother, Mrs. James Braithwaite, Little Woodhouse, Leeds, will act as treasurer, and all subscriptions should be sent to her. We hope to start the week after this, so the sooner we can have the money the better.

Yours, &c.,

MURIEL BIRKBECK,

Wife of Lieut.-Col. Birkbeck, 6th Duke  
of Wellington's Regiment.

Carrholme, Settle, June 8th, 1915.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

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LIME-LIGHT  
LECTURE

BY THE  
REV. JAMES BELL

(Diocesan Organizing Secretary of the C.E.T.S.),

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“The War : Our Duty,”

IN THE  
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ON

Monday, March 15th, 1915,

At 7-30 p.m.

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ADMISSION FREE.

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There will be a Collection (after defraying expenses)  
in aid of the Police Court Mission.



## MOTOR KITCHEN FOR WOUNDED IN FRANCE.

To the Editor of The Yorkshire Post.

Sir,—The answer to Mrs. Birkbeck's letter with regard to this fund has been very disappointing. So far I have only received £35 13s. We should remember the ladies and the chauffeur are paying their own expenses, and doing all the work and I feel we ought to enable them to begin without any weight of debt. Hundreds of mugs and cups, plates, etc., are required; cooking utensils, refrigerator, and other things which are absolutely necessary. The wounded when they arrive at the station, where the motor kitchen will be, are often in a state of great exhaustion and weakness, some suffering terribly, and it will be a great boon for them to have food, beef tea, soup, sandwiches, and cooling drinks to refresh them. They have been fighting for us. Surely, we should think it a privilege to cheer and help them in every way.

I gratefully acknowledge the following sums:—Miss Golding, 2s. 6d.; Miss Park, 2s. 6d.; Sir J. C. Horsfall, £5; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall (Settle), £5; Miss Ramsden, £2; Miss Hyslop, £2 2s.; Mrs. Brayshaw, £1 1s.; Mr. Bean, £1 1s.; Mr. Hare, 20s.; Mrs. Josephy, 10s.; Mrs. Barrett, £5; Mr. Robinson, £2; Mrs. Stockill, £1 1s.; Miss Webb, 10s.; Colonel Brotherton, £1 1s.; Mrs. Stewart Smith, 20s.; Dr. and Mrs. Braithwaite, £7 2s.—Yours, etc.,

LAURA BRAITHWAITE, Hon. Treasurer.

Little Woodhouse, Leeds, June 15, 1915.

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# GIGGLESWICK.

Hampton Wildman Parker, son of Mr. Stephen and Mrs. Parker (headmaster and mistress of the Council School), has been granted a 2nd Lieutenancy in the 4th Duke of Wellington's Regiment. He was a cadet Lance-Corporal, Christ's Hospital Contingent, junior division, O.T.C.

# MOTOR KITCHEN FOR THE WOUNDED IN FRANCE.

To the Editor of The Yorkshire Post.

Sir,—The motor kitchen was taken to France last week, and reports of the work that is being done will be published from time to time.

I gratefully acknowledge the following sums:—Mrs. R. H. Braithwaite, £3 (omitted from previous list); the Rev. Colonel Howard Hall, £2 2s.; J. B., 5s.; E. J. R., £5 5s.; Mrs. Gainford (from Sheffield friends), £14 14s.; Miss Lupton, Steeton Manor, £2 2s.; Miss Hutchinson, 5s.; W. B. Craven, £1 1s.; Mrs. Moxon, £1 1s.; Miss Marsden, 5s. 6d.; Mrs. Pawson, 5s.; Mrs. Sydney Smith, 11s.; employees at factory of Sydney Smith and Co., 10s.; Edward F. Wood, £1 1s.; C. A. N., 5s.; Mrs. Vickers, 2s. 6d.; Miss Park, 2s. 6d.; also one or two anonymous donations, which are only to be known to me.

The workers are not allowed to say where they are; the War Office has placed them where they will be most useful.—Yours, etc.,

LAURA BRAITHWAITE, Hon. Treasurer,  
Little Woodhouse, Leeds, June 27, 1915.

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## Housing at Settle.

The Clerk read the following letter from the assistant secretary to the Local Government Board :—

“I am directed by the Local Government Board to advert to their letter of the 22nd April last, relating to the question of the provision of a scheme for the erection of working-class dwellings at Settle by the Rural District Council of Settle, and I am to enquire the result of the consideration of their letter by the District Council.”

The Clerk said the letter of April 22nd referred to was to ask the Council to prepare such a scheme.

Cr. Charlesworth : I propose that the matter be postponed until the war is over.

Cr. Winskill : Don't you think the Local Government Board officials, or some of them, would be better at the front or making shells ? (laughter). They are only beating the air and could be well spared.

Cr. Harger : Well, why not put that into writing as a motion, and send it up ? (laughter).

Cr. Winskill : I am quite agreeable. I —

The Chairman : Anyone second Cr. Charlesworth's proposition ? (laughter).

The proposition was carried.

## War Bonus for Workmen.

The Surveyor had laid before the Wages Committee particulars of the wages paid to the several employees of the Council. It was resolved to recommend to the Council that a war bonus of three shillings weekly be paid to each employee at a weekly wage except to John Shepherd, whose wages had already been increased.

Cr. Charlesworth : Are they married men ?

The Surveyor : All but two, I think. One keeps his mother's home going, and the other is physically unfit.

Cr. Charlesworth : That satisfies me.

The Council agreed to the recommendation, on the proposition of Cr. Rhodes, and it was agreed that the bonuses be paid until the end of the year, or only to the end of the war if it finished this year, Cr. Hunter suggesting this, as “the Council should look on the bright side.”

**Home from the Front.**—Private R. Clark has been at Settle during the last week, having been granted a few days' leave. He is serving with the 6th West Riding Regiment and has naturally been the recipient of innumerable enquiries as to the welfare of his comrades from this locality who are now in the trenches. Sergt. Major C. Parker of the 1st Canadian Engineers has also been over from the front and the stories of both soldiers have been most interesting. Messrs. W. F. Clark and John Moore, with their accustomed zeal for the comfort of those in the firing line, put up notices in the windows of their respective establishments that "sundry creature comforts" would be sent back with Private Clark and invited donations. Nearly £6 was promptly subscribed and was used to purchase tinned fruits, pipes, health salt, sponges, sweets, soap, lemonade, coffee, milk, etc., which were sent for the collective use of the Settle men at the front, with the heartfelt good wishes of the Council of the Settle War Relief Fund. Mr. C. F. Armistead has also sent off a supply of cricket tackle given him by the Police of Settle, and Mr. Renshaw has sent off the four cricket balls for which he obtained subscriptions.

WITH the Heartfelt Good Wishes  
from the Council of the Settle  
War Relief Fund.

THOS. BRAYSHAW, *Hon. Sec.*

T. E. PEARSON, *Hon. Assist. Sec.*

WAR RELIEF FUND—Letters have been received from men at the Front intimating that the three cases of assorted "comforts" and delicacies, which were recently forwarded by the council of this fund for the local men serving with the 6th (Duke of Wellington's) West Riding Regiment, had been duly received and distributed, and had been much appreciated. The Relief Committee of the fund are now considering the question of collecting and forwarding eggs for the wounded in hospitals.



# STAINFORTH'S PATRIOTIC SONS.

Below will be found pictures of the four sons of Mr. John Greenbank, of Stainforth, near Settle, who have answered their country's call:—



ARTHUR GREENBANK.

JOHN GREENBANK.



JAMES GREENBANK.

WM. GREENBANK.

# SETTLE WAR RELIEF FUND.

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## WORKING PARTIES' COMMITTEE.

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*The above Committee think that it is time the workers for our Soldiers made further effort to provide a fresh supply of clothing, suitable for the hot weather, and hospital requisites.*

*We know that there is a continuous and increasing stream of wounded coming home, so that everything required by hospitals is in great demand.*

*At the same time we hear from the front that socks and shirts are much wanted there.*

*The work cut out and the wool to be obtained as before.*

*L. E. GELDARD,  
for Mrs. SIMPSON.*

*Cappleside,*

*1st June, 1915.*



CAPTAIN STACKHOUSE,  
of Casterton, killed at Neuve Chapelle.

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Mrs. G. J. Stäcklense

returns thanks for

Mrs. Brayshaw's

kind sympathy

# WAKEFIELD OFFICER KILLED.

## SON OF A HALIFAX COUNCILLOR LOSES AN EYE.

Second-Lieut. Christopher Babington Sugden, of the 1st (4th Batt.) K.O.Y.L.I., who has been killed in action, was the only son of Mr. T. B. Sugden, Registrar of Deeds for the West Riding, who resides at St. John's, Wakefield. He was only 22 years of age, and received his commission in August last.



Sec.-Lieut. C. B. SUGDEN.

Sec.-Lieut. G. GLEDHILL.

Second-Lieut. Gilbert Gledhill, who has been wounded, is the son of Commander G. H. Gledhill, of "Dersingham," Halifax, and enlisted in the 5th Cheshire Regt. last September, and after being a N.C.O., he gained his commission on March 22nd. He went out to join the 1st Batt. on April 15, and on May 10 he was wounded by a German rifle grenade. He was brought to a military hospital in London, when it was found necessary to remove his right eye, it being so badly crushed, and although there was a grave danger of the other eye being affected, the medical reports to his father are more favourable.

**OFFICER WOUNDED.**—Second Lieutenant J. H. Stackhouse, of the Sherwood Foresters, formerly resident at Ingfield Hall, Settle, was wounded on the 9th inst., on which day his regiment suffered very heavy losses, being heavily engaged. Lieut. Stackhouse was struck near the left shoulder blade, his back being bruised and his right arm grazed, as well as being hit on the head and hand. His escape from death was marvellous, as may be judged from the fact that the rifle he was carrying was smashed into six pieces. It may be recalled that his elder brother, Capt. W. T. Stackhouse, was killed in action some two months ago.



# A DOCTOR'S HEROISM.



Dr. D. C. Turnbull, a lieutenant of the R.A.M.C., was fatally shot while rescuing a brother officer under very heavy fire.

## A BRAVE GIGGLESWICK SCHOOL BOY.

The death at the front of Dr. Derwent Christopher Turnbull, the son of Mr. W. P. Turnbull, who recently resided at Bankwell, Giggleswick, is greatly regretted by all who knew him. He attended Giggleswick School between the years 1906 and 1909 and afterwards went to Sheffield University as a medical student. At the outbreak of war he joined the Army Medical Corps and became a Lieutenant. The story of how he met his death is reported as follows and his bravery stands out alone:— Lieutenant Turnbull learnt about 10 a.m. one day that an officer was lying badly wounded in a trench 400 yards beyond the dressing station. It meant almost certain death to reach him by daylight. However, he took the risk and got there. He found an operation necessary, and he decided to remove the officer, but could not get beyond the communication trench. A heavy German fire was directed at him, and all through that day he lay in the trenches compressing an artery by hand to check the bleeding. As darkness fell Mr. Turnbull, helped by an orderly, lifted the officer and started the perilous journey. He got his patient through, but in doing so he received a shot through the lung from which he died. Reference to his bravery was made in Settle Church on Sunday last and many newspaper comments have been made. Much sympathy is felt for the family.



We have full particulars of the death of Lieut. Derwent C. Turnbull in letters received from the front from the Colonel under whom he was serving, and from his brother officers. It is well that the details of a death so heroic should be placed on record. Lieut. Turnbull graduated as M.B. at Sheffield only last year. His life was laid down at the early age of 24 years. Here is a letter from his Colonel to his father.

[COPY.]

SUNDAY,

MARCH 14TH, 1915.

DEAR SIR,

I deeply regret to inform you that your son, Mr. D. C. Turnbull, Lieut. R.A.M.C. attached to 84th (Second London) Field Ambulance, died this morning at about 7-25 of a wound received on the evening of the 10th inst. Lieut. Turnbull had been lent to the 1st Battn. Cheshire Regt. to do duty as Regimental Medical Officer.

While the battalion was in the trenches, and he was in the dressing-station about 300 to 400 yards behind, a message was sent through at about 10 a.m. that an officer was lying badly wounded in one of the trenches, and was bleeding to death. Lieut. Turnbull volunteered to go and see what he could do for him, although it was almost certain death to cross that open space in daylight. He reached the trench in safety, and found that immediate operation was needed in order to stop the bleeding. He therefore proposed to get the patient back to the dressing-station at once, and he and an orderly moved him into the communicating trench, but could get no further as their movements could be seen from the German trenches, and a hot fire was directed upon them. They were obliged to desist, and, I believe, spent the rest of the day until about 6-30 in the evening, lying in the mud and water at the bottom of the trench, and compressing an artery by hand to check the bleeding. About 6-30, when it was judged to be so nearly dark that they might venture to move again, Mr. Turnbull and the soldier got the

officer out of the trench to the dressing-station. In doing so Mr. Turnbull was shot, the bullet entering his right side and penetrating the lung. I am not clear whether he was shot on first showing above the trench or during the journey to the dressing-station. As soon as my bearer party went to the dressing-station, notice was at once sent to me that Lieut. Turnbull was dangerously wounded, whereupon I went down in order to see him before he was removed. We got him up here without loss of time and in safety through the bullet-swept zone. He was taken to the same branch hospital in which he had been serving, and his two comrades, Capt. Bickerton and Lieut. Haynes, did all that was possible for him. His wound looked well all the time, but the lung did badly, developing a kind of pneumonia, from which he died this morning.

You will probably hear further from the authorities as your son's deed has been recorded as one of "Conspicuous Gallantry," and has been recommended to the notice of the General in terms of high appreciation by the officer commanding the regt. with whom he was serving at the time. I do not know what form official recognition may take; but I only assure you of my personal appreciation that no greater instance of heroic self-sacrifice will be recorded during the war.

Yours in sincere sympathy,

WM. SALISBURY SHARPE,

LIEUT.-COL.

c/o 84th Field Ambulance,  
28th Division.

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ROLL OF HONOUR.—Lieut. Eustace St. Barbe Sladen Watkins, of the Devon Regiment, who has been with his regiment in France since the commencement of the war, died of wounds received in action on Sunday, January 31st last. The deceased was a promising young officer, and had recently been recommended for a captaincy. He will be remembered by friends in Settle, as he lived with his aunt, Mrs. G. K. Charlesworth, at the Glebe House, Settle, and attended Giggleswick School about the year 1903. He was the youngest son of Mr. Robert A. Watkins, of Castle Combe, and grandson of the late Rev. B. E. Watkins, of Lawkland Hall.

## DEATH OF LIEUT. K. MUSGRAVE.—

The death was announced last week of Lieut. K. Musgrave, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. J. Musgrave, who at one time resided at Abbeylands, Stackhouse. Lieut. Musgrave had only been a short time at the Front. Three officers connected with Settle who have recently died for their country all resided at one time at Abbeylands, viz., Captain Stackhouse, Dr. Turnbull, and Lieut. Musgrave.

## A LANGCLIFFE HERO.

Pte. R. Thompson, Killed in Action.



The above is a portrait of Private R. Thompson, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson, of Ulverston, who has given his life for his country. He was well known in the district of Langcliffe and Settle, and was a brother of Mrs. Nathan Potter, of Ribble Bank, Langcliffe. He had served for some years in the Royal Lancaster Regiment, the most of the time in India. On the outbreak of war he gave up his employment, and, along with his brother Frank, rejoined his regiment. The latter, who was wounded in the breast whilst trench digging, was invalided home recently. The deceased, who was about 28 years of age, received his death blow on March 29th. The photo, from which the above block was prepared, was taken in Lucknow.



# A HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE HERO.

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Mrs. Annie Sewell, of Fourdale Cottages, Helwith Bridge, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, writes informing us of the death of her husband, Pte. Sewell, of A Company, 3rd Battalion Rifle Brigade, with the Expeditionary Force, whom she was expecting home in May. In a letter received from Corpl. W. J. Gayton, of the same Company, and dated March 28th, it appears that Pte. Sewell was shot while doing duty in the trenches. The communication adds:

"His death is greatly regretted by his comrades. Having command of the section in which he served, I can say that he was one of the best men in it, quiet, hard-working, shirking nothing. Whatever duty was entrusted to him was faithfully carried out, and although an enemy bullet cut short his career, he died, as a soldier should, in the execution of his duty. Not only the section and myself, but all the N.C.O.'s and men who knew him join in forwarding their condolences in the bereavement that has unfortunately fallen on you and family."

The widow of the deceased soldier has four children—ranging from one to six years old, and the heartfelt sympathy of the district will be extended to her in her sorrow.

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## A WELL-KNOWN SETTLE CRICKETER KILLED.

The sad news that Corporal John Morphet, of the 1/6 West Riding Regiment of Territorials, had been killed in action last Sunday night, was received in Settle yesterday with manifestations of grief on every hand. It appears that whilst building up a parapet he was struck down and instantly killed by a German bullet.

A Correspondent writes:—

"Jack" Morphet, to use the familiar name by which he was known throughout a wide district, came to Settle some years ago, and up to the time of his enlistment held the post of school attendance officer. Possessed of a very genial personality and many many qualities, he soon drew to himself a large circle of friends, whilst his powers in the fields of sport quickly gained him a host of admirers. He will be greatly missed in the recreative life of the town, and especially where men meet together in the manly games of cricket and football.

His clear eye, swinging gait, and athletic figure were symbolical of the man, for "Jack" Morphet was an athlete from head to foot. No game amies to him, but it was in the national summer and winter games of cricket and football that he excelled. A fine all-round cricketer, he always played the game for sheer love of it, and his successful bowling and batting performances brought him an enviable reputation in the Ribblesdale League. Many indeed are the feats he has accomplished on the Marshfield ground and on the other playing grounds of the league. Moreover, it may be safely said, he gained the respect of every opponent against whom he came.

At football, too, he had a wide reputation, and the premier association league clubs have more than once cast eyes on his direction. Always cool and steady himself as though at practice—his steadying influence was always felt in the team, and his cheery advice to his fellow players was always accepted and acted upon with alacrity and benefit. The players of many clubs throughout Craven and the Hawes and Sedbergh district, where he resided before coming to Settle—will learn with sorrow the sad news of his death. Never defeated until the game was lost, he could place his back to the wall and fight an uphill game against any odds, always in the same cheery optimistic manner that those who have watched him know so well. But the defeat of his side accomplished, he accepted it in the true spirit of sportsmanship. No less noticeable was his modesty in the hour of success, and these qualities made him a popular figure on every playing ground with the opponents and spectators alike.

When the war broke out, with other members of the Settle Cricket Team, he threw aside bat and ball and enlisting in the local Territorials prepared for the stronger game of war and went to France with his battalion. The letter of his Colonel conveying the sad news of his death in which it is stated:—"He was a fine soldier, always cheerful and willing" shows that he carried with him on the battle fields of France and Belgium those qualities which he learnt, and which stood him in such good stead on the battle fields of Craven—qualities which endeared him to such a host of friends.

Settle people will extend their sympathy to those who were near and dear to him and mourn with them in their loss.

"Jack" Morphet leaves behind him memories too numerous to set out in this short appreciation, but those who have watched his grit and sturdy defiance in a tight corner when in friendly rivalry, will have no difficulty in conjuring in their minds the sight of him cheerily facing the foes of his country when the stakes at issue are not a silver cup or medal, but freedom and right. It is sad to think that we shall see him no more, but knowing him as we did, what nobler or more fitting tribute could be paid to him than to remember that he died fighting on the battlefields of Belgium as he fought on the playing fields of Craven, "playing the man." R.I.P.

## THE LATE LANCE-CORPORAL MORPHET, OF SETTLE.

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As reported exclusively in the "Pioneer" last week, Lance-Corporal Morphet, of Settle, was killed in action. The news was received in Settle and district with the utmost regret, as Mr. Morphet was a well-known and popular figure. It appears that he had been repairing the parapet with sandbags, and had got up to beat the sandbags down, when a bullet entered his left arm and went through his heart, killing him instantaneously.

Lance-corporal Morphet was 38 years of age, and up to 1903 was a solicitor's clerk at Sedburgh. His parents, to whom much sympathy is extended, live at Gawthrop, Dent. In 1905 he was appointed school attendance officer at Settle, and had charge of the attendance at most of the schools in the area. His cheerfulness and courtesy made him exceedingly popular throughout his district, while in the immediate neighbourhood of Settle his prowess at football and cricket, as we have



already stated, greatly enhanced his popularity. He played football in his earlier days with Kendal and Sedburgh, and afterwards played with Aston Villa and Burnley, and in his later days was the mainstay of either Settle or Giggleswick, with whichever team he threw in his lot. His best position was full back, and by his steadiness he on many occasions saved his side. Often have the spectators said, "Now, Jack, take it off him," and he was bad to beat.



LANCE-CORPORAL J. MORPHET.

On coming to Settle he joined the Cricket Club, and was given a place in the team chiefly for his fast medium bowling. In his earlier seasons he met with no great success, but having developed slow leg break bowling in 1908 and onwards, he became a terror to batsmen and a source of great strength to his side, as will be seen from his averages below. In the season 1914, when Settle won the Ribblesdale League Cup, the brunt of the bowling fell on Lance-Corporal Morphet and Lance-Corporal A. Parker, though both joined the forces before the completion of the cricket programme. To Lance-Corporal Morphet's lasting honour he joined the Army on the outbreak of war, in spite of the fact that he was above the then age limit.

In 1908 he had an average with the ball of 8.45, having taken 40 wickets for a cost of 338 runs; in 1909 8.6 for 48 wickets, at a cost of 417 runs; in 1910 9.04 for 74 wickets, at a cost of 669 runs; 1911 11.87 for 45 wickets, for 587 runs; 1912 8.76 for 67 wickets, for 587 runs; 1913 85 wickets for 776 runs, average 9.12; and in 1914 45 wickets for 465 runs, average 10.5. During the past seven years he had an average of over 50 wickets per year. In batting he on many occasions helped his side to victory, and in 1909 his average was 12.8; 1910, 8.59; 1911, 20.35; 1912, 10.36; 1913, 12.76; and 1914, 11.6.

Colonel Birkbeck, in writing to the secretary of the Settle Cricket Club, said: "You and the Settle cricketers will be sorry to hear that Lance-Corporal J. M. Morphet has been killed. He was a fine fellow and excellent soldier, always willing to do anything and always happy under the worst conditions. I am indeed sorry to lose him."

From the Sergeant-in-charge (Sergt. W. J. Robinson, of Giggleswick) comes the following tribute:—"I feel the loss of Lance-Corporal Morphet very much, as we were the only N.C.O.'s in the platoon from Settle since we came out first. Jack has been attached to us on his promotion. We have since slept together, dined together, and roughed it together, and, of course, knowing each other shared each others ups and downs. He made himself a genial comrade and was a most promising N.C.O., and his loss is keenly felt by officers, N.C.O.'s, and men. Whilst assiduous to duty, he did not fail to take a lively interest in the recreative part of our life out here, and his hand and eye had not lost their cunning in a game of cricket. It may be said that a cricket ball was found in his pack, and I am sure he must have carried it a good few miles. Jack has 'played the game.' He has taken up his stand in the innings and fight for his country, and he has been bowled out. He did not suffer; it was short and swift. May he rest in peace. He was buried behind the lines, and two Settle men, Private J. Ward and Private J. Tomlinson, attended his burial, the service being taken by Major Cass. Lance-Corporal Morphet's name will for many years to come whenever cricket is being played at Settle be on the lips and in the minds of those who used to love to see him getting his opponents 'tied-up.'"

# SETTLE WAR RELIEF FUND.

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## WORKING PARTIES' COMMITTEE.

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*The above Committee think that it is time the workers for our Soldiers made further effort to provide a fresh supply of clothing, suitable for the hot weather, and hospital requisites.*

*We know that there is a continuous and increasing stream of wounded coming home, so that everything required by hospitals is in great demand.*

*At the same time we hear from the front that socks and shirts are much wanted there.*

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*L. E. GELDARD,  
for Mrs. SIMPSON.*

*Cappleside,*

*1st June, 1915.*



# Settle Brass Band.

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Victoria Hall,  
Settle.



Friday, April  
9th, 1915.

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THE ABOVE BAND WILL GIVE A GRAND

## Patriotic Concert

IN AID OF THE WAR RELIEF FUND.

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THE FOLLOWING ARTISTES WILL TAKE PART:

**MISS HUNT, Soprano.**

**MR. EDWARD LORD, Bass.**

**MR. H. F. DAWSON, Solo 'Celloist.**

Action Songs and Country Dances by the Juveniles.

**Mr. BOB HINDLE**

*(Refined Humorist and Character Comedian).*

**ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW. ALWAYS A SUCCESS.**

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DOORS OPEN AT 7-30, TO COMMENCE AT 8 O'CLOCK.

CARRIAGES MAY BE ORDERED FOR 10-15 P.M.

**ADMISSION:**— Dress Circle, 2/-; Upper Circle, 1/6;  
Area, 1/-, and 6d.

1s. Seats in Area can be reserved—6d. extra.

TICKETS MAY BE HAD OF ANY MEMBER OF THE BAND.

Plan of the Hall may be seen and seats booked at Mr.  
Tomlinson's Duke Street, Settle, on and after Saturday, April 3rd.

*Ticket holders (only) will be admitted at 7-15.*

**THOS. BRAYSHAW,**

*Secretary to the War Relief Fund.*



**Patriotic Concert.**—Under the auspices of the Settle Brass Band a patriotic concert in aid of the War Relief Fund was given on Friday evening in the Victoria Hall, which was packed to its utmost, and a most interesting programme was gone through. Action songs and juvenile dances were given by 40 little boys and girls, and included in these were two little Belgian girls. Great praise is due to Miss Janet F. Bilton and Miss Hird for the juveniles' performance. A great deal of time must have been given and pains taken in getting them to such a pitch of perfection. Amongst the other performers were Miss E. Hunt, and Messrs. H. F. Dawson, Edward Lord, and Bob Hindle (comedian), and the Settle Brass Band. Mr. Edward Lord sang a patriotic song entitled "England's Sons." The words of this song were written by Mr. Edmund Handby, of Settle, and the song itself was very well received. At the close Mr. Thomas Brayshaw, the hon. secretary of the Local War Relief Fund, thanked all those concerned, including the band, the juveniles, the artistes, and Mr. J. G. Robinson for allowing the free use of the Hall, and Mr. E. Handby for his assistance in various ways. Now that so many local men were going on foreign service, he urged the public to see that their dependents were well looked after, and so mark their appreciation of the self-denying action of their brave representatives in the Military Forces of the Empire.—Out of the profits on the performance of "Caste," besides the £10 given to the Local War Fund, £5 was given to the Eye and Ear Hospital, Bradford.

**Patriotic Concert.**—As the net result of the concert given by the Settle Brass Band, the handsome sum of £12 13s. 9d. has been handed over to the local War Relief Fund.

2nd Lieut. T. BRAYSHAW,

6th Battn. Duke of Wellington's Regt.,

2nd West Riding Infantry Brigade,

West Riding Division,

British Expeditionary Force,

**FRANCE.**

*Gloucester, Saturday, June 5.*

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### CAPT. MURRAY CROFTS.

Mr. J. Murray Crofts, elder son of Mr. James Crofts, late head master of Sir Thomas Rich's School, has been gazetted Captain in the 5th Battalion East Lancashire Regiment. Captain Crofts, who had considerable experience of military work while resident for some years in the Transvaal, and holds certificates for proficiency in military subjects, has been appointed to the third line battalion stationed at Burnley, where as senior captain he is for the time being in command. Captain Crofts has for the past five years been Secretary for Schools under the Joint Matriculation Board of the Northern Universities, and has carried out research work in the well-known chemical department of the University of Manchester, which work has recently earned for him the degree of Doctor of Science of the University.



# SKIPTON OFFICER ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.



LIEUTENANT HEDLEY KNOWLES.

Late on Tuesday evening last Mr. M. R. Knowles, solicitor, The Arches, Skipton, and clerk to the Skipton Rural District Council, received an intimation that his only son, Lieut. Hedley Knowles, of the 6th Battalion Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, had been accidentally killed. The sad news was conveyed in a message from the Territorial Records Officer, York, which was in the following terms: "Regret to inform you that Lieut. H. Knowles was killed accidentally on May 30th. Lord Kitchener expresses his sympathy."

The following morning Mr. Knowles received a letter from an officer holding high command in the regiment, which gave further details of the painful occurrence. It was in the following terms:—

6th Duke of Wellington's Regiment,  
France.

Dear Mr. Knowles.—

I am very sorry indeed to have to tell you that your son was killed yesterday and died about 6 p.m. He was instructing at the school of bomb throwers and was killed owing to a premature explosion when a rifle grenade was fired. He was hit in the head and death was practically instantaneous. There was no carelessness on the part of anybody, and the accident must have been caused by some defect in the bomb.

We are greatly grieved, as he was a great favourite with both officers and men. Quiet, unassuming, there was no better officer in my regiment, and none who took a greater interest in his work. He was an excellent soldier and a thorough sportsman. He knew no fear, his only wish being to serve his King and Country for which he has now given his life. We are all proud to have his name on our Regimental Records and we offer to you and Mrs. Knowles our very deep sympathy, and, believe me, it is equally shared by all who knew him."

Lieut. Knowles was only 22 years of age. His connection with the 6th Battalion Duke of Wellington's dates back to 1913, when he was gazetted Second Lieutenant. His first camp was that at Marske last year, when the manoeuvres were interrupted by the mobilisation of the Territorial Force following Germany's declaration of war. He left with the Battalion for Lunningham and had since been in training at Healing, Riby, and Doncaster. Lieut. Knowles was a thoroughly capable and conscientious officer who won for himself not only the commendation of his superiors in rank but also the goodwill of his men. Four days after the arrival of the Battalion in France, some six weeks ago, Lieut. Knowles had his first experiences of the trenches and the following day took in his men. From that time he appears to have been attached to the school of bomb throwers, having occasionally made brief references to his work in this connection when writing home.

Prior to the mobilisation of the Battalion Lieut. Knowles acted as secretary to the local companies of the National Reserve, taking over the duties from his father, who occupied the position when the movement was inaugurated. Lieut. Knowles was intended for the legal profession and was studying for his final examination when hostilities commenced on the Continent.

The remains of the brave lad were interred with reverence in the cemetery at Fleurbaix in the presence of the officers and men; a plain, cross, inscribed with the name and regiment, marking the last resting place.

Mr. and Mrs. Knowles and Miss Knowles have the heartfelt sympathy of the district with them in their hour of sorrow.

The family have received so many touching letters of condolence and sympathy that it is impossible at present to reply to them individually, and Mr. Knowles asks us to thank the writers for their kindness, especially one who signs herself "a Mother."

## The Late Lieut. Knowles.

THE first name of a Skipton officer to be added to the dread toll of war is that of Lieut. Hedley Knowles, whose tragic death at the front came as a shock to his parents and, indeed, the public generally. It is only some six weeks since the local battalion to which he was attached departed for active service, and already we at home had had impressed upon us the immediate danger to which the men were exposed by the death of one of the rank and file, and injuries to others. Now comes the lamentable intelligence of an officer's death at the point of duty; and whilst the circumstances do not more than potentially emphasise the risks the men of the 6th Battalion are running daily, we shall the more sadly realise the actualities and have to prepare ourselves with stiffened courage for all that follows. The late Lieut. Knowles was not only a deservedly popular and beloved officer. It is known to many including myself that an unmixed sense of duty spurred him in all he undertook and did as a soldier of the King. And yet his spirit was naturally pacific than martial, his nature gentle and unassuming than of a belligerent propensity. His death has caused a bereavement which will be mourned by many outside his own family, to whom this awful blow will be in a measure softened—aye, and sweetened—by its honourable associations.



## The Late Lieut. Knowles.

Many homes in Craven are, in common with other parts of the country, mourning the death of fathers and sons in the fighting line in Flanders. Several of our brave fellows in Skipton and the immediate district have already given themselves to the country for their country's good. They have died in a glorious cause—the cause of national righteousness and national honour. We all hate the necessity for the sacrifice of life that has so far been entailed, but we all realise that there is nothing but sacrifice needed if we are to preserve our freedom-loving country from being over-run by a hateful and barbarous foe. It was this view that induced the young men of Skipton, of whom Lieut. Hedley Knowles was one, to respond to the call of their King and Country in the early days of the war; it is for this cause that Lieut. Knowles has given his young life. Full of pluck, imbued with that fine British spirit which realises its duty and does it. Lieut. Knowles, whose death we record with deep regret, accompanied his regiment a few weeks ago to a position near the firing line in Flanders. It was while instructing his men in the art of bomb-throwing that one of them, of apparently defective construction, burst, and inflicted such injuries as resulted in instant death. Those who knew him will thoroughly agree with his Commanding Officer's description of Lieut. Knowles as a "thorough sportsman." With the rod, the gun, or the golf club, he ever played the game for the game's sake, just as he has played his country's game for his country's sake. Words are feeble on these occasions to convey the thoughts that lie deep down in the heart, but we are but echoing the sentiments of our readers in assuring Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Knowles that the deepest sympathy is felt for them in this their hour of bitter trouble in the loss of an only son, who was a credit to his parents, his upbringing, the legal profession which it was intended he should follow, and the town of Skipton, where he was born. Details concerning the unfortunate event will be found on page 2 of this issue.