

*Christmas Gifts*

Private \_\_\_\_\_ Regimental No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Company, \_\_\_\_\_ Battalion, \_\_\_\_\_  
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Regiment, \_\_\_\_\_  
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Division or Base No., \_\_\_\_\_

From the Settle & District War Committee,  
Town Hall, Settle.

**Victoria Hall, Settle.**

**A CONCERT**  
(Songs, Dances, and Short Play),  
WILL BE GIVEN BY  
**Members of Overdale School,**  
ON  
**Friday, December 15th, 1916, at 7-30 p.m.,**  
AND  
**Saturday, Dec. 16th, at 2-30 p.m.**

Proceeds to be divided between the St. John Ambulance  
Brigade, on behalf of the Local Christmas Comforts'  
Fund, and the British Red Cross Society.

**ADMISSION:** Dress Circle, 2/-; Upper Circle, 1/6; Area, 1/- & 6d.  
1/- Seats can be reserved in Area, 6d. extra.

Doors open on **Friday Evening at 7, and on Saturday Afternoon at 2 o'clock.**

Plan of the Hall may be seen and seats secured at **MR. TOMLINSON'S, Duke Street, Settle.**  
Tickets may be obtained from any Member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and from  
Overdale School.

*J. W. Lambert, Printer, Settle.*

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BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE,

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### OVERDALE SCHOOL CONCERT.

No opportunity of raising money for the various War Funds and for the provision of extra comforts to our local soldiers is allowed to pass by in Settle, and for the second time Miss Pickard has helped in this good work by allowing the annual concert given by the members of the Overdale School to become a public performance. On the last occasion she handed over a balance of £15 to the various funds. Encouraged by that success and animated by a desire to still further assist, an excellent concert was given in the Victoria Hall on Friday evening, and the programme was repeated on the following afternoon to a large attendance. The proceeds, which will admit of a balance of about £20 being available, will be divided between the St. John Ambulance (Local Christmas Comforts Fund) and the British Red Cross Society.

The programme, which included vocal and instrumental solos, choruses, dances and a short play, was thoroughly enjoyed and the whole performance reflected great credit upon the members and staff of the school. The unison choruses given under the conductorship of Miss Tyler, L.R.A.M., were sung in capital style, whilst the part songs were tastefully sung and shewed a nice blending of voices. Special mention should be made of the old Somerset song "The tree in the wood," which was given with just that lilt inseparable from the folk-song of earlier days. One of the favourite items at each performance was a duet, "The Blue Bells of Scotland," one of the singers being the youngest member of the school, presumably about eight years of age.

The dancing was of a high order. The chiffon dance, muff dance and flower dance were given in a dainty and artistic manner and were enthusiastically applauded. The gnome dance was indeed a most elfish revel. The performers in their grotesque costumes caused great amusement and the audience would fain have had more, whilst the dancing of the fairy was both clever and delightful. The two vocal solos "Gwendoleen's Repose" and "Passing by," were sung with good taste and were greatly appreciated, and the pianoforte solo "Album Leaf" (Grieg) was another delightful item, the young performer shewing clever interpretation and skilful execution. A pianoforte duet "Tonbilder No. 10" also merited and received due appreciation.

Those who had previously seen Miss Vickery dance were only too glad to again have the pleasure of witnessing one of her delightful performances. Needless to say the audience were charmed beyond measure by her skirt dance, which thoroughly deserved the loud applause with which it was rewarded. Miss Tyler, in her pianoforte solo, proved herself to be a clever and talented musician and a skilled executant, and her item at each performance was a source of pleasure. The play "In Ancient Rome" was a great success, all the performers acquitting themselves most creditably. Miss Pickard is to be highly congratulated on the result of her efforts, both from the financial and artistic stand-points, and to all who assisted by giving their help in any way before and at the performance she tenders her heartiest thanks.

Victoria Hall, Settle.

PROGRAMME

of

**CONCERT and**  
**SHORT PLAY**

In aid of the St. John Ambulance on behalf  
of the Local Christmas Comforts' Fund, and  
the British Red Cross Society,

by

Members of Overdale School,

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FRIDAY, Dec. 15th, 1916,  
and SATURDAY, Dec. 16th.

J. W. LAMBERT, PRINTER, SETTLE.

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# Programme.

## PART I.

- UNISON SONG ... "Viking Song" ... *S. Coleridge-Taylor.*
- CHIFFON DANCE.
- NATIONAL SONG ... "The Blue Bells of Scotland."
- PART-SONG ... "Autumn Song" ... *Mendelssohn.*
- SOLO (National Song "Gwendoleen's Repose.")
- MUFF DANCE.
- SOMERSET FOLK SONG "The Tree in the Wood."
- PIANOFORTE SOLO ... "Album Leaf" ... *...Grëig.*
- SOLO & TWO-PART CHORUS "The Song of Praise" *J. Brahms.*
- FLOWER DANCE.
- PIANOFORTE DUET ... "Tonbilder No. 10" ... *... Löschnorn.*
- GNOME DANCE ... Solo ... Fairy Dance.
- SOLO ... "Passing By" ... *Purcell.*
- NATIONAL SONG ... "New Year's Eve."
- SKIRT DANCE ... "Verona,"  
MISS VICKERY.
- PIANOFORTE SOLO ... Deux Valses Miniatures ... *T. Dunhill.*  
MISS TYLER, L.R.A.M.

INTERVAL.

## PART II.

### Short Play in Six Scenes,

(By kind permission of the Editor of "Girls' Realm,")

### "In Ancient Rome."

- ANTONIUS VERUS ... Prefect of Rome.
- SEVERUS PAULUS ... a Member of the Senate.
- MARCELLA PAULA ... a Roman Matron.
- FLAVIA PAULINA ... }  
MARCIA ... } her Children.  
MARCUS ... }
- JENIUS VERNUS ... a Poet.
- RUSTICUS & SEPTIMUS ... Members of the Prefect's Guard.
- IBRAHIM ... an Arab Slave Dealer.
- ZULEIMA (a Syrian) ... }  
ATTILUS (of the Catti Tribe) ... } Slaves.  
MYLOS (a Greek) ... }
- CAERUS (a Briton) ... }

GOD SAVE THE KING.

NO ENCORES WILL BE GIVEN.

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**PER PARCEL POST.**

WITH COMPLIMENTS AND BEST WISHES . . .  
. . . FROM THE SETTLE & DISTRICT WAR FUND.

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# CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SOLDIERS.

All blue cards, giving particulars of local soldiers, must be sent in by Wednesday, the 29th November, 1916.

THOS. BRAYSHAW, } Hon.  
T. E. PEARSON, } Secs.

Printed by Edmondson & Wilson, Craven Printing Works, Station Road, Settle.

**CHRISTMAS PARCELS FOR SOLDIERS.**  
—Following their practice for the last two Christmases, the Council of the Settle and District War Fund have again organised a very elaborate system of sending parcels to all local men serving in any branch of His Majesty's service. An energetic committee was nominated, having Mr. John Moore as its chairman, and the project was so warmly taken up in the locality that a sum of over £200 was very promptly obtained. This sum was in a great measure forthcoming through a number of whist drives organised by the Primrose League, the teachers at the National School, the St. John Ambulance Division, Miss Wray, etc., and also concerts got up by the Settle Brass Band, the teachers at Overdale School, and others. A pleasing feature of the many private donations given is that in several cases children had worked numerous articles and realised quite a substantial sum by their sale. Mrs. Simpson, the head of the Ladies' Sewing Committee, sent some hundreds of articles, including shirts, socks, mufflers, etc., whilst nearly 400 cakes were provided by the house-wives of the district. The result of these united efforts was that a very handsome parcel was sent to every local soldier, sailor, airman, prisoner of war, nurse, ambulance helper, etc., the boxes containing a Christmas card, a cake, tobacco, cigarettes, pipe, chocolate, sweets, socks, handkerchief, bootlaces, tinned meats, sardines, soap, cocoa, and a writing-pad. The Victoria Hall was kindly lent for the work of making up the parcels, and a skilled body of volunteers despatched the work with precision and rapidity. Some 450 parcels were sent off, and owing to the careful manner in which the addresses of the recipients had been recorded, it is hoped that the number of those that do not reach their destination will be exceedingly small. The thanks of the committee are due to the large number of sympathisers who have assisted in the work of collecting and packing, and in numerous other ways ensuring the success of the project. The secretarial work was under the superintendence of Mr. T. E. Pearson, and the smooth working of the arrangements was in a great measure due to that gentleman's large experience.

**Good Work.**—The Settle Ambulance Brigade has handed to the Christmas Parcels Fund the sum of £27 7s. 5d., and as a result of its annual appeal, which took the form of a concert and dance, its funds have benefited by the handsome sum of £17 4s. 5d.

# New Year's party for Soldiers' Children



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ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 1917.

TEA at 3-45 p.m.

Kindly reply at once to "Father Christmas," Settle, saying which of you will be present.

#### TREAT TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS' WIVES AND CHILDREN.

This treat, which was inaugurated two years ago, was repeated on Wednesday night last week in the Victoria Hall, and again to all appearances gave great pleasure to both young and old. The wives and children of the sailors and soldiers who have gone from Settle, Giggleswick, Langcliffe and Stainforth, were all invited, and about 200 persons accepted and attended. The Hall, which was beautifully decorated with plants, Union Jacks and streamers, was the only available place in Settle to hold that number, and when all the persons were sat to tea it presented a very animated appearance.

After a most substantial tea Mr. G. K. Charlesworth, as Chairman, wished all present a very happy New Year and hoped before this year was over that the fathers and brothers would be safely back home and the War at an end. They thanked Mr. J. G. Robinson for the loan of the Hall and all the persons who had helped on the object by subscriptions and other ways. The reasons he and those who had helped to get up these entertainments went to the trouble was that they and everybody throughout this district recognised that the fathers and brothers and relatives of those present were fighting their battles in France and other parts of the world, and they (the promoters) were under a debt of gratitude to them. They did not want the thanks of those present. Some people may say they did not like war; none of their relatives liked war. They had not gone because they liked fighting—they had gone to fight to help England to carry out what she had entered the war to do, so that Right might defeat Wrong (cheers).

On the call for Father Christmas by the children, Mr. John Moore, dressed as such, stepped on to the stage to the great delight of the children, and in a few words, pointed out to the boys and girls that this War was the greatest war that had ever been waged in the history of the world. In this great year 1917 they could all be thoroughly in earnest in all they did—they could all be energetic, otherwise nothing of any moment could be accomplished. In a very eloquent speech made by the Premier some short time ago he said it was not what a country gained, but what a country gave that

made it great. He maintained that in the history of this great country of ours, it had never been greater than it was to-day. Millions of men went at the call of the bugle, money has been spent like water, and as sure as night followed day England would emerge victorious from this present conflict. Let us all be resolved in this new year to do all that we possibly can do to hasten that great day on which victory is achieved and the day on which Peace is declared.

He then made the presentations to the children. Those under six years of age each received a toy or book, and those of six or over each received a new sixpence. At the conclusion he thought they would be lacking in courtesy if they did not thank the caterers, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ward, for the excellent manner in which they had attended to their wants. This was the third year they had undertaken this task and had done so cheerfully. Mr. Ward had always been willing to help in any way that he possibly could and he had been much appreciated. Mr. John Waugh, of Stackhouse, who had presented the tree, also received their thanks, and there were also Mr. J. W. Butterworth (cheers) who had done the work behind the scenes. He had done all the clerical work, and that was enormous.

As each child and parent left the Hall a ticket was given them to attend a performance at the Picture Palace which was in readiness to receive them.

The hosts were Mrs. W. Simpson (Catteral Hall), Mr. G. K. Charlesworth, Mr. J. L. Brayshaw, Mr. J. W. Butterworth, Mr. John Moore, Mr. C. J. Lord, Mr. W. F. Clark, Mr. A. Stockil and Mr. F. Marlor.

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### RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Cr. F. J. Haggas, J.P., presided.  
**Road-making in France.**—The Surveyor reported further correspondence with General Maybury. There had been a good response to the appeal for road-making plant, and if the plant offered by the Settle Council was required further communication would be sent. The men whose names had been sent in (14), would be enlisted, but the pay had been reduced from 3s. to 1s. 8d. per day for men of military age. All these men had attested. The reduction from 3s. to 1s. 8d. would mean that some of the men would not receive an amount equal to their wages, and according to a resolution passed some time ago, their pay would have to be made up.—Cr. Hunter contended that the Army Council had not been quite fair. They seemed to have been making fools of them. They first pressed for plant, and now they did not seem to want it. They wanted men, when there were hardly any men left in the district, and the reduction from 3s. to 1s. 8d. would put an obstacle in the way. It would have been better to have left the men to please themselves.—The Chairman: They would practically conscript them in that case.—Cr. Hunter: I don't know that. They are not doing fair.—Cr. Charlesworth proposed that if the men had to go they should be treated the same as others who had gone into the Forces.—Mr. Lee seconded, and this was carried.

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### RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

At the subsequent meeting of the Rural District Council, Cr. F. J. Haggas presided.

#### ROAD WORK IN FRANCE.

The Surveyor reported that nine of the men who had volunteered for road service in France had joined up. A letter was read from the West Riding County Council respecting the amount to be paid for any plant taken over from the Council for use in France, and as there was apparently a conflict of opinion between the Surveyor and the County officials as to the value of the plant, it was decided, on the motion of Cr. Hunter, seconded by Cr. Lee, to write the Director of General Military Railway on Road Work for the latest regulations on the matter.

#### A Shortage of Council Workmen.

A letter was also read from the Local Government Board upon the national services scheme and it was decided to place the use of the Highways office at the disposal of the Divisional Officer of the Labour Exchange for recruiting purposes. On this subject the Surveyor mentioned that he had now only 29 men in his employ, compared with 47 previously, and pointed out the difficulties that would ensue if the remaining men volunteered for national service and were taken.—The Chairman: The local committee will go into that question.

#### Food Production, &c.

A letter from the Local Government Board gave permission for the use of studs in the wheels of agricultural motor wagons during the present bad condition of the roads.—The Surveyor reported the receipt of a letter from Mr. Sanderson, of Rathmell, asking for permission to plant with potatoes 200 yards of waste land between Rathmell and Wigglesworth. The Council were of the opinion that considering the scarcity of seed potatoes it would not be profitable to plant out such a piece of land and the application was refused.—The report of the Sub-committee re the utilisation of the Settle Giggleswick, and Langcliffe sewage disposal lands for food cultivation purposes was approved.—A letter from the County Council had reference to the purchase by farmers of fertilisers and was referred to the various Parish Councils.—Providing they can make satisfactory arrangements with the present tenants, the Burton-in-Lonsdale Parish Council were granted permission to utilise the Burton irrigation field and the public tip for allotments.

### A "FAR-REACHING" DECISION.

#### Settle Lime Companies and Their Employees.

A sitting of the General Munitions Tribunal for Yorkshire and the East Midlands (Bradford District) was held on Friday at the Town Hall, Bradford. Sir Alfred Hopkinson presided, and with him as assessors were Mr. J. H. Robinson and Mr. G. C. Carter.

The only case for hearing was a complaint brought by the Ribblesdale Lime Company against Messrs. Delaney, Ltd. Mr. Arthur Willey (Leeds), who appeared for the applicants, said the complaint in respect of which penalties were sought arose in this way. Both companies were in the same business—namely, quarrying and burning lime. Four men employed by the applicant company told the manager on January 22 this year that they were going to leave and enter the service of Delaney, Ltd. No leaving certificates were granted to the men; nevertheless, they went into Messrs. Delaney's service against the will of his clients. Mr. George Archer, manager of the applicant company, wrote to Messrs. Delaney and also some conversation with Mr. Delaney on the subject. Mr. Delaney's reply, which was sent in the form of a letter, was to the effect that the four men were formerly employed by him, and had left the Ribblesdale Lime Company because of the low wage they earned; therefore he regretted that he did not see his way to refuse them employment. Mr. Willey added that by orders dated Dec. 14 last, the Minister of Munitions made the manufacture of lime munitions work, and the place where it was manufactured a class of establishment within the Act. The question would probably rise whether the place where the lime was got was part of the place of manufacture according to the terms of the orders, or whether the kilns only were the place of manufacture. The quarries of the applicant company were about 400 yards from the kilns, with which they were connected by an incidental railway. The four men who left the applicant company were "breakers and fillers" and did not work at the kilns. If it were to be held that the place where these men worked was not part of the establishment within the Act, then he would urge that the two orders were superfluous and abortive. It could never have been intended that merely the men who tipped the lime into the kiln were within the purview of the orders and the men who got the lime on the spot were not. He might point out, although he did not know how far it might be admissible as evidence at the moment, that the Ministry of Munitions had informed his clients that they had written to the defendants instructing them to discharge the men and to direct them to return to the employment of the applicants.

Evidence having been called for the applicants, Mr. Delaney, head of the defendant company, said that the four men were brought up at his works. They left him some time ago, but on account of the low wages paid to them by the applicants and to other conditions of employment they asked to be taken back and he took them back. With the applicants they could earn only about £1 a week. With him they could earn £2. He contended that the country was suffering no loss on account of the transference of the men from the applicant's place to his, because he sent five times the quantity of material to steelmakers than the Ribblesdale Company did.

Mr. Arthur Willey: It is all philanthropy on your part?—Oh, no.

It is a little in your own interest?—Oh yes. And the men's too.

When were they last in your employment?—In June, 1915.

And these men, who are not babies, left your Utopian establishment in 1915?—Yes.

Were you aware that an Order of the Ministry of Munitions applied to this case?—No. I was not. I did not know there was such a thing as a leaving certificate, nor did the men.

The Chairman, in delivering judgement, said he and his colleagues must bow to the authority of a decision that was given on appeal in a case that was some time ago before the local tribunal. The case he referred to involved the legal position of certain men employed at a fireclay establishment, and it was held on appeal that the men who were winning the fireclay and the men who controlled the trucks that went up and down the mine were not munition workers; nor were they working in an establishment within the meaning of the Munitions Act, although the mine and furnaces were within the same curtilage. But for this decision, to which he must bow, he should have thought that the men in the case now before him were munition workers and were working within an establishment within the meaning of the Act. He said so frankly, and he thought he had the concurrence of his colleagues sitting with him. Therefore he must make no order in this case, and he would allow travelling expenses for the defendant.

Mr. Willey said his client would like to test this matter, because the sooner the argument was decided the better. The decision was very far reaching.

The Chairman said he would certainly grant leave to appeal.

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#### HOME ON LEAVE FROM THE FRONT.

At a recent meeting of motorists held in the Town Hall with Mr. W. F. Clark in the chair, and about 20 persons present, it was decided that if a soldier or sailor be stranded at Hellifield from the Settle district or Horton-in-Ribblesdale district, a motorist take a cycle and sidecar, if there was only one person, or that a car be sent if there were more. The soldier or sailor who finds, when he starts his journey home, that he cannot get further than Hellifield, if he will send a wire to Clark and Sons, Settle, to that effect, stating the time he will, as near as possible, arrive at Hellifield, a motor car or cycle and side-car will be there awaiting him. Two motorists were there from Horton-in-Ribblesdale, and they promised to take any stranded soldier at Hellifield as far as Ribblesdale, and the other motorists present were willing to work the scheme thoroughly to help the lads to get home after their trying time at the Front. It was also decided that those who are in training at home should be taken to Hellifield station on Sundays or Monday morning if thereby they got an extra night at home, and if, in the opinion of Mr. W. F. Clark the trains were inconvenient, that they be taken at any time.

(A similar scheme is in operation at Skipton, but the conveyance is hired, and the public of the district are generously providing the funds).

#### STRANDED SOLDIERS.

Since the Committee of motorists for taking and bringing from Hellifield soldiers on leave was formed, a great many journeys have been made to Hellifield station and many soldiers have been conveyed either to their homes or to "join up." If the relatives of soldiers who are returning home on leave would tell Mr. W. F. Clark, of Settle, as soon as they get to know the time the train bringing the soldier to Hellifield, arrives there, it will save great inconvenience to the motorists, as in some instances when a motor and side car has been taken to Hellifield the motorist, who has only room for one passenger, finds that there are two awaiting him, but none have been left behind yet. Will the soldiers kindly note that if they are going to arrive too late at Hellifield to get to Settle and district, if they will telegraph "Thomas Clark and Sons, Settle," giving the time of the arrival of the train at Hellifield, a motor will be awaiting the soldier.

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THE POET'S CORNER.

HIS LETTER.

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Dear mother, I write you this letter, All's quiet! (?). 'Tis Saturday night; I trust you are now feeling better, And that you will soon be all right.

I've fixed up a nice little table— A box on a couple o' legs— A primitive structure, but stable, We like them out here without legs.

I got the last parcel you sent me; My word! 'twas a bit of all right. I shared it with one who had lent me A packet of cigs. 't'other night.

I hope that the fowls are now giving A nice lot of eggs you can sell; They don't give us eggs where we're living, Though there seems quite plenty of shell.

I've won some high praise for my scouting, But one thing beats me, I'll confess; And you'd think the same without doubting, If you saw my washing, I guess.

The last shirt I washed is all crumpling Like rucks in an elephant's skin; A twelve-month ago I was grumbling If my shirt had any crease in.

That splinter of shell gives me trouble, 'Cept for that I am well, as a rule; My head sometimes feels like a bubble— They said it was empty at school.

This rest makes me feel fit for larking, Yes, just think of me well and fit. (Hang the guns, will they never stop barking? And I have a head fit to split).

Don't think I am getting down-hearted, Or that I regret having come; 'Tis worth all the risks since we parted, This holiday tour on the Somme.

I laugh, for it seems all so funny, As though one at last had a chance, When I—always hard up for money— Am out here a-wintering in France.

The food we get now is just stunning, I'm eating quite hearty and well; Half a mo'. (Drat the shells now a-coming, Whizz! Whizz! 'Nother miss. What a sell!)

Please tell my old friend Jimmy Downham, Who's keeping dear Tower for me; If the pups have arrived he'd best drown 'em, I guess that no prize ones there'll be.

The insects still keep up their greetings, I'm not counting them 'mongst my friends; Do send on a new box of Keating's, There's some here which bite at both ends!

We have a big push on to-morrow, My dug-out will soon be "to let." I'll leave my snug dwelling with sorrow, But I'll get another, don't fret.

(What, Sergeant! may move any minute? And me with some sausage half fried; The wash tub has got my clothes in it, My shirt, too, is only half dried).

I'll think of you, mother, to-morrow, And Church—you'll be going there still— That home of your sunshine in sorrow, The little grey church on the hill.

I picture you there knelt a-praying For the country you love—and for me; My pen I had better be staying, There's mist in my eyes, I can't see.

(Now, chaps, why are you all a-running? You nigh scared me out of my wits; "You'll see, mind yer head, shells a coming!" Good heavens! smashed my table to bits).

I'll close, as I find I'm not able To write you more news now to-day; There's someone a-wanting my table, At least, it has got moved away.

Good-bye, mother dear, and God bless you, Sounds funny from me, doesn't it? But I mean it, I do, and no other; From your sonny doing his "bit."

F.R.

From "Recitations, Grave and Gay" (In the Press)—Lambert, Publisher, Settle.

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THE FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Settle, Ingletton, and Bentham Districts Farmers' Association was held in the Assembly Room of the Settle Conservative Club on Tuesday last. In the absence of the President (Mr. Walter Morrison), Mr. William Hunter (chairman of the committee) presided over a good attendance of members.

THE WAR.

The report went on to state that everything has been overshadowed by the war, which has interfered with much of the usual routine work, but the association as a body of farmers properly organised and equipped and representative of the district, in which it operates, has received its full share of recognition as such by the powers that be—the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, the West Riding County Council, the Settle Rural District Council, etc.

Mr. William Hunter (chairman of the committee) sits as the Agricultural Representative on the Settle Military Tribunal and in that capacity has sat on the Appeal Tribunal. He is also chairman of the local sub-committee of the West Riding War Agricultural Committee, of which the clerk is secretary, and on which Mr. John Swinbank, Mr. Robert Wilcock, Mr. Thomas Lee, and several other of our influential members names appear, and he and the clerk were the first two local surveyors appointed for the survey of the districts under the "food production" scheme, on which work they with other members and prominent agriculturalists are now actively engaged. And altogether much useful work has been done and is being done in all these directions.

The Committee with the kindly assistance of Mr. Richard Turner and many others, arranged for an agricultural jumble sale at Settle on the October Fair Day in aid of the British Farmers' Red Cross Fund. All vied with each other in helping to make this a success, and it was a great success, as including the sale held by Mr. Turner shortly afterwards at Bentham and with the usual active co-operation of the Ingletton and Bentham members and their friends, a sum of about £840 was sent to headquarters (this fund has already we understand, received between £1,400 and £1,500 from our districts). The farmers have subscribed very handsomely, and generously to the local Y.M.C.A. huts and other funds, and our organisation has been able to be of use in all these matters. Perhaps Mr. John Swinbank, the secretary and treasurer, deserves special mention as a keen collector, and Messrs. Dugdale and Chapman kindly lent their fields at Settle for the Red Cross Sale Day, and the directors of the Market Buildings Company gave the use of a room, and Mr. Stockil, of the London City and Midland Bank, looked after the finances and organised the band of collectors. Mr. Morrison (our president) has suggested that at a later date we might organise a jumble sale for "The Agricultural Relief of Allies" Fund. Farmers, like other classes of the community, have had many difficulties to contend with arising out of the war. They have in the main met them cheerfully and with a determination to overcome them. They recognise to the full that the country's honour must be upheld even at great inconvenience and loss to individuals, but they think that more rules and regulations have been made affecting their businesses than in the case with other trades. The forms they have to fill up from time to time are very puzzling, and require more skill and attention than they are able to give to them, and they find it very difficult in all these circumstances to keep absolutely up to date. Considerable assistance in all such matters has been and is being regularly obtained by members at the association's office, in fact probably in no year since the formation of the association has more clerical assistance been sought by and given to members, and many have had good reason to realise the advantages of their membership and the best way they can show their apprecia-

tion is by getting their neighbours and friends to become members. The value of agriculture to the community has probably never been more evident and more generally admitted than it is to-day, and to get their full rights farmers must combine, and see that the organisations which represent them are in perfect working order. In Mr. Prothero, the president of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, they now have a man who thoroughly understands agriculture, and its need, and shows every disposition to support its rights and farmers should strengthen his hand by being absolutely and solidly behind him.

Many farmers have made considerable sacrifices in the production and retailing of milk having regard to the needs of their neighbours, and it is not too much to expect that they will be prepared to do the same in the matter of ploughing and the provision of gardens, etc. It is not exactly a question of whether or not it will pay, but rather of what the nation requires, and at present it asks for an increase in the home production of food, and everything indicates that it has only to ask to have. Numberless farmers in our districts have offered to plough a few acres extra. Landlords have agreed and been eager to meet their tenants in this direction, and others like Mr. T. E. Clapham, of Bentham, have offered to provide land for gardens for cottagers. It is to be hoped that all farmers in villages and out-lying districts will do a bit of gardening if they cannot do anything more, and will provide garden lands for their neighbouring cottagers.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE. — On Friday last, under the auspices of this league, a successful whist drive was held in the Conservative Club for the benefit of the Settle War Relief Fund. There were 28 tables, and the prizes, which were given by Miss Stansfeld, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Stockil, and Mr. John Moore and Mr. J. W. Hesleden, were won by:—Ladies: 1 Mrs. Henry Ralph, 2 Mrs. Hickling, sealed Mrs. Holmes, consolation Mrs. Embley; gentlemen: 1 Mr. E. Fortune, 2 Mr. Embley, sealed Mr. F. Embley, Mr. J. R. Wilson, who gave paper flowers which had been made by Mrs. Jas. Hodgson (Giggleswick), sold the same and handed over to the league 12s. Altogether a profit of over £5 was made, which will be handed over to the War Relief Fund.

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## TAKE GREAT CARE OF YOUR CARD.

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Stamps affixed to this card will not be repurchased by the Post Office.

POSTAGE STAMPS ONLY MUST BE USED. Insurance, etc. Stamps will not be accepted.

If the stamps affixed to this card are perforated with initials, defaced, or in any way damaged, they will not be accepted.

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When 31 sixpenny stamps have been affixed to this card you should take it to a Post Office Money Order Office and exchange it for a WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATE.

For every War Savings Certificate you purchase now you will receive £1 in five years' time: that is 5 per cent. compound interest.

Each year your money grows as follows:--

			<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
In 1 year it becomes	...	...	15	9
„ 2 years,,	„	...	16	9
„ 3 „ „	„	...	17	9
„ 4 „ „	„	...	18	9
„ 5 „ „	„	...	£1	0 0

If you need it, you can always get back in full the money you pay for a War Savings Certificate.

## THE NATION'S WAR TIME CHRISTMAS CARD.

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Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet.  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

*Rippling.*

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With Hearty Greetings  
for Christmas  
and the New Year.

*From* .....

# National War Savings Committee.

## MODEL SCHEME No. 5.

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### **For Buying 15/6 War Savings Certificates with the Benefits of Association.**

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**S**UBSCRIPTIONS are paid by buying from the Association sixpenny coupons and affixing them to cards.

The coupons are of a special design, and can only be used for subscribing to the War Savings Association by which they were issued. They are of no value except as a receipt for money paid to such Association.

The Association buys War Savings Certificates with the money received for the coupons.

On 14 days' notice, any money paid by members can be withdrawn from the Association from which the coupons were purchased.

When a member has 31 coupons on his card he should give notice to the Association.

When a number of members have thus given notice of completed payments, Certificates will be distributed among them in exchange for their completed cards.

The manner and the time of distribution will be settled by the Committee of the Association.

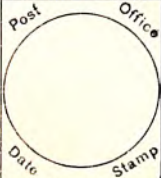
The National Committee supplies the coupons, cards, books of Certificates, and account books free of cost. All coupons supplied must be accounted for to the National Committee.

Special arrangements have been made with the Post Office whereby the green receipts (which constitute the Certificates) can be obtained from any Post Office and be held in the name of the Association till given to the members.

Applications for membership are open so long as War Savings Certificates are on sale.

Everyone is eligible for membership, whatever his income may be, but no individual may hold more than 500 Certificates, which cost £387 10s.

This scheme can only be adopted by War Savings Associations affiliated to the National Committee.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>31 SIXPENNY POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A  WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATE</b>							
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>TO BE AFFIXED IN THESE SPACES.</b>							
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

When 31 sixpenny stamps have been affixed take this card to the Post Office and exchange for a War Savings Certificate.

Name of Holder .....

Address .....

## War Savings Certificate.

A War Savings Certificate costs 15/6.

It can be cashed for 15/6 at any time within twelve months from the date of issue and for 15/9 at the end of one year.

Thereafter its cash value increases by one penny each month.

Thus, it can be cashed for :

16/9 at the end of 2 years.	18/9 at the end of 4 years.
17/9 .. .. 3 ..	20/- .. .. 5 ..

## War Savings Associations.

If 31 people individually save 6d. a week for 31 weeks they will each have a Certificate at the end of 31 weeks and not before, but if they join an Association to which they each pay 6d. a week, the Association will be able to buy one Certificate each week, and at the end of 31 weeks will have 31 Certificates. The first of these Certificates will be dated 30 weeks earlier than a Certificate bought by any member acting alone and saving 6d. a week. The second Certificate will be dated 29 weeks earlier, and so on. On the average they will be dated 15 weeks earlier.

At any time after nine months from the date of issue a Certificate dated six months earlier than the date of paying for it can be cashed for 6d. more than if dated on the day of purchase. It becomes worth £1 in 4½ years from the date of payment instead of in 5 years, and yields interest at £5 16s. 7d. per cent. instead of at £5 4s. 7d.

## How Saving Helps.

The country needs labour and materials for winning the war and money with which to pay for them.

If you save your money instead of spending it, the work and the goods are used for the war instead of for you.

If you lend money to the country by buying a Certificate, you help it to obtain more labour and materials for the war.

Later on you will have £1 to spend instead of 15/6.

In these ways you help the country and benefit yourself.

# EMBSAY.

EMBSAY SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION.



Information reached Mr. J. Raw, of Millholme, this week of the death of his son, Pte. John Raw, aged 21 years. He was killed in action on the Western front on December 27th. He was attached to the 6th Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, and in a letter from Capt R. Nicholson, dated January 1st, the bereaved parents were comforted with the news that their brave lad was always keen on his work and was a good soldier. "I am exceedingly sorry to lose him" says Capt. Nicholson, "and the N. C. O's and men in the Company are also sorry to lose a good comrade.

Corporal D. Carruthers, writing to Mr. Raw on the 2nd inst., says: "I beg to offer my deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement. John was always in my section, and won the greatest respect of all his comrades by his cheerful and willing nature. He always carried out his duties with cheerfulness, and set a fine example by his courage. Such lads as John we cannot afford to lose, and he is missed by all of us. It may be some consolation to you to know that your son died instantly."



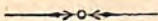
# SIX REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD SAVE.

1. Because when you save you help our soldiers and sailors to win the war.
2. Because when you spend on things you do not need you help the Germans.
3. Because when you spend you make other people work for you, and the work of every one is wanted now to help our fighting men, or to produce necessaries, or to make goods for export.
4. Because by going without things and confining your spending to necessaries you relieve the strain on our ships and docks and railways and make transport cheaper and quicker.
5. Because when you spend you make things dearer for everyone, especially for those who are poorer than you.
6. Because every shilling saved helps twice, first when you don't spend it and again when you lend it to the Nation.

THE NATIONAL WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEE,  
18 & 19, Abingdon Street, Westminster, S.W.

# 124 Cartridges for 15/6

and your money back with compound interest.



**D**O YOU know that every 15/6 you put into War Savings Certificates can purchase 124 rifle cartridges?

How many Cartridges will you provide for our men at the Front?

For every 15/6 you put into War Savings Certificates now you will receive £1 in five years' time. This is equal to compound interest at the rate of £5.4.7 per cent

Each year your money grows as follows:—

In 1 year it becomes 15/9

In 2 years it becomes 16/9

In 3 years it becomes 17/9

In 4 years it becomes 18/9

In 5 years it becomes £1.

If you need it you can withdraw your money at any time, together with any interest that has accrued.

If you cannot buy a 15/6 War Savings Certificate at once, get a War Savings Card on which you can stick 6d. stamps. This Card has 31 spaces for stamps, and when the Card is full it will be exchanged for a War Savings Certificate.

*Get War Savings Certificates*

at the Post Office or at any Bank, or join a  
War Savings Association.

[P.T.O.]

## GRAVEN'S ROLL OF HONOUR—Continued.

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. R. E. STANSFELD, D.S.O., 2nd Gordon Highlanders. Died of wounds on September 28th, 1915. Brother of Mrs. John Yorke, of Halton Place, Hellfield. Went through the South African War, was twice mentioned in despatches, and received the D.S.O for service there.

PTE. THOMAS ORMEROD, 1st Border Regiment. Died of wounds September 10th, 1915, at Alexandria. A reservist, 31 years of age, and unmarried.

SERGEANT ROMILE HARKER, 1st King's Liverpool Regiment. Killed in action in France, October, 1915. Son of the Rev. Bailey J. Harker, of Grassington. Aged 36 years. Relinquished a position on the Central Argentine Railway to enlist.

LANCE-CORPORAL J. W. HAYGARTH, 7th County of London Regiment. Killed in action in France September 25th. An old boy of Kirkby Lonsdale Grammar School. Aged 21 years, and son of Mr. Robert Haygarth.

PTE. JIM SCHOFIELD, Northumberland Fusiliers. Killed in action in France October, 1915. Formerly engaged at the Ingleton Colliery.

DRIVER HARRY EVANS, 7th Battery Australian Field Artillery. Died of fever at Alexandria about September 20th, 1915. Parents reside at Longpreston.

PTE. W. BURLEY, 10th West Riding Regiment. Died in hospital at Cambridge in Oct., 1915, from wounds received in action. Formerly in the service of the Rector of Burnshall.

PTE. EDGAR SMITH, 8th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Killed in action in the Dardanelles, September, 1915. Aged 24 years. Eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, Heather View, Mill Brow, Earby, and a former member of the Earby Brass Band.

CORPORAL CHRIS. T. JENKINSON, York and Lancaster Regiment. Killed in action in October, 1915, while serving in France. Aged 21 years. Youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jenkinson, Black Horse Hotel, Giggleswick, an old boy of Giggleswick Grammar School, and Head Prefect of Sheffield Training College.

LIEUT. GORDON SANDERSON, Machine Gun Section, 2nd Gurkhas. Killed in action in France in October, 1915. Aged 28 years, only son of Mr. William Sanderson, of Rathmell, Settle. Formerly superintendent of the Archaeological Survey of the North-West Provinces of India. Leaves a widow, and baby daughter.

CAPT. PHILLIP CHAMBERLAYNE PRESTON, 7th Norfolk. Killed in action in France between the 12th and 15th of October, 1915. Second son of the late Captain J. N. Preston, of Flasby Hall. Served in the South African War with Lumsden's Horse.

LIEUT. SURTEES SHEFFIELD, 2nd Hampshire Regiment. Killed in Gallipoli on August 6th, 1915. Aged 37 years, and a brother of Mrs. Wayte Hicks, of West House, Dent. Returned from Malaga to take up his commission which he resigned after the South African War, for which campaign he held the Queen's medal with three clasps, and the King's medal with two clasps.

PTE. J. G. BANCROFT, 1/6 Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Killed in action October 23rd, 1915. Aged 26 years. Second son of Mrs. Bancroft, Bridge Terrace, Sutton, and formerly assistant manager at the Sutton Co-operative Stores.

PTE. WM. BRAYSHAW, 16th West Yorkshires, died in hospital at Fovant, while in training. Aged 17 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brayshaw, of Bradley.

PTE. TOM ROBSON, 18th Battalion Scots Guards. Died of wounds on October 7th, 1915, while serving in France. Aged 21 years, son of Mrs. E. Robson, 20, Elmsley Street, Steeton, and formerly an overlooker at Messrs. John Clough and Sons, manufacturers.

PTE. W. BAILEY, 8th Duke of Wellington's. Died of dysentery at Malta, October 19th, 1915. Aged 29 years, and formerly employed on the Gledstone Estate. Leaves a widow.

LIEUT. WHITTAKER, 1/6 Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Killed in action in October, 1915. An old Sedberghian, and only son of the late Mr. Thos. Whittaker, J.P., and Mrs. Whittaker, Walton House, Burley-in-Warfedale.

PTE. J. E. SMITH, 6th Battalion East Lancashire Regiment. Killed in action in Gallipoli, October 21st, 1915. Formerly employed at the Bell-vue Dyehouse, Skipton, and leaves a widow.

SERGEANT FRED SMITH, 8th Duke of Wellington's. Died on October 25th of wounds received while serving in Gallipoli. Married, and formerly employed at Silsden Dyeworks.

LIEUT. BASIL SPENCER JENNINGS, 9th West Yorkshire Regiment. Died November 6th from wounds received in action at the Dardanelles. Aged 24. Returned from Morocco when war broke out and joined King Edward's Horse, but transferred to the Infantry. Son of Mrs. J. S. Jennings, Cononley Hall, and formerly in business with Mr. P. W. Spencer, quarry owner, Skipton. An old Sedberghian.

PTE. ALBERT TOON, 1/6 Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Killed in action November 5th, 1915. Aged 20 years. Son of Mr. William Toon, 2, York Street, Skipton.

Dawson, High Street, Steeton, and a former member of the Steeton and Sutton United Football Club.

PTE. J. HILLARY, Machine Gun Section, 1/6 Duke of Wellington's, West Riding Regiment, died of gas poisoning at St. Omer Hospital, on or December 19th, 1915. Nephew of Mrs. Smith, Broughton Road Post Office, Skipton, and formerly employed in the grocery department of the Skipton Co-operative Society.

PTE. DAVID RUSSELL, 1/6th Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment. Reported killed in action, December, 1915. A former member of the Skipton Niffany Rovers Football Club, and an employee of the Midland Railway Co.

PTE. N. HOLMES, D Co., 1/6 Battalloon, Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment. Killed in action December 14th, 1915. Aged 18 years. Son of Mr. Timothy Holmes, 67, Aire View, Silsden. A former member of the 1st Silsden Troop of Boy Scouts, and the ninth Silsden soldier to fall.

PTE. WILKINSON, 1/6th West Yorkshire Regiment. Killed in action December, 1915. Formerly in business as outbread baker at Sutton. Leaves widow and two young children.

PTE. C. FENNERTY, Machine Gun Section, 1/6 Battalion, Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment. Died of wounds in hospital at Etaples, December, 1915. Relatives reside in Belmont Street, Skipton. Formerly employed at Firth Shed.

PTE. F. P. FURNESS, 1/6 Battalion Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment. Died in hospital from gas poisoning on or about December 19th, 1915. Son of Mr. John Furness, 28, Brougham Street, Skipton. Aged 18 years. A former employee of Messrs. Marsden and Naylor, ironfounders, Skipton.

### Lost in the "Rohilla" Disaster.

SERGEANT ARTHUR PETTY, Bracewell Street, Barnoldswick, married, one child.

CORPORAL M. BIRTWHISTLE, 19, Clifford Street, married, one child.

CORPORAL J. W. DALY, 32, Westgate, married, six children.

PTE. H. BARTER, 41, Skipton Road, married, no children.

PTE. TOM PETTY, 11, Coronation Street, married, three children.

PTE. T. HORSFIELD, 33, Heather View, married, seven children.

PTE. W. HORSFIELD, 7, Essex Street, single.

PTE. ALFRED ELSWORTH, 32, Wellington Street, single.

PTE. J. T. PICKLES, Federation Street, married, one child.

PTE. H. HODKINSON, 14, Bank Street, single.

PTE. W. ANDERSON, 20, School Terrace, single.

PTE. F. DUNKLEY, 9, Bairstow Street, married, one child.

The above all resided at Barnoldswick, being members of the local branch of the St. John Ambulance Association, who were drowned when the Rohilla, a hospital ship on which they were serving as members of the Naval Sick Berth Reserve, went ashore at Whitby.

1915, aged 26 years. Second son of Mrs. Bancroft, Bridge Terrace, Sutton, and formerly assistant manager at the Sutton Co-operative Stores.

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PTE. WILLIAM AUSTIN, 9th Labourers Battalion, Royal Engineers. Accidentally killed in France in November, 1915. Aged 52 years. Leaves a widow and grown-up family, residing in Keighley Road, Skipton.

SECOND-LIEUT. J. C. MCINTYRE, 2nd Yorkshire Regiment. Died of wounds October 5th, 1915, while a prisoner. Son of Mr. A. McIntyre, Ings Avenue, Skipton. A former Captain of Ermysted's Grammar School, and St. John's College, York, and a well-known Rugby footballer.

PTE. RICHARD HENRY OLDFIELD, 1/6 Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Died of wounds received in action on November 7th 1915. Son of Mr. J. Oldfield, of Castle View Terrace, Skipton.

PTE. ARTHUR GREENBANK, 1/6 Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Killed in action November 6th, 1915. One of four soldier sons of Mr. John Greenbank, of Stainforth. Leaves a widow and baby son.

PTE. JOHN BROWN, Scotch Fusiliers. Killed in action in France. Aged 43 years. Served in the South African Campaign. Formerly employed by Messrs. Chadwick and Co., Swadford Street, Skipton.

PTE. CYRIL CALVERT, 1/6th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Killed in action Nov. 23rd, 1915. Aged 20 years. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Calvert, 24, Russell Street, Skipton, Skipton. A member of the Cononley Football Club, and formerly employed by Messrs. Firth and Moorhouse, Skipton. Connected with the Skipton Congregational Church.

PTE. G. TOMLINSON, 7th Battalion Australian Force. Missing since April 24th, 1915, and believed to have been killed on that date. Formerly employed in the Post Office Telegraph (Engineers) Department, and by the Midland Railway Co., at Skipton. Leaves a widow and one child, residing at 14, Roger's Yard, Skipton.

PTE. TOM FITZSIMONS, 1/6 Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Killed in action Dec. 3rd, 1915. Aged 23 years, and only son of his parents, who reside at Station View, Steeton. Prominent football player in the Keighley and District League.

PTE. HARRY GILLIBRAND, 1/6th Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Killed in action December, 1915. Aged 23 years. Married and leaves a widow and two children. Formerly employed by Messrs. Bottomley Ltd., Clothiers, Wellhouse Road, Barnoldswick.

LIEUT. JOHN BARTLEY CLIBBORN, Canadian Mounted Rifles. Died of wounds received in France. Only son of Mr. A. E. Clibborn, formerly manager of the Old Bentham Mills Spinning Co. Leaves a widow and two daughters.

PTE. FRED MOORE, 1st Battalion Scots Guards. Killed in action October 29th, 1914. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moore, of Hawes, and leaves a widow and one child.

STOKER PETER FERGUSON, of H.M.S. Hawke. Formerly employed at Belle Vue Mill. Nephew of Mrs. Ferguson, Byron Street. Leaves a widow and one child.

PTE. JOHN NIXON, Royal Engineers, Killed in September, 1915. Formerly employed on Midland Railway.

LANCE-CORPORAL JOHN WILSON WILLAN, Machine Gun Section, 1/6 Battalion Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment. Died in hospital at St Omer as the result of gas poisoning, December 20th, 1915. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Willan, Otley Street, Skipton, aged 23 years. A former officer of the West Riding Cadet Battalion.

PTE. PRINCE DAWSON, Machine Gun Section 1/6 Battalion Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment. Died of gas poisoning on or about December 19th, 1915. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John

## SETTLE UNION. BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A monthly meeting of the Settle Board of Guardians was held on Tuesday, Mr. John Winskill presiding. There were also present Messrs. R. D. Micalfe, T. Lee, E. Wright, J. Swinbank, W. Greenep, J. Maudsley, C. H. Jenkinson, W. Fisher, J. Hitchin, F. J. Cornthwaite, T. Harger, W. Hunter, C. Ralph, J. Greenwood, R. Bradley, S. Bargh, T. Hodgkinson, L. Chapman, T. Parker, and the clerk (Mr. T. E. Pearson).

**No Money in Lieu of Rations.**—The Master asked the House Committee to grant money to the staff in lieu of rations during their annual leave, and the question was brought before the board.—In answer to questions the Clerk said it would mean about 10s. each per week for the master and matron and 7s. 6d. each per week for other officers.—Mr. Lee said he thought it was taking the thing a long way too far.—Mr. Swinbank: Is it a new thing?—The Clerk said the matter had arisen during the last few years. Some unions had done it for many years, but it had not become general. They had never done it before in the Settle Union.—Mr. Wright: How long do they get for holidays?—The Clerk: A fortnight.—Mr. Hunter remarked that that was certainly a new sort of business (hear, hear).—Mr. Cornthwaite said they got their wages during holidays, and he thought that was sufficient. They should be able to find their own food during holidays, and then they would appreciate what they were getting from the board. (Hear, hear, and laughter).—No action was taken.

**War Bonus for Relieving Officer.**—A letter was read from Mr. James Parker, relieving officer, Settle, asking the Board to consider the question of granting him a war bonus on account of the high cost of living, on the lines approved by the Local Government Board, which course had been adopted by many other unions. The Clerk explained that the scale adopted in these cases elsewhere varied from 5s. per week to 9s. per week according to the amount of salary, the larger bonuses being given to the lower salaried officials. Recipients of salaries up to £100 had generally received 9s. per week as war bonus and 5s. per week to officers receiving up to £300 per annum.—Mr. Cornthwaite proposed that the board should grant a war bonus of 8s. per week.—Mr. Harger seconded.—Mr. Hunter said he had no objection to granting increased payment at the present time, but he thought they should be clear as to whether they were granting bonuses for the duration of the war or permanent increases of wages.—The Chairman said the proposal was to grant a war bonus, and that would expire at the end of the war.—It was agreed to grant a war bonus of 8s. per week.

**Supplies.**—The Clerk said the time was practically at hand for arranging contracts for supplies for the coming half year, but he did not think any good purpose would be served only by arrangement with contractors, as at mid-summer.—It was agreed to adopt that course.

**Estimates.**—It was arranged to consider the estimates at the next meeting, and authorisation was given for the signing of contribution orders.

## RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. WAR BONUSES AND HOUSING.

Cr. F. J. Haggas presided at the monthly meeting of the Rural District Council.

**Telegraph Poles.**—The highways surveyor was empowered to sanction the erection of telegraph poles from Horton-in-Ribblesdale to New Inn, in connection with which alterations were necessary through post-office changes.

**Alleged Damage at Ingleton.**—The Clerk read an apology from boys at Ingleton for having committed damage to wagons and quarry, and an offer was made to defray the cost of the damage, which amounted to 22s. 9d. It was agreed under the circumstances not to press the summons, which had already been issued, and the matter was left to the clerk.

**More Bonuses for Workmen.**—In regard to an application from the Council's workmen for increased pay in view of the increased cost of living, the Surveyor reported that the wages of roadmen varied from 25s. to 30s. per week, including the war bonus of 3s. per week granted

named four members being representatives of labour.

**Vital Statistics.**—The Medical Officer, in his report for the month ended August 11th, stated that 9 deaths were registered (2 males and 7 females), giving a death-rate of 8.6 per thousand. Of the total deaths six were of persons over 65 years of age. The number of births, which was the smallest on record, was 8 (4 males and 4 females), equal to a rate of 7.6 per thousand. No cases of infectious disease had been notified.—Cr. Harger said the absence of infectious diseases was a satisfactory feature of the report.

**Motor Fire Engine.**—A letter was read from the Settle Parish Council suggesting that a motor fire engine be provided by the Rural District Council for use in the district, and enclosing correspondence with a firm of makers which showed that the cost of an engine suitable for the district would be about £1,000.—Cr. Harger said he thought the present was not the proper time to consider such a question.—The Chairman said it was a big question and even if they got an engine it was questionable whether available water supplies would permit of its use in many districts.—Cr. Hunter said the matter might be gone into by a sub-committee who could report to the Council.—Cr. Winskill said the engine was a necessity, but it was hardly an opportune time to purchase one, as the price would be much larger than at any other time.—It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter for the present.

**District Auditor's Thanks.**—Mr. B. Stow, Preston, district auditor, wrote expressing his sincere thanks for the kindness and attention shown to him during his recent illness, which necessitated his admission to the isolation hospital, and enclosing a cheque for four guineas as a small recognition of the kindness extended to him, to be devoted to some charitable purpose at the discretion of the Council.—The question of allocating the gift was left to a committee.

**Housing of Workmen.**—Correspondence was read from the Local Government Board in regard to proposals for the housing of the working classes at the end of the war, and asking for information as to the needs of the district and the scheme of the Council to meet such needs.—The Clerk said it would be necessary to give the information asked for and to send in an application now to enable them to get assistance from the Government when the time came for carrying out any scheme.—The Chairman said they had a housing scheme in hand at the outbreak of war, and he thought they should send in the necessary application.—Cr. Winskill said they were asked to do impossibilities at the present time with their reduced staffs. He thought the whole matter could be deferred so that they could see what conditions prevailed after the war.—Cr. Harger said they knew the conditions which existed before the war, and when the war ceased the delayed work would require to be carried out.—Cr. Cornthwaite said the information was only sought to provide clerks in Government offices something to do.—Cr. Hunter said that was no concern of the Council. They had to face the housing problem, and must be prepared to go forward as soon as possible after the war. Therefore they should send the necessary information, and make application now.—This course was agreed to.

**More War Bonus.**—It was agreed to grant an extra halfpenny an hour as war bonus to an employee at the sewage works.

**Compliment for the Surveyor.**—The Clerk reported that on the new advisory committee appointed in connection with the Road Stone Control Committee, four representatives of rural districts had been nominated, and their own surveyor (Mr. W. A. Stuart) was one of the nominees. He (the clerk) thought it was a compliment to Mr. Stuart, and to the Council generally, that he had been appointed a member of such an important body (hear, hear).