



Batley Carr Primitive Methodist Church



DEWSBURY SACRIFICES

'Let their sacrifice ever remind us of our duty'

BATLEY CARR.

PRIMITIVES WAR MEMORIAL SERVICE.—An impressive service was held at Batley Carr Primitive Methodist Church on Saturday evening, when the memorial to the men from the church who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War was unveiled. Mr. J. Rayner, who presided, said he had lost a boy in the war, and so could appreciate the feelings of other bereaved parents. He had been superintendent of the school for a good number of years, and knew most of the lads who had fallen from their childhood. He was grateful to the members of the church who had raised the money for that memorial.—Mr. W. Purdy said it could never be calculated how much we owed to the men who gave up everything to defend their country. It was too awful to think of what would have happened if we had not helped to defend the poorer countries.—The Rev. W. J. Walker, who gave an address in the place of the Rev. P. W. James, said that he also had been bereaved by the war, and he felt therefore he was not out of place in coming amongst them. He was proud of the way in which the young men of the country had answered the call. He felt that the people of to-day were living in the shadow of a great sacrifice, and it was up to those who remained to live up to the sacrifices that had been made on their behalf. We must make every effort to obtain a worthy peace.—The Rev. T. McKenzie performed the unveiling ceremony. Self-sacrifice in any form, he said, for the good of others was commendable, but the prime sacrifice of life, to his mind, was a sacred offering to God. In the name of the church and Sunday school and the Holy Trinity, the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost, he would let fall the veil that covered the tablet erected to the memory of brave and true men. The names on the tablet are as follow.—George E. Newsome, Tom Hirst, Herbert Stead, E. M. Burnell, Arthur Newsome, Harry Jacques, Harry Woodhouse, Willie Greaves, Harry Terry, Willie Firth, Gilbert Coburn, Albert Colt, Harry Rayner, George Woodhouse, and Joshua Bailey. The tablet is of brass and suitably inscribed. During the service the choir rendered the anthem, "The Radiant Morn," and Mrs. P. Harrison tastefully contributed the solo, "O Rest in the Lord." The following are the committee responsible for the arrangements.—Mr. George Jackson, Miss S. A. Bailey, and Mesdames H. Wardle, and J. Parker.



The Primitive Methodist Chapel, Batley Carr

Batley Carr Sergeant Killed Whilst Advancing.

Concerning Sergt. Gilbert Coburn (24), West Yorks., second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Coburn, 17, Hirst Yard, Batley Carr, an officer writes:—"At the time he was killed (on October 12) he was doing his duty splendidly, as his company was advancing. I assure you he will be very much missed by myself and all the others in this company, as he was a fine sergeant and greatly liked by all."

A native of Batley Carr, Sergt. Coburn attended the Church Day Schools and was a chorboy at St. Mark's Church. He afterwards worked as a dyer's labourer for Messrs. Marshall, Kaye and Marshall, Ravensthorpe Mills. Enlisting over three years ago, he saw a good deal of service in the Dardanelles, and after being invalided to Egypt with enteric fever, he was transferred, on recovery, to France. His younger brother, Willie, has been discharged after serving with the Colours.



ANOTHER DEWSBURY TERRITORIAL FALLS.

Another of the much depleted number of Dewsbury Territorials who were mobilised in August, 1914, has "gone under." We refer to Pte. George Woodhouse (23), son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greaves Woodhouse, Carlisle Street, Batley Carr.



Pte. George Woodhouse, R.O.Y.L.I., Batley Carr (killed).

Up to ten years of age Pte. Woodhouse was a Warwick Road Council School boy, and subsequently he went to the Carlton Street Council School. In his early teens he commenced work as a piecer at Messrs. G. H. Hirst and Co's. Alexandra Mill, Batley, and he remained there until just before he went into camp with the Territorials, in 1914. About Christmas, 1915, he was wounded in France and brought to hospital at Newcastle. On recovery he was kept on home service for twelve months, returning to France in March, 1917. The official message announcing his death says he was killed in action on September 2nd. His brother, Pte. Leonard Woodhouse (19), is a prisoner in Germany.

| Campaign: 1914-15. | | (A) Where decoration was earned. | | (B) Present situation. | |
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| (B) George | — | — | — | — | 13/11/15 |
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