



St John the Baptist Church, Daw Green

'In grateful memory of the members of this church who gave their lives'



DEWSBURY SACRIFICES

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN DEWSBURY SOLDIER

The death took place on Saturday last, at the East Leeds Military Hospital, of Gnr. Matthew O. Fryer, R.F.A. (son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fryer, of Northgate, Dewsbury), from gas and shell-shock. It is about five months since Gnr. Fryer returned from France, and he had suffered considerably since up to the time of his death. He was 28 years of age, and he leaves four orphan children, his wife having died in July last. At the time he joined up in September, 1917, the deceased soldier lived at 27, Back Tweedale Street, Dewsbury. He was an employee of Messrs. Graham and Cope, soap manufacturers, and he was a member of the Gladstone Liberal Club. As a boy he attended Dewsbury Parish Church Day School. The remains were accorded a military funeral on Wednesday at Dewsbury Cemetery, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. J. S. Stancliffe, Vicar of St. John Baptist Church. The funeral was attended by an escort and firing party from the West Riding Regiment at Halifax.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL.—On Tuesday last at 3 o'clock a brass memorial tablet erected on the north wall of the church, containing the names of 30 men connected with the church who gave their lives in the war, was unveiled by Major P. B. Walker and dedicated by the Vicar (Rev. J. S. Stancliffe). Major Walker gave an appropriate address, which was much appreciated. Mr. T. Lobley presided at the organ, and the choir rendered the anthem "The Lord is My Strength." A detachment of men from the Drill Hall was present, and the church was full. The collection of between £6 and £7 taken was handed over as a contribution to the cost of the tablet. The tablet was engraved by Mr. Cecil Hoyle, of Bond Street, Dewsbury. The memorial is in the form of a brass tablet, 36ins. by 22ins., with letters in black. The border work is also in black. The inscription is as follows: "To the Glory of God, and in grateful memory of the members of this church who gave their lives in the service of their country during the Great War, 1914-1919:—Willie Barker, Bernard W. Batley, Herbert Bone, Ernest Broadhead, Willie Chatten, James Crossland, Matthew O. Fryer, Edward Greenwood, Stephen Haythorne, Tolson Hemingway, William Langley, Alfred Lobley, Harry Lockwood, Joseph Longstaff, Gilbert Mitchell, John William Oakley, Arthur Oldroyd, William Porritt, Ben Redfearn, Sam Redfearn, Walter E. Roberts, Albert Robinson, Tom Robinson, Albert Smith, John W. Smith, Harry Steele, Arnold Ward, Claude Wild, James Wild, Joseph Wroe.

