



Dewsbury Centenary Wesleyan Church

'Lest We Forget'



DEWSBURY SACRIFICES

CENTENARY'S WAR MEMORIAL. A STAINED GLASS WINDOW.

UNVEILED BY THE REV. J. H. BAILY.

The Dewsbury Centenary Wesleyan Church memorial to the fallen heroes of the church and Sunday school in the great war was unveiled on Sunday. The memorial consists of a beautiful stained glass window, which has been inserted between the two main entrances to the church in Daisy Hill. It is a reproduction of Holman Hunt's famous picture, "The Light of the World," and represents our Lord in His three-fold office of Prophet, Priest, and King. Messrs. Abbott and Co. (Lancaster) Ltd., St. John's Studio, Lancaster, were entrusted with the work, which has been executed in a very efficient manner, and it will add to the beauty of Centenary Church. The window is dedicated "To the glory of God and in undying memory of the men of this church and Sunday school who gave their lives for their country in the Great War, 1914-1919," and the names of the gallant dead figuring at the foot of it are as follow: Harold Armstrong, G. W. Barraclough, W. Barratt, W. Chatten, James Crossland, James Clifford Fitton, Stanley Pickup Fletcher, Herbert Fletcher, G. H. Guest, Arthur Harold Hartley, Harold Hirst, Thomas Hemingway, Fred T. Lethard, H. P. Marsden, Mitchell Newsome, Clifford Oxley, A. E. Pizer, Walter Risdon, L. Rose, Max Skelsey, L. Tinker, Arthur Lee Tunncliffe, William Taylor, Herbert Wilkinson, and John White.

A WORTHY MEMORIAL.

On the external stonework immediately underneath the window a white marble slab has been placed containing the names of those to whom the memorial is erected. The leaden lettering on the slab has been executed by Messrs. T. and W. Whitehead, monumental masons, Westtown, Dewsbury. Altogether, the memorial has cost about £270, and after that amount has been discharged there will remain a balance in hand, which will be expended, probably, from time to time upon flowers on the anniversary of Armistice Day and other occasions. Mr. E. P. Lobley has acted as hon-organiser and Mr. Joseph Myers as hon-secretary. On Sunday, the church supplied a large laurel wreath and the Wesley Guild some lovely lilies, etc., and wreaths were sent by Mrs. Herbert Fitton, Mrs. Risdon, Mrs. White, Mrs. Tunncliffe, and Mrs. Hemingway. The tablet was unveiled by the Rev. J. H. Doddrell (superintendent minister), after the morning service, at which the rev. gentleman preached an appropriate sermon for the occasion. After gathering in front of the chapel and singing the hymn, "O God of Bethel," Mr. Doddrell said they were not met to glorify war, nor to glorify our victory, but to commemorate the faithful service of the men whose names were engraved on the tablet.

