



St Paul's, Hanging Heaton

'Fitting tribute to the Gallant Dead'



DEWSBURY SACRIFICES

SOOTHILL UPPER WAR MEMORIAL.
UNVEILING CEREMONY.
FITTING TRIBUTE TO THE "GALLANT DEAD."
IMPRESSIVE SCENES.
FINE EULOGIES BY MR. G. FRANCE, M.P., AND COL. PICKERING, M.P.

The unveiling of the Soothill Upper War Memorial on Saturday afternoon last was one of the most impressive ceremonies which has yet taken place in the district. The spirit which animated every individual gathered around the beautiful monument was productive of an atmosphere of deep reverence, and especially during the moments of silent prayer was the spectacle of an impressive character. We venture to think a more fitting tribute has never before been paid to those who gave their lives in the recent great war. The service was naturally of an emotional character, and many eyes were dim with tears throughout, the recital of brave deeds achieved by the gallant lads to whose memory the monument had been erected causing many to break down completely. The hymns, sung to such splendid accompaniment as was provided by the Batley Old Band, the prayers offered, the passages of Scripture read, and the addresses delivered were all in keeping with the object of the meeting, and the large and representative gathering seemed prone to leave the shrine—so sacred to many—at which they had silently and yet so earnestly worshipped for an hour and a quarter. That feeling of brotherhood which was such an important factor amongst our troops in the field was indeed present, and manifested itself to a marked degree. The last scene of all, as one and all filed past the memorial, created a lasting impression, especially as school children, present in such good numbers, each placed a humble bouquet from nature's garden at the foot of the monument—a token from the rising generation of thankfulness to their elder brothers who gave all that they might be spared the tyrannical rule of a ruthless enemy. The full significance of their kind action will be brought home to them more forcibly as time speeds along.



DEATH OF A DEWSBURY SOLDIER.

News has come to hand of the death in a hospital in France of Private Fred Haythorne, Labour Battalion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Haythorne, Sunny View, 323, Leeds Road, Dewsbury. Pte. George Gatenby has sent to the sorrowing parents a most sympathetic letter, in which he says:—

"The news of his death was a great shock to us. He was a good lad and well liked by us all. We shall always think of him as one who did his best, and died for his country and the great cause of civilisation just as truly as if he had been slain by an enemy bullet." At the time he joined up, in May, 1916, Pte. Haythorne was a clerk in the local tramway depot. He went to France in September, 1916. At one time he was connected with the Dewsbury Baptist Church.


