CORPORATION HOUSING SCHEME.

Official Valuer to Negotiate for Purchase of Queensgate Site.

THE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE PRICE OF GAS.

Alderman Keighley's Motion for To-day's Town Council Meeting.

The question of the acquisition of sites for the Corporation's housing scheme, and the Gas Committee's proposal to increase the price of gas 2d. per 1,000 cubic feet, will be the outcrop, if not of lengthy discussions at, at least likely to give rise to lengthy discussions at this (Wednesday) afternoon's meeting of the Burnley Town Council.

THE PRICE OF GAS.

Alderman Keighley has given notice of his intention to move the following motion:

That before sanctioning any further increase in the charge for gas, the Gas Committee supply to this Council a tabulated revised account of the Gas Department for the years ending March 31st, 1914 and 1919.

The Gas Committee's minutes include the following recommendation:

That as soon as an Order is made by the Local Government Board under the Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increases of Charges) Act, 1918, authorising the Corporation to increase their charges for gas to a maximum of 4s. 6d. per 1,000 cft., the necessary steps be taken to increase the price of gas to 3s. 8d. per 1,000 cubic feet in accordance with the following list:

Within the Borough.—Increased price: For motive power, 3s. 6d. per 1,000 cubic feet; ordinary meter, 4s. 2d. per 1,000 cubic feet; prepayment meter, 1d. per 19 cubic feet.

Briercliffe, Reedley, &c.—For motive power 3s. 11d. per 1,000 cubic feet; ordinary meter, 4s. 6d. per 1,000 cubic feet; prepayment meter, 1d. per 17 cubic feet.

Worsthorne and Hapton. — For motive power, 3s. 11d. per 1,000 cubic feet; ordinary meter, 3s. 2d. per 1,000 cubic feet; prepayment meter, 1d. per 15 cubic feet.

Cliviger.—For motive power, 4s. 4d. per 1,000 cubic feet; ordinary meter, 5s. 8d. per 1,000 cubic feet; prepayment meter, 1d. per 14 cubic feet.

The Gas Engineer has been instructed to consider the question of reducing the price of gas to commercial purposes and to submit a report thereon at the next meeting of the Committee.

VALUATION OF HOUSING SITES.

Considerable interest will be centred in the minutes of the Housing Committee in view of the District Valuer's report on the purchase price of the proposed sites.

At a meeting of the Committee on June 20th, the Town Clerk read a letter, dated June 17th, from the Housing Commissioner for Region No. 1 in which he said that having regard to the difference between the proposed purchase price for the Queensgate site and the valuation of the District Valuer, it would be better to break off negotiations and seek land elsewhere. The Commissioner suggested that with regard to the remaining sites the Council should communicate in the first instance with the District Valuer with a view of getting him to negotiate for the purchase.

The Committee resolved that the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the agents for Lord Shuttleworth and Mr. Tatton to attend a special meeting of the Committee on Monday, June 23rd.

At the special meeting Mr. A. Jobling, agent to Mr. Tatton, and Mr. F. Crossley, agent for Lord Shuttleworth, attended and intimated that they could not recommend any reduction in the terms of the land provisionally agreed to be acquired by the Corporation.

The Committee further considered the letter of the Housing Commissioner and resolved that the Chairman (Alderman Sindall), Alderman Keighley, and Councillor Lees, along with the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor, be appointed a deputation to interview the Housing Commissioner with a view to arranging that negotiations may be continued by the District Valuer for the purchase of Queensgate site as well as the other two sites.

The Town Clerk read a letter, dated June 23rd, from Mr. Edwin Johnson, in which he stated that he might be granted the opportunity of appearing before the Committee for the purpose of making an offer for from 5 to 100 acres of land on the Howorth Fold Estate. It was decided that the Town Clerk be instructed to ask Mr. Johnson to meet the Committee on the site on Sunday morning, June 29th.

A meeting of the Committee was held on Sunday. The Town Clerk reported that he had been in communication with the Housing Commissioner at Manchester with respect to the proposal made by the Committee for the Queensgate site to be included in those to be negotiated for by the District Valuer, and that, in reply to the request made by the Committee, the Commissioner had stated that he was quite willing that the Official Valuer should negotiate for the purchase of the Queensgate site, and that he would write him immediately to this effect.

The Town Clerk further reported that he had asked the District Valuer to proceed with the negotiations for the three sites.

The Committee met Mr. Edwin Johnson and inspected the land on the Howorth Fold Estate which he had offered for sale to the Corporation.

At a previous meeting of the Housing Committee, the Town Clerk reported upon the Housing Conference which the Chairman (Alderman Hutchon), the Borough Engineer, and he had attended in London on June 6th, and stated that at such Conference it had been urged that in order to avoid delay local authorities should delegate their Housing Committees all the powers of the Council except financial powers. The Town Clerk read a circular-letter, dated the 30th instant, from the Local Government Board, in which the Board drew special attention to the importance of such delegation being made.

It was resolved that the Council be recommended to amend the powers and duties of the Committee by delegating to the Committee the proceedings of the Committee with respect to powers delegated to them, except the power of borrowing money, which is to be deemed to be the acts and proceedings of the Council.

The Town Clerk also reported that the Report of the Government District Valuer had now been received and that applications had been made to the Local Government Board for the approval of the sites and for the sanction of the necessary loan.

The secretary of the Women's Co-operative Guild wrote expressing disappointment that no representative of her Guild had been elected on the Housing Advisory Committee, and asked for further consideration of the matter.—The Committee decided not to take any further action.

SITE FOR NEW SCHOOL.

At a meeting of the Housing Sub-committee on June 16, Alderman Whitehead and the Director of Education attended as representatives of the Buildings and Sites Sub-committee of the Education Committee, and the Rev. T. J. Taylor, Mr. A. Bellingham, and Mr. J. Rickett, with the Director, attended as representatives of the Sports Sub-committee of the Buildings and Sites Committee. The representatives of the Buildings and Sites Sub-committee of the Education Committee pointed out that in 1916 the Education Committee were negotiating for the purchase of a plot of land containing about 4,300 square yards, which plot formed part of the Manchester Road (Summer Hill) Estate, previously acquired by the Housing Committee. They further stated that the Education Committee were in the process of proceeding with the erection of a school upon such plot of land.—It was resolved that the Housing Committee be recommended, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, to agree to the reservation of the said plot for the erection of a school, the Education Committee to pay for the same at the same rate as the Housing Committee pay for the whole site, the cost of any street works being apportioned between the two committees.

The representatives of the Sports Sub-committee stated that they desired to ascertain if the Housing Committee could assist them by reserving a site for Housing Sites, pending the commencement of building operations, to be used for the purpose of playing fields. It was resolved that, whilst the Housing Committee are not in a position at present to grant the request, they will, if the Sports Sub-committee desire it, and so soon as the Housing Committee are in a position to do so, the privilege be granted.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA RULES.

The Hon. Secretary of the Burnley Philharmonic Society has written to the Town Clerk stating that at a meeting of the Society it was unanimously agreed to hand over the assets of the Society to the Municipal Symphony Orchestra Committee of the Corporation. The members expressed the wish that in the event of the Municipal Orchestra being discontinued the Corporation would favourably consider applications from accredited Burnley Amateur Orchestra for the use of the assets handed over.—The Council are being recommended to comply with the Society's request.

The Sub-Committee have settled a draft of rules for the good government of the orchestra, membership of which is to be open to all citizens of Burnley and district; candidates shall supply reference from two musicians of standing in the district; before a candidate is accepted a member a test of his or her capabilities shall be made by the Musical Director; absence from four consecutive rehearsals (without permission) shall be a sufficient reason for cancelling membership; all members must obey the instructions of the conductor for the time being and abide by his decision as to the place he or she shall occupy in the orchestra; members must sign for all music and instruments borrowed from the orchestra and return the same immediately upon request; a committee of six members (to be known as the Orchestra Committee) shall be elected annually by the members of the orchestra, and be empowered to make recommendations to the Municipal Symphony Orchestra Committee upon matters affecting the methods of working and welfare of the orchestra; all complaints by members relating to the affairs of the orchestra (which must be in writing) shall be made to the Chairman of the Orchestra Committee; any person on ceasing to be a member of the orchestra must immediately return to the Librarian all music and instruments belonging to the orchestra; the full orchestra shall consist of a conductor and the following instrumentalists, as near as may be deemed necessary:—1st violins 12, 2nd violins 12, violas 6, cellos 8, D. bass 4, flutes 2, oboes 2, Cor Anglais 1, clarinets 2, bassoons 2, horns 4, cornets 2, trombones 3, euphonium 1, tuba or bombardon 1, drums 2. Total instruments, 64.

MOTOR LORRY CONTRACT.

Mr. Oswald Tillotson has written to the Town Clerk informing him that the Leyland Motors, Ltd., had approached him with a view to his obtaining from the Corporation an advance on the contract price as which a 3 ton motor tipping lorry for the cleansing department had been booked. Mr. Tillotson stated that the type of machine on order was now obsolete and that it was proposed to substitute a new model for the machine ordered. The Town Clerk advised the Cleansing Committee that the contract between Mr. Tillotson, agent for Leyland Motors, Ltd., and the Burnley Corporation, dated 26th May, 1917, was binding upon Mr. Tillotson, and the Committee would be within their rights in insisting on performance of the contract. It was resolved that the Town Clerk inform Mr. Tillotson that the Committee insist upon the delivery of the lorry in accordance with the terms of the contract.

At a subsequent meeting of the Cleansing Sub-Committee, eleven tenders for the supply of a three-ton petrol motor tipping wagon were considered, and it was decided that the tenders of Messrs. F. Greene, Ltd., as agents for Messrs. Thornycroft and Co., Ltd., for the supply of such a lorry, for the sum of £975, be accepted.

WORK AT THE COLD STORES.

At a recent meeting of the Markets Committee, Mr. J. W. Marsden, works manager at the Cold Stores, wrote stating that he was unable to cope with the work entailed by the storage at the Cold Stores of the large consignments of meat for the retail butchers of the town, owing to his time being unable to obtain the temporary assistance from the butchers which they had previously rendered.

The Markets Superintendent was instructed to arrange with the Area Meat Committee and the retail butchers for temporary assistance to be given at the Cold Stores when their consignments of meat are received.—The Committee has had under consideration the question of revising the rents payable by tenants of the property belonging to the department, and the Sub-Committee has been requested to report thereon.

It has been decided to increase the rent of pot-stall spaces, at the annual pot fair, from £1 5s. to £1 12s. 6d. The Market Hall will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 8th and 9th, and Tuesday, July 15th, for the Fair holidays.

TOWN HALL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

It is proposed to establish in the Town Hall a telephone exchange, to which will be connected all the departments of the Corporation. The existing switch board in the inquiry office is considered unsuitable for a larger installation, and it is suggested that a room on the top floors of the Town Hall would be an excellent place for the exchange. The Town Hall Committee have given their permission to the suggested alterations.

TENNIS COURTS IN PARKS.

The Secretary of the Burnley Branch of the National Federation of Women Workers has written to the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee, asking that public tennis courts be opened in all the Burnley parks in order to provide public facilities for the recreation of working women. The matter has been referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

PARK PATROLS.

The Hon. Secretary of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, has written, conveying their appreciation of the steps which the Burnley Town Council had taken in appointing patrols in the Parks and Recreation Grounds, and expressing the hope that it would be found possible at an early date to include women in such appointments.—The letter has been referred to the Parks Sub-Committee.

BOWLING FACILITIES.

A letter has been forwarded to the Parks Committee by the Hon. Secretary of the Towneley Park Bowling Club, drawing the attention of the Committee to the urgent need for increased bowling facilities at Towneley Park, and strongly appealing for the provision of an additional green adjoining the present one.—This matter has also been referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

THE POLICE FORCE.

The Burnley and District Chamber of Trade have written to the Watch Committee, expressing approval of the Committee's action in promoting local officers of police to fill vacancies in the higher ranks of the force.

The Chairman of the Watch Committee (Alderman Heaton), the Vice-Chairman (the Mayor), and the Chief Constable have been authorised to attend any meetings which may be called by the Police Authorities to consider any recommendations by the Police Parliamentary Committee to the Home Office with reference to contemplated changes in the police force.

WORSTHORNE FIRE REQUEST.

The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee have further considered the request from the Worsthorne-with-Hurstwood Parish Council that arrangements be made whereby the Burnley Fire Brigade could attend fires occurring within the area of the Parish Council. The value of the property at risk was stated to be £4,000.

The Sub-Committee decided to inform the Parish Council that until such time as the fire apparatus is at the disposal of the Corporation they regret that they are unable to accede to the request.

SHOPS CLOSING ORDER.

The Secretary of the Burnley and District Chamber of Trade has sent to the Watch Committee a letter, in which the Council was requested to ask the Home Office to appoint a competent person to hold a Local Inquiry at Burnley with a view to ascertaining the extent to which there is a demand for a Closing Order under the Shops Acts, 1912 and 1913.—The Shops Acts, 1912 and 1913, provide that no Closing Order now in operation under the Defence of the Realm Regulations—to was the Chamber of Trade resolved that the revision of the Chamber of Trade be extended to, and that the Town Clerk be directed to communicate with the Home Office accordingly.

HURSTWOOD RESERVOIR.

At the last meeting of the Water Committee the following report was read from Messrs. James Diggle and Son, engineers, of the Hurstwood Reservoir:

Burnley, 23rd June, 1919.

To the Waterworks Committee of the Corporation of Burnley.

Gentlemen,—We are pleased to be able to report that these works are once again well in hand, about 196 men being employed thereon, showing an increase of 53 during the past month. Excavation is again proceeding in the Main Trench, and also in the North-East Wing Trench, and about 380 additional cubic yards have been done during the past month. A further 3,400 cubic yards of earthwork have also been placed in the embankment from the steam navvy, and considerable preparatory work done, including the following:—Removal of soil from the surface of the puddle core; (b) temporary roads; (c) re-erecting pug mill; (d) removing concrete mixer; (e) barring rock at Rams Clough Quarry and getting stone at Worsthorne Quarry; (f) erecting Derrick crane near to the North-western Trench, etc. We hope that the declaration of peace will result in a more rapid demobilisation of suitable men, and enable a much larger gang to be employed upon the work whilst the weather is favourable, when work of this nature can be done with much greater economy than during the winter season."

CHILD WELFARE.

The Secretary of Thornycroft and Child Welfare Exhibitions Committee has written to the Burnley Child Welfare Committee, stating that owing to financial difficulties it was not possible to hold a child welfare exhibition in Burnley, as had been previously arranged. Subsequently she wrote renewing the offer to hold the exhibition on condition that the Corporation would pay the sum of £15 for the hire of the exhibition and the services of the two lecturers.—The Committee have resolved that the offer of the Child Welfare Exhibitions Committee be not entertained, and that the arrangements made for holding the exhibition at Burnley be cancelled.

The Hon. Secretary of the Burnley Wood Day Nursery has written to the maternity and Child Welfare Committee, stating that the Nursery Committee had expressed a wish that Mrs. E. Collings and one other member of their Committee, be appointed to act in an advisory capacity on the Committee which would have charge of the Burnley Wood Nursery, now that the management had been taken over by the Council.—It was resolved that the suggestion of the Burnley Wood Day Nursery Committee be adopted, and that the Chairman (Alderman Sindall), the Vice-Chairman (Mr. Councillor Clegg), Mesdames J. F. Heap and W. H. Watson, together with Mesdames E. Collings and F. Newbery, be appointed a Sub-Committee to supervise and make recommendations on the working of the Nursery.

The Local Government Board have made suggestions with reference to the use of the Maternity Home and Infant Welfare Centre at Bank Hall, and also with reference to the provision of home nursing for cases of measles in young children where such nursing may be found to be necessary.—The Committee have resolved that in their opinion a sufficient staff of trained nurses is already at the disposal of the Committee to meet any demands likely to be made on it in connection with home nursing; and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to report at the next meeting of the Committee as to the necessity for providing home helps to assist in the homes during the illness of the mother.

PLANS APPROVED.

The Improvement Committee have approved the following plans: The Burnley Pioneer, Ltd., for erection of a bank at 13, Briercliffe-road; the Halifax Permanent Benefit Building Society, for alterations to premises, Manchester street, Burnley; Mr. W. H. Atkinson, for the extension of a laundry in Holmby-street; Mr. A. S. Redman, for the erection of a shop front at the premises, 190, Colne-road; Mr. J. Sanl, for the erection of a garage at 42, Westgate, Burnley.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Further consideration having been given to the application of the Burnley Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' Institute for the remission of the charges for gas and electricity supplied to them by the Corporation, the General Purposes Committee recommend that a remission of 50 per cent be granted on both gas and electricity supplied to the Institute.

Councillor Rippon has been appointed one of the representatives of the Council on the Juvenile Organisation Council.

The Council will be recommended to confine the delivery of letters during the holidays in Burnley to the first delivery, from Monday, the 14th, to Friday, the 11th July, both days inclusive.

CHILD'S FATAL INJURIES.

Run Over by Motor Lorry at Brierfield.

MOTHER'S ATTEMPT AT RESCUE.

The story of a mother's unsuccessful attempt to save her child from being run over by a motor lorry was told at an inquest, yesterday afternoon, at the Burnley Victoria Hospital, on Hilda Brotherton, the two-year-old daughter of Lawrence Brotherton, twister, of 5, Livingstone-street, Brierfield, who died on Saturday last at the Hospital.

Mrs. Brotherton, the mother, said that at 2.40 on Thursday afternoon last, she was standing near the Market Place, Brierfield, watching a procession that was taking place at the Wesleyan Chapel, and her child was sitting on the curbstone at the edge of the Market Place. The girl suddenly ran across the road. Just at that time witness noticed a heavy motor lorry passing the chapel on the same side as they were standing, and going towards Burnley. On hearing her child cries witness attempted to get hold of her, but was unsuccessful. Her daughter ran in front of the lorry, and was knocked down by it. The front wheel passed over her daughter was that she was lying in front of one of the back wheels of the lorry, and in her opinion the front wheel had passed over her. She was picked up unconscious, and her head, and the lorry, which had come to a standstill, had to be moved backwards to get the girl clear. Her child had sustained serious injuries, and after being attended by Dr. Knox, she was removed to the Victoria Hospital. There was a large crowd of people in the roadway at the time of the accident. In her opinion, the driver was in no way to blame for the accident.

James Duckworth, carter, of 3, Mill-street, Brierfield, said that at the time of the accident he was standing near the Brierfield, from the Market Place to the Wesleyan Chapel, when he noticed a motor lorry coming along from the direction of Nelson, and travelling very slowly. Witness saw the child run in front of the lorry, which knocked her down, and the off front wheel passed over the lower part of her body. The driver pulled up before the front wheel went over her, and in his opinion the driver was not responsible for the accident.

George Matthew, 37, Higher Sharfield-street, Ardwick, Manchester, the driver of the vehicle, was called by the Coroner (Mr. A. F. Sutcliffe), who informed him that this was one of those unfortunate accidents that could not be prevented. It would be a source of satisfaction to him to know that the parents did not hold him responsible for the occurrence.

At the point Hallam, with the permission of the Coroner, expressed his sympathy, and that of his firm, for the unfortunate accident.

Nurse Roberts said the girl was admitted to the Hospital on Thursday last, suffering from severe injuries to the lower part of her body. She died on Saturday from shock due to the severe injuries she had sustained.

A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned.

COTTON MILL TO PRIESTHOOD.

The Rev. Father Smith, rector of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Nelson, on Sunday completed 25 years' ministry in Nelson. He is one of the oldest priests in the Diocese of North of England, and has had a remarkable career.

Born at Blackburn, his parents sent him to the mill at the early age of 11 years. He had an ambition to become a priest, but his parents were poor and his thrift enabled him to pay for educational advancement at the Salford Grammar School. From there he went to St. Alban's College, Rome, and on his return to England he was ordained at Salford. Since that he has laboured as priest at Ashton-under-Lyne, Blackburn, Rochdale, Wigan, and Rawtenstall, which place he left for Nelson.

IN PROUD REMEMBRANCE.

Memorial Window and Tablet Unveiled at Wesley.

A DOUBLE DEDICATION.

The beautiful stained glass window which Mr. and Mrs. William Lancaster have presented to the trustees of Wesley Chapel, Hargreaves-street, has a symbolic meaning which made the unveiling ceremony on Sunday morning strikingly appropriate in view of the fact that the service took place on the first Sabbath following the signing of peace. The window, which has been placed in the Ormscod-street side of the chapel, and is the work of Messrs. Abbotts, of Lancaster, represents an angel heralding the dawn of peace and the triumph of righteousness, to a Knight in armour, who is ready to lay aside the sword of victory, after vanquishing the forces of evil. The earth awakens to newness of life and joy, and the glorious sunrise heralds the breaking of a new day. In the foreground can be seen foliage bursting with the new fruit—the new strength, whilst heavenly trumpeters are sounding for the warrior who is about to cross the river to the citadel—the heavenly home—beyond. At the foot of the window is a scroll supported

by two angels kneeling in sympathy and bearing the words from the Pilgrim's Progress; "So they passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for them on the other side." To the left of the window is a massive oak tablet bearing the following inscription, containing the names of those who had fallen, including a son of the donors, Lieut. William Oliver Lancaster:—

"TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and in grateful remembrance of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men who went from Wesley Chapel and Red Lion Street Sunday School, and who fell in the Great War, 1914 to 1918.

This Window is Dedicated by William and Mary Elizabeth Lancaster.

Sec.-Lt. Alan Bellingham, 4th L.N.L. Rgt. & U.P.S.
Sec.-Lt. Herbert Birchenall Cholton, 2/4th East Lancs. Regt.
Sec.-Lt. James Ernest Hartley, 2/5th Loyal East Lancs. Regt.
Sec.-Lt. William Oliver Lancaster, 21st Manchester Regt.
Sgt. Sydney Laycock Burrell, R.F.A.
Sgt. Herbert Broughton Simpson, R.F.A.
Cpl. Oscar Ingham, 5th East Lancs. Regt.
L/Cpl. William Bramley Butterworth, 8th East Lancs. Regt.
L/Cpl. John Albert Coar, 1/5th K.O.R.L. Regt.
Bdr. Robbie Simpson, R.F.A.
L/Cpl. George William Smith, 7th K.O.R.L. Regt.
Pte. George Vincent Seanor Armitage, 10th Canadian Batt.
Pte. Charles Baker, 8th K.O.R.L. Regt.
Pte. Arthur Bridge, 1st East Lancs. Regt.
Pvr. Francis Evans Brunt, R.F.A.
Gr. Ernest Canby, R.F.A.
Dvr. Norman Dawson, R.F.A.
Pte. Alfred Heap, 3rd Grenadier Guards.
Gr. Fred Hall, R.F.A.
Pte. Alfred Hargreaves, 11th Lancs. Fusiliers.
Pte. Richard Hargreaves, 1st East Lancs. R.
Sr. William H. Hargreaves, R.A.S.C.
Pte. Fd. Chas. Ingham, 5th East Lancs. Regt.
Pte. Admiral Jackson, 2nd Devon Regt.
Pte. Thomas Harold Lawson, 11th Bef. Fus.
Pte. Harold Mercer, Ryl. Marine L.I.
Pte. Edward Pate, 1/5th Lyl. N. Lancs. Regt.
Pte. Rowland Smith, 9th Lgl. N. Lancs. R.
Pte. Wm. Hargreaves Turner, 8th East Lancs. Regt.
Pte. Percy Whittom, 1st Northumberland F.

"He asked Life of Thee and Thou gavest it Him,
Even length of days for ever and ever."—
Psalm xxi. 4.

The service, which was very impressive, was attended by a large congregation, including many of the relatives and friends of those whose names appeared on the tablet. Prior to the fittingly chosen lesson, which included David's lamentation over Saul and Jonathan, and Paul's exhortation to Timothy, the hymns "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty," and "O love, that will not let me go," were sung by the congregation. Following the reading of the Scriptures, the choir feelingly rendered the anthem, "Soldier, rest, thy warfare o'er" (Bobach). During the taking up of the collection, the organist, Mr. Sutcliffe, R.R.C.O., played Bachmann's Prelude in C Sharp Minor. The hymn "Strong Son of God, Immortal Love," preceded the sermon, which was preached by the Rev. A. H. Bomford.

LOSS TO THE CHURCH.

Mr. Bomford took as his text the verse from the Psalms which appears at the foot of the memorial tablet, "Thy servants pray for it," and that service should be one of affectionate remembrance. As they gave thanks to God for the restoration of peace they would also pray for the souls of those who had made the great sacrifice of life. As a church he thought they had suffered very heavily. Many of the thirty whose names appeared on the tablet were closely connected with one or another part of their work. It was not the mere casualty list that revealed the extent of their loss. Five young men, full of the glorious dawn of manhood, in their respect, and we were able to read almost any list of losses unmoved. It was by going into each shadowed home that we realised the difference that had been made; how the whole outlook of life had been altered, so that things could never be the same again. Those thirty names meant very little to the outsider, but how much they meant to those who had to try to picture what memories leapt to their minds at once. There was one who in writing home to his mother used playfully to sign himself "Your young monkey." There was another who was always boasting how he was going to do for those at home as soon as ever he had returned to civil life. There was another who in his last letter enclosed a ten-franc note for his sister's birthday, and another who said "In your next parcel I want you to send me something I can distribute among the fellows." Another sounded the call heard note, "I do wish you would cease to worry about me. I am in the pink." Those were just the little touches that made only recollections very vivid. The past was lived over again in their thoughts when they recalled exactly what they were, and how they acted and spoke.

AN EXAMPLE AND AN EXHORTATION.

He wanted to say, beyond that, there were different ways of regarding what had happened. There was the materialistic way of just thinking of nothing but the loss, the tragedy, the wringing of hands because of what might have been; or they could enter into the thought of the cherished purpose, and the aims that made life for them in its last phase a great and noble endeavour. As a nation we entered into this war wholly disinterestedly. It was a high moral purpose that first moved us to unsheath the sword. But many things have happened since August, 1914. The intrigues of politicians, the failure of Generals, the shameless profiteering, and the realisation of all the horrors of war—one must admit that the whole business had lost much of its early glamour. But it would be to our serious detriment and loss if we forgot those moral aims and purposes that moved us right at the beginning. Our young men whole-heartedly shared that devotion to the cause of justice and righteousness. There were many who felt that they had no alternative but to respond. We remembered that our love and have held them back, but they volunteered. It was not that they loved war; they very soon learned to loathe it with all their might. It was a bitter necessity to them. "If God spares me," wrote one of the fallen, "I shall make it my mission to preach the love of peace to the end of my life." And so he seemed to be thinking of that matter, that they would take the very highest ground. It would be a tragic blunder if we regarded only the loss sustained. We should do the fallen a great injustice if we supposed they regretted the sacrifice. Let us not imagine them wringing their hands over the blood spilled. Did they ever write home in that strain? We knew quite well they did not often talk about the high motives they cherished within, for the simple reason that would be bad form. He knew their grouse over the inconvenience they had to put up with; that was letting off steam. But to the main issue they remained absolutely loyal. "Here we are in the burning centre of it all, and I would not be anywhere else for a million pounds or the Queen of Sheba," wrote one of them, and the least they could do was to seek to live to the height to which their moral and to associate themselves with the great thought with which they regarded their mission in the Army.

UNFINISHED BUT NOT INCOMPLETE.

In the arena of life these men would have played their part. They stood on the threshold of great possibilities, but their course was more brief than an anticipant. Sometimes we spoke of their lives as unfinished, but they must never allow themselves to speak of their lives as incomplete. They were always tempted to measure life by the years and length of days rather than by fine quality. Many a life had dragged on into the eightieth or the ninetieth year without apparently ever having risen to any splendid level of service, never one flushed with a great thought, or girded itself with a divine resolve. Here were those of whom they spoke who are the prime of manhood was reached made the one heroic sacrifice. They fell like a falling star in the night. It was not how long we lived, but how intensely we lived that determined whether a life was finished or unfinished. We existed through many years, but we lived in just a few divinely intoxicating moments. It was in those thoughts that these must be some place in the untarnished light for those who had laid down their lives in the great cause, who had fled with their faces towards God, and with a lofty and noble purpose in their hearts, that they saw the fulfilment of Christ's last words, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bearing his sheaves with him." Let us be inspired by the ideals for which our country had fought so desperately during the last four or five years, and for which these men had died, and, those who were left behind could do no less. When the end of our days came, when a paltry business would appear simply trivial, when the material would be seen in its true light, we should realise that it was not the wine drunk, but the wine poured forth that counted. These men in the last great adventure of their lives stood for a nobler England and a better world. And may God help us in the great purpose and in the daily setting of our own lives to lift up the world of Him and of these.

MR. LANCASTER'S ADDRESS.

Prior to the unveiling ceremony, Mr. Lancaster said: Thou gracious God, whose mercy lands, we sung, and Mr. William Lancaster gave a brief address. It was not his intention, said Mr. Lancaster, to say very much, as that was not the occasion for any lengthy eulogy on those whom they were met to honour. Yet it was a duty they owed to those who were gone to mark in some permanent form their loving appreciation and gratitude, and no place was more suitable than that old sanctuary, where their fathers and grandfathers had worshipped in the years past, and obtained comfort and strength for life's battle, and had now obtained the victory. There these young men were brought in childhood's years, and around that so many tender memories clung, and around that so many hallowed associations would cling, and they trusted would find the same source of strength and comfort. It would be impossible for many of them to know the place where they were buried. Like Moses of old, "No man knoweth of his sepulture unto this day," but they could say with Rupert Brooke, in his sonnet:—

"If I should die, think only this of me,
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed."
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware;
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam;
A body of England's, breathing England's air.
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home."

TEARS AND REJOICINGS.

It was not for them to try to picture what the future might have held for them, for they were all young men, some of whom were little more than boys, and they had cut down in their fair and beautiful, "underneath the noon of manhood, underneath the evening star." The call of England came, and with quick self-forgetfulness they gave all they had to give, without reserve. "At dawn when offered in the bud is no vain sacrifice." Whilst they went with those who wept they rejoiced that day for those who had borne the same hardships and endured the same perils and dangers, and had been spared to win through and hear the shout of victory. May their lives be crowned with triumphs of peace. He hoped it would not be considered out of place to recall to their minds the quiet unostentatious courage and devotion of the mothers and wives and sisters of those men, who in the quiet and solitude of their homes, not knowing what an hour might bring, had made some of them ashamed of their weakness and lack of faith.

"Mother with bowed head,
Hear thou across the sea
The farewell of the dead,
The dead who died for thee.
Greet them again with tender words and graves,
For saving thee themselves they would not save."

A DOUBLE DEDICATION

These men's voices were silent, but there still came to us the cry for the fulfilment of those things for which they died, and it was a solemn duty we owed to them that they should not have died in vain. Mr. Lancaster concluded by quoting from the oration of Abraham Lincoln on the battlefield of Gettysburg, when he said "We have come to dedicate a portion of this field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that this nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work, which they who fought here so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honoured dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave full measure and devotion that we have highly resolve these dead shall not have died in vain."

THE WINDOW UNVEILED.

Mr. Lancaster then unveiled the window and the tablet, the congregation standing the while, following which the hymn "When the day of toil is done" was sung.

The impressive service concluded with the singing by the choir of the anthem, "What are these arrayed in white?" during which the congregation remained standing.

The collection, which was taken on behalf of St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers, amounted to £17 7s.

LATE LIEUT. PROCTOR.

Very Many Floral Tributes at Burnley Funeral.

At the funeral, which took place on Monday afternoon, full military honours were accorded the late Sec.-Lieut. Walter Alan Proctor, son of Mrs. Proctor, Scott Park-road, Burnley, whose death occurred as a result of a motor accident at Ripon last week. Service was conducted at the house by the Rev. J. H. James, pastor of the Brunswick United Methodist Chapel, after which the cortège left for the Burnley Cemetery. There was headed by a firing party, detached from the 2nd Battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment (stationed at Preston), and the regimental band, in charge of Lieut. Porter. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack, upon which Lieut. Proctor's cap and sword were placed. The "Dead March" in "Saul" was played as part of the congregation left, and the impressive funeral march by Chopin was played as they reached the cemetery. At the graveside the last military tributes were paid by the firing party, and a trumpeter sounded the "Last Post."

The mourners were:—Mrs. Proctor, Mr. T. C. Proctor, Miss Nora and Miss Emily Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mortier, Mr. and Mrs. R. Parsons, Mrs. Marsland and Mrs. Bamborough, Miss Horne and Miss Barrett, Mr Holden, Mr. A. H. Kellett, Capt. J. B. Hartley and Lieut. W. Whittaker, Capt. Cooke, and Capt. Green (Ripon).

Floral tributes were as follows: "With love from his sorrowing mother, Tom, Norah, and Emily"; from Robbie and Martha; Bertha and George; Doris and Bob; Baby; Norah, "to her best pal"; Auntie Clara; Auntie Lizzie and Uncle Jimmie; Florrie; Aunt Ruth and children; Clifford (Manchester); May and Mr. C. (Leeds); Hilda (Bradford); Mr. Fred Kellett; Waeyenbergbe (Ghent), "presentent leurs plus sincere condoleances et prennent vivement part a votre douleur, mon malheur"; "votre nos plus profonds regrets," M. and Mme. Gustav Mortier (Ghent); Captain J. Hartley; Captain R. V. Crookes (Ripon); Jimmy Green (Ripon); Mabel and Ethel; Mr. and Mrs. Graham; F. J. Keller (Lytham); Dorothy; J. A. Herbert; Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker and Wilfred (Manchester); Mildred; Mr. Cooke and Doris (Preston); Mr. and Mrs. J. Stuttard and family; Mrs. T. Pelland (Beechfield); Tom and George (Beechfield); "Kiddie"; Mr. and Mrs. A. Heldest; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kellett; Mr. and Mrs. L. Percy Steele; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Holt (Blackpool); Mr. and Mrs. Holgate; Mr. Thomas Turner (an old comrade, Jim Metcalf; Mrs. Smith Lawson, Tom and Drummond (Rydal Mount); Mr. and Mrs. J. Gott; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chase. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wright (Ripon); Employees of Messrs. J. Proctor, Ltd.; the Ripon Electric Power Station Staff; officers of B.A.S.C. Ripon, with deepest sympathy.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. S. Hudson.

BURNLEY VICAR AND PEACE.

The Rev. B. C. Kiddell, Vicar of St. Stephen's Burnley, writing in the Parish Magazine for this month, says: "With the signing of peace, the country will be able to turn its attention to the industrial problems which are rapidly becoming acute and which are leading to so much unrest. None of these problems is insuperable if only tackled fairly. What we want, and need, is a change of heads and faithful hearts striving unselfishly to find the way to happiness and peace at home, and abroad. Peace will not be looked for if not amongst our Christian congregations. Nowhere, however, is the spirit of every class and interest in the community. It seems to me that a big responsibility rests upon us all to try to make it a better spirit all round. Ours should be a kind of leavening influence, working quietly wherever we may be."

MORE SUGAR FOR JAM.

The Royal Commission on the Sugar Supply is now prepared to release further supplies during September and October for the domestic preservation of fruit. All persons who wish to obtain sugar for preserving purposes must deposit with their registered retailer before July 15th in order for the specific quantity which they require, as all the sugar will be allocated to retailers on a list kept by the retailer for this purpose.

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