HOSPITAL SATURDAY.

MISS LARKINSON AGAIN TAKES THE LEADING POSITION.

Supplanted last year by Miss Ferguson, who headed the list with £5/0/5¼, Miss K. Larkinson takes the premier place again this year in the list of those who collected last Saturday in aid of the Bedford County Hospital, and we congratulate her, and also all the other collectors on the success that attended their efforts. Miss Franklin is a good second, while Miss W. Albone also collected over £3, and is third. Four collectors gathered in over £2, and six passed the sovereign mark. The total sum raised this year was £40/17/9, and as the expenses were only 15/-, there was over £40 for the hospital. The secretarial duties were again carried out by Mr. Henry Carne, who made excellent arrangements, and we congratulate him on the general success of the effort. The work of the collectors was made much more pleasant by the beautiful weather which prevailed, and we may note here that Mr. Medlock did the posting of the bills free. This year's amount, although below that raised last year (which was a record), compares most favourably with the results of the collections during recent years, when the sums were: 1912, £31/2/7¼; 1913, £30/2/3½; 1914, £34/1/7¾; 1915, £41/0/1; 1916, £41/16/6. The following is the full list of the collections, and the sums raised in the boxes at the various hotels, clubs, etc.:—

	£	s.	d.
Miss K. Larkinson	5	12	5½
Miss Franklin	3	14	4½
Miss W. Albone	3	8	0½
Mrs. Wheatley	2	19	1½
Miss George	2	13	10
Miss Goss	2	6	10½
Miss Scott	2	5	5½
Miss Kemp	1	18	9½
Miss Renton	1	10	6
MissBillie Chaundler ...	1	8	9½
Miss Thynne	1	8	8
"The Bear"	1	2	3½
Miss C. Green	1	0	4
Miss Holmes	0	18	7½
Mrs. Bath	0	18	3½
"Swan Hotel"	0	15	8½
Miss Knott	0	13	9½
Miss Wheatley	0	12	10½
Mrs. Wakes	0	10	11
Miss Edna Logsden	0	10	3
"The New Inn"	0	9	3½
Mr. Page	0	8	10½
Conservative Club	0	8	8½
Liberal Club	0	8	6
Mr. W. Stokes	0	7	7½
"The Rose"	0	7	3½
Mr. J. M. Ballard	0	5	5½
"The Golden Eagle"	0	5	2
"The Half Moon"	0	4	9½
"The Golden Lion"	0	4	1½
"The Golden Pheasant" ...	0	3	10½
"The Red Lion"	0	3	8½
"The Royal Oak"	0	3	8
"The Peacock"	0	3	5
Mr. Franklin's Shop	0	3	3½
Balance given	0	0	0½
Total	40	17	9

CORPL. WALTER HAYNES KILLED WHILE ASLEEP IN THE TRENCHES.

OFFICER'S SPLENDID TRIBUTE TO A FINE LAD.

Much sympathy is felt by all residents of Biggleswade, for Mr. and Mrs. William Haynes, of 100, Hitchin Street, who have this week learned the sad news that their youngest son, Corporal Walter Haynes, of the London Rifle Brigade, was killed during the early morning of the 17th of the present month, while lying asleep in the trenches on the Western Front. Deceased was 23 years of age, and prior to leaving the town for situations at Baldock and Bedford he was a very active worker at the Wesleyan School, where he was greatly esteemed. He was the youngest of the five sons of Mr. William Haynes who so patriotically all joined the colours during the first year of the war. Joining the "Die Hards," first deceased served at Gibraltar, and in Egypt prior to going to France about a year. During last year he was home on leave, and was then most bright and cheerful, and he looked in perfect trim. His letters home have always been exceptionally bright, and his faith in his God was a real thing to him. He wrote recently that he believed he should come safely through, but, said he, "I have committed myself and my loved ones to the care of Him who can never fail."

The first tidings of the sad news came from Q.M. Sergt. Addison Denny, who, in a letter to the bereaved, wrote as follows:—

Re Corpl. W. H. Haynes, I deeply regret to have to inform you unofficially, that the above was instantaneously killed whilst asleep in a trench, on the 17th last of ——. I will let you know in a letter the spot where my friend was buried by our Chaplain, as soon as our Battalion is out of the line. My Company officer will doubtless write also. In the meantime, on behalf of myself, I wish to convey the sincerest sympathy of us all."

On the following day Lieut. W. C. Von Berg, wrote as follows:—"A notification will have reached you by now of the sad loss of your son, who was killed in action on the 17th inst., but I thought it might be some small consolation to you to know in what very high esteem he was held by those under whom he served out here. As the officer in charge of his platoon, I have had every opportunity of noticing the remarkable keeness and efficiency he displayed, especially through the many dangers that he and I have faced together, and I have no hesitation in saying that he was the finest lad and the best Corporal I have ever had in my platoon. Always cheerful and willing, he set a magnificent example to the men, and his memory will be honoured by all who knew him, for the rest of their lives. I cannot express my grief at losing him, but all my sympathy is with you and your family in your loss. He was buried in a military cemetery a few hundred yards north of the village of ——, and a cross is being made to take the place of the temporary one which at present marks the spot where he lies. He was struck by a shell early on the morning of the 17th, and I am convinced that death was instantaneous, so that he can have suffered no pain. His personal effects will reach you in due time. If there is any further details I can supply I shall be only too glad. Again assuring you of my heartfelt sympathy." W. C. Von Berg.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT FOR THE NAVY.

BIGGLESWADE DEPOT.

Dear Sir,—May I again have space to say that thanks to the kindness of one or two supporters of the scheme, arrangements have been made for the collection of vegetables and fruit, for the present at any rate, and a start will therefore be made on Tuesday next, July 3rd.

Collections will be made at Southill, Broom, and Caldecote, as was done last year, and it is hoped the scheme may also receive good support from Biggleswade Parish.

The Depot will again be at "Brigham," and will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. each Tuesday afternoon, and the gifts will be consigned to the Naval Base at Gorleston.

Potatoes may not be sent, and also under the new regulations no rhubarb is to be forwarded.

The Organising Secretary in London states that the demand and necessity for fresh vegetables for the Navy is more urgent than ever, and it is earnestly hoped that all will help this good object in any way they can.

Small gifts are welcome as well as the larger ones.

Yours faithfully,

IDA M FLETCHER.

Fruit Preserving Without Sugar

Choose sound dry fruit, place in clean dry bottles or jars. Place these in slow oven and gradually increase heat until moisture in fruit is absorbed (about 15 minutes). Then fill with boiling water to half inch above fruit. Seal while hot by pouring on half an inch melted "ATORA" Block Suet. Do not disturb until set and cold. Cover with paper. "ATORA" Beef Suet in Blocks for Frying, Cooking, Preserving, or Ready Shredded for Puddings and Pastry Sold by all Grocers and Stores.

FOOD CAMPAIGN.

The Biggleswade Ladies' Food Campaign Committee held a meeting in the gardens attached to the Masonic Rooms, on Friday last, the 22nd inst., at which the speaker was Miss Naylor, of London. Miss Naylor in her address pointed out that if we are to win this war it is absolutely necessary that the whole nation must do its part. The Germans realising that they cannot win by land or by the defeat of our Navy are trying, by means of their submarines, to starve us out. The food stocks in the country at present are low, and it is only by practising the greatest economy that we can avert defeat. This economy can only be brought about by the help of the women of England, and the government is now calling upon them to do their utmost by practising rigid economy to help to win the war. All forms of waste must cease, particularly waste of bread. The bread question is *the* question of the day, and the women can lend immense assistance to the State by determining that not a crumb of bread shall be wasted in their households. Substances differ very much in thei rvalue as foods, and another way of promoting economy is to make sure when marketing that we are getting the greatest amount possible of "Food Values" for our money. In order that the body may be maintained in a healthy state three classes of food are necessary, viz., body builders, body repairers or heat givers, and cleansers. Under the first head are included foods rich in protein. As a guide in deciding what foods to buy, the following table may be useful:—

Cheese contains 33 parts out of a 100 of protein. Pulses: lentils, dry peas, and beans, 24 to 21. Meat: beef, mutton, pork, etc., 19 parts out of 100. Fish and oatmeal, 16 parts. Eggs, 14 parts. Bread 8 to 10 parts protein out of 100. Meat, therefore, although easier of digestion, is not so nourishing as lentils, peas, and beans. If pulses are used in place of meat, fat should be eaten with them. Milk and nuts are also very nourishing. The point to bear in mind is that in order to be healthy and strong we must have one of these "body builders" regularly.

Under class 2 are included the heat givers—the body repairers. Three classes of food do this work, fats, sugars, starches. All fats are fuels generating power in the same way that heat generates power in a steam engine. In this class 2, therefore, are included the foods that contain fat, such as butter, margarine, suet, lard, etc., and that contain sugar such as treacle, glucose and honey.

The third kind of food necessary for health may be termed blood cleansers, viz., vegetables which contain mineral salts and iron. The vegetables abstract mineral matter from the soil, and change it into digestible mineral salts, which we need to purify our blood. The greatest care should be taken in cooking our vegetables that we do not get rid of these mineral salts. This is frequently done when cooking potatoes. These vegetables should be cooked in their skins, because the most valuable part of the potato lies just under the skin, and when potatoes are peeled this valuable food is wasted. The address throughout was listened to with great attention, and at the close of it, at the suggestion of Mrs. Chaundler, the Chairman of the Food Committee, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Naylor. Then followed a really excellent entertainment, given by some of the R.E.s stationed in the town. The efforts of the soldiers were thoroughly appreciated, several of the songs were encored, and the company dispersed about ten o'clock. The Food Committee are to be heartily congratulated on the success of the evening's arrangements. The following was the programme:—

Pianoforte solo, Sapper Chittenden; song, "The King's Minstrel," L/c. Fisher; humourous song, Cpl. Clare; recitation, Sgt. Pole; character song, Pte. Costello; the maniac band, R.E.s; humorous song, Sgt. Scoral; song, "Queen of my Heart," L/c. Fisher; humorous song, L/c. Fisher.

One of the most successful features of the evening was the display of economical war cookery dishes, made and displayed by Miss Gardner, County Council cookery teacher for the schools of the district, which attracted a good deal of interest and attention.

We understand that on Tuesday, July 3rd, Miss Clubb will give a demonstration of how to preserve fruit and vegetables, at the Mead House School, at half past 3. All are invited.

NORTHILL

CALDECOTE HOSPITAL COLLECTION

In connection with the above a grateful letter of thanks has been received by Mrs Glynn Taddy from Mr J Arnold Whitchurch, chairman of the Board of Management, for the Bedford County Hospital, expressing deep thanks to the parishioners of Northill for their generous response to the appeals of the Hospital Board.

In last week's account of the collection, Ickwell was inadvertently omitted from the list of districts mentioned in that report.

BALDOCK

SHOT THE POLICE SERGEANT.

Nicholas Stick, farmer, Norton Bury Farm, Baldock, was fined 40/- at the Hitchin Sessions on Tuesday for firing a gun on the highway. Defendant was firing at a rat at Norton Bury, and P S Gray, who was 60 yards distance, received some of the shots in the head and face, P.s Gray stating that he believed the shot rebounded off the hard road. He was under medical care for two or three days.—Defendant: If the police do their duty they will have a good War Loan.

GAMLINGAY.

LAND SALE

On Wednesday, at the Cock Inn, Mr F W Western, auctioneer, offered for sale several acres of land by direction of the representatives of the late Mr A J Woodham, with the following results:—Lot 1, 11 acres of rich old pasture land, with frontage to Hatley Road, Mr James Turrell, £770. Lots 2 and 3, 1 acre, 1 rood, 11 poles each market garden land, Cinques Road, Gamlingay Mr George Meeks, £160 and £155 respectively. Lot 4, garden plot of 28 poles was withdrawn sold privately.

LETCHWORTH OFFICER AND PRIVATE ACCIDENTALLY KILLED IN FRANCE

Major Louis Burton, of the Royal Field Artillery, and Pte. T Williams of the Beds Regt. both of whom belong to Letchworth, were recently accidentally killed in France, the former being thrown from a horse when attempting to stop a team of runaway horses while Pte. William's was shot accidentally while men of his company were engaged in cleaning their rifles. Major Burton is brother-in-law of Mr Barry Parker and Pte Williams was a printer's machinist employed at the Temple Press.

REPORTED RESIGNATION OF MR E. SNOW FORDHAM

The daily press of Thursday, reported that Mr E Snow Fordham, the West London Magistrate, whose country seat is at Ashwell Herts, where he has farmed ext-nsively, has resigned. He has been in indifferent health for some time. Born in 1858 he was called to bar in 1883. He practised in the Midland Circuit and made a name at Bedford and elsewhere as an able advocate. He became a metropolitan Magistrate at North London in 1898. He is a brother of Mr R O Fordham, JP, of Broom Hall.

WAR TIME TRAIN SERVICE

Trains now leave Biggleswade as follows:—

UP TRAINS.	DOWN TRAINS.
8-34* a.m.	6-34 a.m.
10-14 a.m.	8-29 a.m. (Mon. only)
2-47* p.m.	9-47a a.m.
5-29 p.m.	12-7 p.m.
7-58 p.m.	12-51a p.m.
8-25* p.m.	3-8 p.m.
	4-28 p.m. (Tues. only)
	5-33a p.m.
	6-38 p.m.
	7-38b p.m.
Sundays only	
6-28 p.m.	10-28 a.m
	8-28 p.m.

* These are the only passenger trains now stopping at Arlesey and Three Counties.

a These trains do not stop at Tempsford.

b This train only runs to Huntingdon.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

THE LATE PTE. BOB SEE.

The photograph that we reproduce here is of Pte. Bob See, a gallant Biggleswade boy, who at the age of 19, made the supreme sacrifice while serving with the Australians on the Western Front. The only son of Mrs See, of Hitchin Street, he emigrated to Australia when only 16 years of age and last year joined the Australian Forces for services in the war. Last week we published a short letter from the Divisional Chaplin and this week the Chaplin of the Regiment, A Irving Davidson wrote as follows to his mother:—

At the Front, 20/6/17. Dear Mrs See, you will have had official notice of the sad loss of your son, Pte. See, No 1051, who died of wounds in hospital, just after the great battle of Messines, on 8-9/6/17. He was a splendid lad much thought of and was in a good way to get on well in the regiment. Smart at his work—the arduous and often dangerous work of a runner—to carry messages. He showed great intelligence and was a very great loss to our regiment on that account. He never flinched his duty and on more than one occasion did splendid work and got information smarter than others of his comrades. It is sad that so often the good men in a great fight like this go under, just because they do their work so well, but it is only because of the fine work they do that we get our successes, the sacrifices are the price of success and your son had his big share in helping to win our victory. I have had opportunity of seeing much of him—a good fine mannered boy with a good heart—like the rest of our boys showing good interest in the highest things of the inner life that are specially my care Fine boys, they went into the battle with great faith and the good God above us gave them strength as He will also give you for your sorrow. Yours in much sympathy, A Irving Davidson, Chaplain to the Regiment

THE LATE PTE SYDNEY BYGRAVES

Pte Sydney Bygraves, whose photo we publish here, was the son of Mr George Bygraves, of Newtown, Biggleswade and like Pte See, he was also engaged in the dangerous calling as a runner on the Western Front, when he was called upon to make the great sacrifice. Not one of the strongest of boys, he tried to join the Yeomanry at one time, but was not accepted, but later he enlisted in the West Surreys and had served about a year. He was badly wounded in action on June 7th, and died on the same day in hospital at the age of 20 years

TEMPSFORD

Thomas Gurney and Walter Rooke, platelayers on the G.N Railway, Tempsford, joined the colours last week, and are at Torry Moore in readiness for railway work in France.

THE CROPS

Wheats and barleys have come on amazingly of late, and promise well; also all vegetables, especially potatoes, which are looking exceedingly well. Several in the village feasted this weekend on green peas and new potatoes from their allotments; others, who were not so fortunate, were able to purchase, good prices being realised. The yield was well up to the average and flavour excellent.

PROPERTY SALE

Mr F W Western, auctioneer, on Monday, offered for sale the business premises for many years in the occupation of Mr James Dent, situate in Station Road. The bidding began at £150 and finished at £335. Mr Fred Quince was the purchaser. The sale took place at the Anchor Hotel.

POTTON

Mr William Carter, second son of Mr and Mrs Carter of King Street, Potton, and who was awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery, has now been granted a commission in the Bedford Regiment.

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The Three Sisters ...	*May Sinclair*

BLINDS DOWN — H. A. Vachell
THE HISTORY OF Mr. POLLY — H. G. Wells
OUT OF THE WRECK I RISE — Beatrice Harraden
HUCKLEBERY FINN — Mark Twain
MADCAP JANE — C. A. Dawson Scott
MEMOIRS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES — Conan Doyle
A DAUGHTER OF THE SNOWS — Jack London
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THE PILLAR OF LIGHT — Louis Tracy.
A BID FOR FORTUNE — Guy Boothby.
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SOUTHILL.

Mr. J. B. Jones received a communication from Sergt. H. Rainbow, 3rd Toronto Regiment, an old Southill boy, who has been prisoner for over two years in Germany. He is still at the Soltau Camp, spoken of as the best of the Huns' prisons, and seems recovered from the illness he had suffered from for a long time; he is longing to hear from friends, and hopes to be set free soon. He refers to the usual fête that used to be held in Southill Park, and thought it would shortly take place. He does not state whether he has received, or is allowed to receive, parcels, since the new regulations.

Trooper F. W. Ballard, of Broom, recently wrote to an intimate friend, saying that he left left a convalescent camp not many weeks ago, and had over 12 hours' railway journey, reaching Dieppe, where he was delighted to see the signs of civilisation again. Here he visited the cathedral and chief buildings, after which he was fortunate enough to be sent for a stay at Rouen, where be spent a very enjoyable rest. He visited the No. 6 General Hospital, hoping to see Loder Blake, but he had been transferred to an English Convalescent Camp. He was aware of the raid on London, etc., but states we can rest assured that our Air Service has more than paid them back a hundred-fold. He is quite pleased he is in the cavalry, for although their lot is far from enviable at times. His regiment is known as "God's Own," owing to their good luck. He hopes to get leave as soon as he rejoins; he attended a cricket match, Miss Lena Ashwell's concert party, saw a boxing contest, and heard Mr. Knowles, of Covent Garden Opera House, sing at the evening service, whilst the Cavalry Orchestra played.

ARLESEY

A committee meeting in connection with the demonstration and flag day, to raise funds for the comforts of the Bedfordshire Regiment, was held in the Institute on Thursday evening of last week, and in the absence of the Rev. A. D. Atkinson, through indisposition, Mr. W. J. Crawley was voted to the chair.—It was decided to ask Mrs. Atkinson to act as Treasurer, and Mr. Faulkner as Hon. Secretary. A sub-committee was formed to arrange for refreshments, concert programme, and the procession. This takes place on Saturday, July 28th, and before that date the village will be canvassed with the view of ascertaining the number who are likely to appear in various costumes and march in the procession, and all who have vehicles will be asked to lend them for the occasion. The next general committee meeting takes place in the Institute on Thursday, July 5th, at 8.30.

Lance-Corporal G. H. Bland, 1st Beds. Regiment, is home on ten days' leave from the hospital. He has done 28 months' service in France, in and out of the trenches most of the time. He was slightly wounded by shrapnel in the left knee, July, 1916, and was also wounded at Vimy Ridge, 23rd April, 1917, with a piece of bomb, in the head and left shoulder. A piece of bomb is at the present time in his shoulder, and it appears that as he was returning on this occasion he received a bullet wound in the leg, which made him helpless. Stretcher-bearer, W. Kilsby, another Alresey soldier, whose mate had just got killed, came to his assistance at a very great risk, and carried him to the dressing station; he also rendered first aid, which met the approval of the medical officer. Bland was then conveyed to Boulogne Hospital, and then drafted to England, and admitted into Chatham Fort Pit Military Hospital, where he underwent an operation, and a piece of bomb was extracted from his head. Recently he has been convalescent at Sevenoaks, and is now progressing favourably.

Lance-Corporal Bland took part in the capture of Hill 60, on April 17th, 1915, and was also in the gas attack round the same hill on the 3rd and 5th of the next month. He was in the Battle of the Somme, and was the first Arlesey soldier to merit the Military Medal. He entered the German trench under great difficulties with a Lewis machine gun, and managed, with another gunner, to clear the Germans out.

MILLITARY MEDAL FOR SERG'T. D KEENAN

It was announced recently that the King had been graciously pleased to award the Military Medal to 58183 Corpl. acting Sergt D. Keenan R.A.M.C.

ANOTHER ARLESEY SOLDIER KILLED.

Much sympathy is being felt throughout the village for Mr. and Mrs. T. Walker and family, owing to the sad news which they have received from France during the last few weeks. It appears that while they were anxiously waiting to hear from their son, Pte. George Dear Walker, who has been reported missing for several weeks, they had the sad news on Sunday morning last of their youngest son having been killed in France. The letter was dated June 21st, 1917, as follows:—"Dear Mrs. Walker,—I deeply regret to say that your son, Sergeant A. Walker, Royal Fusiliers, died here at 1.15 p.m. on June 19th, of wounds in the head. He was quite unconscious at the time. I commended his soul to God, and he passed away peacefully. All his effects will be sent you. His body lies in the Military Cemetery at ——, two miles south-west of ——. God bless and sustain you in this great sorrow.—Yours, in deep sympathy, D. M. Salmon, C.F., Chaplain."

Sergeant Walker's last letter home was dated June 13th, and was received on Tuesday of last week, as follows:—"Dear mother,—Thank you for the parcel, which I received quite safely yesterday, and the contents were in excellent condition, so, naturally enough, I have been enjoying myself. Tell little Elsie that the chocolates were the first things I put my hands on. Been to church parade, and hoping to attend evening service." In a previous letter (June 9th) he stated: "By the time you get this letter you will have heard of our wonderful advance; our boys were in the thick of it, and I understand that most of our casualties were only slight wounds—old Fritz has never had a hiding like this before. All the arrangements were A1, and everything went off perfect. We are still going ahead. By gum, the prisoners, we are taking thousands upon thousands. Again I am a lucky fellow, one of the few left behind, chiefly because of being an instructor, so now I have a very responsible job, acting Regimental Sergeant-Major of Reinforcements. Still you have not heard any more news of George: neither have I. I do wish we could hear from him, if he is anywhere this side. He must have had a minute to write a field card, as none of us have heard at least for a month. I do not like to suggest it, but I feel he is either a prisoner of war, or that the worst has happened. Now it's dinner time. Close, with love, Arthur."—The deceased soldier was 24 years of age; his birthday being June 18th, the day before he died. Previous to the war he belonged to the Territorials, and was called up at once on the outbreak of war, and had only just finished his apprenticeship as a plasterer. He was drafted out to France on Sept. 27th, 1916. He was a very keen footballer, and had played many games in France. While stationed at Tring he carried off about six prizes in the military sports. In his younger days he was a member of the Wesleyan Sunday School, and later he became a member of St. Andrew's Church Choir. He was a total abstainer and a non-smoker, and was well-known throughout the village and very highly respected. The day before going to France he said: "I hope I shall either come back safe and sound or go under."

"The Biggleswade Chronicle" BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR FUND

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More Subscriptions Wanted

As we stated last week would be the case, our balance has now dwindled down considerably and to meet the cost of our latest purchases we shall require not only the money now in hand but some more added to it and we ask our readers now to come to the aid of our boys and to send along a subscription straight away to the fund. The average weekly cost now exceeds £12, and to keep up the full supply of parcels for the boys greater assistance is required from residents of the district. We feel convinced that it is not necessary for us to urge the reasons why our boys should be helped for all know what they have dared and suffered on our behalf and it is because of this that we feel confident that our appeals will never be made in vain. Our stock of goods at 50, Shortmead Street, has not yet been exhausted but constant purchases have to made and we do not want to get into debt so we ask that for three or four weeks we shall have bumping lists of subscriptions. The Committee of the Biggleswade Unionist Club have this week held a whist drive and dance to help the "Chronicle" Fund and those Blinded in the War, and from this we shall receive some useful help, for the patronage of the function was good. We thank the promoters most heartily on behalf of our boys, and compliment them on the success and the fact that they also remembered those who have lost their sight—a precious possession—in the war. In our subscription list this week there is another goodly sum from the Church Army. This monthly aid is extremely helpful and we are much indebted to the Church Army and Miss Gay for this aid. Mr. Franklin has met the cost of one complete parcel, while the relatives of our boys have again subscribed well. We note also the receipt of another excellent sum from the employees of Messrs. F. W. Braybrooks Ltd., at Potton. By collecting 15/- this week, Mrs. Gauge has brought up her total to over £45. In the letters from our boys it will be noticed that Pte. Freeman, complains that the tinned stuffs from his parcels had been taken out. Happily we think Wittenburg camp is the exception and not the rule in this respect for many of our other boys have discussed on their cards the contents of their parcels a proof that they must have received the tinned stuffs as well as the remainder of the contents. More than likely Wittenburg Camp by this time has allowed the tinned foods as well as the other goods to go in and the Central Committee to whom we complained appear to think that the trouble in this respect is now practically at an end. May we again remind readers of the various places where they can give their aid to the fund.

WHERE YOU CAN HELP.

Contributions to our fund may be received by the following:—

Mrs. Baker, The Duncombe Arms, Waresley.
Messrs. Chew and Son, Biggleswade.
Mr. Cuffley, Woolpack, Shefford.
Messrs. Dunton and Hepher, Shefford.
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Mr. Shadbolt, Henlow.
"Chronicle" Office, Biggleswade.
Liberal Club, Biggleswade.
Liberal Club, Sandy.
Messrs. Levitt and Son, Stotfold.
Liberal Club, Stotfold.
Unionist Club, Biggleswade.
Co-operative Society, Potton.
Mr. R. Elphick, Stationer, Potton.
F. G. Summerfield, Royal Oak, Potton.
Messrs. Fowler Bros., Gamlingay.
Mr. Howe, Gamlingay.
Mr. Levi Rutt, Langford.
Mrs. Harold Berry, High Street, Arlesey
Mr. Fred Battson, Biggleswade.
Mr. W. B. Aubrey, Biggleswade.
Mr. A. C. Hawkins, Langford.
Mrs. Freeman, Beeston.
Mr. Barlow, Biggleswade.
Mr. R. W. Wright, Biggleswade.
Mr. Haywood, New Inn, Campton Turn.
Messrs. Bryant and Chambers, Shortmead Street, Biggleswade.
Mr. H. Ambrose, Clifton.
Liberal Club, Potton.
Messrs. Levitt and Son, Arlesey.
The New Inn, Girtford.
Messrs. Wells and Co., grocers, Biggleswade.
The Post Office, Cople.
The Post Office, Northill.
Mr. A. Clark, Shefford.
Beeston Cross Hotel.
Mrs. A. G. Daniels, Langford.
Mrs. W. Gauge, Cemetery Lodge, Biggleswade.
Upper Caldecote Post Office.
Mr. Fred Woodward, 42, Saffron Road, Biggleswade.
Mr. E. Carter, Dunton, for Eyeworth district.
Mr. W. Cartwright, Wrestlingworth.
Mr. Arthur Hall, Sandy.
Mrs. C. Shepherd, Queen Street, Stotfold
Mr. Kemp, hairdresser, High Street, Sandy.
Miss Winnie Western, "Wynstay," Sandy.
Mr. J. M. Ballard, hairdresser, High Street, Biggleswade.
Mrs. Watson, Potton.
Prof. Page, hairdresser, Biggleswade.
Misses Alice Carter and Violet Hibbs, Potton.
Miss Head, Lower Kitelands, Holme, Biggleswade.
Mrs Montagu, Potton.

THE CONTENTS OF OUR PARCELS

The following are the contents of our parcels:—

No. 1.—Boiled Beef, Carrots, Oxford Sausage, Onions, Chocolate, Biscuits, Tea, Sugar.

No. 2.—Sprouts, Rations, Cheese, Quaker Oats, Apricots, Sardines, Roast Beef.

No. 3.—Camp Pie, Cabbage Beef Dripping, Biscuits, Peaches, Quaker Oats, Sardines, Soap, Cigarettes.

No. 4.—Corned Beef, Cauliflower, Salmon, Dates, Jam, Sugar, Tea, Biscuits.

No. 5.—Margarine, Nestle's Milk, Cocoa, Tobacco Quaker Oats, Turnips, Roast Beef, Rations, Sugar.

No. 6.—Boiled Beef, Carrots, Sausage, Onions, Chocolate, Biscuits, Quaker Oats, Dripping.

No. 7.—Salt, Pepper, Mustard, Tea, Soup Squares, Sugar, Brussel Sprouts, Corned Beef, Salmon, Pineapple, Cigarettes, Soap.

No. 8.—Salmon, Sardines, Biscuits, Margarine, Milk, Toffee, Meat Paste, Soap, Rations, Dates.

No. 9.—Boiled Beef, Carrots, Camp Pie, Herrings, Turnips, Tobacco, Biscuits, Quaker Oats, Chocolate, Sugar.

No. 10.—Corned Beef, Onions, Jam, Rations Cauliflower, Cigarettes, Tea, Soap, Quaker Oats, Salt, Pepper, Mustard.

No. 11.—Cocoa, Sugar, Salmon, Milk, Herrings, Tobacco Quaker Oats, Cheese, Margarine.

No. 12.—Biscuits, Soup Squares, Jam, Chocolate, Rations, Dates, Paste, Turnips, Boiled Beef, Tobacco.

No. 13.—Tea, Sugar, Plum Pudding, Biscuits, Salmon, Dripping, Tobacco, Parsnips, Soap, Camp Pie.

No. 14.—Golden syrup, cocoa, sugar, sardines, corned beef, soup powders, herrings, cauliflower, biscuits, salt, pepper and mustard.

To-day, Friday, the ladies will pack 38 parcels at our depot for the boys. The contents will be—

No. 15.—Sausage, carrots, herrings, butterscotch soup squares, cigarettes, biscuits, Nestle's milk, soap, paste, salt, pepper and mustard.

No. 16.—Roast beef, pears, sprouts, chocolate, biscuits, tea, sugar, lemonade, tobacco.

No. 17.—Army rations, salmon, beef, dripping, biscuits, cocoa, sugar, pineapple, Scotch rolled oats, tobacco and sardines.

No. 18.—Sausage, cheese, biscuits, jam, rolled oats, sugar, tea, and butterscotch.

No. 19.—Salmon, sardines, golden syrup, nestle's milk, soap, tobacco, lemonade, pineapple, paste and soup squares.

No. 20.—Roast beef, vegetables, tobacco, chocolate rolled oats, meat paste, biscuits, cocoa, sugar and sardines.

No. 21.—Pressed beef, pineapple, Jam, salmon, tea, sugar, Nestle's milk, and cigarettes.

No. 22.—Roast Beef, sardines, margarine, biscuits, rolled oats, beans, and tomato sauce, butterscotch, soap and paste.

No. 23.—Beef, (2 tins), salmon, biscuits, Quaker Oats, cocoa, sugar, soup squares, tobacco, and herrings.

No. 24.—Quaker oats, beef, salmon, sardines, pineapple, cigarettes, biscuits and jam.

No. 25.—Tea, sugar, Nestles Milk, biscuits, grape nuts, beef (2 tins), plum pudding, soap and butterscotch.

To-day, Friday, our lady packers will prepare 24 parcels for dispatch to the boys. The contents will be, No 26: cocoa, milk, sugar, tobacco, chocolate, beef, sardines, rations, biscuits and quaker oats.

THE BOYS TO WHOM OUR PARCELS GO.

Pte. Anderson, 2nd Beds.
Pte. Bilcock, of Biggleswade, 1st Beds.
Lce.-Corpl. J. Busby, Stotfold, 8th Beds. Regt.
Pte. Cambers, of Cople, 1st Beds.
Pte. C. Day, formerly of Seddington, 1st Beds., Biggleswade.
Pte. Freeman, of Beeston, 1st Beds.
Pte. Sewell, Waresley, 8th Beds.
Lce.-Corpl. F. Jones, Marston, 1st Beds.
Pte. F. Cartwright Wells, Biggleswade, 8th Beds. Regt.
Pte. H. A. Cartwright Wells, Biggleswade, 8th Beds. Regt.
Pte. E. Wilkins, Biggleswade, 8th Beds. Regt.
Pte. Watts, Morhanger, 8th Beds.
Pte. Richardson, of Potton, 2nd Beds.
Pte. Askem, of Potton, East Surreys.
Pte. Housden, of Biggleswade, 1st Suffolks.
Pte. Mitchell, Everton, 2nd Lincolns.
Pte. J. G. Godman, of Stotfold, 16th Lancers.
Pte. A. Cooper, of Stondon, Kings Royal Rifles.
Pte. J. W. Hull, Beeston, Warwick Regt.
Pte. A. Rainbow, Biggleswade, the Buffs.
Pte. A. Bowskill, Arlesey, Beds. Regt.
Pte. P. Papworth, Arlesey, Beds. Regt.
Pte. L. J. Phillips, Staffordshire Regt
Pte. C. Head, Biggleswade, Beds Regiment.
Pte. Frank Watson, Stotfold, Beds Regiment.

OUR LETTER BAG.

PTE. W. HULL, OF BEESTON.

Pte. W. Hull, of Beeston, who was wounded and taken prisoner while serving with the Royal Warwick's, writes from Nurnberg, Bayern, and acknowledges the receipt of six parcels, which he says were in good condition. He says he does not wish for any change in the contents.

PTE. ALBERT FREEMAN, OF BEESTON.

Pte. Albert Freeman, Beds. Regiment, writes from Wittenberg, and says: "Thanks very much for the parcels. All tin stuffs are being taken out up to the arrival of new orders. We are expecting them in a few days. Will write letter soon. Regards to all, sincerely, A. FREEMAN."

[Wittenberg has been responsible for many stories of bad treatment of the boys and the taking away of the tin goods is another addition to the list. We have reported the matter to headquarters.—Hon. Sec. B.C. Fund.]

LANCE-CORPL. F. JONES, OF MARSTON.

Lance-Corpl. F. Jones, of the Bedfords, apparently likes the old style of parcels the best, for he acknowledges the receipt of three parcels in good condition, and says the parcels you sent before the new fund started were more suitable. Please convey my sincere thanks to the committee and to the subscribers to the fund. The contents are very acceptable indeed. I should be very thankful for some tobacco.—Yours gratefully, F. JONES.

[Ere now Lance-Corpl. Jones has doubtless received both tobacco and cigarettes through our fund.]

PTE. CHAS. HEAD, OF BIGGLESWADE.

Pte. C. H. Head, who was also wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans, writes from Minden Camp and says: "It is with great pleasure that I write these few lines to let you know how thankful I am to have received a parcel from the 'Chronicle' Fund. I received the first parcel on 16/5/17. I would be very pleased if you would inform my depot that I am very badly in need of clothes and boots, size 9. I was captured in an attack on the 11th of February, 1917, but did not get to the camp until the 20th of March, so I was unable to write home. I hope that my people are all right, as I have not received a letter. There is not much news to tell, so I will close, thanking you and all kind subscribers to the fund.—Yours truly, PTE. C. H. HEAD."

[We have already learned that Pte. Head was in need of clothes and had notified the proper authorities. We are, however, sorry that the new scheme makes it impossible for us to supply our boys direct with boots and other necessaries.]

PTE. CUFLEY, OF SHEFFORD.

Pte. J. Cufley, one of our old boys (who belongs to the Royal Fusiliers and is under the care of the Regimental Committee, who declined to give him up to us) does not forget us, for he writes us as follows:—"How's the world treating you now? I am pleased to say that I am in the best of health and jogging along all kiff. We are having lovely weather. Well, I suppose the war will end some day, or some year, so roll on to that some time. One thing, all the boys are happy and always smiling. Kindly give my kind regards to all old subscribers. I hope to see you soon. By the way, have you heard of a fellow named Cookman that comes from Biggleswade?—Cheero Jim."

THE VICAR OF ARLESEY'S APPRECIATION.

The Rev. G. J. Mayhew, of Arlesey, writes us as follows:—"Many thanks for the collection of post cards from Pte. Papworth. I am so glad to find that all your perseverance in the matter is rewarded, and one would hope that now he will be receiving the parcels regularly. I will show the cards to his mother, who will, I am sure, be cheered.—Sincerely yours,

G. JAMES MAYHEW."

OUR "NO FRIENDS" BOY.

Pte. G. Anderson, who we took under our care because he said he had "no friends," writes to us as follows, under date of May 6th:—"Thank you very much for the parcel I received yesterday, as I have been doing bad for parcels from the Red Cross. I have only had five since December, 1916, but I thank you very much for sending. If you could get cigarettes through it would be a blessing, and it's a long time since I heard from you. Hoping you are well. God bless you.—From yours, PTE. G. ANDERSON."

Pte. W ASKEM, OF POTTON

Pte W Askem, of the East Surrey Regiment, writes to us as follows:—I am just writing a line to let you know that I am receiving the parcels sent by the "Chronicle" Fund, I have had No. 7. Would you be kind enough to send me a few more biscuits instead of tinned vegetables and fruit. Send soap and tobacco. The parcels were in good condition and have had all up to No 7. Thanking you and all kind friends for their kindness to me. Hope this will find you in the best of health as it leaves me at present. Send a bit more soap and tobacco please, Yours thankfully, Pte W Askem.

Pte L. J. PHILLIPS, SOUTH STAFFS

Pte L J Phillips, cousin of Messrs Fred and Harold Phillips, writing from Altdamm Camp to his sister at Biggleswade, says how pleased he was to get the parcel sent through the "Chronicle" Fund. He says that he and his mess chum an Australian, had their Sunday dinner from the contents and greatly enjoyed it. We may add that the Central Committee have given us the full care of Pte Phillips and are themselves responsible for the payment for five parcels per month, Hon. Sec. B.C. Fund.

PTE. W. HOUSDEN, OF BIGGLESWADE

Pte W Housden, of the Suffolks, writing from Munster Camp to his parents at Biggleswade, says "I have not heard from you for a long time. Give my best respects to the Secretary of the "Chronicle" Fund and to my old schoolmaster and tell them I am getting the parcels and I cannot thank them too much for the same."

PTE. P. RICHARDSON, OF POTTON

Pte. Percy Richardson, Beds Regt, writing from Freidricksfeld to his mother at Potton, says "I am well considering and am sorry the letters and cards have not reached you but I cannot help it. I got the "Chronicle" Fund parcel posted in March and if they can send me some butter and cheese with the parcel I shall be thankful. Writing to us he says "I have received 5 up to now in good condition. I should like syrup, cheese, and butter, in place of vegetables. The other things are alright."

PTE. W. WATTS, OF MORHANGER

Pte W Watts, of the 8th Beds, sends us a card from Stendal and says he has received 7 parcels in good condition. He says "many thanks for parcels received quite safe on May 21st, yours truly, W. Watts."

PTE. E. WILKINS, OF BIGGLESWADE

Pte. E Wilkins, a former employee at Messrs Maythorn and Son's Works, acknowledges from Giessen Camp, the receipts of parcels up to No. 10 and he asks for a tin of tooth powder and says please thank the donors for their kindness.

PTE. J. G. GODMAN, OF STOTFOLD

Pte J G Godman, 16th Lancers, son of Police Constable Godman, of Stotfold, acknowledges parcels up to 13. He does not wish for any change in the contents and says "Thanking you for the same."

PTE. F. C. WELLS, OF BIGGLESWADE

Pte F Cartwright Wells, of the 8th Bedfords, rom Giessen Camp acknowledges the receipt of 6 parcels and says "they were in good condition thank you very much for the same."

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

	£	s.	d.
Already Acknowledged	**720**	**3**	**8**
Church Army Helpers' Guild, per Miss Gay, Hon Sec	4	10	0
Elsie		2	0
Henry Franklin		6	0
Mrs Richardson, Potton		3	0
Mrs Branch		1	0
Prof Page's box		1	11
Wells and Co's box		1	7
Percy Single		1	0
Mrs Fox, Stratford		1	0
Mrs Freeman, Beeston		2	6
F W Moffat		5	0
Employees of F W Braybrooks, Ltd Potton		14	0
Mrs J Emery		1	0
Biggleswade Liberal Club—B Bilcock			6
Maythorn & Son's Ltd. employees...		6	0
Sons of B'wade P O Staff ...		1	7
Mrs Rainbow		1	0
Collected by Mrs Gauge		15	0
Mrs Hull, (Beeston)		2	6
Mother of a Shefford prisoner ...		1	0
	£728	1	3

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Bills paid to June 8th, 1917 ...	680	18	3
Wells and Co	4	0	2
F Larkinson	13	19	7
C and E Morton, Ltd	14	12	10
	713	10	10
Cash in hand	14	10	5
	£728	1	3

SALE OF MR ROBERT LONG'S SHORTHORNS

The interest of local agriculturists was centred on Friday week in the sale by Messrs. John Thornton and Co., at the Hitchin Cattle Market field, of the entire herd of pure-bred dairy shorthorns, the property of Mr. Robert Long, of Upper Stondon, Shefford. The herd, which was of the general useful type, had been in existence about ten years. There was a large gathering of Beds. and Herts. farmers and shorthorn breeders from a distance. Forty-four cows realised £2,802 0s., an average of £63 13s. 10d. each. Nine bulls, mostly calves, sold for £435 15s., being an average of £48 8s. 4d. The total of 53 head of cattle belonging to Mr. Long realised £3,238 4s., the average price being £61 2s. In addition, two cows of Mr. Yeomans realised £211 1s., making a total for the whole sale of £3,449 5s.

The chief buyers were General Delmé-Radcliffe, Colonel H. P. Sykes, Mrs. Fenwick, Mr. D. Casson, and Mr. W. McNair. Other buyers included the Earl of Derby. Mr. Casson gave 100 guineas or over on the following occasions for cows:—120 guineas for Stondon Matchless, roan, calved 1914, bred by Mr. Long; 130 guineas (the highest price of the sale), for Stondon Daisy, roan; calved 1912, bred by Messrs. M. and P. Perkins. Other high prices for cows included 76 guineas for Cowslip and, red, calved in 1913, purchased by General Delmé-Radcliffe; 80 guineas, Stondon Fairy Duchess, red, calved 1914, bred by Mr. Long, purchased by Col. Sykes; 83 guineas, Stondon Beauty, red, calved 1914, bred by Mr. Long, purchased by Mr. A. R. T. Cartwright; 100 guineas for Stondon Craggs, red, calved 1914, bred by Mr. Long, purchased by Mr. J. T. Maude; 110 guineas, Kirklevington Lady, red, calved 1914, bred by Mr. Long, purchased by Mr. Maude; 130 guineas, Matchless, red, calved 1915, bred by Lord Rothschild, purchased by Mrs. Fenwick; 77 guineas, Charming Duchess, red, calved 1915, purchased by Mr. Cartwright. The highest price for a bull was 78 guineas, paid by Mr. A. Park, a Retford breeder, for a handsome red stock bull, Cardinal's Robe, bred by the Rev. C. H. Brocklebank.

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