



Sacrifices For The War

Bromham has made another and particularly sad sacrifice in connection with the war. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, formerly of St. Ediths Marsh, now removed to Richmond, as coachman to Mr. John Fisher, have just received the sad official intimation that their son, Joseph, has died from wounds received in action in Mesopotamia. The family is well known in Bromham though its members have left. Mr. and Mrs Edward's had lived in the parish for many years. The former came to St. Edith's in the long ago when Captain Prowse lived there. When the Captain left he remained and became coachman to Mr. Fisher, who succeeded Captain Prowse.

Mr. Edwards was of a most genial disposition: he had a smile and a cheery word for everyone, and the sympathies of his old friends at Bromham will go out to him and his wife in their bereavement.

The deceased was their only son, bred if not actually born in the village, and an old boy of the village church school, under the former master, Mr. George King, until he retired in 1901 and his successor, Mr. L. V. Steadman. The deceased joined the county Territorial Regiment soon after the outburst of war, and was subsequently in the fighting in Mesopotamia as the result of which he gave up his life.

He was only just old enough for service when he joined. After leaving school he was employment at Devizes for a short time.

Another Bromham man for whose safety there are grave fears, in George Pearce, who was a member of the 4th (Special Reserves) Wilts Regiment, and went to France with a draft. His father, (Mr. R. Pearce) has heard nothing of him since last November. The War Office has been communicated with but no official information can be obtained.

Pearce, who had not long reached his majority was popular amongst his village contemporaries. He used to act as wicket keeper to the local cricket club.

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