

LOWDHAM.

WAR MEMORIALS UNVEILED.—During the war, Lowdham, Gunthorpe, and Caythorpe lost 59 of their sons (2 officers, 8 non-commissioned officers, and 49 men), and to honour their memory a brass tablet was unveiled last week, in St. Mary's Church, Lowdham, and afterwards a large stone cenotaph, at the Nottingham lane corner of the village. The unveiling and dedication were performed by the Bishop of Southwell, who had the assistance of the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Aford, and other clergy. In the course of a short address, the Bishop made a special reference to the present industrial crisis, remarking that he did not think he had ever spoken with his heart so full of heaviness as he did that afternoon, because he had just received the news that a strike was to take place, and the Empire and the country were to pass through something far worse than war. In time of war, there was a brotherhood and friendship; now we seemed to have drifted back to class war, class hatred, suspicion, and enmity which were disrupting the Empire, and we saw now the prospect of awful suffering amongst the women and children, the destruction of trade, and the dragging down of the nation for which the boys had bled. God grant we might yet come to a time of peace. It was so easy for young people to take up questions lightly, and think there was nothing the matter, but we required, at the present moment, great calmness. We wanted a happy England and people with happy homes, receiving things we could never get if trade were destroyed. For that reason, such a moment as the present was one when we required wise fathers and wise men. He had said over and over again that his story had yet to be written, and if we could in the future point to a happy and prosperous England, then he believed every parent would say "Thank God, my boy named there is one who brought about this condition of things, even by his life." If we were to see England crushed, it all seemed wasted blood. Surely there came to us a call from those who had died for us, asking us to remember the cause for which they fought, and to try to be patient and friendly in our struggles. "I have a profound belief," concluded the Bishop, "in British common sense and calmness, and that we shall be found not taking up any strong party line, but only striving for friendship and brotherhood, and if that be so, then good may yet come out of evil, and we may still have a happy and prosperous England." When the service concluded there was a procession led by the Lowdham 2nd Troop of Boy Scouts, to the cenotaph, which was formally unveiled by Col. Warwick, of the Sherwood Foresters, and dedicated by the Bishop, while relatives and friends filing by laid wreaths at the foot of the stone column.