

DEATH OF PTE. H. TOWNSEND.—By the death of Pte. Herbert Townsend, which occurred at his home, 8, Kent Road, on Mondays, his parents have lost a lovable and dutiful son, and the town an able official. When Mr. J. G. Plant, the present Health Inspector, left Gravesend for Ipswich, seven and a half years ago, Mr. Townsend joined the clerical staff of the Health Department of the Corporation, and rose to be the Chief Assistant. He was not only assiduous in his duties, which he discharged with rare capacity, but he was highly popular with everyone with whom he came into contact. During the interval between Mr. Luke's death and Mr. Plant's appointment, Mr. Townsend acted as Health Inspector. Realising the sacrifice demanded by the times, he joined the 1st London Sanitary Company in February last and was stationed for a few weeks at Chelsea. Later he was located at Bulford Camp, Tidworth. Never of robust health, he became ill and was invalided home about three weeks ago, dying at the age of 24. The funeral takes place to-morrow, the first portion of the service being held in St. Mary's Church at 3.30 p.m.