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Stroud Water Company's Farewell

On Monday last the undertaking conducted for so many years by the Stroud Water Company was taken over by the Joint Water Board, and henceforward it will be under the control of that public authority. The outbreak of War, and the consequent financial difficulties inseparable from such an emergency, must necessarily have some effect on this transfer, but we believe it to be in the public interest that our local water supply should become a public charge and a public responsibility. It is noteworthy that the Company, after many vicissitudes in its history, had become financially sound and, allowing for exceptional geographical difficulties in this district, was giving a remarkably good service. It may be, with the added facilities possessed by a public authority, improvements and extensions will be possible throughout the extended system. Credit is due to Mr. Hudson, the Chairman of the Stroud Rural District Council, for his perseverance and faith in bringing the negotiations to a satisfactory conclusion.

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