

STANNIFER SOLDIERS

UNVEILING OF HONOR ROLL.

"Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife,

Their sober wishes never learned to stray:

Along the cool sequester'd vale of life,
They kept the noiseless tenor of their way."

The above lines of Gray's are very applicable to the village of Stannifer and to the residents within a few miles of it. It does one good after the hurly-burly of towns and cities to go to Stannifer, for in that village ostentation and vulgarity, snobbishness and class feeling find no place. The men attend to their work, and all they ask is to be let alone to do that work. The women folk attend to their homes and are happy in them. There is no fuss or make-believe. They "do good by stealth and blush to find it fame." When the war broke out Stannifer never waved a flag or got excited—the men simply laid down their picks and shovels and picked up the rifle and made off to Egypt or France. In a short time not an eligible man was left. Thirty-three men from a population which is hardly much more! After the men left the women and the ineligible did their share of waiting and working. Right through the dreary years Stannifer kept sending comforts to the boys, besides giving of their cash to the different war funds. From the records we know they fought and died as we know they would. Some have come back—others are back only in spirit. The last act of all by the residents was to erect an Honor Roll in the Public Hall. This was unveiled on Friday, 18th March, when the hall was crowded, many visitors being present from surrounding districts (states the Tingha "Advocate").

The President of Macintyre Shire (Councillor Hughes) was in the chair, and was supported by Rev. Redhead, Rev. Father McDermott, Rev. Stevenson (Inverell), Messrs. W. G. Coode, J. W. Archibald, and S. Cooper. Each of these gentlemen spoke most feelingly of Stannifer's part in the war and the work done by her men.

The cutting of the ribbon which unveiled the Honor Roll was performed by Mrs. Ellis.

During the evening the people stood in silence for one minute, out of respect for those who had paid the supreme sacrifice.

Appropriate songs were given by Misses Ferris, Maud Cooper, and Messrs. Redhead and R. A. Symes.

The following names are on the Roll:—Trooper W. F. Allen, Private W. H. Andrews, Private H. Andrews (killed), Lance Corporal G. Bradford, M.M., Sergeant A. E. Brown, Private R. Brown (killed), Private W. H. Bacon (killed), Corporal W. H. Coode, Privates J. Duffield, A. R. Ellis (killed), P. M. Hill, H. R. Lockrey, L. O. Lock (killed), F. Lock, S. Mannix (killed), L. S. J. Nesbitt, S. T. Robinson (killed), J. H. Robinson, J. J. Reddington, F. L. Reddington, E. A. Stammer (killed), Sapper G. H. Stormer, Trooper W. Scott, Sergeant C. White, Private W. White. Old Mill: Trooper

Trooper W. Scott, Sergeant C. White, Private W. White. Old Mill: Trooper F. Curtain, Privates F. W. Johnston, J. T. Johnson, L. L. Johnston, D. Orchard (killed), A. E. McGregor (killed), T. J. McGregor, M.M., Lance-Corporal L. V. McGregor.