

## SOLDIER ODDFELLOWS.

The Kurri branch of the M.U.I.O.F. held a social on Saturday night, at the Central Hall, when a roll of honour was unveiled of those members of the lodge who have enlisted. Tea was on the tables at 5.30, and lasted till 7.30, at which the N.G. of the lodge, Bro. Telfer, presided, and then the floor was cleared for dancing, to the music of Rollinson's orchestra, and Bro. Reg. White was M.C. After the opening march and dance and a song, the District G.M., Bro. F. Garth, called on the G.M. of the order, Bro. I. Taylor, to address the audience. After congratulating the lodge on the occasion, the G.M. said that 2200 members of the N.S.W. order were in the firing line, and 70 had given their lives in defence of their country. During their absence, their contributions were being paid, and their dependents assisted. Instead of the profits to be ascertained at the quinquennial valuation of the assets of the order being devoted to the reduction of contribution of members, it would this time be devoted to the assistance of the dependents of those who had died or had been injured in the fight for the freedom of the world. He trusted all lodges who had members at the front would follow the present example, and have a roll of honour in the lodge room, so that those who came after may look on it with pride, and say, "My dad was there." Mrs. Taylor, at the grand master's invitation, then unveiled the roll, to the lusty singing of the National Anthem, and "Rule, Britannia."

The roll of honour is an oil painting on canvas, in a massive oak frame, the dimensions of which are 11ft 6in by 3ft 3in, and was presented to the lodge by the noble grand of the lodge, Bro. Geo. Telfer. The design is an Ionic arch. At the top the words "Manchester Unity, Independent Order of Oddfellows," Belgian colours. Round the inner portico the motto, "Pro Rex et Patria," followed immediately below by the emblems of the order, the eye and the torch. On the top of the tablets "Loyal Kurri Kurri Lodge," and underneath the inscription in Roman lettering: "We hereby place on record the names of the members of the Kurri Kurri, branch, No. 245, who, for love of their country, and a just cause, enlisted for active service during the great war against Germany and her Allies, which began on August 4th, 1914, and we hereby express, on behalf of our order, the high esteem in which we hold them for their gallantry and heroism. G. Telfer, N.G.; A. Nottley, V.G.; A. E. Moore, F.S. Then follow the 27 names. The crown of the arch is supported on each side by pillars of massive design from one of which a Union Jack is hanging, and from the other the flag of the Commonwealth, and these are connected in fan design at the top by the flags of the Entente and their Allies. At the base under the flag of the Commonwealth stands Britannia, and under the Union Jack a member of the A.I.E. Forces.

During the evening several presentations were made. The orthodox reward for members who have gone through the chairs, a P.G.'s suit of regalia, was presented to Bro. J. Thompson, who also received a gold medal presented by the lodge to the member who obtained the greatest number of new members to the lodge during the past year. Portraits of the district officers were presented to the following ladies for services rendered at the last district banquet, viz. Mesdames Bailey, Salter, J. Moore, A. G. Moore, Tennant, Telfer, Garth, Peters, Lewis, Arnall, and Miss Tennant, and the district medal, presented by the district officers to the member who obtained the greatest number of members to any lodge in the district during 1915, was presented by the district G.M. to Bro. Maher, of the Heddon Greta Lodge. The executive of

the district G.M. to Bro. Maher, of the Heddon Greta Lodge. The executive of the order were represented by the G.M., Bro. Taylor, the deputy G.M., Bro. Turner, and Director Perkins. The Hunter River District by Bro. F. Garth, district G.M., Bro. Sargensen, past D.G.M., and Bro. E. Taylor, past D.G.M., and Newcastle District by the district secretary, Bro. Woolston, and P.D.G.M. Thompson. There were also present a number of brethren from the Weston and Heddon-Greta Lodges.