

ELSMORE

UNVEILING ROLL OF HONOR.

On Saturday evening, 13th October, a numerous assemblage of local people foregathered to do honor to the members of the Elsmore Lodge of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows, who are now on active service in France. The hall of the School of Arts was tastefully decorated with flags, and the tablet upon which the names of the soldiers were inscribed occupied a position adjacent to the stage. Prior to the unveiling ceremony dancing was indulged in by the young people, excellent music being provided by Miss Lochrey (piano) and Mr. F. Penberthy (violin).

At the appointed time the members of the Oddfellows, in full regalia, assembled on the platform, to the number of forty. Mr. F. C. Bennett, N.G., as presiding officer, said he was pleased to see so many present to do honor to the Oddfellows, and especially to those whose names, ever dear to them, were now fighting in the cause of liberty and for all that their order stood for on the fields of France. He felt that he was unequal to the task of properly expressing his feelings on that occasion. He regretted that their district secretary, Mr. Stephens, had been unable to attend, and felt sure that he would have spoken to them in a manner worthy of the occasion. He read then the apology from Mr. Stephens as follows: "Dear Sir and Brother,—While keenly regretting my inability to accept your kind invitation to unveil our Honor Roll on the 14th inst., I cannot refrain from conveying to you, and through you to your members, my unalloyed delight and pleasure at the honor you are doing to our brave brothers at the front. I can fancy myself in your grand little hall, watching the faces of the relatives, and more especially the dear wives and mothers of these lads; how their hearts must thrill with pardonable pride when they hear the words of praise that will be spoken of the loyalty and heroism and self-sacrifice of those near and dear to them. The news that has just come through of their gallant deeds in France causes the heart to beat with redoubled vigor and excitement, and we know now that they have again placed the seal of manhood and bravery on the Australian flag, and that the flag that gained such honor on Gallipoli has gained further honors on the battlefields of France. May the

the battlefields of France. May the end of the war soon come, and there be a grand uniting of all of the loyal Elsmore brethren, when the bells are ringing out, 'Peace on earth and good-will to all.'"

Mr. T. J. Gray, P.G., in a short speech, endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker.

Mr. P. Cannon, P.G., spoke in terms of praise of those who had gone forth on the battlefields from their homes, whose deeds indicated the highest loyalty, manhood and integrity. The few of them there were but as a few grains of sand on the seashore to the numbers of their brethren scattered throughout the world. It must indeed be a satisfaction to the relatives of the brave boys to know that they had not been forgotten.

Mrs. Rod. McLennan was then led up to the tablet by the lodge officers, and by severing the cord that held the Union Jack and Australian flag that enshrouded the tablet revealed a very handsome bronze tablet, upon which the following names were inscribed—Messrs. S. T. Gray, H. G. McLennan, A. W. McKenzie, F. G. McIlveen, E. G. Kerr, H. R. Lochrey, R. R. McLennan, O. W. Penberthy, and O. P. Elliott.

Brother Bennett, N.G., explained that the whole of the expenses in connection with the erection of the Honor Roll had been borne by members of the lodge, and he wished to thank all those who had contributed in any way to the success of the function; to Brother D. Ryan for fastening the tablet to the wall and providing the necessary woodwork, and to the ladies for the trouble they had taken in arranging the seating in the hall.

The brethren assembled gave musical honors to those whose names they had come to honor, accompanied by the words "Live, God-sap, truth." All were then asked to join in singing the National Anthem and "They are jolly good fellows." Cheers were then given for the King. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing.

The members of the lodge are to be congratulated on the great success achieved in their undertaking.

The German "pill-boxes" are failures. They are not even worth a ounce a dozen boxes.

RUSSIA'S OLD SOLDIERS

The army of Russia boasts a certain corps not familiar in Russia and unknown even in military circles out of the empire. They are called the Corps

de Chasseurs, and such corps is composed of a particular class of Russian soldiers numbering 64 to each infantry regiment. They are picked men, chosen for various reasons, and include not only the men of best education but also the best runners, sharpshooters, fencers, swimmers, climbers, sappers, s-bormen, and huntsmen. They are under a strict and special discipline, but they are not obliged to march in line, are free from barrack service, and are excused sentinel duty. As pioneers, they build bridges across the broadest and fastest rivers of Russia; as hunters and fishermen they provide the army with game and fish. During long marches they are hunters of the wolf, the bear, and the tiger. The Chasseurs, who number well over 7000, have done excellent work in the Caucasus, and every man in the corps has been decorated for bravery at one time or another.