

LOYAL FRANKLIN LODGE M.U.

UNVEILING ROLL OF HONOUR

On Saturday last a most successful function was held at the Franklin Town Hall under the auspices of the Loyal Franklin Lodge M.U. There was a very large attendance of the public and visiting lodges were represented by a number of the members of the New Norfolk lodge and also from Hobart lodges, among whom were representatives of the Ladies' Lodge—the Maids of Buckingham. After the Franklin Brass Band had rendered a selection, P.P.G.M. Thomas welcomed the visitors and said they had assembled for two purposes, the unveiling of the roll of honor and the welcoming home of Bros. Capt. E. D. Cummings, and Sergt. V. M. Gallagher, who had done their bit at the front in a manner which had reflected great credit on themselves and their fellow townsmen. He called upon P.C.S. Jackson to perform the unveiling ceremony.

P.C.S. Jackson, in his opening remarks, described the progress of the soldier from the time of his enlistment till he arrived in the firing line and said that some of those who had indulged in cheap sneers would have done better if they had followed his example and done their bit. He then performed the unveiling ceremony, during which the flag was lowered to half-mast and the Last Post was sounded by Bandmaster Vincent. P.C.S. Jackson heartily congratulated the Franklin Lodge on the very handsome honor board they had erected and referred in feeling terms to those who had gone never to return. He expressed his pleasure at being present that evening and wished the Franklin Lodge all success.

P.P.G.M. Thomas quoted some interesting figures in connection with the help rendered by the lodges of the Order towards the war. He said that of eight lodges with a membership of 1705, including members of the Maids Lodge, 200 had enlisted for active service. Twenty-four members had gone from the Franklin lodge, six of whom had paid the supreme sacrifice. He thought they had a record which they ought to be proud of and one which he believed would be hard to beat, at least by any

other lodge in the district.

A hearty welcome was extended to Bros. Capt. Cummings and Sergt. V. M. Gallagher, whom P.P.G.M. Thomas said were young members of the order who had shown a good record in lodge matters up to their departure for the front and he was sure now they were once more amongst us would prove to be most useful members of the community.

Two toasts were proposed during the evening, one by P.P.G.M. Thomas and the other by P.G. V. Griggs and were responded to by members of the visiting lodges.

The musical part of the programme which was heartily appreciated by all present was contributed to by Miss Myrene Cupit, Mrs L. Carr (recitation), Mrs L. Beltz, Mrs D. A. Brown, Mr. A. Hinchey, Mr. Hatfield, Master J. Hinchey, P.G.M. Bishop (reading) and P.G. Andrews. After the programme was gone through supper was served which was done ample justice to by those present.

P.P.G.M. Thomas returned thanks to those ladies who had helped them with the supper and decorations, and expressed the hearty appreciation of the lodge for the efforts they had put forth to render the function a success.

The visiting members of the lodges represented were one and all enthusiastic over the welcome which had been accorded to them by the Franklin Lodge, and expressed the hope that it would not be long before they once again had occasion to pay a visit to Franklin, as one and all had laid themselves out to give them a good time.

The honor board, which is a very handsome piece of work, contains the photos of all the members who had gone to the front, those who had paid the supreme sacrifice being placed in a group in the centre, with surrounding wreaths of laurel and illuminated by lodge emblems, the whole being most artistic and reflects great credit on those who were responsible for carrying out the work. The name of the lodge is shown along the top and the photos are each shown giving the name and rank of those who enlisted. Following are the names: Capt. E. Cummings, Sergt. V. Gallagher, Corpl. W. McNamee, Corpl. J. E. Linnell, Corpl. J. H. Turner, Sap. Darcy, Troopers J. Good and E. G. Norris, Privates D. H. Brown, J. Hannan, J. O'Bierne, A. J. Fulton, A. Heriot, W. Reynolds, J. P. Max-

A. Heriot, W. Reynolds, J. P. Maxfield, S. Moran, J. Smith. The names of those contained in the centre wreath who have been killed are:—
Corpl. C. Weldon, Lt.-Corpl. L. Reeve
Privates C. T. Phillips, G. V. Crosby
W. E. Pitt and W. H. Fulton.
