

## GREENSBOROUGH.

### AU-REVOIR TO SOLDIERS.

A most enthusiastic gathering of Greensborough residents assembled on Friday night last, filling the large local Rechabite Hall to its utmost capacity, the occasion being a farewell to fifteen newly-enlisted soldiers of the district. Cr. A. H. Price presided.

The hall was artistically decorated with foliage, patriotic mottos and flags, prominence also being given to the local football colors. The proceedings were opened by the entire assemblage rising and singing the National Anthem, the returned soldiers and recruits standing at the salute.

The chairman briefly stated the object of the meeting, viz., to bid adieu to fifteen of the local lads who had voluntarily responded to the nation's call. At the recent annual meeting of the Greensborough football club, it was mentioned that several of the players had enlisted, and it was suggested that a send-off be given them. As a result the ladies of Greensborough particularly, and the residents generally, entered heartily into the idea and generously responded with cash and provisions. It was most gratifying to see so many met to do honor to our guests; and at the same time he would like to remind the relatives and friends of the lads who had previously gone, that, although their send-off had been a more quiet af-

send-off had been a more quiet affair, the lads were none the less thought of. (Hear, hear.) The fact that they had realised their responsibility and had responded at once and possibly were now in the actual battle line ensured them the warmest place in our hearts. (Applause).

Private Chappell, one of the recruits, addressing the meeting, said: Speaking on behalf of the boys who were going, he could assure those present they would endeavor to give a good account of themselves, and he could assure the parents and friends that their homes and associations would never be forgotten. They would go to do their duty buoyed up with the knowledge of the good wishes of those left behind. (Applause).

A splendid programme of songs, etc., was then rendered by Misses Williams, Bowden, Goldinch and others, and Private J. Robinson, a member of the football club, and one of the recruits. The comic element was supplied by Messrs F. Champion and Wallace, a farce, entitled "The Ghost," fairly convulsing the audience. Mr. Champion also gave a stump speech and other items in his own imitative mirth-provoking manner. Mrs. Brown ably presided at the piano, and during the interval played patriotic songs, accompanied by lusty singing by the young people.

#### The Presentations.

The following presentations were then made on behalf of the residents of Greensborough, the recipients being subjected to a lot of good-natured chaff by the audience, inter-

tured chair by the audience, interspersed with football slogan:— Pte. Ely, Pte. Splatt, Pte. Chanter, Pte. Purcell, Pte. J. Poulter, Pte. Curry, Pte. Smith, Pte. Dawson, Pte. E. Clayton, (wristlet watch each); Pte. McDowell, Pte. Poulter, Pte. Robinson, Pte. Chappell, (safety razor each); Pte C. Clayton, (fountain pen and collapsible cap); Pte. McLeidh, (watch), already sailed. Each recruit received, in addition, a parcel of handkerchiefs from the ladies of Greensborough, also a pair of knitted woolen socks (donated by Mrs Allan, president of the Greensborough Red Cross Society).

Refreshments were then handed round by a large staff of lady helpers, the guests of the evening being honoured by being seated at a well-spread table on the platform. Through some misunderstanding a number of returned soldiers were not honoured with a seat at the table, but were accommodated with a seat in front, this being the only regrettable incident connected with an otherwise most enjoyable and perfectly managed function.

After full justice had been done to an ample supply of good things, Private Cyril Elliott, on behalf of himself and comrades, thanked all concerned for the good things said, the good useful presents, and the good things to eat. (Laughter). He was born in Greensborough, as were several of his comrades, and they would never forget the old place. (Applause).

Corporal Molyneaux, on behalf of the visiting returned soldiers, thanked the people of Greensborough for

ed the people of Greensborough for the kind reception accorded them.

Mr. Stanton moved a vote of thanks to the chairman in a very eulogistic speech. The mover stated that on this as on every other occasion, Cr. Price had started the movement with a most generous donation and was always to be relied upon to forward anything to benefit the township. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Ehrenstrom supported the motion with a few suitable remarks.

The motion was carried by acclamation, the entire audience rising and singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. Price feelingly acknowledged the expression of goodwill, stating that he wished to further emphasise the fact that the success of the meeting was chiefly due to the enthusiasm of the ladies of Greensborough. On behalf of all concerned he hoped that the boys might have an opportunity to show the stuff they were made of and he sincerely wished them a safe return. (Cheers).

#### Enlistments.

The Greensborough Roll of Honor contains the following names to date, all of whom have been residents of Greensborough, and, with few exceptions, have enlisted from here:—D. Whittingham, C. Whittingham, J. Ackrand, C. Anderson, P. Anderson, V. Thomas, H. Turner, G. Huffer, G. Campbell, A. Whitlock, P. Killen, R. Davey, G. Jones, D. Medhurst, H. Abbott, G. Melvor, M. Kennedy, R. Austin, A. Dincen, T. Currie, M. Coghlan, J. Purcell, Jas. Poulter, John Poulter, V. Splatt, R. McDowall, F. Chanter, F. Elv. T.

Dowall, F. Chanter, F. Ely, T.  
Chappell, F. Smith, R. Sims, J.  
Sharp, C. Dawson, C. Clayton, C.  
Clayton, P. Whittingham, C. Elliott.

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