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COMRADES OF THE GREAT WAR

POST FORMED AT HORSHAM.

What is termed a "post" having been formed at Horsham in connection with "The Comrades of the Great War," a meeting to appoint officers and explain the objects of the organisation was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening. Col. C. B. Godman (major commanding the 8th Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment) presided, and there was an attendance of about thirty "comrades," including Major W. H. Goringe, Captain H. C. Teague, Mr Gerald Blunt, J.P., Lieutenant R. C. Agate, Mr W. E. Renwick (Secretary to the War Pensions Committee), Mr D. Filtness (County Organiser, of Brighton), &c.

OBJECTS OF THE MOVEMENT.

In opening the meeting the Chairman said the victory that day was a good augury of what they hoped to organise that evening. He trusted they would all be of mutual help to one another. That was the real essence of the whole of this, as he understood it. He read the objects of the organisation. Its policy, briefly, was to inaugurate and maintain, in a strong, stimulating, united, and democratic comradeship, all who have served, in any capacity, in the Great War, so that neither their efforts nor their interests shall be forgotten or neglected. The association will "look after" discharged fighting men in relation to public and private employment, training of the disabled, pensions—as to amount and punctual payment—and promote the welfare of the women and children left by those who have fallen. The Colonel explained that a branch consisted of one hundred members. When they got 100 they would have a Commandant, Secretary and Treasurer. From a branch they would go on to a Division. The national headquarters were in London. The subscription of a Comrade to his Branch or Post would be not less than 1s annually. It was an absolutely non-political movement.

Proceeding to business, the meeting unanimously appointed Col. Godman as captain of the "Post," Mr W. E. Dawduy Hon. Secretary, with the following Committee (with power to add to their number):—Capt. Teague, Lieut. Agate, Messrs. H. J. Cockran, G. Ruddle, and D. G. Draeger. Mr W. E. Renwick was appointed Hon. Treasurer, and it was agreed to open an account at the Capital and Counties Bank. The offer of a room at 30, West-street, by Lord Leconfield, was accepted temporarily.

Mr Filtness briefly explained the working of the Branch or Post, and read General Smuts' letter that was sent to the inaugural meeting of the Association in London last week.

Mr Blunt asked if "The Comrades" was open to other than discharged soldiers and sailors, and received a reply in the negative. Other people could subscribe as honorary members, but could not take an active part in the management. Any assistance by anyone who was not a Service member, in the way of subscriptions, advice, or information, would be welcomed.

The enrolment of members was then proceeded with.