HOME DEFENCE.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING CORPS FORMED AT EAST GRINSTEAD.

The National Invasion Emergency Committee, for the Petty Sessional Division of East Grinstead, having been entrusted to proceed with the formation of a Volunteer Corps for the town, a public meeting was held in the Queen's Hall on Tuesday evening. Mr. E. W. Marshall, who has been chairman of the platform, Sir R. Harbey Brown, C.M.G., Mr. J. B. Boulton, Mr. W. J. Cannon, Mr. H. H. De Bolinder, Mr. F. S. White and Mr. E. Turner. There was a crowded attendance.

The Chairman, in the course of a few preliminary remarks, expressed delight at seeing so many present. He was afraid that Mr. K. W. Blount, who had been chairman of the Local Invasion Emergency Committee, when it was formed, was not present to take the chair, but Mr. Blount had been accepted by the Committee as a member of the regional corporation, and the Committee had endeavoured to invite him to take a prominent part in the proceedings. Mr. Blount had been unable to attend, as he had been obliged to accept an appointment elsewhere.

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Mr. C. H. Eyres said that after two such business-like addresses he would not say anything except that his whole heart was with the scheme.

In reply to a question, Sir Hanbury said there would be no age limit, but some test of endurance would be necessary.

The Chairman said there would probably be a subscription for members to pay, but that would be so adjusted as not to be a burden, and if there was anyone who could not afford to pay someone would probably pay for him.

Mr. P. E. Wallis stated that the Miniature Rifle Club had no range at present, but possessed a quantity of material, which he felt he could offer to the corps on behalf of all the members (applause).

Mr. Rusden called attention to the fact that some of the members of the committee were special constables, and asked what would be the position in the case of an emergency?

Sir Hanbury, in reply, pointed out that this did not matter at the present time, but three or four months hence it would have to be considered as to whether the special constables should remain members of the corps.

The Chairman mentioned that Dr. Pagan, of Forest Row, had organised a First Aid Detachment and would be prepared to consider an arrangement whereby this detachment could act as the ambulance section to the battalion (applause).

Mr. F. S. White proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Hanbury Brown and the Chairman, and in doing so remarked that they used to think those above military age were safe in war time, but from what they had seen in Belgium they knew that if the Germans could manage to get a hold in this country men of his age would be brought out and put against the wall and shot. If they had to die they might as well die with a rifle in their hands (applause). That was the reason why these corps were being formed.

The vote was carried, and the National Anthem concluded the meeting, a large number giving in their names as willing to become members of the corps. Forms of application for enrolment can be obtained from Mr. J. H. Burrell.