



Supper to Returned Service Men

On Friday last, the men who have at any time since August, 1914, served in His Majesty's Forces, were entertained to supper by the Benett Arms Slate Club, supported by local gentlemen. The members assembled at six o'clock, and after the Secretary had called the roll they formed into processional order, and the guests of the evening, numbering about 50, and presenting a smart appearance, formed up and under the direction of Corporal Viney, and headed by the Motcombe Scout Band (Mr. Farmer, conductor), Colonel Guy Wyndham, Major the Hon. George Herbert, and a number of local farmers, marched to the Parish Church, where a suitable service was held, the address was given by the Rector, the Rev. R. M. Rees. The congregation joined most heartily in the hymns, with Mr. H. B. Blackburn at the organ. After the service the procession was re-formed and marched, accompanied by the band, to a marquee lent by Mrs. King, and erected near the Benett Arms, where a splendid supper awaited them. About 150 sat down. The chair was taken by Colonel Guy Wyndham, who was supported by Major the Hon. George Herbert and others.

The Royal toasts having been given and received with musical honours, Mr. Thomas Doggrell proposed the health of the men who had served their King and country during the great war, and on behalf of the parishioners gave them a most hearty welcome home. He also spoke in feeling terms of those who had fallen, and tendered to their families a message of sympathy.

Colonel Guy Wyndham, Major the Hon. George Herbert and Corporal Viney suitably responded.

The subscribers to the fund for providing the supper were thanked by Mr. C. Woodford, to which Mr. Mark Churchill replied.

"Success to the Benett Arms Slate Club" was proposed by Major Herbert, and the Secretary, Mr. J. Gray, in replying, said it was one of the proudest moments of his life to see the lads back again with them, and that it was more than a pleasure to arrange such an evening with the able assistance he had received from the ladies who laid and decorated the tables, the Chairman Mr. T. Marchant, Treasurer, Mr. E. G. Coward, and the Committee. Dancing was indulged in during the evening, the music of the band being greatly appreciated.

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