

The Club and the War.

The arrangement of an armistice between the Allies and Germany on 11th November last may be regarded as terminating the Great War that has raged for the past four years; and although the men who volunteered or were subsequently conscripted may not be released from military service for some time to come, the chances of their now being called upon to engage in actual warfare are exceedingly remote. The names of members of the Club who joined the Forces have been given in the *Journal* from time to time, and we always have had in view the presentation—when the war was over—of a complete ROLL OF HONOUR. By the time the armistice was arranged, however, the greater part of the present issue of the *Journal* was already in type, and the publication of the Roll of Honour must therefore be deferred till next number (July), by which time, it may be hoped, a definite peace will have been concluded. So far as our notes go at present, no fewer than **37** members of the Club were engaged on military service in one form or another—a highly creditable proportion out of a Club of 140 members, many of whom, moreover, are now far past the military age. Unfortunately, **nine** of the number fell in the fighting, nearly all of whom belonged to the younger and more energetic section of the Club. We all greatly mourn the loss of this little band of heroes, and fondly cherish the memories of our association with them. In addition, five of our members were wounded. Three members gained the Distinguished Service Order; one the Military Cross.

Now that the end of the war is in sight, we may look forward to an early revival of the Club's activities. By general consent, the Club has been practically in abeyance since hostilities began, but pre-occupation with war affairs will soon cease and normal conditions of life be

restored. In these circumstances, the resumption of the Club's excursions before long may be confidently anticipated. The suggestion has been made, indeed, that, among the prospective demonstrations on the eventual conclusion of peace, a special excursion of the Club might fittingly be included; and doubtless such an excursion would be joyfully welcomed and taken part in with heartiness. In the meantime, however, the Club has to set about re-organising itself, and, in particular, to find that essential requisite—a vigorous and enthusiastic Secretary.

As will be seen from the account of the last annual meeting given on p. 210, Dr. John R. Levack has been elected Chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. T. R. Gillies Treasurer. The appointment of a Secretary was postponed, the view being that the selection of a suitable person for this important post should be taken up, along with other details of re-organisation, on the return of the members engaged on military service. In the meantime, Mr. Gillies will act as interim Secretary. The Committee have in view the resumption and extension of the Club's activities by arranging for a larger share of the management of its excursions passing into the hands of the younger members, and by taking steps to make the attractions of the scenes of the Club's excursions known to a much wider circle.

. In order that the Roll of Honour may be as complete and accurate as possible, the Editor would be greatly obliged by members who have been on service furnishing precise particulars of their rank, promotions, services, etc., at their earliest convenience. Similar information from other sources will also be welcome.