

THE BRITISH LEGION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PENZANCE IVY LEAF CLUB.

Coun. J. I. Roberta presided at the annual meeting of the Penzance Ivy Leaf Club on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance.

The following officers were elected for the year : President, Major Harvey ; vice-presidents, 2nd.-Lieut. W. H. Bartlett, Capt. Barrie B. Bennetts, Dr. Wilson, C.C., Capt. Motton, and Rev. F. R. Carr ; chairman, Mr. J. I. Roberts ; hon. treas., Mr. P. P. Blewett ; hon. sec., Mr. A. J. Constable ; hon. assistant sec., Mr. W. G. Tonkin ; committee, Messrs. Marks, Melhuish, Lewis, Tredwin, Richards, Wills, Worsnop and Gribble.

The Chairman referred to the excellent work done by the branch during its short existence, and urged every ex-service man to join the British Legion and so give additional power to those who are out to look after their interests, and who are their real friends. England owed to the ex-service men a debt of gratitude she could never repay, and with the ex-service men rested the future of the Empire which they had fought to save.

The hon. secretary reported that the membership now exceeded 170, and hoped it would be doubled during their great push campaign for members.

The hon. treasurer reported that, in spite of the financial depression, the club was on a firm footing. There was a balance in the bank of £68 5s. 8d., after everything had been paid for. The unity relief fund had relieved many cases of distress ; employment had been found for several men, and one man who had found a job up country, had his fare paid for him.

A sports committee was elected, and it was decided to endeavour to form a cricket team and a rugby team for next season.

PENZANCE IVY LEAF CLUB ATTEND CHURCH.

On Sunday the Penzance Branch of the British Legion, headed by the Independent Band, attended the morning service at St. John's Church.

In a very inspiring sermon, the vicar (Rev. E. Vernon Shaw) said the organization of the British Legion was founded on the principle of service, one to another, and to the community at large. What was wanted for the Legion was personality, experience, time and work. What the world needed to-day was for men to join the Legion for what they had to give. There was not a shopkeeper behind the counter in a village or town who realized that he was not behind the counter for profit, but did what good he could for the public at large. That was the spirit of their Lord. They never wanted to see another war. They could not get peace by making a treaty with their enemies. There was no peace for a Christian soldier, this side of the grave. The British Legion had its task in the world to-day ; every branch in the town and village had its work to do. They must be banded together in service and must help one another. By the love of God they could fight shoulder to shoulder and help each other. If they linked one with another they would never let a comrade go down. The British Legion stood for common sense, because they were men who had served, and men who wished to continue to serve for the benefit of their fellow men.

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