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The dangers of drink

The rector's letter was about the dangers of drink, which was interfering with munitions work. It is not clear if this was a local problem: munitions were produced in the town. It was noted that the king had given up alcohol.

A Roll of Honour was kept of men serving in the armed forces. This month it included four men from the Gabb family, and the Rector, as chaplain to a Queen's Battalion. The four Gabb brothers survived the war.

Lady Middleton had sent 100 shirts and 50 pairs of socks from the Surrey Guild of Needlework.

There were two more deaths of men on the parish memorial. Anthony Simpson was a 2nd Lt. in the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment: he died on May 6th. He was born in Farnborough in 1895 to a doctor. By 1911 his widowed mother had moved to Dene Road, where she lived with her 10-year old daughter Margaret.

Major George Adams was in the 1st Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, and he died at Gallipoli, on 11th May. His father Lt. Col. Cadwallader Adams had served in the Crimea. George joined the army in 1893. His wife Muriel was living in their house in Chestnut Avenue, Guildown. She was living in Rectory Place, Portsmouth Road, when they married in 1905.

This month an anonymous mother sent 2s 6d to the church as a thank-offering for the preservation of her son.

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