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## CHELLASTON'S ROLL OF HONOUR

On Saturday last a ceremony unique in the annals of the village of Chellaston took place in the presence of a goodly number of parishioners, when Lieut.-Col. Winterbottom unveiled a roll of honour which has been erected in a prominent position at the top of Station Road. It is a neat wooden structure of fumed oak standing on two supports about 10 feet in height, and the names are very clearly inscribed in gilt letters on three movable panels. Above the names appears the title, Chellaston Roll of Honour, and underneath the motto, "Who stands if Freedom fall. Who dies if England live." The Rev. D Morgan, L.D., M.A., incumbent, presided, and was supported by Lieut.-Col. Winterbottom (Aston Hall), Messrs Gilbert, Winfield, Cooper, W. Spencer, T.H.Middleton and others.

Mr Morgan said this was the work in which he had been much interested, but great assistance had been given by Mr Adams in compiling the names, etc., and it would be a memorial as long as the village and church should endure. He called upon Lieut.-Col. Winterbottom to unveil the roll.

The gallant Colonel said he was not much of a speaker and preferred deeds to words, but he had great pleasure in undertaking this duty as it was due to the brave lads who had gone forth to "do their bit" that they should be remembered. He particularly instanced two of them, viz., Captain Baker, who had specially distinguished himself

and also Sapper J. H. Kirkman, of the Royal Engineers who had been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry on the field of battle. He had no doubt there were others just as brave, but he had been asked to mention these two in particular. There were 117 names inscribed, five of whom had made the supreme sacrifice. This was light compared with other places, and he mentioned that at Aston there were three deaths in one family, whilst his own son had been slain in battle. He said the prospect just now was not too rosy, but we must not be downhearted. The Germans had not yet reached England, and he did not think they ever would, as they would have to encounter the English, French, and American fleets before doing so, and even if they did land we had enough troops to meet them.

Mr F. W. Gilbert moved a vote of thanks to Col. Winterbottom for his kindness in coming over that day to unveil the memorial, and also for his kindness on other occasions. He remembered the last occasion, when he opened the Recreation Ground, many of those whose names appeared on the roll were present, and it was possible that the manly games of cricket, etc., which they played may have prepared for them for the more serious business of the war. He had just received a 'phone message saying that the British had gained a slight advantage near Locon.

Mr J. Winfield seconded the vote of thanks, which was supported by Mr W. S. Spencer, a working man, who said the men who had gone to the war were of the right stamp,

having plenty of pluck and grit, and every mother might feel proud of having such offspring.

A vote of thanks to the chairman was moved by Mr. Cooper, and seconded by Col. Winterbottom, and as a finale the National Anthem was sung.

The roll of honour was executed by Messrs J. K. Ford and Weston, of Derby, and it is intended at some future date to erect a more permanent memorial on some conspicuous site in the village.