

## RISLEY'S MEMORIAL.

UNVEILED BY MR. TERAH HOOLEY.

These are their names who went by land  
and sea,

And spent their all to keep their country  
free.

To save our lives they gave their latest  
breath—

They were found faithful even unto death.  
Blest names: when we are dust they shall  
endure

Throughout the years, unshakable and  
sure.

Dear Names and true: nor are they carved  
alone

On the cold face of that unyielding stone;  
But they are writ in tears on every heart.  
And are of England's heritage a part.

God grant we may be worthy of them yet,  
God give us gratitude not to forget.

These moving lines, from the pen of  
Teresa Hooley (Mrs. F. H. Butler), and  
dedicated to the memory of the Risley  
heroes who passed through the fiery furnace  
of warfare and journeyed on to that  
"bourne from which no traveller returns,"  
were read at the unveiling of Risley's War  
Memorial on Sunday afternoon by Mr.  
Finch, the rector's churchwarden.

The village holds a proud military  
record, and its sons played a prominent  
part in that war. Fifty-six men out of a  
population of something like 275 donned  
khaki, and of this number eight held com-  
missions, five were singled out for bravery  
on the field, two were awarded the Mili-  
tary Cross, two the Military Medal, while  
one was awarded the D.C.M.

Actuated by feelings of admiration and  
gratitude towards the fourteen men who  
made the supreme sacrifice, the inhabi-  
tants of Risley welcomed the suggestion  
that a suitable memorial should be insti-  
tuted, and the result of their efforts has  
been the erection near the church gates of  
a fitting and lasting memorial in the form  
of an old English Cross of Derbyshire grit  
stone.

The ceremony was performed under  
a rain-swept sky, but in spite of the  
unpleasant conditions a fairly large crowd  
assembled. The choir processed from the

church to the gates, and following the  
reading of the poem, Mr. Terah Hooley, of  
Risley Lodge, unveiled the memorial. In  
a short address, Mr. Hooley remarked that  
the cross had been erected to the memory  
of the dear lads who left all that was near  
and dear to them to fight for King and  
country. What those brave lads whose  
names were inscribed on the memorial suf-  
fered none of them knew. They defended  
the honour, freedom, and glory of that  
old country that was dear to them by the  
ties of nature. No doubt if war was  
forced upon the country again the country  
would be able to find men of the same  
stamp, but God forbid that there should  
ever be another war. The names of the  
Risley boys would be held in everlasting  
remembrance, and that cross would re-  
mind the inhabitants that their sons went  
fearlessly to face hardship and death, ulti-  
mately making the supreme sacrifice in  
order that dear ones in the old country  
might live and enjoy the peace of their  
homes. Continuing, Mr. Hooley remarked  
that every cloud had a silver lining, and  
he reminded the villagers of that great  
sacrifice over 1900 years ago, when the  
great Redeemer laid down His life that  
they might live. Their lads had gone to  
the land where there was no more war, no  
more tears, and no more death, and if  
they were faithful they would be able to  
join them.

The hymn, "O God, our help in ages  
past" was sung, and an impressive service  
ended with prayer by Canon Massey and  
the sounding of the "Last Post" by Mr.  
Harmack, one of the students of Trent  
College.

The Cross bears the following names and  
inscription:—1914-1918. In proud and  
glorious memory of our boys who died that  
we might live.

Colin C. Baker, Lt.  
Leslie Baker, M.C., Lt.  
Leon Charles Bosworth.  
Berkram Figg.  
John Hitchcock.  
Basil T. Hooley, M.C., Major.  
Henry A. Johnstone, Major.  
William McCall Johnstone, Lt.  
John G. Johnstone, Lt. Sergt.  
Frederick Last.  
Walter Pacey, Sergt.  
Frederick J. Prince, M.M.  
Sidney Stafford.  
Roland Tivey.

This memorial was erected by many  
friends in grateful remembrance.

At the close of the service relatives and  
friends placed a large number of exquisite  
floral tributes round the cross.