

## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Mrs. Keane, 61 Bolsover-street, is in receipt of a cablegram from Mrs. H. G. Wheeler, London, advising her that her son, Sergeant Francis Keane, who was admitted to the eleventh casualty clearing station on the 13th of September with a gunshot wound in the left thigh, was still seriously ill, but improving, and would be coming to England shortly.

Mrs. A. Tolstoi, Denham-street, Rockhampton, has received the following letter from Mr. George Scott, Hon. Secretary of the Australian Red Cross Society's Information Bureau, Brisbane :—“ We have received the following statement from London regarding Private A. Tolstoi, 15th Battalion—‘ Tolstoi was in D. Company. He joined in Australia. I had known him about six or seven months. He was well over forty years of age and was married. He had several wounds on his body, which he had got in other wars. He was a Russian and spoke French. On the 11th of April, 1917, we were attacking Bullecourt. We failed to hold our objective which we had taken and, when we were retiring to our lines I came across

were retiring to our lines I came across Tolstoi in a shellhole. He was then wounded in the leg and bandaging himself. We did not hold the ground where he was, and I did not see him again. This was about 1.30 p.m. Informant Lance-corporal Stapleton.'"

The Wunderlich Company, Brisbane, has executed, to the order of the Rockhampton Fire Brigade Board, a very neatly-designed honour board of hammered copper. Surmounting the space for the names of those who have enlisted for service in the Australian Imperial Force is a picture of the rising sun, with a scroll bearing the words "Anzac honour roll" stamped across it. There are two supporting columns on each side of the board. Thirteen names are inscribed on the roll, including those of Messrs. N. C. Marenson and E. W. Benson, who made the supreme sacrifice.

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