

loss" account, and we might add in passing that the financial loss in the end will be infinitesimally small compared with the moral loss to the nation, unless it is recovered.

Has this organization served a useful purpose to the community? and the State? and if so, in what way?

In answer to the first question, we venture the assertion that it has, and the second may be answered equally in the affirmative.

Let us enumerate several of the ways in which it has proved its utility:—

First, it has proven by public, private, and press correspondence, that public sentiment and men of the highest thought and ideals are sympathetically in accord with the basic principles and objects of the Association.

In practical fulfilment of its primary object during the period of its existence, it has inculcated the principle of the nation's debt to its defenders in this particular. It has gathered together under its protecting and perpetual care just on 200 deceased soldiers of the Empire, representing nearly every regiment of its far flung dominions, on which the sun never sets. It has saved many a mother's son from abandonment and an unknown grave at death, and has softened the harsh tidings, in the knowledge that "comrades" paid the last respects, and perpetuated their names. It has fulfilled the "Last Will and Testament" of a British Veteran, who (to use his own words) said:—"I ask no charity, only that you will see that I go to my last bed, covered by the 'Union Jack,' the flag under which I have served for many years."

Secondly, while fulfilling its primary object to the utmost, it has met and co-operated with the military authorities through a period of war and epidemic, in providing for the burial of nearly 100 men, who would otherwise have been scattered far and wide. It has co-operated with the various Record Departments of the British, Canadian, and other overseas Dominions in making reports of deaths and return of military documents, for statistical purposes.

Thirdly, when time and vandal desecration have obliterated or desecrated the "sleeping grounds" of the military pioneers of Canada—which unfortunately has been the case—this Association took an active interest in ef-