

The Fire Brigade

There can be few village fire brigades that are more efficient than the brigade at Bridge. The equipment is of a thoroughly modern type, consisting of a Merryweather trailer pump, drawn by a Rolls Royce tender. The trailer pump is so light and mobile that it can be taken over fields and into places near ponds, etc., where it would be impossible for a larger motor to be conveyed. Drills are undertaken once a week, and the members have a splendid reputation for the smartness of their "turn-outs" when called to attend fires. The Brigade covers a large area, including Waltham, Harbledown, Barham, Elham, Womenswold and Chartham. Mr. C. Wills, who commanded the Brigade for over 30 years and is now the Hon. Chief Officer, was succeeded last year by Supt. G. F. Ford, and the present Chief Officer is Mr. A. Gilbert, with Mr. Jack Friend as Second Officer and Hon. Secretary. Among the members are Messrs. F. Hogben, A. Taylor, L. Honney, H. Hawkins, H. Price, H. B. Price, H. Jones and A. Vinten. For the first time entered the recent