

PLYMOUTH.

Old soldiers do die, but they leave a memory. Remembered at Plymouth were the men of Eight Field Battery, who helped to win the Battle of Alma in 1854. Lieutenant-General Sir Brian Kinna, Colonel-Commandant of the Royal Artillery came to Plymouth to present to Eight (Alma) Field Battery a Russian 18-pounder gun, captured in the battle. The man who made the capture, Captain Bell, won the V.C. for it. That was 106 years ago. Unfortunately the day's long past when Russia relied on 18-pounders. The Battle of Alma, by the way, was one of our victories in the Crimean War, though just where it got us, very few people could tell you today.

The Chelsea Pensioners were among invited guests. They both served in the battery years ago. What a quaint survival the old artillery seems today. To wind up, everything went off with a bang.