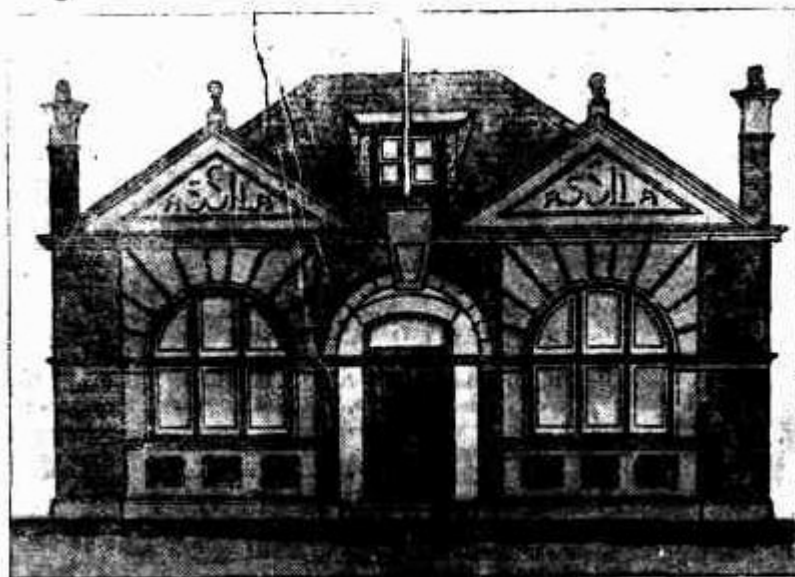


Horsham Soldiers' Memorial Hall

Building to be Commenced



When it was suggested to build in Horsham a memorial to the brave lads who enlisted from the town and district and who made the supreme sacrifice some discussion arose as to the best means of carrying out the object. However, it became evident that the wish of the majority was to erect not a monument in figurative form but a hall which would be a meeting place for ex-soldiers and their friends; a place that they could look upon as their building and in which they could meet their comrades and friends, and in many ways renew old associations. This, it was thought, and rightly so, would be the best manner of achieving the desired end, inasmuch as the hall would continually be in use, its object, continually, therefore, being brought before all who came in contact with it. What better form of memorial could be established?

The next move was to secure a block of land whereon to build, and for this purpose a site was selected in McLachlan-street next to the Masonic Hall. Of this the hall committee are now the owners, and in addition have over 32,000 bricks to commence building operations.

Mr. W. G. Lucas, of Horsham, was entrusted with the designing of the hall, and the photo above gives an idea of the appearance of the building when complete. The design reflects credit on its author, and appended are the dimensions of the several rooms contained in the building.

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Admission will be gained by an entrance 8 ft by 8 ft, cut off from a passage by glazed swing doors, the floor being tiled. On the right hand side is the committee room (27 ft by 14 ft), on the left the secretary's office (14 by 11). Situated behind the secretary's office on the left is the members' reading room (17 by 15), and at the end of the passage the billiard room (38 by 28).

Due consideration has been given to lighting, heating and ventilation, the whole combining a splendid edifice which will greatly enhance that part of the town in which it is to be built.

Funds on hand amount to £1300.

but it is earnestly requested that the public be liberal with donations during the course of the building's construction, so that on its completion it can be handed over to the soldiers free of debt.

Building operations will start almost immediately.