

Korumburra South.

An impressive function took place at the local State School on Monday evening, 14th inst., when a large assemblage met to witness the unveiling of an honor roll containing the names of the soldiers from this locality who have given their services for King and country. Mr. Le Maire presided.

Mr Joyce in his opening remarks referred to those who have left our shores as being of character and physique the best. He held it a duty incumbent upon every individual remaining behind to use all their powers to repay these men upon their return for the sacrifice they had made. If those at present hesitating to offer their services fulfilled their obligations many a weary man, who had borne the hardships of twelve months continuously in the trenches, might be granted a much needed rest. He favored conscription in fairness to these soldiers, and the need for men was made apparent to him from evidence which had been sent him from the trenches. Many had asked whether he favored conscription of wealth also. His answer would invariably be that he favored anything that would assist in bringing to a successful issue this awful war. As to a final victory he felt quite confident. Unfortunately there were many who would not return with the triumphant. These would celebrate victory with the "Deathless Army," for they had died as they had lived—sacrificing all for King, Country, Humanity and God. In the words of our Prime Minister, "Our troops had carved for themselves a niche in the temples of the immortal."

Pastor Jarvis endorsed the remarks which had been expressed. His confidence in a victory for the Allies was increased because he believed they were on the side of right.

Mr Whitworth also spoke in eulogistic terms of those who were being honored that night. A number of them, he was proud to say, had belonged to his Sunday School class. He was not only proud of the boys but of the mothers who have sacrificed so much. No greater commendation could be paid the boys than that conveyed in the latest communique from

the French front:—"The Australians, backed by French artillery, would be well nigh invincible."

Rev. Williams portrayed in vivid characters the hardships the men being honored had to endure. He regretted that many who could not offer their services still failed to make a little sacrifice in return. It was not sufficient to be merely content to give out of one's abundance. Out of so great an evil he rejoiced that some good had come. Australia would no longer be regarded practically as a nonentity. Henceforth she will rank as a significant factor in the world's policy. Our troops had proved themselves not only courageous in battle, but chivalrous in peace. They had raised the standard to a place of honor among the nations. General Birdwood had appealed to the men reminding them that the honor of Australia rested in their hands, and recently the General reported that the conduct of the troops exceeded his utmost expectations.

At this stage Mr R. Dawes unveiled the Honor Roll. Mr Dawes is distinguished by having the names of three sons inscribed on the roll. The rendering of the "Last Post" by Master McClure, of Korumburra, fittingly closed proceedings.

(The Roll measured 2ft 6in. by 3ft 6in., and is surmounted by a massive frame, and contains the photos, artistically arranged, of the following volunteers:—Corporal G. Dawes, Private James Garrett (killed in action; Privates H. Hastings, R. Friday, Jack Garrett (wounded); Privates J. Waldron, T. Whiting, T. Morgan, Gordon Dawes, Charles Dawes, A. Brown, L. Dobson, A. Le Maire, T. Jones and A. Leighton. The following inscription appears at the foot:—"In honor of volunteers of Korumburra South District, who have helped to create for their country an imperishable record of military glory in the great war, 1914-1918." Great credit is due to the designer and executor of the work, Mr H. Dart, of Korumburra, to whom the committee has decided to accord a special letter of thanks.)