

MALE VOICE CHOIR.

WELCOME HOME.

UNVEILING OF ROLL OF HONOR.

The most successful and largest attended social gathering in connection with the Moonta Mines Male Voice Choir was held in the Druids' hall on Tuesday night last, when a welcome home was given three of its members, viz., Sergt-Major J. H. Crossley, and Signallers J. B. Roach, M.M., and L. J. Harvey. The hall, which was beautifully decorated, was crowded with members, hon. members of the choir, and persons by invitation. The president of the choir (Mr W. Stocker) presided, and after the singing of the National Anthem and the chorus, "Boys of the Old Brigade," by the choir, submitted the toast, "The King," which was received with musical honors. The choir very effectively sang the part song, "In Absence." The chairman, in a very appropriate speech, proposed "Our Guests." The toast was enthusiastically received, and "For they are Jolly Good Fellows" heartily sung. In his remarks he congratulated the guests on their brave deeds on the battlefield, and extended them a hearty welcome back to their midst. He wished them long life and happiness. The chairman's remarks were supported by the Rev A. H. Carne, Dr H. B. James, Messrs J. Arthur, R. Maddaford, and others. The Rev J. H. Crossley responded on behalf of himself and Signallers Roach and Harvey. The items, "The Miller's Wooing," and "O Peaceful Night," by the choir, a recital by Mr W. C. Rowe, and a song by Mr J. Harvey Hosking followed and were greatly appreciated.

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The chairman, at the request of the choir, performed the ceremony of the unveiling of the choir's new roll of honor. Those present stood in silence while the pianist (Mr H. Hubber) effectively played "The Dead March," in respect of the three members who had fallen in battle (Cpl R. C. Rose, M.M., Ptes W. A. G. Shorter, and R. D. Trembath). Following the chairman's remarks were excellent speeches by Messrs G. H. Pemberton, L. Bennett, J. E. Allan, J. Symons, C. E. Tucker, H. Hubber (pianist), F. W. Letcher, and G. Davey (the choir's chairman).

Some of the speakers referred in very complimentary terms of the services rendered the choir by the Rev F. Morton, Mr J. G. Sweeney, who have departed from the district, and of Pastor J. E. Allan, who is about to leave the district. Pastor Allan thanked the speakers for the kind references made concerning himself.

The concluding items on the programme by the choir were the part song, "The Lost Chord" and the chorus, "Laughing."

Apologies were received from Messrs A. L. Hancock, J. Shields, R. Learmond, T. S. Archibald, R. Cowling, G. Cook, I. Tonkin, and Wes Bowden.

Light refreshments were provided by the choir.

The roll, which is framed with a massive oak frame, is an artistic piece of work by Mr Inman Tonkin, of this town, and that gentleman's workmanship was highly commented on by many of the speakers. The roll bears fifteen names of members of the choir, out of which number three have paid the supreme sacrifice, and five have gained decorations for gallantry and distinction.

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