

# In Memory of Dr. Kearney

## Wishing Pool Opened PARRAMATTA CEREMONY

"In the professional, commercial, and sporting spheres, the late Dr. Kearney was a man in the fullest sense of the term, and among the women and children his name was a by-word. His sympathetic bearing, his outstanding skill, his genial manner, and his ready wit, endeared him to all."

Mr. G. C. Gollan, M.L.A., gave expression to this fine tribute to the late Dr. James Kearney, of Parramatta, when officially opening a wishing pool erected to the memory of Dr. Kearney, and in aid of Parramatta District Hospital, last Thursday.

The wishing pool, which is a very ornamental structure, was donated by Mr. E. A. Box, a prominent city commercial man, and a close friend of Dr. Kearney. It occupies a site near the fountain in Church-street, Parramatta.

There was a large gathering present, among those on a dais adjoining the pool being the Mayor



The late Dr. Kearney.

of Parramatta (Alderman Ohlsen), Alderman P. H. Jeffery (president Parramatta District Hospital), Alderman W. P. Noller, Messrs. L. W. Pye, P. P. Richardson, H. W. Shephard (directors Parramatta District Hospital), Mr. J. A. Manton (secretary), E. A. Box and E. Hunter, Mrs. Ohlsen, (Mrs. Gollan, Mrs. Jeffery, Matron E. Corderoy, Sisters Butler and Hooley, Mrs. Byrne (president, Ladies' Auxiliary).

The Mayor, in opening proceedings, said that the wishing pool had been erected in memory of Dr. Kearney, who had rendered many years of great service to Parramatta and to the local hospital. Mr. Box had very generously donated £100 for the construction of the pool, and the citizens of the district were deeply indebted to him for his magnanimity. He also wished to express the citizens' appreciation of Messrs. Buchanan and Cowper, the hon-

of Dr. Kearney, who did more than any other man for Parramatta District Hospital.

The board was also deeply grateful to Mr. Gollan, who had been instrumental in obtaining £25,000 from the Government, for work at the institution. He thought that the citizens of Parramatta and adjacent areas should feel deeply indebted to Mr. Gollan for his successful efforts in such a worthy cause.

The speaker desired also to thank the Parramatta Council, which had provided the site for the pool and had agreed to furnish the necessary water supply.

The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

The wishing pool bears the following inscription:—

"Presented by E. A. Box, Esq., to the Parramatta District Hospital, and erected in memory of Dr. James Kearney, an unselfish worker for this Hospital, who practised his profession in this town for nearly 50 years, and whose qualities of heart and mind endeared him to the people."

press the citizens' appreciation of Messrs. Buchanan and Cowper, the honorary architects, and Parramatta and Granville Electric Supply Company, which will maintain the lighting of the pool free of charge.

Mr. Gollan said he regarded it as a signal honor to be asked to officially open a wishing pool which would be a medium of assistance for the suffering and a memorial to a man who had rendered exceptional service in that sphere and as a citizen. As the inscription showed, Dr. Kearney had practised his profession in Parramatta for nearly half a century, and no pen could describe or tongue adequately tell of the wonderful work he had performed. (Applause.) An Irishman by birth and a big Australian by adoption, he would long live in the memory of Parramatta residents.

"I feel sure that when you pass this spot," Mr. Gollan continued, "you will be a well-wisher like Mr. Box, and make a contribution in aid of the hospital. There are many who will be pleased to assist, in a humble way, perhaps, through the medium of this pool, such a worthy institution as Parramatta District Hospital. I rejoice in the fact that some permanent monument of this kind has been raised to the memory of Dr. Kearney, and it is doubly pleasing to think that when you visit the pool and drop in your coin, you will be helping an institution that was so dear to Dr. Kearney's heart. (Applause.)

At this stage, Mr. Alan Box, amid cheers, presented the keys of the wishing pool to the president of Parramatta District Hospital (Alderman P. H. Jeffery).

Alderman Jeffery moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Box and Mr. Gollan. He said the board was deeply appreciative of Mr. Box's generous action in donating the pool and dedicating it to the memory of Dr. Kearney, who did more than any other man for Parramatta District Hos-