

BROWN HILL STATE SCHOOL

HONOR ROLL UNVEILED.

CEREMONY PERFORMED BY SENATOR BOLTON.

At the Brown Hill State school yesterday afternoon, an honor roll was unveiled by Senator Bolton, in the presence of a large gathering of citizens. The ceremony took place in the school ground on a platform erected in front of the flagpole, the honor roll which contained 130 names, having been temporarily placed on the platform, and subsequent to its unveiling it was placed on the wall of the school.

Mr R. Trengrove, Chairman of the School Committee, occupied the chair, and amongst those present were Senator Lieut.-Col. Bolton, the Hon. F. Brawn, M.L.C., the Mayor and Mayoress of Ballarat East (Cr and Mrs H. B. George) the Revs O. Snell, L. Tait, and G. A. Judkins, Inspector Hurley, and Cr W. Richards, Lieut.-Col. Morton (City Clerk), and Mr J. R. Paterson (Town Clerk).

At the outset, the children, under Mr W. J. Fairlie, the headmaster, gathered around the flag, saluted it, and made a declaration of loyalty to the King.

The Chairman said they were there to do honor to the brave boys who had left Brown Hill to fight for the Empire. There were 130 names on the honor board, so they would say with him that the loyalty of the people of Brown Hill was beyond reproach. (Applause). It showed the atmosphere in which the children were brought up—that they were taught to be loyal to the Empire and loyal to their King. (Applause). They were proud to know that their boys had been able to hold up the best traditions of the British soldiers; they had shown to the world that while they were good in the college, and on the cricket and football fields, they were second to none as fighters. (Applause). For this reason they were exceptionally proud that so many of their fighting men had gone from Brown Hill. The school at Brown Hill had subscribed £215 for patriotic work, and about 1000 articles had been contributed through the children for the boys at the front. A fortnight ago they made a start in connection with war saving certificates, and already they were in a position to subscribe £175, a sum of £50 having been given that morning. (Applause).

been given that morning. (Applause). They would agree with him, therefore, when he said that the Brown Hill school was doing very well. Someone had at the previous night's demonstration at the Alfred Hall pledged the Brown Hill school for the sum of £120 to be found between now and 30th June. And as the pledge had been given, they were determined to raise that amount. To do it they needed the help of all people who could possibly contribute, and he asked those present to co-operate as far as they were able.

Lieut.-Col. Bolton, who was well received, said he felt it an honor and a duty to be present at such a function. Of the men whose names appeared on the honor board many were with his own regiment, many of them were still fighting for the Empire, and it was only fitting that their names should be perpetuated. Over 300,000 brave men had gone from Australia to perform the greatest duty that a man could perform for his country. They were animated by the desire to carry out the first duties of a man, and these men and their families were to be regarded as the heart and the soul of the nation. They were ready to make great sacrifices, and died if need be in order that the Empire should emerge victorious. In the near future eligible young men would be asked point blank if they would fight for their country, and if they said they would not they would be asked straight out to give their reasons. He hoped that the recruiting agencies would be empowered to prepare lists so that boards could be erected showing not only the men who were ready to fight and die for the country, but showing also to posterity those men who would not fight for their own country, that they might get what was coming to them. The nation was at present passing through a great crisis, but it was his opinion that the Allies would before long wipe the foe off the face of the earth. (Applause.)

The Hon. F. Brawn, M.L.C., said they must be united. The British race was suffering very much from internal disorder when it should not be. Sooner or later they would have to close up their ranks and show which side they were on. If they were to succeed such things as were being said and done in some places would have to be got rid of, and quickly, too.

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children's procession on the previous day was the best sight that Ballarat had ever witnessed. The next best sight would be when their men returned and marched through the streets of Ballarat. (Applause.) After the salutation of the flag by the children that afternoon they could never be anything but loyal to the mother country. Brown Hill had done all that it could up to date and he believed it would now do better in raising funds to assist in the winning of the war. It was necessary that they should ever keep green the memories of the lads who had done so much for them.

Inspector Hurley said the children's procession was the best advertisement that the war certificates movement had received. He was proud of Mayor George when he found him at the head of the procession. He was delighted to find all schools erecting honor boards. The men who went to the war, prepared to give their all, would always be honored and revered. He was proud of the patriotic work being done by the teachers and children of the schools of the district. It was his belief that the boys and girls who had during the past few years been saluting the flag would respond most readily if ever a great war occurred again. It was well known that the greatest number of men now enlisting were those who reached the age of 18 years. He attributed this to the training which the children had received in the matter of patriotism during the past ten years.

The Rev. O. Snell said he was glad to be there to pay his tribute to the men whose names appeared on the honor roll. From what he knew of the scholars of the Brown Hill school, he was confident that they would worthily uphold the traditions of those who had gone before them.

The Rev. L. Tait, superintendent of the Ballarat East Methodist Circuit, said he was delighted to see two of their boys returned and amongst the gathering. The men whose names were on the board responded nobly to the call because they felt that the Empire needed them. He honored the men for their self-denial and duty for God and for right. He honored them also for their magnificent courage in the very face of death. The men should be honored for their splendid loyalty, and everything was wrapped up in that one word. He was delighted to find the Brown Hill school doing so much for their boys who were fighting so nobly for them at the front.

Lieut.-Col. Bolton then removed the Union Jack from before the honor roll, and in a few words he paid a glowing tribute to the great bravery of the Australians as witnessed by him at Gallipoli.

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