

YATINA MEMORIAL HALL.

A spectacle of unusual interest and enthusiasm was witnessed at Yatina on Tuesday, 3rd inst. The centre of attraction of what proved to be a most entertaining and enjoyable function, was the opening of a recently erected soldiers' memorial hall.

Although the district of Yatina has reason to be proud of the many stalwart soldiers who gave it representation in the recent conflict of nations, its residents, realising that comparisons are odious, do not extend their claims further than they should raise a fitting monument to memorialise the deeds of their gallant dead.

With this object in view, that which has for some time past been the desire and the ambition of the Yatina people is now an accomplished fact, and a memorial hall, copious in its dimensions and exquisite in its design, now stands as a land mark, on which any town might pride itself.

The opening of the hall was a matter of very keen interest in and around Yatina for many weeks prior to the event, nor was this enthusiasm of purely local import, as was amply evidenced by the concourse of people from far distant places who assembled to witness the performance.

In the early afternoon, Mr. M. Redden, of Pekina, after having been duly introduced by Mr. L. Travers, and received with much applause, proceeded to perform the opening ceremony. In doing so he commented, very graciously, on the activities of the committee of management, and congratulated the supporters of the movement on their successful achievement of such a creditable object.

During the remainder of the afternoon a football match was played between teams representative of Pekina and Mannanarie, respectively and simultaneously, the whole of the town being en fete, the extensive capacity of the hall was adequately taxed by many merry-makers, who partook of the miscellaneous assortment of wares: fancy goods, to be obtained from the numerous prettily decorated and smartly attended stalls. The stallholders were Mesdames Travers, Sheridan (2), Healy, Fyfe, McCallum, and Symons, while Mr. Healy conducted the cool drinks and fruit stall.

In the evening, after partaking of a very hearty and daintly served repast in the annex to the new building, those present were treated to a most entertaining musical programme. The refreshments were served during the afternoon and evening by Miss Reidy (in charge), Mesdames Symons, Earle, Travers, McKay, Tohl and others.

The concert programme was submitted by Mesdames Jones, Tanner, Misses Fyfe, McNamara, Williams, Howard, O'Donnell, Dunn, Symons,

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The ugly man competition was won by Mr. A. T. Symons, with Mr. Ern Casey second.

This was followed, in due course, by supper and dance, at which dancers, approximately three hundred in number, attended and gaily trod "the light fantastic toe" until the small hour of the following morning, Mr. P. Gleeson acting as M.C.

At the conclusion of the programme it was generally recognised that the entertainments had been most efficiently organised and most thoroughly appreciated, the dominating keynote throughout being one of perfect harmony and concord amongst all concerned. Apart from the monetary consideration of the celebration, which was financially successful, par excellence—over £175 being raised, it was a gratifying treat to witness the re-assembly in the town of many of its former residents. The building, which reflects credit on the contractor (Mr. J. G. Crowhurst, of Yongala) and cost £540, was opened free of debt.

In view of the enormous success of the first entertainment in the new memorial hall, with its glacial floor and enchanting music, those within the district are justly entitled to look forward with expectancy to many a merry dance and pleasurable evening's entertainment.

The football match was won by Mannanarie.

