

WOODCHESTER RED CROSS.**A SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION.**

Weather was not altogether favorable on Saturday last, being somewhat bleak and threatening, particularly in the evening, but the fact did not appear in the slightest degree to affect the attendance or the success otherwise of the fete arranged for that day in connection with the local branch of the Red Cross, a large crowd gathering for both the afternoon and the evening sessions, that in the afternoon including the Premier (Hon. A. H. Peake), Mrs. Peake and various members of his family, and a number of other city visitors as well as numerous representatives from all the towns and hamlets in the neighborhood. The day's programme was laid on somewhat ambitious and extensive lines, but Mr. and Mrs. J. Hudd, the hon. secretaries, are good organizers, and the president, Mr. B. Wundersitz, and the committee generally splendid workers, so little doubt was felt that it would be carried through well, and results proved that the confidence felt in their management was thoroughly justified, the whole affair proving to attain to more than the expected. Actually the event is an annual one, but on this occasion the opportunity was taken to unveil a roll of honor which the branch had procured—a photographic one, nicely got up by our local photographer, Mr. J. Morton. This roll was not completed without a little difference of opinion, as it bears the photos of one or two who either only enlisted for home service or have not gone to the front, that minor trouble having cropped up in many cases elsewhere also in the States, but in this one it did not affect the success of the proceedings. The chairman of the District Council (Mr. A. A. Fullarton) opened the programme by speaking on the good work of the Red Cross members, and pointed out that the call was still for zeal on their part. He also pleaded for volunteer enlistment of the young and eligible men of the state, and paid tribute to those who had gone to the front. Mr. B. Wundersitz, the president of the branch, also spoke in similar strain, and then the premier, Mr. Peake, gave a stirring little address in his usual tactful and earnest manner, paying a high tribute to the good services of the Red Cross workers throughout the world, urging those in the district to continue their work of mercy, the need for which was greater than ever. He then unveiled the roll of honor and accepted it for the Red Cross as a lasting tribute to those who had gone at their country's call to the fighting line to battle for the freedom of those left behind. Miss Waite, one of the foundation members, and one of the most active workers of the South Australian Association, then formally opened the Fair. She briefly alluded to the immense good the Red Cross workers were effecting, and regretted to add that the need for the work was not yet lessening, but, on the contrary, was growing greater as the war went on. She alluded to the

out, on the contrary, was growing greater as the war went on. She alluded to the excellent record the Woodchester branch had put up, their reputation at headquarters being an enviable one, and she congratulated the branch on it. She gave some information on the latest developments of the Association, and showed that the difficulties which had at first to be contended with were succumbing to perfect organization, and all leakages which earlier in the history of the distribution of parcels gave annoyance, now guarded against. She formally declared the fete opened, and hoped that its results would more than realize its promoters' expectations. The District Council Hall and a large marquee were pressed into service, the former being devoted to a fancy stall and strawberries and cream, the latter to afternoon tea and supper, sweets, flowers, handkerchiefs, and to an exhibition of wool spinning, Misses Waite and Waterhouse, from Adelaide, manipulating a couple of wheels during the afternoon and evening to the great interest of a stream of onlookers, their corner of the tent being always crowded. There were buttonhole and badge sellers, and lots of guessing-competition workers busy about the grounds and buildings, doing a good share of canvassing for coin of the realm. The ladies of the refreshment tables were to be congratulated on the excellence of their menu, all sorts of dainty cakes and eatables of all kinds being lavishly supplied. In the evening a concert party from Mitcham took the entertainment of the crowd in their care, with the assistance of some local talent, giving a capital programme which was much enjoyed. Mr. G. Phillips kindly ran a trolley to and from the fete several times during the day from Strathalbyn, and Mr. McQuaney also ran his motor lorry, various motorcar owners also conveying patrons to and from Woodchester.

The list of Stall-holders and workers was as under:—

Refreshment stall, Mrs. Beavis (convenor), Mrs. Drew, Wundersitz, Ansell, Stanton, Harvey, Wagenknecht, and Miss Phillips; strawberry stall, Mrs. Meare (convenor), Mrs. Wundersitz, Taylor, Simmons, Hassam, Misses Meare (3), Arthur and Brook; Paddy's market, Mrs. Meadows (convenor), Mrs. Hill and Phillips; sweet stall, Miss W. J. Harvey, Misses Taylor (2), and Stanton; pot-plant stall, Miss N. Stanton (convenor), E. Hill, V. Stanton and M. Hudd; handkerchief stall, B. and J. Drew, H. Birmingham, M. Sanders, T. Stanton and M. Hope; cake stall, Mrs. Sanders; cushion, H. Phillips; guessing weight of cake, B. Phillips; button holes and badges, A. Pratt, M. and C. Edwards; guessing name of pig, H. M. Hassam; weight of bag of wheat, B. Wundersitz; guessing name of kewpies, B. Stanton and M. Harvey. Mr. H. Harvey also gave assistance.