

## TATONG HONOR BOARD

On Saturday afternoon last there was a large gathering assembled at the Tatong Hall to witness the unveiling of the Honor Board.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Wallace), after the National Anthem had been sung, stated that he was sorry that Cr. Dallas had at the last minute been prevented from attending by illness. He also had letters regretting their inability to attend from Cr. Ginnivan, Mr. F. J. Green, B.A. (Inspector of Schools), and Messrs. W. B. Smith, M. Bilham, W. Worrall and M. O'Callaghan.

The Chairman in a short speech referred to the object of their gathering together that day, and expressed pleasure in seeing so many present. A programme then followed, as under:—Pianoforte overture, Miss Newton; song, Miss G. Evans; song, Mr. Sullivan; monologue, Miss Coghill; song, Mr. A. Harrison; song, Mrs. Merrigan; song, Mr. C. Burns.

Cr. T. F. Harrison, J.P., was then called on, and expressed his great pleasure at being requested by the committee to assist in the unveiling of the Honor Board, as they were aware that quite recently he had not been appointed to the position of shire president. It might have been for the good of the Central riding, as they were thinking that great things were going to happen during the next year for the advancement of Benalla, but that state of affairs was always there, and he considered that the roads and conditions in the outside ridings wanted consideration equally. He spoke strongly on the good work our soldiers had done for us at the front, and how they had kept us free from German aggression. He advised the children to take notice of the Honor Board, and remember the noble sacrifice these men had made for us.

Cr. Harrison then called upon Mrs. Sullivan and Miss Daly to unveil the Honor Board, which was draped with the Union Jack and the Australian flag. He next read the names of those who had fallen, viz., J. W. Bilham, G. Davidson, P. Brennan and R. J. Daly, the audience bowing their heads for a

few minutes. The remainder of the names were then read, as follows:—F. M. Daly, J. H. Sullivan, A. S. Wallace, J. P. Sullivan, J. Stubbs, D. Campbell, G. Cox, W. Davidson, T. Evans, H. Stubbs, G. Wilson, P. B. Payne, P. Joyce, K. Drummond, W. Brown, G. Davidson, W. J. Hamilton, E. J. B. Cox, K. M'Intosh, J. Drummond, T. J. Daly, M. A. Share, V. Worrall, A. Nusser, and M. Siebert.

Lieut.-Colonel Martin gave a very nice speech, giving great prominence to the good qualities of our soldiers and his experiences with them in camp and on transport duty. He impressed on the children the necessity to uphold the Australian flag and the Union Jack, on the empire of which the sun never sets, and without it we in Australia would be the easy prey of many foreign countries. He was much impressed with the Honor Board, and the fact of having the photos of the soldiers on the board made it far more impressive.

Messrs Herring and T. Knight in short speeches expressed pleasure at being present and doing honor to the soldiers.

Mr. D. H. Coghill, J. P., was called on to move a vote of thanks to the visitors who assisted, and in doing so referred to the committee having been fortunate in securing Cr. Harrison as a representative in the council for many years, and a man who throughout the war had done his best for the soldiers, being foremost in all functions in his district as regards the civil side, while in Lieut. Colonel Martin, who for many long years was in the Mounted Rifles and the Light Horse, they could not have secured a more thorough Britisher to assist them and give the necessary military side due prominence. He also thanked the others who had assisted, and as it was the last of their public actions in connection with the war, he desired to express thanks to all those who had come to their assistance from time to time. (Applause).

Mr. A. Harrison also thanked those who had helped