

UNVEILING CEREMONY

CONCONGELLA HONOR ROLL.

Last Thursday evening the Concongella State school building was crowded with relatives and friends to witness the unveiling of the roll of honor of the brave lads from that district, who left for the seat of war.

The first part of the evening was taken up with the rendering of songs and recitations, those taking part being Miss Chapman, song; Miss G. Cromie, Song; Miss May Phillips, song; Mr Hiat, song; Miss Doru Simpson, recitation; Master Arthur Wood, recitation; Miss Ranson, recitation. By special request Mr Toutcher recited "How he Died."

Mr Cromie performed the duties of chairman, and introduced Mr Toutcher who was greeted with a round of applause. Mr Toutcher said that he felt it a great honor to be asked to take part in the glorious duty they were about to perform and was ever pleased to be with his people. He then called upon Mr John Walker (member of the school committee) to come forward and unveil the roll of honor.

After this was done Mr Toutcher read the names of the soldiers whose photos, with names attached, appeared on the roll—thirty-one in all. Several of the lads have unfortunately met their death. The speaker vehemently spoke in the need for sending reinforcements to give their own lads a spell. At the conclusion of the address, three hearty cheers were given for Our Own Lads.

Cr Holden then spoke on behalf of the Shire councillors, who had asked him to convey to the people their sympathy in the grand movement. He said that he was pleased to be present, but felt very keenly the sadness of the meeting, as some of the boys whose photos he had gazed upon were school mates of his—some of them would never more be with them. At this stage the speaker and people were visibly moved, there being scarcely a dry eye in the building.

The Union Jack was afterwards spread out, and donations called to be thrown into it, to supply comforts for the boys in the trenches. A sum of £3 13s 7½d was collected in a few minutes.

A sumptuous supper was handed round and concluded a glorious though necessarily sad ceremony.

The singing of the National Anthem took place at the beginning and at the close of the evening.

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Attached are the boys' names that appear on the honor roll:—

- Sergt. Major Cromie.
- Corpl. F. Rathgeber.
- L. Corpl. R. J. Prior (wounded).
- Private R. H. Taylor.
- Pte. L. B. Walker (accidentally killed)
- Private B. M. Lloyd.
- Private J. A. Ellen (wounded).
- Private A. Baily.
- Private A. W. Taylor.
- Private R. H. Phillips.
- Private C. Balzarini.
- Private W. M. Phillips.
- Private W. Newton.
- Private M. D. Pianta.
- Private A. Chapman.
- Private A. J. Wood.
- Private J. Ungulhart.
- Private A. L. Ranson.
- Private E. J. Simpson.
- Private J. Daly (missing).
- Private J. B. Scattotti.
- Pte. A. Ansterberry (killed in action).
- Private J. R. Newton (killed in action)
- Private Sam Stokes.
- Private J. H. Rathgeber.
- Private B. Hoddison.
- Private H. B. Phillips.
- Private W. Cromarty.
- Private C. E. Sargentson (accidentally killed)
- Private W. J. Sargentson (wounded).
- Private V. L. Ranson.