

## EAST GEELONG SCHOOL'S HONOR ROLL.

### PRESENTATIONS TO MR PARKER AND MISS ALSTON.

On Wednesday evening the parish hall at St. Albans was filled to overflowing by friends, parents and children of the district, the occasion being the unveiling of the school's honor roll and to bid farewell to the head master, Mr. Parker, and the sewing mistress, Miss Alston, who have been promoted to Trafalgar and North Geelong respectively. The evening took the form of a social. After the singing of the National Anthem games were indulged in, then several songs and recitations were rendered by the children. Mr. J. Dew, who occupied the chair, presented to the children the medallions and swimming certificates won during the past season. He eulogised the good work Mr. Parker and Miss Alston had done during their term at the school, and asked Miss Alston to accept a lady's companion, and Mr. and Mrs. Parker a valuable silver tea service as marks of esteem. Miss Alston has helped every patriotic work and everything pertaining to the welfare of the school. To attempt to enumerate the many good qualities of Mr. Parker would be idle. Coming to the school two years ago he has lifted it to the highest pinnacle of efficiency in every particular. A zealous worker in school, committee and patriotic affairs, together with social and religious efforts in church and other work, he has endeared himself to all who have had the pleasure of coming in contact with him. Just one item of many which must not go unmentioned: through his untiring energy he has had the satisfaction of raising over £300 for the State Schools' Patriotic Fund. The next item was the unveiling of the Honor Roll. The secretary introduced Mr. Lister, M.H.R., and after three cheers had been lustily given, the Member gave some reminiscences of early schooldays, and then explained the idea of Honor Rolls, and then in a passionate speech appealed to all eligible to enlist and help their brave brothers at the front. He was proud to be the first returned soldier to represent a constituency in Parliament. He had addressed more recruiting meetings than any other Parliamentarian. Having read the names, of which five had paid the supreme sacrifice he unveiled the

Roll to the singing of "God Bless Our Splendid Men." In an able speech Mr. W. Mitchell moved and Mr. Parker seconded thanks to Mr. Lister. A supper, provided by the ladies, was then partaken of, and one of the best evenings in St. Albans terminated, cheers being given for Miss Alston, Mr. and Mrs. Parker and all the little Parkers. Mr. Stephens, of Penshurst, is to start duty at this school at the conclusion of the holidays.