

AT THE SCHOOL.

There was a fair number of parents at the state school to meet the Minister, and he was given a cordial reception. The children were assembled in the main hall, at one end of which the Roll of Honor had been erected. It was a very nice piece of work, of cedar, having a scroll on top "Roll of Honor, Rushworth State School, Volunteers for Empire 1914—War."

The children sang The National Anthem and God Save our Men, after which

Mr Stewart introduced the Minister of Education, who was there purposely that day to unveil the Honor Roll of "our" school. He said "our" because he believed they should emphasise the fact that it was their school, and they should see to it and render all assistance possible for its welfare as befitted such a fine school. This was a most important ceremony, as the Roll embraced the names not only of those who had attended the school, but of very many who were natives of the place. In the future they would always recognise that these were the men of pluck and spirit who in a time of peril came to their country's aid. It would be an inspiration to them all to look at the Board and say "These were some of the men who made AUZIO." (Applause). He had much pleasure in introducing the Minister.

Mr Lawson, who was given a fine reception, said he was pleased to again visit them and to be associated with an event of such interest and historic importance. In the Department they had all been most interested in the success of their recent Queen Carnival. It was splendid. In establishing the School

Patriotic War Fund the desire was to show the children what a great deal could be accomplished by small means on behalf of their country. They had raised £100,000, which was a fine achievement. Whilst glad to have the money, which was all put to the best possible use, they hoped it would have beneficial effects in a wider sense—that it would cultivate an attitude of loyalty and love of country, and that this feeling would become part of their mental fibre. They wanted the children to come generally to recognise what a fine country theirs was and that it was worth fighting and working for. (Applause). They had a fine school, which showed how kind the Department had been to them. But they wanted fine boys and fine girls, and he felt they had these in Rushworth. He was there to unveil their Honor Roll, a priceless heritage dedicated to the honor of the school. They wanted girls and boys prepared to play the game. Not the boys and girls who cheated or shirked. They wanted

play the game. Not the boys and girls who cheated or shirked. They wanted boys and girls who were prepared to do well by their parents, and do well by their teachers, and do well by their school. Those were the boys and girls who would succeed and become good citizens, prepared to stand or fall by their King and country. (Applause). There was scarcely a school in Victoria which had not sent its quota to the war, but here in Rushworth they had done exceptionally well, for there were no less than 105 names on the Honor Roll, with more to be added. Surely this was a fine tribute to the teachers, and to the efficiency of their system. They had put that Roll there as a mark of honor to those who had gone at their country's call. Surely their hearts must all thrill with pride on viewing what their boys had done. Mr Lawson then recounted a touching story of an instance in the trenches as showing the pluck of their boys. "He was quite a lad and had become much attached to a man named Kelly. One day a shell burst and buried many of them in. Their comrades dug them out and first got hold of the boy, who was almost dead. With his last breath he said 'Dig quick; dig quick; Kelly's over there.'" No thought for self—only for his comrades. That showed the spirit and pluck of our boys. It was only right that those prepared to do these things should have their names placed on Honor Rolls throughout Australia. As the boys on the Roll had brought honor to the school so he trusted the children he was addressing would do their part and also bring honor to the school. He had much pleasure in unveiling their Honor Roll and in dedicating it to the school and past pupils of the school. He understood that the list was not yet complete and that there was one Rushworth family to be added which had given five sons. (Applause).

The children again sang "God Save our Splendid Men."

Mr Gordon said he was pleased to take part in the ceremony and to pay respect and show appreciation to those brave young fellows of the school who had stood out prepared to sacrifice their lives in their country's cause. These Honor Rolls were grand things, and this one showed what a fine lot of young fellows they had reared in the local school. (Applause.)

Three cheers were then given for Private Jim Peel, who was present, and whose name appeared on the Roll.

Mr McKee proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Lawson for his kindness in coming amongst them. They were greatly indebted to him and also to Mr Gordon. It was a great credit to the district to have such a fine Honor Roll, and to have sent so many young men to the front. Viewing the children that day he was sure that if ever the occasion arose in the future there would be the same generous response. (Applause.)

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Mr E. Rich seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

Mr Lawson briefly returned thanks and promised that if the children did well in the examination now proceeding he would later authorise Mr Scales to give them a holiday in commemoration of that day. But they would have to earn it.

The names on the Honor Roll are as follow :—

D. O. Armstrong, J. P. Anderson, R. Anderson, C. H. Allen, C. Burge, T. Burge, N. Brander, A. Brander, W. Blake, R. Brocklebank, J. Brasher, L. J. Byrne, J. F. Bren, H. W. C. Bailey, F. L. Bailey, C. A. N. Cameron, J. Conside, D. L. Chambers, G. E. Chambers, J. D. Crothers, J. P. Chong, C. A. Clayton, F. Cracknell, W. A. Crowe, A. E. Crowe, M. V. Dooley, T. J. Dooley, C. Dwyer, A. Draper, F. H. Davis, F. Dyson, J. J. Downing, A. Freer, T. W. Gallagher, J. Geisler, A. Guthrie, C. Gault, F. X. Guy, W. R. Hodgson, H. R. Hicks, F. J. Holden, J. R. Holden, H. W. Hawking, J. O. Johnson, H. G. Johnson, R. F. Johnson, G. Johnson, G. Jones, W. J. C. King, L. La Peyre, E. La Peyre, G. Lucas, F. N. Lucas, A. LeRoy, H. C. Lambden, B. Lyndon, E. F. Lyndon, E. C. Muhlbae, L. G. Merkel, H. S. Mason, J. E. Müller, J. M'Leod, D. M'Leod, H. S. M'Donald, F. M'Namara, F. Mortimer, W. Mortimer, N. Nielsen, V. F. O'Sullivan, James Peel, E. G. Prentice, R. T. Pyle, E. B. T. Primrose, W. A. R. Peart, T. H. Potter, H. N. Rich, B. Rattray, G. Roulston, A. E. Risstrom, P. Rayner, H. Rayner, J. M. Semmens V.D., G. Stewart, E. C. Smith, F. R. Smith, J. Sutton, H. Taylor, W. Taylor, J. C. M'N. Turnbull, A. T. Treacy, J. F. Webb, E. Williamson, G. T. Wall, T. Wellings, L. J. Spence, W. J. Smith, G. Mapleback, J. Mapleback, S. V. Hicks, H. G. Furphy, O. L. Northausen, S. Plummer, A. A. L. Spence, M. Smith, Arthur Hilburn, J. J. Rodsted.

During the Minister's visit Mr M'Kee interviewed him with respect to the Oornella and Oelbinabbin schools, both of which had been left without teachers owing to Messrs Short and Osborne having gone into camp. Mr Lawson promised to have teachers sent along at once.