

Bromley State School.

FLOWER DAY CELEBRATION.

FOR REPATRIATION.

UNVEILING HONOR BOARD.

Last Friday evening a great celebration took place at Bromley in connection with the State school, when the Flower Day festival was held in aid of local funds for repatriation of soldiers. Bromley invariably lays itself out for a great success in patriotic affairs, and occupies a very creditable position in work for our soldiers, and in sacrifices made for country and Empire in a time of need, happily now being brought to a close. Bromley has sent a large number of soldiers to the front, and some, alas! will not again return, and deep sympathy goes out to the bereaved. Residents of Bromley have a right to be proud of the record of the district in war and patriotic work, for nowhere has greater enthusiasm been shown. The State school can claim distinction for the number of those of its former scholars who went forth manfully to fight for country, for freedom, for humanity, and the Honor Roll unveiled last Friday night is an appropriate memorial, speaking of high courage and a strong sense of duty and patriotism.

There was a very large gathering in the schoolroom, which presented an animated and striking appearance. There was a large number of visitors from Dunolly, and the district around was well represented. That the children had been busy in preparation for this event was manifest by the stalls, which were exceedingly attractive. They made quite an artistic display, decorated as they were so appropriately with the flags of the Allies, the brave old Union Jack an usual being conspicuous. The flower stall was a beautiful picture, the display of flowers of many kinds being very fine. The fancy stall was prettily laid out and well supplied, and even the produce stall was so arranged and decorated as to be quite attractive. The refreshments were abundant and nicely served. It must have been gratifying to Mr R. A. Lester, head teacher, and to Miss Taylor, assistant teacher, to know how greatly their efforts and those of the pupils were appreciated by the visitors. Great credit is due to Mr Lester and Miss Taylor for their able and efficient supervision, and assuredly their pupils are worthy of all praise for their eager

supervision, and assuredly their pupils are worthy of all praise for their eager and successful work for a worthy display. As Mr Lester is likely to be leaving soon this may be his last affair of the kind, and he can recall it with satisfaction. The prospect of Mr Lester's departure is causing wide spread regret, as he is exceedingly popular with the pupils, and has gained general confidence and sincere regard. He has been very active in promoting all such worthy movements. The school patriotic fund has reached £130, and in connection with the War Savings Group £74 has been raised. In three years, while Mr Lester has been here, £100 has been raised by the school for patriotic purposes.

The proceedings opened with the National Anthem, and then Or Lyndon, Dunolly, formally opened the fair. In a most appreciative and appropriate address he spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be with the Bromley folks on such an occasion, and to note the results of the energy and good taste of the children. Evidently they had gone into this celebration with real earnestness, and it was pleasing to know that they realised what was due to their soldiers—the lads who had fought so well for them and had gained such distinction. He spoke of the object of the movement—to assist in the repatriation of our soldiers—one of the worthiest movements in which they could be engaged. He referred to the number of lads who had left Bromley for the fighting lines, and made touching reference to those who had given their lives in the great cause of freedom. His own lad, who had been long at the front, had attended the Bromley school, and had met old school fellows in the war theatres, and was proud to be with them. He congratulated Mr Lester and Miss Taylor and their apt and energetic pupils on such a display, and declared the proceedings open. (Applause.)

Miss Taylor exercised a general supervision over stalls, etc., and those attending to the stalls or assisting were the following:—Lolly stall, Miss Raselli and Mrs Burke; fancy stall, Mesdames Willcox and Collicott; produce stall, Messrs T. and A. Hancock and R. Burke; soft drinks, Messrs G. Treble, L. Akers, and J. Willcox; penny dip, Mrs Boyd; flower stall, Mesdames Richards and Haden; supper, Mesdames E. and T. Hancock, Akers, and Goddard; general help at supper, stoker, etc., Mr Strahan.

There were a number of competitions, in which there was keen rivalry, the

in which there was keen rivalry, the prizes being 1st and 2nd class certificates, the results being:—

Best Vase of Flowers—Irene Burke, 1st; Ruth Hancock, 2nd.

Best Bunch of Peas—Marie Treble, 1st; Vera Treble, 2nd.

Best Effigy of Kaiser—Keith Willcox, 1st; Arthur Hancock, 2nd.

Most Comical Dress—Keith Willcox, 1st; Willie Richards, 2nd.

Biggest Egg—Mollie Akers, 1st; Edward Treble, 2nd.

Smallest Egg—Florrie Strahan, 1st.

Best Flower Day Dress—Lily Collicot, 1st; Daphne Collicot, 2nd.

Best Home-made Dressed Doll—Nellie Hughes, 1st; Lily Collicot, 2nd.

Best Model in Plasticine—Norman Hancock, 1st; Wilfred Chandler, 2nd.

Best Bouquet—Myrtle Richards, 1st; Nellie Hughes, 2nd.

The Honor Board was unveiled by the President of the Bet Bet Shire (Or M...) who had come all the way from

Tarongulla to be present on such an interesting occasion. Or Martin delivered an excellent and stirring address, which touched every heart. He is an ardent patriot himself, and his address showed his warm appreciation of all work and service for the grand cause of country and freedom. He sincerely thanked Mr Lester for giving him the opportunity of being present on such an occasion. He expressed heartfelt thanks that the war was over, and gave very high credit indeed to Bromley for its devotion to the service of country and Empire. The record of Bromley's, and of the school's, courage and self-sacrifice was remarkable. The number who had gone forth bravely to fight in their country's cause was great from such a comparatively small population, all inspired by courage and patriotism. All were proud of the splendid part Australian soldiers had taken in this great war, and the young soldiers from Bromley had manfully done their part, and were honored by the people. While they would be welcoming returned soldiers they would never forget those who would never again mingle with them—those who had nobly fallen in a noble cause. Deeply and sincerely they all sympathized with fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, who had been bereaved. Their grief was great, but in days to come they would recall with pride that sons and brothers had taken a noble and manly part in the world's fight for freedom against oppression, that they had died in a sacred cause, that they

freedom against oppression, that they had died in a sacred cause, that they had done their duty. And, with regard to those returning, it should be realized that they deserved the best that could be done for them, and that every opportunity possible for them to get on, to settle with some fair prospect, should be given. The men whose names were on the Honor Board were men worthy of all honor, and Bromley and the State school had a right to be proud of them. (Applause.)

Amid loud applause the President unveiled the memorial, containing the following 54 names of those who had enlisted from Bromley and who had passed through the school:—

HONOR ROLL

Bromley School and District.
Great European War.

- Lawrence Polinall
- Leslie Turnbull
- Arthur May
- Arthur Richards
- James Taylor
- Stanley Joseph Loftus
- Albert Treble
- *James Henry Hogan
- Alfred Taylor
- Albert Cairns
- Leslie Hewitt
- David Watts
- Charles Anderson
- Andrew Anderson
- *Andrew Ross
- Henry Barber
- Henry Barnett
- John Alderson
- Maurice Davies
- William Smythe
- George Hill
- William Thurloway
- James Hawkins
- Arthur Hancock
- Frank Hancock
- *Arthur Becker
- Edward Hawkins
- William Lyndon
- William Nicholls
- William H. Birkett
- Stanley Leach
- William George Klock
- Alfred Barnatt
- Charles Britton
- *Raymond Willcox
- *Cecil Asherton
- *John B. Hughes
- Herbert Treble
- Rex Willcox
- Roy Leach
- Edward Hogan
- *Alfred Watts
- George Edward Watts
- Maurice Treble
- Thomas Watts
- Joseph Mitchell
- Robert Wakefield
- *Arthur Treble
- *George Treble
- James Norman Hawkins

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Leslie Tolmie
Bramwell Atherton
*Bartholomew Battalanni
George H. Flatt

(The names marked with * are of those who died on active service in the great and noble cause of freedom.)

Mr E. D. Peart (Bet Bet Shire) also spoke with much feeling of the sacrifices made by Bromley and the district generally, and of the fine spirit manifested, and endorsed all that the President had said in appreciation. Mr F. S. Kendall, Dunolly, added his warm tribute, speaking as an old pupil of the school, of which he was proud for the record it had put up for country and freedom. He referred to old days at the school, and recalled old time incidents of his school days. Both speakers were warmly applauded.

The whole affair proved exceedingly interesting and thoroughly enjoyable, and will be remembered as a most important and impressive function, and the Honor Board will be a source of pride in the future.

The net profit in aid of the repatriation fund amounted to over £10.