

Candelo Public School.

"OLD BOYS" ROLL OF HONOR.

The unveiling of the Roll of Honor of Old Boys at the local Public School on Wednesday afternoon was a very interesting function. The school ground and buildings were decorated with flags, conspicuous among which was the Shire War Loan Honor Flag flying from the flag-staff for the first time. The attendance of parents and citizens was large, and, of course, the children were there en masse. The District Inspector of Schools, Mr. G. James, and Mrs. James were also present, the former performing the unveiling ceremony. The board, a handsome maple fixture on the school wall, containing 59 names, was shrouded in the Union Jack.

Rev. Hartley A. Peek (President of the Parents and Citizens' Association) occupied the chair. The proceedings were opened by the children singing Kipling's recessional hymn "Lest We Forget."

The Chairman, in his opening remarks, said that the moulding of the characters of these boys in the school had much to do with the greatness of their record in the world's crisis. While they placed their names on the roll of honor, kindly remembrance of them was also engraved in the hearts of the people. He hoped the boys of the future would rise to the stature of these boys of the past.

The children sang "Advance Australia Fair" with good effect, after which Mr. James directed the unveiling of the Honor Roll and the gathering stood while Mr. Sheath read the list of heroes. The roll of those who had made the supreme sacrifice was afterwards called, and the gathering rose and stood with bowed heads as a mark of respect to their memory.

Mr. James delivered an impressive address. These men, he said, belonged to a country which had no education in sacrifice, a care-free country so remote from the actual conflict. Under such circumstances it would not have

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was no concern of theirs. But they responded to the call of humanity and justice. The speaker went on to refer to the splendid record of Australia in the war, and then compared our little part to the mighty part of the Mother Country, in which there was hardly a home which did not bear the sorrow of a loss. Our part in winning the war was comparatively small, and yet some people, for their own purposes, said that Australia should not belong to the Empire, that she was an Empire in herself, and could look after herself. So she could—until trouble came! In conclusion, he emphasised the fact that when our men came back they must be given every possible assistance and opportunity. We owed to every soldier all the happiness we enjoyed. He expressed great pleasure in being present at the function.

The children sang "When the Flag goes By" nicely, after which Mr. Sheath gave an interesting review of the war work done by the school. The following amounts were subscribed to patriotic funds in cash:—Australia Day £12 16s 8d, Belgian Orphans £4 18s, National Belgian Fund £1 1s, Belgian Orphans £2 2s 6d Allies' Day £10, Carmichael's Kitchen £2 19s 8d, Red Triangle 14s 6d, Franco's Day £3 0s 1d, War Chest £1 2s 6d, Our Day £1 7s 10d, Red Cross Day £4 4s 7d, A.I.F. Day 6s, Homes Day £1 4s 9d; total £45/15/1. In addition to the above sum contributed in cash, the children, under the supervision of Mrs. Sheath, despatched 548 garments to the French-Australian League of Help, as under:—43 boys' shirts, 16 pairs socks, 5 pairs boys' trousers, 91 chemises, 3 handkerchiefs, 77 washers, 42 girls' dresses, 18 night dresses, 3 bodices,

dresses, 18 night dresses, 3 bodices, 70 girls' knickers, 102 petticoats, 2 pairs booters, 1 pair rompers, 25 pairs bloomers, 8 woolen bonnets, 5 jackets, 18 pinafores, 3 blouses, 1 pair combinations, 6 pairs babies' shoes, 1 knitted woolen scarf, 4 boys' undershirts, 2 camisoles, 1 pair gaiters, 1 binder and singlet. The estimated value of these articles was £68 10s. This evidence of consistent work on the part of the children was received with applause. Mr. Sheath also referred with pride to the Roll of Honor, and expressed his pleasure in having Mr. and Mrs. James present that afternoon.

The pupils contributed more good music by rendering the "Marseaise."

Mr. J. Scarvell and Mr. D. E. Murphy each delivered brief and appropriate addresses.

Ex-Lieut. Walter Godfrey, M.C., also delivered an able address as one of the "old boys." He was proud to have his name inscribed among those boys with whom he associated in his school days.

"Rule Britannia" was well rendered by the children, after which a hearty vote of thanks was conveyed to Mr. James, on the motion of Mr. Johnson. A similar courtesy was extended to the Chairman on the motion of Mr. James.

The children sang "The Brooklet," and a most impressive and interesting programme concluded with the National Anthem, cheers for the "old boys," and cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Sheath.
