

## UNVEILING HONOR ROLL.

### At Eureka.

Practically every resident of the patriotic little centre of Eureka turned out at the Eureka Hall on Wednesday on the occasion of the unveiling of the Eureka roll of honor. A special holiday was given the school children, and the committee combined a basket picnic with the unveiling ceremony. The honor roll, with a centre of white marble, was specially designed, and is the only one of its kind in the district. It was much admired and Eureka residents are very proud of it.

Cr. Armstrong (president of Byron Shire) occupied the chair and after a few preliminary remarks asked Mrs. Armstrong to unveil the honor roll and Miss Hazel Tate to read aloud the names inscribed thereon. Proceeding, the chairman said it was a great honor to the Eureka district to see such a fine honor roll. It was just four years ago Germany strove hard to overrun France and it was pleasing to see that the Australian boys played such an important part in frustrating her evil desire. (Applause.) It was the duty of those people who had enjoyed comfort and peace while the boys were away fighting to see that they were justly and fairly treated upon their return and placed back in favorable positions. To this end the soldier should see that the man he puts into Parliament will give him a fair deal and place none but honorable men there.

The Rev. Mr. Eveleigh (Clunes) said that nothing could be more suitable to the people of Eureka and encouraging to the men than recognition by a roll of honor. The execution of the work reflected great credit on the sculptors and designers. Such a roll was needed to keep the memory of the men green in the hearts of the people. What the soldiers had done should not be forgotten, and their deeds should be for ever promin-

and their deeds should be for ever prominent before our eyes. A glance at the roll revealed to him that the young manhood of Eureka had responded splendidly, also that some of their fine men had fallen in the course of their duty. He deeply sympathised with those whose Christmas will be saddened by their losses. The wound must be very deep, but could there have been a more honorable death? The boys had fought a righteous war. He trembled to think what might have been if Germany had won the war. Thanks be to God the men brought back peace with honor.

The Rev. Mr. Walker (Clunes) said he was proud to stand before the names written in perpetual marble. The people of Eureka had given to their boys an inscription which would never fade, even if the hall itself were demolished, a perpetual inscription in keeping with their perpetual deeds. They had given to the boys all they could, but the boys had gone away and given considerably more. The people were thankful to them, and bowed with reverence to those whom they honored and were not there.

Cr. Collings was proud to see a lasting memorial to the Eureka boys. It would probably be the last effort except in the assisting of lonely soldiers. He impressed upon them not to judge the soldier too harshly if he did not exactly fill the bill of requirements, but to remember he performed the job he was asked to do, and extend a little sympathy.

The Rev. Mr. Quinlin (Eureka) said the honor roll was an exceptionally fine piece of workmanship, antique and simple, yet most complete, and the names could be clearly seen and recognised. It would be of special interest to Eureka and district to remind them of what the boys had done. It would also remind them of the various sacrifices made from all points of view, in anxiety, stress and worry in the homes while the boys were away. The boys when they went away were

away. The boys when they went away were regarded as the cream of the country and now on coming back they will find that the future of the country may still be looked after by them. Let them get into Parliament and work the Parliament as they had successfully worked the campaign against their enemies.

Mr. G. W. Tate explained that Eureka was late with its honor roll in one sense, but the citizens desired to wait until the termination of the war and then have a roll worthy of the boys. They were sorry that some splendid types of manhood had fallen.

Mr. Armstrong (Inverell) also spoke in appropriate terms.

Mr. G. W. Tate proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman. In replying, Cr. Armstrong referred to the local repatriation fund, in which there is now about £600, and asked the people of Eureka to contribute a little towards the fund.

The National Anthem was sung and the ceremony was brought to a close. Refreshments were then partaken of, and arrangements made for the entertainment of the children.

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