

Bellimbopinni.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

There was a large attendance at the unveiling of a Roll of Honour in the Bellimbopinni Hall on Monday night and several speakers were present from Kempsey, that sturdy champion of liberty and right, Mr. Peter Bowling, being among the company. Sergt. Waygood spoke briefly; and Mr. Bowling followed with a rousing speech, in which, in unmistakable terms, laid down the duties of every true Britisher, while the shirker and his sweetheart got a very bad twenty minutes. Mr. Bowling's advice to the sweetheart was to try her level best to get her boy to go, and if he did not to "chuck" him and marry an aboriginal in preference. He said they were unveiling an honour roll that night; when the war was over there would be another kind of roll to unveil—a roll of dishonour to Australia.

Sergt. Yates also spoke a few words; and then Miss Maggie McInnis drew the veiling flag aside, while Pte. Linnett sounded the "Last Post" in honour of Pte. Jas. McInnes who, alas! sleeps with the heroic dead.

Ptes. Geo. Wixted and Percy Cook have been wounded, and Pte. W. J. McInnes has been a prisoner of war since 20.7.'16.

Mr. H. McInnis, on behalf of the boys whose names were on the roll, thanked the people of Bellimbopinni and Seven Oaks for erecting such a handsome honour roll to their memory. He mentioned that the board, which is of hammered copper-plate, cost £7 3s 9d, and that there was a balance in hand of £1 19s 8d.

Other speakers were Cc. Kissane, Mr. G. M. Perrett, and the Rev. Chambers.

The singing of the National Anthem brought the formal part of the ceremony to a close. Choice refreshments were provided by the ladies; and, immediately prior to dispersing, the crowd gave cheers for the boys at the front, and for Mr. Peter Bowling and his five fighting sons.

The names on the Honor Roll are: Ptes Jas. McInnis (K), T. D. Month, W. J. McInnis (pris. of war), Geo. Harney, Geo. Wixted (W), Percy Cook (W), H. Telford, R. Martin, S. Oldroyd, T. Richardson, G. Melville, T. Summers, K. Appleby, M. McKay.