

ANNUAL SCHOOL PICNIC AT WYRALLAH.

The annual school picnic took place in the school ground, Wyrallah, on Saturday, 27th ult., and was a highly successful gathering. The children of this school have been working so well for patriotic purposes, especially the girls, who have turned out a large amount of clothing for distressed children of the Allies, and quantities of knitted articles for the soldiers, that their parents were quite unanimous in giving them a treat. Empire Day being restricted to school routine, it was decided to hold the picnic at a later date. The feature of the gathering was the unveiling of the very neat and tasteful roll of honor, which was completed for the occasion, and was the design and work of Mr. Moffit, of Lismore Superior Public School, and reflected the greatest credit on his skill and artistic taste.

Early in the forenoon children and parents gathered in the playground. The children were lined up and marched into the school, headed by the new Union Jack, presented to them by the Parents and Citizens' Association, borne by the senior girls, each child also carrying small Union Jacks and Commonwealth flags, forming a very pleasing sight. The flag was saluted, and the National Anthem sung. Cr. W. H. Hoskin presided and gave a short address on the subject of the gathering. The senior pupils then sang "Australia Fights for Britain's Rights" very pleasingly. Miss Clifton accompanied the singing throughout. The junior pupils sang "Knitting" very nicely, superintended by Miss Conroy, assistant teacher. Mr. R. Pestell addressed the children on the subject first of obedience, and their duty to teachers, and dwelt very emphatically on the duty of respect and obedience to parents. He also alluded to the need for carefulness and thoughtfulness for other children not so well off as themselves; to be always practising self-denial, for the sake of the poor sufferers from the war. His speech was received with hearty applause. The song "The Empire Flag" was well rendered by the senior pupils. A recitation "The Old Flag," was well given by Masters Jack and Allen Burley. At this juncture the ceremony of unveiling the roll of honor was performed by Mrs. Clifton, who drew aside the Commonwealth flag which veiled it, all rising in silent respect. Mrs. Clifton, in an appropriate speech, dedicated the roll of honor to the school and wished

Clifton, in an appropriate speech, dedicated the roll of honor to the school and wished that God would bless and protect the brave "old boys of Wyrallah Public School." A beautiful wreath was hung in respectful memory of the brave boys who had fallen. After a short pause of silence the proceedings continued by the senior pupils singing "Rallying Round the Flag," and "They Heard Their Country Calling."

The Chairman then delivered a short speech on Empire Day and its obligations. The Rev. L. M. Mills addressed the children in a very eloquent speech on the necessity of upholding our Empire, and quoted to them the brave example set by the previous scholars of this school, and hoping that they would ever aim onward and upward in the good path. (Applause.) Song, "God Bless Daddy at the War," was very feelingly sung by the senior pupils.

The Rev. A. S. Homersham, in a short speech, dwelt on the unity and loyalty of the nation, and compared it with the unity and loyalty of the school, which had always a striking individuality. He traced the principles which actuated so many of the boys of this school to enlist to the fact that they had imbibed these principles from the teachings of the very excellent instructors who had been in charge of this school. He made honorable mention of Messrs. Horton, Jacobs, Wicks, Shepherd and Thomson, from whose tuition had these brave boys gone. It was a creditable record for a school to have so many representatives at the war, and he was quite sure the fine traditions of this school would be worthily kept and handed down to future scholars by the present teacher, Mr. Clifton. In conclusion Kipling's "Recessional Hymn" was sung by the pupils. The children marched out to the flagpole, the two flags were hoisted by senior girls and saluted. The National Anthem was sung. The teacher called for cheers for the King, the flag, and the boys of the school at the front, which were heartily given. A list of the names of the parents of the boys who had enlisted and who also had been pupils of this school

was read out and received with applause. There was a general adjournment for lunch, which was served by the ladies, who had also catered, the result being a great abundance of dainty cakes, which met with great approval from young and old. After lunch games of all sorts was indulged in; also the sports dear to the hearts of Australian children kept all busily engaged until the inevitable return to the duties of home. A decidedly pleasant and interesting day was passed.

ly pleasant and interesting day was passed. One was struck by the neatness and order of the well-furnished school, a piano, sewing machine for pleasure and instruction being installed. The roll of honor came in for much attention, and all admired the design. The names, 55 in all, were arranged as follows:— The three fallen, Harry Robson, Frederick Moss, and Herbert Hansen, were first on the list; following, the boys who had enlisted from Wyrallah, and whose parents reside there, viz., Edward Tulk, Claude Lane, Cecil Tulk, John Partridge, Neil Sherlock, Leslie McDonald, Horatio Tulk, Ronald McDonald, Roy Armstrong, Fred Armstrong, Wilfred Tulk, Ross McPherson, William Riordan, Jack Riordan, Harry Hoskin, Cecil Eastment, Percy Tulk; others, Alex. J. McKenzie, George Clarke, Edward Hansen, Earnest Powell, Fred Powell, Leo Golding, Walter Clarke, Fred Clarke, Edward Clarke, Douglas Johnson, Harold Eastment, William Clarke, Arthur Clarke, Fred Clarke, Stanley Neath, Archie Hull, Charles Hull, Keith Payne, Wallace McPhee, Roy Earea, Oswald Boardman, George Jones, Sidney Jones, Edward Donovan, William Donovan, Walter Trathan, Arthur Jordan, Pierce Hoare, Joseph Downes, Walter Robson, Robert Moss, William Walsh, Jack Burke, Stanley Thorburn, Alan Gibson. This roll was handsomely framed and hung in a conspicuous place in the school. It is worthy of note that there were several parents present who had attended the school when first established by the late Mr. F. E. Miller, who began the good work which has been so successfully carried on by a succession of efficient teachers, and who to the last retained a great affection for the school and pupils. There has been an enrolment of from 80 to 100 children for a period of 48 years. The present teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton, and Miss Conroy, have established themselves in the respect of the children and community.