

## Unveiling Roll of Honor

Following the presentation to Mr J Maloney at the official opening of our new Superior Public School, a move was made by the company to the interior hall or corridor of the school to witness the unveiling of the Roll of Honor, on which are inscribed the names of "old boys" of Penrith Superior Public School, who have enlisted for the war. So far the roll—which is a splendid piece of work, of selected polished Queensland maple, 8ft by 5ft. in dimensions—records 123 names (beautifully written in gold-leaf lettering), but, we understand, a number of names will be added later, for which space avails on the tablet. The Roll was wholly executed at the establishment of Mrs John Price and Son, and was universally admired by the company. It stands in a centrally convenient position attached to the wall fronting the main corridor or vestibule of the school, and adjacent to the Kindergarten class schoolroom.

The Mayor briefly announced that Mr Board had kindly consented to perform the ceremony of unveiling the Roll; and stated that the names of old boys not yet inscribed would be added in due course.

Mr Board said the unveiling of Roll of Honor ceremony was one with which they had become familiar during the past sad two or three years. A great many of their young men had gone from Australia, and elderly men, too, in cases, to fight for the cause of civilization against its implacable enemies; and the Australian troops had earned a famous record for valor and hardihood in the war. (Applause). The old boys of the Penrith Superior Public School had nobly assisted in maintaining the martial prestige of Australia, and were worthy of all honor. (Applause). For were they not men of the real heroic mould; the sort of men who stood to shield the saving movements of democracy and progress; men who left home comforts, who, for the time being, surrendered themselves from the dear associations of the home circle, to face the dire hardships and perils of war, and, indeed, in many instances, yielded their lives in vindication of those sacred principles which the Empire and its Allies championed. We had need of such men. For no progress

was made, no honor gained, by men who feared to face the foe. It was because those gallant men and their confederates had gone to the war to uphold Australia and the Empire's cause in the battle for the rights of humanity over the evils of despotism that we felt we must do them honor, and so it was resolved to erect this Roll to perpetuate their names. The situation at the seat of war was somewhat indecisive at present, but he had no misgivings as to the ultimate issue, as when we reviewed the history of the Empire—the history of British courage, endurance and tenacity—they could not even imagine defeat; and from the moral standpoint it would be surely a negation of their faith in everything good and holy if the enemy were allowed to triumph. He understood over 200 "old boys" of Penrith school had enlisted—a very fine record—and he felt it a marked honor to have the privilege of unveiling the Roll. (Applause).

Mr Board then detached the flag which had draped the Roll of Honor, amidst the applause of the gathering.

[When, in due course, the whole of the names of the personnel of the "old boys" who enlisted for the war have been duly inscribed on the Roll of Honor, the record will be published in our columns.—Ed. N.T.J.]

At conclusion of the above ceremony the visitors and public were conducted through the classrooms, etc., of the new school, and many expressions of pleasure were voiced in regard to the size, airiness and appointments of the various compartments.

After the unveiling ceremony the visitors were entertained at 3 o'clock tea in one of the large classrooms at eastern end of building by the ladies, who had prepared a most dainty and appetising variety of light refreshments, which were greatly appreciated by the gathering. The tables were most artistically arranged. The public were provided at nominal cost with refreshments also, at tables laid at rear of the school building, and the ladies in charge of the culinary and waiting arrangements were kept busy throughout the afternoon.