

### Gymnastic Display at Ardmona.

On Friday evening last the members of the Tatura Boys' Club paid a visit to the Ardmona Gymnastic Club. The occasion was the annual demonstration of the above, and took the form of a grand display of physical drill, horizontal bar, Roman rings, parallel bar, and vaulting horse work under the joint and able conductorship of Mr Lee (head teacher of the Ardmona State school) and Mr Tan. The latter gentleman recently arrived in the district from Yorkshire, England, where he went through a thorough course of training in all the departments of an up to date gymnasium, and proves by his work that he is a thoroughly competent instructor in the art. The whole exhibition was a most creditable one—the young fellows of Ardmona showing themselves to be thoroughly interested in their work. The neatness and precision with which every item was performed would have done credit to a much older club than that of Ardmona.

An interesting feature of the evening was the unveiling of the honor roll, containing the splendid total of 28 names, each man having been a one time member of the club.

The Rev. Hurse, of Tatura, was called on to perform this interesting function. In rising to speak Mr Hurse said that as the minister was proverbially dependent on a text he would not break away from the rule. His text would be contained in one word—"Congratulation." He congratulated the people of Ardmona on the possession of two gentlemen like Messrs Lee and Tan, who were not only able but were willing to undertake what he considered a most necessary work—that of bringing the youth of the town together in uniting them in a club and developing their physical powers. It was often a matter of extreme difficulty to discover gentlemen not merely capable of taking up this work but also willing to give the time and attention necessary. He also congratulated the members of the club on their splendid performance and prophesied that there would be found many first class gymnasts among their number ere long. Finally he congratulated the audience on their possession of an honor board containing so large a proportion of names in comparison with the size of the district. No doubt there were others who had gone out from their midst, willing if needs be to make the supreme sacrifice, but the names on the board had been confined to members of the club alone. He was sure that every fellow whose name was in that list would feel thankful now that he had at one time been a member of that club. No training could have been better for the life of strain and trial through which they

have been better for the life of strain and trial through which they were passing at present. Mr Hurse hoped that the good news would be sounded through the world that the Allies had done their job, and that an honorable peace had been proclaimed.

In conclusion he called upon the company to sing "God Bless our Splendid Men."

In a conversation at the close of the entertainment the instructor, Mr Tan, expressed his willingness to come to Tatura next year and instruct the members of the Tatura Boys' Club, provided that means of conveyance could be obtained to bring him over.

"What constitutes a True Britisher" is the subject chosen by Mr Bayley, of St. Kilda, for an essay by school children within the Shire of Rodney. Mr Bayley has provided two substantial prizes, and is anxious that every senior pupil will compete in the competition. Mr L. E. Whitney has been appointed organiser, and Mr D. C. Morrison will act as judge. All essays must be forwarded to the organiser before December 17th, 1917.

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