

### Unveiling Honor Board.

There was a large gathering at Springside on Wednesday afternoon last, the occasion being the unveiling of an Honor

Board in the State School, and as a memento of those who were old-time pupils of the school, and who enlisted their services in the Great War. The function took place shortly after 3 o'clock, when those assembled gathered together in the school where the unveiling took place. Mr. W. Luscombe, Chairman of the School Committee, presided, and after briefly explaining the object of the gathering, apologised for the absence of Cr. A. C. Krieg, Chairman of the Shire Council, Mr. J. Bickerton, Chairman of the Repatriation, and Mr. A. J. Harvey, secretary of the same body. He then called upon Cr. McIntyre to say a few words.

Cr. McIntyre said he was pleased to see so many old friends and acquaintances and appreciated the honor afforded him in being asked to unveil the Honor Board that day, but was sorry that someone with more ability as a speaker was unable to be present. He was pleased they were honoring the lads who had fought for the cause of the Empire, and for truth and justice, and against the tyranny that would have been directed against Australia and the whole world had the result been against us. They did not realise the greatness of the action of these men, as the generations to come would do. The actions that led up to the conflict, and the part the soldiers had taken, would in generations to come be looked upon as greater than they realised. Australia had never been sullied with bloodshed, and he hoped it never would. He hoped those who had returned would be able to follow peaceful pursuits and that better times would come round, and that many would set their hands to husbandry and thus help in production in order to enable Australia to pay the debts incurred by the war.

Major D. V. Hannay thanked the committee for their great kindness in extending to him an invitation to be with them at their function. He had been to many a jollification there in years gone by, and he was happy to be with them again. He had seen

other countries and other lands, and he could say that they had every reason to be proud of the men sent from Australia. They had shown an excellent example that had never been equalled even in the centre of the Empire. At one time there were more Australians in the fighting line than all the British Dominions put together. He would make bold to say that the Australian soldiers were the best behaved troops on the Western front or any other front. Whether they were in Belgium, France or Great Britain, when they returned to these countries they were always warmly welcomed. To those who conveyed the idea that he was a desperate individual, to them he would say that he was a perfect gentleman all the time. They need have no quorm of conscience as to how these heroes would act. Those who had gone abroad would say that there was very little in these older countries that they would like reproduced here. If they saw the conditions people were living under where there was no drought, they would be satisfied with Australia even with its droughts. And conditions in these countries would never be better until they emancipated themselves. They were working under conditions no one should be asked to work under. In Australia they lived an open and free life. Some who had gone abroad had got out of the way of life a little, and they should see that these men were well-treated. They did not want to be spoon-fed but they wanted a clear run and a square go. Their experiences abroad had taught them to regard Australia as the best country in the world. It was for them to think, act and say that she was so, and place Australia first in all things. They should make and keep Australia what she is to-day, and by doing so they could not pay the men who lie on the other side a greater tribute.

Cr. McIntyre then unveiled the Honor Board, which was a fine piece of wood work of fine architectural design, made of silk oak, and measured five by three feet, and on it was inscribed the following.—

Springside State School, 1914-1919. In honor of teachers and pupils who served in the A.I.F. Roll of Honor. E. Christensen, E. L. Grimstone, F. Geise w. O.

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Those marked "w" signifies wounded; "dr." drowned; and "k" killed.

After the unveiling the Rev. Wilkinson was given an opportunity of speaking a few words, and said he was pleased at being so privileged. He appreciated the idea of perpetuating the memory of the soldiers in this way

He trusted their names would ever remain green, and emphasised the need of placing greater stress on the word honor.

A vote of thanks to the speakers and the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

The gathering then sat down to afternoon tea, kindly supplied by the ladies, and needless to say this part of the programme was much appreciated.

In the evening a dance was held, and it was one of the largest attended ever known at Springside. Mr F. Krinke acted as M.C., and the music was supplied gratuitously by a number of volunteer musicians. Refreshments were also served during the evening, and in spite of the hot weather, a most pleasing evening was spent.

The school committees are to be congratulated on the day's efforts, and particularly the way in which they have honored the soldiers. The enlistment from that part of the district was most creditable, and one of which to be proud. Evidently Springside is one of the live centres of the Shire. It is doubtful whether there is another school of its size within the Shire and outside of Pittsworth, which speaks well for the energy of school committees in the past, and the loyal support they have received from the parents of children attending the school. The grounds are large and could hardly be improved upon from a school-ground point of view. The school-house is the least impressive of any of the buildings, and resembles an isolation ward at a hospital rather than a residence. The present committees are as follows:—Messrs W. Luscombe (chairman), J. D. Learmonth (secretary), J. Roache, (treasurer), R. Pitt, F. Postle, and T. Richardson. We understand Mr F. Postle has been a continuous mem-

Postle has been a continuous member of the committee for nearly thirty years, and has no doubt had a good deal to do with the progress and advancement of that part of the district.