

WHITE HILLS HONOR ROLL.

Bearing the names of 21 Anzacs connected with the White Hills Baptist Sunday School, a beautiful oak honor roll was unveiled in the school hall last Monday by the Prime Minister (Mr. W. M. Hughes). The hall was filled long before the proceedings commenced. A pretty decorative scheme was carried out in the interior of the building, flags of the Allies and other patriotic emblems being artistically blended, whilst red white and blue electric lights added greatly to the effectiveness of the embellishments. The chair was occupied by the Rev. L. E. Tranter. On the honor roll the following names were inscribed:—J. Stanford, T. H. Mills, C. Irwin, H. S. Hood, E. Every, J. Richards, H. Monti, C. Coad, Oliver M. Roberts, G. Every, F. A. Hardie, W. C. Roberts, O. L. Knight, I. Cahill, W. Curtis, A. J. Knight, E. Smith, O. R. Hood, W. J. Heuston, S. A. Loy, H. Moran. An asterisk against several of the names denoted that the following had made the supreme sacrifice:—T. H. Mills, H. S. Hood, H. Monti, C. Coad, and O. M. Roberts.

The Prime Minister, who was accompanied by Mrs. Hughes, was greeted with three ringing cheers as he entered the building, and was briefly introduced by the chairman.

After drawing aside a large Union Jack which veiled the honor roll, Mr. Hughes said:—"It affords me very great pleasure to have the privilege of unveiling this honor roll, on which are set forth the names of those who have gone out from amongst you to uphold the honor of their country. These men are the manifestation of that spirit which is amongst the people of this country, and of that valor of which we read abundant proof every passing day in the columns of our great journals. These men have gone from their peaceful homes to endure and to suffer much on behalf of their country. That spirit of patriotism which has spurred them on is the one to do honor to which we have come here tonight. It is the spirit which has inspired this race and moved in it these thousands of years, and to which we owe everything that we have. Some of these young men have died. They have made the supreme sacrifice. They have died in the very

dawn of their young manhood. But they have died in a great cause, and, although

have died in a great cause, and, although their poor bodies now lie on foreign soil—soil perhaps unmarked by anything that will enable us to recognise the spot where their bones lie—their spirit will live. They have not died in vain, for by giving up their lives they have enabled us to live and enabled liberty to flourish. (Applause.) They have died in the cause for which Australia and the rest of the Allies are fighting to-night. These young men have set a glorious example which every one of you, and every one of their fellow citizens must admire. It is men such as these who teach us how to tread the narrow way of duty; to do that which has to be done if we would be what we ought to be. It is a great privilege to be here to do them honor. I have great pleasure in unveiling this honor roll before you, to whom every one of these men is well known. To you and all my fellow citizens I say, look on these names and do honor to them. When the history of this great struggle comes to be written, these names will be passed on to generations yet to come. Little children will look up to these men. They will be taught that these men are those by whom they are to fashion their lives. I have very much pleasure in carrying out this duty you have been good enough to invite me here to perform. We can say of these men, whatever shall be their fate, whether they be allowed to come back to those they love at home, or whether they fall, they have played their part nobly and well as citizens of a free country." (Applause.)

On the proposition of the chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Prime Minister and Mrs. Hughes.

An entertaining programme was nicely contributed as follows:—Songs, Misses M. Hyett, Field, M. M'Laren, Messrs. E. H. Collett, E. A. Miller, A. Hamilton; monologue, Miss A. Courtis. The accompaniments were ably played by Miss A. Courtis. Mr. F. J. Every carried out the secretarial duties in an able manner.