

Cobden School Honor Roll.

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Thursday evening last was an important occasion in the history of Cobden, and more especially in connection with the Cobden School, for it was then that the School Honor Board, containing the names of former pupils who enlisted, was unveiled. The people attended in large numbers to pay homage to the ex-pupils, many of whom had only recently left the school and who rushed to the colors in the hour of the Empire's need. It seems as but yesterday when some of them, who are now, unfortunately, taking their last long sleep in foreign lands as a result of the war, were playing in the school ground at Cobden with their fellows; bright and happy boys, free from all the care of the world and concerning themselves not with the future. How quickly they developed and how gallantly they upheld the honor of their native land and their flag are now matters of history and the pride of the school and districts. Many have made the supreme sacrifice, but, gallant lads as they were, they would not have willed it otherwise. They met a soldier's fortune and died a soldier's death, with their faces to foe and the honor of their country safely in the keeping of themselves and their brave comrades. Those who live on reap the reward and cherish the memory of their heroic brothers who fought and fell. At the school to-day are many just boys as their seniors who graced the school a year or two ago, and who did not hesitate to don the kilt when the call came, and it goes without saying that the present-day pupils, will, if the occasion arises, give as good an account of themselves, as their predecessors, whose names now grace the Honor Board.

It was fitting that the people should assemble en masse to pay tribute, and the importance of the ceremony was duly recognised.

Prior to the unveiling ceremony a very acceptable musical programme was gone through, the children again receiving warm applause for their highly creditable staging of the cantata, "Dame Durden's School"; Misses Ryan and Cole also contributed most pleasing numbers.

The Chairman of the School Committee, Mr. Grayland, presided, and, during the course of an appropriate speech, said that that night was unlike any Cobden had previously experienced, and he trusted that they would never again experience a similar one, for all knew the sacrifices the gallant lads whose memory they desired to perpetuate had made. Mr. Grayland stated that, to do this, the Committee had decided to erect an Honor Board. The cost of same was estimated at between £30 and 40, and to meet this the public had been asked to contribute which they had gladly done. The parents and the

asked to contribute which they had gladly done. The parents and the children had made a great effort, and now nearly all the money was in hand. He thought that the public would be pleased with the Board as a fitting tribute to the former pupils of the school who had so gallantly conducted themselves on the field of battle. (Applause).

Mr. Grayland read an apology from Mr. C. H. Ogilvie, who had taken a prominent part in initiating the movement.

The President of the Shire of Heytesbury (Cr. C. Underwood) expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present on such an important occasion. He fully recognised the honor done him by the invitation to perform the unveiling ceremony. To the boys whose names it contained they owed a tremendous lot. They had gone to fight for the comfort and freedom in which the people had lived, and had done their full share in holding it.

To indicate in a small measure the hardships the soldiers had endured, Cr. Underwood quoted a sentence from a letter written by a soldier to his mother, which said: "It is all right now, Mum; the mud is frozen." His hearers could imagine from that, perhaps, something of the conditions under which the soldiers had lived and fought. They had an idea of what those boys had gone through, and knew they could never repay the debt they owed them. They had been told the Australians were the best soldiers in the world, and though he would not go so far as to say that, he would say they were second to none. (Applause). They had first proved that at Gallipoli, by accomplishing what was regarded as impossible; and when they advanced they held their positions. They would remember when in 1918 the German army was driving the Allies backwards, the Australians were rushed in, and not only checked the advance of the enemy, but stopped it dead. (Applause). They owed a great deal to these men, many of whom, unfortunately had made the supreme sacrifice, and they could show their gratitude by doing something for those who were fortunate enough to come home. The boys had been promised great things when they went away, and it was up to the people to honor those promises. One way in which they could help towards this was by always insisting on buying Australian-made goods. They all knew that Australia was capable of producing all its needs, and by the establishment of factories they would be increasing production and giving employment to thousands. The best they could do for their returned men would not be nearly sufficient. The Board he was about to unveil would preserve the memory of the gallant men whose names it contained for all time, and serve to show future generations what a handful of men had accomplished in the Great War, and which would be a revelation to future gen-

plished in the Great War, and which would be a revelation to future generations.

The board was then unveiled amid applause.

The Honor Board, which is of black-wood, is a handsome design, standing between seven and eight feet high and about five feet broad, and contains not less than 125 names, nicely engrossed in gold leaf, of which number 18 had paid the supreme sacrifice, these names being signified by a star. The names of the past scholars were read out by Masters Ryan and Davis, and were as follow:

ALLEN, MAURICE
 ANDREWS, ALFD. J.
 ANDREWS, JAS.
 BEAMES, H. J.
 BEAMES, R. E.
 BEAMES, W. L. T.
 *BREWER, REGINALD
 BREWER, THOMAS
 BUBB, WILLIAM
 CAPELL, ALFRED H.
 CAPELL, THOS. M.
 *CLARKE, MAURICE
 *COAD, ERNEST
 COAD, HENRY
 CORR, FREDERICK
 CORR, LINDSAY
 CORR, REGINALD
 CARROLL, TIMY.
 CRAIG, ROBERT
 COOK, GEO.
 COOK, WILLIAM
 COLE, OSBERT
 CALLAWAY, ERNEST
 COWLEY, GEORGE
 CAVANAGH, AR.
 DUNCAN, ALEX.
 DUNCAN, JACK
 *DODDS, CLARENCE
 FISH, JAMES
 FLAHERTY, L.

FLAHERTY, WILLIAM
 *FLETCHER, WM.
 FLETCHER, HLD.
 *GEMMELL, W. A.
 *GEMMELL, J. P.
 GARDNER, ALBERT
 GILBERT, JAS. H.
 GOODALL, JOHN
 GOODALL, EDWARD
 GOODALL, THOMAS
 GARVIE, CHARLES
 HANDS, GIRVAN
 HIGGINS, THOMAS
 *INGLIS, FREDERICK
 INGLIS, HERBERT
 *IRVINE, FREDERICK
 JOHNSON, WILLIAM
 JOHNSON, PERCY
 JONES, JAMES
 *KERR, JOHN W.
 KENNEDY, JOHN
 MARSHALL, FRED
 MAXFIELD, GORDON
 MYERS, W.
 *McQUINN, HECTOR
 McQUINN, STANLEY

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 McQUINN, STANLEY
 McKENZIE, JOHN
 McKENZIE, JAS. G.
 McKENZIE, ADAM
 McNAUGHTON, J.
 MEADE, WILLIAM
 MONK, HERBERT
 MONK, CHARLES
 McKEAN, JOHN
 NAYLOR, GEO.
 ORR, LYNN
 ORTON, JOHN
 O'LEARY, GEORGE
 O'LEARY, JACK
 O'LEARY, BERT
 PATTERSON, HERB.
 *PEIPER, ROBERT
 *PETER, CAMPBELL
 PETER, NORMAN
 PETER, HERBERT
 PILKINGTON, WILLIAM
 PLOWMAN, JOHN
 PHILLIPS, JOHN
 *PERKS, WILLIAM
 PEGG, ERNEST
 PEGG, WILLIAM
 ROBB, ALEXANDER
 ROBB, ROBERT
 RITCHIE, CLARENCE
 RITCHIE, WALTER
 RUSSELL, W.
 ROBINSON, FRED.
 ROBERTS, AR.
 SILVESTER, FRED.
 SILVESTER, ROBT. A.
 SPALL, ALBERT
 *SHEPHERD, EDW.
 *SCANLAN, WM.
 TAYLOR, OLIVER
 *FREIDGETT, HLD.
 TARRANT, WILLIAM
 TARRANT, ROY
 TARRANT, WILFRED
 TARRANT, VICTOR
 TAYLOR, WALTER
 WINCHOMB, C.
 WINCHOMB, A.
 *WINCHOMB, W.
 WILLIAMS, CHARLES
 WILSON, WILLIAM
 WILSON, STEPHEN
 WILSON, LINDSAY
 WILSON, FOPE
 WILSON, OSWALD
 WILSON, DAVID
 WILSON, STANLEY
 WILSON, WALTER
 WOODS, CHARLES
 WOODS, ALLAN
 WOODS, FRANK
 WATT, NORMAN
 WATT, R. (NURSE)
 WILKINSON, WILLIAM
 WESTBURY, ROBT.
 WESTBURY, FRED
 WESTBURY, CHAS.
 WARD, LESLIE
 WARD, FREDERICK
 WHITE, ROBT.
 VAGG, REGINALD.