

THE LATE MISS KAISER.

MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED.

"Erected by the pupils to the memory of their late mistress, Miss Florenz A. Kaiser, who died May 25, 1914, aged 43 years, as a token of affection. Her watchword was 'Duty.'"

These were the words inscribed on a marble tablet which was unveiled by the Mayor of Lithgow (Ald. R. Pillans) in the infants' department of the district school on Saturday afternoon. The Mayor, addressing the teachers, pupils, friends, and relations of deceased, said it was with mixed feelings that they assembled to do honor to the memory of the late and deeply lamented Miss Kaiser. The children loved her and talked about her in their homes. His eldest son had passed through her hands, and always spoke of her in the highest terms. His youngest son also spoke of her. She had spent eighteen years or more among the children of the town, and had left her mark in the moulding of their characters. She was a woman among women, was well-fitted for the position she occupied, and all who came in contact with her realised her great worth. It was given to only a few that great gift of tendering kindly feeling to the little tots who were being taught, and the tiniest of her pupils loved her because she loved them. He personally was pleased to be able to do honor to a woman so well spoken of, and so universally beloved by her pupils. The young people who had been trained by her had gained the benefit of her kindly teaching, and there were scores of families who owed much to her. Her life was an example and should be followed by many as the kind of life a good woman should lead. The Mayor then unveiled the tablet. He said that the tablet was subscribed for by the pupils of the school and was erected as a lasting token of their affection, love, and esteem.

Mr. Chas. Kaiser, the eldest brother of the late mistress, thanked all present from the bottom of his heart for the honor they had bestowed upon the memory of his late sister. He represented his mother and brothers and sisters, who desired him to express their deepest gratitude to all the pupils, ex-pupils, and friends for their expressions of kindly feeling. His sister had done good work and deserved the honor to her memory. Teaching was one of the most responsible occupations anyone could take up; in fact, it was one of the most important in the State. Shakespeare said that the evil men did lived after them, but the good they did was buried with their bones. In the case of his dead sister, however, her good deeds would last for ever in the memory of many. He concluded by sincerely thanking all present for their attendance to honor the memory of his late sister.

Mr. A. E. Reay said that the last words on the tablet fully expressed his sentiments, "Her watchword was 'Duty.'" Miss Kaiser always put duty first, and after fighting against disease and illness, practically died in harness. He was sure that her deeds would live in the memory of scores of young people now out in the world, and hoped that her life would be an example to those who followed

now out in the world, and hoped that her life would be an example to those who followed in her footsteps. The subscriptions amounted to £20 12s, the bank interest amounted to 5s 6d, making a total of £20 17s 6d. Printing amounted to 11s 6d, and the monument maker's bill (M. A. Co.), to £20, leaving a balance in hand of 6s.