

Goldsborough Patriotic Social.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The usual monthly meeting in aid of the Red Cross Fund was again held at the school on the 12th Feb., when the occasion was marked by the unveiling of the Roll of Honor to the boys who had been taught at the Goldsborough school who have given their services—in two cases, up to the present, their lives—for King and Country. The Chairman, Mr J. Lummis, during his opening remarks, read a letter from Mr J. W. Pennington, M.L.A., apologising for not being able to be present to unveil the memorial, and expressing his thanks for and appreciation of the public efforts of the Goldsborough people. The social was opened by a piano and violin overture by the Misses J. Pike and A. Wilson, which was a real treat; then a children's item by the school children, "From Homes of Quiet Peace," was splendidly rendered; recitation, "Small Boy in a Museum," by Miss D. Boucher, was quite a variation in our programme, and caused a shimmer of laughter all over the audience and was rewarded with applause; solo, Mrs Kennedy, who, in answer to an encore, sang "The Empress of the Waves," which was received with applause; song and chorus, "Some Hearts Will Be Joyful," Miss B. Skane, very well rendered, the singer having to reply to an encore; duet, "The Fighting Kangaroo," Messrs M. Lynch and E. Cole, went with a patriotic swing and got encored; song, "The Banks of Loch Lomond," by Miss M. Stephenson, was very well sung for one so young; song, "Sing Me a Song of the South," by Miss A. Lummis was well rendered. This concluded the first part of the programme. The usual sale now took place, when the gifts of the people—toys, eggs, vegetables, and fruits, of which there was a good quantity—were disposed of under the hammer of Mr G. Skane, and realised £2 1s 9d. I would like to call the attention of the outside public to the sale, as the goods are always of first-class quality, and we are in want of buyers. While the buyers were settling their accounts, the chairman announced a guessing competition—the weight of a sugar bag of wheat, 31 a guess—which brought to the fund 8s 6d, and was won by Miss B. Symons,

8s 6d, and was won by Miss B. Symons, Moliagul, who was only $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. out of the exact weight. Then came the event of the evening, the unveiling of the Roll of Honor. The chairman gave a short address, dealing with the aspects of the war and the part our brave lads were taking in it. Mr G. Skane, also said a few stirring words. The chairman then added to his previous remarks by referring to the position of the Roll in the school, and that it would be looked upon with pride and held in honor by the future generations. He then unveiled the Roll amid applause, and the people rose and sang "God Bless Our Splendid Men." The Roll was presented to the school by Mr J. W. Pennington, M.L.A., and the names, of which there are 16 at present (and five or six more to go on), were inscribed by Mrs Carroll in beautiful characters, and unstinted was the praise of the people to her for the part she had taken in placing such a splendid piece of work in our school. The second part of our programme was opened with a piano and violin duet by the Misses Pike and Wilson, who again delighted the audience with splendid music; song, "Home, Boys, Home," Mr G. Skane, in his usual good style; children's item, "The Spring Breaks Around Us," was well rendered, and their teacher (Miss Pike) must be congratulated on their performance; song, "When I Lost You," Miss D. Boucher, was very well sung; song, "In Happy Moments Day by Day," Miss E. Baker, was last but not least on our programme, as she sang it very sweetly. While supper was being served, the chairman asked the people to rise and sing the National Anthem, which brought a very successful social to a close. The chairman tendered thanks to all who had assisted to make the evening a success, and announced the takings of the evening as £3 13s 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Since the inauguration of the fund on July 3rd, 1915, the list of goods despatched to the front is:—50 flannel shirts, 75 pairs socks, 8 silver grey blankets, 32 pairs sheets, 60 flannel undershirts, 35 pairs towels, 10 Balaclava caps, 29 handkerchiefs, 51 bandages, 42 face washers, 2 quilts, 2 feather pillows, 1 cushion, 1 doz. tin insectibane, and a large quantity of old linen.

The amount of cash realized is £63 3s 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, and £8 odd school fund.

The ladies held the usual meeting on Tuesday, the 15th, when they received from headquarters the two rolls of flannel ordered in December,

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