

NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Roll of Honour Unveiled by the Governor.

An honour roll, containing the names of 500 old scholars of the Norwood Public School who had enlisted, was unveiled by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry Galway) at the Norwood Oval on Tuesday morning. All the present pupils of the school were in attendance, in the general charge of the head master (Mr. J. A. Kennedy), and there were also present many parents and members of the general public. The Chairman of the school committee (Mr. H. J. Holden) presided. His Excellency was accompanied by Lady Galway and the Private Secretary (Mr. Leigh Winsor), and there were also present on the platform the Minister of Education (Hon. W. H. Harvey), the Mayor of Kensington and Norwood (Mr. E. H. Lambert), the Director of Education (Mr. M. M. Marzhan), and three former head masters of the school—Inspectors West, Smyth, and Pavin.

In calling upon the Governor to perform the unveiling ceremony, Mr. Holden said that although the roll contained 500 names already, there were many more to be added.

His Excellency said the names on the roll were a lasting proof that the teaching of good citizenship at the Norwood School had borne bounteous fruit, for the men whose names were recorded went forth at their country's call with confidence and faith and hope in their hearts. The sacrifice, of course, varied with the individual; but the greater the sacrifice the greater the credit and the greater the glory. (Applause.) The man who went forth to face the dangers and terrors and hardships of war stood in a very different category to his kinsman who held back, preferring ease and comfort to duty. Of the men whom they honoured that day many, alas, had made the supreme sacrifice, and to them they paid a tribute of gratitude and reverence. To those who had been maimed they expressed their deep sympathy, and they looked to the Government to see that these men were taken care of. (Applause.) The roll must have the effect of stimulating the children of this and succeeding generations. Environment must influence all for good or evil, and such a record as was contained on that honour roll could influence the children only for good. His Excellency made reference to the needs of the hour, men and money, and told the children how each one of them could help by small contributions to the war loan. The path of duty, he said, was the right path, and, once on it, they had only got to keep straight and live a clean life to get there in the end. (Applause.) In handing the roll of honour into the safe keeping of the head master and his successors, he felt that it would always be a record of duty well done at the time of the Empire's greatest danger, and a stimulus to the children to do their duty when the call came. (Applause.)

Lady Galway addressed herself particularly to the girls. She said what they looked for at the front or at home, in the leaders or in the rank and file, could be summed up in one word—"efficiency;" and how could they expect the fundamental law which ruled our world to stop short at women and children? Of course it did not. They all wanted to help, but they were not all fitted to do so. She congratulated them upon the roll of honour which had been unveiled that day, and hoped the school would find a like measure of distinction in times of peace to that it had attained at a time of war. (Applause.)

The Minister of Education also spoke and expressed gratification that a knowledge of duty to King and Empire had been infused into the scholars of the Norwood School. He emphasized the importance of early training, for the children of to-day, he said, were the men and women of to-morrow.

A vote of thanks was accorded His Excellency and Lady Galway, on the motion of the Director of Education.

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The scholars sang the National Anthem unaccompanied, performed Maypole dances, and went through interesting physical drill.