

OLD HOBARTIAN ASSOCIATION

UNVEILING OF THE HONOR BOARD.

A SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION.

The Assembly Hall of the new State High School was well packed on Saturday night on the occasion of the unveiling of the honor board of the old scholars who had gone to the front. Among those present there was an appreciable number of parents and friends.

The first part of the evening's programme was a lecture by the Rev. C. C. Dugan, M.A., who took as his subject Tennyson's much appreciated poem, "The Princess." Mr. Dugan introduced the poem by a few preliminary remarks concerning the wider life of a woman, referring to the rights and treatment of women past and present. Mr. Dugan explained the supposed construction of "The Princess," which was a story told by seven gentlemen, the one commencing and then the remnant continuing the rest of the story. Mr. Dugan also mentioned that the women present sang songs at the intervals. Mr. Dugan then told vividly and lucidly the gist of Tennyson's poem. As he arrived at the conclusion of each narrator's contribution, the songs which Tennyson introduced at the intervals were rendered.

A High School quartette, consisting of Misses A. Stephens, P. Durlam, and M. Wright, and Messrs. P. H. Mitchell and G. Woods, were responsible for excellent renditions of "Sweet and low" and "The bugle song," both efforts being received with enthusiastic applause. Miss Shearson (Miss Watson, accompanist) gave "Tears, idle tears," and was complimented by Mr. Dugan on the masterly style of her interpretation. "Home they brought her warrior dead" was sung by Mr. Limb, who had to excuse himself from an encore, as he had only the one song with him. Miss D. Glover contributed "Ask me no more" to the musical part of the programme. Miss Williams playing the accompaniment.

After the telling of the story Mr. Dugan briefly answered the question Tennyson asks in the poem. Tennyson teaches there is one perfect life; that man is only half that perfect life; that woman is only half that perfect life; and man and woman together represent that perfect life.

Mr. P. H. Mitchell, president of the Old Hobartian Association, announced that the second part of the programme would be official, and asked Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McCoy to unveil the honor board.

Mr. W. T. McCoy, Director of Education, in his speech before unveiling, said that it was very gratifying to the teachers and incidentally to himself that the ex-pupils of the High School are showing such interest in the school, and he thinks it still grander that they are remembering those boys who are away fighting for them. The school has possibly helped to make them what they are, and what they will become. He felt certain that the school is to play a prominent part in the social and political life of this country. This year the High School is sending up 112 candidates for the Junior Public Examination, and he hopes they will break the century, and get 100 through successfully. This institution, like many other of the schools in Tasmania, is aiding considerably in the purchase of the War Savings Certificates, and have now raised over £500. He was told that morning that the total for the State up-to-date has passed £38,000, this sum having aggregated in four months. In view of this he considers it a fair proposition to expect

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The object of this night, however, is to do honor to 14 brave boys who have left for the front, and to some seven or eight others who are at present in Claremont camp.

Mr. McCoy, speaking in reference to Mr. J. Mulligan, who had left the Hobart High School while a teacher there, and had enlisted, said that after some five months in camp Mr. J. Mulligan had been considered unfit. Mr. McCoy stated that Mr. Mulligan was to resume teaching at the Hobart High School on January 1 next, a statement which was greeted with applause.

The honor board and design had been made by one of the old boys, Mr. M. Maddocks, and the result was very much to his credit. Mr. McCoy explained that there were five boys at present in camp, whose names were not yet on the board, and there was also one who had left that morning, whose name had not yet been added.

Mr. McCoy suggested that a meeting of the old scholars should be held, and that each member should decide to correspond with an old scholar at the front. The school magazine should also be sent.

It was pointed out that the school magazine is despatched to those old boys at the front.

Mr. McCoy continued:—We wish them all very good luck, and hope that they will acquit themselves valiantly, and pray the good Lord Who watches over us all to protect them and bring them back safe again.

He then asked Mrs. McCoy to unveil the roll of honor, which she did.

The board was headed with the badge of the Old Hobartian Association. Underneath there was the school motto: "Prosum et semper honoratus." The names on the board are:—Collins, A. C.; Murchison, M. G.; Garrett, R. (killed); Downey, W. T.; Moy, A. T.; Stanfield, R. G.; Reynolds, F. J.; Sheppard, J.; Kirby, K. R.; Simpson, T. W.; Briggs, H. C.; Jennings, W. O.; and Dowling, A. D.

The Director of Education expressed his regret at the death of Reg. Garrett, the only old boy who has so far paid the supreme sacrifice.

Mr. H. Cathbertson proposed a vote of thanks to those who had assisted during the evening, his motion being seconded by Mr. R. Pringle. The motion was carried with acclamation.

The singing of "God Save the King" ended the evening's programme.

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