

FRIENDS' HIGH SCHOOL.

UNVEILING OF HONOUR BOARD.

There was a large gathering of people, both young and old, in the assembly-hall of the Friends' High School last evening, when the ceremony of unveiling an honour board to all old scholars of the school who served in any capacity abroad during the war was performed by the headmaster, Mr. C. Annolls. The board, which had been erected by the Old Scholars' Association of the school, is a finely designed and carved piece of Tasmanian oak, and contains the names of 198 old boys and girls, painted in gold letters. The designing has been executed by Messrs. Frank Heyward and Roy Smith, two old scholars, to whom the association extended their thanks, and the board has been placed in position by Mr. Goddard. There is no distinction made as to rank or position of the various names, and upon the decision of the old scholars' committee no indication of those who had made the supreme sacrifice has been made, but of those recorded on the board 28 lost their lives at the front. The motto of the school surmounts the list of names, and immediately below this is carved the following sentence: "Erected to the memory of those of our scholars who served in the Great War." Below the names reads the text, "They followed where their duty led." The board stands about seven feet high, and is about six feet across, and is hung at the head of the school assembly room.

The headmaster gave an address on Patriotism, preparatory to the unveiling ceremony, in which he stated that there were two sides to patriotism, one of which was true and the other false. Napoleon Bonaparte was inspired with false patriotism. He set out to conquer the world, and said he was doing it for the honour of the flag of France, but all the time it was for his own personal honour and glorification, and France had suffered ever since. He was a man who was not actuated by true patriotism. True patriotism meant the love of one's country, both spiritually and otherwise, and he instanced many notable examples of it, both in past and present times. Everyone should do what they possibly could to make their country great. The peoples were the soul of a land, and they should encourage education, be free, and be inspired by high ideals.

Mr. J. H. Gould, the chairman of the Old Scholars' Committee, in handing over the honour roll to the school, also spoke, and explained the objects of the erection of the board. He said it was part of a scheme to commemorate the memory of all those old boys and girls who had gone out and served on the battlefield. In addition to erecting this board they were endeavouring to endow a scholarship in connection with the school, and hold it as a memorial of their services and sacrifices.

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Mr. Annolls uncovered the roll, which was screened by the Union Jack flag, and made appropriate remarks, after which an inspection by the people in the hall was made.