

BAULKHAM HILLS.

UNVEILING A ROLL OF HONOR.

On Saturday evening the Baulkham Hills Patriotic League roll of honor was unveiled by the Right Hon. Jos. Cook, P.C., in the presence of a large number of the residents of the district and their friends. Mr. Chas. Brown (President of the Shire Council) occupied the chair, and the general arrangements were under the control of a committee of ladies, prominent among whom were noticed Mrs. C. Brown (hon. sec.), Mrs. Kimber and others. Apologies were received for non-attendance from Mr. Tobin and Mrs. Stanley. From the last mentioned lady came, per the chairman, a message stating that Sergeant Thompson, one of the district's soldiers, and son of the late shire engineer, had been slightly wounded in battle, and had been taken to hospital, and further, so it was believed, had been recommended for the D.C.M. decoration. (Applause.) The evening's programme included a district welcome to Trooper Cowley (back from the front) who, although he had enlisted from the neighbouring state of Queensland, was now a Baulkham Hills man, his family having taken up residence here; also in the arrangements of the evening was provision for a send-off to some more soldiers now about to go to the front—Trooper Neville, Gunner Meldrum and Private Sutherland. The roll of honor contained the following names of local soldiers who had gone to fight for the Empire or were going, and some of whom had already suffered—been wounded, or made the last supreme sacrifice—for King and country and the cause of righteousness, justice and civilisation—Captain S. Cook, Lieut. L. Kimber, Lieut. J. Cook, Sergeant A. McKinnon, Sergeant K. Murchison, Sergeant P. Thompson, Corporal T. Hewitt, Lance Corporal J. Baker, Privates E. Luke, E. Currell, A. Currell, Ray Brien, J. Ralph, R. Cowell, H. Bolton, R. Wood, B. Tree, E. Swain, A. Gibb, A. Redden, K. Wall, A. Irwin, W. Irwin, K. Sutherland, Gunner D. Hewitt, Gunner E. Meldrum, Trooper P. Neville and Privates M. Cowley, E. Cowley, M. Cox, R. Cox and R. Tasker. The proceedings were commenced with the National Anthem, the accompanist being Miss E. Arundel, who then played a lovely overture, "Trinity Chimes." The evening's business was carried out in a warm and hearty manner, and everything was a pronounced success socially. The school of arts and crafts, where the dinner was held, had been attractively decorated, and the interior was set out in drawing-room style, whilst many of the ladies present were in evening dress in honor of the special guests of the occasion. The programme included patriotic speeches of no little eloquence and interest, musical items, and the discussion by the visitors of refreshments supplied liberally by the local ladies. Among those present were the Mayor of Parramatta (Alderman P. J. Thomas) and Mrs. and Miss Bruntnell and others from the historic borough and

and others from the historic borough and those in whose honor the function had been specially organised. Trooper Neville had been unable to get leave from the Menangle Camp to attend at Baulkham Hills that evening, and Private Sutherland had sailed for the front, it was understood, that very morning. Councillor Brown, in the course of a few remarks at the commencement of the speech-making, mentioned the names of the young soldiers who were being specially honored that evening, and asked Mr. A. Bruntnell, M.L.A., to make a number of presentations to the military men returning and departing, Captain S. Cook, Trooper Cowley, Trooper Neville, Gunner Meldrum, and the rest. Mr. Bruntnell dwelt eloquently upon the spirit of self-sacrifice which actuated the young men going forward to fight for us, but that self-sacrifice was shared by our women-folk. He instanced the case of one woman, a mother who had five sons at the front, and who said, "Much as I love them all, I would not put a straw in their way to have the effect of keeping one of them from going." The different soldiers, recipients of the various items in the presentations, returned thanks, and Captain Rev. Stacy Waddy (who was departing as army chaplain on the next Tuesday) made a splendid speech, in which he explained that had he not volunteered to go, and been determined to go to the front, he should have been for ever, in the future, ashamed. The Right Hon. Jos. Cook, P.C., after officially unveiling the roll of honor, expressed his pleasure at being present to take part in the welcome to the soldiers just returned, and to share with the other local residents the duty of giving a hearty send-off to the men who were shortly to leave for the front. When the call had come for soldiers to fight for the interests of the Empire, the men of Baulkham Hills had sprung to arms with their brethren in other places.