

BOLWARRA PATRIOTIC LEAGUE.

WELCOME TO SOLDIERS.

The patriotic concert, unveiling ceremony, and welcome to returned soldiers, organised by the Bolwarra Patriotic League was held in the Bolwarra School-room on Tuesday, 4th instant. Invitations were issued to the Bolwarra shire councillors, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Nicholson, Major and Mrs. Nash, Mr. J. Finney, inspector of schools, and the parents of fallen and returned soldiers. Mr. J. T. Kirkwood, president of the Bolwarra Patriotic League, occupied the chair. The Bolwarra residents bowed their appreciation of the object by turning out in large numbers, and before the curtain was raised the room was taxed to its utmost.

The Chairman, in a few well-chosen remarks, explained that the object for which the concert was held was to raise funds to have additional names inscribed on the memorial tablet and honour roll. On the former there are now ten, and on the latter forty-seven names—all at one time pupils of the Bolwarra School.

The following programme was rendered:—Overture, Miss Proctor; chorus, "Sons of the Sea," school children; song, Mr. Pryke; quartette, Misses Price, Mannall, and Ribee; song, Miss Wilks; chorus, "Pillow Land," infants; song, Mr. Chaloner; song, Miss Poulton; recitation, Miss Smith; song, Mr. Mannall; duet, the Misses Price; song, Mr. Ribee; recitation, Miss Pender; chorus, "The Washerwoman," children; song, Miss Poulton; duet, Messrs. Mannall and Ribee; song, Miss Wilks; recitation, Miss Smith.

Those who braved the elements were well rewarded by the very fine vocal and instrumental programme rendered. Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Ribee, to whom great credit is due, arranged the programme, and so much was it appreciated that the audience demanded an encore for each item. Mrs. McLean acted as accompanist.

At the termination of the programme Major Nash unveiled the memorial tablet, solemnly referred to the fallen heroes, and sympathised with the bereaved parents.

During the evening Mr. Kirkwood, on behalf of the Bolwarra residents, extended a welcome home to Private Roy Eades, who suitably responded.

Councillors Ferry and Bowden and Mr. S. J. Eades expressed their pleasure at be-

ing present, and thanked the league for their invitation.

Mr. A. Vercoe proposed a vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation to the performers.