

Euchareena Memorial Hall.

Friday night was a gala one for Euchareena, for the Memorial Hall was re-opened, after being destroyed by fire last October. After the conflagration, which razed the original wooden building to the ground, immediate steps were taken to rebuild the hall of concrete. The work of the contractor and his men was patiently watched by the residents, for not only did the hall assist in providing them with amusement, but it also was the visible sign of the pride they felt for the men of the district who had answered their country's call.

Visitors from Orange, Wellington, Dubbo, Molong, Mullion Creek, Kerr's Creek and Stuart Town were included among the large gathering in the hall on Friday night for the official opening and dance.

Mr. J. S. Shaw president of the hall committee, extended a welcome to the visitors, and especially mentioned Miss Howse and Ald. Whitmee.

Little Misses Patricia Shaw and Ethel Richardson presented Mrs. Colvin and Miss Howse with beautiful bouquets.

Mr. Shaw informed his audience that the only thing lacking at the hall was sufficient seating accommodation, and that was only on account of the timber strike. He regretted that Sir Neville Howse had been unable to attend, and he had sent his apologies, for the pressure of Cabinet business would not allow of him leaving

would not allow of him leaving Canberra. Dr. Colvin was a worthy substitute for him, however, and all of the people of Eucharreena were pleased to have him in their midst. Sir Neville's daughter had also agreed to attend the opening function, and he conveyed to her the thanks of the committee. Some three years ago, the movement for the erection of the hall commenced, and shortly after that dream had been realised, the building was destroyed by fire. Over the ruins, however, had been built the present hall, which would stand for many years as a token of the esteem of the people of the district for the men that went to the front. He had heard it said that the hall was too good for Eucharreena, but he looked upon nothing as being too good for the soldiers.

Ald. Whitmee expressed his pleasure at being present at the opening of such a fine memorial to the soldiers. The hall itself had surprised him, for he had had an erroneous idea of the size of the Eucharreena district. He questioned whether the fire had not been of value to the town, for, like San Francisco, better buildings usually followed in their wake. He agreed with Mr. Shaw that nothing was too good as a memorial for the returned soldiers, and no praise could be high enough. The hall was the tribute of the people of the district to the men who heeded the call to arms.

Dr. Colvin expressed regret that Sir Neville Howse had found it impossible to attend, and he felt that he was making a poor substitute. He would not have

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substitute. He would not have liked to do it without the assistance of Miss Howse. He thought that it was fitting that her first public duty should be carried out in her father's constituency. At the conclusion of his speech he called upon Miss Howse to cut the red, white and blue ribbon that ran the length of the hall, and to declare the building open.

The ceremony of cutting the ribbon was followed by an outburst of applause.

Following the official opening an enjoyable ball was held, Reynolds' orchestra providing the music. At midnight the ladies served supper, which was greatly appreciated by all.