BAND BALL.

A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

UNVEILING ROLL OF HONOUR.

There have been many successful social gatherings in Glen Innes in the past, but it is doubtful if a more successful or enjoyable social was ever held here than the annual band ball, which eventuated in the Town Hall, on Tuesday night, the attendance being even larger than that of a similar function held a few weeks back. The committee responsible for the splendid arrangements are deserving of the highest praise. Nothing was overlooked—even the smallest detail was carefully given attention. As a result of the energy expended the band funds will benefit to a considerable extent. This is only as it should be, for, as we are constantly reminding the public, the band does not receive that measure of general support to which it is justly entitled. The ball is the chief source of revenue, and once more the financial affairs will register a fairly good "high-water mark." The fancy sets contributed materially to make the success of the function. In this respect expense ranged as but a secondary consideration. Some of the sets had set their hearts on securing the place of honor—hence the contented expense to achieve success. When the numbers went up first place was awarded to the Rajahs and Princesses. But the supremacy over the remaining sets was small and all looked exceedingly bright and attractive. In fact the whole scene resembled a glimpse into the kingdom of fairies—as the spotter dazed the measure of Terpsichore the colors blended harmoniously and the onlookers received quite a treat. The grand march, which was led by Miss Noonan and Lieut.-Colonel Abbott, was on the same suggestive—grand. Prizes were also offered for the best fancy individual dress—lady and gentleman. The ladies prize fell to Miss Mandelson. She was faultlessly attired in the apparel of a Princess of the Rajah's court. Miss Robinson came next representing the Queen of Night. The successful gentleman was Private Charlie Coughlan. Dressed in the now honored and picturesque plain khaki uniform of the Australian soldier, he easily overcame the opposition.

Dancing was commenced at 9.30. By this time the hall resembled the proverbial sardine tin. There were too many for comfortable dancing, but the spirit of the evening was not dulled—all went merrily as a marriage bell. Messrs. Tremble and Cannon kept the huge assemblage under control in a tactful manner, and as the strains of the last dance faded into oblivion at an hour after the midnight chimes, all present departed with fond and lasting memories of the Band Ball of 1918.

The following committee of ladies was responsible for the successful evening—Mesdames Gerard (secretary), Grey (treasurer), Bath, De Fraine, Bivens, Partell, Cox, and Misses Noonan (2), Goodhew, and Grey (2).

The music for the dance was provided by the band and orchestra, extra being also played by Mrs Gerrard, Misses Dot Burke, Gerard and Darlen.

The supper was provided by the townspeople and this is a big item to record. The tables were attractively set out and a veritable feast provided. Needless to say the appreciation of the dancers was unbounded.

The Fancy Sets.

Indian Rajahs and Princesses.—Mrs. Gerrard, Misses Burke, C. and D. Mandelson, and Messrs. Lloyd, Brennan, Davidson and Watt.

Pierrettes.—Mrs. Grey, Misses De Fraine, Leonard, Hume (2), Osborne, O'Mara and Partell, Messrs. Butler, Ashworth, Alcock, Post, Conroy, Thompson, Defraine and Tindle.

A.M.C.—Mesdames Ryan, Griffin, Beale, Misses Burke, Alcock, Tremble, Gillespie and Noonan, Messrs. Leary, Chambers, Cain, Jacobs, Chas. Ryan, C. Coughlan and T. Clarke.

Other Costumes.—Miss Finlo (ambulance nurse), Miss O'Mara (France), Miss Mountain (Union Jack), Miss Robinson (Queen of the Night), Mrs. Stevens (Gipsy Fortune Teller).

The Bunches.—Organised by Mesdames Grey and Gerard: Mesdames Grey, Gerard, Bath, the Misses Grey, Burgess, Noonan and Messrs. Waddell, McDougall, Johnson, Priest, McAlpine and Col. Abbott.

Cinderella.—Arranged by Miss Goodhew: Misses Mabitt, Martin, Mandeley, O'Brien, Goodhew, Wilcox, Williams, Wills, and Messrs. Ford, Cannon, T. Tuttle, Cox, T. Hogan, V. Baker, Tidball and Smith.

Dandy Set.—Arranged by Mrs. Gerard: Misses May Gerard, Isdore Lyle, Ellen Hembrow and Molly Barry and Messrs. Jack Conroy, W. McAlpine, Murray Barton and Roy Anderson.

Prizes.

Best Dressed Lady.—Miss C. Mandelson (Indian Princess) 1, Miss Robinson (Queen of the Night) 2.

Gents.—Private Chas. Coughlan (Khaki) most appropriate dress.

Roll of Honor Unveiled.

At 10.30 Lieut.-Colonel Abbott took up the ceremony of unveiling the roll of honor containing the names of members of the band who had volunteered for active service. In doing so, the colonel paid a high tribute to the patriotic spirit displayed by the Glen Innes Municipal Band. It was very doubtful whether the record of enlistments could be eclipsed by any other country town in the State. Five of the members who had left their town would not return—they had paid the penalty inflicted upon civilisation, they had died fighting for a noble cause which embodied the freedom of Australia. He hoped the final news of victory to the Allied arms would soon be flashed across the wire, telling that the degrading Hun had bit the dust for all time, and that the remaining members of the Glen Innes band, together with all the boys, not only from their town of Glen Innes, would have a speedy and safe return.

The workmanship displayed in the making of the roll was of a high order, whilst the woodwork, executed by Mr. Jack Blair, reflected great credit on his handiwork.

The honor board contained the following names:—

Thomas Reading, George Batts, John Quinn (all dead), Alex. Nelson, H. W. Cooke, N. Floyd, F. Chambers, Bert Johnson (M.M.), John Floyd, Sid Butt, Edward Mountain, M. McCarthy, William Lowery, Vince Rose, Vince Hoyles, Les Saunders, Norman Wilcox, Jim Gallagher, Chas. Coughlan, Julie Gallagher, Chas. Coughlan, Thomas Brown, William Heydon and Mr. Gazely.

Further Eulogies.

Rev. T. Billingham and Sergeant Leary also added their appreciation of the patriotism shown by the members of the band. By their actions they had shown that their hearts were beating true and that they were ever willing to take up the cause of the Allies and assist in a victorious conclusion—of this result as ever Australians had any doubt.

Watch-Guessing Competition.

At 12 o'clock Lieut.-Colonel Abbott wound up the watch and started it on its long journey, to stop just when the lucky number holder. The draw will take place in three weeks' time, when the watch will be broken and the stopping [illegible]

[illegible] name known. In the meantime, those who desire to [illegible] obtain tickets from any of the committee.

Juvenile Dance.

Last night the juvenile dance followed on. The attendance was again very large. Juveniles revelled in the opportunity afforded and made a merry [illegible] while their time lasted.