

Stroud

From our own Correspondent.

UNVEILING OF STROUD SCHOOL HONOR ROLL.

Thursday was a red letter day at the school when the new wing of the school was opened by Inspector McLachlan, and the Honor Roll of soldiers and nurses was unveiled. Long before the appointed time a very big crowd had gathered in the school grounds, and for the ceremony in the school a great number could not gain admittance. Mr V. Champion occupied the the chair and said they had met on a glorious day to perform a glorious function, and on behalf of the Parents and Citizens' Association he extended a welcome to the happy gathering. He hoped they would long remember this day in the years to come.

The children then sang "Summer."

Mr R. E. Callow, in extending a welcome to Mr R. A. Price, M.L.A., and Inspector McLachlan, said the day was the consummation of efforts started by the Parents and Citizens' Association some time before. The new wing of the school was a fine addition, and the Honor Roll to be unveiled was a credit to any school. He hoped the children would grow into fine, noble Australians.

Mr R. A. Price, M.L.A., said it was 26 years since he first came to Stroud and he was glad to accept the kind invitation of the Parents and Citizens' Association to be present that day. He said Stroud and district had passed through sorrow and adversity, but he believed it had a bright future before it. He was glad to be present at the unveiling of the Honor Roll, because if it had not been for those 52 on the Roll with the other brave men who had fought and died they would not be enjoying the liberties they were that day. He said that the women must be recognised also, for while the men were bravely defending their rights, they were preparing comforts for them. He was glad to know four nurses from Stroud had gone to the front. He hoped the children would grow up straight, honorable little Australians,

worthy of the brave men and nurses. He congratulated the patriotic workers, the officials of the school and the Parents and Citizens' Association. He wished the school every prosperity, also the town and district, and hoped the children would play the

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President Abbott in an appropriate speech, impressed upon the children the importance of school days, and expressed his pleasure at being present to see the Honor Roll unveiled.

Mr Jones said he was glad to have been invited to the function held that day. He was glad to see an Honor Roll of the boys and the nurses who had gone through the school and fought our battles on the other side.

The children then sang "God bless the Prince of Wales." Little Rita Fenton recited "The Old Flag," and though only a tiny tot of nine years, she was splendid.

Mr Thomas, head teacher of the school, said he was glad he was present for this day. Since 1914 they had been looking forward to an addition to the school. The ordinary attendance was 130; and the school before was not nearly large enough, but he was glad to have the nice airy class room for the children. The Honor Roll stood nobly for those who did their duty. He hoped the children would long remember the day.

Inspector McLachlan said he was glad to meet the people of Stroud; he hoped the boys and girls would live lives worthy of the boys who had passed through their school to do their duty, and that every time they looked at the Honor Roll it would remind them of great deeds done.

Mr Champion, President of the Parents and Citizens' Association, here said he hoped the children would copy the example of those whose names hung on the wall. He said the honor of unveiling the Roll was given to Mrs H. Chadban, who had lost two sons at the war and they had both belonged to Stroud school.

Canon Knox and Mr Steele also added a word of thanks to Inspector McLachlan for his visit, and also to Mr R. A. Price. Mr Knox said that though four nurses were sent from the district only one nurse, Hazel Lowrey, was on the Roll as she was the only one who attended Stroud school.

Rev R. C. Sands said it was an historic occasion for the school and district. The motto on the honor board is "It is sweet and glorious to die for one's country." Those names will be handed down to posterity as an incentive for us all to live worthily of them.

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Mr Adcock moved a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Mr Cunliffe, to Mrs Chadban, Inspector McLachlan, Mr Price, Mr Lewis who was responsible for putting the roll on the wall, Mr and Mrs Thomas, Misses Huckstepp and Drylie, the School of Arts and Good Templars for the loan of articles, and the ladies for providing refreshments.

Mrs Chadban, who was visibly affected, then unveiled the Honor Roll. "God save the King", was sung and cheers for the King given. Refreshments were served in the school ground and an enjoyable time spent. Three minutes speeches on the war loan were given.

The Honor Roll is a fine one being constructed of polished Queensland maple with the lettering done in gold, and it contains 52 soldiers' names and one nurse. The work was done by Beard Watson and Co., Sydney.

The singing by the children during the afternoon reflects great credit on the teachers and it was very much appreciated by the visitors.

As Mrs Bruce, of Wards River, and her son were driving home from Monkerai on Sunday last the horse fell and broke the shaft of the sulky. Both were thrown to the ground. Mrs Bruce was bruised and shaken a good deal and Jock had his hand cut. The accident happened near Mr Moylan's, who mended the sulky and rendered very kind assistance.

On Sunday last Mrs Bruce's youngest girl, Myrtle was thrown from her horse and sustained a broken elbow. Mr Turner, of Wards River, brought the little sufferer to Stroud and Dr Fitzherbert gave her chloroform and set the injured limb.

Mrs M. E. Mudford has been appointed needlework mistress of Johnson's Creek Public School. Mrs Mudford is an English woman and a war widow and resides with Mrs Bruce.

Wards River tennis players journeyed to Stroud on Saturday and beat the home team by 5 games. The players were J. Ebbeck, sen., J. Ebbeck, jun., A. Turner, jun., H. Lambley, P. Barry, and M. Barry for Wards River, and G. Thomas, G. Cunliffe, D. Lewis, V. Champion, W. Thompson and D. Weston for Stroud. The visitors were entertained at Mrs Lewis' for lunch. Stroud have a very good team this year and did not expect to be beaten by Wards River.

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The Stroud school footballers played Booral on Saturday and both sides put up a good fight, it was a good game and worth watching. Barracking for both sides was noisy, but good humored. Griffin was the referee. The result of the match was 6 to 3.

The Band played a selection of sacred music on the Silo on Sunday afternoon, a good crowd were present.

During the dance that was held in aid of Band funds on the 21st, a presentation was made to one of its members, Mr Herbert Barnes, late A.I.F., on the eve of his approaching marriage.