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Melbourne Bowling Club.

ROLL OF HONOR UNVEILED.

PLEASANT SOCIAL GATHERING.

On the open green of the Melbourne Bowling Club (Windase) an honor roll was unveiled to the memory of the sons and daughters of members of the club who had enlisted for service abroad. The honor roll was the gift of Mr. C. Andrews (President of the club) and Mrs. Andrews, and is evidence of careful and artistic handicraft. A large number of bowlers and their lady friends accepted the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Andrews on the occasion, and many representative people were present. The honor roll contains 34 names, including those of two ladies.

On behalf of Mrs. Andrews and himself, Mr. Andrews accorded one and all a hearty welcome. He said when he told his wife that he was going to provide the honor board his wife replied, "If you do, I hope you will give them a good one." (Hear, hear, and laughter). He said he would, and his wife replied, "All right; I will give £5 towards it." (Cheers). He (the President) had collected that £5. (Much laughter and cheers). He had great pleasure in presenting the honor board to the club. He gave credit to Mr. Sandeman for the success of that evening.

A Voice: And the £5! (Laughter).

Mrs. Andrews, at the word of command from her good and generous husband, unveiled the honor board amidst hearty cheering. The pretty melody, "Mary," as a compliment to Mrs. Andrews was sung with enthusiasm, followed by patriotic selections.



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Mr. Geo. A. Maxwell, M.H.R., spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be present. Referring to the names of two nurses on the honor board, he said the ladies had played their part in the war as well as the men. (Cheers). It added lustre to the honor board as much as anything could have done. The men whose names were inscribed on the board had done splendidly. They had set a high standard for themselves, and to them we owed an eternal debt of gratitude. (Cheers). They had played the man in the great struggle, and as he (the speaker) thought, it was up to them to live up to the high standard of life which they achieved. It was the duty of the people of Australia to make the repatriation movement a success. The Government was faced with one of the most difficult tasks that any government on the face of the earth had ever undertaken. Therefore the people of Australia should stand behind the Government and assist it by every means in their power. The honor roll would show that in the hour of peril the Melbourne Bowling Club had done its duty by sending forth those splendid men. (Cheers).

The Mayor of Prahran (Cr. E. H. Willis) said he was glad to renew his acquaintance with the club. In 1888 his father was President of the club. The club had been one of the first to come forward to assist in patriotic work, and the President had said he would supplement any amount raised with a like sum, and the club's efforts thus realised £250. (Cheers). He thanked them on behalf of the City of Prahran. His Worship referred to the care and attention that was being bestowed upon returned men by the local Repatriation Committee. It was our duty to see that these lads lived up to the high ideal set up for them. His Worship also made passing reference to his scheme for the erection of homes for soldiers' widows, and he was warmly applauded.

Mr. G. M. Munro, secretary of the V.B.A., on behalf of the Melbourne Club, presented Mr. G. W. Sims, secretary of the club, with an enlarged framed photograph of himself as a mark of appreciation of his services to bowling for the past 50 years—1869 to 1918. Mr. Sims had been champion of champions for many years, and was one of the most methodical secretaries amongst the whole of the clubs in Victoria. (Applause).

Mr. Sims suitably responded. He had had the advantage of having Mr. Andrews as President for many years. Mr. Andrews was not a mere figure-head, but he worked hard on behalf of the club. (Cheers).

Mr. W. T. C. Kelly, President of the V.B.A., in felicitous terms, proposed the healths of Mr. and Mrs. Andrews. Mr. Andrews was one of the most versatile of men in the Association. There was nothing he could not do. He got £5 from his wife. (Loud laughter).

A Voice: A man who could do that could do anything. (Renewed laughter).

Mr. Kelly: In a town about a hundred miles from Melbourne I heard Mr. Andrews make one of the finest speeches on the war. (Hear, hear). In a few more happy phrases Mr. Kelly asked the company to honor the healths of Mr. and Mrs. Andrews.

The ladies sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," with Mr. Sandeman officiating as conductor.

Mr. H. Brower (North Fitzroy), winner of the single-handed championship, was called upon for a speech, and he modestly replied in a few words.

Mr. Andrews, who was greeted with cheers, said it had been stated of him that evening that he was a good worker for the club; but a member had told him during the week that he was purely an ornament. (Laughter). He was pleased to see so many present that evening. Owing to the influenza the gathering had been held outside. He trusted that they had all enjoyed themselves. (Cheers).

The proceedings concluded with the National Anthem.

Prior to the social games of bowls were played. The hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Andrews was unbounded, and the evening will long be remembered as a memorable and pleasant one. Mr. Andrews is decidedly popular with bowlers.

A string band was present, and provided appropriate selections.