**Beecroft School of Arts WW1 Honour Board**

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SEND-OFF TO SOLDIERS.

Corporal H. Gordon Vernon, Corporal Arthur Gilbert, und Private Jack Edwards, of Beecroft, who are going to Egypt with the Australian Expeditionary force, were given a public send-off in the local Presbyterian Church on Tuesday. There was a large attendance, and Rev. A. M. Ogilvie made a stirring speech in which he wished the three young men bon voyage and a safe return.

Mr. McCredie … … said that this war was a holy war for England and her allies; and he thought that the sacrifices made by the volunteers should be recognised in a more permanent way than by a presentation. He supported the suggestion made in another meeting that the names of volunteers should be inscribed on an honors board so that their deed should never be forgotten.

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BEECROFT.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The Beecroft residents have prepared an Honors board for erection in the School of Arts. The committee have so far received the names of 40 soldiers who have volunteered from the Beecroft district. They are desirous of making the roll a complete one, and would be glad if friends of local soldiers would forward the necessary particulars.

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AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the progress association,

Mr. Nixon reported that the honors board for Beecroft and Cheltenham soldiers was now ready to be erected. It contained the names of 61 soldiers. Dr. Holt moved that the School of Arts committee be requested to arrange for the board to be unveiled publicly.

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BEECROFT.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

The subcommittee in charge of the honors board was instructed to take into consideration the desirability of calling a public meeting to arrange for the unveiling of the board.

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WAR ITEMS.

The sub-committee in charge of the Beecroft roll of honor quietly had the board placed in position, on the wall of the School of Arts, near the entrance, on Tuesday afternoon. There was no fuss or ceremony, and it is currently predicted that several gentlemen who had prepared long speeches in readiness for the occasion will have something wrathful to say at the next meeting of the local progress association. The board contains the names of seventy Beecroft volunteers, some of whom were killed during the Gallipoli campaign. If any names have been unwittingly omitted, the committee would be glad to be notified of the fact together with the necessary information.

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BEECROFT.

The annual meeting in connection with the Beecroft School of Arts was held on Thursday, and was attended by a lair number of members.

Our committee considers this report would be incomplete without some reference to the Beecroft roll of honor board which, at the request of the subscribers thereto, has recently been placed on the outer wall of your building. Your committee Is proud to think the institution should have been accorded the privilege of accommodating this standing testimony lo the fact, that 75 of the sons of this place, hearing in their joyous youth the clear call of that eternal duty, 'Whose kingdom is where time and space are not,' and putting from them all thought of self, went forth into the unknown “to grace this latter age with noble deeds.”

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BEEGROFT.

The committee of the Beecroft Presbyterian Church have prepared an honor board bearing the names of nine members of the congregation who are serving in the army. The board is to be unveiled shortly.

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BEECROFT.

BOLL OF HONOR.

A roll of honor bearing the names of 21 members of the congregation who have gone to the front was unveiled in the Presbyterian Church, Beecroft, on Sunday, by Rev. A. M. Ogilvie. The honor board, which is the handiwork of Mr. J. McKay, and is of very neat design, bore the names of J. Edwards, A. Gilbert, it. G. Vernon N. Robinson, F. Kneeshaw, A. R. Mitchell, P. Brown, J. Dobbie, J. Maddox, H. North. P. North. R. North, A. Robinson, N. Lea, W. Stewart, P. McCall, J. Blackwood (killed in action), F. Edwards, C. Short, L. McManis and Nurse Loxton.

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BEECROFT.

HONOR BOARD.

The honor board committee have decided to add two wings to the original honor board in order to accommodate the names of the men who have since enlisted. As the honor board In Its present position at the school of arts Is too much exposed to the weather, It Is proposed to remove It to the subway at the station, where It will be well protected.

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THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

At the meeting of the Beecroft Progress Association on Tuesday a heated discussion arose over the question of removing the honor board from outside the school or arts to the station subway. It was previously decided to recommend to the honor board committee the advisability of removing the board from its present exposed position to the shelter of the subway, where it would be viewed dally by everyone using that thoroughfare. Dr. Holt opposed the subway position, and contended that the school of arts was the more desirable location for the honor roll. He was supported in this view by Messrs. Vicars and North, whilst other members thought that pending the construction of a permanent memorial it would be better to keep the board under shelter, where at the same time it would be continually on view. Mr. Nixon, who had obtained the Railway Commissioners' assent to the board being placed In the subway, took strong exception to the opposition; and at last It was decided to ask the honor roll committee to remove the board to the subway.

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THE TWO MR. NIXONS.

The dual personality of Mr. W. M. Nixon sat heavily on the deliberations of the Beecroft Progress Association on Tuesday, though W. M. N. himself was absent. At a previous meeting. Mr. North had verbally tendered Mr. Nixon's resignation from the Station Garden Committee, owing to a difference of opinion having arisen between some of the members of the association and Mr. Nixon in regard to the most desirable position for the roll of honor. Mr. Nixon had favored the subway at the station as a site for the honor board, and argued that there it would be protected from the weather and at the same time be on public view. The Honor Roll Committee held that the School of Arts wall— its present site — was better, and though the Progress Association had twice affirmed the desirability of 'the subway position, it had to bow to the decision of the Honor Roll Committee, an attitude that Mr. Nixon resented. There are two Mr. Nixons. One is a bluff, gruff, and blustersome individual who annoys people and who will persist in trying to force his will on others when he knows he is wrong and unreasonable. The other Mr. Nixon is a really good-hearted fellow, a capital worker, and a really fine citizen, but he is so very shy and retiring that he only presents himself to intimate friends. The association seemed “fed up''with the rough arid gruff Mr. Nixon, and members were quite prepared to get rid of him by accepting his resignation. On the other hand, they did not want to hurt the feelings of the other Mr. Nixon. The association had nominated Messrs. Baker and Forsyth to fill the vacancies on the Honor Roll Committee, but the cantankerous Mr. Nixon, whose resignation caused one of the vacancies, contended that the nominations were not in order, inasmuch as (he said) the committee was appointed at a public meeting, and the personnel of that committee could only be changed by the decision of another public meeting. In view of the fact that Mr. Nixon was himself appointed to this committee by the committee itself, to take the place of a gentleman who had resigned, this attitude was regarded as unreasonable. Moreover, Mr. Nixon had issued an ultimatum that he wouldn't depart from his present attitude unless the association rescinded the obnoxious resolution about the honor roll. The members gazed at one another; some pondered, some dozed, some desired to solve the difficulty by cutting the Gordian knot; others wanted to give the good. Mr. Nixon further time in which to overcome the truculent Mr. Nixon, so that the district might not lose a good worker. Ultimately— (the word is most appropriate!) — it was decided that the association was impotent in the matter of the casus belli, as the location of the honor roll rested with the Honor Roll Committee; but a hint was thrown out that the members of that committee would be willing to resign so that a public meeting might be held and fresh instructions issued. As diplomacy and tact were required, it was decided to leave the negotiations to the president. In the meantime, Mr. Nixon's resignation from the station garden committee is held in abeyance; and the station garden is blooming prettily, quite unconscious of the hullabaloo.

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PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

Mr. R. Vicars has had two wings added to the Beecroft honor board, which has been repainted and lettered at a cost of £5. The board now contains the names of 101 district volunteers.

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A.I.F. MEMORIAL.

Beecroft and Cheltenham residents turned up in force to a public meeting in the Beecroft School of Arts on Tuesday to consider what steps should be taken to erect a suitable permanent memorial to those soldiers who had enlisted from this district.

Mr. R. Vicars moved that steps be taken to set up a permanent record to those gallant men who enlisted from this district to serve their country, and particularly those who had laid down their lives in the cause of liberty. They had erected a temporary honor board and had inscribed on it the names of all those men who had enlisted from this district as far as it was possible to collect those names; but now that the war was to all intents and purposes, he considered that a permanent memorial should be erected.

It was regrettable that any memorial should be necessary, but when peace became established and they became engrossed again in their ordinary business and preoccupations, they would be prone to forget. “Lest we forget” we should take care that we should never forget what we owe to these men. They went at the call of the Empire at first; until later it was at the call of the world. Australia has given nearly as freely of our men as any part of the world except the European countries, and all of those men were worthy of honor. Councillor Chapman seconded the motion, and he urged the most united action possible so that a memorial worthy of the occasion might be erected. The district had contributed most generously to all the various war funds, and he felt assured that this memorial fund would receive liberal support. He suggested that arrangements should be made to provide a fund to maintain the memorial when erected. The motion was carried unanimously, and a large committee was appointed to take charge of the matter. Over £100 was subscribed in the room towards the fund, and the ladies of the Red Cross kindly undertook to make a house-to-house collection.