

32nd REINFORCEMENTS

THE TEMUKA LUNCHEON AND SEND-OFF.

Yesterday the Temuka and Geraldine quotas for the 32nd Reinforcements, and their relatives, were entertained at luncheon in the Drill Hall by the ladies of the Temuka Patriotic Entertainment Committee, a splendid meal being provided and served. Apologies were received from Major Kennedy, the Rev. Father Kerley, Messrs R. A. Guild, C. H. Street, and C. J. Talbot, M.P. Grace was said by Captain Hawke, S.A., after which full justice was done to the luncheon, which was thoroughly enjoyed. While it was in progress, a first-rate programme of musical items was contributed by Mrs T. Hally, Miss Swap, and Master Hally.

At the conclusion of the meal, Mr T. Gunnion (chairman of the Temuka Patriotic Entertainment Committee) alluding to one of the selections that had just been played, said it was up to those who could not go to “Keep the home fires burning,” and do their best for those who were at the war. He meant they must do all they could to help to keep the old flag flying. They had been sending their boys away for three years, and the boys had been having a hard time since then. He was thinking of this as he laid in bed the previous night listening to the rain pouring down; he was thinking of the boys in the trenches exposed to far worse weather. They had organised these functions to give their lads the best send-off they could — to endeavour to cheer them up, and to give them something to think of when they had a moment for reflection while at the front. He hoped at such a time they would think of Temuka and their friends they had left there who were thinking of them. Temuka was proud of her boys. Mr Gunnion then alluded to Lloyd George’s references to the German Chancellor’s speech, and said if it did not make New Zealanders and every Britisher more determined than ever to see it through to the bitter end nothing would. They knew what had to be done. He extended to the men who were going away Temuka’s best wishes. They were going away as men, and he trusted they would act as men and return as men, to be received as such. — (Applause.)

Hearty cheers were then given for the recruits, after which Mrs T. Hally sang “New Zealand will be there,” and was loudly applauded.

Colonel McInnes, S.A., said he was very pleased to be in Temuka, and be able to take part in the friendly send-off to the boys who were about to take their places in camp with a view to fitting themselves to take their places in the army, the aim of which was to defeat the great purpose or purposes of the enemy. They were all satisfied that the war we are waging is a righteous one. He referred to the sufferings endured since England first made a stand against the German forces; there was one thing the British loved more than life, and that was liberty and freedom from slavery and bondage. They were living in stirring times — and making history. New Zealand boys in company with other regiments had already made some shining pages in history — pages which when they come to be written by the historian will be an inspiration to millions yet to be born. It was a miracle to think that New Zealand held the place it does in such a short time. He was an old campaigner as Salvationist, and having had to do with men all his life knew something of their temptations, therefore he would like to say a few words to the boys which, if they took notice of, would be of profit to them. First, he would say when they got into new circumstances — away from their accustomed home-life — amid new environments — they would have to face new difficulties and new enemies. They would find new temptations — temptations such as had never confronted them before, and they would be wise to be on their guard. Speaking from a physical point, he would advise them to be careful with their persons, and stick to their own towels, and so on from the point of cleanliness. A man sometimes touched something that took him to the hospital, and unfitted him for his drill and becoming efficient and taking his place in the ranks to face the enemy. Therefore let them be careful to stick to their own things. Next he would advise the boys to read the best books.

There were all kinds of books in the world. If they read the best they would have the best thoughts to enrich and ennoble their minds, and better able to fight the battles of life. As with books, so with men. There was a great mixture, and he would be a wise boy or man if he would choose the right kind of companion in the beginning, and stick to him. He would say to each, try and pick the best companions possible, and it will save you from many difficulties and temptations in your career. Lord Kitchener had said, and he knew well what he was saying — “Beware of wine and women.” There [are] many bad women as well as many beautiful angelic souls, and many of the temptations that beset a young and inexperienced man came from these sources mentioned by Lord Kitchener. A poor boy had said to him a short time ago, “O Colonel, I wish I could go back a bit. I would give my right hand to go back and shun temptation.” The Colonel warned them against drink, and told them to refuse the first glass, for it was when in power of drink that other evils followed, and unfitted a man for service altogether, at a time when every man was important to the National strength and efficiency, in order to work for National safety and honour. If they were wise men they would take a stand at the beginning and say they would have nothing to do with anything that would make their parents blush. If they did this it would be well for them in this world and the next. In conclusion, the Colonel told a story of a Salvation Army officer who just before the great fight at Gallipoli told the men he had been living with and working with, if they got into danger to look up. He described how one of the men spoken to had been wounded and had died looking up, and the Colonel advised those going away, whenever they were beset by temptation, whatever the cause, to “look up.” He advised them not to forget to “write to mother,” who would be thinking of and yearning for them. Don’t let them forget to keep up their correspondence, for it would be a great help in keeping them true to their obligations. — (Applause.)

Mrs Hally then treated the audience to another song, “Sunny Smile,” and Staff-Captain Thurkettle, Divisional Secretary, sang “Daddy V.C.,” both being loudly applauded.

Cheers were then given for the ladies for providing the luncheon, and also for the performers, and this concluded the proceedings in the hall.

A procession was then formed outside the hall, and headed by the Temuka Brass and Pipe Bands playing ..spiriting music, the men were escorted to the railway station, where the Mayor (Mr A. Frew,) gave a short address.

The Mayor said these send-offs were now an established institution. They had thought when war was declared and for some time afterwards, that it would be a flash in the pan. Lord Kitchener, however, predicted a three years’ war, and they could now see the correctness of his statement. It was often asked, “When is the war to stop ?” A safe answer to that was that it would stop when the British have vanquished the enemy. Not till then. – (Hear, hear.) There was no other way of finishing the war but to conquer the enemy or lie. He was very pleased to see New Zealanders rising to the occasion as they had done. At home the New Zealanders had proved themselves patriots, and in the field they had proved themselves soldiers, and made a name that he was confident those now going now into camp will do their best to maintain, inviolate, and that they would rank as equal to those who had gone before. He would like the men to be sure that their services are sincerely appreciated. He wished them “God-speed and a safe return. — (Applause.)

At the call of the Mayor, three cheers were given for the men, after which selections were given by the Brass and Pipe Bands and Mr Torepe’s Company sang a Maori song, and concluded with “God be with you till we meet again.”

As the train steamed away the men were again heartily cheered.

The following are the names of the departing men: -

P. G. Graham.

P. Allan.

J. P. Burke.

T. Bates.
R. J. Coles.
T. G. Elkis.
G. G. Gould.
A. Hammond.
J. M. Lyons.
J. O'Brien.
W. Telford.
J. Wade. M. Wharton.
J. Bennet. [?]

The South Canterbury draft was in charge of Captain Chapman.

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33rd REINFORCEMENTS.

SEND-OFF AT TEMUKA.

The send-off to the local and district men who are leaving on Monday next to join the 33rd Reinforcements in camp took place in the Dominion Theatre, Temuka, there being a large attendance. It had been arranged that Mrs Chapman's Party from Ashburton should give the programme, but owing to the serious illness of Mrs Chapman's sister in Dunedin, Mrs Chapman was unable to attend, and several local performers very kindly gave their assistance. Mr T. Gunnion (Chairman T.P.E.C.) presided. Items were given by Mr Chapman (Ashburton), Miss Smith (Ashburton), Miss Glover (Ashburton), Corporal Winspean (Winchester), Misses Comer, Green, Proudlock, and Bates, Mr M. Cameron, and Hermione Torepe's Maori Party. Applause was frequent, and nearly every item was encored. A most successful concert was wound up with the National Anthem, and cheers for the boys who are going away and those at the front. The accompaniments were tastefully played by Mrs Salmon, Misses E. Twomey and Hancox. The Chairman was able to announce just before the close that the gross proceeds amounted to £17 12s 3d, with some money for tickets yet to come in, so the fund for the purchase of Christmas gifts for the soldiers would benefit considerably.

(A fuller report will appear in our next issue.)

The following is a list of the men leaving on Monday: -

J. H. Bennett.
G. W. A. Bradshaw, Winchester.
L. T. Hopkinson, Temuka.
F. W. Gaby.
W. H. Davey.
A. Donnithorne.
S. M. Clinch.
A. E. Darby.
G. Cain.
H. F. Earl.
T. E. Taylor, Clandeboye.
J. Greelish.
W. Larcombe.
P. Allan.
G. W. Huxford.
G. D. Murray (returned).
J. L. McAteer.

J. J. O'Neill.

The men will be given the usual send-off on Monday, being entertained at luncheon in the Drill Hall at 12.30, and then escorted to the train, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance of the public.

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33RD REINFORCEMENTS

LEAVING ON MONDAY.

The South Canterbury quota of the 33rd Reinforcements will leave Timaru by the express on Monday, and will be given a brief farewell at the Drill Shed at half-past twelve.

The following are the names of the men who are leaving: —

Allan, P., Adams, J., Alexander, G. F., Anderson, A. H. V., Argyle, G. E., Adams, W. A.

Brown, L. N., Barbour, T., Bell J., Brown D., Burrows D. G., Bean, W., Brady, T. J., Bradshaw, G. W. A., Boyd, P. H., Bennet J. H.

Cole, R., Cartwright, J. R., Cruickshank, A. G., Cox, J. P., Creba W. C., Clinch, S. M., Clark, A., Cain, G., Cunneen J. J., Collins, D., Cague, J., Cartwright, W. R., Chisholm, E. W.,

Davey, W. H., Desmond, J., Darby, A. E., Diack, J. R.

Esler, J., Earl, H. F.,

Ferguson, J. R., Forrest, J. S. G., Feely, P., Fitzgerald, J. G., Friedlander, E. W., Fraser, M. A., Fahey, J. F.

Glasse, J. A., George, G., Grant, A., Greelish, J., Gimson, T. J., Gould, S. J., Gaby, F. W., Gallop, T. W.

Hill, J. L. D., Hampton, F. S., Hawkins, T., Houston, G., Hitch G., Histon, D. P., Hall, C., Hudson, A. L., Hopkinson, L. T., Hampton, R. E., Huxford, G. W.

Kerr, A., Kerr, J. W., Kellec, W. P., King, L., Keenan, P., Kelso, J.

Larcombe, W., Lindsay, R. J., Little, J. M.

McMillan, P W., McMinn, J., McNicholl, G., Moore A. H., Morrow, W., Maslin, S. C, McAteer, J. L., McKay, C. T., Murray, G. D., Marsh, S.[?] W., McLeod, J. P., McKenzie, D.

O'Grady, P., O'Connor, L., O'Connor, R. W., O'Keefe, J., Ott, C. G., Owers, S. G., O'Neil, J. J.

Powell, S. T., Perry, R. W.

Quinn, J. J., Quinn, W.

Radcliffe, N., Rowell. A. S., Ross, A., Ross, W. A., Reid. G. A., Ritchie, J. N., Read, A. H., Rushbridge, T. F.,

Smith, D., Smith, J. S., Sutton, F. L., Schmith, C. H., Simcock, F., Sugrue, M., Sloan, S. L., Sherratt, A. S., Savage, A. F.

Taylor, A. F., Taylor, T. E., Tyson, G. A.

Vigers, E. M.

Wright, J., Whyte, A. J., Wotten, W. T., Wells. A. S.

The men total 119. Some of the above are going to camp to take up home service duties.

FAREWELL AT GERALDINE.

There was a very large attendance at the Drill Hall, Geraldine, on Thursday night to farewell the local members of the 33rd Reinforcements. The hall had been tastefully decorated and hung with flags.

After the Band had played the National Anthem, the Mayor, Dr Paterson, who presided in the unavoidable absence of Major Kennedy, said meetings such as that served to impress on their minds that a great war was in progress, and to make one and all determined to do one's little

bit whether at home or in the trenches, so that the war might be brought to a victorious conclusion. One of their late fellow townsmen, Corporal Ernest White, who had grown up amongst them, had given his life for his country since their last gathering. They could only speak of that death as the most glorious a man could die. He asked them to rise as a mark of their sympathy with the relatives of Corporal White.

The people at once rose. After they had resumed their seats, the Mayor said speculation had been rife as to the duration of the war, but they were all looking forward to a happy conclusion, in a complete and lasting victory for the Allies. He did not suppose there was one in New Zealand that had any doubt that they were going to win, but at present they must regard the power of the enemy as being at its zenith. It was going to wane, and it was most important that there should be no relaxation of their efforts so that they might accomplish their object at the earliest moment possible. It was a vital matter for the whole of the nations involved that the war should be brought to an end as speedily as possible, but not till Prussian militarism had been ground into the dust, and they were going to assert their inflexible determination to assist the Empire and their Allies to accomplish this.

A musical programme was then gone through, the vocalists including Mr Rex Harrison, of Christchurch, whose rendering of his numbers was enjoyed as a rare treat, Mrs Nicholas, Mr Phillips, and Mr D. Macgregor, every item being encored. The accompaniments were played by Miss Sherratt and by Miss Gimson. The Orchestral Society contributed three selections which were much appreciated as also were selections by the Brass Band.

The Mayor, at the conclusion of the concert, invited the members of the 33rd Reinforcement to ascend the stage, whereupon Messrs T. Rushbridge, A. S. Sherratt and S. W. Marsh complied and were greeted with loud applause.

Dr. Paterson then, in further remarks, said the British people had been a fighting people from the earliest times. We had long lived in times of peace but the instinct was in them, and when the call came the boys felt it their duty to fight the Empire's enemies. They might suffer privation and wounds, but their scars would be scars of honour. (Applause.) His Worship then made presentations on behalf of the Entertainment Committee.

The Mayoress, Mrs Paterson, also presented each of the men with a parcel of comforts on behalf of the Home and Empire League, stating that the women were desirous of doing what they could for the welfare of the men, and conveying to them their good wishes.

At the invitation of the Mayor three hearty cheers were given for the men.

On behalf of the Entertainment Committee the Mayor thanked the performers, and especially those from a distance, and intimated that the boys would leave by car on Monday next at 11.30, and would be entertained at luncheon by their Temuka friends.

Supper was then served to the departing men, their friends, and the performers, after which a dance was enjoyed by a good many couples.

TEMUKA SEND-OFF.

The usual entertainment was tendered to the recruits of the 33rd Reinforcements at Temuka last evening, in the Dominion Theatre. Mr T. Gunnion presided over a very large audience. Palms, etc., were placed on the stage, and a large Union Jack in the centre showing up prominently, the hall having a bright and attractive appearance.

The programme was prepared by Mr and Mrs Chapman, of Ashburton. Unfortunately owing to the serious illness of a relative Mrs Chapman was unable to travel to Temuka, but wired her best wishes for a successful night.

Songs were given by Hermione Torepe's Maori troupe, Mr Chapman and Miss Smith (Ashburton), Miss Glover, Corporal E. Winspear, a recitation by Mr Chapman, a quartette by Messrs Bates, Proudlock, Green and Comer, and a poi dance by the Maoris.

The Rev. A. H. Norris, in a brief speech, advised those leaving for the Front to adopt a cypher with their relatives, so that if they were fortunate enough to obtain furlough in England and require money they would be safeguarded against frauds wiring for money in their name. He suggested that a number be attached to the amount of money required. The speaker congratulated the men on the opportunity they would have of seeing a life of excitement and full of thrills. He hoped that the men's efforts would help to final victory. He advised them to strike hard when their turn came, and he hoped that they would strike on German soil. (Applause.)

A telegram was received from Mr C. J. Talbot, M.P., stating that his duties prevented him from attending the send-off, and hoping that when the recruits arrived overseas they would find the Germans in retreat, and victory in sight.

The proceedings were brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

The sum of £17 12s 3d was collected at the door, and will be handed over to the fund for Christmas comforts for the soldiers.

Eighteen men will leave on Monday with the South Canterbury draft, the names of which are to be found in another column.

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33rd REINFORCEMENTS.

SEND-OFF AT TEMUKA.

The send-off to the local and district members of the 33rd Reinforcements took place in the Dominion Theatre, Temuka, on Friday evening. It had been arranged that the entertainment should be given by Mrs Chapman's party from Ashburton, but owing to the serious illness of a relative, Mrs Chapman was unable to attend, and the assistance of a number of local performers had to be involved, and needless to say they gave their services most willingly at very short notice. The attendance was large, the theatre being well filled. The recruits marched do the theatre, headed by the Brass Band, and at the theatre were greeted by Torepe's Maori Troupe, and given a warm welcome.

Mr T. Gunnion, chairman of the Patriotic Entertainment Committee, presided, and briefly explained that the proceeds of the send-off were to go to the purchase of gifts for the soldier lads. He was sorry that they had been compelled to alter their programme, and for this reason a collection was being taken up at the door instead of charging 2s and 1s for admission as advertised. Mrs Chapman has had to go to Dunedin to a sick relative, and he was sure all would deeply sympathise with her. They knew how ready — how glad — she was to come lo Temuka to do what she could for the boys, and when she was ready to travel ... 50 miles to do so, it showed that her heart was in it. — (Applause.) He had received an apology from their member Mr Talbot, who telegraphed "Sorry my duties in Wellington prevent my presence at your send-off. Wish the boys good luck. Hope on their arrival overseas they will find the Germans in retreat and victory in sight."

The following programme was then given: — Maori song, "Soldiers of the King," Hermione Torepe's Party; song, Mr Chapman (Ashburton), "My Molly," encore "Where are the Boys"; song, Miss Smith (Ashburton), "Sons of the Empire," encore "Anzac"; haka, Hermione Torepe's Troupe, encored and repeated; humourous song, Miss Glover, "Here Comes the Married men," encore "We'll Meet You, Kaiser Billie, in Berlin."

At this stage the Chairman read out the names of the men leaving on Monday, saying the draft was one they could well be proud of: —

J. H. Bennett.

G. W. A. Bradshaw, Winchester.

L. T. Hopkinson, Temuka.

F. W. Gaby.

W. H. Davey.

A. Donnithorne.

S. M. Clinch.

A. E. Darby.

H. F. Earl.

T. E. Taylor, Clandeboye.

J. Greelish.

W. Larcombe.

P. Allan.

G. W. Huxford.

G. D. Murray (returned).

J. L. McAteer.

J. J. O'Neill.

Mr Gunnion said among those going away were two returned soldiers who were going again; — (Applause.) Five of them were boys of 20 or under who had volunteered. Amongst them was a boy who was one of a family of seven, all of whom volunteered, and two of whom had returned wounded. The mother of this family was Mrs A. E. Bradshaw, Kaikorai, Dunedin. — (Applause.) He then invited the men on to the platform to receive their "holdalls."

As the men marched on to the platform the audience sang "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows." Mrs Aspinall then presented them with their holdalls, the audience applauding.

A little later ex-Private Bradford, a returned wounded soldier, entered the theatre, and was invited on to the platform, and welcomed back to Temuka by Mr Gunnion, who said he was sorry that he had been by some means overlooked when he returned. On behalf of the Temuka he extended to him Temuka's heartiest welcome on his return from the war. — (Great Applause.)

The Rev. A. H. Norris gave the men and their parents and relatives some very useful advice regarding the cabling of money to the men. He said he envied the men who were going away, for they were going to see life, a life which was absolutely full of excitement and thrill. He would just give them a word or two of advice. When the time comes, as we believe it will soon come, to meet the enemy on the battlefields of Germany, it would in their bounden duty as Christian men, to strike and strike hard. — (Applause.)

The programme was then continued as follows: Song, Corporal Winspen (Winchester), "Loch Lomond," encore; When you come home" song, Miss Comer "Soldiers of the King," encore; "Mary" recitation, Mr Chapman, "How McDougald Topped the score", encore; "The Flying Men"; Maori song, Hermione Torepe's Party, encored and responded to; quartette, Misses Comer, Gree, Proudlook and Bates; "The Long, Long Trail"; song, Miss Smith, "God Send You Back to Me"; Club Swinging, Mr M. Cameron, encored, and responded to with an exhibition of axe swinging; song, Mr Chapman, "Cassidy, V.C." In response to a vociferous encore Mr Chapman gave a humorous song, and was again encored, giving in response, "The Skippers of St. Ives." Song, Miss Glover, "Roses." All the numbers were well given and thoroughly enjoyed, the performers being rewarded with applause and encores.

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to Mr Chapman and his party and the local performers, and gave the men a word of advice to deport themselves like men; to do right; withstand temptation; to behave like men, and come back men. — (Applause) He wished them a safe return. — (Applause.)

In conclusion he announced that the takings amounted to £17 12s 3d, with some more to come from tickets, and he thanked the audience for their liberality. It was to help the fund for the purchase of Christmas gifts for the boys at the front, and it would be much appreciated by them.

In responding to the vote Mr Chapman thanked the audience for their kindly reception, and to the Maori and other local performers who had come to his assistance in making up the programme. He wished to compliment the Temuka people on the “send-offs” they gave to their men. He had not seen their equal in any other place.

The Maori Party then sang their “Farewell Song,” after which the National Anthem was sung. The accompaniments were very tastefully played by the Misses E. Twomey, Hancox, and Gray. Cheers for the boys who are going away and those at the front terminated the proceedings.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Yesterday afternoon, the men and their friends were entertained to luncheon by the ladies of the Temuka Patriotic Entertainment Committee, who as usual put on a splendid meal.

Mr T. Gunnion presided over a gathering of fully 100 people. Grace was said by the Rev. G. D. Hunt, of Geraldine, and while the meal was in progress some very enjoyable patriotic music was contributed by Mr and Mrs W. Hally and Miss Swap.

Mr Gunnion said that another four weeks had flown since their last send-off, and once more they had assembled do say farewell to the boys who were leaving for camp. He had received an apology from the Rev. Father Kerley, and also one from Major Kennedy, who wired: - “Sorry cannot be with you apologise for me, wish the boys good luck.” It was with very mixed feelings he was speaking, for he was pleased to see a fine lot of men come forward, yet he was sorry that they had to go away. As a man had remarked to him they were sending away too many for a small district like Temuka and Geraldine. But the boys had felt it to be their duty. Among those going away were two or three who had been before — (applause) — but had felt it their duty to go again, and several boys who just come of age, and did not want to wait until they were called in the ballot — (Applause.) They were sending away the greatest draft they had sent since the war began, and while this was very good it was also very hard. These boys were going to fight for our children, and for all of us, and to keep the old flag flying, and to help to down German militarism. He hoped they would do their duty like men, and come back safely to get the welcome they deserved. — (Applause.)

Dr Paterson (Mayor of Geraldine) remarked that while speakers could say little that was new, those who had had the privilege of speaking to British audiences would not be doing their duty unless they kept hammering away, reiterating the truths that the great war now going on was in the end going to profit not only the British nation but the whole world. It was not going to help only the British nation and our Allies but even our enemies — Germany, Austria, and Turkey — for they were going to be emancipated from the despotism under which they are living. We are not fighting Germany but Prussian Militarism. Our enemies are as yet by no means vanquished. They are at the zenith of their power, and from now on there will be a decline and weeping and wailing, and now is the time for us to put all our energies to work in meeting them. This was the critical time of the war. They had to send their men away month after month until the awful menace of German Militarism was destroyed. The doctor told a story to illustrate his remarks. Those who were going away were the pick of the country, and it would take years to replace them. Those who came back do not come back as they went. Some never come back at all, and some came back maimed, but they felt that the sacrifice they were making was for freedom, and if life was worth living it was that of absolute freedom. Those who were leaving them that day had got to live up to a high standard, for the men who had gone before had set up a high standard. They had behaved like gentlemen, and he was sure that those who were going now would do the same. He wished them God-speed, hoped that in the near future they would be back again to receive a joyous welcome home. — (Applause.)

The Rev. G. P. Hunt, of Geraldine, said he was pleased to have the opportunity with the other speakers of saying good-bye to the young men who are leaving for camp. He understood that there was a fairly large contingent going away. Three of those going from Geraldine he knew

personally, so he could speak specially for them, and say they are fine fellows, and he had every confidence in sending them away, feeling sure that they would live up to the high standard referred to by the previous speakers, and make a name for themselves in the future. The men were going in response to national needs, which were not supplied yet. We still wanted more men of the right type of character to go forth to fight our battles, to fight for the children and the rising generation, in order that they may enjoy freedom. The First Division was now nearly exhausted, and the time was not far distant when a call would be made on the Second Division, and proposals had been made whereby something might be done to postpone it. One proposition was to lower the age. As one of the Second Division he would not like boys to be called up to save his skin. When the time came for him to be called up he was ready to go, and he felt that was the position of the Second Division generally. They would [want] to go before the boys were called on. While they wanted men they also wanted money. No doubt they had all heard something about the Liberty Loan and it was well to keep it in mind. Some men cannot go and fight, but they can help the war by using their money in a right direction, and investing it in the Liberty War Loan. Those who had a fat purse should certainly do this. Had he the money he would certainly feel it his duty to invest it in the loan, and so help to win the war. Another thing necessary to win the war was religion and it was well to keep that in mind too. He was not going to enlarge on this point, but he would say that if there was one thing the nation needed to-day it is God, and we cannot win the war without God. We want righteousness and true religion. He hoped the boys going away will keep this in mind, wherever they may be, and they will be sure that there is a power above them and with God's presence they will come forth conquerors. — (Applause.)

Miss Edgar sang "There's a Land," and was heartily applauded.

The Mayor, (Mr Frew) also gave a brief address, in course of which he spoke of the stakes nations and individuals had in the war. The men who were going away that day were staking their lives. They did not know that they would come back from the war, but he hoped that they would be crowned with victory. The Liberty Loan had been mentioned. The men who were going that day were the richest physically, so they were taken first, and he thought the men who were the richest financially should be taken first when it came to finding money. Their wealth would be as good a stake in the war as it would be possible to get. The ladies had a great stake in the war, and were doing splendid work for the Red Cross and other war purposes. They had before them that day an instance of the splendid work the ladies were doing to help to win the war. Now is the time when our very strongest effort should be made to bring the war to a satisfactory end. There was an old saying that the "hotter the war the sooner peace." The strong draft going forward that day showed that their young men were not getting war weary. He wished them a successful career as soldiers and a safe return.

Dr Paterson, in a few felicitous words, spoke of the hospitality of the Temuka ladies in entertaining the Geraldine lads and their friends, and how highly it was appreciated, and concluded by moving a hearty vote of thanks to them, this being carried by acclamation.

Cheers for the men concluded the proceedings.

A procession was then formed in front of the Hall, and preceded by the Brass and Pipe Bands, with Mr E. O'Neill carrying the flag, the men marched to the railway station under Sergeant-Major Lorrimer, a large crowd accompanying them. At the station there was a very large assembly, where Colonel Mackenzie and the Mayor gave further addresses. The Brass Band played selections, and just as the train came in Hermione Torepe's Maori Troupe sang a Maori farewell song. Cheers given for the boys who were going away, and for those at the front. There were a large number of men on the train going into camp, and the train left amid hearty cheers. The following are the names of the men who left yesterday: -

J. H. Bennett, G. W. A. Bradshaw, L. T. Hopkinson, F. W. Gaby, W. H. Davey, A. Donnithorne, S. M. Clinch, A. E. Darby, H. G. Earl, W. Greelish, W. Larcombe, F. [P?] Allan, G. N. [W?]

Huxford, J. L. McAleer, J. J. O'Neill, G. D. Burrows, A. S. Sherratt, T. Rusbridge, J. N. Ritchie, L. N. Brown, S. J. Gould, G. A. Murray, and D. J. Histen.
Captain Chapman was in charge of South Canterbury draft.

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WAITOHI
A PATRIOTIC GATHERING.
PRESENTATION OF SOLDIERS' MEDALS.

One of the most memorable gatherings ever held at Waitohi took place last Thursday evening, when the ceremony of presenting gold medals to forty-five returned soldiers took place. The gathering was organised by the Waitohi Flat Presentation and Memorial Committee, of which Mr H. S. McCully is chairman, and Mr W. Moore hon. secretary. The schoolroom was beautifully decorated and all the arrangements made reflected credit on the Committee. The purpose of the meeting appealed to all the people of the district, and fully 300 were present, including visitors from other districts.

An enjoyable concert programme was provided, singers, instrumentalists, and monologists having been enlisted from various centres, and each and all were well applauded.

At the conclusion of the concert the returned soldiers were assembled in the front seats, and addresses of thanks and welcome home were made by Mr H. S. McCully, Mr Torepe (chairman of the Arowhenua Native Committee), and Mr Gunnion (Mayor of Temuka). Mr Gunnion, who thanked the Committee for giving him the honour of doing so, presented the medals which were pinned on the first three by Mrs Gunnion, the rest by various young ladies.

The following is a list of the returned soldiers whose names were called: - Privates **A. M. Allen, Garret Allen, Peter Allen**, John Baker, H. Chapman, Corporal Stewart D. Baxter, Privates C. E. Bradford, R. J. Cowles, Daniel Connel, Sergeant Ernest Davey, Privates G. M. Elsom, M. Fitzgerald, D. Fitzgerald, R. Goodeve, F. Goodeve, G. J. Gould, Con Hannifin, Owen Hannifin, Jer. Hannifin, M. Hullen, James Hughes, J. S. Hughes, U. Harper, U. Hutchison, V. G. Johnson. G. M. Johnston, John Lamb, George Looker, Charles McAteer, James L. McAteer, D. Marshall, Lieutenant William G. McClintock, M.M., Privates Martin McGill, John O'Niel, Sergeant Harold O'Niel, Privates A. Overend, Lieutenant Warne Pearce, R. Pearse. J. Stratford, T. Stokes, A. Stokes, F. Talbot, C. Talbot, James Tilford, Harold Traves. One man had come down from Wellington to be present. In a few cases of absent men, the medals were received by relatives or friends.

After the presentations the company joined in singing "Soldiers of the King," and "For they are jolly good fellows."

Lieutenant Warne Pearse, on behalf of all the men, returned thanks to the committee, the speakers and the public for their kindness, and for their mementoes of the war. He also thanked the ladies of Waitohi for the much-valued parcels sent to the front and the chairman, Mr McCully, for keeping the patriotic spirit well alive.

The chairman announced that the Committee had collected about £160 during the last few weeks and had £100 in hand towards the cost of a memorial to the ten local men who had made the supreme sacrifice. Individual memorial certificates had been prepared and these would be delivered to the relatives of the fallen men. A meeting would be held shortly to consider the form of memorial.

The names of the men who had lost their lives are — Privates William John Davey, Rangitira Valley; Edward James Gould, Waitohi Flat; Henry Hullen, Waitohi Flat; Alexander Stewart McClintock, Temuka; William Overend, Timothy Perry, Waitohi; Cecil H. P. Rawstorn,

Timaru; Stanley Joshua Smart, Waitohi; Second Lieutenant Arthur Ernest Talbot and Private Basil Herbert Talbot, Rangitira; Private John Wade, Winchester Road.

Mr C. J. Talbot, M.P., arrived after the presentation, was called upon for a speech, and he made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, expressing gratification that the district was to have its own memorial, and congratulating the Committee on having such a fine gathering.

The chairman moved a vote of thanks to the concert performers, the speakers, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Temuka for their assistance. The ladies then served an excellent supper, after which the young people resumed dancing.

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BURKE'S PASS POPULAR RESIDENTS FAREWELLED

Mr and Mrs Peter Allan and family, popular residents of Burke's Pass, who are leaving to take up residence in Temuka, were farewelled at a largely attended function in the Burke's Pass School. Mr J. H. Willetts, who made a presentation on behalf of the residents, made reference to the work Mr and Mrs Allan had done in the district. They had always given their time freely to the public and social work of the district and Burke's Pass would miss them greatly. Mr Willetts wished them every success in their new home and expressed a hope that they would continue to regard the people of Burke's Pass as their friends.

Mr D. C. Kidd, M.P., also expressed appreciation of the good work of the family and wished them happiness in the future.

Mrs Scott made a presentation to Mrs Allan on behalf of the Women's Institute. A presentation was also made by Mrs Geo. Ross on behalf of members of the Tennis Club, of which Mrs Allan was president.