

RECRUITS' FAREWELLS

WASHDYKE.

A social was hold at the Washdyke Hall on Thursday evening last by residents of the Levels to farewell Trooper Dan Brosnahan, who left by express on Saturday afternoon for the Front. The departing soldier was born in the district and was very favourably known and respected for his many manly and social qualities. His popularity was emphasised by the numbers who assembled to wish him God speed, the hall being barely sufficient to accommodate them. Mr F. Tozer, Junr., chairman of the Levels Soldiers Entertainment Committee was in the chair, and in few words wished the departing soldier every luck and assured him of a hearty welcome from his Levels friends on his return. Mr E. Cartwright in a neat speech then presented Trooper Brosnahan with a wristlet watch, wishing him every luck and congratulating him on the step he had taken. Miss Lynch amidst much applause then attached the watch to the recipient's wrist, and expressed the wish that he would survive the watch by many years. Mr A. G. Hart and Mr J. Y. Moir contributed suitable speeches to the occasion, and Trooper Brosnahan suitably replied thanking the donors and speaking in high praise of the boys who had already gone to the front and done such noble work. Dancing interspersed with songs and recitations, etc., was kept up till the small hours. Messrs J. and W. Lynch and Miss Lynch supplied the music and gave every satisfaction. The Misses Lynch (4) danced a four hand reel, and Mr J. Lynch and daughter a reel. Mr Fitzgerald contributed a comic song, and played several extras during the evening which were much appreciated. Mr E. Tozer's final waltz was a musical treat. Trooper Dan Brosnahan, the departing guest, also contributed a song and had to respond to an encore. Miss Cadwallader, a little girl rendered two songs very sweetly, and received well merited encores. Mr Fitzgerald played the accompaniments for the different singers. A vote of thanks was heartily accorded to the Levels ladies for the excellent refreshments provided. The committee are to be complimented on the success of the evening, as the sociable and friendly spirit that pervaded the meeting made it most enjoyable for everyone. Trooper Brosnahan and Private T. Breen left by the second express on Saturday. A large number of their Levels friends assembled at the station and gave the departing soldiers three hearty cheers as the train moved off.