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OBITUARY.

AN OLD IDENTITY.

The mortal remains of one of the oldest residents of Burke's Pass were followed to their last resting place on 12th inst. by a large following of respecting friends, as well as his five daughters and four sons, who have the sympathy of a very wide circle of friends in their irretrievable loss. The deceased, arriving in the colony nearly thirty-three years ago accompanied by his wife, came direct up to these parts under engagement, to the late O. B. Douith, and after several years residence on Rollesby station, near by, Mr Keeffe bought land and built a cottage in Burke's Pass, where the home of the family has been ever since, and has been well-known for its hospitality. The late Mr Keeffe lost his wife four and a half years ago, and though for many years a martyr to asthma his health seemed much improved ever since, and though recently far from well, his general health was not such as to cause undue anxiety. Though Dr Cook was summoned, and attended, death at last occurred with painful suddenness. The funeral service was conducted at the grave by the Rev. Father Le Petit.

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FAIRLIE

FAREWELL TO SOLDIERS.

On Tuesday evening a send off to soldiers on leave from camp, and also to some about to go into camp for the first time, was held in the public hall. The evening was a wet one, but there was, nevertheless, a good attendance of relatives and well-wishers. The gathering took the form of a social evening with songs and dances, and was held under the auspices of the Fairlie Patriotic Entertainment Committee. The Rev. H. O. Hanby (chairman), in an appropriate speech, introduced the guests of the evening, and spoke in high terms of praise concerning the step they were taking. He urged upon all young men, free to go to the front, the necessity of responding to the call for men, and expressed his pleasure at the fact that Fairlie men had come forward in such large numbers in the past. Several returned men were present, and cheers were given for them, and for the men returning to camp, including Privates J. Coll. W. Eyton, A. P. Bray. H. Bray, M. Hickey, R. Loomes, A. Keeffe, and J. A. Fraser, a recruit who is leaving for camp for the first time in a few days' time. Men in khaki were present from other districts, and they received a hearty welcome. Songs were sung by Mrs C. J. Talbot, Mrs Millichamp, Miss Gillies and Mr Millichamp, a recitation was given by Miss Elsie Johnston, and Miss Wright and Miss Gillies played a spirited pianoforte duet. Music for the dances was played by Miss Wade (piano), Mr J. Braddick (violin), and Mr W. Ormandy (cornet), Mrs Hanby, Miss Wade, and Miss Wright accompanied the singers. Refreshments were provided and were handed round during the evening, this part of the function being under the able management of the ladies' committee. A very successful evening was brought to a conclusion with a verse of the national anthem and personal good wishes to the departing men.

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SOLDIERS' FARWELLED

AT KIMBELL.

The occasion of Private C. Halstead's final leave expiring was taken to tender him an opportunity to meet and bid good-bye to as many of his numerous Kimbell friends as possible last Friday evening, when the local school room was the scene of marked animation, by quite a crowded house assembling. The guest's old school mates availed themselves of the opportunity of making their late comrade a small gift, and at their request Mr Smith made the presentation. Addressing the company Mr Smith stressed the importance of every one leaving no stone unturned in doing what they could, both in lending assistance to the one great cause, and also giving their minds, to what those who were away at the front, and those who, like their guest of the evening, were going there, were doing for those who remained behind. Heroes all, destined by action and example to add to the fame of the British soldier, whose deeds had raised their flag to that position of pre-eminence, honoured and respected the wide world over, except by that vile depraved one exception, which was their duty to do or die in the removal of. On behalf of those present, he also addressed a few words of welcome to two returned soldiers present — Privates Bates and **Alex Keeffe** — and wished them a speedy recovery to their pre-war good health and strength.

During the evening for the intermittent dancing Messrs Clarkson Bros, Richmond and others supplied excellent music, which was much appreciated, as were also Miss Seigert's musical items, and the singing of "Soldiers of New Zealand" by a wee tot Meade. Mr J. Ogilvie acted as M.C., and Mrs A. Allan, acting hostess, helped not a little in stamping the brand of "highly satisfactory" on the whole function.