

OFF TO THE WAR.

There was a gathering on Wednesday night at the Queanbeyan Methodist Church of more than ordinary interest. Its object was to take leave of and bid God-speed to three members of the church who had been accepted for service in the great war now in progress. The men referred to are Messrs. James and Charles Southwell (sons of Mrs. Thos. Southwell of Willow Lodge, Sutton Road), and Mr. J. Kanaef (who is a Russian by birth). The church was appropriately draped for the occasion with the flags of the allied nations, and other devices. There was a large gathering, not only of the adherents of the church, but several ladies representing the local branch of the Red Cross organisation were also present. The proceedings began with the singing of the National Anthem, after which Mr. Colman, who presided, gave a brief opening address, explanatory of the object for which they were assembled. The Rev. D. C. Hughes subsequently gave a stirring speech. After some musical items by the choir, and solos by some of its members, and indulgence in some parlour games by the younger members of the assemblage, the three volunteers were invited to come forward and receive some small tokens of the appreciation in which they were held by members of the church and others. Mrs. John Gale was invited to make the presentations, which were a fountain pen to each of the Southwells and a wallet to Mr. Kanaef. In presenting the souvenirs Mrs. Gale spoke very feelingly to each of the recipients, and as each received his gift cheers and the old refrain "For he's a jolly good fellow" were lustily given. Another presentation followed. Two of the Red Cross ladies (Mrs. C. T. Campbell and Mrs. Wilson) delivered to each a sheepskin vest on behalf of the association. The recipients suitably responded, and were heartily cheered when they sat down. Light refreshments were then served and a musical item finely rendered by the choir, after which leave-takings followed, and the meeting dispersed.

The first Tuesday in November is the last day for lodging applications for auctioneers' licenses for 1916.

The Railway Department announces the issue of Cheap Tickets to Melbourne by train leaving Queanbeyan at 9.25 p.m. on Thursday, October 28th.

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A public farewell will be tendered to-night at 8 o'clock, in the Protestant Hall, to Major Robinson and Private Patterson who have both offered their services at the front.

Pupils of the Queanbeyan Superior Public School forwarded to the Red Cross Society, Sydney, recently, 6 cholera belts, 6 hand-knitted mufflers, 3 pairs knitted socks, 4 washers, 2 milk jug covers, and one pair of cuffs. Acknowledgement has also been received for two bundles of sand-bags donated by Mrs. Cunningham of Lanyon.

The net result of the euchre party and social organised by the members of the Red Cross Society, amounted to £20; of this amount £15 has been expended on sheep-skin vests, making a total of £35 raised since Australia Day for these necessary comforts for our soldiers. £5 of the last effort was expended on Xmas cheer for our boys at the front; this amount was generously supplemented by a gift of £1 from Mrs. J. B. Young. Mrs. W. Hill also donated two Xmas billies, Miss E. Pike one, Miss O'Rourke one. These were packed and sent to the different Battalion Depôts for distribution to the Queanbeyan men on active service.

The following new company was registered in Sydney, on 8th Oct.—Lanyon, Limited, capital £50,000 in £1 shares. Objects: To carry on as cattle and stud sheep farmers, graziers, etc. Subscribers: J. Cunningham, Griselda D. Cunningham, F. N. Yarwood, H. D. Vane, E. A. Gaden, R. Smith, and D. W. Roxburgh. First directors: James Cunningham (managing), Frank N. Yarwood, and David W. Roxburgh. Registered office, Sydney.

The 90th list of casualties at the Dardanelles, contains the names of 303 Australians. Two officers and six men were killed. Pte. E. Morris, 16th Batt., Queanbeyan, is amongst the wounded and ill in hospital, London. Pte. W. Ranson, 13th Batt., 2nd Reinforcements, Queanbeyan, is in hospital, London.

A terrible accident occurred on Monday night, 11 miles from Nelligen. A 10-horse team, drawing six tons of goods, and driven by John Rodgers, went over an embankment on the mountain side. The driver and nine of the horses were killed. The tenth horse had its leg broken. Rodgers was buried beneath the load. Some of the horses were hanging dead in the trees.