FAREWELL!

Good-bye, and many thanks to all my Good and Loyal Customers, and Good-bye to all that might have been, but WERE NOT—JACK.

JACK SMART,

“The Booteries,” Orange.

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MEMORIAL TO REV. PITENDRIGH.

On Thursday evening of last week there was a large gathering at the Methodist Church, Neutral Bay, Sydney, the occasion being the unveiling by the Rev. Dr. Carruthers of a marble tablet, erected to the memory of the Rev. R. H. Pittendrigh, for years a resident of Gara and Molong, and who had been Minister of the Church in question. The Rev. Joseph Woodhouse (President of the Conference) presided, and there were upon the platform the Rev. Sellers, Rev. Dr. Carruthers, Mr. J. A. Hogre, Corporal E. A. B. S. O., and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick.

The Chairman spoke in feeling terms of the late Corporal Pittendrigh, tracing his progress from the time of his boyhood at Gara until he entered the Church as minister. Mr. Pittendrigh, said the speaker, had been thorough in all he took up. He had been trained in a good wholesome atmosphere—there was no centre from which they could expect a better type of man to come from than the farming bastion of Gara, where the community lived their lives cleanly, and worshipped in the good old earnest fashion.

Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick spoke a few words regarding his old comrade, Mr. Pittendrigh, saying, that he was a conscientious, lovable, earnest worker in whatsoever he took in hand. He was sure that the late Mr. Pittendrigh’s parents and relatives had the sympathy of all who knew them in the loss they had sustained by the death on the battlefield of their courageous son.

The Rev. Dr. Carruthers referred to the many characteristics of Corporal Pittendrigh. He had, he said, been brought into close contact with the late gentleman when he was attached to the Central Mission, and he had not known in his long career a younger man who gave greater promise.

His work was always done with great thoroughness—and he had gone through training so successfully that his ordination as a minister was agreed to by the authorities of the Church at an earlier period than was usual. He (Mr. Pittendrigh) had done good work at Winchester, and at Gloucester he had been responsible for the erection of the first Methodist Church. When war broke out he felt the force of the call. He was at Lithgow at the time, and was doing splendid work in the interests of Christianity. He joined the colours, went away to the front, and did his duty there, as elsewhere, like a hero. The Rev. Doctor then unveiled the tablet, which bears the following inscription—In memory of R. H. Pittendrigh, corporal A.I.F., church officer in this Church in 1910, and served his King and Country in the Great War 1914-16, and fell while assisting a wounded comrade at Gallipoli on August 29, 1915. A good man, a faithful Minister, a Christian hero.

Corporal Francis, D.S.O., said, that he had come into contact, whilst at Gallipoli, with Corporal Pittendrigh, and he could say that if ever there was a brave man, fearless and self-sacrificing, it was the man whose memory they were honoring that night. There had been a call for volunteers to go out into the open between the trenches and lines held by the Turks. Pittendrigh was the first to come forward—He was a member of another Church, the Rev. Giltonson. Giltonson was shot dead, and Pittendrigh was so seriously wounded that he commenced inter, and was buried at sea. No man could be brought into contact with Corporal Pittendrigh without realizing the sterling nature of his character and his great influence for good.

Mr. J. A. Hogre, said his son, Lieut. Oliver Hogre ("Trooper Blouinge") had written of the doubtful doings on the Anzac battlefield of the chapter of all the churches, and included amongst them was the hero in whose memory the tablet was unveiled. Mr. J. M. Forde ("Old Chum") who was responsible for the movement which resulted in this tribute being held, spoke feelingly respecting Mr. Pittendrigh, quoting from letter and letters he had received, accompanying contributions from soldiers throughout the State.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Forde brought the proceedings to a close.

WHEAT AT MANILORA.

A Bumper Harvest.

The Manilora wheat harvest appears to be greater than the previous. The re- ceptive quanities of grain delivered to the adjacent mill are as follows: at the end of last week over 16,500 bags of wheat had been received in Molong, while at Manilora over 16,000 bags had been stocked at the station and the mill.

Mr. Sandon—station Engineer informed us last Saturday that the wheat then stocked at the railway yards was comprised of 122,050 bags, and in addition 22,857 bags had been received away. He added that the wheat was still coming in to the mill at the rate of about 5000 bags a day, most of it from the district. He expected that the rate of delivery would continue for three or four weeks. The stacking accommodation, he said, was more than ample, and the supply of trucks satisfactory.

At Manora Wheel Well's mill the huge stacks of wheat attracted intensive attention. On enquiry, one of the principals informed the EXPOSER that 34,550 bags had been delivered at the mill up to last Saturday noon, and that he anticipated receiving about 6000 bags per day for the close of the season. Wheat was still coming in regularly, said Mr. Worrall, by day and night, at the rate of 500 to 600 bags daily. The stacking accommodation was quite adequate to meet all requirements; indeed, 100,000 bags could be stacked in close proximity to the mill. The Railways Committee had consented to grant a lease of some of the adjoining land and it was intended to extend the shed over this land.

An interesting innovation in wheat stacking has been introduced at the mill, in the shape of an apparatus by which the grinding engine is utilised to haul the bags on to the stacks. A gentle tug at a rope enables the bags to swing away to any desired position. Duty is done in five minutes to a minimum; wagons are unloaded expediently, and are enabled to return with bags in the same time. Another noteworthy feature of the Manilora mill is the weighbridge. All possibility of mistake is obviated in weighing the grain by a weighing-recording device, which stamps the weight of the stack, the time of its being passed, and the name of the foreman in charge.

Japan is carrying on important experiments in agriculture, and its great success is due to the fact that it is carrying on experiments successfully on a large scale. The government agrees to pay the cost of experimentation. The government also appointed experts to investigate the special problems of the country, and their investigations are carefully followed up by the government. The amount of wheat grown by Japan is now about 100,000 bags per annum, and it is expected that this will increase greatly in the future.