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HEREAVEMENT CARD. MR. and MRS. R. WOODALL, of 111, North Street, Beaufort, and their friends, in sympathy with the kind friends and kindred who have sympathized with them in their recent sad bereavement, also Dr. Humphreys for his kind and careful attention during the illness, and Mrs. W. Harris & Son for the way in which they carried out the funeral arrangements.

IN MEMORIAM. GRANT.—In fond remembrance of my dear beloved husband, James Grant, who died on the 11th November, 1927, at Waterloo, N.S.W., aged 62 years, 10 months, and 10 days. A day of remembrance sad to recall, Still in our hearts you are loved by us all. Nothing but memories as we journey along, For a smile and a face that are gone. Blessed by his loving wife and family.

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THISTLE CLUB. Mr. Robt. Ward (chief) presided at a general meeting of the Thistle Club on the 17th inst. The secretary reported that the club had received from the Victorian Soldiers' League a sum of £100 for the purchase of a new flag.

RETURNED SOLDIERS' LEAGUE. The monthly meeting of the Ripon branch of the Returned Soldiers' League was held in the Mena Park schoolroom on Monday evening, 14th inst. Mr. J. E. Wallis (president) presided, and there was an attendance of 27 members.

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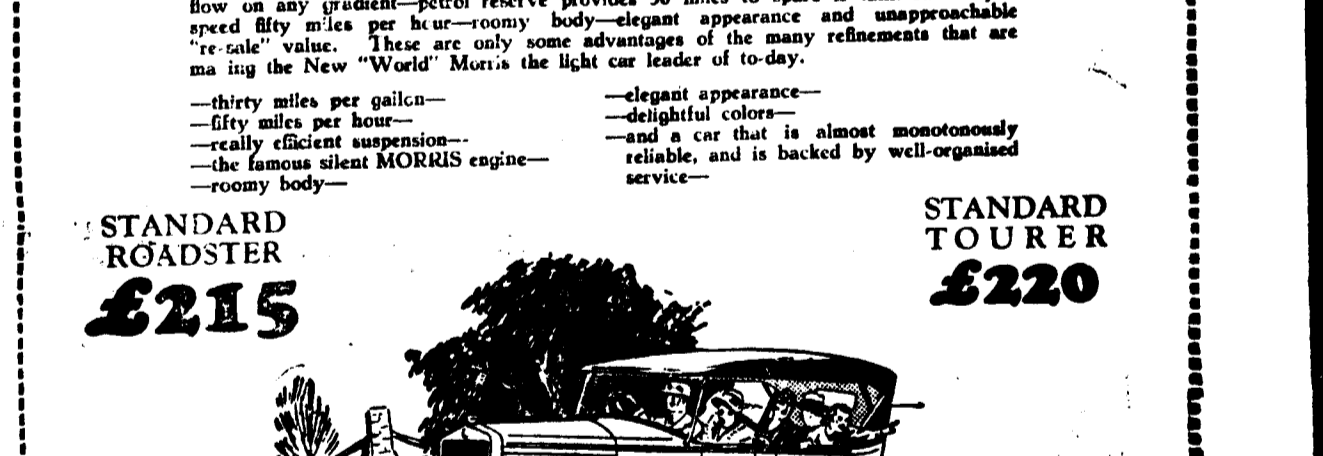
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CIVIC RECEPTION.

"BEAUFORT'S FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE."

Sister Lucy Minchin, who was aptly described by Cr. Sinclair as "Beaufort's Florence Nightingale," was given a civic reception at the Shire Hall, Beaufort, on Monday morning, on the occasion of a visit to her home town after 18 years' absence abroad. Sister Minchin, who is matron-in-charge of an important military hospital in India, has served with the Indian Army as a nurse since 1909, and was on active service during the Great War of 1914-18, and during the Afghan War which followed. She is one of four nurses in the British Empire who have been awarded the Florence Nightingale medal for distinguished war service. Sister Minchin is a daughter of the late Mr G. W. and Mrs Minchin, who were among Beaufort's earliest pioneers, and there was a representative gathering of residents of the town and district and old friends of the Minchin family at the Shire Hall to do honor to her. Mr and Mrs Frank Minchin, Mr Fred Minchin, Mrs Goodman, and Miss Edith Minchin accompanied their sister on her visit to Beaufort, and Miss Edith Minchin intends to return to India with her for a holiday.

Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair, who presided, apologised for the absence of the shire president (Cr. D. McDonald). On behalf of that gentleman, he remarked that he was glad to see so many of Sister Minchin's friends here. It would have been very ungrateful of them to have allowed Sister Minchin to go away without this reception. Some of them had met her about 18 years ago before she left to go to India. They were very proud of Sister Minchin, who had the honor of being one of two sisters in Australia and four in the British Empire to be awarded the Florence Nightingale medal. Mr Bernard O'Dowd, who was considered to be Australia's greatest poet, was another of the noted people who came from Beaufort, and he was born on Camp Hill and Sister Minchin was born on a hill opposite to it. He had pleasure in presenting to Sister Minchin a copy of Bernard O'Dowd's "Ode to Beaufort." Miss Minchin had been a brave and helpful lady, and had gone out to India, and had done so with the diggers knew what a hard spin the men had there. They also knew what the climate of India was. He understood Sister Minchin was taking Miss Edith Minchin back with her. They were all delighted that Miss Edith Minchin was going to have such a holiday, because they knew there had never been a more loving daughter, and that she had devoted great care to her late father during his illness. They hoped that Miss Edith Minchin would come back much better, and that later on Sister Minchin would return and spend her days in Australia. Florence Nightingale was one of the most beautiful women who had ever lived, and they looked on Sister Minchin as the Florence Nightingale of Beaufort.

Cr. D. F. Troy, in endorsing the remarks of the chairman, said it was a grand opportunity for the old friends of the Minchin family to come together to say goodbye to them, although they hoped that it would not be goodbye in the full sense of the word, and that they would come back later on. Mr Fred Minchin, with whom she used to tramp three miles to school and back, had a very warm spot in his heart for the old town.

Mr S. Young said that no more illustrious daughter of Beaufort had ever been welcomed in this hall than their guest this morning. She had been living in Beaufort when she consecrated her life to the noble profession of nursing. She left Beaufort in peace time, and after many years in India, was thrown into the cauldron of the Great War, and went on active service to probably one of the most trying of all professions. For months she was in charge of hospital ships, really barges on the river, travelling from Baghdad to Basra. The conditions were so deplorable among many of the troops that men committed suicide, yet even then this modest little Australian carried on her work. It seemed wonderful that she was able to do it. At various times one of her physical constitutions could have ceased duty, but she saw the thing right through the long 43 years. Then, instead of having a rest and coming back to Australia, she went away to the north-west frontier of India in charge of a military hospital in Baluchistan, when there was trouble with the Afghans. Of the work she performed, she would not tell herself. She was in charge of hospital trains coming with soldiers from one part of India to another. She was sometimes eight days on the train under most severe conditions. No doubt her work simply stood alone as far as that of anyone from this district was concerned. As a representative of the soldiers, he welcomed Sister Minchin back to Beaufort. As one who had seen the work of the nursing profession abroad under all conditions of active service, his admiration for the profession was beyond words. He was sure if the Diggers had had any say in placing the names on the honor roll, they would have given Sister Minchin's name a special place at the top. The good people here had put her name among the others, but they were very proud to have it there. He wished her a pleasant stay in Australia and a safe return to India, and he hoped that she would have a safe return to her homeland, Australia.

Engineer-commander H. P. MacKenzie, in expressing his warmest admiration of Sister Minchin's work, said it brought home to those people who were unable to leave their home town, what an enormous empire they were a small part of. Mr Robert G. Beggs said he had had the pleasure of knowing the Minchin family most of his life. Most of them had succeeded in life, and he was always pleased to meet them when he got the chance. He felt that Beaufort was honored in having such a representative as Sister Minchin coming back to see it. He hoped she would return to Australia some day, bringing all her memories with her and more. He wished her every pleasure during her stay here, and a happy voyage back to India.

Sister Minchin's health having which she thanked the speakers very much indeed for the kind remarks made about her services abroad during the war and in India. The work she had done in Mesopotamia was practically the same as that of everyone in that expeditionary force; the conditions there being extraordinary. The medal therefore came as a complete surprise. During the time she was on the train she travelled from the north to the south of India and from the east to the west to every part where there was a hospital in which the wounded could be placed. Sometimes they would deliver 12 men at one hospital, and go on 100 miles and deliver 20 men at another. The hospitals were so packed with wounded from Mesopotamia that it was difficult to place them. Although it had been her intention to come home after the Great War, there was such an appeal for sisters for the Afghan War that she offered her services, and was given charge of a hospital where they were placing Indian troops. Before that they had gone to hospitals where they were cured for the Indian troops with but rudimentary training. That work, which the British matrons had placed on a fair footing, would before long be carried on entirely by Indian nurses. In about two years' time, therefore, she intended to return to Australia. She need not tell them of her love for Beaufort, as she had spent her earliest years here. It had been a tremendous pleasure to come back and see the old town again, although it had also been a grief to find so many old faces missing. They had spent yesterday going round many of the old spots in the bush they had all known and loved, and the only thing she was sorry for was that her stay was such a short one. Her whole time since her return had been fully occupied with visits here and there, and a great many engagements in Melbourne. She thanked them very much for their kind welcome.

Messrs Frank and Fred Minchin gratefully thanked the speakers and all present for the tribute paid to their distinguished sister.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

A dozen riflemen were present at the Beaufort Club's range on Saturday afternoon, when a couple of matches for silver spoons were fired. The competition at 300 yds. was won on the count back by C. McCook with a score of 36-33-40; the runner-up being O. Hare (34-35-40). Next on the list were: T. G. Beggs, 31-46-37; Roy Dunn, 34-33-37; J. B. Johnson, 30-33-33; A. E. Hughes, 28-43-32; L. French, 21-27-28; F. Lof's, 22-56-27; A. M. Parker, 25-56-27; J. Fitzpatrick, 20-7-27; A. J. Hughes, 23-1-27. The match at 500 yds. was won by O. Hare (34-4-40) on the count back; F. Lof's being second with 33-6-40. Other scores:—W. J. B. Johnson, 37-2-39; A. E. Hughes, 33-6-39; Roy Dunn, 32-2-34; C. McCook, 28-3-31; A. J. Hughes, 25-6-31; J. Dawson, 19-11-30.

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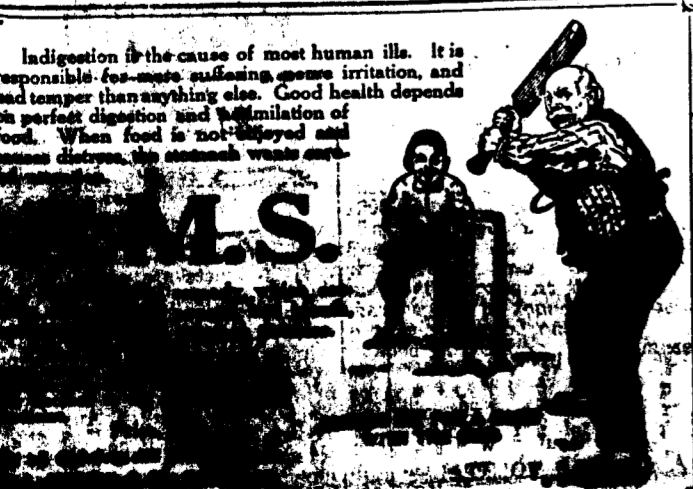
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As a simple means of raising the greater portion of the money, wool-growers were asked to authorize their brokers to deduct a sum equivalent to 2% per bale from the proceeds of the sale of their wool, the sum so deducted to be forwarded to the trustees of the fund. Many wool-growers, recognizing the almost immeasurable benefits which are possible from a successful research campaign, have responded to this invitation. There have failed to appreciate the real purposes of the fund, have neglected to contribute. It is for them particularly that the following explanation of the research scheme is given.

There is, throughout the world to-day, a steadily growing call for the aid of science, both by the manufacturer and the primary producer. The manufacturer explores every possible avenue which will improve his processes, utilise his by-products, eliminate waste, increase his output, and reduce his working costs. In Great Britain a system of Research Associations has been built up, each trade having its own association, the discoveries of which are available to all members. The British Government, recognising the need for the application of science to manufacturing problems if the Empire is to hold its place in the trade of the world, subsidises these associations once those in the trade show their willingness to help themselves.

In a like manner the Imperial authorities assist the agricultural industry, and in a way which may be very helpful to the Australian wool-grower, for all discoveries of value to the sheepbreeder—whether they be in the direction of eradicating animal diseases or the improvement of the fleece grown—will be available for the benefit of the people of the Empire. But—and this is surely the reason why the promoters of the fund feel that admirable as the work of the existing Government institutions is, they cannot give the concentration of effort on one special problem which is necessary for success. Other industries have an equal call on the services of the Government's scientists, and, very often, their duties include much administrative and inspection work.

It has been made plain by the committee that, while the proposed fund is to be entirely free from Government control, there will be complete co-operation with scientific institutions both in Australia and overseas. Indeed the scientific work now being carried out by the British Government should be of great advantage to the Commonwealth as soon as the Pastoral Research Fund is established. The Empire Bureau of Entomology is actually breeding insect parasites in an endeavor to provide new and more effective means for combating the innumerable pests which work havoc among the crops and animals in various parts of the Empire. The aim of the bureau is to fight these pests by biological control, which, in a word, means going back to the source of the pest and supplying to the district that is pest ridden that particular parasite whose absence has given rise to the problem. Pests come when the balance of nature is disturbed if that disturbance remains uncorrected.

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There are many Australian sheep problems which can be investigated possibly in Great Britain just as well as in the Commonwealth. Pasteur, in his work against anthrax in France, saved the sheep industry of his country from threatened annihilation. He did so, he gave the world something which would secure immunity from the disease wherever sheep were bred. The British authorities are experimenting with cures for fluke and braxy, and the problem of nodules in sheep carcasses. Any effective discovery which would rid Australia of these diseases would be of immense value to us.

But there are other problems which could only be attacked in the country where they occur. The blow-fly pest is probably one of them. The circumstances under which it occurs must be studied and understood before a remedy can be found. And what a triumph such a remedy would be! In one year the blow-fly can inflict losses on Commonwealth wool-growers of £4,000,000, or twenty times the amount of the capital of the proposed Pastoral Research Fund.

It is not the intention of those in charge of the fund to confine their attention to the eradication of stock diseases. That will be part of the campaign, but another very large and equally important field will be the subject of pasture improvement. This is a question in which most men on the land are vitally interested. It needs little thought to realise that if Australian flocks continue to draw nutrition from our lands, something must be put back to replace what has been taken away, or the area will be gradually impoverished. That has, of course, happened in many places. Natural fodder plants have been eaten off, and nothing has been substituted in their place. There is, therefore, the danger that unless the condition of pastures is first improved, attempts to increase production may lead to overstocking and its attendant evil results.

Animal diet is another subject to which the scientist is giving a great deal of attention, with a view to avoiding stock disease, improving the health of the sheep, and producing both a better carcass and better wool.

Any one of the foregoing problems is of itself a sufficient task to set a scientist to enquire and research. That is the reason why the promoters of the fund feel that admirable as the work of the existing Government institutions is, they cannot give the concentration of effort on one special problem which is necessary for success. Other industries have an equal call on the services of the Government's scientists, and, very often, their duties include much administrative and inspection work.

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