

IPSWICH RIFLE CLUB,**REUNION DINNER.****PRESENTATION TO THE PATRON.**

During the period of the war the Ipswich Rifle Club abandoned its annual reunion dinner, but with the signing of peace, the members felt that they were justified in reverting to the former practice. The function held at Mr. J. H. Beakley's Cafe, Nicholas-st., on Friday, was equally as successful as those held in pre-war times, the greatest enthusiasm being displayed. The chair was occupied by Captain O. Perry, and amongst those present were the patron (Mr. J. H. Walker, L.L.B.) and the following vice-presidents of the club:—The Mayor (Ald. E. J. L. Easton), Cr. H. Hallett, Mr. D. A. Gledson, M.L.A., Major T. F. Hall, and Messrs. G. J. Saunders, B.N., B.Sc., W. Betts, P. W. Johnson, and F. W. Turley. Mr. J. P. Carter, as president of the Ipswich and West Murston Rifle Union, represented that body.

The proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem, and after a brief introductory address by the chairman, the annual report of the club was read by the secretary (Mr. W. J. Johnson). After this came the presentation of prizes to the successful members, this being done by the patron. The chairman explained that, owing to the war the usual collection of plate, &c., was absent; but, notwithstanding the fact that there were not so many prizes this year, the members had entered very heartily into the contest, and the cash prizes and trophies awarded had been keenly competed for.

After the toast of "The King" had been duly honoured, Mr. D. H. Anderson proposed "The Honorary Officers," and the vice-president responded, expressing their good wishes towards the club for the future. Mr. Saunders, in the course of his remarks, said he doubly appreciated the honour of being elected a vice-president, in view of the fact that Major Jackson (Superintendent of Rifle Clubs) had expressed the view, in the course of conversation, that the Ipswich Club was one of the best clubs in Queensland.

Mr. Carter proposed "The Ipswich Rifle Club," which was acknowledged by the chairman.

The toasts of "The Ladies" and "The Press" were also honoured.

A pleasing part of the proceedings was the making of a presentation to the patron of an enlarged photograph of the "A" team (together with the patron and captain), which had had an unbeaten record for the year. The chairman complimented Mr. Walker for the keen interest he had always taken in their doings, and remarked that not only had the club attained a high standard as marksmen, but the character of the members was also of the highest.

The Mayor, before making the presentation to Mr. Walker, expressed appreciation of the honour the club had done him in electing him a vice-president. He congratulated the team on their achievements.

Mr. Walker voiced his gratification at the gift, and said he had a very warm admiration for what the rifle clubs had done. Their motto had been "Defence, Not Defiance." They had been a splendid recruiting ground. The members remaining behind had provided a splendid nucleus of a defensive army in the Commonwealth, and the clubs had also done much towards making better citizens. Rifle clubs had a great future before them, and he was sure the Ipswich Club was doing its full share in regard to defence. He also had been greatly impressed with the splendid calibre of the members of the club.

In the course of the evening vocal items were contributed by Miss Nash, Messrs. Eric M. Scott, E. J. Johnson, and W. J. Johnson. Miss England presided at the piano.