

Empire Day at Copeland.

Despite the inclement weather, punctually at 9.30 every pupil enrolled was at the school, and a revision of the Empire lessons was given. The intention was to hold a basket picnic in front of the school building, but the rain rendered this impossible, and the celebration was carried out in the School of Arts. The hall was very tastefully decorated by the teacher (Mr. Weber) and pupils with flags of the British Empire.

Mr. Chas. Grimshaw occupied the chair, and gave a stirring address. He said it was essentially a children's day, and to them more than to adults he addressed himself. The day was set apart for the celebration of the triumphs of the British Empire. The Empire League in first organising chose no particular day for universal celebrations, but after our late illustrious Queen's death New South Wales suggested the 24th May, and it was unanimously supported. The British Empire was the greatest the world had ever seen. He appealed to one and all present to uphold the honour of the most glorious of flags—the Union Jack—and to be loyal to King, loyal to Empire and country, loyal to home, wives and husbands, and loyal to self.

Mr. Guido Weber upheld the statements and sentiments of the Chairman. He then gave an address on "The

He then gave an address on "The Flag of Flags," its significance and origin. The Australian flag, with its Southern cross (the emblem of the South) and the six-cornered star also

received attention. In conclusion the speaker urged all, while speaking and thinking most highly and feeling so proud of our own grand and glorious flag and the Empire to which we belong, not to speak slightingly or lightly of other nations not so favored, but yet with their own good qualities.

Mr. W. J. Harris endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers, and said he felt very proud to be present on such a joyful occasion.

Mr. Donaldson also spoke a few well-chosen words.

Each child was then presented with a medal bearing the Union Jack in enamel and "One People one Destiny" on one side, and on the reverse side the Queen's head and "Empire Day, 24th May, '06." The scholars then sang "Red, White, and Blue," "Rule Britannia," and all joined in the National Anthem. All kinds of games were indulged in during the day by both young and old. Our local vocalists rendered several songs, and the trippers of the light fantastic found their enjoyment. Miss Grimshaw's services as accompanist were invaluable.

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The ladies of Copeland deserve great praise for the way in which they managed the catering, which was of high class quality.