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PATRIOTIC ENTERTAINMENT AT ROFFEY.

On Thursday evening the girls at the Victory-road Schools, under the direction of Miss Pigrome (headmistress), gave an entertainment in the Y.M.C.A. Hut. The affair was a remarkable success, and the soldiers showed their appreciation by prolonged and hearty applause. The last item (in suitable costume), portraying Britannia receiving assurances of support in the present crisis from representatives of all parts of the Empire was very good, and created enthusiasm among the men, many of whom had come from Canada and other far distant lands. Mr W. J. Hart, leader at the Hut, presided. Programme:—Opening speech, D. Tappenden; "Australia will be there," "The Three Dragons," 1st Class; "Hush, Hush," E. Nightingale; "The Hoodoo," H. Jackson; solo, Miss Redford; "Mynheer and his little Dutch Lady," G. Daniels and K. Hillman; Stick-dance, 1st Class; recitation, "Shopping," D. Randall; solo, Miss Childs; "The Miller and the Maid," and "It was a lover and his lass," 1st Class; violin solo, F. Howard; "The Backward Child," Miss Chislett and Miss D. Anderson; solo, Miss Redford; dance 1st Class; solo, Miss Childs; cantata, Representatives of the Empire, 1st Class; "God save the King." At the close Mr Hart thanked Miss Pigrome very much indeed for the capital entertainment which she had provided for them. They were greatly obliged to her for the hard work which it must have entailed, and he could assure her that they appreciated this to the full. The girls had done well and the whole affair was a great success. Miss Pigrome, in responding, said she was well repaid for what she had done by the exceedingly kind and hearty reception. The girls had been greatly interested in the performance, and they had eagerly looked forward to the occasion, especially as many of them had fathers and brothers fighting at the front. They would not forget the soldiers present when they asked God to guard and protect our men. Mr W. H. Gentle congratulated the girls on their performance. Miss Pigrome, he said, must have taken great trouble in the matter. During his visits to the schools in the past he had seen something as to what the girls were capable of, but that evening's entertainment was, he thought, the best of all. He called for three cheers for the young people.