

DANDENONG HIGH SCHOOL.**Address by the Prime Minister.****"Play the Game."**

DANDENONG.—The Dandenong High School speech night, held at the Boomerang Picture Theatre on Thursday evening, was a great success. When the Prime Minister and Mrs. Bruce arrived they were given an enthusiastic welcome by the large assemblage. Mr. F. H. Singleton, chairman of the school council, presided, and, in addition to the Prime Minister and Mrs. Bruce, members of the school council and staff occupied seats on the platform.

Mr. Singleton, in introducing the Prime Minister, said he could not help availing himself of the opportunity to congratulate Mr. Bruce upon his splendid victory at the recent election. (Applause.)

The Prime Minister, who had taken a keen interest in the proceedings, gave an interesting and appropriate address.

Mr. Bruce said he thought the attendance showed that a large number of people believed the Dandenong High School to be the "best school of all," but he had no embarrassment in the matter. When he was going to school he thought his school was the best of all, but the Dandenong High School was not in existence then. He had listened with great interest to the report of Mr. Langford, and Dandenong people should be proud to have such a school in their midst. This was the scholars' night, and they must remember the great privilege they enjoyed in having such a school, a privilege that was not enjoyed in every other country. They were splendidly educated in every way, and well equipped for the battles of life. Mr. Singleton, the chairman, had gone far when he said that one of the boys might yet be Prime Minister, but had not gone far enough. How did he know that one of the girls would not be Prime Ministress of Australia? (Laughter.) They had all these privileges in Australia, and the boys and girls must remember that these privileges carried great responsibilities. They must realise that they were the future men and women of Australia, and must also realise the great traditions of their country. He was sure they would maintain these traditions, and play their part well in the game of life. They had earlier in the evening sung of "playing the game," and "playing it clean," and thus they should do through life. At school they learnt from books, but in life they would learn something greater, something bigger—to always play the game, always be fair, always be unselfish, and do nothing mean—thus they would gain the respect and confidence of all. They should do their part in making this great country what it should be, and although they were only boys and girls they had their responsibilities. They had heard of the great deeds of the Australian soldiers, and they were proud of those deeds, which had blazoned the name of Australia before the whole world, and made an undying name for Australia and her men. The boys and girls had to play their part and live up to the standard of the soldiers who played the game nobly and unselfishly, and 60,000 of those soldiers had laid down their lives for their country. The boys and girls should remember the soldiers,

their lives for their country. The boys and girls should remember the soldiers, and also remember their fathers and mothers, especially the mothers, who had played their part and made such sacrifices for them. They could make the future for themselves and Australia great and good. They must remember that kindness was the noblest of qualities, and they should always be ready to help others, and not think they were better than others who had not been so fortunate as themselves. It was only the truly great who never became proud and selfish. This was the boys' and girls' night, and he wished them all that was good. Their fathers and mothers were boys and girls once, and were probably extraordinarily naughty.

that night. (Laughter.) He wished them all good luck; that they would have a happy Christmas, and that their new year would be bright. He hoped that one of the boys would be lucky enough—it was good luck, which he doubted—to be Prime Minister of Australia some day, and also that one of the girls would be Prime Ministress. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. Bruce contributed to the evening's programme by presenting the prizes won during the past year.

When the Prime Minister and Mrs. Bruce left the building they were given three hearty cheers, with an extra cordial one for Mrs. Bruce.

During the evening an excellent concert programme was given by the pupils.