



Durrington

ANZAC SUNDAY IN WILTSHIRE

The commemoration of the anniversary of Anzac Day took place at Durrington, Wiltshire, on Sunday, April 24 last, by a parade of the Sunday school children in the afternoon at the Cross Stones and War Memorial (writes an English Correspondent). The arrangements were in the hands of the vicar, the Rev. A. G. Ruddle. In addition to about 100 children laden with flowers, many of the villagers were present. The service was conducted by the vicar, assisted by the Rev. H. Rose, the Congregational pastor, who gave a short address, in which he recalled the mighty forces created by Australia and New Zealand, and their joining together in one supreme effort, and making the great sacrifice in the endeavour to assist in freeing mankind from the oppression of a force which had arisen against all Christ-like teachings and Christianity itself. After the address, the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," was sung, to the accompaniment of the Durrington Brass Band, conducted by Mr R. Matthews. After the service at the cross, the pilgrimage to the cemetery began, the band leading. Arriving at that place, the hymns "On the resurrection morning" and "When I survey the wondrous Cross" were sung, followed by the National Anthem. The now large assembly watched the children lay their floral tributes on the graves of the fallen, following which the children returned in processional order to the church, where they dispersed. The Anzacs' graves are still attended throughout the year by the sexton (Mr Andrew Spreadbury) and several ladies of the village, prominent among whom are Miss Toomer, Mrs Spreadbury, Mrs Cullen and Mrs Hargreaves.

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