

Public School

Blackheath

1.3.20

The Secretary

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Dear Sir

Towards the end of last year two notices appeared in the Notice Board in the Union, which, when viewed together appear inconsistent. One appealed to all returned soldiers to fill in a form entitled "War Service Record". The other bluntly stated, that the Union had decided, that only those returned soldiers actually attending the University before enlistment were eligible for Honorary Life Membership.

From these two notices it appears that the Union is willing, and even anxious to accumulate the names and records of every returned soldier possible, to flaunt in public as a practical proof of its patriotism, but that when it comes to showing its appreciation for service rendered, the Union comes only half-way to the mark.

As far as I could judge, the

scheme outlined by the President of the Union, entailed no extra expense upon the Union, & certainly no returned soldier would wish to in any way injure the finances of the Union, as we know it has never a large surplus.

If, however the matter of expense was the deciding factor it seems to me that a better scheme could have been evolved whereby we could have been spared the humiliating spectacle of a public body like the Union dividing the great body of returned soldiers at the Union into two great sections according to its own peculiar lights.

yours faithfully
W. Laws.

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