

## Empire Day at Cowbridge.

A splendid programme was arranged for the Empire Day celebrations, which took place in the Cowbridge district on Saturday, the day before the birthday of the Prince of Wales. It has been the custom in the Cowbridge district for some years to celebrate Empire Day on the Prince of Wales's birthday.

Nearly four hundred school children took part in the procession, which marched from Broadway to the Cowbridge Town Hall, headed by the Pontyclun Silver Band. A prominent place was given in the procession to Cowbridge's first Carnival Queen, Miss Lilian M. Tarr, Pentre Meyrick, and her pretty retinue of train-bearers. The 1st Cowbridge Troop of Girl Guides paraded under Captain Kathleen Thomas and Lieut. N. Thomas, whilst the 1st Cowbridge Troop of Boy Scouts was under Assistant-Schoolmaster Harold Yorwerth.

During the service wreaths were laid on the memorial by Miss L. M. Tarr and Master D. Tilley. Among those in attendance were Lady Byass, Llandough Castle, who, with Mrs. Tilley, Cowbridge, is mainly responsible each year for the Empire Day celebrations in Cowbridge; the Mayor of Cowbridge (Councillor W. A. L. Phillips), the Town Clerk (Mr. W. T. Gwyn), the Vicar of Cowbridge (the Rev. Gilbert Williams), Councillors E. Thomas and L. S. Rowsell, the Revs. B. T. Roberts, Emrys Davies, and Buckley (curate), Mrs. T. J. Yorwerth, and Mrs. Fred Evans. The Rev. Gilbert Williams gave an appropriate address.

Lady Byass, who also addressed the children, remarked that every boy and girl was asked at some time or another to name their favourite heroes or heroines in history. They sometimes chose Joan of Arc, Richard Cœur de Lion, Sir Philip Sydney, or Florence Nightingale, all of whom had shown a wonderful spirit of self-sacrifice and courage. They might also include in their catalogue of heroes the name of the Prince of Wales, whose birthday they were celebrating.

After the service, the children were entertained to tea, when the following ladies presided at the tables:—Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Millman, Mrs. Rees, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Croome, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Evan Thomas, Mrs. Wile, Mrs. David, Mrs. Mustoe, Miss Morgan, Mrs. Rowsell, Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Yorwerth, Mrs. Emrys Davies, Mrs. Gilbert Williams, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Maddy, Mrs. Fletcher, and Mrs. Ted Lewis.

After tea, a programme of sports was arranged, but had to be abandoned owing to the weather. Games and dancing were then participated in at the Town Hall, Mr. L. Rowsell acting as M.C.

It is rather interesting to note that Empire Day was first observed in Cowbridge in the year 1910 by the late Capt David Tilley, and was revived again in 1922 by Lady Byass and Mrs. Tilley.