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## Upper Lansdowne Memorial Hall.

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(Contributed.)

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Mr. Fennings, in making the presentation, remarked that the present was not of the usual style on account of the stone being laid by a lady. There was no person more worthy of the honor than Mrs. Cicolini, she being a pioneer of the district, and all her sons having served their country in the great war, and she had been a remarkable worker in securing and providing war comforts for the soldiers. He hoped that Mrs. Cicolini would be long spared to enjoy many pleasant evenings in the new hall.

Mrs. Cicolini suitably responded in a few words of thanks to the committee.

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