

Methodist Honor Board

Although extra seating accommodation was provided at the Frankston Methodist Church last Sunday evening, the spacious building proved too small for the multitude that assembled to take part in the Remembrance Service, and many were compelled to stand in the pews. Members of the Shire Council were present in their representative capacity, and the local branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association attended in a body. A large Union Jack hung from the pulpit rails, and a smaller flag draped the Honor Board, at the rear of the pulpit.

Rev. C. Angwin conducted the service, which was of a most inspiring character throughout. A strong choir led the singing, in which the congregation joined with spirit. Miss Barnard presided at the organ, and the choir gave a fine rendering of the anthem, "The Sun shall be no more."

Rev. Angwin, after extending a welcome to the Returned Soldiers and the Shire Councillors, expressed pleasure at being able to introduce Senator Brigadier General Elliott, D.S.O., D.C.M., who was present to unveil the Honor Board, furnished for the Church through the efforts of Miss Gale. In the course of an eloquent address, the speaker said all were proud of the noble part played by the Australian lads when the Empire was in danger. Many had gone forth to die the noblest and most Christ like death, and over the gallant and sacred dead was offered the tribute of love. Like the Great Teacher, our soldiers had gone forth in the spirit of sacrifice. Many were lying in graves unknown; it mattered not—the soldier's tomb was in the hearts of those for whom he died.

General Elliott, in performing the unveiling ceremony said the Honor Board was raised as a tribute to those who had gone forth at the call of Empire to face death and mutilation. It would serve as an inspiration, if one were wanted in years to come, to others to go forth as readily and as bravely as these men had done, in the cause of right and justice. The General then related many stirring incidents connected with the great war in which the bravery of Australian soldiers stood out without parallel in the world's history. Examples of heroism and self sacrifice he had witnessed at Gallipoli and on the Western front were recounted by the General in

simple language, yet with realistic detail that proved wonderfully impressive. The Honor Board, which is of very attractive design is 4ft. broad by 3ft. 2in. deep. It is constructed of Australian oak, with blackwood panel 1ft. 11in. square. Across the top runs a ribbon with the words— "Duty Always," with wattle beautifully carved. On the jamb at each side are carved, on the left side— The Torch of Peace, with laurel wreath, and on the right side, The Sheathed Sword, with wreath. On the Roll are inscribed the following names:—

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| Bray, F. | Jones, E. |
| Brody, C. | *Kelly, R. |
| Burton, E. | Lawrey, C. |
| *Burton, F. | Lawrey, T. |
| Burton, R. | *McComb, E. |
| Croskell, A., M.M. | McComb, E. R. |
| Carter, F. | *McComb, H. |
| Clark, W. | Newberry, E. |
| *Ellis, C. | Patterson, G. |
| Farmer, F. | Reeves, C. |
| Guenther, L. | Rogers, I. |
| Hill, E. | Sherlock, R. |
| *Hill, W. | Twining, C. |
| Hague, A. | Croskell, Sister |
| Johns, F. | |

* Supreme Sacrifice.

The solo, "The Trumpeter," was splendidly rendered by Mr D. Dold and prior to the singing of the National Anthem at the conclusion of the service, Trumpeter Laidson sounded The Last Post.

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