

WARWICK PRESBYTERIANS.

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF CHURCH.

HONOUR BOARD UNVEILED.

WARWICK, Sunday.

The sixtieth anniversary of the establishment of the Presbyterian Church in Warwick was celebrated to-day, with special services which were attended by large congregations, which included many representatives of the Church from outside districts.

It is worthy of note that the third oldest Presbyterian congregation in Queensland is to be found in Warwick. The two still older congregations are Ann-street, Brisbane, and St. Stephen's Ipswich. When the union of Presbyterian Churches took place in 1863 the minister in Warwick was Rev. Thomas Kingsford, a United Presbyterian, who had founded the congregation. When the synod decided in 1865 to form three Presbyteries in Queensland, Toowoomba, comprising the whole of the Downs, was constituted as one of the three. The Rev W. L. Nelson, father of the late Sir Hugh Nelson, was the first moderator. At

charge on St. Andrew's Day, 1911, and was moderator in 1914.

The history of the Warwick Presbyterian Church is one of continued progress, and to-day's impressive celebration fittingly marked another milestone in its history.

The jubilee service this morning was largely one of thanksgiving, and it was conducted most impressively by the Rev. James Gibson, M.A., (Moderator

of the Brisbane Presbytery) assisted by the minister in charge (the Rev. Allan MacKillop).

A unique feature of the celebration was the unveiling of the roll of honour which contains a list of about 50 names of members of the Warwick church who have answered to their King and country's call.

The honour board is of dark oak in two panels, and the names are printed thereon in gilt letters.

that time there was only two distinct congregations under the Toowoomba Presbytery. Now there are 11, in addition to 13 home mission charges.

In January, 1866, Rev T. Kingsford resigned his charge in Warwick, and was appointed Allora. At that time, the Warwick parish extended to Wailangarra and Goondiwindi. In succession to Rev. Mr. Kingsford, a call was presented to Rev. Colin McCulloch, who became moderator of the Assembly in 1877. He was succeeded by Rev Isaac Mackay, who had been moderator in 1873. His successor was Rev. Alexander Dandie, who was twice moderator, and after him came Rev Hugh Munro, a member of the well-known Toowoomba family. Mr Munro was succeeded by Rev. R. Fraser, M.A. who was moderator in 1885. Next came Rev Charles J. Legate, B.A., who was moderator in 1892. Mr Legate was succeeded by Rev. Richard Kerr, who was minister in Warwick for eleven years, and moderator in 1893, when he had charge at Toowong. Rev. Mr. Kerr resigned from Warwick four years ago to become superintendent of Home Missions. The present minister, Rev. Allan MacKillop, was inducted into the charge on St. Andrew's Day, 1911, and was moderator in 1914.