

## Unveiling of Honour Roll.

AT ST. HILDA'S ANGLICAN CHURCH.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY

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There was a large attendance at the above church last Sunday afternoon, many relatives and friends of the heroes away at the Front being present, together with a number of returned soldiers, members of the Rifle Club, and a large body of Scouts. The Mayor of Katoomba, Ald. Chas. L. Dash, and the Town Clerk, Mr. C. P. Hendry, represented the Town Council.

The Church was tastefully decorated with greenery and white flowers, the occasion being also the second anniversary of the opening of the new building. The War Litany was recited by the Rev. W. E. Godson, M.A., the responses being heartily given by the congregation. After the first verse of Kipling's Recessional Hymn had been rendered, the Archbishop of Sydney unveiled the Roll of Honour, on which were inscribed the following names:—

Geddes, W.	West, J.	Cornwell, F.
Brown, J.	Hudson, E.A.K.	Carroll, W. C.
Brown, D.	Alford, K.F.C.	Jockel, H.
Henson, A.	Gull, D.	Barker, J.H.T.
Henson, F.	Thayne, A.	Tuck, P.
Henson, J.	Lay, W. J.	Smith, H. E.
Henson, B.	Fryer, C. H.	Heathcote, V.
Kerry, A.	Oliver, F.	Maidment, F.C.
Messiter, A.	Cliff, V. A. G.	Weatherall, A.
Leathley, P.	Davies, F. L.	Gottwald, L.
Leathley, D. F.	Oakes, L.	Small, E.
Bell, E.	Dales, H. H.	Pannell, C. A.
Parish, H.	Knight, H. D.	Peacock, H. J.
Davies, E. A.	Vanderburgh, B.	Holgate, E.
Davies, L.	Roberts, J.	

The continuation of the beautiful hymn was then given, many affecting scenes being noticed as the final words of each verse rolled out—

*"Lest we forget—lest we forget."*

Speaking with deep feeling and earnestness, His Grace then addressed the congregation, saying:—In unveiling this Roll of Honour to those who have patriotically faced the risks of the mightiest of all wars, we are also taking our share in a great historical fact. This Roll is at once a tribute to the brave, and an incentive to ourselves, who pay them tribute. Some have fallen on the field, but the majority are still maintaining the honour of the Empire on the battlefield. They are in all branches

of the army, and to many a brave man it will be encouragement to know that his name is on the Roll of Honour for St. Hilda's, the church with which he was connected. We must recollect that these brave men have sacrificed themselves for our benefit, and the Roll is an acknowledgment of their heroism and that we do not forget, but it must also be an incentive to us never to forget the immense obligation laid upon us to do our part as well. The great danger to the Allies is a premature peace, which would be a perilous peace. Any peace that may come through exhaustion would be a curse and not a blessing. Our enemy would only make ready to begin again. His ambition is to crush us out of existence. A premature peace would only leave a new and more desperate legacy for those who come after us. But we must also recollect that the work of making war must not be left to a section. For victory to be effective, all must do their share. There is a vast difference between wars of the present day and wars of the past. In the old wars, the fighting men went to fight, and the rest of the people pursued their ordinary life; but in this age, the pity of it, all the Nation must enter the arena; there can be no spectators. Any Nation that refuses to put ALL its strength into the struggle must go down. The Nations are now organised on a scale never before known in the history of the world. It is incumbent on everyone to add all the energy and influence possessed to the common stock before victory is to be ours. Consider the causes operating in Australia to-day tending to imperil our victory in this ordeal as making us refuse unreserved and united service. First is ignorance, sheer ignorance. We have been so accustomed to letting others think for us that we have not taken the trouble to acquaint ourselves with stern facts. Therefore, many men are ignorant of the purposes and aims of Germany in this war, the intolerable arrogance that would presume to dominate us all. They are ignorant of the cruelty and barbarity with which Germany had waged this war, and which she would wreak upon us if we were so weak as to let her win. They are ignorant of the superb military skill shown by the German leaders, and the distinct success that they can quote on fields of European warfare. Not one foot of Ger-

European warfare. Not one foot of German soil is now trodden by an invader; miles and miles of Allied territory is in German occupation. Another of the faults is indifference. Many do not trouble to care about these things unless they are forced on their notice unpleasantly. But what ground have we for the calm assumption that all will go well? Men thought that they were safe in Bucharest, but were they safe? Men thought they were safe on the Lusitania, but where is the Lusitania? Our cool belief has no better basis, and it might just as easily be shattered. Then, again, here and there—I do not like to think it, but the conviction is forced upon me—in rampant disloyalty. When I see some sections of the community with more than their average proportion of their young men refusing to defend the flag that defends them, and throwing every difficulty in the way of replenishing the depleted ranks of those who stand between them and our ruthless foe, I can only set that frame of mind as disloyal, and the presence of any such section in our midst, is a menace, at any

rate, of a serious view of the war, and to that unity without which we cannot win. I challenge the publication of a census of the men who were in the "called up" camps, arranged according to religious denominations. The Church of England would welcome such a statement, as her sons have ably played their part. In conclusion," said the Archbishop, I appeal for earnest prayer on behalf of our gallant lads at the front, backed up by effort that proves the genuineness of our prayers, by which the final blow may be struck in defence of truth and liberty; and then, God defend the right.

The address was attentively listened to, and was a great exposition of the beauties of the English language. The proceedings terminated with the singing of "Lead, Kindly Light," and the National Anthem. The offertory, which was in aid of the church building fund, totalled over £40, there being a very large congregation at the morning and evening services.