

THE KANE MEMORIAL.

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Prior to the commencement of the final match of the Hampden League competition on Saturday afternoon, a simple but impressive ceremony took place at the entrance to the Leura Reserve, when the gates erected to the memory of the late Joe Kane were dedicated by Canon Williams, of Mortlake, president of the Hampden Football League. Keen interest was shown in the ceremony and a large number of people gathered to honour the occasion.

Mr. T. Harrison took the chair in the absence of the president of the Leura Reserve and briefly explained that the ceremony was being held for the purpose of dedicating the gates recently erected to the memory of their late lamented townsman, Joe Kane. The gates had been erected by the public of Camperdown and the Camperdown Football Club, the latter club having sponsored the project to erect them. Joe Kane had been held up as an example to the youth of the community both as a townsman and as a player for the club to which he belonged.

Mr. J. W. Smith, president of the Camperdown Football Club, said he was glad to have the opportunity of thanking the public on behalf of the Camperdown Football Club and allied sporting bodies for the way they had so spontaneously contributed towards the erection of the gates. He also wished to thank them on behalf of the parents who appreciated the fact that they so revered the memory of Joe Kane that they were willing to assist in erecting a memorial to him. He hoped that the memorial would

He hoped that the memorial would inspire some of the youth of to-day to emulate his example. His death cast a gloom over the whole of the district and they were much the poorer for his absence.

Canon Williams said that he was proud of the privilege extended to him to dedicate the gates to the memory of one who was so popular in Camperdown—Joe Kane. His was a character made here in Camperdown. He was one of their own lads. He went to school here, made good, went to work, and proved himself to be in every way the makings of a splendid citizen. They could only deplore his tragic end. It was men like him who helped us to win through in the Great War and so long as we have this type of young manhood in this country, we can go ahead cheerfully and bravely. We were suffering from various things at the present time but Joe Kane's life would be an inspiration to the rising generation by helping them to try and live a life such as he had lived—a clean, sporting, just, honest, industrious, and conscientious life. Those who knew him on the football field as well as in his other fields of activity would agree that we, as a community, had lost a man of good and noble character. They sympathised with his parents in the loss of a son who was so much to them. The Camperdown Football Club had appealed to the public and erected the gates so that his memory might live long in Camperdown, and, on behalf of the club and the other subscribers, he asked the trustees of the Leura Reserve to accept the gates in perpetuity of the memory of the late Joe Kane and to his memory he dedicated them. The inscription read: "Erected by the footballers and residents of Camperdown and district in memory of the late Joe Kane as a

memory of the late Joe Kane as a token of esteem and affection." He would ever live in their hearts, concluded Canon Williams, and they would always think of him as one who had always played the game. He left it to the youth of the community to follow in his footsteps.