

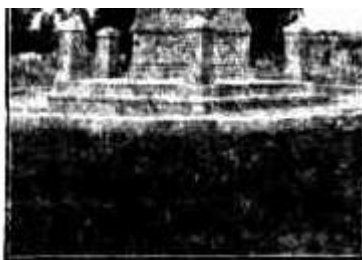
**AT DANGARSLEIGH.**

**MEMORIAL UNVEILED.**

Many months ago, Mr. A. H. Perrott, of Chevy Chase, set out upon a memorial scheme for the soldiers who fought in the British Army against Germany. At the outset, Mr. Perrott made it clear that whilst his aim was to record inclusively the patriotism of the Dangarsleigh volunteers, the memorial was not to be restricted to them, nor was it to be regarded as local at all. He wanted to honor all the soldiers who fought for us in the war. He provided an opportunity for people all over the State to have their soldier dead remembered, though naturally the remembrance was effected by friends residing in this district.

The commencement of the scheme was the planting of hundreds of trees, extending for about two miles along the frontage of Mr. Perrott's property. Most of these trees have made good growth. Mr. Perrott dedicated the land from his holding, provided the labor for trenching, and has tended the young trees. He did suggest that others might take the matter up and establish similar avenues along frontages of the same roads, but nothing has been done in this direction so far. A largely-attended public ceremony marked the planting of the trees, and many from various parts of the district took advantage of the opportunity of dedicating a tree to a soldier friend or relative. Stakes bearing the warriors' names were put down alongside such trees.

There was another public gathering some months ago when the foundation stone of the enduring stone memorial was laid. This function was fully described at the time, and the articles deposited in the receptacle under the stone attracted considerable interest on account of their unique symbolism. Yesterday the monument was unveiled by Captain J. L. G. Johnstone. He served with the Australian forces abroad, and is the son of the late Dr. Johnstone, of revered memory, not only amongst the Presbyterians to whom he was a pioneer minister, but to the whole of New England.



The completed monument stands within one of three parks formed by the plantation already spoken of, at the intersection of the Armidale, Dangars Falls, and Rockwood Roads. It is a landmark, and its symbolic design must be studied to appreciate its real significance.

The main column is 40ft. high, and consists of two parts. The lower has been constructed triangular to represent the trinity of Great Britain—England, Scotland, and Ireland. Three marble slabs are let into the sides. These slabs are 5 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches. One of them records: "Designed and erected by Alfred Haroldston Perrott, of Chevy Chase, in memory eternal of the soldiers of the British Empire who went west during the great war." A second slab memorializes the fallen number of 17 dead

soldiers, of whom one was a New Zealander, one a Victorian, and two were Queenslanders. The third is blank, but "Unknown" is superscribed, with a purpose that will be obvious from the lesson of one of the most impressive ceremonies since the war. "Lest We Forget" is cut into the masonry on one of the three sides—that facing the main road.

An octagonal shaft rests upon a circle upon the triangular column, the former tapering upwards to support a sphere. Above the sphere is a flagpole, and the height to its tip is 52 feet. The sphere is intended to represent the terrestrial globe, and so does the circular kerb which surrounds the pentagonal base of the monument. This base has a 4ft. 6in. pillar (also five-sided) at each angle, representative of the five Dominions which go to make up the great British Empire—Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, and India. The pentagon rising from the triangle was designed with the same significance.

The flags to be flown from the monument upon occasions calling for their display have been designed with due regard to the symbolism of the whole. From the staff at the top will be unfurled a flag of the United Empire, embodying the flag of every country within the Empire. The flags of the United Kingdom and Ireland will fly from the triangular columns, whilst those of the Dominions will be placed at the apex of the respective pillars at the five corners of the base.

The entrance gates to the park are dome-shaped, resembling a temple. "Nirvana" is written across the portal.

"Lest We Forget—1914-1918," cannot escape the eye of the visitor passing through the gate. The reminder is cut in a very prominent part of the monument.

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The construction work has been carried out entirely by Mr. Mark Roberts. To the artianship which he displayed in the building of "Chevy Chase," he has added this splendid job. There are 12½ tons of cement in the monument, which is built of solid concrete, faced with stone. The latter was quarried in the neighbourhood. The ironwork for the entrance gates was presented by Mr. Harry J. Court. Continuing the allegory of the whole there is a trumpet to call the soldier to duty and a boatswain's whistle to warn the sailor.

There was a big crowd at the unveiling yesterday.

Mr. Perrott explained the design of the monument, and the debts it was to perpetuate.

Mr. Bellfield, President of the Dumaresq Shire, presided.

Addresses were delivered by Mr. D. H. Drummond, M.L.A., Mr. Bellfield, Rt. Rev. Wentworth Shields, Bishop of Armidale, and Mr. J. Scholes.

Master Herron sounded "The Last Post."

The following "tribute from an absent friend" was read by the Bishop in the course of his address:—"To the man who plans things, builds things, make things—who talks not of wonders of old, nor gloats upon ancestral gold, but takes off his coat and takes a hold and does things."

Mr. Perrott made a presentation to Mr. Mark Roberts, in token of his work upon the monument.