

BIRREGURRA.

UNVEILING HONOR ROLL.

A service in connection with the unveiling of the Honor Roll was held in the McLennan Memorial Church, Birregurra, on Sunday afternoon, the preacher for the occasion being Chaplain Captain R. M. Fergus, M.A., Geelong, who took for his text 2 Tim. i chap. 1th verse: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." He said these were the words of an old warrior himself bearing his scars, his day done, having done his part and anxious for the work in the future. Under the leadership of Christ since that day on the Damascus road, when the will of Christ revealed to him, he had asked, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do." Being preserved from the perils of land and sea, he now seeks to encourage others. He charges Timothy to preach the word in season and out of season, to buckle on his armour and carry on the work. School days over, business and the troubles of the world to face, we are called upon to make choice of companions for good or bad. We must face responsibilities, morally and spiritually, to choose between the opposing elements of right and wrong. Each individual is responsible for his own actions. The lure of the world tends to draw us away from the Saviour. Human reason takes us to a certain point where faith must step in. God endows us with reason, but also gives faith its place over the glamour of the world. The image of Christ is standing more exalted than ever after nineteen centuries. He will be with every trusting heart. We fight our doubts and lay them low, but even then the battle is not ended. Once out in the battle line our faith will be put to the test. The forces of evil challenge Christ and we must organise against them or we cannot win. We must be out and out for our leader and follow and trust him in spite of all consequences. What inspired our young Australians in their daring deeds at the front, not only maintaining the deeds of Gallipoli but glorifying them ever since. We expected them to do Australia credit but did not dream they would do the deeds they did. In the greatest war ever known our men have won highest places in the name of fame, counting other things dearer than life. The crown must be won for Heaven here on the battle field of life. Though our hearts bleed, proud days are coming to some of us who know that the names

bleed, proud days are coming to some of us who know that the names of our loved ones are on some Honor Roll. In days to come old men will totter to have a peep at the roll on which their names were inscribed. There was no envy for those who would hold back in the day of battle. We know not which way the war will end, but we must all do our bit and answer the call of God and man to advance the world and civilisation. He was proud to be there to unveil the Honor Roll, which contained the following names, three of whom would never return, for they had given their all:—A. May, R. A. Ramsay, J. C. Farquharson, A. F. Campbell, J. W. May, S. Griffin, P. McCallum, D. Gelfetly, S. Nicholas, A. Fletcher, W. C. Robertson, A. B. Camm, A. Wilson, R. J. Sanderson, G. Sanderson, C. Hamm.

The Honor Board is constructed of blackwood of specially selected figure and grain, and is designed to harmonise with Gothic church architecture. The central board is Gothic headed, and contains the writing. At each side are shafts with foliated carved capitals, the slender shafts being typical of the best gothic work. The top arch pieces and sills at bottom have the typical undercast moulds and the whole board reflects credit both in the manufacture and design, and is in keeping with the church. The board was manufactured and supplied by Peters and Co., Colac.