

## **PATRIOTIC BANK EMPLOYEES.**

### **Roll of Honour Unveiled.**

The Chairman of Trustees of the Savings Bank of South Australia (Mr. W. Herbert Phillipps) has given to that institution a massive and artistically carved blackwood roll of honour, upon which are inscribed the names of members of the staff who have enlisted. The roll is hung upon the front wall of the large banking chamber, between the entrance doors. The hall has recently been renovated and looks attractive. The board is in keeping with its stately surroundings. It bears the watchword "Pro Rege et Patrie," below which are carved in relief a laurel wreath intersected by crossed rifles.

The unveiling ceremony was performed on Friday afternoon by Sir Edwin Smith (the senior trustee) in the presence of the trustees and officers. He said that when it was proposed that the bank should have a roll of honour he had concluded that the trustees would provide it, but he had found that day that the expense was to be borne by the esteemed Chairman of Trustees. (Applause.) Mr. Phillipps preferred to do it and the board did not wish to deprive him of the honour; although he (Sir Edwin) frankly admitted he would have liked to do it himself. (Applause.) He had been chosen to unveil it because he was the oldest member of the board now living. He and the manager (Mr. W. B. Poole) were the only two under the roof that day who had been connected with the bank when he first became a trustee 43 years ago. At the outbreak of the war the staff numbered 126. Of that number 34—more than one-fourth—had enlisted. Sir Edwin then to the accompaniment of cheers drew the cord which released the Union Jack which covered the board.

Mr. Phillipps related how the founders of the Australian nation had come out under the protection of the Motherland to establish not a second empire, but an important part of the great British Empire. Through many dangers old England had kept watch and ward over the colony, and now the sons of the dominions had risen up and said "We love the old Motherland, and will come to her aid, and at the same time protect our own homes and loved ones." The staff of the bank had responded nobly to the call. All the members of the board had wanted a roll of honour, and he felt they had accorded him a great privilege in allowing him to present it. Only the previous night he had found in an English paper a few lines which were peculiarly appropriate to the present occasion:—

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Write every name—lowlier the birth,  
Loftier the death—and trust that when  
On this regenerated earth  
Rise races of ennobled men;  
They will remember these were they  
Who strove to make the nations free,  
Not only from the sword's brute sway,  
But from the spirit's slavery.

Cheers were given for the King, for the men who have gone to the front, and, at the call of Sir Edwin Smith, for those who will follow.

The names upon the roll of honour are:—L. P. Shephard, S. C. Caffey, F. R. G. Sanders, L. L. T. Stidston, G. R. Martin, G. Hooper, H. R. Hopkins, N. F. Day, L. Johns, S. S. Davis, H. T. Schramm, M. Gore, G. J. Oliver, H. P. A. Leak, S. Nicholas, O. M. Watts, F. L. Taylor, W. P. Chinner, S. Branford, C. E. Taylor, F. D. Botten, C. G. F. Bulbeck, R. C. Sexton, A. G. B. Mars, H. J. Castle, W. R. Jenkins, W. I. Boon, H. R. Carter, F. P. M. Good, K. M. Torr, R. Coombs, F. Maundrell, S. G. Lukes, A. C. Steinwedel.