

Unveiling Roll of Honor.

IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TAREE.

At the weekly intercessory service in St. John's Church, Taree, on Thursday night, November 23, the honor roll for the parish of Taree, which had been placed in the church during the week, was unveiled. There were present a great number of those whose personal interest in the ceremony was that of being the relatives of those whose names were inscribed on the roll. The service commenced with a hymn.

During the service the 20th Psalm was sung. Canon Phillips read as the lesson 1 Kings, 8th chapter, verses 64 to 61. The first four verses of the hymn "For all the Saints" were sung as the Canon and choir went to the west end of the church, where the honor board was fixed. Canon Phillips, in speaking of the occasion that brought them together, said that it was most appropriate that at this stage in the history of the great struggle that had been endured for four years, they in that church—the old parish church of the Manning—should mark in some way their deep appreciation of the service that had been rendered them by those whose names were on the roll. They had now reached a point where they could and should thank God for the work done by their willing soldiers, which had assured to them a security that up to a few months ago they had not been sure of. He had always felt that before anything of a prominent character in the way of honor roll could be placed in the church some such occasion as the signing of the triumphant armistice was required; and the honor roll came just at the right moment. There were on that roll 32 names of those who had crowned their labor of service and love with their lives laid down for their brethren. There were names of those who, though wounded and battle-scarred, had returned, and in that church had rendered their thanks to God who had brought them home again in peace; and there were still those who yet were keeping watch and ward for us. And still prayer and intercession were our duty and privilege. He hoped the time was not far distant when again they might meet to unveil the next honor roll, etc.

to unveil the next honor roll, etc. peace was absolutely assured; but until that time they still had to watch the present roll as they had watched those on the church door for the last four years, to see what further honor God had for those who still were holding guard for us. In the meanwhile it was good to know that they might humbly believe that, as they had hoped and believed all along, they were on God's side. So God had blessed them, and would bless them further still and grant them all their heart's own true desire. Canon Phillips said he was sure all would agree with him that there was no one more fitting to unveil the roll than Mrs. Kerle, who had given four of her sons to the sacrifice, of whom one very early in the war had made the supreme sacrifice; and also because the whole work of the honor roll was that of her son, Mr. Roy Kerle, and was his gift to the church. He then asked Mrs. Kerle to unveil it, which she did in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, to the perpetual memory of the service willingly offered even unto death by those whose names were inscribed thereon. After the unveiling the last four verses of "For all the Saints" were sung, and Canon Phillips and the choir returned to the chancel, where the service was continued by the recitation of the Creed, with suffrages, intercessory prayers, thanksgiving and the Benediction, after which the National Anthem was sung.

The honor roll is enclosed in a handsome frame of polished mahogany wood, which was made by Mr. Roy Kerle, who also himself illuminated it and printed the names, and is a splendid piece of work and most acceptable gift.