

## General Items.

### MALVERN METHODIST HONOUR ROLL.

#### UNVEILED BY THE COMMANDANT.

At the Malvern Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, an oak honour roll of particularly handsome design and containing the names of about 150 members of the congregation or Sunday school who have enlisted, was unveiled in the presence of a large attendance.

The Rev. W. J. Walker (pastor) based his address on Romans xiii. 7—"Render therefore to all their dues—tribute to whom tribute is due, honour to whom honour." They had that afternoon, he said, to fulfil in their own way this sacred injunction to the brave and heroic men, who relinquished the sacred and tender ties of life to the holy call of duty, and risked the submarine-infested seas to undertake the heroic task to which they were called. They would be unworthy if they were to leave these men unmentioned and their work unhonoured. Altogether, 21 of the men whose names appeared on the roll, had made the supreme sacrifice.

The State Commandant (Brig.-Gen. Foyrath), in unveiling the board, said it seemed to him that no greater honour could be given to a soldier than to have the opportunity afforded him of revealing to the light of day the names of those comrades who had fought and died in the great cause which was now being decided. When, in 1914, Germany, with vile and unjustified ambition, launched her offensive, there went forth through all the world, through the cries of babes and the wailing of tender women, the great call to all the nobility in manhood to fight against the oppressor. The call was first heard in the Motherland, and our kith and kin, who had always stood for justice between man and man, and nation and nation, rushed in their strength to help the oppressed, without for a moment counting the tremendous cost. To-day Britain stood by the Allies, determined to fight on until justice had been done. As the call came to the Motherland, so it came to the dominions, and was as readily answered, until 300,000 of the aristocracy of Australia's manhood had gone to help in this great struggle. To him there was no more beautiful or stirring theme than the fact that 147 gallant men, whom they especially honoured that day, were mostly those who learnt in that sacred edifice the first principles of the sublime ideals for which we were now fighting. Reverently and sacredly they honoured the dead. In truth they were not dead, but lived on, and to their nearest and dearest, who bore their loss so heroically, they said, out of the deepest sympathy, "Take courage, and keep in view the glorious resurrection." They had steadfast hope and confidence also in their cause, and should reconsecrate themselves to it.

The Rev. A. W. Potts (superintendent of the circuit) and Senior Chaplain W. G. Kendrew also took part in the proceedings. Special musical items were contributed by the choir, under the direction of Mr. F. L. Gratton.