

YARRAMALONG. Roll of Honor Unveiled.

They heard the call of Country and King.
And all went off to join in the strife ;
They did their duty nobly and well
Many have given their life.
Think of the debt we owe them to-day,
A debt we can never repay ;
They sacrificed all for Country and King,
So now we to them this tribute bring.

Saturday, November 23rd, 1918, will be long memorable in the annals of Yarramalong as the day when residents from hill and valley for miles around forgathered to honor the brave and gallant lads who had voluntarily gone forth from this district to stand shoulder to shoulder with their thousands of brave comrades from all parts of the British Empire, to overthrow the most maleficent power that has ever threatened our liberties. In accordance with arrangements made under the auspices of the Yarramalong Patriotic League, a Roll of Honor, consisting of the names of 25 men belonging to Yarramalong and immediate neighborhood, who fought in this great war in the cause of justice, liberty, and humanity, was unveiled by Mrs. F. Gibson, the mother of the first of the lads killed in action. Mr. Cleve Waters, President of the local Patriotic League, presided over the function, proceedings being opened with the National Anthem, followed immediately by the Doxology, in thankful recognition of the cessation of hostilities. The Chairman then referred to the object of the gathering, and reviewed the terrible conflict which had, during the past four years and a quarter, been waged between the nations, and the noble part our own brave lads had taken in it. He then called upon Mrs. Gibson to unveil the Roll of Honor, interest being added to this

Honor, interest being added to this part of the ceremony by the singing of the verse "They Heard the Call of Country and King," by the children of the local schools.

Rev. Mr. Whiteman, Methodist clergyman in charge of the Wyong circuit, then spoke of the lessons to be learned from the great time of trial and the stirring experiences through which we had passed, and the deep feeling of thankfulness with which our hearts were filled for the crowning victory vouchsafed unto us by Almighty God.

Mr. A. W. Hawthorne traversed a good deal of ground in his remarks upon what had been accomplished during the course of the war, and the unspeakable horrors which had characterised same, and laid stress upon the discovery that "Aussies" were a fighting race.

Mr. J. L. Ellis struck the note of thankfulness, and referred to the great debt we owed those who had risked their lives in the defence of our liberties.

Mr. J. S. Anderson thought the keynote most appropriate to the occasion was "Duty," which, without a doubt, was the motive which had actuated the thousands of brave lads who had voluntarily gone forth for the sake of home and country. "No thought on their part of the glory to be won ; there was their duty to be done, and they did it."

Mr. A. Appledorff spoke of the fine record put up by the Australian soldiers, of the fame and glory they had won, and trusted that now that victory had been achieved, all would earnestly work together for a unified peace, which would make war impossible in the future.

Mr. W. J. Waters emphasised the fact that, to the eternal credit of the Australian lads who had participated

Australian lads who had participated in this terrible war, they had done so voluntarily ; and he extended his very sincere sympathy to the bereaved mothers and widows of the men who had fallen.

The Chairman then presented Mrs Gibson with a memorial brooch in token of sympathy for the said loss sustained in the death of her son, Norman, who had been killed in action. Mr. Gibson feelingly responded on behalf of his wife, expressing appreciation of the honor of having been selected to perform the unveiling ceremony, and for the gift which, he assured them, his wife

would always treasure. He also made touching reference to the kindness that had been always shown to their son by the people of Yarramalong, and particularly by Mrs. Hannah Waters, who had treated him as her own son.

Councillor G. A. Palmer then handed to the chairman a memorial brooch for presentation to his mother, Mrs. H. Waters, whose son, Gunner Edgar Waters, also had been killed in action. Mr. Cleve Waters, who was visibly affected, responded on behalf of his mother.

The speeches were interspersed with several patriotic songs, including the following : — "Rule Britannia," "Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue," "The Star Spangled Banner," "Till the Boys Come Home," "Advance, Australia Fair." Mrs. J. S. Anderson presided at the piano.

Proceedings were brought to a close with the anthem, "Give Peace, O God," sung by the whole gathering.