

GOOD TEMPLARS' MEMORIAL

DEDICATION SERVICE.

An obelisk memorial to A.I.F. dead and living who belonged to the International Order of Good Templars in Western Australia was unveiled yesterday afternoon by the Governor (Sir Francis Newdegate). The monument, which is 12 feet high, stands in the gardens between the Law Courts and the river. There was a large crowd present.

The Grand Chief Templar (Bro. F. W. Lovell) welcomed His Excellency and Lady Newdegate. He said His Excellency had come to do a service to the I.O.G.T. by unveiling their tribute to their heroes, both those who had fallen and those who had returned. He paid a tribute to the sisters of the Order, who together with the juveniles had raised a considerable portion of the funds for the memorial. He expressed the Order's appreciation to the Government Gardens Board, who through Mr. L. Shapcott had given the splendid site.

His Excellency, in unveiling the memorial, said it was a pleasure to congratulate the Order on the fact that out of 102 eligible members no fewer than 79 had volunteered for active service. No honor or appreciation could be too great for those brave men. The memorial would inspire the people to continue the A.I.F. traditions.

The Right Rev. E. G. Petherick delivered a dedicatory address. He remarked that the Australians in fighting to maintain freedom in their own Empire and country had conferred liberty on the Germans.

The Trinity Congregational choir, the I.O.R. Band, the Revs. D. Picton Jones and A. Mason contributed to the service.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was instituted in 1876, but the Order had been in existence, working under South Australian charters, for some years previously. Nineteen lodges were in existence at that date, with a membership of 1,200. The platform of the Order at that distant date was precisely the same as to-day, viz.: "Total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the State." This always had been and always will be its aim. That there was need for a total abstinence mis-

there was need for a total abstinence missionary society in those days is proved by the fact that in 1876 702 persons took the pledge of lifelong abstinence. That it was a practical body is also evidenced by the building of the "Bushmen's Home" and Hall at Northam in 1877. This building at that date was the finest structure in that town, built with the view of providing a home for bushmen when visiting town, and give them a chance of escaping from the "lambing down" system then in existence among the liquor sellers. In Perth itself the Order was instrumental in erecting a public pump at the east end of Adelaide-terrace, which the old records tell "was a great boon to teamsters and others." This pump was erected in 1879 and the first use was made of the pump by Sir H. Ord, Governor of Western Australia. From those early days down to the present time the Order has continued its work, and still has two of the very old pioneers in Mr. J. Ver-yard, of Carr-street, West Perth, and Rev. Andrew Buchanan, of Bunbury. Other organisations have come into existence to aid its work, and the churches have now seriously taken up the liquor question, and, judging by the result of the first poll, the labors of the last 50 years are reaping their reward, and ere many years go by it hopes to see Western Australia at all events a "dry" State. The Order welcomes all—it is above creeds. It is world-wide. Its ritual has been translated into many tongues. Its lodges are working on the five continents. During the great war thousands of Good Templars donned the King's uniform and proved themselves to be of the best. The organisation is justly proud of its W.A. soldier brethren; of the male membership 75 per cent. volunteered for service.