

## UNVEILING HONOR BOARD.

### ROMA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

On Sunday afternoon last the local Presbyterian Church was crowded, many having to stand in the porch, the occasion being the unveiling of the Honor Board in memory of the members and adherents of the Church who heard the call and nobly responded to it. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. M. Kirkpatrick, B.A., Moderator of Queensland. The Town Council was represented by His Worship the Mayor (Ald. W. Miscamble), Aldermen Care and Couroy, while Councillor W. H. Thrupp represented the Bungil Shire Council. The ceremony was a most impressive one, and was in keeping with the sacredness of the occasion, particularly in regard to the memory of those who have made the supreme sacrifice. It is worthy of note that the Board contains the names of four Roma nurses who are away across the seas ministering to the needs of the troops. The nurses, or "angels in grey," as the boys call them, have rendered invaluable services throughout the war, and all ranks, from privates to generals, deeply appreciate the loving care and attention which is bestowed on them while in hospital.

The Moderator said he was indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Muir for inviting him to Roma to perform the ceremony. He was pleased to see that so many members of their Church had voluntarily offered their services in the great and sacred cause of freedom and humanity. They were very proud of them. He felt sure they would always revere the memory of those who had made the supreme sacrifice and they would never forget those boys who were still away fighting for them. He had much pleasure in unveiling the Honor Board. He then called on the Rev. Jas. Muir to read the list of names, which is as follows:—

FROM THE LIST OF NAMES, WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS:—

#### HONOR ROLL.

Major J. G. Avery, A.A.M.C.  
 Sister L. McPherson.  
 Sister M. McPherson.  
 Sister Lorna McPherson.  
 Lieut. Ogilvie B. Paterson, killed in action.  
 Cpl. W. A. Harley.  
 Sgt. J. W. Paterson.  
 Pte. K. J. Provau.  
 Pte. W. F. Beitz, died of wounds.  
 Pte. K. S. Ross.  
 Pte. J. F. Ross.  
 Pte. C. L. McDonald.  
 Pte. J. Meiklejohn.  
 Pte. J. W. Meiklejohn.  
 Pte. W. R. Meiklejohn.  
 Pte. A. Wilson, killed in action.  
 Pte. A. C. D. Ashmead.  
 Pte. Neil R. Henderson, killed in action.  
 Pte. Neil M. Crawford, died of wounds.  
 Pte. T. D. McDonald.  
 Sgt. D. A. Murphy, killed in action.  
 Pte. J. Wilson.  
 Pte. W. Wilson.  
 Pte. E. V. McArthur.  
 Pte. H. Beitz.  
 Pte. J. B. Sim, killed in action.  
 Pte. J. Cormack.  
 Pte. C. H. Thrupp.  
 Pte. A. D. Edmiston.  
 Pte. H. McKenzie.  
 Gnr. G. G. Ferrier, M.M.  
 Gnr. N. S. P. Ferrier.  
 Pte. R. A. Spratt.  
 Pte. J. C. McLeod, died of illness.  
 Pte. A. M. Fraser, killed in action.  
 Lieut. J. A. L. Gunn.  
 Spr. J. Crawford.  
 Pte. N. Donald.  
 Yet to be added:—  
 Pte. P. Drane.  
 Sister Hodgson.  
 Pte. R. Kerr,

This was followed by a minute's silent prayer, after which the choir rendered an appropriate anthem. A collection was taken up to defray the

collection was taken up to defray the expenses of the Board, and those present responded most generously indeed.

The Moderator then delivered a most eloquent sermon. The text was 1st Corinthians 15-57—"Thanks be to God who giveth us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." In the course of his remarks he referred to many great men who stood out in history whom God had won a victory over. Peter, for instance, was not all that could be desired, but he lived to do a great deal in the world as a follower of Christ. Peter denied that he knew Christ, but at that time had any man had the courage to acknowledge Christ he would have richly deserved a Victoria Cross. It was not only in regard to religion that God was giving them the victory. He instanced the remarkable advance science had made in regard to stamping out various diseases, and said that many diseases to-day were being stamped out that not so many years ago were absolutely fatal. In the greatest war of all time the medical profession were to-day doing admirable work, and a smaller per centage of deaths from disease was the result. In regard to the war, he said that he believed God was on the side of the Allies, because they were engaged in a just and righteous war, and that He would ultimately crown their arms with victory. Right down through history they found that many things that were worth having had to be fought for, and to-day Great Britain and her Allies were fighting for peace. There was no alternative. They had to fight for it. Germany was the enemy of civilisation. They had every reason to be proud of their boys who had gone away to fight on the side of right. He was proud of Britain's entry into the war, and if ever she was justified in taking part in a war she was on this occasion. He referred to the great victories of the British troops at the

Marne and the Somme against the German legions, but although British arms triumphed it was realised that more men would have to be sent over, and the cry for help went out. They all knew how nobly the Dominions had responded to that call. He took courage when he saw a great nation like America throwing in her lot with the Allies. They must not forget that neither America, Canada, South Africa, Australia, or New Zealand were immediately menaced. But why were they rushing to help Great Britain and her Allies? They recognised that the liberty and freedom they all enjoyed was in danger. They recognised that the enemy of civilisation had let loose his legions and desired to dictate to the world. It was a great crime on the part of the German authorities to mislead the people into believing they were espomen, and consequently they should save the world. After three years of fighting Germany had lost all her colonial possessions, while on the other hand Germany had not captured enough British territory that a German eagle could sit on. They had a lot to be thankful for. They found some who scoffed and said, "What about your civilisation and religion now?" To them he answered that civilisation and religion were being fought for to-day. Germany, with all her terrible crimes against humanity, would be so beaten and sickened of war that she would not want any more of it for many years to come. Some people told them that they had to search history for the Golden Age, but he was of opinion that the world was better to-day, in spite of the war, than ever it was before. He believed that the Golden Age was to come. The heroism and self-sacrifice displayed by their troops was something to admire. There was nothing finer in history. They found men daily sacrificing their lives for their comrades. In all British naval history there was nothing grander than the bravery that has been displayed by the men of the navy throughout the war. In the face of

throughout the war. In the face of death they did not hesitate to rush up and rescue the drowning from torpedoed ships. Heroism and self-sacrifice were associated with religion. He paid a glowing tribute to the dash, tenacity, and heroism of the Australian troops, and remarked that they should be immensely proud of the boys. He felt sure they were all longing for the day when that peace which the angels sang about would again prevail.

The singing of the National Anthem terminated the proceedings.

The Board was built by Mr. J. Crawford, and reflects great credit on him. It is built of maple and silky oak, and is a splendid piece of work. Mr. H. Flack was entrusted with the writing, and has most artistically carried out his part.