

War Memorial Dedications.

Sunday last was one of the greatest in the annals of the Church of England in Bega, for on that day a new altar and reredos, were dedicated by the Venerable Archdeacon Ward (Chaplain A.I.F.) to the service of Almighty God; and 16 memorial tablets, placed within the sanctuary, were unveiled in memory of the following gallant parishioners who died in battle:

Guy Ellis.
Frank Lane Ritchie.
Vivian Gwynne Dawson.
Hal Wren.
Arthur Clifford Evershed.
Edward Gregg Cochrane.
Joseph Britten.
Wallace Pruss.
Kenneth Brown.
Thomas Henderson.
Eric Howard Ritchie.
Benjamin Getty Gowing.
David Koellner.
Sydney Thatcher.
Cecil Lionel Collins.
Norman Wallace Worland.

The cost of the altar, reredos, and tablets was borne exclusively by the parents of the fallen heroes. Every seat in the church was occupied and additional chairs and forms were brought in; the gallery and stairs leading to it were crowded, and many stood during the whole service. About 50 soldiers, in charge of Captain Atkinson and headed by the Bega Town Band under Mr. Easdown marched from the drill hall to the church and occupied seats reserved for them, immediately behind the parents and other relatives of the fallen heroes whose memorial tablets were to be unveiled. The sacred edifice was decorated with flags in which the Union Jack held foremost position. The order of service was printed in pamphlet form and many parishioners took the books away to keep as a souvenir of a unique occasion in the history of the Bega parish.

After the dedication of the altar and reredos the memorial tablets were unveiled by Corporal Andy Spence and Trooper Richard Edwards, the Archdeacon saying "To the glory of God and to the memory of (here the Minister repeated the names of each fallen hero). The memorial comprises an oak Gothic altar and reredos with sidewings containing 16 brass tablets bearing the names of the fallen soldiers. At the con-

clusion of the hymn "Now the laborer's task is o'er," the congregation stood while the band played "The Dead March;" then the soldiers stood to attention while "The Last Post" was sounded in remembrance of their fallen comrades. After the hymn, "Peace, perfect peace," Archdeacon Ward preached an impressive sermon from S. John chap. xx, ver. 29. "Thomas, because thou has seen me, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

At the evening service there was another crowded congregation. The Rev. B. D. Bryant dedicated a Litany Prayer Desk to the memory of the late Donald Rankin, who out of his small estate left a legacy to the church. The Rev. B. D. Bryant preached a powerful sermon based on the parable of "Dives and Lazarus." He stressed the point that so few wealthy people thought of their Church or the local hospital when disposing of their wealth, "yet," the preacher said, "the late Donald Rankin, out of his small savings gave something to the Church he loved."

The collections totalled £168 for the day.