BAPTIST MEMORIAL SUNDAY.

CITY TABERNACLE SERVICES.

Memorial Sunday was observed on 21st September at the City Tabernacle in honour of the young men from among those on the church honour roll who lost their lives during the great war. A handsome marble tablet, which eventually is to adorn the walls of the church, has been prepared, and this was placed temporarily in front of the preacher's desk, and surrounded by wreaths, ornamental plants and flowers, whilst above, on the choir gallery rail, was a large banner in red, bearing conspicuously on a blue ground the one word, "Peace," worked in white immortelles. The pastor, Rev. W. G. Pope, conducted both services, and the hymns, readings, and discourses were all appropriate to the commemoration of lives laid down in the service of their country, and to thanksgiving for the victory obtained at such great cost, as well as fervent sympathy with the bereaved ones, and a recognition of the high ideals which should actuate all who are privileged to enjoy the blessings of the peace thus secured. In the morning, Rev. John Ings, a Baptist missionary, recently returned from India after many years' labours in Eastern Bengal, led the congregation in a prayer of thanksgiving for victory and peace, and the pastor's prayer was one of intercession for comfort and strengthening for all those who have been bereaved by the war. His sermon was based on the example of the three Hebrew children as narrated in Daniel iii., in particular on the words "God is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of the hand of the King; but if not, be it known unto thee that we will not serve thy gods nor worship the king's image, which thou hast set up." Upon these words was based a stirring appreciation of the fearlessness with which our soldiers left home and country at the call of duty, recognising the terrible dangers which they faced, undeterred by the risk of wounds and death. They strove not for the extension of the British Empire, nor for personal glory, but in the cause of righteousness and justice. From these considerations was powerfully enforced the duty of all to live and work, and also to make sacrifices for the great ideals, for which our brave boys fought and died. The anthem in the morning was, "There is a green hill, far away," and in the evening, "Abide with me." The Last Post was sounded on each occasion by a bugler from Enoggera camp, after all the returned men present had been invited to rise for a moment in honour of their dead comrades. Mr. J. E. England sang at the morning service as a solo, a setting of Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar," and in the evening, "Lead Kindly Light." At the close of the morning service, the organist, Mr. Percy Brier played Beethoven's march, "On the death of a hero," and in the evening, Chopin's "Funeral March." Large and deeply sympathetic congregations attended on each occasion. The evening discourse was based on the words, "These all died in faith." Hebrews xi., 13, which form part of the inscription on the memorial tablet. The eleven names on the memorial tablet. The Messrs. B. G. Wilson, Queen street, Mr. W. R. Smith (Smith and Paterson), W. P. Cooksley (Produce Market), and of F. W. Simmonds (Toowong), a nephew of Hon. J. G. Drake.