

MEN OF MACLAGAN!

HONOR BOARD UNVEILED.

IMPORTANT SPEECHES.

On a conspicuous place on the road at MacLagan stands a monument that will last for all time, as a historic memorial of the noble patriotic service rendered by the young men of the district for the preservation of their country, their Empire, and the very principles of civilisation. It stands, too, as evidence of grateful appreciation on the part of the people for the self-sacrifice of these brave Australians. It will prove an inspiration for years to come to many yet unborn, moving them to higher things and reminding them of the splendid traditions of the Australian army.

The monument has been erected by means of the voluntary subscriptions of the people. The management committee consisted of Mr. J. Cuppitt (chairman), Miss Dwyer (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. C. B. Wilkins (hon. secretary), Mrs. Crawford, and Messrs. Crawford, Lee and C. Caldwell. And they are deserving of the greatest praise for their efforts to secure so worthy a monument.

On Friday last the ceremony of unveiling was performed by Mrs. A. E. Moore, the wife of Councillor A. E. Moore, M.L.A.

The monument itself is a handsome solid structure, and was executed by Mr. W. Bruce, of Toowoomba. It is of sandstone. On the several sides are the names of the heroes. It is surmounted on each face with the emblem of the Commonwealth Forces, the rising sun. It stands on a pedestal with stair formation, and is enclosed by an iron railing. The design is most fitting, and the workmanship excellent. At the commencement of the ceremony the monument was completely veiled with a large Junior League

On the day of the ceremony people came from all parts, to do honor to the men.

The proceedings opened with a procession of the school children from the several schools. It was led by a number of returned soldiers in uniform.

On a beautifully decorated platform by the monument were the chairman, Mr. J. Cuppitt, Mrs. A. E. Moore, the Hon. L. E. Groom, Mr. A. E. Moore, M.L.A., and several members of the committee. On the arrival of the procession, one of the little school girls (Miss Vera Proposch) presented Mrs. A. E. Moore with a handsome bunch of flowers.

The Hon. L. E. Groom was then called upon to address the children. He said they were there to do honor to the brave men who had gone to fight to save their country. Many of them had been little

men who had gone to fight to save their country. Many of them had been little boys like themselves. They never thought when they read in their school books of the brave deeds of soldiers of old and of the great fights which their ancestors had been engaged in to save their country, that they too would one day do deeds just as brave and fight in battles which would be even more famous. The call came to these young men from the country. They answered it and did their duty nobly. When these children grew up they never would forget that day when the monument was unveiled. In the years that were to be many a child would ask, "Dad, why was this monument put here?" Then the story of the brave deeds of the Australian soldier would be told again and again, and Australia would be a better and a greater nation through such traditions. It was the great spirit of the Australian pioneers that was in the hearts of their soldiers and made them renowned throughout the world.

Mrs. A. E. Moore then stepped forward. She gracefully unveiled the monument, she said, "To the honor of the brave men who fought so nobly to save their country, I unveil this monument."

A number of the children then entered the enclosure, and placed wreaths upon the pedestal. The children having been dismissed, the chairman read a balance sheet disclosing a credit balance.

Mr. C. Caldwell welcomed the visitors, apologising for the absence of Brigadier-General Grant, Mr. H. Rutledge and others. He expressed their great pleasure in having both the Federal and State members with them on such an occasion when they were seeking to perpetuate the memory of their soldiers.

Councillor Moore, M.L.A., congratulated them upon the erection of the monument. It would ever serve to remind them of the men who answered the call. They had followed the Christ-like example of sacrifice. He expressed sympathy with those whose relatives had made the supreme sacrifice. Many would be proud in the future to trace their descent from the names recorded on these Australian memorials.

Mrs. Moore having presented the medals to the relatives of the fallen, the flag was lowered half-mast and the "Last Post" rendered by Mr. Compton.

Mr. J. S. Lee expressed thanks of the committee to Mrs. Moore and the speakers.

The ceremony ended, refreshments were served in a large tent near the cheese factory.

Among the visitors were Mr. M'Ghie (representing the Oakey Repatriation Committee).