

## UNVEILING OF THE CARLTON HONOR ROLL.

The ceremony of unveiling the Carlton and District Honor Roll was performed on Saturday afternoon, June 21st, by Mr. Hector Lamond, M.H.R. Mr. T. J. Allen in his capacity as chairman, had associated with him on the platform, Ald. W. F. Brown (Mayor of Bexley), also Aldermen Griffin, Carr, and P. C. Brown. Mesdames W. F. Brown (Bexley Mayoress), Mrs. Broe (Rockdale Mayoress), and Mrs. C. P. Brown were also present.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Allen greatly eulogised our fighting men, saying that they believed Australia to be well worth fighting for, and those who were fortunate enough to come home, were more impressed than ever, that Australia was also the best place to live in. He further believed that while the ceremony was in the nature of a temporary memorial, the real true and lasting memorial had been made in the battle fronts, and in the hearts of the men themselves. Before calling on Mayor Brown to speak, the chairman explained that he was in somewhat of a quandary in regard to the gentleman, because he was present in a dual capacity, viz., as Mayor of Bexley, and also secretary of the Honor Board movement. Mr. Allen instanced the position as being analagous with the celebrated individuals, known as Dr. Jeyki and Mr. Hyde. However, he got over the difficulty by calling on Mr. Brown to speak, as Bexley's Mayor, and at same time to enlighten the audience as to what had been done in regard to the Honor Board.

Mayor W. F. Brown opened by saying that doubtless many people could not understand why so long a period had elapsed between the inception of the movement and the erection of the Board. He explained that the money for cost, and the collection of names, was in itself a long and tiring process, and the ladies who had done this were deserving of all the praise that could be bestowed upon them. The next step was to tabulate the names, and forward to the military authorities for authentication and approval. This

for authentication and approval. This also entailed a considerable amount of time and work. Then the Board had to be made, and names painted. This together with interruptions due to the holding of other functions in connection with the war and the influenza epidemic, would fully account for the apparently overdue arrival of the Board.

However, it was now an accomplished fact, the Mayor said, and we could examine it and pay the homage due to the worthy men whose names figured thereon. He asked that relatives would hand in particulars of any other names entitled to be inscribed, and it would be done in due course.

At this stage apologies were read from Mr. T. J. Ley, M.L.A., and Mayor Broe, of Rockdale.

Mr. Allen then called upon Mr. Lamond, who prefaced his address by stating that he had been greatly shocked at the news of Mayor George Hanigan's death from influenza, and deplored the death of an honorable and good man.

Mr. Lamond proceeded to say that the object of the gathering was to record the names of those soldiers who had been away defending our lives and liberties. He considered that Carlton could congratulate itself on the number of names exhibited.

Some there were who would never come back, but had died, leaving an imperishable record behind them. Others again, would return and tell us of the wonderful monuments they had seen in Egypt and France, erected in memory of soldiers who fought and fell for liberty in past years.

Our soldiers had fought side by side with the Allies and had proved themselves as good as the best.

He expressed the hope that permanent memorials would be erected all over Australia to perpetuate the glory of our soldier sons.

Mr. Lamond emphasised the fact, that we must not forget the practical help and sympathy due to those of our soldiers who were in any way incapacitated as a result of their efforts on our behalf. He reminded those who

our behalf. He reminded those who were inclined to growl when taxation was imposed for the purpose of paying our just debts and pensions to the maimed or blind soldiers, that money was required to redeem our promises in this respect, so that our heroes could spend their lives in comfort.

Mr. Lamond then performed the unveiling ceremony, to the music of the National Anthem by Rockdale Band.

In his concluding remarks, Mr. Lamond expressed his pleasure at being present, and trusted that all would be prepared to pay homage to the men who had fought so well.

The Band rendered further music, dear to all Australians, "Advance Australia Fair," and "Rule Britannia."

The chairman called on Ald. T. J. Carr to thank the visitors for attendance. He did this in his usual forceful style, and trusted they had been duly impressed with the proceedings, and pointed out that we were fortunate in holding the function, when the storm and stress of war was over, when many of the loved ones were safely home. He also trusted that a more lasting tribute would be erected in Carlton at no very distant date.

Mr. Mostyn, to whom is due the honor of convening the first meeting, to consider the erection of an Honor Board, briefly responded for the visitors, and considered that Carlton had every reason to be proud of what had been done in this, and all other efforts called forth by the war.

The moving of a vote of thanks to the Chairman by Mr. Lamond, concluded the proceedings, and the large crowd dispersed evidently pleased at the consummation of their desire for an Honor Board for Carlton.