



**Unveiling of
MASONIC HONOR
BOARD.**

CITY OF PRAHRAN LODGE, 115.

The ceremony of unveiling an honor board in connection with the City of Prahran Lodge, 115, took place at the lodge's meeting room, Rechabite Hall, Clarence street, on Thursday evening, in the presence of a large attendance of brethren. The Master of the lodge, Wor. Bro. H. J. Lowe, presided over the gathering, and the unveiling ceremony was performed in an impressive manner by R.W. Bro. W. T. Simpson, P.S.G.W.

The honor board is on classic lines, and was designed by Wor. Bro.

and was designed by Wor. Bro. Edwin J. Ruck, P.G. Supt. Works, and was made by the Goldman Manufacturing Co., of Melbourne. It is of blackwood, with a raised panel of Buchan (Gippsland) marble, upon which the names of the members of the lodge who enlisted are inscribed in gold lettering. The inscriptions are the work of Wor. Bro. J. W. Younger. The board is a compact and neat piece of workmanship, and reflects much credit upon those responsible. Both Bros. Ruck and Younger are members of the City of Prahran Lodge.

In performing the unveiling ceremony, R.W. Bro. Simpson said:-

"My first duty is to express our heartfelt thanks to Almighty God our Heavenly Father for all the mercies vouchsafed to our brethren who went forth to battle for God, King, and Empire. His protecting hand preserved them through dangers seen and unseen on land and sea, also in the imminent deadly breach. We congratulate you, brethren, on your safe return, and now that the late disastrous war has terminated in our favor may we appreciate the blessings of peace.

"In unveiling this beautifully designed and artistic tablet or honor board, engraved on which are all the names of our brave members who left our shores (and, thanks to the Most High, there have been no fatalities). I am well aware that I am voicing the sentiments and opinions of the whole of the members of the City of Prahran Lodge by stating that such an event was one of the proudest in the history of the lodge, because they were honoring comrades who had gone away to fight their battles. The deeds of such men as our brethren have made the name of our fair Australia ring with pride throughout the world. It was only by the loyal service of our soldiers and sailors that the German domination of the world had been prevented. I am proud to mention that our lodge had held its own with any other lodge under the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. They revered the names of our soldier brethren who

names of our soldier brethren who had so worthily upheld the traditions of the British race. I would like to state that General Foch has paid a tribute to our indefatigable troops, whether British, Canadian, or Australian, whose dash and bravery after four years of continuous war carried them further than anyone would have hoped. 'Those were the robust elements of victory.' Above all, let us salute the glorious dead who sleep in the earth of France. Faithfully, piously, and jealously we shall guard them and keep their memory alive, because to us they are a testi-

mony and pledge. The sons of France in generations to come will remember this with feelings of duty and affection. One of our poets has written:

'Now the fight is won,
And the day is done,
As the darkness gathers round
Where stilled hearts lie,
Beneath a starlit sky
On a new-born battle ground.' "

Appropriate hymns were sung during the ceremony.

Subsequently a vote of thanks was passed to W. Bro. Ruck, the honorary designer of the honor board, and also to W. Bro. Younger who engraved the roll of honor with artistic success.

Bro. Allen officiated as organist. Wor. Bro. F. Dunham, P.J.G.D., secretary of the lodge, was responsible for the evening's arrangements, and everything passed off perfectly.