

Narromine's Tribute.

UNVEILING OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL.

(From our own Correspondent).

A united church service in connection with the unveiling of the Soldiers' Memorial was held in the Town Hall, Narromine, on Friday afternoon (Anzac Day). The hall was packed in every part, and many people were unable to gain admission.

The Rev. N. G. F. Cooke (Rector of St. Mary's Church of England) presided and was assisted by the Revs. J. Muir (Presbyterian) and L. Paton (Methodist).

After the singing of the well-known hymn, "Abide with Me," and prayers the Rev. J. Muir delivered an impressive address. The hymn, "Fight the Good Fight" was then sung, after which the solemn commemoration of the fallen was given by the Rev. Cooke, he reading the 47 names of the soldiers of Narromine who made the Supreme Sacrifice for their country.

The hymn "Lead, Kindly Light," was then sung, after which the Rev. L. Paton delivered an appropriate address.

The singing of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and of the National Anthem brought to a conclusion an impressive service.

A procession of relatives of deceased soldiers, representatives of public bodies and others, headed by the Light Horse, marched through the principal streets to the monument. Here Mr. E. Cahill, President of the Soldiers' Memorial Committee, took charge of the proceedings.

After explaining the reasons for assembling there, Mr. Cahill called upon the Mayor (Alderman J. W. Smith) to speak.

The Mayor delivered an address suitable to the occasion, and was followed by Mr. W. E. Tink (President of the Timbregongie Shire Council), Captain W. P. Dunn, M.L.A., and Mr. L. L. Cunningham, the Federal member. Both the latter speakers congratulated the committee on the design and appearance of the monument, which, they said, far exceeded any they had seen in the State.

Captain Dunn afterwards unveiled the memorial with an appropriate speech.

Captain M. Mack, of the Narromine Light Horse, returned thanks on behalf of the returned men for the suitable monument erected to perpetuate the memory of their fallen comrades.

In handing the monument over to the Municipal Council, Mr. E. Cahill paid a tribute of praise to the contractors, Messrs. W. Larcombe and Son, Dubbo, for the capable manner in which they had carried out the work. Although the contract had been signed nearly 12 months ago the work was completed to the time stipulated.

During the ceremony a squad of children from the Public School rendered two musical items. The steps

of the monument were covered with beautiful wreaths.

The memorial cost £1080, most of which has been subscribed and is in hand.

The Monument.

The Narromine monument is beautiful in its simplicity, consisting of a column of grey granite surmounted by a ball of red granite. Below the column, which is 10ft. 8in. in height there is a grey granite, axed base with, under that, what is called an axed cap; then, going downwards, there is a further base of granite, beneath which are four trachyte panels about 4 feet high. At each corner of the panels is an axed pier, and under these again is a moulded and polished grey granite base. Three trachyte square steps lead down to the surround, which is a trachyte step, making a circle round the foot of the monument.

On one of the panels there is the following inscription:—In memory of J. Birmingham, H. S. Bourchier, C. Bourchier, G. Barden, C. A. Butler, A. Cameron, H. Cameron, R. H. Casey, J. Christie, H. C. Cox, L. G. Cox, E. Clarke, E. Dowling, J. Dugan, J. Dunnett, G. Dryden, T. M. Dwyer, J. Dwyer, B. Forsyth, J. H. Groves, J. T. Hart, T. Jacobson, W. C. Jones, C. E. King, W. Laing, F. Mason, E. Moss, A. Morrison, R. C. Maybury, C. McCarthy, J. McColl, R. McMillan, H. Nolan, W. Newson, H. E. Peake, J. Plush, G. Pounsberry, R. W. Pascoe, H. H. Rathbone, A. Samuels, R. Samuels, W. Shaw, G. Shearwood, J. Traynor, A. A. Vile, E. P. Vile, A. L. Wright—Soldiers of Narromine who made the Supreme Sacrifice for their Country, 1914-18.