

South Dudley.

ROLL OF HONOR UNVEILED.

Some time ago the ladies of South Dudley arranged a send off to several of the lads who had enlisted and were departing for the front. It was decided that a Roll of Honor be prepared, and the ladies concerned are to be congratulated on the successful outcome of their efforts. On Tuesday, February 22 a very large attendance was present at the Church hall (which had been tastefully and appropriately decorated by the ladies) when the Roll of Honor was unveiled.

Mr W. Page Ferguson, J.P., presided and the proceedings commenced with the National Anthem. The Wonthaggi Union band rendered a fine programme of martial airs which were greatly appreciated and enthusiastically received.

The Chairman, in a patriotic speech, referred to the magnificent manner in which the young men of Wonthaggi and district had answered the call to arms and expressed the pride he felt in being present and presiding at such a notable event in the history of South Dudley. He made feeling reference to the presence of so many mothers who had sons at the front.

The unveiling ceremony was performed by Mrs Heard (mother of Private J Pilfoot) in a most impressive manner. The Royal salute was given by Bugler Sayers and the children sang with much feeling "God save our splendid men," the audience joining in with earnestness. Speeches of a patriotic nature were given by Recruiting Sergeant Cochran who urged the eligible men of the district to emulate the example of their former pals and who were waiting the reinforcements so urgently needed.

Private J. Larkin, a returned soldier, in a modest speech expressed the pleasure he felt at being present that evening. He had been in the landing on the glorious 25th April, and regretted his injuries prevented him returning to join his comrades. Private Larkin was formerly a resident of Dalyston, on the outbreak of

war he was in New South Wales and enlisted and went to the front with the 2nd Battalion, 1st Brigade, N.S.W. Infantry and met many Victorian pals at Gallipoli.

Messrs C. Mummery and C. Haines also spoke and a programme of songs and music was creditably rendered by Mrs Williams and Messrs Murray, Isles, Conelly, the gems of the evening being "trench songs" by Sergeant Cochran and Private Larkin.

Refreshments were bountifully supplied and after the Chairman had expressed his sincere thanks on behalf of the residents to the band for their presence and the splendid programme rendered, the proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

Window Blinds for the summer 'all sorts, at the Melbourne Furnishing Coy., Wonthaggi.

Mesley-Richmond, Undertakers.