

DUMBLEYUNG HONOR ROLLS

(From our own Correspondents)

Unveiling Ceremony.

To the residents of the Dumbleyung district, Sunday afternoon last, 22nd October, will ever remain as a day of proud remembrance, when practically the whole of the residents assembled at the local hall to pay a tribute of respect and gratitude to our soldier sons for the sacrifices they have made for love of country, honor and freedom.

The Dumbleyung Progress Association, feeling that the residents generally, and especially women folk would like to meet our soldier sons, and greet them on their departure for the front, with a cheery word and a hearty handshake, arranged that every soldier should have this opportunity, and, as required, send offs have been arranged, sometimes of necessity hastily, but in not one single instance has the loyalty and hearty co-operation of the residents been found wanting. Dumbleyung district has reasons for being proud of its noble band of women who have supported the association, no matter what the inconvenience or cost may have been. So much for the departure of our soldier sons, and when they were away fighting for home and honor, were they to be forgotten? Never, while the heart throbs are coursing life blood through our bodies. And so far as lies in the power of the Dumbleyung Progress Association, and the district generally, every effort will be made to minimise the difficulties which may arise to those of our men who have suffered. And the resolve was made that a memorial, beautiful and lasting, should be erected to commemorate the sacrifices of our men. They have done and suffered much for us, and it is in fitting remembrance that the occasion of the

for us, and it is in fitting remembrance that the occasion of the unveiling of the memorial should take place on the day of rest and quiet. It would be invidious to attempt to particularise the sentiment and expressions of the various speakers, who were there in oneness of purpose and thought, but the excellent pride in the actions of our men, was mingled in the sorrowful pride for those who will not return, and in some slight measure a ray of comfort to the bereaved.

Mr Stubbs and Mr Mitchell each had the privilege of unveiling a Memorial Roll, and as each draping of the Union Jack was removed, the majestic audience rose and stood in silent appreciation of our worthy sons. The Nation's Hymn, a beautiful prayer, was then sung by the assemblage, and as the touching words were realised, thrills of sorrowful pride were felt.

The Nippering Band arranged a series of appropriate music, including the National Anthems of the Allies, which were given with inspiring fervor.

Mr Illman, Vice-President of the Association, was chairman, and apologised for the absence of Rev. E. J. T. Atwell.

Later, Mr Illman, on behalf of the Progress Association, expressed thanks to the various speakers for their addresses and attendance.

The following gentlemen and ministers addressed the assemblage:—Mr Stubbs, Mr J. Mitchell, Mr J. T. West, Mr E. H. Absolom, Revs. Father Doddy, F. James, and Arthur Mason, and the chairman (Mr Illman.)

The draping and floral decorations were a happy memory, and the workers and donors had much to be proud of.

The ceremony terminated with the singing of the National Anthem, and with the verse—

God save our splendid men,
Send them safe home again,
God save our men.

God save our men.
Keep them victorious,
Patient and chivalrous,
They are so dear to us,
God save our men.

Patriotic services were held in the local churches at night, following on the ceremony of the day. Good congregations attended, and the services were very impressive. During the service at the Methodist Church, a short period was devoted to silent prayer for our soldiers on the field.
