

RIFLEMEN'S MEMORIAL

TO THE LATE F. M. GARE.

UNVEILED AT TOWN HALL.

On Saturday afternoon, a simple but impressive ceremony took place at the Town Hall, when a memorial tablet to the late Frank Marshall Gare, erected by past and present members of the Katanning Rifle Club, was unveiled by Mr. A. E. Piesse, M.L.A., in the presence of quite a large number of members of the club and friends of the family.

The captain of the Katanning Rifle Club (Mr. M. C. Dawson), who was in charge of proceedings, said that following the greatly regretted death of Mr. F. M. Gare, who had been a member of the club for 26 years, its captain for the greater part of that long period, and always a most enthusiastic marksman, members had been imbued with a desire to perpetuate his memory and services, the tablet to be unveiled that day being the outcome. It would be impossible to recount all that Mr. Gare had done for the club during his membership, but he could say that under his leadership the club had won great honour amongst rifle clubs, and had held the championship of Australia for a period. It also had turned out two winners of the King's Prize, the holders being Cyril, Mr. Gare's eldest son, and E. T. (Ted) Keay, who both were the youngest riflemen in Australia to win to such distinction. He had to apologise for the unavoidable absence of the president (Hon. A. Thomson, M.L.C.).

Mr. E. Thomas, chairman of the National Rifle Association of Western Australia, supported Mr. Dawson. He said he was present as the direct representative of the Commandant (Brigadier-General Martyn), who deeply regretted his inability to attend. The ceremony that day was unique amongst rifle clubs and was honouring in a simple yet impressive manner one who had at all times given of his best to help forward the Katanning Rifle Club and rifle shooting generally.

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ed upon to unveil the tablet, said he felt greatly honoured in being asked to perform the task. Mr. Gare had been a great personal friend and he knew him to be one of nature's gentlemen and a practical Christian. He was sure that Mrs. Gare and members of the family would appreciate very keenly the honour that had been done Mr. Gare that day.

Hon. H. V. Piesse, M.L.C., thanked the Katanning Rifle Club on behalf of Mrs. Gare and family, who desired to express their deep sense of gratitude and appreciation for the manner in which fellow members of the club had honoured one who had passed away. It was a very kindly thought that had prompted members of the club to perpetuate the memory of one who had done his best in the work that was before him, and who had found repayment in the accomplished task.

The ceremony concluded with thanks to Mr. Dawson and to Mr. A. E. Piesse, M.L.A., expressed by Mr. Thomas on behalf of the Katanning Rifle Club.

The tablet, which has been erected in the main entrance to the Town Hall, has been placed next to the Honour Roll. It is an artistically chased bronze plate, mounted on polished jarrah, bearing the following inscription:—

To the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of
FRANK MARSHALL GARE,
26 years member of the Katanning
Rifle Club,
1906 to 1932.
Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's
Love.
Erected by Past and Present
Members of the Club.
