

PERGOLA DEDICATED.

Ceremony at Araluen.

A massive new rose pergola, erected at the entrance to the Young Australia League resort at Araluen, was yesterday dedicated by the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir James Mitchell) in honour of Mrs. Margaret Simons, mother of the founder and director of the league (Mr. J. J. Simons), who died in 1937. Nearly 600 tons of stone and jarrah were used in the construction of the pergola, which was designed by the league's honorary architect (Mr. W. G. Bennett) and built by Mr. J. Italiano. Many tributes to the work of Mr. Simons and his mother were paid by speakers at yesterday's function, which was attended by His Excellency and Lady Mitchell, the Minister for Railways (Mr. Nulsen), the Lord Mayor of Perth (Dr. T. W. Meagher) Major-General J. M. A. Durrant, Sir Hal Colebatch, Mr. R. S. Sampson, M.L.A., and many other visitors.

"This pergola will be a reminder to coming generations that a great woman once lived and passed this way," said Sir James, who was introduced by the general president of the Y.A.L. (Mr. L. T. Boas). He added that all outstanding men had great mothers although all great mothers did not have outstanding sons. If they did there would be too many great men.

Discussing world affairs, Sir James said that many of the world's troubles could be traced to the failure of parliamentary government. The only way this failure could be avoided in British countries was by the people interesting themselves in the way they were governed. Australia would avoid such a failure if a sufficient number of people followed the example of public service set by Mr. J. J. Simons.

"Why, with all the possibilities for happiness surrounding mankind, was the world plunged in such a cauldron of fear?" asked Sir Hal Colebatch, during a short address in which he praised the educational value of the Y.A.L. One reason, he said, was the extraordinary development in recent years of science and invention, side by side with a failure to put these things to use. Unless they were used for the improvement of the general condition of mankind they must be used for war. They must be used either for construction or destruction.

He added that winning the war was the immediate object, but the problems of reconstruction after the war would need equal resolution. The example of vision and planning set by Mr. Simons and the Y.A.L. at Araluen, if followed by the State, would help to solve what would probably be the greatest post-war problem—bringing together the worker and the work that still needed to be done in Western Australia.