

## THE ROCK.

Last night (Monday) was wet and uninviting. Only something of a special nature could coax people out of doors. And so the function of unveiling an Honor Roll to the memory of those men of the district who had voluntarily answered the great call of the Empire, was sufficient inducement to people to brave the elements, and some fifty residents attended at the I.O.O.F. Hall to do honor to those who had needed no spurring to do their "bit." In addition there was the privilege of farewelling another volunteer, Private W. A. Fuller, who was presented on behalf of the residents by Mr. A. N. Hutchings, who presided at the function, with a wristlet watch. The board is a truly meritorious piece of work and could only be designed and executed by one of refined artistic talent. That the district has such an artist is a matter on which it may be congratulated, and Mr. Wetten, of Wetten and Weaver, of Wagga, is to be commended for his splendid effort, and The Rock may reasonably be proud of a work of art, the aesthetic value of which harmonises pleasingly with the glory to which it is dedicated. The board provides for 91 names and photographs and 56 already appear. A superscription, "For King and Country," and the crossed flags (Australian and the Union Jack), beautifully done, should serve to impress any anti-conscriptionists with the fact that our destiny is inseparably allied to Great Britain's. Mr. A. N. Hutchings spoke of the debt we owed to the men who were being honored that evening, and of the great pleasure and satisfaction there was in paying them this tribute of appreciation. He asked Mrs. R. Martin to unveil the board. Mrs. Martin is a vice-president of the Red Cross Society and an indefatigable worker in movements of a patriotic character. Also she has two sons—one wounded in London and the other on his way to the front—in the service of the King. Saluting the action to the word, Mrs. Martin said: "I unveil this Roll of Honor to the honor and glory of the men who have gone from this town and district to fight for their King and country." The hymn, "God, Save Our Splendid Men," followed. Rev. H. W. Woodhouse spoke at considerable length of "the possibilities and problems of the present position." He paid a tribute to the fallen and to the men whose names appear on the local roll, and spoke of the possibility of defeat which would bring with it the crushing of our freedom by Germany, the possibility of indecisive peace, and of complete victory—the only possibility to be entertained. If Germany is not crushed, he told his hearers,

many is not crushed, he told his hearers, then those who spoke against the proposals of conscription would do well to remember that we must be prepared to defend, not the twenty miles that our men are holding in France, but the whole coast of our continent. The great problem is that of man-power, which applies to all parts of the Empire, which must stand or fall together and not in parts. In the referendum proposals we must be prepared to sink party feeling and stand solidly behind the Prime Minister and his Government. The conscriptionists, in this struggle, are men of great responsibility, judgment and knowledge and he instanced Messrs. Hughes, Holman and Spence as examples. The anti-conscriptionists are men of irresponsible executives, seeking to lead the unthinking unionists into a position against the Empire. They are people without objective, without plan, and without argument. They are anti-Hughes and anti-everything that stands for so much in this crisis. They dislike conscription, they say, and so do the soldiers dislike fighting, but they do it, they dislike Mr. Hughes and will

not follow him on that account. A reasoning man does not stop to think of what and whom he dislikes when his duty is paramount. The reverend speaker made a strong appeal for support for Mr. Hughes. The telegram from Mr. Hughes, which has already appeared in the "Daily Advertiser," was read by the chairman. Included in the audience were five men in khaki—one, Private Parker, having recently returned. The singing of the National Anthem and cheers for the King brought the meeting to a close. The success of the function was largely due to the energy of Messrs. T. Bush and H. B. Norman.

The following is a list of names appearing in The Rock Roll of Honor unveiled on Monday night last:—Lieut. T. C. Montague, Sergeant W. Davies, Privates J. Hussey, C. Hussey (returned wounded), T. Hussey, E. Hussey, T. S. Ramage (killed), S. V. Maclure, H. J. Loughrey, J. B. Michael, L. Trives, W. A. Fuller, G. Robb, J. B. Clarke, W. Nash, H. Twyford (wounded), H. Martin (wounded), Frank Martin, F. Flynn, D. Taylor, J. Flynn, T. Wilson (killed), E. M'Lennan, C. M. King, S. Dodwell (wounded), J. Hepper, J. Walsh (killed), A. Cameron, W. Walsh (wounded), A. Cameron, W. Smart, A. Jacobs, H. W. Piper (killed), J. Swasbriek, J. Lang, F. M. O'Keefe, E. O'Keefe, H. J. Hay, P. Ellis, P. Langdon, G. Trives, Bert. Owen, J. Dimond (killed), C. Lee, D. Turnbull, W. H. Mortlock, T. Lowry, T. Bourke, T. Hynes, W. Guy, W. Moore, E. Dan-

T. Hynes, W. Guy, W. Moore, E. Daniels, H. Parker, A. Parker, W. Lindner, J. Manson, W. Goode (killed), T. Condon, W. F. S. Garnett, T. Walsh (wounded).

Mr. R. Martin has been advised that his son, Private Herbert Martin, has been wounded in action and is in hospital in London. Private Frank Martin (a brother) is at present on his way to England.

The Burke's Creek Tennis Club purpose holding a tennis tournament on October 6 and 7.

The following names, with addresses have been received by The Rock Red Cross League Christmas Presents Fund:—A. E. Pretty, A. Jacobs, W. J. Gye, E. and J. G. Berricman, A. Cameron, R. Cummins, T. A. G. Condon, F. L. Ellis, P. T. James, M. Flinn, E. Hussey, J. Hepper, W. E. Jarrett, J. B. Knox, C. M. King, F. M. O'Keefe, E. O'Keefe, J. T. Lang, T. Montague, S. Maclure, Frank Martin, James Bartlett Michael, N. R. Milne, E. R. M'Lennan, T. Hynes, G. A. Robb, W. Smart, J. W. Swasbriek, H. Semmens, T. A. Somerville, A. J. Williams, J. Walsh, L. Trives, W. Davies, G. Attenborough. If the addresses of the following, or names not on the list, are known, the committee would like them forwarded by Monday, October 8, to Miss Patterson, hon. secretary, "Avondale," The Rock:—Thomas Asunder, Henry John Armstrong, Sydney Dodwell, M. Flinn, W. A. Fuller, H. C. Gilbert, T. Hynes, G. Treves, D. Taylor, H. A. Twyford, J. P. Whaley, F. Williams, H. J. Macklin, P. Lillis, H. Piper, A. Short.