

## PENNESHAW SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL.

On Sunday afternoon last the efforts of the Soldiers Memorial Committee to place some suitable and permanent memorial to the men who enlisted from Dudley to serve in the great war found expression, when a service of unveiling was conducted by the Rev. Llewellyn Lewis. The Hon. G. R. Laffer M.L.C., performed the ceremony of unveiling the obelisk, which is made of faced granite and upon which is engraved the names of the fallen soldiers. The names of all who enlisted from the Hundred of Dudley will at an early date be engraved also upon the monument, which is a fitting and permanent reminder, "lest we forget." The service commenced with the National Anthem, and after the introduction of the speaker by Mr J. M. Grimshaw, the Rev. Llewellyn Lewis took charge of proceedings on behalf of Mr A. Stirling, the Secretary of the Committee, who through illness was prevented from being present. General regret was also felt at the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Mr Beck whose duties elsewhere prevented him from taking part in the service. During the service Mr Laffer delivered an excellent and sympathetic address in which he paid tribute to our soldiers, and at the same time emphasized the problems that faced Australia in the Pacific. After the unveiling of the monument Mr Lewis, following out the theme of the previous speaker, dwelt on the moral and spiritual supremacy of Britain's share in the war, emphasizing the fact that, after all, the memorial of granite was but the symbol of our obligation to the State. For it the men fought; for it we must live. Citizenship must be the keynote of our lives; Advance Australia our watchword. At the conclusion of the ceremony a collection was made to meet the necessary expenditure of fencing the memorial,

expenditure of fencing the memorial, and of adding the names of all who shared the dangers of the war; £13 was taken and with promises already made, we should have about £20 for the work.

At St. Columba's Church in the evening special commemoration was made and a forcible sermon on "Life and Sacrifice" was delivered by the Rev. Llewellyn Lewis to a large congregation. The Hon. Mr Laffer was present at the service, and also many returned soldiers.