

GOVERNOR AT YORKETOWN.

AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

The people of Yorketown and district will long remember July 5 as the historic occasion when His Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry Galway) unveiled the Yorketown and Melville roll of honour. The hall was filled to overflowing. The aisles were lined with school children as a guard of honour. The Yorketown Brass Band, under Mr. W. P. Biddle, rendered patriotic airs, and the Lyric Orchestra, under Mr. G. Heaney, provided music. The decorations committee had tastefully decorated the platform and hall. The keynote of the Governor's fine address was an earnest appeal to men to answer at once the Empire's urgent call for men.

—The Ceremony.—

The royal salute was given by Bgtr. Reg Heaney as His Excellency passed on to the platform. Sir Henry was accompanied by his Private Secretary (Mr. Legh Winser), Mr. Gunson, the Mayor of Yorketown (Dr. W. H. Russell), Messrs. Tossell and Allen, M.P.'s, the Mayor of Edithburgh (Mr. G. H. Hart), Mr. R. Newbold and Mr. E. H. Giles (Chairman and Clerk respectively of the Melville District Council), Mr. E. E. Lloyd (Town Clerk). After the audience had sung the National Anthem, the Mayor of Yorketown welcomed His Excellency to Yorketown, and the Town Clerk read the formal address of welcome, which, together with the Governor's reply, has been published. The Mayor said the mission of His Excellency was to unveil the roll of honour presented by the Corporation of Yorketown and the District Council of Melville in honour of the boys who had gone away to fight for their King and country. The visit of Sir Henry was a compliment not only to the town and district, but also to the boys whose names appeared on the roll. Boys from the district were present at the landing on Gallipoli, and one fell there. His Excellency had drawn to himself most classes of the community by a singular charm of manner and manly way of straight talking. In this wide democracy the unconventional Australian, without depreciating the dignity of the high office which he filled, felt that he had in His Excellency and Lady Galway warm sympathisers.

—Must Not Trifle With Fate.—

His Excellency said when he was asked to unveil the roll of honour he gladly accepted the invitation. He felt that it was a great privilege. They owed a debt of gratitude to their fighting men. It must be gratifying to Yorketown and Melville that they had sent such a splendid representation. Australia was playing a big part. Thousands of men had stepped in of their own free will and said, "Here am I, send me." These men have done their duty. There were many more who ought to go. They cannot long stand back. Victory was sure, but they must not trifle with fate. The war would end quicker if Australia would fill up every gap in the fighting line. Every man of fighting age was wanted. They were looking to the men who had been fighting to come back and be the backbone of the country. They would come back incomparably better men. The people in Australia could help them by taking care that their call for reinforcements was answered, not only now, but right to the end. By sending reinforcements to the front they would give a chance to that gallant 1st Division to come home for a few weeks' leave. He tendered heartfelt sympathy to those who had suffered in this great war, and appealed to them to be proud in

that company by those who had suffered in this great war, and appealed to them to be proud in their sorrow. In unveiling the roll of honour—a fine piece of work in stamped bronze—His Excellency said:—"I now have the privilege and honour of unveiling this record of names of men who will be noted for their good citizenship and splendid devotion." At a later stage Sir Henry placed the safe keeping of the roll in the hands of the Mayor.

Mr. R. Newbold (Chairman of the Melville District Council) moved a vote of thanks to His Excellency. Mr. E. H. Giles (Clerk of the Melville District Council) seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.

—The Work of the Women.—

His Excellency, in responding, said the thanks of the community were not due to him. He was not hardworked at all, he only wished that he was harder worked. He paid a high tribute to the work the women had done. Lady Galway's work had been made easy by the help she had received from the women of South Australia. He did not think that the work of the women was sufficiently appreciated. The women had gone on in their quiet way working unselfishly for the men at the front, and we ought to remember that we owe them a debt of gratitude.

At the conclusion of the ceremony His Excellency toured the township. He had tea at the Young Men's Club, and in the evening attended a concert in the town hall given by the members of Miss Hilda Felstead's Concert Party. The ladies of the district provided an excellent tea for the visitors and residents at the Young Men's Club. At the concert in the evening there was a very large attendance, and nearly every seat in the building was reserved. An excellent programme was submitted. The artistes were Miss Hilda Felstead, Miss Muriel Cheek, A.M.U.A., Mr. Walter Wood, Mr. Don Fraser, and Miss Kathleen Meegan.

—The Supreme Sacrifice.—

The roll of honour contains the names of nearly 200 men, 15 of whom have made the supreme sacrifice, as follow.—J. W. Plummer, A. Dickinson, H. Moody, J. Marr, C. Chase, W. D. Williams, M. Woods, Schimenz, J. Thompson, A. R. Brown, G. Olson, R. Murray, C. Melville, D. E. Baker, L. Hughes.