

## THE SALVATION ARMY

### UNVEILING A MEMORIAL TABLET TO LATE JAMES FEATHERSTONE

There was a fairly large congregation at the service held in the Salvation Army barracks in Elizabeth-street yesterday afternoon. The service was a special one, the proceedings including the unveiling of a tablet to the memory of the late Mr James Featherstone. The impressive ceremony was arranged for yesterday, owing to that particular day being observed by the Army throughout Australasia as the occasion for the officers and soldiers to memorialise deceased comrades. The platform railings were covered with white ribbon, the mourning color recognised by the Army.

The service was opened in the ordinary way by Major Williams giving out a song, after which Envoy Clear prayed, and subsequently Lieutenant Allan contributed a song. In response to a request by Major Williams, short addresses touching on the life of the late Mr Featherstone were given by Messrs. Cope, Parish, Kerslake, and Butterworth. A favorite hymn of the deceased's was then sung by the congregation, following which Mrs Featherstone was closely followed by the company while she spoke of the Christian life her late husband had lived, and Ensign Driscoll referred to the loss the corps had sustained by the death of Mr Featherstone.

The deceased's favorite verse in the Bible—Isaiah, xxxii., 2—was read by Major Williams, who said that the late Mr Featherstone had appeared to stand out above other men. He had certain good characteristics. He was a strong man, a straight citizen, and one who could be fearlessly followed. He was always a careful thinking, safe, settled type of man. Mr Featherstone knew he had these qualities, and he had revelation from God, which had produced a revolution in him.

Major Williams, in unveiling the tablet, which occupies a place on the western side of the building, said it had been erected by citizens of Launceston, who were not members of the Salvation Army, to mark the respect they had for one who had been a brave and valiant soldier of the corps. Subsequently the band played the "Dead march" in "Saul," and the meeting was closed in prayer.

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The tablet, which is in the form of a shield, and made of Tasmanian black-wood, bears the following inscription: "In memoriam. This tablet was placed here by the citizens of Launceston as a perpetual token of respect which they bear to the memory of James Featherstone, a faithful soldier of the Launceston corps for upwards of 21 years. Promoted to glory 25th April, 1906. Alive for evermore."

At night a special memorial service was conducted by Major Williams, assisted by the local officers, and the collections for the day, in aid of the mission work, were very satisfactory.