

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

UNVEILING BEXLEY'S WAR TROPHY AND HONOR BOARD.

The last public official act of the Mayor and Aldermen of the present Bexley Council was enacted on Sunday afternoon last, when Major General Cox, C.B., C.M.S., D.S.O., V.D., unveiled a six inch 150 M.M. German Gun, and also the Honor Board, with 300 names inscribed thereon. The gathering of the public was large, imposing and attentive and included the children and teachers from the Sunday schools of the district. The Kogarah Division of the Boy Scouts who took a keen interest in the service, which was very impressive.

Amongst those who occupied seats on the platform were: Mayor General Cox, and Mrs. Cox, the Hon. Hector Lamond, M. P., Mr. Arkins, M.L.A., Ald. F. P. Dowsett (Mayor of Bexley) and Mrs Dowsett Ald. Jones, Mayor of Kogarah, Rev. R. L. Houston, Rev. W. Pearson, Ald. and Mrs. W. F. Brown Aids. Barwell, Todd, Bateman, Ross, Rush, Mr. R. Churchill and Mrs. Churchill.

The Bexley Musical Society assisted with the Bexley Band, sang several-known hymns. Mr. Hindmarsh-Jamieson sang a solo, "Nearer My God to Thee," and all present sang "Lead Kindly Light," accompanied by the Band. The Rev. Pearson read a psalm and the Rev. Houston led in prayers. Bandmaster Bird sounded the "Last Post."

Ald. F. P. Dowsett, Mayor of Bexley in introducing Mayor General Cox, congratulated the residents on the good roll up and explained how he "fought" for the War Trophy Committee to secure the Gun for Bexley, and that it was placed in the "centre" of the Municipality.

Major Gen. Cox said he was highly gratified to be with them on this important occasion. This day would mark an important event that would last for all time and this "Gun" would be a speaking reminder of the

would be a speaking reminder of the noble sacrifices made by their brothers and fathers, who so nobly left these shores to defend the Empire, and to those who did not participate in that glorious achievement, he would say that Australia was worth fighting for, Here we had everything that was necessary to make life happy, we only wanted "oil" and Australia would be "self-contained." Our people are the healthiest, cleanest and the best dressed in any part of the world, but we must not forget that to keep it, we must be ready to defend it and when the children of this generation growing up to manhood this Gun captured from the enemy, will act as a reminder of the sacrifice of the fathers and grand-fathers. He paid a great tribute to the Red Cross for the noble deeds they had done. He congratulated the people of Bexley, in sending over 300 men to help the great cause and in handing the gun over to the people for all time, said "It remained for those who were left behind to remember always that on them rested the burden that these men bore so bravely."

When the speaker turned to step down off the platform to unveil the gun, he found that a score of small boys had already performed the act, and were lined up along the muzzle.

Referring to this, the General remarked that it was the free and open life they led which gave the boys that confidence and spirit of adventure which characterised the Australian soldier.

The Hon. Hector Lamond, M.P., said "We must never forget the example these men have set" and if we want to hold this great country, we must be prepared to follow their example.

The National Anthem closed the proceedings.

The Gun is placed in position on the Grounds of the Council Chambers, in Queen Victoria Street. The Marble Tablet bears the following inscription: War Trophy, Great War 1914-19, 150 M.M. German Gun, was captured on the Western European Front. 1918. by

an old German gun, was captured on the Western European Front, 1918, by the 45th Battalion, A.I.F. Dedicated 26th November, 1922 by Major General Cox, C.B., C.M.S., D.S.O., V.D., Ald. F. P. Dowsett, Mayor.