

## BROOKFIELD MEMORIAL.

UNVEILING CEREMONY  
AT CEMETERY YESTERDAY  
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SPEAKERS APPEAL FOR UNITY

There was a large attendance at the cemetery on Good Friday afternoon, attracted there by the announcement that the monument which has been erected to the memory of the late Mr Percival John Brookfield, M.L.A., was to be unveiled under the auspices of the Brookfield Memorial Committee. The monument is an imposing one of Angaston marble. On the top is a globe representing the World, on which appear in black lettering the words "Workers of the World Unite."

The proceedings opened with a selection by the W.I.U. Band.

Mr. E. Wetherell, president of the Brookfield Memorial Committee, then unveiled the monument, which had been covered over by a huge red flag and a tarpaulin. Mr. Wetherell said that they had assembled to commemorate the greatest tragedy the people of Broken Hill ever had to bear. He referred to the tragedy which had taken from the workers of Broken Hill the greatest champion they ever had. There must have been something particularly striking about the man to whose memory they dedicated that monument to cause so many people to gather around his last resting place 12 months after his death. No doubt there were some people present who did not act as the late Mr. Brookfield had acted, did not believe in the things he believed in, and did not hold the advanced views that he did. There was a time when Mr. Brookfield was not honored as he was at the time of his death. He had to come out of the ruck, as it were, and endear himself to the people. Mr. Brookfield had made an impression on the people that no other man who had ever lived in Australia had made. On the top of the monument were the words "Workers of the World Unite." They were words which Mr. Brookfield had uttered many times, and there could be nothing more fitting for his monument. He believed that when they lost Mr. Brookfield they had

lost the prop of the Labor movement. He believed that when they lost Mr. Brookfield they had lost the prop of the Labor movement. He appealed to the workers to come together and fight for the new system of society for which Mr. Brookfield had fought on behalf of the working class. Even the enemies of Mr. Brookfield were stricken with sorrow, to some extent, when his life was ended.

The band played Beethoven's "Funeral March."

— Workers Must "Carry On." —

Mr. Donald Grant was the next speaker. He said that as one of the 12 released men he did not think it was out of place that he should have a few words to say in appreciation of what Mr. Brookfield had done for him and the working class generally. He felt that he was wasting his time by being present if the working men and women were not prepared to show the solidarity for which Mr. Brookfield fought, and if they were not prepared to carry on the good work he had done. Mr. Brookfield was one of the finest men the working class of Australia had produced, but they did not want to mourn over-much. Instead of wasting their time with mourning it was up to them to carry on the work in the future which Mr. Brookfield had done in the past. When they lost the supposed great Kitchener in the war did the British people say "Our great leader has gone, it is finished"? Not on your life! They said that they would have to fight harder, and, by each of them doing a little more, make up for what they had lost by losing the services of Kitchener. The working class must do the same. Too much had been said about grief and too little about what they were going to do to make up for their loss. They should say, "Well done, good and faithful servant," and they would hear Mr. Brookfield's voice coming back, saying "Go ye and do likewise." It was up to them to get the best possible to carry on the good work Mr. Brookfield had done. Mr. Brookfield alone, alive or dead, could not emancipate the workers. Only intelligent organisation could do that.

The band then played "Solidarity" and "Standfast and True."

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Mr. M. P. Considine, M.H.R., said that it was peculiarly fitting that an unconventional monument should be erected to a man who was unconventional. The proletarian character of the monument was typical of the proletariat that he represented to whose memory it was erected. The Brookfield Memorial would serve as a continual reminder to the working men and women as to what they were doing. It would be a reminder to them when the conditions changed, as they undoubtedly would change. It had been said that all classes of the community were sorry when the news of Mr. Brookfield's death became known, and he believed that very largely it was true. He did not believe, however, that the members of that other class which the working class were forced to fight for their existence, and the directors of the energies of that class, were sorry at all. It was time that they dropped this cant about solidarity. There was no solidarity to-day. They could have solidarity with the Employers' Federation if they wished. What was the position to-day industrially and politically? The workers were more divided than they had been during the last 20 years. If they believed in the motto "Workers of the World Unite," they must mean something by it. If they had intelligence enough to recognise their position in society to-day they would see the necessity for them uniting. The best way they could perpetuate the memory of the man who had gone was to unite as he had often asked them to do for the purpose of overthrowing the present system of society. They had intelligence and power enough, all that they lacked was organisation.

Proceedings were brought to a close by the band playing "La Marseillaise."