

Dedication Of Memorial Fence

The Glen Innes High School memorial fence and gate, unveiled on Saturday, was the second memorial in New South Wales for the 1939-45 war, said the Headmaster, Mr. C. G. Lauder, yesterday.

Two costly bronze plaques which will be fitted on the sides of the gate entrance, arrived in Glen Innes only on Saturday morning.

They were mounted temporarily for the dedication and shortly afterwards were removed.

More than 120 attended the opening at which the Municipal Band provided music.

"The memorial will be a distinct advantage to the school, and will hallow the names of the pupils who took part in the recent war," said Mr. Lauder.

"On behalf of the staff and pupils I thank the people of Glen Innes."

Raising of funds to build the fence was the culmination of much good work done by the Parents and Citizens' Association, he added.

The memorial is a 220 feet brick and iron fence with a central arch gateway. On either side will be the plaques.

On the arch are the school crest and the words "Lest We Forget".

The fence, which is nearly finished will cost approximately £275.

It was dedicated by Rev. Hanford and opened by Col. M. F. Bruxner M.L.A.

After the opening the Last Post was sounded, there was two minutes' silence, Reveille was played and the half-mast flag was slowly run up to the mast-head.

The P. and C. Association President, Rev. J. M. McDonald, said that only from £15 to £20 was required to pay for the fence. He thanked all those who had contributed.

"Unless we carry forward and emulate the deeds of those to whom the memorial is dedicated, it is a sham," said Col. Bruxner.

"I am privileged to be able to open these gates," he said.

Other speakers were the Mayor,

Ald. G. Digby (representing the Municipal Council), Mr. B. E. Marsh (Returned Soldiers' League), and Mr. J. J. Price (Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women).

The school captains, Kevin Robinson and Elaine Stomial, presented Col. Bruxner with a silver-plated ink stand.

After the opening the official party and members of the Parents and Citizens' Association had afternoon tea.