

## **IMPRESSIVE SERVICE**

### **Christ Church Cathedral**

#### **SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL DEDICATED**

Christ Church Cathedral was well filled yesterday morning, when the Bishop of Grafton, Dr. J. W. Ashton, dedicated the soldiers' memorial recently erected in the Cathedral.

A large number of returned men, accompanied by the president of the Grafton branch of the R.S. and S.I.L.A., Mr. J. Riley, were present.

About 20 members of the Grafton Troop, 15th Light Horse Regiment, under the command of Lieut. C. S. Harrison, and two officers, Lieuts. C. W. McMahon and W. C. F. Sheather, and 40 men of the 41st Battalion, Byron Regiment, in charge of Capt. K. McCallum, also paraded. The latter fell in at the Clock Tower and were marched to the Cathedral by the Regimental Band, in charge of Bandmaster J. Rowan.

The dedication of the memorials took place at the commencement of the service. The Cross-bearer, acolytes (soldiers' sons), clergy and Bishop went in procession to the Cenotaph, around which were grouped the returned soldiers.

The Bishop, using appropriate prayers, solemnly blessed and dedicated the various memorials and preached an impressive sermon from the text: "Seek peace, and ensure it." 1 Peter, iii., 1, making an eloquent appeal for world peace.

The memorial, which occupies a central position in the north transept at the entrance to the Chapel, under the beautiful stained glass rose window, is simple, reverent and dignified, and is a feature of the Cathedral. It consists of a nicely designed brick Cenotaph, which harmonises with the building. On this, in a glass-faced bronze case, rests the Book of Remembrance, containing the names of those members of the Church of England of this city and

the Church of England of this city and neighborhood, who served in the Great War. There are 128 names, 34 of whom paid the supreme sacrifice, and these are engrossed in red.

Over the Cenotaph hangs a beautifully designed brass lamp, in which perpetually burns a red flame. On the wall is an artistic brass tablet, inset with rising sun, describing the memorial, and over this hangs a Crucifix.

The historic Union Jack and 42nd Battalion colors flag have also been transferred, and now hang near the Cenotaph.