

HENRY LAWSON.

MEMORIAL UNVEILED.

Grenfell Week.

GRENFELL, Friday.

The unveiling of the memorial to Henry Lawson, which has been erected on the spot where he was born 57 years ago, was performed yesterday before a very large number of people, including 400 school children. The Mayor presided, and after stating that they were honouring a native born, Henry Lawson, he asked Mr. A. H. Grimm, M.L.A., to perform the ceremony.

Mr. Grimm said that no greater honour could be conferred upon him than that he should be asked to unveil the memorial to Australia's poet. He had been acquainted with the poet at 17. The music of song called him, and it was right that Grenfell, his birthplace, should honour him. He asked the school children to learn Lawson's poems. They were Australia's history, the history of the bush. Mr. Grimm quoted poem after poem, amid great cheering, and then unveiled the memorial. The band played "Home, Sweet Home," and the bandmaster sounded the Last Post.

Mr. Hugh Main, M.L.A., followed, and said he was proud to be present at the unveiling of the memorial, and pleased to see the crowd of people to honour Lawson.

Mr. Russell, teacher of the Grenfell Superior Public School, said his school children were well acquainted with a number of Lawson's poems, and so they should be.

Mrs. Lawson and Miss Lawson, daughter, thanked the Grenfell folk for their great kindness. Quite a number of old residents who knew Henry Lawson's father were introduced to Mrs. Lawson. Five gum trees were planted around the obelisk, the first by Mrs. Lawson, the second by Miss Lawson, and the third by the Mayor, Ald. Durning, who planted the wishing tree, around which seats are erected. The fourth tree was planted by Mr. Hugh Main, and the fifth by Mr. Arthur Grimm, M.L.A. The obelisk is 14ft 6in high, and is just on the turn of the railway going into Grenfell. Two thousand photos of Henry Lawson were distributed.

The miners' display, which followed, was splendid. Shafts were sunk and wash dirt obtained. The white prospectors' flag was changed to the red one of gold, and fifty miners scrambled to peg out just as the rushers did 60 years ago. The dishes and cradles were worked, and results showed a reef, which was uncovered and specimens dollied. The display was an excellent one.