

## GUNNING.

(From Our Correspondent.)

### ANGLICAN.

Wednesday last was a red letter day in the history of St. Edmund's Church of England here. Bishop Radford, of Goulburn, consecrated a pair of memorial gates erected to the memories of Private J. H. McLaughlin and Driver Rupert Fisher, two local young men who had given their lives for the Empire. Pte. McLaughlin was the son of Police-Sergt. W. H. McLaughlin, of Gunning. Driver Fisher was the son of Mr. Wm. Fisher, of Stony Point, Gunning. The Bishop delivered a stirring address, making a strong appeal to his hearers to do and dare, and not to falter in helping to bring about a successful termination of the war. In declaring the gates open, his Lordship reminded his hearers of the fact that not only were these a memorial of the departed soldiers, but should serve to remind them of the entrance to the Church as gates of none other than the House of God. The Rev. T. Anson Cato, rector of St. Edmund's, assisted his Lordship. Two blue streamers were attached to the gates. The ends of these were handed to the Bishop by Mr. C. Carter, and the gates were gently drawn open. After further devotional exercises, that part of the proceedings closed with a verse of the National Anthem. The company then repaired to the church, where the unveiling and consecrating of an honour board took place. At the request of the Bishop, Mrs. Carter unveiled the board, which displayed a goodly number of names. The consecration followed, and a short Litany with the singing of a hymn ended the service. Shortly afterwards Bishop Radford was tendered a reception and welcome at the Odd-fellows' Hall. Mr. J. C. Timms, on behalf of the laity, welcomed the Bishop to their midst. His Lordship replied in an effective speech, relieved with touches of humour. He referred to the work amongst the soldiers in camp at Goulburn and elsewhere. He had entered the names of those he came in contact with in his note book, and there were over 900 of them. He had a good memory for faces, and always knew those whom he saw afterwards.

Refreshments were served. Mr. Timms intimated that now they had a pair of gates for the church, it was thought an effort should be made to have a fence in keeping with them. Mrs. C. Lang had promised £10 as a start for the fence.

The gates are of iron, supported by brick pillars, and on either side are tablets bearing the names of the soldiers in whose memory they have been erected. Below each tablet a laurel wreath was suspended. On the top of each pillar miniature flags appeared. It is intended later to have a large glass globe placed on the top of each pillar and a lamp in each.

After the above ceremonies there was a meeting at the Shire office for the purpose of making a presentation to Police-Sergeant and Mrs. McLaughlin. Mr. J. C. Timms, Council clerk, was in the chair, and there was a representative gathering of ladies and gentlemen. Speeches referring to the high esteem in which the guests were held were given, and wishes expressed for their happiness in their new home in Coomandura. Mr. J. L. Sands, J.P., was deputed to make the presentation—a pair of easy chairs. Sergeant McLaughlin feelingly responded, and expressed thanks for the kind thought that had suggested so comfortable a present to each of them.

War Loan Tank.—The tank arrived here from Crookwell about 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, but there was not the enthusiasm shown that prevailed on the former occasion. Mr. McCoughy, and Mr. Oxley, a returned soldier, made some strong appeals from the balcony of Cox's Hotel. Something like £900 was promised and taken out in bonds.