

## Presbyterian Church.

### DEDICATION OF ROLL OF HONOUR.

St. Stephen's Church, Warialda, had a congested congregation yesterday morning for the service in connection with the unveiling and dedication of the Honor Roll bearing the names of eleven soldiers belonging to the Church who had fallen in the great war. This, as was explained by Rev. P. A. Smith during the service, was part of the original idea of the committee when the complete roll of soldiers who went to the war was erected, but for certain reasons there had been delay in perfecting it.

The service was conducted by Rev. P. A. Smith, the unveiling of the Roll was an honor conferred upon Mrs. D. Mackay of Gunywarildi, Rev. A. M. Stevenson, M.C. of Inverell preached a splendid sermon for the occasion, and Mr. C. D. King assisted by scripture reading and in charge of the Boy Scouts.

Rev. A. M. Stevenson took as his text Joshua 4:6, "What mean ye by these stones." Like the Israelites of old, he said, our thoughts to-day are centred in a memorial, and we ought to consider its significance. It stands for remembrance. We recall to-day our "glorious dead." We think of them with undying pride and say

"I with uncovered head  
Salute the sacred dead  
Who went and who return not—  
say not so.  
Virtue treads paths that end not in  
the grave;  
No ban of endless night exiles  
the brave."

It stands also for thanksgiving. It is an expression of our gratitude for deliverance in the day of national peril. And under God we owe that deliverance to our soldiers. Men's memories are short, and we have to guard against forgetting the immensity of the debt we owe them. Our thoughts to-day, however, are not only of the past, but also of the future. All these war memorials which are being erected must lead us to strive after that, of the absence of

which the war was the most striking example we have witnessed, namely brotherhood. We need this in the international sphere, within the Empire, in the industrial world, and in the Church. May this ceremony to-day lead us all to declare with one voice for brotherhood. And yet we are left with a sense of helplessness in our hearts, for the guns opposed to that of which I speak are so strongly entrenched and numerous. We are forced back upon God who alone can bring peace and goodwill out of strife and confusion.

After the unveiling of the Roll by Mrs. Mackay "The Last Post" was sounded by Mr. T. Graham.

During the service the Boy Scouts said a Prayer and pronounced the Scouts' Laws.

The choir acquitted themselves creditably with Miss Slack presiding at the organ.

The service concluded with the Benediction and singing of the National Anthem.

Mr. Smith on behalf of the congregation thanked Mr. D. Mackay and relatives of deceased soldiers who had provided the Roll of Honor, and also all who had assisted in making the ceremony so perfect.

Mr. W. D. Capel (President) represented the Shire Council, and Ald. H. Jones (Mayor), the Municipal Council. An apology was received from Rev. R. H. MacLean.