

Unveiling And Dedication Service.

Church Of England Soldiers' Memorial.

At St. Mary's Church of England, Busselton, on Monday evening the Bishop of Bunbury, Dr. Wilson unveiled and dedicated a memorial erected by the parishoners to the memory of the men who fought and fell in the war of 1914-19. The Church was well filled.

The well known hymn "O God our Help in Ages Past" opened the service, after which the Rev. S. A. Milward read for the lesson Revelations vii. chap. Taking for his text St. John xii.-25, "He that loveth his life shall lose it, and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal," His Lordship said that the words therein were a fitting theme for such a solemn little service. The Lord Jesus Christ laid down the principle that whatever came between the individual and God, should be hated, and the men who had gone forward to battle for the right recognised that principle 'They did well' in that they put duty to God before their earthly lives. They died proudly and resolutely fighting for their kinsfolk, their homes and their beloved country. Australia was proud of the part her men played at Gallipoli, in Egypt, on the Canal, Mesopotamia, and on the continent of Europe. While in the Old Land recently he heard nothing but highest eulogy of the magnificent genius of the Australian troops. They did well, so well in fact, that they ranked with the very best

they ranked with the very best soldiers of the campaign. Their comrades said they did well, and the expression of their enemies was expressed in the same words. One of the thoughts that came to him was that those old veterans of Waterloo, who, with their neighbors, built and worshipped in that Church, would say, as they looked down upon them, that they did well. The second thought was that those who remained must not mourn their warriors as dead, they were happy, and living where there is no more pain; just waiting for a grand reunion with their loved ones. By their deaths they left an example that would bear fruit a hundred fold in the ages to come. We were thought to be a decadent race, but by their deeds they proved that they could worthily emulate the deeds of their forefathers of the days of Elizabeth. These men's names were a legacy for ever and ever. Whatever had been their faults and failings in this life, he firmly believed that God had forgiven them all. In their great sacrifice they had far outweighed the faults of their earthly careers. They should think of them as belonging to that great fellowship of spirits, commonly referred to as the Communion of Saints, who were ever near those who loved them; and while they felt their presence was near, they should not desire to materialise them, to call them up. Their rest should be undisturbed, for they were in Paradise, awaiting the day of judgment. Above all they should pray for them; as they prayed for their boys in life so should they continue to pray that God would keep them in His holy keeping, and that they may rest in peace.

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After the hymn "I am He that liveth," Mr. Geo. W. Barnard, jun., the People's Warden, drew aside the Union Jack that covered the Memorial, and His Lordship said, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, I dedicate this lasting memorial to the memory of the men who fell in the Great War."

After prayers, and the singing of the hymn "For all the Saints," the service terminated.

The memorial consists of a handsome brass tablet, 30 in. x 20 in., mounted on a polished jarrah base, and affixed to the south wall of the Church. A singularly appropriate border of oak leaves and acorns, with a cross at the head, and the Rising Sun badge of the A.I.F. inside a laurel wreath, encloses the lettering, which is graven in excellent style. The inscription reads "In memory of those members of this Church who gave their lives in the great war 1914-1919. 'Right, good and dutiful it is to die for one's country.' R.I.P." The twenty names adorning the memorial are H. G. Adams, C. Armstrong, P. G. T. Baird, M. L. Blenkinsop, V. Bovell, M. R. Bunbury, A. J. Bussell, A. E. Curtis, R. Cumming, G. E. Curtis, D. Dawson, W. Holgate, A. Morris, C. H. Oates, W. A. Pettit, A. Sayers, C. Sutton, C. Sansom, V. Thompson, and H. Yelverton.

The freehold of the Palace Hotel, at the corner of William street and St. Georges Terrace, Perth, has been purchased by Copley's Bank, Ltd. for £40,000; bidding started at £30,000, and rose by amounts of £1,000. The hotel is under lease to

£1,000. The hotel is under lease to Mr. J. T. Glowery until 1931.