

UNVEILING CEREMONY.

Last Sunday evening Holy Trinity Church, East Melbourne, was crowded, for during the service the memorial to the late Lance-Corporal A. M. Pearce, whose life was one of the first to be given for his country, at Gallipoli, was to be unveiled. No one more fitting, to perform the ceremony could have been found than the Rev. D. M. Deasy, whose own ideals of life and death so synchronise with that of the much lamented soldier so many had gathered together that evening to honor. With the brevity which is the soldier's best epitaph, the Rev. D. M. Deasy referred to this first loss by war which had fallen so heavily on the church the late Mr. Arthur Pearce had so loved, and then drew aside the flag for which he had died which had veiled the memorial to his life and death, after which all stood a few moments to prayer. It is a very handsome memorial, the handsomest in the church, and inscribed as follows—

"In loving memory of Arthur M. Pearce, Corporal B Company, 7th Battalion Infantry Brigade A.E.F., who gave up his life at the call of his country at Gaba Tepe, April 25th, 1915. Aged 30 years. For many years an honored member of the Vestry, Church Treasurer, Superintendent of No. 1 Sunday-school, Secretary C.E.M.S., member of the Choir, Gleaners' Union, Treasurer of Sowers' Band, foremost in every good work, beloved by everyone.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

"Erected by friends and fellow-workers."

And so the memorial stands—

Unveiled not only in the temple of his God,
 But to the eye of man the path he trod
 Shines forth in purity and truth revealed,
 O, soul endeavour, and a golden yield
 Of effort for the good of fellow-man
 Of work most fruitful in his life's brief span
 To God, to King, and country life he gave
 Unlained. No shadow rests on his wide-honored grave.

The memorial reflects credit on those who erected it, and have thus perpetuated the memory of one who has drawn all to him by the strength and purity of his work for the good of fellow-man, and death for his country.

The great Parnell case occupied 129 days and about 193 witnesses were examined in all.

One civilian, and one only, has a right to pass through marching troops—namely, a Court physician on his way to a Royal residence. He can make even the Household Cavalry open their ranks to him.

Under the Belgian law, unmarried men over 25 have one vote, married men and widowers with families have two votes, and priests and other persons of position and education have three votes. Severe penalties are imposed on those who fail to vote.