

LOYAL LOCKHART LODGE

UNVEILING OF HONOR BOARD

INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS.

On Wednesday evening a great event in the history of the Lockhart Manchester Unity Lodge took place in the Lockhart School of Arts. The occasion was the unveiling of the Honor Board containing the photographs and names of thirty-six of the members of the Loyal Lockhart Lodge who enlisted in the service of their country during the Great War of 1914-18. The Board was a massive piece of work, elaborately designed and executed by Grace Bros. of Sydney.

For the purpose of the unveiling ceremony the board was temporarily erected on the School of Arts platform but eventually it will have a permanent place in the Shire Hall.

Cr. W. S. Browne, J.P., the Shire President, occupied the chair and he was supported on the platform by Mr. Perkins, the Grand Master of the Manchester Unity in N.S.W., C. Gunther N.G., of Lockhart, W. S. Wardrop, Sec., and other representative men. Apologies were announced from Rev. Father Haarehan, Rev. H. C. Howard, Mr. E. P. Miller, the District Secretary, Messrs E. S. Drummond, W. G. Campbell, Dr. Davies, Dr. Robinson, Messrs. C. Blake, R. H. Blamey, E. Seckold and others.

The Chairman said the Loyal Lockhart Lodge was to be complimented upon the splendid gathering which they had organised in connection with the unveiling ceremony. He felt it an honor to be present. He was not a member of the Order but it was a pleasure to him to know that so many members of the Lodge had participated in the war. Those members were worthy of all the honor it was possible to bestow upon them. (Applause).

ADDRESS BY THE GRAND MASTER

The unveiling ceremony was performed by the Grand Master, Mr. Perkins, who, before doing so, deliv-

Perkins, who, before doing so, delivered an eloquent and appropriate address. He said that during the Great War the Members of the Manchester Unity had proved their loyalty as 14 per cent of the members had enlisted. He congratulated the Lockhart Lodge upon the fact that while the average throughout the State was fourteen per cent the percentage of Lockhart Lodge was fully 29, or more than double the average mentioned. (Applause). On the other hand, it was satisfactory to know that whereas the average percentage of those who were not going to return was 16½ the Lockhart per cent was 9. He wished also to point out that those who had stayed at home had realized their duty to the men who had enlisted and by a special weekly contribution into the Lodge fund creating a fund which had realised £37,000, and assistance given to the sick and wounded had run into thousands of pounds more. They had thus tried in the interests of members to keep the flag flying but what they had done was not iota of what their soldier brothers had done for them. (Hear hear). The Manchester Unity had been able to assist many cases in different parts of the State. In Wagga, for instance, their worthy District Secretary, Bro. H. P. Diller had found three war orphan and through the Patriotic Fund of the Order he was able to secure a home for those children and provide means for their education. (Applause). As Grand Master it had been his pleasing duty to perform the unveiling of many memorials and honor boards, but he could say that the Board he was about to unveil was unique of its kind. Those coming after would be able to look upon not only the names but the photographs of their heroes. (Loud Applause).

THE UNVEILING.

The Grand Master, assisted by Mr. E. Gunther, N.G., then performed the unveiling ceremony.

On the board being exhibited, the Grand Master called upon the audience to stand in silence for a few moments as a tribute of respect to the three men who had fallen after which he called upon three cheers

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The names and photographs on the board included :—

LIST OF NAMES.

- Alexander, Eric
- Alexander, W.
- Day, Albas
- Day, Bert
- Day, W. J. (Man.)
- Duncan, T.
- Ferrier, Albert
- Ferrier, Alfred
- Fraser, Alex.
- Flett, David (Supt.) M.M.
- Graf, W. H.
- Fitzpatrick, J. F.
- Gilmour, Arthur
- Hamilton, G. L.
- Jenkins, W. H.
- Long, Harry
- Moncrieff, Geo. J. J. L. J. J. J.
- Morgan, Eric S.
- O'Connor, Joe
- Pollock, F.
- Smith, W. S.
- Smith, Oscar
- Smith, E.
- Smith, E. (twice wounded).
- Toomey, Jas
- Walker, F. C.
- Wise, H. C.
- Jack A
- S. Nation,
- Dunlop J. A.
- Smith, F.
- Hunt, Frank
- Whitten, Tom.
- Yates, Harold
- Webb, Edgar

Responding to the call of the Chairman, Mr. W. Day, J.P., the President of the Lockhart Repatriation Committee, delivered a short address in which he said they all recognized the splendid services rendered by the men whose names appeared on the Board. It spoke val-

ues for the Manchester Unity and especially for the Lockhart Lodge that so many had responded to the call of their country. (Applause).
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During the evening the miscellaneous programme included: pianoforte duet by the Misses Briggs; recitation "Fallen Heroes", Miss Briggs; recitation, Miss Keith; song, Mr. C. Douglas, junr., (Wagga), and a serio comic by Miss Seyler, (recalled).

A dance was held subsequently at which the music was supplied by Mrs James (piano) assisted by Mr. V. Sullivan (violin). Extras were kindly supplied by Mrs. F. Belling and Miss Belling. Mr. H. Belling acted as M.C., and the catering for the supper was done by Mrs Shinnic.