

## Honor Roll Unveiled.

### An Impressive Ceremony.

In commemoration of those members of the Glenelg, Casterton and Sandford Division of the Sons of Temperance, who have enlisted in the ranks of the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad, an Honor Roll was unveiled in the Lodge Room, Henty Street, on Tuesday evening last, by Mrs J. Black, of Casterton, whose two sons have enlisted, one, Private G. A. Black, having made the supreme sacrifice. The proceedings throughout were most impressive.

Bro. J. A. Jones, W.P., officiated as chairman, and associated with him on the platform were the President of the Glenelg Shire (Cr. J. Little), the Revs. F. Stillwell, R.D. and J. Meers.

Proceedings commenced with the singing of the National Anthem.

Cr. J. Little said he was proud to be present on that occasion to do honor to those brave men whose names appeared on the Roll of Honor. He thanked the Committee for the invitation that had been extended to him. They could not do enough for those men who had left these shores to fight for King and Empire. He (Cr. Little) had offered his services in connection with the war, and was always prepared to do all he could to attain victory for his country.

Rev. F. Stillwell said, with the President of the Glenelg Shire, he was proud to be present and pleased to accept the invitation extended to him; indeed, he considered it an honor and privilege for anyone to assist at such a function. The names of those inscribed on the Honor Roll were in letters of gold, which was a symbol of all that was best. They had to remember as they looked at those golden letters, that some of those brave men had written their names in letters of blood—on the battlefields of Gallipoli and Flanders. These men had not only made their names, but the name of Australia, famous throughout the world. He (the speaker) could not say too much in regard to them. Those they had left behind here would never forget the men who had gone forth to fight against the brute and the barbarian. Some of these gallant lads they would never see on this earth again, but the memory of their brave actions in going forth to fight for their country would live for all time.

Rev. J. Meers said they had met together with mingled feelings. One could not be at that gathering long without realising to the fullest extent that the past three or four years had been years of great sorrow and desolation. Most of their hearts had been wounded again and again, but there was one gleam of light through the darkness—the revelation of mankind. Men of Australia had rallied to the call to arms. They had taken their lives in their hands and were ready to bleed, and, it need be, ready to die for their country. They had shown stability and that hardy strength which character-

try. They had shown stability and that hardy strength which characterized the pioneers who had opened up this country and transformed the wilderness into a garden. When the call came to defend this country they realised that the old stock had not died out. These pioneers, in years gone by, had fought and bled for that liberty which they, as British people, so much prized. The Temperance organisations of Australia had reason to be proud of the number of men from their societies who had enlisted. It was a member of the sister organisation to the Sons of Temperance—the Rechabites—who had won the first Victoria Cross. The men who had laid down their lives on the field of battle could not have died in a more glorious cause. All honor was due to those men who had gone forth to fight and make sacrifices, that their loved ones in Australia might live.

The Chairman stated that the Rev. E. D. Smith was unable to be present at that function, as he was attending the Methodist Conference in Melbourne.

The Honor Roll was then unveiled by Mrs Black, the audience standing during the ceremony, and "God Save Our Splendid Men" was then sung.

The Honor Roll, which is made of the finest hardwood and beautifully designed, bears the following inscription—

#### GLENELG, CASTERTON AND SANDFORD DIVISION.

##### SONS OF TEMPERANCE

Black, G. A. (killed in action)	Loy, D. A.
Black, G. C.	Smith, J. B.
Blake, A. R.	Smith, E. G.
Clayton, H. Y.	Sealey, G. H. (died of wounds)
(killed in action)	Sprurrell, C. H.
Clarke, J. J.	Washen, A.
Coulson, J. R.	