

Unveiling Ceremony.

At the Methodist Church, Bridgetown, last Sunday evening a large congregation assembled to take part in a memorial service for soldiers who had been attendants at the church and Sunday school, and who had fallen, and to witness the unveiling of a roll of honor containing the names of men who had left Australia for the front. The unveiling ceremony was performed by Mr. R. C. Williams, the church officer, who has had the longest term of service in both church and Sunday school. The memorial sermon was delivered by Rev. E. H. O. Nye, who quoted from President Pouicair's welcome to President Wilson upon his arrival in Paris, in which the French President spoke of the savage warfare against a nation's wealth, against nature, and against beauty, such as imagination could not conceive when remote from the men and the things which had suffered from it and have witness to it." He pointed out that those who had not seen could not imagine the extent of the sacrifice of the men of the fighting units. The preacher also read extracts from Dr. Aberdeen's address on "Shell Shock" to show that many returned soldiers were criticised and blamed as shirkers and loafers simply because they are "paying the price for hanging on at the front long after they should have reported sick," and pleaded for sympathetic and magnanimous appreciation of what the returned man has done rather than criticism of what he may appear at present to be.

The Young Ladies' Choir rendered appropriate anthems. As the large "Union Jack" kindly lent by Mr Roberts, head teacher of the State School, fell from the Honor Board, the whole congregation rose and sang the verse:—

God bless our splendid men,
Send them safe home again,

Send them safe home again,

God bless our men.

Send them victorious,
Patient and chivalrous,
They are so dear to us,

God bless our men.

The Roll contains 56 names, and 12 are marked as having made the supreme sacrifice.