

UNVEILING OF HONOR ROLL.

FOR CAVERSHAM, WEST SWAN, AND BEECHBORO.

The districts of Caversham, West Swan, and Beechboro have done remarkably well in supplying recruits, no fewer than 75 having gone to the front from this small community, while eight of them have made the supreme sacrifice. To keep their names in fitting remembrance the preparation of an honor roll was determined upon, and there being no suitable hall in the district in which to erect it the trustees of the Methodist Church at Caversham were asked, and consented, to permit the roll to be erected in that building. The unveiling took place on Sunday afternoon last, the ceremony being performed, at the request of the committee, by Mr. C. H. Wilson, who himself has given three sons (one of whom has been killed) to the service of his country. The Rev. Tom Allan presided, and at the outset thanked Mr. Wilson for his gift of souvenir programmes, which would be a valuable reminder of that day's gathering to those who were present and also to the relatives of the soldiers whose names appeared thereon. In the course of a brief address Mr. Allan alluded with pride to the fact that 75 out of their small population should have gone to fight for the Empire of which we formed a part. They were not there that day to say what others should have done but out of gratitude to the mothers and wives and other relatives of those whose names appeared on the honor board. Such symbols and figures and monuments had a great value to us, and they would have a still greater value to posterity. Never did we expect to be called upon to pay a tribute in such liberal measure to the Motherland. Australia had been like a well protected and well nourished child under the mother's care, and the alarms of war came to us like a bolt from the blue. We could have bought safety at the price of freedom and honor and right; but the response which had been made was a tribute to the moral and physical valor of the people. It showed to the world the community of spirit and community of interest be-

of spirit and community of interest between Australia and the old land, and, better still, it showed that we did not shrink from the community of sacrifice. It was right that we should erect these honor rolls that the boys and girls of to-day could look upon with feelings of honor and of pride.

In unveiling the board Mr. Wilson said that at the present time everything else was a minor matter compared with the necessity of standing for our country against the military aggression of Germany. From earliest years there had been a code of honor amongst the nations, but Germany had broken every rule of humanity even to the dawn of civilisation. In our own country at the present time trouble was being fomented by men who were cavilling and struggling, men who were against the Empire. The time would come when the majority of the people, who were loyalists, would put these men in their places. These men, while enjoying the privilege of citizenship in the country, refused to perform the duties that citizenship imposed. It was necessary for everyone to stand by the authorities in this time of trial and assist to defeat the wreckers who would place the Empire in jeopardy. He admired the spirit of the woman who had offered to do anything she could—even to acting as stewardess—to assist in carrying on the trade of Australia which was so necessary to the vigorous prosecution of the war. That was the spirit that must prevail, if we were to do our share in protecting the Empire from its enemies within and without. He had much pleasure in unveiling the roll of honor, which was dedicated by the district to the fame and glorious memory of those who obeyed their country's call "To arms for liberty!"

A few appropriate remarks were made by Mr. F. T. Chatfield. Miss Thomas sang "God Bless Our Soldiers," and several instrumental items were rendered by an orchestra consisting of Messrs. Thomas (organ), Palmer (clarionette), Somerville (violin) and Creer (horn).