

MRS GREGORY MEMORIAL

UNVEILING CEREMONY.

There was a very large attendance at the Town Hall Gardens yesterday afternoon when the memorial stone and drinking fountain which has been erected by a number of the friends of the late Mrs. Gregory was unveiled. The clergymen of the town were invited to attend and an apology was received from the Rev. J. Dawson Edwards, who was absent through sickness. The Coolgardie Band played several selections in the centre of the gardens before the service commenced. At 3.30 the Rev. C. A. Jenkins opened the service. The late Mrs. Gregory's favorite hymn "Nearer My God to Thee," was sung by the combined choirs, the Liedertafel, and those assembled, with Mr. Ern. Eastmon as conductor. After the Rev. Jenkins had prayed the combined choirs sang the anthem "Crossing the Bar."

The Mayor (Mr. W. G. Aitken) unveiled the memorial stone. In doing so he stated that it was not necessary for him to refer to the many good deeds of their departed friend. The inscription on the stone said "In memory of Mercy Gregory," and no name could be more aptly placed before a surname. Many of those present would remember the noble work performed by Mrs. Gregory at the hospital in the early days, and since then they knew of the good deeds performed by their departed friend.

The Mayor then unveiled the memorial and turned the water on at the drinking fountains at either side of the stone. On the side facing the main entrance to the Park from Bayley-street, the stone was inscribed:—

Erected To The Memory Of
MERCY GREGORY
By Her Loving Friends.

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Coolgardie, 2nd September, 1906.

The Rev. S. S. Bullen then addressed the gathering. He said that Coolgardie was as yet only a young town, but it had a few memorials erected, generally to recognise the community's appreciation of some good trait of some particular individual. For instance they had one to the memory of Ernest Giles, the great explorer, who had lived and died in Coolgardie, and they described him appropriately as "brave and untiring." Not long since they uncovered one to the memory of the early pioneers, the men who had "blazed the track." Now they had erected another, and it was not necessary to dwell on the reason. People generally could be classed into three different kinds. Unfortunately one class was very prominent with the quality which did not make for good. Then there was the class which had no prominent quality either for good or evil, and there was the third and not altogether small class of whom it may be said much good flowed, and there shines forth a cherished good quality. It was that which had won from the citizens of Coolgardie their recognition and appreciation. Those who had not known Mrs. Gregory so well were surprised at the many testimonies received from all parts of Australia at the time of her death. She had been good and kind—a kindness that was not so common. How many in Coolgardie could speak of her sympathy and assistance in the early days, and of the kindness which prompted the timely gift of some necessary comfort. It may be said "Why eulogise a natural quality?" This was the point. People did not always retain their natural qualities. How many had started with good qualities, but had lost or allowed them to dry up? Emperor Nero was referred to as the sym-

peror Nero was referred to as the symbol of all that was cruel and iniquitous. Yet as a lad he was described as of young, generous instincts with an open, honest face. If there was one lesson they could learn from this memorial it was that they should cherish and keep alive those good qualities God had endowed them with at the outset. Those who had those natural good qualities and did not use them should remember that "They should be taken away from them even that which they seemed to have." The possession of one good trait was the means of redemption. The speaker concluded his address with a appeal to those assembled to use their good qualities so that the good work commenced on earth should in time to come be wrought and accomplished.

"Abide with me" was sung by the audience, and the Liedertafel sang "The Soldier's Farewell."

The Rev. C. A. Jenkins closed the service with the Benediction, after which the Coolgardie Band played two selections.

The Kalgoorlie Brass Band, which was in Coolgardie in connection with the church parade offered their services, but as the programme had been previously arranged they were not availed of.

Mr. Gregory and the two sons of the late Mrs. Gregory, Messrs Walter and Harold Taylor, as well as a large number of intimate friends were present at the ceremony, which was of a most impressive nature.

Apologies were received from Mr. H. Gregory (Minister of Mines) and Mr. Stuart.
