

SWAN ORPHANAGE HONOR BOARD.

UNVEILED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

On Saturday afternoon His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Lady Ellison-Macartney, visited the Boys' Orphanage at the Swan, where he unveiled a memorial roll erected in honor of the old boys who have enlisted in the A.I.F. The honor board is a handsome piece of furniture, and is of especial interest from the fact that it is entirely the work of the boys of the manual class at the institution. The board contains 128 names, and an unusual feature is that in the case of nearly half of them the same surname occurs two or more times, indicating the extent to which members of the same families have enlisted. Many of the boys have given up their lives, several have gained distinctions, and one at least has attained commissioned rank.

On the arrival of His Excellency and Lady Ellison-Macartney, musical selections were played by the orphanage band, and after an inspection had been made of the institution the visitors and the boys assembled in the large hall, where the honor board had been erected.

In asking His Excellency to perform the ceremony of unveiling, Archbishop Riley referred to the sound educational and agricultural training which was given by the orphanage, as the result of which the old boys had proved themselves a splendid type of citizen. The fine spirit inculcated by the school was shown by the fact that no fewer than 128 boys had volunteered to do their duty when the Empire called them, a record of which they were justly proud.

His Excellency, in unveiling the roll, said that in erecting that board the boys were doing honor to those who had done much honor to the school. The present boys would not forget that during the time they were at the school the British Empire was in greater peril than ever before, and they would not forget that the old boys who had lived the life they were now living had not been deaf to the call of country, but had offered their lives in defence of Australia and the British Empire. He was quite sure that they had been influenced in answering the call by the fact that they had been taught in that

fact that they had been taught in that school how great a thing it was to do their duty to their country. No country in the British Empire had been more threatened by this war than the continent of Australia. This continent was distinguished more than many other countries of the earth as a place where the sun shone, and Germany wanted to get "a place in the sun." The particular place above all others whose possession Germany had in view if she won this war was Australia. The old boys from the school, among other gallant sons of Australia, had made great sacrifices, had undergone many hardships, and had faced big dangers to prevent their country falling into the hands of Germany. He was sure the present boys would not forget the magnificent example which had been set them, and that if ever the need came they would show themselves no less responsive to the call. The message he had to give them was one which had been the guiding principle in the life of the late Lord Roberts, of the late Lord Kitchener, of Admiral Beatty, and of many other eminent soldiers and sailors of Britain. It was "Fear God and honor the King."