

MILLICENT SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL.

UNVEILING CEREMONY
TO-MORROW.

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT.

A further meeting of the Millicent soldiers' memorial committee, held on Saturday night, put the finishing touch upon the arrangements for the unveiling of the memorial cross to-morrow afternoon, and for the reception of His Excellency the State Governor, Sir Tom Bridges. At the meeting reference was made to several leading residents of the district who, it was thought, should have been invited to the dinner to be tendered to His Excellency. It was pointed out, however, that the secretaries, in issuing the invitations, had adhered strictly to the resolution of the general committee on the subject. The committee was faced by the necessity of limiting the number of invitations, owing to catering difficulties, and for that reason had decided that only members of the memorial committee, and of the district council, and leading officials of all recognised public bodies in the district, should be asked to attend. So many people had accepted the invitation that the seating accommodation at the Grand hotel dining room would be fully occupied. The necessity of punctual attendance at the dinner was emphasized. This function will commence at 6.30 p.m., but it is urged that all who have invitations should attend not later than 6.25 p.m. The after-dinner speeches will be limited to three toasts only.

His Excellency has expressed a desire to inspect the returned soldiers on his arrival at the monument. He will address the children and the British boy farm apprentices at the conclusion of the unveiling ceremony. Before the gathering disperses, several wreaths from local public bodies will be placed on the memorial. Residents who desire to offer similar tributes may do so at the same time. The unveiling ceremony will commence at 3.30 p.m., but it is hoped that the people will attend earlier, in order that all may be accommodated without unnecessary jostling. Owners of motor cars can assist the committee by adhering to the parking arrangements, and by helping to control the traffic. Special places near the monument will be reserved for relatives of fallen soldiers, for children, for returned soldiers, sailors, and nurses, and for boy farm apprentices. All business places in the street, it is hoped, will display bunting. The chairman of the district council and the chair-

man of the district council and the chairman of the memorial committee have invited all members of the A.I.F. to afternoon tea at the Somerset hotel, at the conclusion of the proceedings.

The programme for the afternoon is as follows:—

3 p.m.—Arrival of the Governor at the Millicent district council offices, and presentation by the chairman to His Excellency of the councillors and representatives of public bodies.

3.30 p.m.—Arrival at the memorial by motor car, and inspection of returned soldiers.

Order of unveiling ceremony:—

Short welcome to the Governor by the chairman of the district council (Cr J. B. Mitchell), and reception of His Excellency by the chairman of the soldiers' memorial committee (Mr T. F. Stuckey).

Hymn, "O God our help in Ages Past."

Reading of short passages from Scriptures (Revelations VII, 9-17).

Short prayer, to be read.

Address by chairman of memorial committee.

Unveiling by His Excellency of the memorial.

"The Last Post."

Address by the Governor.

Hymn, "For all the Saints who from their labors rest."

Secular address by Rev. D. Chapman.

National Anthem.

Printed programmes of the ceremony will be distributed at the memorial.