

"TO KEEP THEIR MEMORY GREEN."

GOVERNOR UNVEILS WAR MEMORIAL AT ROSEWATER.

Rosewater was en fete on Saturday afternoon, the occasion being the unveiling by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Archibald Weigall) of the war memorial at the Rosewater Reserve. The memorial is a unique one, inasmuch as it is the first in the State which can be called a women's memorial. For the past 11 months a committee of 22 ladies, all of them relatives of soldiers who went from the district, have been working with all their powers to secure funds to erect a permanent memorial to the men who enlisted from the district to fight for King and country. Their efforts were capped with the success they deserved, and the committee had its reward on Saturday afternoon, when the completed picturesque memorial was unveiled by the Governor in the presence of a large gathering of residents and others. The location of the ceremony was gaily decorated with bunting, and the Hindmarsh Town Band discoursed music at intervals.

His Excellency, who was accompanied by Lady Weigall and the Hon. Nigel and Mrs. Somerset, was escorted to the dais through a guard of honor composed of returned soldiers of the district, members of the committee, and a number of naval cadets. Associated with him on the platform were the Mayor and Mayoress of Port Adelaide (Mr. and Mrs. H. Slade), Brigadier-General Price Weir, Colonel C. P. Butler, and members of the committee.

His Excellency, on rising to perform the ceremony, at the invitation of the Mayor, was greeted with prolonged applause. He expressed great pleasure at having been given the opportunity of unveiling the memorial, and by doing so commemorating the great services rendered by the men who had gone from that district—some to give even their lives as an offering on the altar of duty. To some that day was one of suffering and sorrow when they remembered those they had lost. To them he extended his deepest sympathy. Those men had died in the service of their country, and their sacrifice had not been in vain. He had unveiled a

been in vain. He had unveiled a tangible memorial, but that was not the only thing that could be a memorial. The best memorial they could make was to complete the work the men had commenced, to try and make the country in which they lived a little happier, a little better than they found it, and a little more prosperous. Those

men from the district who had "gone west" had died for those ideals, and unless every man and every woman did their best to forward those ideals and make their country a better place because those men had sacrificed their lives for it, the memorial that had been unveiled that day was only so much stone. It had been his privilege to see a good deal of South Australia in the last two years, and he was sorry he was not going to see more of it. He sometimes thought the people of South Australia did not realise how well off they were. Referring to the perfect weather conditions prevailing, he said they could not value that sun and that sky on any rateable standard. There were people all over the world who would give half they possessed to enjoy a climate like they had in South Australia. He realised how much he was going to miss it when he left. When the perfect climate was taken into consideration it was no wonder the Australians loved their country as much as they did. Australia had proved she was one of the foremost members of the British Commonwealth of Nations, and on behalf of His Majesty the King he assured them that everyone in England realised the sacrifices made by the men of Australia when they rallied in their thousands to the assistance of the mother country in her struggle against the enemy. They had travelled half round the world to get there, urged on by a bond that was absolutely unbreakable as long as the British Empire held together. In Australia the average every-day man showed a deeper sense of loyalty than anywhere else in the British Empire.

In conclusion His Excellency said he could not help referring to the death of one of South Australia's most gallant gentlemen. He was sure that if he were there he would wish that memorial to be kept green in honor of the others. He had been the means of opening up a new means of communication between the old world and the new. By his death Australia had

munication between the old world and the new. By his death Australia had lost one who would have been the means of bringing Australia and England into closer touch than ever before. In response to a request from Sir Archibald, the whole assemblage stood hareheaded in silence for a minute out of respect to the departed hero.

At the instigation of Brig.-Gen. Price Weir, seconded by Mr. T. Macgillivray, a vote of thanks to his Excellency for attending was carried with acclamation.

The memorial is one that does great credit to the ladies. It is located in the south-west corner of the reserve,

and is separated from the reserve proper by an artistic rustic fence. It forms a triangle planted with turf, and dotted with flower beds. Commemorating the fact that from the district 309 men went overseas, 65 of them to remain there, buried in foreign soil, the memorial takes the form of a cross mounted on two blocks, all of granite. The whole work is 13 feet in height, the cross being 6 feet. To the left is a drinking fountain, also carried out in granite, in memory of eight men who died after they had returned from the war zone.

The Roll of Honor, which bore the names in letters of gold of all of the district's heroes, is of polished blackwood with mahogany panels. The granite work was performed by Mr. A. S. Tillett, while the Roll of Honor was executed by Messrs. James Marshall and Co. It is proposed to erect a pergola of roses over the cross. On Saturday laurel wreaths, as a token of remembrance, were placed on the memorial, one for each one who had made the supreme sacrifice. So far the Port Adelaide City Council have attended to the garden and lawn of the memorial, and it is expected they will continue to do so in the future.

The memorial is completely free of debt, the whole of the money required being raised in a number of ways by the ladies' committee. Under the leadership of Miss A. D. Allen (president), Mrs. Dodson (treasurer), and Miss I. Macgillivray (secretary) the committee have performed a great feat and deserve great credit for their splendid efforts which have given Rosewater a memorial of which that district can be justly proud.