

ST. ANDREW'S, SINGLETON.

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL PIPE ORGAN.

SINGLETON, Thursday.

Special interest centred in the commemoration of Anzac Day last Sunday on account of the opening of a pipe organ erected to the memory of sons of the Kirk who served in the great campaign. A splendid three manual seventeen stop instrument has been installed and incorporated in the rich casing of polished kauri are two honour rolls and a memorial tablet, worked in solid brass. In bronze and copper work are emblems of the rising sun, and a laurel wreath inscribed "In grateful memory of." The service was the finest in the history of the congregation, over 700 being crowded into the church, including 70 returned soldiers.

The handsome new organ and the pulpit were draped with the Union Jack and Australian ensign, and the walls bore all the flags of the Allies. The Mayor (Alderman McDougall) and shire president (Councillor A. S. Pankhurst) with a number of aldermen and councillors were in attendance, and the officers of both bodies. Mr. W. Cameron, M.L.A., wearing war ribbons, was also present. At the request of Rev. Clark-Duff, the Mayor and the shire president each took a seat on the dais on either side of the pulpit.

After the "Te Deum" by the choir, prayer, and a hymn, the minister asked the Mayor and Shire President to say a few words before they unveiled the rolls of honour on the front of the new organ.

The Mayor said he felt it to be an honour and a pleasure to be invited to address such an immense congregation on an occasion like this. The people showed how much they appreciated the great work done by our boys in the war. After referring to the historic landing on April 25, 1915, the Mayor stated on April 25, 1918, Australians at Villers-Bretonneux had driven back the pick of the German army and opened the way to the subsequent great victory, and on April 2, 1919, some thousands of them marched through the vast city of London, before bidding farewell to England. He hoped they would long enjoy health, happiness, and prosperity on their return to their native shores.

The shire president expressed his thanks for the invitation to be present at this important function. He took it that the many there desired to honour those whose names were on the honour roll. Those not of the Presbyterian Church felt that St. Andrew's could well be proud of the part its young men had played in the great struggle. It showed the congregation had erected a worthy memorial to preserve the noble deeds of our lads. The names on the honour rolls should inspire the younger generation with the grand sacrificial spirit shown by the lads during the war. They all prayed God that the returned soldiers might have long, happy, and prosperous lives.

The honour rolls were then unveiled, the band playing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," after which the "Cease Fire" was sounded.

The Rev. Clark-Duff next unveiled the memorial tablet in the front centre of the organ, bearing the names of those who had fallen. There are 18 names inscribed in gold on a black ground, and two others

in gold on a black ground, and two others are yet to be inscribed. He said his text that day was not to be found in any Bible, but its spirit was written large on every page of God's word. It was "Anzac," the spirit of service and sacrifice. They gathered that day, as on former anniversaries of the day which really meant the birth of the great nation of Australia. They met now under happier auspices to pay a tribute to those who were spared and to those who would return no more. There was not a loyal and true heart throughout this Continent that did not thrill at the word "Anzac," and which did not appreciate the service and sacrifice of those who won that name. The memorial organ would be a living memorial, whether its notes were sounded in jubilation and victory or whether when it spoke in subdued notes of sorrow it carried their minds back to many an unknown grave on far-off battlefields. While a memorial of the past, he prayed it would ever be an inspiration for the present. While the British Empire lasted and stood for liberty and justice the glorious name of "Anzac" would ever be associated with it. He felt it to be an honour and a privilege to unveil this memorial to the glorious dead. The boys had given their lives, but had found better ones.

The band then played "Lead Kindly Light," and Bandmaster Stewart and Bandsmen Ferrington and Nichols sounded the "Last Post," the congregation standing.

Rev. Clark-Duff then asked Mr. A. D. Hume, who had formerly been their organist for some years, to open the new organ, playing the accompaniment to the hymn "All People that on Earth do Dwell." After the hymn Mrs. Clark-Duff sang a solo, "Life's Glorious Anthem." Other items rendered were the anthem, "Oh, for a Closer Walk with God," by the choir, and the hymn, "Oh, God of War and King of Peace."

The honour rolls are of brass with the names in raised burnished letters, framed handsomely in oak. They comprise some 65 names of members of the church who enlisted, together with that of Nurse Catherton, as follows:—M. Anderson, W. M. Anderson, W. E. Armstrong, H. N. Bott, L. E. Bott, J. Bourke, R. S. Bowman, W. H. Bowman, W. Broadfoot, F. S. Buchanan, W. K. Chapman, S. McI. Clark, A. G. Collbee, L. McD. Cooke, W. A. Coots, J. A. Corbett, B. Cousins, H. V. Cumming, L. D. Drellan, J. A. Fawcett, E. G. Fawcett, R. G. Fawcett, S. G. Fawcett, T. B. Fawcett, H. Gibson, A. J. Gollan, A. J. Haggarty, J. A. Hall, J. J. Hall, R. A. Hamilton, S. A. Hamilton, J. J. Hill, L. A. Hill, H. W. Jarrett, W. D. Jarrett, E. G. W. King, R. Longmuir, G. V. Madden, J. K. Mitchell, A. A. Monroe, D. T. Moore, H. H. Moore, A. M. Morgan, M. D. MacDougall, D. A. McDougall, D. H. McFadden, G. C. McFadden, R. A. McFadden, W. A. McFadden, J. McGrogan, E. K. Newling, W. Richardson, G. C. Russell, W. Russell, H. McD. Scott, A. J. Shaddock, C. H. Shaddock, F. Shearer, W. Shearer, H. J. Shephard, C. H. Tester, D. R. Waddell, J. Waddell, A. H. Watson.

In the evening there was another large attendance, when the service was in keeping with that of the morning.

The following is the list of names of soldiers who fell belonging to the church and inscribed on the memorial tablet:—Capt. W. J. Bowdler, 24th Batt., killed. Ar-

mentlores, 27th July, 1917; Bdr. H. K. Buchanan, 4th Atty., killed Messines, 23rd July, 1917; Pto. D. B. H. Corbett, 34th Batt., killed La Toque, 18th May, 1917; Pto. A. J. Cowle, 80th Batt., killed Pozieres, 3rd March, 1917; Tpr. W. J. Connell, 7th A.L.H., died of wounds, Alexandria, 28th August, 1916; L-Corp. T. D. Madden, 56th Batt., died of wounds, Somme, 28th November, 1916; Sgt. L. Maynard, 17th Batt., killed, France, 8th August, 1918; Pto. S. Maynard, 30th Batt., killed, France, 27th March, 1917; Pto. A. J. Mills, 2nd Batt., killed Gallipoli, 18th May, 1916; Lieut. J. A. Moore, 18th Batt., killed, Suvla Bay, 22nd August, 1916; Tpr. V. R. Morrow, 1st A.L.H., killed, Romani, 4th August, 1916; Pto. R. J. McEadden, 46th Batt., killed, Messines, 9th June, 1917; L-Corp. R. P. McGregor, 3rd Batt., killed, Bapaume, 1st March, 1917; Tpr. A. K. McLachlan, 1st A.L.H., died, Helles, 1st June, 1916; Pto. A. D. Reid, 33rd Batt., killed, France, 18th November, 1917; Pto. M. Robson, 34th Batt., died at sea; Sgt. Major G. D. Shepherd, 1st A.L.H., killed, 1st Arish, 21st December, 1916; Pto. G. A. Smith, 17th Batt., killed, France, 26th July, 1916; Corp. H. Thornton, 18th Batt., killed, Bullecourt, 13th April, 1917; Corp. P. A. V. White, 6th A.L.H., killed, Arras, 27th March, 1918.