

## MEMORIAL WINDOW

### At Patterson-st. Methodist Church

#### UNVEILING CEREMONY.

Yesterday afternoon a large gathering assembled at the Patterson-street Methodist Church to take part in and witness the ceremony of unveiling the beautiful window and honor tablet erected in the church to the memory of the men and women of the church who served in the great war. Rev. H. A. Overend, B.A., chairman of the Tasmanian Methodist Assembly, who journeyed from Hobart to participate in the service, in the opening prayer implored that the soil which holds the dust of those who fell in a foreign land might be always held sacred, and that the sacrifice they and their companions who returned made might for ever be held in a right remembrance by Australians.

Rev. J. R. Harcourt, B.A., the minister of the church, on behalf of the trustees, accepted the window with these words: "It is with much gratitude, on behalf of the trustees of this church, that I accept this beautiful window as a gift from the members of this congregation. It is dedicated to the glory of God, in honor of the brave men, many of whom laid down their lives, who by their self-sacrifice and devotion saved for us our liberties. As Sabbath after Sabbath, for generations to come, men and women meet in this holy place for worship, they will ever be reminded of the days that have gone, and this window will bring home to them the truth that God expects to find in every soldier of the Cross the same spirit as was found in the men whose names are here inscribed. The tablet beneath the window contains the names of 122 men, 23 of whom made the supreme sacrifice. The only names found there are those (1) of men who at the time of enlistment were actually members of the congregation or the school, and (2) of those whose near relatives were attendants at the church at that time."

#### DESCRIPTION OF WINDOW AND TABLET.

The window is a pair, one representing victory over wrong as depicted by St. George, sword in hand, with the slain dragon beneath his feet, with the shield of faith held by his left hand. The other, the figure of peace, with

The other, the figure of peace, with doves, holding a palm leaf, symbolical of the ultimate triumph of peace. The whole is surmounted by a crown and palm leaves, symbolising the crown of victory and peace. The coloring is beautiful, and the church is to be congratulated for so beautifully and permanently recording its appreciation of the services rendered by those who served. The honor roll is a very beautiful piece of work in opus sectill mosaic, surrounded by a beautifully carved frame of blackwood. The names of the men who made the supreme sacrifice are upon a scroll in the centre of the tablet, surmounted by the Australian military emblem, and surrounded by a wreath of gum leaves.

The congregation then stood while the Rev. Harcourt unveiled the window, which bears the inscription, "To the glory of God, and in honor of the men from this church who served in the great war."

"We thank God," said Mr Harcourt, "for these men whose memory will never die, and for those who mourn we pray that the God of all comfort may be their portion."

#### REV. OVEREND'S ADDRESS.

Rev. Overend expressed his regret that Mr Harcourt was unable to give the address, and prayed that God would soon restore him to health. During the last two or three weeks England has been moved by the burial of an unknown soldier, and been deeply touched. We are thankful for this, and more thankful that in Australia there is no need, for we are one, we are not divided into classes. Officers and men are loved brothers. We can gather in a ceremony such as this to celebrate the noble men and brave women who brought comfort to suffering men in hospitals, of Egypt, France and elsewhere. These are the loved ones of our homes. Why have we unveiled the window to the memory of these men and women? Not to breed militarism; rather destroy all honor boards and windows. These men died and fought to save our country from humiliation, our women from dishonor, and our children from serfdom. The window stands as a call to worship God. Need we relate the history of the hardships? Some were frozen on Gallipoli, some lost in the trenches in Flanders, some poisoned by gases. Nurses endured anxious days and sleepless nights. To forget these sacrifices would make us unworthy. There is danger in indifference, and the window will be an everlasting reminder to awaken our thoughts and quick-

window will be an everlasting reminder, to awaken our thoughts and quicken our imaginations, and to remember the watches of the mothers who waited and prayed. The members of the church by donating the window have established a perpetual call to be thankful, and to take up a duty. Every name reminds us of a call heard and obeyed. These men have given Australia back to us, and have laid at our feet an imperishable opportunity. If the spirit of consecration which moved these men and women ever dies, this great nation must decay. This nation needs an army of young men and women who will lay aside ease and luxury and lay themselves out to build up a great nation. Only 150 years ago slavery was a settled policy in England. Children were given to mine owners and manufacturers to pay dividends from their labors. Only 150 years ago to have stolen 5s worth of goods meant peril of the gallows. Only 90 years ago imbeciles were actually chained to their beds of straw on Saturday and left there from Saturday until Monday. Can you imagine us back to days like that? Who has helped to sweep these and similar atrocities from our midst? Men like the Wesleys, Wilberforce, Clarkson, men who despised wealth, men who consecrated themselves to save the nation, as the men we honor to-day. Young people, consecrate yourselves to God, and to the uplifting of your fellows. There is still a fight to be fought, a good to be won. Can you still live a pleasure loving, money getting life? May God lead us to live for and serve our fellow men. Then these men will not have fought and died in vain.