

# MONUMENT UNVEILED

BY GOVERNOR-GENERAL  
IN ST. DAVID'S CHURCH GROUNDS

One of the first functions performed by His Excellency the Governor-General yesterday, was the unveiling of a monument erected in the grounds of St. David's Presbyterian Church, Albury, in memory of fallen soldier adherents.

A special church service was held at 11 o'clock, when there was a large congregation. Prominent visitors occupied seats behind the Vice-Regal party. There were also present, Ministers of the various Protestant Churches, and many relatives of fallen soldiers, in addition to a number of returned men. Probably no more impressive service of the kind has been held, and many eyes were filled with tears.

Rev. A. Fleming, assisted by Rev. P. H. Widmer, of Culcairn, conducted the service. The church was decorated, while at the base of the communion table reposed a number of beautiful wreaths, which were subsequently placed round the foot of the monument.

As the Vice-Regal party entered the church, the congregation was standing and remained so till the National Anthem and Psalm 29 were sung. Rev. Widmer then recited a short passage after which prayers were offered, the congregation taking part.

Rev. Widmer next read the first eight verses from the 40th chapter of the Prophet Isaiah, after which Hymn 237 was sung. There was then another prayer and the concluding hymn, No. 306.

During the singing of the last three verses a procession left the church for the unveiling ceremony, and the congregation remained standing till "Amen" was sung.

When the congregation had assembled round the memorial, Rev. Fleming read an appropriate address, and on behalf of the congregation thanked the Governor-General for attending to perform the ceremony. All the eligible young men of the congregation, he said, had volunteered and enlisted, while in addition a nurse and a munition worker assisted in their country's cause. As the young men reached the age of 18 years, they, too showed the same desire to play their part in the great war.

## SPEECH BY GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

His Excellency said: "The first time I came through Albury was before the war. I came here again to see your camp in the middle of the war. And I am glad indeed of having the privilege this morning of unveiling a beautiful monument. No King's representative can have a higher honor than to unveil a monument raised by a congregation whose sons played their full part in the war—than to unveil a memorial like this. The war is over; Victory is won; and the trials of the last four or five years will soon pass into history, but won't fade from memory. The experiences of the war days are too deep. Our institutions, our liberties, our all had been at stake. It is true we have not felt the horrors of war like other countries. We have not been tortured and plundered like France nor have our cities been bombarded, or

been tortured and plundered like France nor have our cities been bombarded, or our children killed such as was the case in London and Scarborough. Thanks to our King's fleet, our skies and shores have been inviolate. As we look on this monument this morning, we know of the sacrifices made by these men so that this country might have centuries of peace. Britain's sons did not shelter behind the fleet, but crossed the seas and fought the foe on the threshold of his own country. We have met this day in remembrance of citizens who gave their lives so that this country might become great and maintain our freedom, and develop and hold away in the Southern Seas. Sons of Australia fought on land and sea alongside Britons and the sons of all the Empire. It was the British race that confronted the enemy, and beat him at sea, and that played an important part in beating him on land. A monument such as yours is as a sheet torn from the Empire's mighty scroll, containing the names of those who answered the country's call, and left behind a work to inspire succeeding generations."

As His Excellency, the presiding Ministers, the mayor (Ald. Waugh), and Mr. R. T. Ball, Minister for Works and Railways, stood on the platform, several photographs were taken.

Outside the church and at the entrance were guards of honor made up by the senior cadets and a number of returned soldiers wearing their uniforms.

## NAMES OF THE FALLEN.

The following are the names of the fallen soldiers, inscribed on the monument:—

- E. Ramage,
- G. Rosborough,
- L. B. Sutherland,
- J. J. Sutherland,
- J. W. Simpson, M.O.
- A. E. Stevenson,
- J. W. Anderson,
- A. Briggs,
- W. Cleland,
- R. S. Davey,
- L. M. Grass,
- R. W. Hore, D.S.O.
- W. A. Kruse,
- A. Lindsay,
- A. K. Mason,
- N. M. McDonald,
- A. H. McMasters,
- R. Ogilvie,
- A. N. Potter.

## LIST OF WREATHS.

Wreaths were laid round the monument in memory of the following:—W. A. Kruse, Pte. Jack and Gunner Ben Sutherland, Arthur O. Potter, E. Ramage and A. H. McMasters, Pte. W. Cleland, Pte. R. Davey, L. M. Grass, Major R. Hore. To the memory of Lieut.-Col. Simpson, there were four handsome wreaths and also a fine one inscribed "To the memory of the Fallen by the congregation of St. David's."

## THE MONUMENT DESCRIBED.

The monument is of the Early English style of Gothic architecture with chamfered and moulded bases. The panels are of marble. On top of the moulded caps rests a diminishing needle on which is raised a trefold panel on all four sides. The total height is a little over 12 feet, and the base is 4 feet square. The material used is from the Pyrmont Quarries, Sydney, and the panels are of Sicilian marble. The inscription is in what is known as imperishable lead lettering. The principal tablet super-imposed on the west front bears the following inscription:—

"To the Glory of God and in Memory of Our Men who Fell during the Great War, 1914-1919."

The monument was designed by Mr. Theo Greenfield, the well-known sculptor and monumental mason, of Kiewa street, Albury, who was also responsible for the artistic manner in which it was finished.