

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS.

Harefield Church Memorial.

UNVEILING CEREMONY.

LONDON, 28th April.

Sir Granville Ryrie, High Commissioner for Australia, in the presence of the Agents-General—Messrs. W. C. Angwin (West Australia), R. E. Snowden (Tasmania), J. Huxham (Queensland), Sir H. Barwell (South Australia), and Sir George Fuller (New South Wales), in addition to Mr. T. Trumble, official secretary in London for Australia, and Mr. C. H. Manning, Director of Migration and Settlement, to-day unveiled a memorial in Harefield church to 172 Australian soldiers who had died in Harefield Hospital, and who were buried in the church yard. Sir Francis Newdegate, a former Governor of Tasmania and West Australia, who is the patron of the Harefield living, donated the memorial.

Sir G. Ryrie, in his address, said Australia was proud to have sent 400,000 of her sons oversea. They were all volunteers, and 56,000 had made the supreme sacrifice. The vicar, Rev. J. Grundy, who dedicated the memorial, preached from the text, Greater Love Hath No Man. Sir Thomas Newdegate read the lessons, and the Harefield Boys' Brigade sounded the Last Post and the Reveille.

The battalion flags, which Australian children gave Harefield children, were draped on the memorial. The vicar also dedicated an "Australian gate" leading to the Australian graves.