

## PIONEERS HONOURED AT URANIA

The Memorial Tower erected in front of the Urania Methodist Church was opened on Saturday, February 13.

Rev. H. Alvey opened the proceedings with prayer, and Miss B. M. Davies, a descendant of one of the pioneer families, officially opened the Tower doors.

Mr. F. B. G. Greenslade, secretary of the Trust, thanked Miss Davies, and on behalf of the trustees presented her with a gold-plated key, fittingly inscribed.

Rev. Alvey stated that the trustees had granted permission to the members of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelly to erect a stained-glass memorial window in the Tower to the memory of their parents. Mrs. A. R. Bagshaw, the only daughter of the family, was too ill to be present to perform the unveiling ceremony, and in her absence Mr. J. G. Kelly, of Giles' Corner, brother of the late Joseph Kelly, unveiled the beautiful window.

The congregation then proceeded into the church, where Revs. H. Alvey and A. J. Finch conducted the Dedication Service.

Miss M. Searle beautifully rendered the solo, "Take my life and let it be."

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The closing hymn and benediction completed a service long to be remembered by those present.

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From 5 p.m. until 7.30 p.m. a large crowd gathered in the hall for a sumptuous high tea.

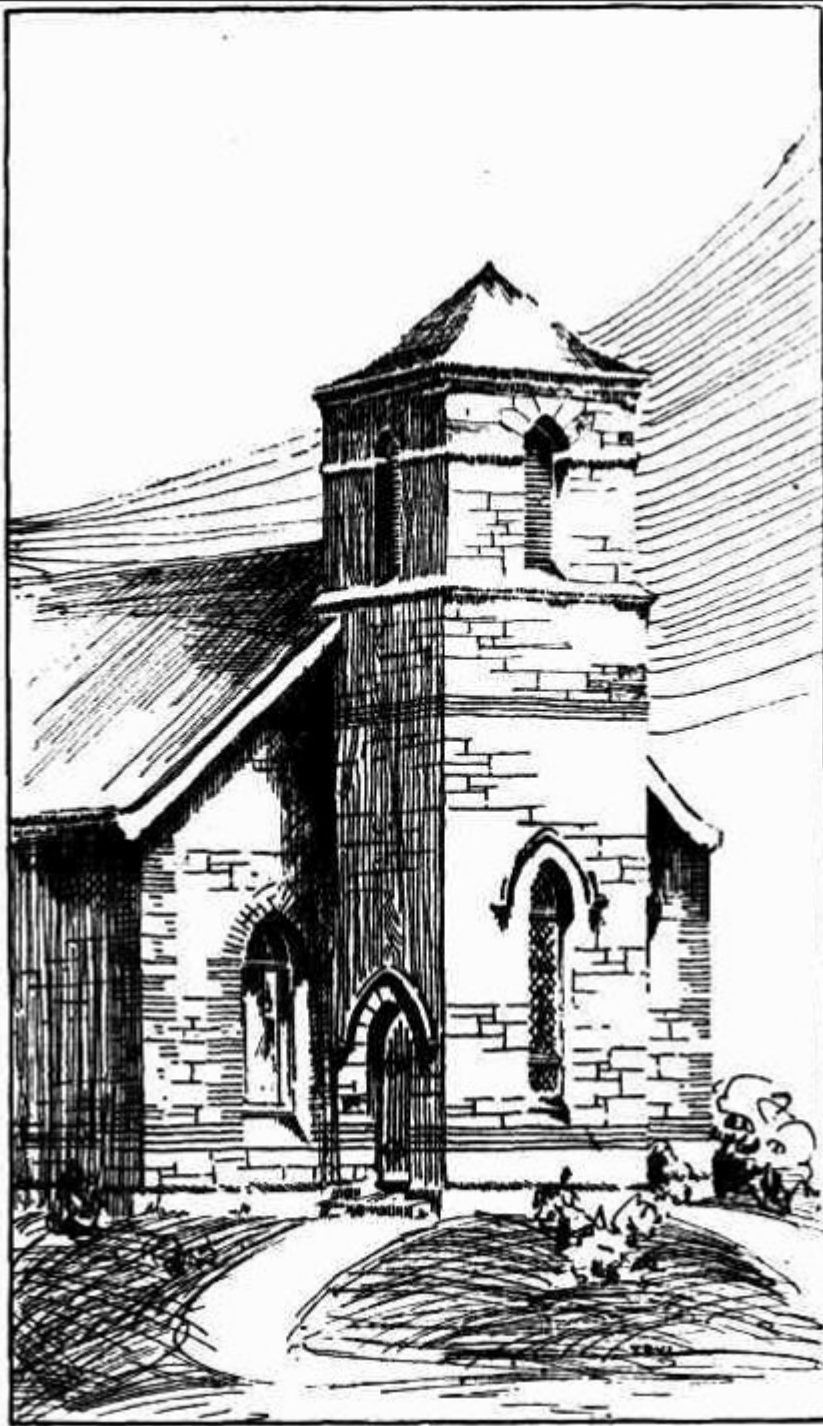
Shortly after 8 p.m. the concert commenced. Mrs. L. R. Sturm opened the programme with a piano-forte selection. A party of artists from

Wallaroo, including Mrs. G. Buchanan and Misses Brown and Hughes delighted the audience with their solos and duets, and Miss N. Dohnt gave pleasure with her recitals. Miss M. Searle, who came from Adelaide to assist with the celebrations, received well-merited applause for her solos. The Maitland artists consisted of Mrs. L. R. Sturm; Misses B. and M. Fischer, and Messrs. J. A. Butler, O. E. Hedley and G. M. Gunning.

The achievement of the Urania ladies in preparing for the comfort of the crowd present is worthy of highest praise.

Sunday brought the Church Anniversary Services. The church was packed to its utmost capacity when the service commenced at 3 p.m. Many Urania people gave up their seats and heard the service from the schoolroom. Rev. A. J. Finch delivered two remarkable addresses, and it was a joy to feel that his old fire and enthusiasm was not quenched. The Maitland Methodist Church Choir rendered anthems during the afternoon, and Miss M. Searle and Mr. O. E. Hedley sang at both services.

Urania Methodists have nobly honoured their noble fathers.



**PIONEERS' MEMORIAL TOWER OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, URANIA**