

NEW METHODIST CHURCH AT SOUTH HUMMOCKS.

After holding services in the South Hummocks day school for some years, the Methodists of that district have decided to erect a church. The foundation stone was laid on Wednesday, May 3rd. A fairly large company assembled on the site of the new building at 8 p.m. The proceedings were opened by Rev. A. J. Finch (Superintendent of the Koolpara Circuit). The hymn for the occasion was sung, after which the Rev. W. A. Bainger, of Port Wakefield, read Psalm 84, and offered a prayer. Mr. Finch then gave a history of the Methodist cause at South Hummocks, and the steps which had led to the formation of a trust and the resolve to build. The people had given most generously, and he was able to report about £86 in hand besides the promise of material and labour, and it was expected that the church, which is to cost about £140, will be opened free from debt. The church stands on land given by Mr. John Penna. A bottle, containing copies of the "Christian Commonwealth" and Adelaide and other papers, a copy of the circuit plan, and other documents, with coins of the realm, were placed in a cavity under the stone. Mr. John Penna, the Treasurer, then presented Mr. Black, of Balaklava, with a suitably inscribed silver trowel, and asked him, on behalf of the Trustees, to lay the foundation stone. In a few suitable words Mr. Black declared the stone to be well and truly laid, and called upon the people to lay their offerings on the stone. Addresses were given by the Revs. Geo. Hall, Balaklava, and W. A. Bainger, Port Wakefield, after which Messrs. Forrest and Taylor thanked Mr. Black and the visiting ministers for their services. The company then adjourned to the public school to partake of an excellent tea provided by the

ladies of the congregation. The event passed off very pleasantly, and the numerous visitors from Balaklava and Port Wakefield and elsewhere had a most enjoyable time. The photographer was busy preparing pictures which are to appear in the Kapunda paper.