

## ST. MARTIN'S

### MULLUMBIMBY CHURCH DEDICATED

#### PARISHIONERS' GOOD WORK

MULLUMBIMBY, Wednesday.—To have erected and dedicated almost free of cost during the last three years St. Martin's Church of England is the splendid feat that has been performed by the parishioners of Mullumbimby. The church was dedicated to-day in perpetuation of the memory of those who died in the war.

The new church is of brick, and stands as a splendid memorial to the work of the people. The foundation stone was laid on November 24, 1921, and to-day saw the consummation of the cherished ambition of the church people, the returned soldiers, and the vicar. The value of the church is estimated at £7000, and only £2000 remains owing. This amount has been guaranteed at the bank by several well-wishers of St. Martin's, and was considerably reduced by to-day's offertory.

Mr. W. P. King's name will long be remembered in connection with the church. He gave 12 months of his time to the work free of charge. All the furniture and fittings were given by church supporters.

To the Rev. A. G. Moore, now of Lismore, who had the laying of the foundation stone carried out, and the Rev. D. J. Collins, the present vicar, who has had the building completed, the thanks of the community are due.

Visitors came from all parts of the diocese, and it was estimated that 3000 people were present. This number included people of all denominations.

There were also a large number of clergymen from all parts of the diocese. They included the Archbishop of Brisbane (Dr. Gerald Sharpe, M.A., D.D.), Bishop J. W. Ashton, M.A., D.D. (Bishop of Grafton), Ven. Archdeacon E. Lampard, B.A. (Casino), Archdeacon A. B. Tress (Grafton), Canon Lomas (Murwillumbah), and the Revs. E. J. Merchant (Ballina), R. Bates (Copman-

Merchant (Ballina), R. Bates (Copmanhurst), H. S. Lilley (Morningside, Brisbane, and late of Tweed Heads), H. Buttrum (Alstonville), G. M. Gerry (Byron Bay), R. Rigby (Woodburn), G. A. G. James (Uki), A. G. Moore (Lismore), F. Eveleigh (Clunes), D. J. Collins (Mullumbimby), Bro. Carey (Mullumbimby), and the representatives of the diocesan council and church officers.

### CLERGYMEN WELCOMED

Prior to the dedication service the visiting clerics were welcomed at the Masonic Hall by Ald. W. E. Selwood, who is also president of the Byron Shire, on behalf of the municipality and shire. A procession was formed at the Masonic Hall and marched to the church led by the Light Horse, under Lieut. Worboys. Then followed the returned soldiers, the church committee and officers, the Sunday school children, choir, and clergy. Then came Archbishop Sharpe, attended by the Rev. Lilley, and Bishop Ashton, attended by the Ven. Archdeacon Tress, diocesan organiser.

Mr. H. Main presided at the organ, and Mr. R. Compton, of Lismore, assisted with the cornet in the church.

The Rev. Collins briefly addressed the congregation. The doors were then closed and the hymn, "The Church Has One Foundation," having been sung, Bishop Ashton attended by his chaplain, deacons of honour, and the vicar, knocked at the church door. His Lordship recited a prayer, and the bell in the tower was rung. The doors were opened by Mr. Armitage, foreman of the building, who handed his Lordship the petition requesting him to dedicate the church. The keys were handed to the bishop by Mr. Rollo, churchwarden.

Various parts of the solemn service were taken by Archdeacon Tress, Canon Lomas, and the Revs. Merchant, James, Buttrum, Bates, Rigby, Gerry, and Moore. The prayer of dedication by the bishop followed, after which the Gloria was sung.

The Archbishop of Brisbane took as his text the second chapter of St. Paul's epistle to the Ephesians, verses 19 and 20 :

"Thou therefore are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God.

"And one built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone."

### ARCHBISHOP'S ADDRESS

Archbishop Sharpe said that in the epistle referred to, St. Paul compared the Holy Catholic Church to a building with Christ as the head or corner stone. The other stones in the building represented the apostles, prophets, and immortal souls. The Christian church was founded on the living soul, and that soul was Jesus Christ. The living Christian church was not founded on the Bible, as many people thought. If their Lord and Master had remained dead after His crucifixion, and had not risen, there would have been no Christian church or religion.

Everything in their religion was based on the soul's attitude towards Christ. If this attitude was the correct one, then everything that was necessary would follow. Christ's own people, the Jews, rejected Him, and He rose on the third day, as He said He would, and was exalted as the chief corner stone and head of the Christian church. St. Paul, in one of his letters, declared the other stones of the church to be Christ's disciples and prophets.

His Grace said that it should be a pleasure to them to worship in such a beautiful church amidst such beautiful thoughts—the thoughts of sacrifice.

After the service a largely attended luncheon was held in the School of Arts. Bishop Ashton presided.

The offertory of the day, which is to be devoted to the building funds, was handed to the Bishop by Mesdames Slowgrove and Whittall, mothers of fallen soldiers.

The honour roll, which is made of beaten copper and brass, is very large, and is attached to the northern side of the building.

To-night at St. Martin's a special service was held, at which Bishop Ashton was the preacher, and at which All Saints' choir, Murwillumbah, led the singing.

The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered at 9.45 a.m. on Thursday, followed by the rite of Confirmation. At 11 a.m. Bro. Cavey will be ordained to the office of deacon.