

LUTHERAN CHURCH AT STOCKWELL.

STOCKWELL, March 7.

Stockwell, although one of the centres where a large number of Germans, who emigrated from Germany, settled, is unlike most of such places in that it is without a church. Usually the first inclination of these old settlers after they had laid out their homesteads was to attend to their religious requirements. At Stockwell the settlers were badly off financially, and the idea of building a church had to be postponed. Some attended the churches at Light's Pass, whilst the others wended their way to Eben-Ezer. However, in the year 1856 some of these people, all of whom came from near Konigreich Sachsen, erected a school about two miles from here. Mr. J. H. Angus gave a good donation. Sad to say, only one of these old identities, Mr. Jaeger, survives. During the week school was kept, and on Sundays the building answered the purpose of a church. The late Rev. Marschmidt first officiated, and after his death the Rev. Niquette took charge. In 1894 he was succeeded by the Rev. F. Hasfeld. After withstanding the weather for over 50 years this old church, as it might now be called, and the teaching had ceased long ago, has become a total wreck. It was built of pug and slabs. At the latter end of last year a resolution was passed deciding that the old church could no longer fulfil its requirements, and that a new one should be built. A site was selected on the corner of Mr. Jakob Mickan's land in Stockwell.

Tenders were invited, and the successful applicants for the construction of the new building were Messrs. H. Juncken and G. Johannsen. On Sunday the foundation stone of the Lutheran Church was laid by the Rev. F. Hasfeld. The weather was perfect, and vehicles of all sorts streamed into this little village from all the surrounding towns. The ceremony opened with a selection by the Tanunda Band, conducted by Mr. Riebe. After this the Rev. F. Hasfeld gave an eloquent address and laid the foundation stone. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Juttner, sang several hymns, and before dispersing the band rendered another selection. The collection totalled over £15. After the ceremony refreshments were handed round.