

St. Matthew's New Church.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE.

The building of St. Matthews' new Church is being rapidly pushed on with, and on Saturday last the foundation stone was laid by the Very Rev. The Dean of Adelaide.

The Quorn Loco. Brass Band, in response to an invitation, kindly attended, playing a lively march *en route* from the town to the Church, where they played a selection of suitable and appropriate music in a highly creditable manner. A large number of citizens were present to witness the interesting ceremony, and on the platform were the Dean of Adelaide (Rev. Charles Marryat M.A.), the Rector (Rev F. E. Perrin, M.A.), the Building Committee, and the Choir. Prior to the service a photograph of the scene was taken by Mr Taylor, of Port Augusta.

The office for the laying of the foundation stone having been said by the Rector, the Choir chanted Psalm 122. Mr C. E. Dench (minister's warden) then presented a carved wooden trowel, made from the wood of the old Church by the Rector, to the Dean and requested him on behalf of the Building Committee to lay the stone.

Under the stone in a bottle were placed copies of the Jubilee Service *Church News*, and *Quorn Mercury*; also some copper coins. The following document was also deposited in the vessel to explain the circumstances and occasion to those of a future generation who may discover the receptacle:—

The Church of Saint Matthew, Quorn; June 26th, 1897, being the year of our Lord in which our Most Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria completed full sixty years of her glorious reign. In the name of Jesus Christ to all men greeting. This foundation

Christ to all men greeting. This foundation stone of our Church was laid on this day by the Very Rev. Charles Marryat, M.A., Dean of Adelaide and Vicar General, for the erection of a sanctuary to the greater glory of God. Sir T. Fowell Buxton being at this present time the Governor of the Colony, John Reginald Harmer D.D. being Bishop of the Diocese; Frederick Eugene Perrin, M.A., Rector of Quorn; Charles E. Dench and William Halbert, Wardens of St. Matthews; W. R. Mallyon (Port Pirie), Hon. Architect; Messrs Smerdon & Co. (Hawker) contractors.

The inscription on the stone was "A. M. D. G., 1897."

The Very Rev. The Dean of Adelaide, having declared the stone well and truly laid, congratulated the church people of Quorn on the commencement of the good work of building a new Church which was, he understood, to be a handsome edifice with rich fittings and one worthy and suitable for God's house. It was a fitting thing that the building should have been started in this year, at the time when they were keeping the Diamond Jubilee of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. He regretted the absence of the Bishop, who had gone to England to the Pan Anglican Conference where upwards of two hundred Bishops would be gathered to meet the Archbishop of Canterbury to confer on matters concerning the Church. It was noteworthy that our Bishop had been the one appointed to preach at St. Paul's Cathedral on Thanksgiving Sunday. In addition to the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty, which had been celebrated so successfully, and, he was thankful to say, without any accident, the present time was indeed a memorable one as regards anniversaries, and recalled to our mind many past events of note. It was just thirteen hundred years ago this year that St. Augustine landed in England to convert the Anglo Saxons, and at the Pan Anglican Conference which he had referred to the Archbishop of Canterbury would be sitting on the the same seat which had been occupied by St. Augustine all those centuries ago. Bishop Kennion, their former

by St. Augustine all those centuries ago. Bishop Kennion, their former Bishop, would be amongst those at the Conference and it was interesting to note that in his see was Glastonbury, the place where the first Christian Church in England had been erected. Turning to our own colony, he said we were at the Jubilee of the establishment of the Bishopric of Adelaide, the first Bishop having been Bishop Short, whose work was so well remembered and who was consecrated fifty ago on Tuesday next, St. Peter's Day (29th inst.). It was also about 21 years now since the establishment of the Church at Quorn, and he referred to the fact that while in the early days of Bishop Short it would have been a seven day's journey from Adelaide to Quorn he was able to come there comfortably in eleven hours. They were thus attaining their majority, and as was said in Holy Writ "When I became a man I put away childish things," so they were now attaining their full manhood, and instead of their old wooden building they were establishing a substantial building more worthy for the worship of God. He congratulated the Minister, the Wardens and the Building Committee on being able to commence the work, and he referred to the fact that the possibility of proceeding with the building at the present time had been brought about by the energy of their Rector, who, when in Adelaide at the Bishop's annual Home Mission Meeting, had most eloquently brought before the people there the wants of the North, with the result that he had not only touched their hearts but their pockets. He hoped the building would be, as inferred by the initials on the stone, "to the greater glory of God," that it would bring forth many sons and daughters, and that by its influence many would be brought back from the paths of sin.

The hymn "The Church's one founda-

tion" was sung, during which the offerings were taken up and purses laid on the stone, the whole amount thus collected being £12. The Dean then pronounced the Benediction, and another photo of the assemblage was then taken.

Mr W. Halbert, peoples' warden, then presented a wooden trowel (similar to the one presented to the Dean) to J. G. Craig, Esq., requesting him to set the Jubilee memorial stone.

Under this stone were placed copies of the Adelaide papers of June 24th which contained an account of the

Diamond Jubilee festivities, and one of the Jubilee medals, also the following document:—

To all men greeting! This memorial stone, to commemorate the completion of sixty years sovereignty over her nation and empire by our good and gracious Lady Queen Victoria, was set in this Church of St. Matthew, Quorn, (on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone) by J. G. Craig, Esq., Resident Engineer, Quorn; June 26th, 1897. F. E. Perrin, Rector; C. E. Dench and W. Halbert, Wardens.

This stone had a diamond inscribed on it, across which was—"Jubilee, V.R., 1897."

J. G. Craig, Esq., having declared the stone well and truly set, said he would long value the trowel, which had been presented to him, as a memento of the occasion, and in the course of an interesting and appropriate address referred to the long and glorious reign of Her Majesty the Queen and the great advancement which had been made during the last sixty years in scientific works, and pointing out other signs of our great national progress. With regard to the building of their new Church, he referred to the fact that the first practical step towards this good work

practical step towards this good work had been taken in the year 1891 when £20, left over from the proceeds of a bazaar, were laid aside as a nucleus for a building fund.

After a prayer for Her Majesty the Queen had been offered up by the Rector the National Anthem, led by the Choir and Band, was heartily sung by those present, and the proceedings terminated.

During the ceremony Master Graham Craig bore the processional cross, and Masters Allan Morton and Albert Berger acted as servers and carried the deposits for the stone

SERVICES AT ST. MATTHEW'S ON SUNDAY.

Services were conducted by the Dean of Adelaide and the Rector at St. Matthew's Church on Sunday at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Holy Communion being celebrated at the morning services; the Dean preached at the morning and evening services.

Owing to the heavy rain the congregation at the morning service was a small one. The Dean took as his text "O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm xxix, 2), and in his discourse referred to Westminster Abbey and the other grand cathedrals in the old country, buildings which were in these latter days rarely equalled and certainly not surpassed. These grand old buildings generally attracted much attention from colonial visitors, and often had surprise been expressed that such magnificent structures had been the work of what is now regarded as the dark ages. They were evident proofs of the great liberality extended to the Church in those times, and he referred to the fact that when Winchester Cathedral was built the population of England was only 2,000,000. The great liberality of former ages had been ascribed to many motives, including superstition, but he thought it was not right of us to question their motives, but better to think that these buildings and the many old handsome parish churches were monuments to the further glory of God. He referred to the Temple at Jerusalem which transcended all other buildings in beauty, but he said the regard for God's glory had lasted through all the ages to the present time. He referred to the large amount spent by the Church in recent years for religious instruction and for the building of sanctuaries; also to the fact that in some places there were more places of worship than were needed, a state of things brought about by unhappy divisions. The

brought about by unhappy divisions. The colonial cathedrals, too, showed that the fear of God and the recognition of his glory were implanted in us, and would last through the ages as evidences of our desire to do Him honor. Certainly costly buildings were not everything; God does not live in a temple made by hands, as had been said by Solomon at the dedication of the Temple; yet though God might be worshipped just as well in a cottage no Christian should be content to do so if he had the means to do better. David had expressed the idea that he could not live in a grand house while the Ark of the Covenant dwelt in a tent, and like him the true Christian feels that as our heavenly Father is the giver of all good things we should make our worship worthy of Him. He could not but think that was the idea they had in building their new Church, and he referred to the singularly appropriate nature of the time the work had been commenced, at the Jubilee of the diocese. He was glad to know they were commencing the work well, and truly much could be achieved if the right spirit were adopted. He was glad to learn the Church would be opened free of debt. The Dean concluded "May God bless your efforts, may the Church which you are erecting prove a true beacon light to save men from sin, and for the true worship of God. Let our Church be beautiful and our lives and worship correspond, so uniting in one harmonious whole our lives, praise and worship to the glory of God."

At the evening service the Church was crowded. In the course of an interesting discourse the Dean made appropriate reference to the Diamond Jubilee and the Jubilee of the Diocese, also to the life's work of Bishop Short, at whose consecration the Dean was present.