

**A MEMORIAL TO TRUSTEES.**

ARDROSSAN, August 31.—For some time the minister and trustees of the local Methodist Church have been considering the advisability of honoring the memory of those who formed the personnel of the first trust of the church. A decision was made that it should take the form of a memorial porch and the laying of the foundation stone was performed on Friday by the Hon. D. J. Gordon, whose father was one of the foundation members. The Rev. A. T. Strange had charge of the proceedings. Mr. G. Clough (secretary) read a history of the trust, which showed that the foundation trustees appointed on June 23, 1877, were Messrs. Thos. Gordon, W. H. Dobinson, G. J. W. Freeman, William Allison, Parker Bowman, Elijah Lodge, Benjamin Pavy, G. Webb, John Rowe, and Thos. Hogarth (secretary). Mr. C. Cane (chairman of the Yorke Peninsula District Council) introduced the Hon. D. J. Gordon. Mr. R. Morris, one of the present trustees, handed Mr. Gordon a silver trowel with which to perform the ceremony. Mr. Gordon said he had received most of his education at Watervale, in the Stanley Grammar School, under the late Mr. J. S. Cole, although he had first attended the Ardrossan school. Of the first trustees of the church, only two, Messrs. G. J. W. Freeman and H. Dobinson, were now living. They had written to say they were sorry they were unable to be present, but had forwarded donations to help the trustees. After the church had been built it was found that one of the walls was out of plumb, and his father with others was entrusted with the task of bracing it up. He commended the present trustees for their effort to honor the memory of those fine men whose names were inscribed on the stone, and he was pleased to see so many representatives of their families present. Mr. A. J. Jarrett moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Gordon, and Mr. A. R. Thomas seconded. Representatives of the other churches in the circuit, Mr. L. Rowe (Sandilands), and Messrs. W. J. Crowe and H. Davey (Pine Point) congratulated the Ardrossan people on the work they were doing in memory of the old trustees. Afterwards a public tea was held in the lecture hall. A recital in aid of the trust fund was given in the institute in the evening by Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Anderson and Master Val Anderson, of Adelaide. Mrs. Crossley rendered solos, and Mrs. Bower violin selections. The sum of £26 was placed on the stone, and about £34 was taken at the evening entertainment.