

## BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ADELAIDE.

THIS handsome edifice was duly opened for divine worship on Sunday, 23rd June last. The style of the building is Gothic, of an early period. The exterior is of dark rubble, with rusticated quoins and dressings of cement. The roofing is of slate, surmounted by a cast-iron cresting. The principal entrance is in the centre of the front, and through a vestibule under the tower; thence by an inner lobby to the aisles. The total length of the interior is 77 feet, the breadth 43 feet, and the height from floor to upper portion of the ceiling is 30 feet. The seats and other fittings are of cedar. At the farther end is a dais, on which are the altar and pulpit, which are of cedar, enriched with bronzed metal work. A gallery runs across the front of the building, and under this, on each side of the vestibule, is a room measuring over 13 feet square. At the rear of the building is a hall, measuring 30 by 18 feet, and 14 feet in height. The church is lighted by lancet windows at the sides, and rose windows over the gallery. The gas-lighting is done by starlights, suspended from the ceiling. All the metal work and the principal gas-fittings are of Adelaide manufacture,

from designs by the architect. The church is designed to accommodate nearly 500 persons. At the back of the pulpit, and within an arched alcove, are written in German letters the words—"The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth"—Romans i., 15; and upon the cloth covering the sacrament table, the following words are inscribed—"Come, for all things are now ready."—Luké, xiv., 17. The bell tower and spire are of a Continental character, and rise to a total height of 118 feet from the ground. The contract has been satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Brown and Thompson, at a total cost of about £3200, exclusive of the foundations. The building has a very handsome appearance, both inside and externally, and ranks among the most pleasing designs of our ecclesiastical edifices. We understand the gas-fittings were a gift from Mr. H. L. Vosz, and that the silver vessels used in the administration of the sacrament were generously given by

of the sacrament were generously given by Mr. Steiner, of Rundle-street. The organ, an exceedingly rich-toned instrument, and which was purchased from and built by Mr. Wolfe, was presided over by Mr. J. C. Hansen, the choir being under the efficient leadership of Mr. C. Puttmann. It is intended to place in the belfry three bells, which are being cast in Germany out of cannon taken from the French during the late war, and presented by Prince Bismarck on behalf of the Emperor.