

## Church News.

### OPENING OF IRON MINE MEMORIAL.

The opening service of the Iron Mine Memorial Room was celebrated on July 28 amid especially favoured weather conditions, which, coupled with the "cause" of a Soldiers' Memorial drew a very fine crowd. Methodism was strongly represented. Friends from Redruth, Kooringa, Booborowie and Hanson Churches attending, besides several folk of other denominations. A very gratifying feature was the presence of a large number of returned men now resident in the district. The schoolroom was erected owing to inadequate accommodation for the children, and served a double purpose, i.e., training the young mind spiritually, and standing as a memorial to those who had made the supreme sacrifice. The building was designed by Rev. T. G. White, and measure 30 ft, x 18 ft. 6 in., inside measurements, and is well finished off. Three memorial windows add to the sacredness of the building; two being to the late Ptes. Roy Flower and George Williams, and the third for all who served in the War, by the Sunday school. The presence of Rev. D. B. Bridgewood, of Gumeracha, who performed the ceremony, and who was pastor of the local Church during the War period, added greatly to the interest of the proceedings. The service commenced about 3 o'clock; those present on the platform being Revs. E. M. Ingamells, B.A. (pastor), Edmund Smith, D. B. Bridgewood, and Ensign Heathwood (Salvation Army). Miss Annie Morgan presided at the organ throughout. After the recessional had been sung, prayer was offered by Ensign Heathwood. Rev. E. M. Ingamells said they were all glad the memorial room was an accomplished fact, and in no better way could they commemorate the memory of the fallen than to erect a building wherein to train the children in spiritual things. The whole work throughout had been a labour of love

throughout had been a labour of love and unity. To the ladies was due the greatest praise, who for four years had worked hard together to raise funds by fetes, bazaars, etc., and with Mrs. E. Jettner as president, and Miss A. Morgan as secretary, backed up by a live-wire committee, had done wonderfully well, and they now had the pleasure of seeing the building opened free of debt, and with about £40 in hand towards fencing and furnishings. To the men also, praise was due, who had carted all material free of cost to the site, and other works connected with the building. On behalf of the Iron Mine people, he was extremely pleased to have Rev. Bridgwood and other clergymen present. Mr. Ingamells closed with a touching reference to those to whose memory the building was erected. Rev. E. Smith having spoken, Mr. Ingamells presented a key to Rev. D. B. Bridgwood and asked him to open the building.

Rev. Bridgwood said he would cherish it; he felt it a great honour to perform the ceremony, and was glad he had been able to come. After extending his sympathy to those who had suffered, he again thanked them for the honour in asking him to come. Placing the key in the door he dedicated the building in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost, and prayed that it would be more than the entrance to the material building, but to the spiritual, and be a means of grace to the whole community and for the glory of God. On entering the room another beautiful service was held, when three memorial windows were unveiled. Mrs. J. Flower, Mrs. D. E. Williams and Mrs. G. Williams performed the ceremony of unveiling the windows.

### **Clay Pan Bore.**

For some time past it has been the objective of the Pinnaroo circuit to give our people a service in the vicinity of Clay Pan Bore, 16 miles north-west of Pinnaroo. After conferring with the people the services were opened last Sunday afternoon, the hall having been secured for the purpose. It was a great joy to the preacher (Rev. H. C. Hill) to

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ago in another circuit) presided at the piano, and numbered amongst a goodly array of children several of hers. A baptismal service was held, when two little ones were dedicated to the Church, one being the daughter of the acting Church steward (Mr. H. Collins) and the other little John Flavell.

#### **Minlaton.**

On Sunday, July 28, a baptismal service was held in the Sunday-school kindergarten room. Rev. Mr. Pointon carried out the service. Wednesday, August 1, a Sunday-school Union convention was held. The sessions commenced at 2.30, when Miss Hewitt, expert in kindergarten work, gave a very interesting address on the junior department of Sunday-school teaching, followed by Mr. Penhall, of the East Adelaide Sunday school, who spoke very impressively on the rainbow system of teaching the intermediates; this was followed at 4.30 by a Union business meeting. At 5.30 tea was provided, and a round table conference held at the close. At 7 o'clock a sing-song was held, followed at 7.30 by an inspirational meeting, after which supper was provided, which brought the sessions to a close. Sunday schools of Koolywurtie, Stansbury, Brentwood, Curramulka, and Minlaton were represented. At the inspirational meeting musical items were rendered by Miss Doreen Martin, of Minlaton; Misses Dodd, of Stansbury; and Masters Stan. Button, Reg. Steel, Harold Parish, of Minlaton.

#### **Pinnaroo.**

One of the most successful Pinnaroo W.F.M.A. meetings was held at the manse on Tuesday, August 7. We had held the last two meetings over owing to the fete, but our members seemed to have added both enthusiasm and interest during the interim. The treasurer reported a satisfactory financial position. Mrs. Preece was appointed "cutter out." Her work has been much appreciated.

Her work has been much appreciated. A hearty welcome was given to Mrs. Leek, who has been transferred from Parilla Well. Letters through the medium of *The A.C. Commonwealth* were read and talked over, and also the coming visit of our Foreign Mission Secretary (Rev. W. G. Clarke). On the motion of the Secretary (Mrs. J. E. Symonds) it was resolved to postpone our next meeting until the week of Mr. Clarke's visit, to enable our members to meet with Mr. Clarke. Afternoon tea was served, and a hearty welcome extended to new members and visitors.

The anniversary of the Pinnaroo Children's Worshippers' League is looked forward to alike by parents and children. It is the "man in the pulpit" who most appreciates the C.W.L. At Pinnaroo this is particularly so. Sunday after Sunday, wet or fine, mud or dust, he can always rest assured that the children will not desert their appointed seats. In the report presented by the secretary (Miss Doris Webb), an average attendance of 45 was recorded, with 62 members on the roll; 11 of those children had attended every possible Sunday (the Draper family never having missed one single Sunday the whole year). Mr. Bruce Edwards, with his loving interest in children, had added to his already strenuous duties as secretary of the Sunday school, local preacher, and choir conductor, the task of training those children for the service, and it was an inspiration to hear the young people, as they announced the hymns and read the Scripture and taking part in the songs of praise. The Rev. H. C. Hill preached on "Yesterday, to-day, and to-morrow," his text Ezra iii. 4. Mr. Edwards, when reading the report of the secretary, who was detained through sickness, paid a tribute to retiring superintendents and secretaries and to Mrs. Webb and Miss Webb, who had taken up the work so whole-heartedly. God bless the Y.W.L.; we believe it is training the children for Church worship when they are older, for they do not march out during the service.

#### **Wilmington.**

The first meeting of the newly-formed manse Trust was held at Wilmington on

manse Trust was held at Wilmington on Wednesday, August 1. The Rev. C. R. Dadds presided over a good attendance of the new trustees. It was decided that tenders be called for the building of two additional rooms. Mesdames Dadds and Langsford provided afternoon tea. On August 8 a Sunday-school teachers' meeting, followed by a trustee meeting, was

held at Willowie. The main issue discussed at each meeting was the purchasing of a block of land adjoining the church for the purpose of erecting a kindergarten room. The prospects of the district are good, and it is the hope of those interested in the welfare of the children that a suitable building may be erected to enable the teachers to adopt more improved methods of teaching, which cannot now be employed through the overcrowding of the scholars in the church.

#### Yongala.

After extensive renovations the Yongala Church was re-opened by special celebrations on Sunday, July 29, and Wednesday, August 14. On Sunday morning, in spite of gloomy weather, a good congregation listened to Rev. Edgar Arnold, of Peterborough, whose timely and powerful sermon on Christian work and workers was much appreciated. A heavy rain-storm was responsible for a small attendance in the evening, when Rev. A. E. Cowley spoke on our Christian heritage and responsibilities. On Wednesday evening a church rally was held, commencing with a song service, and followed by a supper. Wintry conditions again limited the attendance, but from both financial and spiritual viewpoints the meeting was a decided success. The chairman (Rev. A. E. Cowley) said that the renovations had cost £82, towards which the trust had nearly £50 in hand. He was confident that the remainder would be received during the evening. The donations received fulfilled his expectation. Rev. A. W. Wellington gave an address of an inspirational nature on the question, "Are we on the up-grade?" From a wide range of experience and observation he drew

the up-grade. From a wide range of experience and observation he drew optimistic deductions. In his opinion, religious life of to-day, in its best forms, was higher than that of former days. He pointed out encouraging features of modern Christian life. Solos by Mrs. S. A. Cram and Miss H. Hobby, an anthem by the choir, and hearty congregational singing, also contributed to the success of the meeting. The improved appearance of the building was the subject of general satisfaction. Mrs. H. Selby was thanked for her generous donation of curtains for the rostrum and choir platform.

Our Church at Mannanarie has also been satisfactorily renovated recently; the re-opening service being conducted by Rev. C. M. Tresise, of Jamestown. There as at Yongala, the ready response to the financial need reveals the love and loyalty of our people to the House of God.