

THE LOCHIEL MEMORIAL HALL.

In spite of the boisterous weather, a large gathering witnessed the ceremony of laying the foundation stone in connection with the Methodist Kindergarten Soldiers' Memorial Hall on Friday, August 21. The opening exercises took place in the church, which was too small to accommodate the number of persons seeking admission. After the singing of "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," the Rev. A. S. Barrett offered the dedicatory prayer. The lesson was read by the Rev. R. L. H. Tilbrook, who then requested the congregation to sing the memorial hymn, "O God, to Whom the Faithful Dead." In introducing Mr. R. D. Nicholls, M.P., the minister of the church (the Rev. Eric Tregilgas) said it was a pleasure to have in their midst a prophet who had honour in his own country. Mr. Nicholls replied with a stirring address on "Surface Indications," in which he showed that the Church was making sure progress. The building and renovating schemes throughout the State were proof. The Church was the best of all good institutions, and it should be their delight to regularly meet together in community worship. At this point the assembly adjourned to the new building, where the secretary of the Trust (Councillor J. H. Nicholls, J.P.) gave a financial statement showing £150 cash in hand, and material and labour worth another £50. Mr. Nicholls then introduced Mrs. J. R. Bidgood, and handed her a beautiful trowel suitably inscribed. Mrs. Bidgood declared the stone well and truly laid to the glory of God. A special collection was taken up, which amounted to £82 10s. The Rev. C. G. Carvosso, after announcing, "This stone to Thee in faith we lay," moved a hearty vote of thanks, which was seconded by Mr. A. A. Bierwirth. The Doxology concluded the proceedings. A delightful tea was served in the Institute Hall. At night

served in the Institute Hall. At night a Novelty Evening attracted more persons than could be accommodated. The Rev. A. S. and Mrs. Barrett thrilled the gathering with their musical bells. Miss Uppill and Miss Nicholls with vocal and elocutionary items added to the pleasure of the evening. The stunts put over by the minister caused a good deal of amusement. The takings for the day amounted to £96 10s. A little over £50 will open the building free of debt.