

CLEMENT'S GAP SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL CHURCH.

Opening Ceremony.

Thursday, March 11, was a red letter day in the history of the Red Hill Circuit, and of Clement's Gap in particular. On the above date the beautiful Soldiers' Memorial Church and Kindergarten were opened free of debt. The cost of the building after allowing for fence, tank, etc., is £1,370. The amount raised, together with the day's takings, was £1,435, thus leaving a credit balance of £65 after paying all expenses in connection with the building. Rev. A. Hemmings (circuit minister) had charge of the service outside the church. After the singing of the Doxology, the Rev. Vivian Roberts (chairman of district) offered prayer. The minister of the circuit then introduced Mrs. Noble, and after presenting her with a silver key, suitably inscribed, called upon her to perform the opening ceremony. The folk entered the church singing the hymn, "Pleasant Are Thy Courts Above." The building was more than full, many being unable to gain admittance. Rev. Vivian Roberts had charge of the service, and Rev. R. L. H. Tilbrook, of Snowtown, preached

the opening sermon. As a returned soldier Mr. Tilbrook thanked the trustees, and congratulated them on the splendid memorial they had erected in honour of the soldiers of the district. Rev. G. S. Wellington, of Port Broughton, offered prayer, the circuit minister also taking part. After the service a knife-and-fork tea was held in the Institute. At 7.30 p.m. the folk gathered in the church for community singing, which was conducted by Rev. G. S. Wellington, with Mrs. Wellington officiating at the piano. At eight o'clock a great public meeting was held, and the church was again crowded. Rev. A. H. Hemmings apologised for the absence of Mr. S.

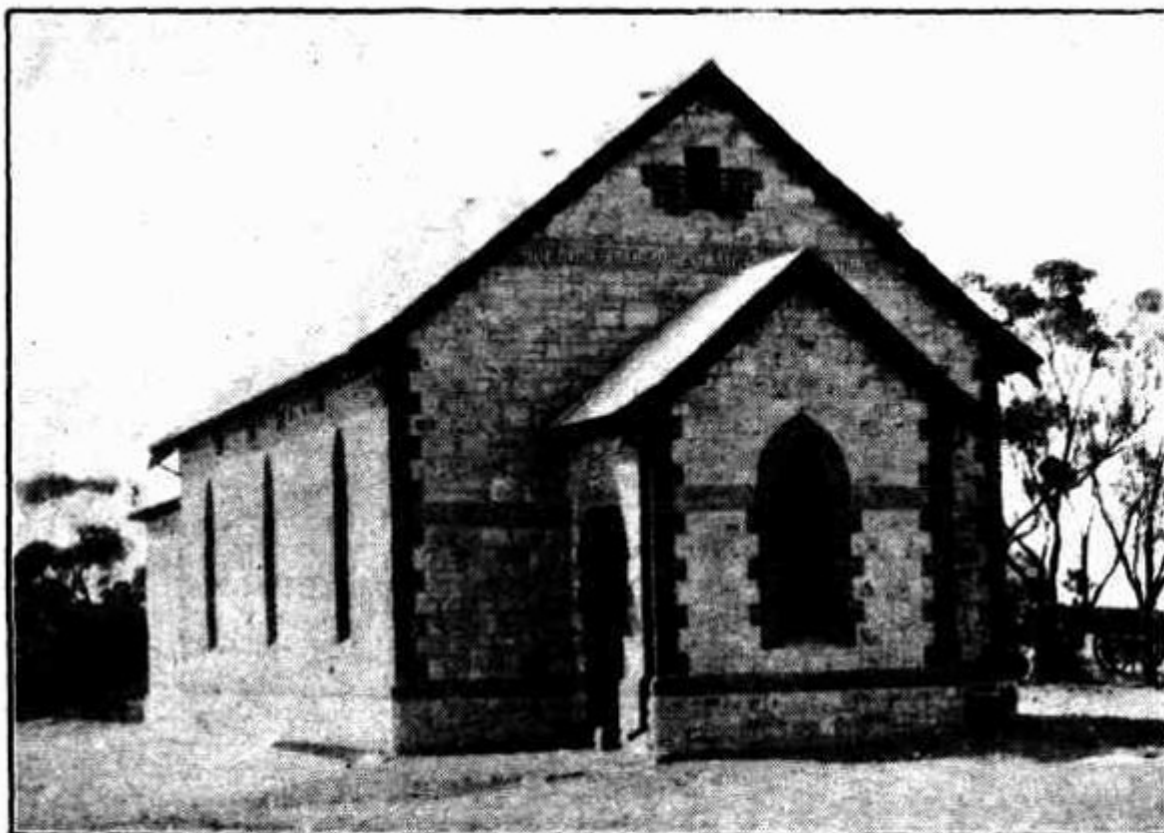
crowded. Rev. A. H. Hemmings apologised for the absence of Mr. S. March, who was away on holiday, also for the absence of Revs. H. C. Hill, Y. G. Mitchell (past ministers), and A. Hartlett. Rev. G. S. Wellington occupied the chair. The treasurer and secretary, Mr. W. B. Wilson, presented the financial statement, which revealed the fact that the building was free of debt, and there was still a substantial credit balance in hand. Rev. Vivian Roberts delivered an excellent address on "Kindly Acknowledgments," and Rev. C. J. Perry gave an eloquent address on "Progress." During the meeting two beautiful solos were sung by Mrs. C. J. Perry, and two excellent pianoforte selections were given by Mrs. R. L. H. Tilbrook. The singing of the Doxology and the Benediction brought a splendid meeting to a close. Supper was provided in the Institute, and a memorable day was brought to an end. On the following Sunday, March 14, two special

services were conducted by Rev. A. Hemmings. The church was filled at each service. The afternoon was largely of the nature of a memorial service to fallen soldiers. The minister gave an address on "Heroes and Hero Worship." At the close of the service Mrs. Kirk unveiled a memorial window in memory of the "fallen." At the evening service Rev. A. Hemmings spoke on the "Plan, the Building, and the Purpose of the Tabernacle," and pointed out that worship was not merely a luxury, but a necessity in life. At the close of the service the Sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered. Several remained and partook of the sacrament for the first time, and expressed their desire to link up definitely with the Church of Christ Jesus. The Trust Funds being in such a good condition, the offerings on Sunday were devoted to the circuit funds.

The church, of which the folk are justly proud, is beautifully situated, and occupies a central and prominent position in the district. The size of the church is 37 ft. x 22 ft., and has a seating accommodation for 120, with

a seating accommodation for 120, with a porch 10 ft. x 7 ft., and an up-to-date kindergarten room 18 ft. x 16 ft., with verandah and classroom. The front of the church is freestone dressed rock-

faced, and with the name in cement and gilded above the porch, presents a pleasing appearance. All the windows are of cathedral glass, with the exception of the one in the porch, which is a leadlight—one in memory of the fallen. The seats and pulpit are of maple, the work being splendidly done by Mr. O. J. Hancock, of Port Broughton. The building is lighted with "Adladin" lamps. A beautiful Roll of Honour will be placed in the church. The architect is Rev. T. G. White, and the contractors Messrs. Freeman & Son, of Port Pirie. For this splendid achievement we thank God and take courage.



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