

CENTENARY PLANS AT CHARLESTON

"Newman Memorial Park"

A large and enthusiastic number of Charleston residents met in the hall on Monday evening, May 4, to discuss and arrange the planting of a Centennial park, with ornamental shrubs and trees, on the corner block of land in the centre of the town. The block has been very generously donated for that purpose by Mr. H. A. Newman, and Charleston is greatly indebted to him as this is the second occasion on which he has shown how much he has the welfare of the town at heart. Mr. Newman donated the block of land on which the hall is built several years ago.

Mr. Newman's father was one of the oldest colonists in the vicinity, and his very fine spirit is greatly appreciated as it gives encouragement and inspiration to all to take an active interest in the beautification and progress of the town.

A committee was formed comprising Messrs. Smee, president; H. Newman, Junr., secretary; Miss A. Rohrlach, treasurer; a working committee with Messrs. A. Newman, captain; F. A. Rohrlach, vice-captain; and Messrs. G. Bell, J. Gurr, and A. Bell, W. Fechner, W. Dunn, G. Dunn, and A. Juers, to organize busy bees; also, a committee to investigate the names of all old colonists, consisting of Miss L. Dunn, Messrs. H. James, H. Newman, W. Rohrlach, and D. Juers.

Mr. Smee's motion to plant a uniform avenue of trees with a tablet at the foot dedicated to the memory of all the old colonists, was unanimously carried. It was decided to name the park the "Newman Centennial Park." The interest shown by Mr. W. Kerber, of Mount Torrens, was much appreciated, and his offer to cart stones and assist in erecting a rockery was gratefully accepted, as was Mr. W. Rohrlach's offer to arrange a concert to raise funds. Mr. Smee's appeal to all present, to prove themselves worthy of Mr. Newman's generosity, and offer subscriptions, was met with wonderful response. Thirty pounds was raised, and an application will be made to the Government to subsidize this. The official opening was arranged to take place in October.