

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SPALDING.

Our correspondent sends us the following:—Wednesday, May 11, was quite a red-letter day in the history of the township of Spalding. The want of having a suitable Presbyterian place of worship has long been felt. Some of the leading residents formed themselves into a committee some months ago to consider what steps should be taken to meet the spiritual wants of the people in the neighborhood. Mr. J. H. Angus, of Hill River, was written to, asking if he would give a piece of ground for the building of a Presbyterian Church. That gentleman very kindly complied with the request, and promised a subscription of 10 guineas. The transfer was made and tenders called for the building of a church 40 x 25 ft, which was thought sufficiently large for the requirements of the neighborhood. A subscription-list was opened, and promises to the amount of £130 was the result. Mr. R. Page's tender for the work was accepted, the amount being £182.

The Committee invited Mr. D. Murray, M.P., of Adelaide, to lay the foundation-stone on Wednesday, May 11; that gentleman kindly consented to perform the ceremony. The Rev. R. Mitchell, of Clare, and Mr. W. S. McQueen, of Jamestown, took part in the ceremony. A number of persons from Belalie, Jamestown, and the surrounding district were present. The ceremony was commenced by singing the 100th Psalm, after which the Rev. R. Mitchell engaged in prayer, and Mr. McQueen read a suitable portion of scripture. The secretary then read a very satisfactory report. Mr. McQueen introduced Mr. Murray, and on behalf of the Trustees presented him with a silver trowel. He then laid the stone. Mr. Murray delivered a suitable address, and remarked that he had had the honor of laying the foundation-stones of two churches within the last month. Under the stone was placed a bottle containing a late edition of one of the daily papers and a document with the names of the minister, trustees, and contractor. The Rev. R. Mitchell addressed the meeting, and expressed himself much interested in the good work begun in Spalding, and hoped it would be a lasting benefit to the people in the district. Mr. McQueen also delivered a short address, after which the proceedings were closed with singing and prayer. The friends then placed money on the stone amounting to £13 10s. The company then adjourned to a large tent, where an excellent spread was provided by Mesdames McCallum, Thorne, Sommerville, and Muller. They were assisted by an able staff of young

at home, commencing, and ending. They were assisted by an able staff of young ladies. The amount realised at the luncheon was £5 8s. After that the people gradually dispersed, expressing themselves highly pleased with the arrangements made for their comfort. Mr. Murray on leaving received three hearty cheers. The ladies were all thanked.