

ST. PAUL'S PARISH HALL.

FOUNDATION STONE LAID.

On Saturday afternoon the foundation stone of St. Paul's Parish Hall, situated at the rear of St. Paul's Church, Port Adelaide, was laid by Sir Samuel Way with full Masonic ceremonial. There was a large gathering, comprising officers of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, officers and members of local and city lodges, church and civic representatives, as well as the general public. The children attending St. Paul's Day School and the church choir were assembled on a raised platform.

The Church of England service was conducted by the rector (V.W. Brother Rev. M. Williams, G.C.), who then presented the M.W. Grand Master (Sir Samuel Way) with a silver trowel, and requested him to lay the stone. This interesting and impressive ceremony was carried out by the Grand Master, assisted by Brother E. B. Grundy, D.G.M., Brother W. James, J.G.W., Brother W. H. Jones, S.G.D., Brother C. R. J. Glover (Grand Secretary), and Brother W. H. Porter, G.D.C. The casket placed beneath the stone contained copies of Saturday's newspapers, The Adelaide Church Guardian, and The Church Messenger, the parish paper, in addition to a record of the proceedings. The trowel bore the inscription—"Presented to Sir S. J. Way, Bart., on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of St. Paul's Parish Hall, Port Adelaide, March 19, 1910."

At the conclusion of the ceremony Sir Samuel Way addressed the assemblage. He said it was 57 years on March 6 last that he landed for the first time in South Australia on the other side of Lefevre's Peninsula, and having ploughed his way through the sand to Port Adelaide, took his passage in a Port Adelaide cart for the City of Adelaide. It certainly did not enter his mind then that nearly 60 years later he would return to the City of Port Adelaide in company with members of the Grand Lodge to take part in the ceremony of that afternoon. A good deal had happened during the 57 years to which he had referred. In 1853 Port Adelaide was a little harbour village, with 1,001 inhabitants. It was now an important city with 22,000 inhabitants, and its trade had increased so much that last year the oversea imports and exports amounted to £13,000,000. The brethren of the Grand Lodge and he were glad to have the opportunity of being associated with the Grand Chaplain in his work. Mr. Williams was endeared to them all by his conscientiousness and the high sense of duty which he brought to every task, whether it be clerical or Masonic. The rectorship of St.

brought to every task, whether it be clerical or Masonic. The rectorship of St. Paul's was recognised as one of the most important posts in the Diocese of Adelaide. Port Adelaide had a great mercantile and industrial population, and St. Paul's Church had four sister or daughter churches. It was satisfactory to the speaker to have the privilege to take a part in laying the stone in memorial to the late Canon Green. St. Paul's Church had been a training ground for high ecclesiastical officers, for he remembered that his late lamented friend Dean Marryat and the present Dean Young ministered there. The church had also given to the diocese Archdeacons Samwell and Stornabrook, the latter of whom was largely instrumental in securing the noble gift to which he would presently refer. Although the late Canon Green's connection with St. Paul's ended 18 years ago his name would always stand out in the history of the parish. Notwithstanding his high churchmanship, he won the admiration and the friendship of members of other denominations. More than 30 years ago Canon Green protested against the provision in the Constitution which coupled ministers of religion with convicts in their disqualification as members of the Legislature, and stood as a candidate for Parliament. He had the support, not of members of the Church of England alone, but of Presbyterians, Independents, Baptists, Wesleyans, Primitive Methodists, and he was proud to say it because of his origin—of the Bible Christians also. The late Canon Green materially assisted to bring to a close the great maritime strike of 1890, and he (the speaker) sincerely hoped such a strike would never again occur at Port Adelaide. (Hear, hear.) He and the brethren of the Grand Lodge and of the two lodges by whom he was supported were thoroughly in sympathy with the objects of the building about to be erected. The hall would be the centre of the secular side of church work in the parish. Its social, educational, and its philanthropic agencies would radiate benefits not only to the Church of England, but to the whole City of Port Adelaide. He yielded to none in his admiration of the educational system of the State, and there was scarcely any question in his short political career to which he looked back with greater satisfaction than the part he had in the passage of the Educational Bill of 1875 through Parliament: but like all human institutions, their educational system had its imperfections and limitations. In the eight classrooms of that structure when completed the Bible in every one of those rooms would be an open book, and there would be no shrinking from religious teaching in the school, not on Sunday alone, but every week day as well. (Hear, hear.) He congratulated the parish upon the financial arrangements. St. Paul's was a magnificent object lesson of princely munificence. He had only learned that after-

He had only learned that afternoon that Mr. Samuel Tyzack was never a permanent resident in Port Adelaide, but had family and local associations, and in providing the whole cost of that noble structure, St. Paul's—the sum of £4,000—he set an example of generous and loyal churchmanship which would endear his memory as long as the Anglican Church existed in South Australia. His sister Mrs. McFarlane was a resident of Birkenhead, and he hoped she would be able to tell her brother how deeply grateful the people of Port Adelaide were for his great gift after a lapse of so many years from their midst. It could not be doubted that the people of St. Paul's were animated by Samuel Tyzack's example, and grateful for the good seasons and revival of trade in which Port Adelaide had so fully shared, so that the £600 which remained on the building would soon be liquidated. It was his hope that the hall would in reality be God's house. His prayer was that the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe would rest upon the undertaking, in which he had been so pleased to assist. (Applause.)

At the invitation of the rector afternoon tea was partaken of at the Foresters' Hall, Nile street. A collection taken up at the ceremony of laying the stone realized close upon £40.

A group of Belgrade women having petitioned the authorities to prohibit gambling under severer penalties than those now in force, a number of men, in reply, are now petitioning for the compulsory closure of all milliners' shops on the plea that they are a greater source of domestic discord and penury.