

## ST. PAUL'S PARISH HALL.

OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR.

### THREE DAYS' FAIR.

On Wednesday afternoon St. Paul's Parish Hall, Port Adelaide, which was erected as a memorial to the late Canon Green—for 25 years rector at Port Adelaide—was opened by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Day Bosanquet). His Excellency was accompanied by Lady Bosanquet and Capt. Fletcher, A.D.C. The rector (Rev. M. Williams, B.A.) presided, and was supported on the platform by Dean Young, Archdeacon Hornabrook (two former rectors of the parish), and the Mayor and Mayoress of Port Adelaide (Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Rofe).

A short introductory service was conducted by the rector, who subsequently welcomed Sir Day and Lady Bosanquet in behalf of the members of St. Paul's Church. The need of such a building had been keenly felt for a long time, and he looked forward with confidence to its being a potent factor for usefulness in a parish where the difficult nature of the work and the strenuousness of life were second to none in the Diocese of Adelaide. The idea of what was originally intended to be the Canon Green Memorial Hall originated at the demise of the late clergyman. At the solicitation of his relatives the title was altered to St. Paul's Parish Hall, but that select vestry resolved to have inscribed on the foundation stone, which was laid with full Masonic honours on March 19, the words "And in memory of Canon Green," by which means his memory might be perpetuated, and the idea of the original contributors conserved. The approximate cost of the building, exclusive of furniture, was £1,500, towards which, including debentures, about £875 had been raised. Of £132 raised by debentures £62 had since been given, £15 had been raised for repayment, and the remaining liability was £55. The sum of £500 had been borrowed for five years at 5 per cent., without executing any mortgage. About 200 chairs required for seating the body of the hall had been given by the parishioners. The vestry extended to the contractor (Mr. B. Tillotson) their deepest sympathy in his unfortunate accident. The warmest thanks were due to all who had supported the project.

His Excellency said it gave him great pleasure to open the building, because he knew of the good work that had been done in the parish in the cause of religion and education. The parish was to be heartily congratulated upon having so energetic a clergyman as the Rev. Mr. Williams in charge of its affairs. (Hear, hear.) The hall was a tangible proof of the energy and capacity of those at the head of affairs, and of the generosity and liberality of the people. It was one of his great pleasures to visit every place in the State, and to sympathize with every object which meant its progress and elevation. Port Adelaide was the main port in South Australia for the accommodation of shipping, and export and import of merchandise, and therefore one of the principal centres of prosperity. As such, and because of its relation to seafaring pursuits, it had always incited his personal interest and sympathy. The new hall was intended

it had always incited his personal interest and sympathy. The new hall was intended for recreation as well as education, and he hoped there would be no danger of recreation ousting or infringing upon the territory of education. His Excellency congratulated the parish upon the acquisition of the hall, and trusted it would continue to exercise a beneficial influence not only upon the education of the children, but upon the social life of the community. (Applause.) He had great pleasure in declaring it open. (Applause.)

The school children, assembled at the rear of the platform, sang "God bless our school."

Subsequently Lady Bosanquet declared open the fair which is being held to mark the inauguration of the hall, and was presented with a beautiful floral bouquet by Miss Mary Catt, while Miss Dorothy Williams handed Sir Day Bosanquet a button-hole.

Dean Young proposed a vote of thanks to their Excellencies. This was seconded by the Mayor of Port Adelaide, supported by Archdeacon Hornabrook, and carried.

### —The Fair.—

In opening the fair Lady Bosanquet said it was her first official visit to Port Adelaide. She was glad it was in connection with such a happy occasion. She expressed the hope that the debt upon the hall would entirely vanish as a result of the fair. In the evening the choir was occupied by the Bishop of Adelaide. A capital programme of choruses and character songs was given by the church day school children. This evening the attractions include a sketch entitled "An End—and a Beginning" and the comedietta "Chalk and Cheese." Stallholders:—Church of England Men's Society, the members; flower, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Catt, Mr. W. C. Catt, and Miss Fray; sweets, Mrs. Kneebone and Misses Tulloch (2); plain and fancy, Mesdames James, Jones, Othen, Morrison, and Gething, and Misses Jones and Manuel (3); refreshment, Mrs. Burge and Misses Provis, Taylor (3), Inglis (2), Merritt, Leedham, and G. Williams; produce, Mesdames M. Williams, Henley, Arnold, Cousins, and Jewell; cake, Mrs. Le Leu and Misses Heath and Le Leu; novelties, Misses D. Williams, I. Henley, and M. Williams; children's stall, Mrs. and Miss Knapman.

### —Description of the Hall.—

The main hall of the building, which has been built primarily for educational and parochial purposes, is 60 ft. by 38 ft. There are eight classrooms, each about 15 ft. by 12 ft. Three of these may be made into one room (45 ft. by 12 ft.) by means of folding doors. A copper, fireplace, porch, and other conveniences have been provided.