

All Saints' Church.

A beautiful Church and a most inspiring service, was the general opinion expressed in connection with the consecration of All Saints' Church at Murrumbateman yesterday. A Guard of Honor of Cadets from Duntroon College was formed at the Church entrance, and at the appointed hour His Lordship Bishop Radford, with clergy and surpliced choir, approached the door, where he was received by Messrs. W. T. Merriman and C. M. E. Vallance (churchwardens). The former read the petition asking for the consecration of the Church, and the ceremony was then proceeded with. The Church was opened entirely free of debt, a fact on which His Lordship congratulated the parishioners. He urged them to regard the Church as the centre of fellowship, the school of faith, and the shrine of worship. At the afternoon's service 39 candidates were confirmed. At both services the Church was filled, quite 200 persons being present on each occasion. At the conclusion of the confirmation service prizes were presented to the winners of the Sunday School competitions for the Diocese of Goulburn. Hyacinth Hollingworth secured the Bishop's prize and Vera Martin the Archdeacon's prize. Certificates were presented to the others. Mrs. Vallance presented each child with a small book as a memento of the occasion. The church was artistically decorated, and with its elaborate furnishing presented a very handsome appearance.

Among the visitors were Major-General and Mrs. Parnell. The parish church was represented by its wardens, Messrs. D. H. Bucknell, A. A. Edwards, and T. L. Thompson.

Many members of St. Clement's choir helped in the musical portion of the service. Mr. A. E. Fletcher presided at the organ.

The church is a decidedly ornate one, and was erected at a cost of about £1100. It was donated by Mr. W. T. Merriman and Mrs. G. Vallance. Mr. T. L. Thompson was the architect, and Mr. D. L. Lawrence, of Yass, the contractor. The work has taken about six months to complete. The church consists of nave, sanctuary, vestry and porch, with turret. It is built of brick and tiled with Wunderlich Mar-seillaise tiling. The ceiling is of

Wunderlich Ceilyte with effective diamond shaped panels, and the building is plastered inside in white stucco. The seats are of Richmond River pine, likewise the altar, reading desk, &c. These were made by the contractor. The rest of the furniture was supplied by the Church Stores, Sydney. The building will seat about 150 persons. It has been faithfully built, and redounds to the credit of the contractor. The Anglicans of Murrumbateman, thanks to the generosity of the donors, have now a handsome church, and one that will meet the requirements of the locality for very many years to come.