

McQUEEN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION STONE LAID.

The foundation stone of a new Presbyterian Church, at Lang Lang, to take the place of the wooden building, erected 45 years ago, was laid on Thursday afternoon, January 16, by the Rev. Hugh M. Burns, an ex-Moderator, in the presence of a large and representative gathering, which included visitors from all parts of the district. The church, which will be a handsome structure of bricks, will be known as the McQueen Memorial Church, as a mark of appreciation and affection for the late Rev. Finlay McQueen, who as a student in the ministry of the Rev. R. W. Rock, held services at Lang Lang, and recently was minister of the charge, and whose ministry, both as a student and as minister of the church, was noteworthy and of widespread influence.

The Rev. H. M. Burns, who was a personal friend of Mr. McQueen, in a brief address referred to the fine intellectual and spiritual qualities of Mr. McQueen, and the splendid services he had rendered the church. Mr. Burns was presented with an inscribed gavel from the contractor of the new church. The Rev. T. W. Darby (minister of the charge), Rev. W. L. Collins (Moderator of Flinders Presbytery), Rev. W. W. Ingram, of St. Andrew's Church, Geelong; Rev. D. Bruce (interim-Moderator), Rev. Cadwallader Jones (Presbytery clerk), also took part in the ceremony. Others on the temporary platform were Rev. N. M. Jaboor, of Mordialloc, and Rev. T. R. Vizard (Church of England). Several apologies for absence were read by Cr. W. C. Greaves, Jnr. Newspaper clip-

W. C. Greaves, Jnr. Newspaper clippings, silver and copper currency coins, and an account of the church, enclosed in a leaden casket, were placed in an aperture in the wall, by Mr. David Gunson, a descendant of one of the original founders. The ceremony closed with the Benediction. Miss Lucy Greaves officiated at the organ.

Afternoon tea was dispensed by the ladies under the shade of trees in the church ground. With Cr. W. C. Greaves, Jnr., chairman, congratulatory speeches were made by the Revs. W. L. Collins, T. R. Vizard, Cr. M. Bennett, M.L.A., and Cr. L. J. Cochrane, president of the Cranbourne Shire. Complimentary mention was made to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Greaves and family, of Monomeith, in donating three-fourths of the cost of the new church. A comprehensive brochure, containing a brief history of the Lang Lang Presbyterian Church, compiled by Mrs. David N. Gunson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Greaves, Snr., was distributed. During the afternoon a generous sum towards the building of the new church was placed in a collection box alongside the foundation stone. Those present signed their names in the visitors' book, which will be an interesting memento of a unique and happy occasion in the history of the Lang Lang Presbyterian charge. It is expected that the church will be completed by the end of March.

The present organization of the church is: Session, Rev. T. W. Darby, Messrs. Bell (clerk), and D. Cochrane. Board of Management: Messrs. W. C. Greaves, Snr. (1905), W. C. Greaves, Jnr., Albert Mitchell,

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James Biggar, Jnr., M. Davidson,
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Stafford, B. T. Samuel (secretary
since 1909).