

## George H. Trevitt Memorial Hall

The setting of the foundation stone of the George H. Trevitt Memorial Hall at Ryde on 23rd September was a very successful function. Owing to the threatening weather, the preliminary service was held in the church, which was filled by present and former residents of Ryde, who gathered to do honour to the memory of one of the finest Christian men the Methodist Church in this district has known. The Rev. E. E. Hynes, Chairman of Parramatta District, presided, and there were present the Revs. W. G. Willard and Wm. Brown, former superintendents of the Ryde Circuit; Rev. Chas. Wheeler, a former scholar in the Sunday School; Mr. Horner, representing the Salvation Army; and the Rev. J. H. Somerville, the present minister. Apologies were received from the Revs. C. A. Stubbin (Church of England), R. G. Cruikshank and D. Benjamin (Presbyterian), Victor T. Smith (Concord), also from the Hon. E. S. Spooner, M.L.A., and the Mayor, Alderman Chatfield.

The chairman gave a brief, helpful, and inspiring address on the position and outlook of the Church to-day, and the need for faith and courage to meet the tasks and responsibilities of the future.

Each of the ministers present spoke of the

sterling Christian manhood of the late Mr. George Trevitt, and bore heartfelt testimony to his work and influence for good throughout the Ryde district. As local preacher, trustee, circuit steward, Sunday School superintendent, etc., he rendered long, faithful, and fruitful service for the Kingdom of God.

In giving a brief outline of the movement for a new hall, the Rev. J. H. Somerville said it was the late Rev. F. J. Curwood, then residing as a supernumerary in the circuit, who, in 1928, first caught the vision of a new building, and gave the first donation—a sovereign. It was then decided that the hall, when built, should be called the "George H. Trevitt Memorial Hall." However, the vision tarried, then the depression came. Twelve months ago it was felt that, whatever the financial difficulties, something must be done to

financial difficulties, something must be done to provide increased Sunday School accommodation, and the new building is the result. It is the outcome of prayer, faith, hard work, and sacrificial giving.

The contractor, Mr. Colin E. Evans, of Ryde, is one of our church members and Sunday School teachers. On behalf of the trustees, Mr. Somerville asked Mrs. Emily Trevitt (widow of the late Mr. George Trevitt) to set the foundation stone. The congregation then gathered to the front of the hall, when Mrs. Trevitt, using the trowel with which her husband had set one of the foundation stones of the Eastwood Church, gracefully performed the ceremony, and thanked the trustees for the honour conferred upon her.

The donations promised and received in connection with the setting of the foundation stone amounted to £296, of which sum £186 were "on the stone," the balance having previously been paid into the Building Fund, which now stands at £362. With other monies to come, we hope to reach £400 at the time of the opening of the hall.

Many old friends met again in happy fellowship over a cup of afternoon tea, served by the ladies of the Church Aid Society.