

## **PADBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH, MOORA.**

The interesting ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the above Church was performed last Saturday afternoon in the presence of a large assemblage of townspeople and visitors from all parts of the district.

His Lordship Bishop Riley, of Perth, conducted the service, assisted by the Rector of Moora, Rev. F. W. Gunning, which was opened by the singing of the hymn "All People that on Earth do Dwell," followed by prayer and the reading of the 3rd chapter of the epistle of Paul to the Corinthians.

At the request of the Bishop, Mr M. T. Padbury then asked the Hon. W. T. Loton to lay the foundation stone, and Mr W. A. Nelson, the architect, in presenting the tools for the purpose, gave a brief description of the building, which he hoped would be completed by the 30th July next. The stone was inscribed as follows:—

"To the Glory of God, and in Memory of Walter Padbury, a well-known pioneer who landed in this State in 1829. This stone was laid by the Hon. W. T. Loton, J.P., March 4th, 1911. W. A. Nelson, architect; J. W. Clarke, builder."

Copies of "The Midlands Advertiser," and the "West Australian" and a coin were lodged in the niche and the stone placed in position by Mr Loton, who stated he felt proud of the honor and privilege of laying the foundation stone. He had been associated with the late Mr W. Pad

associated with the late Mr W. Padbury in business for over forty years and whose name was a household word. He was the soul of honor, integrity and truth; generous and courageous, he worked for the advancement of all. He accumulated wealth, half of which he left to charitable institutions, and one third to the Church of England, amounting to about £30,000. Synod had voted £600 to build a church in his memory and he (the speaker) hoped the balance would be found by the time the church was to be opened. He ventured to hope that the church would not only be a memorial, but would be used by the people for the worship of God.

After the singing of the hymn "The Church's one Foundation,"

The Bishop stated the building would be of stone and substantial, and as regarded the architecture as good as any in the State, and the people should be proud of it. He expressed pleasure at being present. It could only be termed a district when he first visited Walebing some years ago, and that and Yatheroo and Koojan were the only centres. Since then great progress had been made, and on his various visits since he had been the grateful guest of many present. He expressed thanks to Mr Loton for coming to Moora to lay the foundation stone of the church. As one who had been associated with Mr W. Padbury so long, it was fitting that Mr Loton should lay the stone of the Memorial Church. Mr Padbury's name should be remembered amongst them gratefully. Finally, His Lordship exhorted his hearers not only to look at the church but to

not only to look at the church but to go and be pillars inside, not buttresses outside.

The ceremony was concluded by the singing of hymn 221, "Let Saints on Earth."

By invitation the company partook of afternoon tea at the Hall, when the Bishop announced the donations for the day amounted to £50.

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