

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

DEDICATION OF WINDOW.

During the midday service at St. Peter's Church, East Maitland, on Sunday, a stained-glass window in one of the openings in the eke-story of the building was solemnly dedicated by the rector, Canon Portus, to the memory of the late Miss A. Downing, who had been many years a parishioner of St. Peter's, and who passed to her rest some time ago.

The deceased lady was the principal of an educational institution for young ladies in East Maitland, which she conducted with marked success for many years. A gifted teacher, and of extraordinary ability, Miss Downing exerted a powerful influence for good upon the very many pupils who had passed through her hands. Her noble example as a Christian was largely the secret of her influence, and old parishioners speak with fond remembrance of the pleasing sight of the principal of the school, with her train of pupil boarders, walking to the parish church Sunday by Sunday.

Since the death of this good lady a number of her scholars decided to erect some form of memorial to her in the church where she had, with them, worshipped so often. And the window now in place was the form decided upon.

During a forceful and strong address delivered for the occasion, the rector referred to the many qualifications possessed by Miss Downing for the high position she held for so long. He said diversity of gifts made them dependent upon each other. Every man and woman had his or her work to do, but many were not doing it. And so the general result was often failure. Social salvation was determined by the spirit of service, and he felt he could hold up before them the life service of the lady whose memory they were perpetuating as one who had carried such a spirit into her every-day duties. She performed her part in no commercial sense. God spoke to men and women through people much like themselves, and each one could be a teacher in the way God intends. The office of teacher was a great one; and those who knew Miss Downing best testified to the faithful discharge of the important duties she had taken up.

The inscription attached to the window is:—"To the glory of God, and in loving memory of Miss Downing. Erected by her pupils." The subjects treated are representations of S.S. Timothy and Titus. The window was placed in position by Mr. A. Partridge Wall, builder, of East Maitland. The selection of the design was in the hands of the rector, and is a continuation of a general scheme to fill in all the upper window openings with representations of Bible worthies.

This window is a highly acceptable ad-

dition to the already numerous works of art of its kind in this beautiful church.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Hughes) denied that Senator Millen's financial negotiations in London had anything to do with the suggestion that the Commonwealth Government was attempting to float a loan of £10,000,000 in England.

The last of the fifteen cottages erected at Matraville, Sydney, which were presented to the soldiers by Tattersall's Club, were formally opened and handed over to the Board of Control on Tuesday. The club voted £12,000 for the purpose.