

## CLEMENT'S GAP SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL CHURCH.

### Foundation Stone Ceremony.

The foundation stone of the Clement's Gap Soldiers' Memorial Church was laid under ideal conditions on November 12. In the year 1919 the local branch of the Red Cross decided to form itself into a Church Aid Society, with the object of raising funds for a Soldiers' Memorial Church. The men of the Church also decided to raise funds for some purpose. Yearly efforts were arranged by the men and women respectively, with the result that £1,168 was raised prior to the laying of the foundation stone. A Trust was formed in June 1922, and a block of land comprising two acres was purchased in August of the same year. Early this year plans were submitted by Rev. T. G. White for a church and kindergarten. With £1,100 in hand the trustees decided in July last to call tenders, with the result that the contract was let to Messrs. T. J. Fruman & Sons, of Port Pirie, for £900. In addition to the contract price the trustees find all stone, sand, bricks, gravel and lime. With lighting equipment and furniture the cost of the building will not be less than £1,350. The church, which is beautifully situated, is 37 ft. x 22 ft., with a porch 9 ft. x 7 ft., and an up-to-date kindergarten with verandah and cloakroom. The porch and front of the church will be of white stone, dressed rock-face, and with the name Soldiers' Memorial Methodist Church worked over the porch will make a picturesque front. It is intended to put a stained glass memorial window in the porch and a beautiful Roll of Honour in the church. Rev. A. Hemmings, minister of the circuit, had charge of the service. After the singing of hymn, "All People that on Earth do Dwell," the Rev. G. S. Wellington, of Pt. Broughton, offered prayer. Rev. R. L. H. Tilbrook, of Snowtown, gave the Scripture reading. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. B. Wilson, gave

the Scripture reading. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. B. Wilson, gave the financial report, which showed that £1,168 had been raised. The hymn "This Stone to Thee in Faith We Lay" was then sung. The stone was well and truly laid by Mrs. G. M. Wilson, whose four sons served in the

Great War. A short prayer was offered by Rev. Tilbrook. A bottle containing a report of the building, a copy of the "A.C.C.," with a copy of the circuit plan and some coins was placed behind the stone. After an inspiring address by Rev. Vivian Roberts (Chairman of the District) the folk placed their donations of over £80 on the stone, and a memorable service was brought to a close with the singing of the Doxology. A sumptuous knife and fork tea was served in the Institute by the ladies of the Church.

In the evening an excellent public meeting was held. Rev. Vivian Roberts presided and delivered an interesting address on "Old Time Memories." Solos were rendered by Revs. R. L. H. Tilbrook and Rev. A. H. Hemmings. Addresses were given by Mr. S. March (circuit steward), who recalled the quarterly meeting of 25 years ago, when Clement's Gap asked for religious services, and by Rev. R. L. H. Tilbrook, who spoke on the influence of the Church, and congratulated the people of Clement's Gap on building a church as a memorial to their soldier boys. The thanks of the trustees were expressed by the circuit minister. A supper followed the meeting, and a splendid day was brought to a close. The proceeds amounted to £104.

In addition to the Clement's Gap building, the trustees at Red Hill have accepted a tender to erect a Memorial School Hall there, to cost £800. The building will be commenced shortly. The trustees at Collinsfield have also raised £400 during the past six months, and expect to start building operations there early in the New Year. We believe the erection of these buildings to the glory of God is an

buildings to the glory of God is an indication of the spiritual and religious life throughout the circuit.