

ST. PAUL'S, PORT ADELAIDE.

—Laying the Corner Stone.—

The corner stone of the new St. Paul's Church, Port Adelaide, the gift of Mr. S. Tyzack, a former resident of the seaside city, was laid on Saturday afternoon by Mrs. M. McFarlane. The historical interest of the church, associated as it has been with such names as Capt. Lipson (who drove the first pile of the wooden structure in 1841), the Rev. C. B. Howard, Dean Farrel, Rev. Mr. Newnham, Archdeacon Hale (afterwards Bishop of Perth and later Bishop of Queensland), Rev. Mr. Bayfield, Dean Marryat, Canon Green, Archdeacon Samwell, and Canon Hornabrook as successive incumbents and rectors, attracted a number of spectators to the ceremony, apart from the members of the congregation, and between 500 and 600 were present during the very impressive service held. The administrator of the diocese (Dean Marryat), who is the connecting link between the early history of the church and the present, the clergy, and choir walked in procession from the schoolroom to their allotted places on a raised dais at the St. Vincent street front of the new building. The clergy present included, in addition to Dean Marryat and the rector (Canon Hornabrook), Archdeacon Dove, the Revs. J. Sunter, B.A., E. S. Jose, W. H. Winter, B.D., F. S. Poole, M.A., T. Blackburn, M.A., A. N. Garrett, W. E. Perrin, and J. Colville. The contractor (Mr. W. C. Torode) and Mr. G. K. Soward, representing the architects (Messrs. English and Soward), were also present. A service appropriate to the occasion was conducted by Canon Hornabrook, and at its conclusion he asked Mrs. McFarlane, the sister of the donor of the church, to lay the corner stone. A bottle containing an account of the church, a list of present officers, a record of the incumbents, copies of the daily papers of Saturday, a copy of the service, and papers and coins found under the foundation stone laid in May, 1861, was placed under the stone, and, assisted by Messrs. Soward and Torode, Mrs. McFarlane then placed it in position. The mallet and silver-mounted trowel used by her were made of cedar taken from the dismantled structure, and were the gifts of the church. The stone, consisting of a slab of Mintaro slate let into a block of stone, on the St. Vincent street end of the building, was contributed by the contractor, Mr. Torode, and was inscribed:—"To the glory of God, in honour of St. Paul, and in memory of the faithful departed, this stone was laid May 13, 1905, by Mrs. McFarlane."

The Very Rev. Dean Marryat said the occasion was one of deep interest to all and of peculiar interest to himself, because 44 years ago that month he took part in the laying of the foundation stone of the enlarged church. Things had improved since then, and they were reminded of that from the fact that the reports of the day showed that at least 150 people were present. That day's gathering was a sufficient indication of the growth of St. Paul's. The new

church under construction was the result of the generosity of Mr. Samuel Tyzack, who had donated the money for its erection in memory of his father, mother, and wife. Mr. Tyzack was an old Portonian, who loved the land of his birth and had not been spoiled by wealth. Although he did not become possessed of his money in South Australia, he had not forgotten his native land, and had set an example to others who had made their wealth in the State but had done little either for the church or State. Mr. Tyzack's heart was in the right place. He did credit to the instruction given to him by Mr. Dallison, of St. Paul's, Port Day School, and Mr. T. J. King, of the Sunday school. The ceremony that day recalled to his mind reminiscences of the church in the early days. In 1841 the first wooden church was erected on piles, the first of which was driven by Capt. Lipson. On one occasion the banks at Portland Estate gave way, and the church was surrounded by water, and the congregation had to leave in boats. This was no easy task. St. Vincent street at that time was a deep trench. He had recently the pleasure of meeting a lady who was present on that occasion. She was the daughter of Capt. Lipson. The first stone church was built in 1851, just before the exodus to the Victorian diggings. He became incumbent of the church in 1857, and by that time it had increased in membership to such an extent that in 1861 a new nave was added. The first meeting to consider the addition was marked by great enthusiasm. It was held in February, and the stone of the new nave was laid in May. The church was consecrated on June 26, 1864. Weekly offerings were introduced, Hymns Ancient and Modern came into vogue, and the grammar school was started. An organ was erected in the western gallery, and a surpliced choir supplied. The organ, with some additions, was still in use. Many of the boys who attended the grammar school, which existed for eight years, had made their mark in the world, among them being Mortimer Menpes, the great artist, and a son of their old friend, Dr. Duncan, who became a friend of Cecil Rhodes in South Africa. He was not unmindful of the good work done by Canon Green, Archdeacon Samwell—in whose time the jubilee of the church was celebrated—and Canon Hornabrook, who he regretted now talked of tendering his resignation. He congratulated the congregation heartily upon the new church, which was the result of the thoughtfulness, kindness, and liberality of Mr. Tyzack. He hoped the church would be a source of life and blessing to Port Adelaide and the State as a whole, and that God's blessing would rest upon it.

During the singing of a hymn a collection was made for the reduction of the parochial debt, and donations for the Canon Green Memorial Hall were received. The sum of £31 17/ was realized for the former and £40 17/ for the latter. Subsequently, at the Foresters' Hall, Nile street, afternoon tea and refreshments were partaken of.

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