

**DUNALLEY CHURCH.  
CONSECRATION BY BISHOP.  
MEMORIAL TO SOLDIERS.**

The Church of St. Martin, a substantial little stone building at Dunalley, which has been built by public subscription, was opened and consecrated by the Bishop of Tasmania (Dr. R. S. Hay) yesterday. Standing on an elevated and conspicuous part of the township, overlooking the waters of Blackman's Bay and the canal, it forms a memorial to the men of the district who fought in the War. The inscription upon the foundation stone, which was laid in February last year, is as follows:—"To the greater glory of God, and in grateful memory of the men who fought in the Great War of 1914-1918." For nearly a century the fine freestone from which it is built has formed part of prison buildings erected by an early Government at Saltwater River, on the opposite side of Norfolk Bay, from where it was freighted across last year. A generous gift from Mr. George Long and family at Dunalley, some 225 tons of it has been cleaned and entirely refaced, and besides lending an attractive finish it renders the church a solid and permanent building. The contractors for the church were Messrs. Norman Wright and Son, the well-known builders, of Claremont. In addition to erecting it, they furnished the building with the usual articles, which were made at the workshops by Mr. Wright.

The dimensions of the church, taking the outside measurement, are 45 feet in length and 23 in width, exclusive of a porch and vestry, six feet square. There is an iron roof painted grey. The altar is at the eastern end of the interior, while facing the west is a handsome stained glass window, a present of the Scrimger family. It is well lighted and ventilated. In addition to the window, there were several donations which have assisted to make the church look attractive, notably, a fine little organ, presented by Captain Thomas Spaulding, four vases for the altar table (Mrs. H. Wiggins and son), candlesticks (Miss Eva Scrimger), altar linen (Mrs. C. F. Wilson), seats (Mrs. Hyatt, Mrs. Joseph and Geo. Long and family).

The erection of the building cost £750. This amount, with the exception of £66, has been raised by subscriptions within the district, which is regarded as very satisfactory. Just £13 of this outstanding amount is now in hand as the result of the offertory yesterday. The work of raising the money and attending to the many other matters associated with the project has been in the hands of a committee of parishioners and church wardens, with Mrs. Geo. Long as secretary, while Miss Scrimger lent valued assistance. In the result the people of the district have something to be proud of.

The church was crowded for the consecration ceremony. After performing the customary rites, in which he was assisted by the Rev. L. Stewart Wall, of Sorrell, the Bishop of Tasmania congratulated the people on the success of their undertaking, which, he said, was deeply appreciated by the Diocesan authorities and the clergy throughout the State. He also wished to congratulate the contractor, Mr. Wright, upon

the State. He also wished to congratulate the contractor, Mr. Wright, upon the workmanship, both in the church itself and the furnishings, which were of the highest class. The church would be a permanent memorial to the men who had laid down their lives for their country and a constant reminder of the

presence of God. He was, however, loth to say that the spirit of religion was not so strong to-day as it was in the days of our forefathers, who pioneered the country, and before all things erected their places of worship—sometimes it happened to be a slab hut—where they gave thanks to, and asked for strength to carry on from their Heavenly Father. Later, they erected substantial churches, which were standing to-day. Many of the churches in country districts at the present time were not being built so as to be permanent. Some districts, of course, were too poor to do better, so they could be excused. But in others, where there was no excuse, the people seemed content to put up a little kind of a social hall, with a rough bench for a communion table, and a kind of makeshift for the House of God. That, however, could not be said for Dunalley, for the church had the appearance of lasting for all time. He sincerely hoped that, while it stood, they would never forget the sacrifices made by the men of Tasmania, and those of the Dunalley district in particular, during the war on behalf of the Empire. There had never been such a kindling and welding together of comradeship and solidarity among the men as during the war, and he trusted the spirit would prevail, both nationally and individually, as long as there was a world. One could not help regretting the enormous number of lives that had been lost, the great number of battered and sick men who had returned, the devastated towns and wasted millions, but it was unreasonable to say that no good would result from it, that out of the sacrifice would come nothing. He could not say what it would be, but there were examples in the past, notably the sacrifice on the Cross, and some day the world would be a better place for it.

At the conclusion of the service lunch was served to the visitors, who were numerous, and came from all parts of the district, including Sandford and Bellerive. A confirmation service was held in the afternoon.