

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The New Chapel

Foundation Stone Laid Ceremony by Bishop Hay

Another epoch-making day in the history of Launceston Church Grammar School occurred on Saturday, day when the foundation-stone of the new school chapel was placed in position by the Bishop of Tasmania (Dr. R. Snowden Hay), thus fulfilling one of the school's highest aspirations.

It was fortunate that the weather, which had been so inclement during the preceding week, cleared up for the afternoon, and made it possible for the service to be comfortably conducted in the open air.

The ceremony, which commenced with a procession of clergy, school trustees, teachers, and scholars, was very impressive throughout. The speakers were assembled in front of the foundation-stone, on a dais draped with school flags, and the service commenced with the singing of a hymn. On the platform, beside the speakers, were Messrs. H. Reed, F. Heyward, H. Weeden, H. Ritchie, Colonel G. E. Harrap, and Captain E. E. von Bibra.

REMARKS BY HEADMASTER.

In a short introductory address the headmaster (Mr. F. R. Adams) expressed appreciation of the fact that so many persons were able to be present. Two other days in the school's history stood out as clearly as July 30, 1932, would, he said. One was the day in 1846, when the school was first established, and the other was the day when it was re-established on its new site at Mowbray Heights. The school clung to the tradition that religion should occupy the first place in connection with it, and be the fundamental element in its life. It was significant that the chapel stood at the entrance to the school gates, and that it was to be beautiful inside as well as out.

Alluding to a quotation of Ruskin's, Mr. Adams said that all beautiful things were built by the lamp of sacrifice, and that the chapel would commemorate 96 old boys who fell in the war.

Letters of congratulation were read from the Archbishop of Melbourne (Dr. Head) and the headmasters of Melbourne Grammar School, King's School, Parramatta, and St. Peter's School, Adelaide.

THE STONE-LAYING

ADDRESS BY THE BISHOP.

The assemblage rose while the Bishop placed the stone in position, and short prayers were said, all joining in the Lord's Prayer.

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To the glory of God, and in memory of Henry Reed, Esq., died 1880. This and other buildings of the school commemorates 96 old boys, died in the Great War, 1914-18.

"Education without religion," Dr. Hay said, after expressing his pleasure at being present, "would be incomplete, as religion is the foundation-stone upon which the superstructure of knowledge should be laid." In the olden times of England many parish schools were founded, and maintained by the munificence of the people. It was only in recent times that the State had recognised its duty to give free religion and education to every child. Although the churches did not wish for secular education, none was in a position to maintain its own church school, the church schools in the diocese not obtaining any financial assistance.

"The chapel," he continued, turning and facing the school, "should be the centre of the spiritual life of the school, and I am sure that the new one will be a source of inspiration to you, having a restraining and uplifting influence."

"WILD DREAM" FULFILLED.

On behalf of the School Board, Ven. Archdeacon H. B. Atkinson welcomed and thanked the Bishop for his presence. In the days when he and the Rev. C. C. Dugan were boys at the Church Grammar School to have had a school chapel would have seemed like a wild dream. It was well known that the erection of the chapel would not have been possible had it not been for the magnanimity of an anonymous benefactor.

An opportunity of contributing to the furnishing of the chapel was given to those present.

The Rev. C. C. Dugan, as an old boy of the school, wished the school every prosperity, and the service concluded with prayer.

The visitors then adjourned to the school dining hall, where afternoon tea was served.

The impressiveness of the gathering was made the greater by music provided by the City Band.