

GUNNING

METHODIST CHURCH

Dedication of Windows

Special services were held at the Gunning Methodist Church to mark the re-opening of the newly-renovated church and the dedication of the stained-glass windows recently installed. These beautiful windows are of modern design, and display symbolism.

The church, which has been renovated inside and out, was opened on the Easter Sunday of 1876, and is a fine structure built of brick, and the interior furnishing is mainly of cedar. The whole structure has well withstood the ravages of time, and reflects credit on the builders and Methodist people of 65 years ago.

The speakers at the services were the Rev. E. E. Hynes, an ex-president of the Methodist Conference, and the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, who at the morning service dedicated a window to the memory of his father, the late Rev. R. E. Bellhouse, who died in 1884 whilst in charge of the Gunning Circuit. The symbol on the window is a Crown and Palm; Victory.

The other memorial windows were dedicated in the following order:—

To William Wood Barbour. Dedicated by Rev. L. A. R. Taylor. Symbol: Spray of lilies; Purity.

To W. H. Wheatley. Dedication prayer read by Mrs. W. Bladwell, of Goulburn. Symbol: Bell and pomegranates; the Sound and Fruit of the Gospel.

To A. F. Barker. Dedication prayer read by Mrs. S. A. Beer. Symbol: The Golden Flagon, Communion and Fruit; Good Works.

To Daphne K. Ardill. Dedication prayer read by Mr. G. E. Ardill. Symbol: Spray of daphne; the Beauty and Loveliness of Christ-like character.

Soldiers' Memorial. Dedication prayer read by Dr. W. M. Barbour, president of the Gunning branch of the Returned Soldiers' League. Symbol: Rising Sun and Victory Wreath.

To Loved Ones. Dedication prayer read by Mr. John Lawton. Symbol: Shield of Faith and of Truth.

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Two windows presented by Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bailey. Dedication prayer read by Mr. F. E. Bailey. Symbols: Cross, Book, Shield, Fruit.

Two windows presented by Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Shaw. Dedication read by Mrs. Shaw. Symbols: "L.H.S." and "A and O" in Greek.

Windows presented by Mr. M. Butt. Dedication by Rev. L. A. R. Taylor. Symbol: "Christ," in Greek; Star and Fruit.

Vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Kennedy, of Goulburn, with piano accompaniment by Mr. S. A. Beer; and Miss Joan Winter, of Hornsby, accompanied by Rev. L. A. R. Taylor. Mrs. A. E. Outtrim was organist.