

## A NEW CHURCH.

### AT TIPARRA WEST.

In June, 1883, the Rev. John Chapman, of the Congregational Church, commenced services in a house belonging to Mr. J. Tilly, in the newly-settled district of Tiparra. The congregations continued to increase until the building became too small. Early in 1885 a block of land was given by Mr. Wakefield, and others gave stone, lime, sand, and water. A substantial stone church, with cement dressings, was erected, and opened in October, 1885, by the Rev. J. Lloyd. The cost was about £170. The work at Tiparra West was carried on under the successive pastorates of the Revs. W. S. Fernie, T. S. Williams, E. J. Stacy, and H. C. Noll, who lived in Maitland. The Rev. C. E. Tapp accepted the charge in March, 1919, and during his pastorate much building activity was witnessed. The need for a new church at Tiparra West became apparent, and a building fund was initiated, which was greatly helped by a gift of £500 from Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wearing, in memory of their eldest son, who died as the result of an accident. A building committee was formed, consisting of the Rev. C. E. Tapp (chairman), Messrs. O. W. Jones (secretary), J. Tilly (treasurer), E. J. Green, T. M. Geater, S. J. Jones, A. E. Whitelaw, H. Carmichael, J. W. Moody, and C. F. G. Heinrich (advisor).

Plans for building were prepared and a contract let, and the foundation-stone was laid by Mrs. A. W. Wearing, on August 17, 1923.

The new church is a good example of modern ecclesiastical architecture. It is a dignified structure, of limestone, with red brick facings, and is of Gothic design. In the porch is a twin leadlight window, given by the local Red Cross branch, in order to mark the war service of two of the church's members, Messrs. O. W. Jones and R. B. Wakefield. Other windows donated by the families interested serve as memorials for Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, sen., Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, sen., Mr. John Jones, jun., Mr. John Tilly, and little Miss Elma Moody. The church itself has placed a window in the building as a memorial of the work of deceased ministers—the Revs. R. G. Bayly, John Chapman, W. J. Kuhn, and J. R. Ferguson. The communion table, a beautiful piece of work, is in memory of Alick, Bessie, and Amy, three of the children of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wearing. The furnishings, as well as the building, are artistic and harmonious. Plans were prepared by Mr. K. Eichele, and the contractor was Mr. J. R. Hogben, of Glenelg. The church, with furnishings, represents a cost of £2,500, and prior to the opening only £450 remained to be paid off. Various items in the furnishing and fitting of the church were gifts. The opening and de-

items in the furnishing and fitting of the church were gifts. The opening and dedication service was held on Sunday. The Minister (Rev. C. E. Tapp) performed the ceremony, and mentioned that the gathering marked the completion of the fourth building scheme in the Central Y.P. Congregational district in the last five years, the others being the Memorial Porch in the Maitland Church, the new building at Cunningham, and the kindergarten room at Tiparra West. He stated that the new edifice was to be set apart for the highest service man could render God—that of worship. It would also serve a practical purpose in fitting men and women for the responsibilities of citizenship, in building up character, in training young people so that they would be able in Kipling's words, "when grown to take their place as men and women with our race." The work done in and the characters produced by the old church building had made possible the erection of the new.

Over 300 people entered the building and crowded the church, vestry, and porch, and a large number were unable to gain admission. Eighty motor cars, besides horse vehicles, were drawn up outside the building.

The ceremony of unveiling the windows was performed by Mesdames J. Jones, jun., and Wakefield, sen., and T. M. Geater, Misses Jones and C. Jones, and Messrs. W. R. Bayly and E. A. Gregory, and Mrs. Mark Humpries (daughter of the late the Rev. John Chapman), and Mr. Huntley Moody. The chairman and members of the Clinton District Council were present, and were welcomed by the pastor. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. David Morgan, of the College Park Congregational Church. The music was led by a combined choir from the Clayton (Norwood), Maitland, and Tiparra West Congregational Churches, with Mr. R. S. Tilly at the organ, and under the baton of Mr. A. L. Foord. Mr. W. R. Bayly delivered the children's address, and Miss M. Cleworth (Clayton choir) rendered with expression, "I know my Redeemer liveth" (Handel).