

CHURCH DEDICATED PARISH OF YERONGA.

Christ Church, Yeronga, the latest addition to the churches of the Anglican Archdiocese of Brisbane, was opened and dedicated yesterday by the Archbishop of Brisbane (Dr. G. Sharp) in the presence of about 400 people.

The church, which is in the Gothic style, has been erected on a site at the corner of Dublin and Killarney streets, Yeronga, and adjoins the vicarage built a couple of years ago. The building is of brick throughout, finished in rough cast coloured to harmonise with the tiled roof. A maximum amount of seating space is available in the nave, which will provide accommodation for over 200 people. The plan of the building is cruciform, the sanctuary and vestry forming the head and arms of the cross.

The movement to build a church at Yeronga dates back some years, and was delayed temporarily through the war. At the beginning of 1921 there was a sum of £451 in hand, and the site had been secured. Rev. A. W. Gilbert then succeeded Rev. A. Higgins, who had to leave Queensland for health reasons. At Easter last year it was decided to commence building operations. In response to one appeal of the Archbishop, £200 was subscribed. At the end of the year a tender of £1567 was accepted for the work. The total cost of the building has been £1644 10s 6d. Furniture and decorations ran into another £250. The total cost, including the land, has been £2000, of which amount £1000 has been subscribed or promised. There have also been a number of gifts from parishioners.

Parishioners of Yeronga and visitors from other parishes to the number of about 400 gathered at the church yesterday afternoon for the opening and dedication service. The service was a simple, though impressive one.

ADDRESS BY DR. SHARP.

Addressing the congregation, Dr. Sharp dwelt upon the duty of people to attend church. After recounting a number of reasons people had given for going to church, and declaring several of the motives that should actuate church-goers, Dr. Sharp said that what was needed in these days was an open acknowledgment of God, a public confession of Christ in a world that knew nothing, and cared very little about Him.

The Archbishop congratulated the people of Yeronga on having brought the building of their church to a happy conclusion with so very small a debt remaining on it. The people had been keen and eager about the work. There were many among them who thought it would be difficult to build a permanent church in the parish, but the people were not daunted, and went calmly on with their scheme. He felt very thankful to know that so many had given gifts, such as the lectern, etc. He had been told there had been a great many individual gifts, which had not only decreased expense, but it also showed the right sort of spirit. Not only had the people been united in the building of the church, but they had laboured together preparing the grounds. It had been a real joy to him to dedicate a church in the parish, which was not yet very big, but which would be big and populous before long.

Dr. Sharp was assisted during the ceremony by Rev. A. W. Gilbert, and the lay readers of the parish.

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On a tablet in the inside of the western wall of the building are inscribed the names of soldiers from the parish who fell in the war. This tablet and the baptismal font were donated by Mr. W. E. Thrun, the communion table by Mr. S. S. Garrick, the brasswork by Mr. G. Watson, and the inscriptions by Mr. W. A. Wood. The building was designed by Mr. Alan Young, A.R.I.B.A., and the contractor was Mr. B. Springer.