

NEW CHURCH At Aldersyde

All roads led to the lovely new Aldersyde Pioneer Memorial Church on October 23 and about 200 people assembled for the long-awaited occasion. The ladies prepared a welcome cup of tea for the visitors, some of whom had travelled long distances.

The Chairman of the Church Trust, Rev. Milton Davies, welcomed everyone and said how pleased he was that so many of the pioneers of the district were present.

The Trust Secretary, Mr. Harry Benzie, then presented his report.

Rev. Milton Maley spoke of his ministry in the district long ago and then called on Mrs. Mills Snr. to unveil the Memorial Plaque. Before officially opening the Church, Mr. A. W. Powell recounted several incidents connected with the early days of the church and the district about 50 years ago.

The congregation was much too large for the church building and many stood both inside and outside for the Dedication Service conducted by the President of the Methodist Conference, Rev. J. T. Whittle. An enjoyable feature of this service was the singing of the choir under the baton of Mr. A. Benzie.

The Basket Tea provided an opportunity for many reunions and good christian fellowship.

The social evening was in the capable hands of Mr. S. Mills and greetings were received from far and wide and a number of apologies were also given.

On Sunday morning at nine o'clock the Sacrament of Holy Communion was administered by the President who delivered a short message on the meaning of Communion.

A united service was held in the afternoon when the church was again packed to overflowing. The President led the worship and was assisted by Rev. M. Davies. The occasional sermon was preached by Rev. N. McAndrew as the representative of the Presbyterian Community

drew as the representative of the Presbyterian Community in the district. The choir again sang very sweetly.

The trustees have received many congratulations on their work in erecting such a lovely church with such tasteful furnishings. The social room has also aroused much admiration and the progress of the church in the community life at Aldersyde is now assured. — Pingelly "Reader".