

WANDSWORTH.

ON Sunday, the 20th inst., the remains of the late George Beard, blacksmith, of this village, were interred at Ollera, for although we have a cemetery which has been surveyed, as yet no steps have been taken to fence it in.

On Thursday, Aug. 24th, the chief stone of Saint Bartholomew's Church, Ollera, was laid by Mr. Edwin Everett, of Tenterden, in the presence of the Bishop of the diocese, the Revs. Canon Child, of Morpeth, J. H. Johnson, B.A., of Glen Innes, and C. C. Greenway, of Bundarra, all of whom took part in the service. Amongst the laity we noticed Mr. and Mrs. James Buchanan, of Armidale, Mr. and Mrs. Blomfield, of Boorolong, Mr. George Morse, of Abington, Mr. A. Darby, of Winscombe, Mr. A. M. Brown, of Moredun, &c., &c.; there were about 250 persons present, who apparently took great interest in the proceedings. Mr. Jephson presided at the harmonium, and Mrs. Jephson led the choir, who performed their part of the service very creditably. After the religious portion of the ceremony had been completed, the Bishop addressed the assemblage—stating that this was the first church of the kind that had been built in his diocese since his arrival in the colony, and reflected great credit on the Messrs. Everett, for its initiation, &c., &c., and concluded his remarks by inviting everyone present to lay their offerings on the stone. The offerings amounted to £47 odd. Mr. Everett then addressed the people, stating—That for some time there had been a great deal of talk about building a church, but at length the foundations were in, he believed them to be good and solid, and intended, as far as laid in his power, to proceed with the building without check or hinderance, and he hoped the church about to be built would be a source of

great comfort to the people round about, for he had generally remarked that all regular attendants at public worship invariably had nice comfortable houses, and that those who did not so do had the reverse, and were continually travelling from one place to another. He understood that many persons were under the impression that he alone was building this church; it was not so, for he would then be like a person living on a desert island who had no friends, whereas he

island who had no friends, whereas he found wherever he went he met many good and kind friends; he also alluded to the number of persons present as proving the desirability of building a church, &c., &c. Everyone present was then invited to luncheon, which was bountifully provided by Mr. Everett and Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie. The day was fine and bright, and everything passed off most satisfactorily. The church is to be of brick on stone foundations, 44 feet long by 24 feet wide, the walls being 10 feet from the floor, the rafters 21 feet in length; there is also a vestry and porch. The Architect is Mr. J. H. Hunt, of Sydney. The building will seat 120 persons; and, exclusive of windows, the contract price is £600.

There is a school at Ollera and another at Tenterden; both are unsupported by the Council of Education.

Wandsworth, Aug. 28, 1876.