

## New Church at Huskisson

### LAYING FOUNDATION STONE

The popular tourist resort, Huskisson, was en fete on Saturday afternoon, the occasion being the laying of the foundation stone of a new Church of England at that centre. His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney, Right Rev. Dr. Wright, performed the ceremony. There was a large attendance, not only of local residents, but of church people from all parts of the district. The site of the new building is on the fine block of land belonging to the C.E. authorities, facing Hawke-street, and commanding a magnificent view of Jervis Bay, and a short distance west of the old structure that has done duty for many years. The building is of wood, with brick foundation, inside measurements being 42ft by 20ft. The contract price for its erection, without windows, lining, etc., was £372, and the necessary work to complete the building will probably cost another £100. The idea of the committee having the work in hand was not unreasonably to exceed the money in hand. The original intention was to erect a brick building, but the cost of that was considered excessive and beyond the financial capacity of the people in that end of the parish of Shoalhaven. The contractor is Mr. A. E. Green, builder, of Nowra.

The Rector, Rev. R. P. Gee, Th.L., presided over the foundation stone laying ceremony, and he was accompanied by the Rev. T. Terry, of Port Kembla, who when in charge of the

Kembla, who when in charge of the Shoalhaven parish largely interested himself in the raising of money towards meeting the cost of the building. Proceedings opened with the singing of the hymn, "All People that on Earth do Dwell," after which the Chairman briefly explained the facts already stated. Prayer was offered by his Grace the Archbishop, followed by the Lord's Prayer, and the reading of Psalm 84, "How Amiable are Thy Dwellings Thou Lord of Hosts." Then followed the Lesson, 1 Corinthians 3 chap. from 9th verse, and the recital of the Apostles Creed. The scroll to be placed in the cavity was read by Mr. J. Murray Innes, of Huskisson, who acted as organist throughout the proceedings, and this document, which recited the names of the Rector, the Wardens, and the local committee of management, was placed with copies of the local papers in the cavity under the stone, and the Archbishop, having been handed a silver trowel by Mrs. F. Dent, laid the foundation stone, with the words "In the faith of Christ, and with the prayer for the blessing of God, I lay this foundation stone of a Church to be called Holy Trinity, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen." The stone bore the following inscription: "To the glory of God, this stone was laid by the Most Reverend John Charles Wright, D.D., Archbishop of Sydney, 24th January, 1931."

After the singing of the hymn "O Lord of Hosts," and prayer,

The Archbishop delivered an address, in the course of which he referred to the fact that it was nineteen years since he had previously visited Huskisson. He was surprised at the evidences of progress and de-

at the evidences of progress and development in that centre during the intervening years, a progress in population that rendered the step taken to provide a new church necessary. The old building had served its day

and generation well, but it was desirable, in the interests of the parish generally and of the worshippers at Huskisson, that better accommodation should be provided, and that the House of God should be worthy of the township and of the people. He paid a tribute to the work done by the local committee in raising money to meet the cost of the new building, and urged that the residents belonging to the Church of England should make full use of the structure, not only for the worship of God but as a Sunday school for the training of their children in the doctrines of faith and the tenets of religion to qualify them to take their place as worthy citizens of the State. He had a few words to say about the influence of religion and the work of the Church, and concluded an earnest address by appealing for financial assistance to help in the completion of the edifice free of debt, and mentioned that it was hoped to dedicate the Church to the service of God at Easter.

After the singing of the hymn "Saviour, Blessed Saviour," a col-

lection was taken up, which yielded £61, and several pounds extra were raised from afternoon tea provided by the ladies of Huskisson. The collection, with funds previously in

rection, with funds previously in hand, will pay the whole of the contract price, so that the committee will have no hesitation in arranging for the completion of the structure without unnecessary delay.

The ceremony, which was inspiring throughout, concluded with the pronouncing of the Benediction by the Archbishop.

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