

On Friday afternoon, September 15th, a meeting of the women of the congregation was held and the defunct "Ladies' Guild" revived under the name of the S. Luke's Women's Guild. The officers elected for the year were :

President—Mrs. R. W. E. Wright.

Vice-President—Mrs. Perchard.

Treasurer—Miss Sweeney.

Secretary—Miss Hattie Johnson.

It was resolved that for the present the Guild should devote themselves towards paying off part of the debt on the Parsonage for repairs. It was decided to meet once a fortnight on Thursday afternoons, at 2.30 o'clock, in the Guild Room. It is hoped that all the women of the congregation will take an active part and interest in one, if not both, of these organizations.

The Brotherhood of S. Andrew, though small in numbers, is doing excellent work, and the results are seen each Sunday. We trust that more of our men will see their way towards joining this society. During the Winter months the Incumbent intends to give a course of instructions for the members. The subject chosen has been the History of our Church. Meetings are held twice a month, on Saturday evenings, at 7.30, in the Guild Room.

We expect to have our annual Harvest Festival about the beginning of October.

Confirmation classes are now being arranged, as we expect a visit from our Bishop before the end of the year.

MELBOURNE.

The Rev. Ernest King writes :

As promised in the last issue of the GAZETTE, I give some particulars about the opening of our new Church at Melbourne Ridge.

At 10.30 Divine Service was begun by the singing of Hymn 274 A. & M. "Through the night of doubt and sorrow

onward goes the pilgrim band."—words significantly appropriate by recalling misgivings, discouragements and difficulties which had preceded the happy results manifest that day.

The Incumbent said shortened Morning Prayer, and after the second Lesson baptized Merlin William, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fleck. The Lesson was clearly and impressively read by the Rev. E. K. Wilson, the Epistle by the Rev. Rural Dean Hepburn, the Gospel by the Rev. Rural Dean Thompson, who also gave an admirable Address, and the Incumbent was the Celebrant.

The Clergy and others were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Holland, Greenwood and Booth.

In the afternoon Mr. Wilson gave an excellent Address, as did also Mr. Hepburn, followed briefly by Mr. Thompson.

After this Service invitation was given to partake of refreshments served in the grounds about the Church and at Mr. Greenwood's.

At 7.30 was held a third Service, and Addresses were made by the Clergy, and also by two of the oldest inhabitants, Mr. S. Fowler and his brother—largely reminiscent in character, and all very interesting. Mr. S. Fowler was baptized by the first resident Missionary, the Rev. C. B. Fleming. Mr. King explained the absence of the Bishop and of some of the Clergy who had been expected, and briefly stated what had been done towards the building, and the condition of the finances.

According to the Church Society's Reports, the movement for its erection had been in view about two years, timber for frame and some other materials prepared by the Rev. W. J. Curran, a site of nine square rods obtained from Mr. E. E. Shonyo and his sister, Mrs. D. Stalker, contiguous to the graveyard of their family, the outlines of foundation dug out and stones thrown in as a preparatory