**Beecroft Presbyterian Church**

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Beecroft.

Presbyterian Church. — A meeting of those interested in the Presbyterian Church was held on Tuesday night at Mr. D. McCall's residence. A committee was appointed, with Mr. Gilbert as secretary, to assist in the organisation of the work at Beecroft, and it was decided that services should be held every Sunday afternoon in the Ravenhurst schoolroom.

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Beecroft.

The Church. — The Rev. James Marshall conducted the Presbyterian Church service in Ravenhurst Hall on Sunday afternoon.

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Beecroft.

Bazaar. — A bazaar organised in aid of the funds of the Presbyterian Church, Beecroft, was held in Ravenhurst Hall, Beecroft, on Saturday afternoon and evening, and was largely attended, more especially in the evening when several musical items wero rendered.

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Beecroft.

THE CHURCH. - The bible centenary was celebrated at the Presbyterian Church, Beecroft, on Sunday, the Rev. Mr. Drewett preaching an appropriate sermon. There was a good congregation.

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Beecroft

Religious. — It having been decided to extend the operations of the Hornsby and Thornleigh Presbyterian Church to Beecroft, the inaugural service was conducted in Ravenhurst Hall, Beecroft, on Sunday afternoon last, by the Rev. J. Kemp-Bruce, of Wahroonga. There was a fair congregation.

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Beecroft.

ANNIVERSARY. - The anniversary services in connection with the Beecroft Presbyterian Church, were held on Sunday, the Rev. R. E. Davies, B.A., of Petersham, being the preacher. There was a good congregation, and the building was decorated for the occasion. Special hymns were sung, as was also a solo, “O rest in the Lord.” by Miss M. Fraser, which was charmingly rendered.

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Beecroft.

CHURCH SERVICE. - The services in connection with the Presbyterian Church were held for the first time in the School of Arts, on Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Drewett preached an interesting sermon, and there was a good congregation. The services will henceforward be held in the School of Arts.

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Beecroft.

The Rev. W. H., Drewitt, of the Presbyterian Church, preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation on Sunday. He and Mrs. Drewitt sailed in the Orontes on Tuesday for Brisbane, en route to their new home in Queensland. The rev. gentleman will engage in agricultural pursuits for a time.

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Beecroft.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. - The Rev. J. D. Robertson, M.A., is at present filling the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church at Beecroft. He is a powerful and effective preacher and it is hoped by many that he will eventually be chosen as successor to the Rev. Mr. Drewitt.

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Beecroft.

RELIGIONS. - The Rev. J. A. Brotchie, M.A., is at present filling the pulpit of the Beecroft-Thornleigh Presbyterian Church to the entire satisfaction of the residents.

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Beecroft.

A NEW CHURCH. - The Presbyterian body at Beecroft has decided to go on with the building of a church on the land acquired for the purpose in Mary-street.

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Beecroft.

NEW CHURCH. - The formal ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new Presbyterian Church, Beecroft, will take place on Saturday afternoon, the 19th inst. The arrangements are in the hands of a ladies' committee, ana are therefore certain to be of the best.

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Beecroft.

PRESENTATION. - Mr. W. M. Nixon, the architect for the Presbyterian Church at Beecroft, made a very handsome present to Mrs. Chorley on the laying of the foundation-stone. The gift consisted of a solid silver trowel with ivory handle, and an ivory mallet, mounted in solid silver. The trowel bore the following inscription: “Presented to Mrs, W. Chorley on the occasion of her laying the foundation-stone of the Presbyterian Church Beecroft. 19th September, 1908.”

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Beecroft.

THE NEW CHURCH: - The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the Beecroft Presbyterian Church, took place on Saturday afternoon. The proceedings were presided over by thy Church Moderator, the Rev. J. S. Scott. After the singing of a hymn by all present, Miss Fraser presiding at the organ, the Rev. W. A. S. Anderson, of Liverpool, offered up an impressive prayer. The Rev. J. Gilmore, of Pymble, read a portion of Scripture. The Rev. J. S. Scott, in a stirring address, explained the object of the gathering, and, in doing so, made touching reference to the late Rev. J. A. R. Brotchie. In concluding, the speaker called upon Mrs. W. Chorley, of Cheltenham, to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone. Mrs. Chorley then placed the stone in position, and declared it well and truly laid. Mrs. Chorley then, in a very well delivered address, stated how pleased she was to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of a Presbyterian Church at Beecroft, and thanked the executive for having conferred the honor upon her. Mr. Chorley and she had always been supporters of all church movements in the district, and would ever be so, so long as they lived there. The good lady concluded an excellent address by a kindly and feeling reference to the late Rev. J. A. R. Brotchie, whose loss she keenly felt. The Rev. Mr. Watt spoke at some length upon the qualities of the late J. A. R. Brotchie, stating that the speaker had ministered in the northern districts contemporaneously with the deceased, and it would be impossible to convoy to those present the love and esteem Mr. Brotchie commanded there. Mr. W. Wood, financial officer of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, mado a few remarks, stating that there was a debt of £645 on the building now founded, and asked for donations. After the plates had been passed round - with a result of about £40 - Mr. Scott continued his address, and, in concluding, made reference to the last hours of the late Mr. Brotchie, relating how his latest thoughts were with his parishioners at Beecroft, and especially the children; how his heart was with the edifice of which the foundation-stone had now been laid; how, when he was disposing of his earthly earnings, he had thought of this building, with the result that he desired a donation to be placed upon the foundation-stone. Mr. Wood said that, in deference to this dying request, he now placed the sum of £250 upon the stone. A hymn was next sung by all present, after which Mr. Forsyth proposed, and Mr. McCall seconded, a vote of thanks to Mrs. Chorley for having performed the ceremony of the day, asking the presiding official to put the question. This was carried by acclamation. Mr. Chorley replied on behalf of his wife, and all present were invited to partake of afternoon tea, which was provided and served by the ladies of the congregation. All the arrangements were excellent. The floor of the church was temporarily covered with boarding, and the officials, choir and executive occupied this position. The refreshments were served upon adjoining grounds from a large hall kindly placed at the disposal of the ladies by the owner. Amongst members of the cloth present, besides those already mentioned, wore the Revs. R. B. Bowes, Joseph Young, J. J. Gilmore and Laurie.