Last Wednesday, the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the above took place at Jamberoo. The day proved everything that could be desired. The attendance, however, was not so numerous as one would expect to have come on such an occasion, and, as nearly all denominations were pretty well represented in the concourse, it was the more to be wondered at.

The officiating clergymen were — Rev. J. C. Corlette (clergyman of the parish), Rev. Thos Wilson, and the Rev. Mr. Uzzler. After the preparatory arrangements were made, the Rev. J. C. Corlette commenced the ceremony of the day.

The Rev. Thos. Wilson then read the lesson for the day, being 1st Corinthians, 3rd chapter, 18th verse; after which an engrossed parchment containing the name of the church, which is “The Church of the Resurrection”, the date of building, names of the committee, contractors, &c., was read by the Rev. J. C. Corlette, who sealed it up in a glass jar, and deposited it under the stone, which being lowered to its place, the Rev. Mr. Uzzler, in a clear and distinct voice, repeated a prayer and collect.

An address was then delivered by the Rev. J. C. Corlette on the subject they were then assembled for. He pictured the rapid advance the colony had made in so short a time, recalling the fact that in 1836 only one Bishop presided over the whole of Australia, whereas, now
there were fourteen Bishoprics in existence, and here but a few years since there was but one clergyman to Illawarra, and as far south as you like to go; whereas, today there were three assembled who had charges within close proximity to one another; and on this day they laid the corner stone of the seventh church, without taking into consideration school houses, which were used as places of worship.

He concluded his address by appealing to those present to give all a contribution, however small it might be; but to do so in a cheerful spirit, taking into consideration the object for which it was intended, and as this church was to be erected for the poor man as well as the rich, he would deprecate the system of paying for pews, so that all might be welcome, and that it would in the fullest sense of the term be called a Free Church.

After singing the 243rd and 244th Hymns, the meeting closed with the Benediction. Refreshments were handed round to the visitors, who evidently did justice to the viands. The collection amounted to nearly £13, which may be considered a tolerably fair one.