"THE INDUCTION OF THE REV. MR. MITCHELL:

The ceremony of the Induction of the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, to the Presbyterian Church at Wollongong, will take place today, and will be followed by a Soiree and Tea Party at the Queen's Hotel.".

The papers for the following Tuesday said, "The Soiree was attended by upwards of 300 persons, amongst whom were clergymen of several denominations" (all of whom, by the way, appeared to speak briefly and at full length!). "The greatest good feeling existed throughout and all appeared to enjoy themselves."

The fact that the Soiree was held at the hotel (where some time later the Wesleyans also held a bazaar in aid of the erection of the Bulli Church) shows the part which hotels played in the life of the community. — A.P.F.

KIAMA IN THE SIXTIES:

KIAMA, 34 deg. 39' S. lat., 150 deg. 52' E. long. (Co. Camden), is a small and pleasantly situated seaport town in the electoral and police district of Kiama. It lies on the head of a small bay, protected from the S. winds by a large jetty. There are several small creeks about the town, which afford a plentiful supply of water. The Illawarra lake lies 4 miles N.W. The district is an agricultural and pastoral one, mostly occupied by small dairy farmers. The district is justly celebrated for the excellence of the butter it produces. There is a steam flour mill in the town, also a brewery and 2 tanneries, all working. The nearest places are, Gerringong, 5 miles S., and Janmberoo, N.W. about 5 miles. The communication is by horse and dray, or hired carriage, and with Sydney, 89 miles N., by steamer or sailing vessel, or by a good overland mail road. Kiama has a newspaper — the Kiama Independent; it has also branches of the English, Scottish and Australian Chartered City, and Commercial banks, and of the Imperial, Pacific, Victoria, Sydney, Northern, Liverpool and London and Globe, and Australian Mutual Provident Insurance companies. There is also a branch Bible society, in connection with the one in Sydney. Kiama has a post and money order office, a telegraph office, and a court of petty sessions. There are stone churches belonging to the Episcopalian, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, and Wesleyan persuasions. A fine stone breakwater and dock basin are in course of construction. The hotels are, the Steam Packet, Beehive and Fermanagh. There is a singular natural phenomenon on a rocky hill lying between Kiama and the ocean, in the form of a perpendicular hole, nearly circular, and about 5 yards in diameter at the top, perforating the rock until it opens into a chasm at the foot of the outer cliff, up which the breakers rush with great force. In heavy weather, or when the wind blows strongly from the E., the water forced along the narrow channel finds egress up this blow-hole, and spouts upward in a magnificent volume, until it is driven by the wind over the hill in a cloud of spray. The surrounding country is elevated, and the geological formation is mostly sandstone. The population numbers about 700 persons. Kiama is a municipality, declared August 11th, 1859.

The Kiama electoral district embraces an E. portion of the county of Camden; and is bounded on the N. by the Illawarra lake, and the Macquarie rivulet to its source, on the W. by the Illawarra range, and the middle source of the Kangaroo river, to a point due W. from the head of the Crooked river; on the S. by a line from that point to the head of the Crooked river, and by that river to the sea; and on the E. by the sea to the Illawarra lake, aforesaid. This electorate returns 1 member to the Legislative Assembly, the present representative being H. Parkes, Esq. The number of registered electors in this district is 1215, of whom 931 voted at the last general election, 1864-1865.

Kiama is a police district, embracing an E. portion of the county of Camden; and bounded on the N. by the Illawarra lake, and the Macquarie rivulet to its source; on the W. by the Illawarra range, and the middle source of the Kangaroo river, to a point due W. from the head of the Crooked river; on the S. by a line from that point to the head of the Crooked river, and by that river to the sea; and on the E. by the sea to the Illawarra lake, aforesaid. The place of petty sessions is Kiama.

(—Bailliere, "The New South Wales Gazetteer", 1866.)