

A REAL CHURCH BUILDER.

REV. JOHN TILLER.

The following, which is taken from the "Australian Christian World," a paper published in the East, refers to a man very well known in Western Australia. The Rev. John Tiller was stationed in Geraldton for some years, and before he left the district took up land near Mullewa for his son, who is still there:—

"To the 'man in the street' a parson's life is generally considered to be an easy one; but the most carping critic would scarcely dare apply this to the actions of the Rev. John Tiller, Methodist minister, of Gladstone (South

Australia), during the past few months. Since his arrival there he has endeavored to arouse enthusiasm toward the erection of a new church. With this end in view, he set about the task of quarrying the stone necessary for the building, and he has now completed his task. As the sun peeped over the hills the reverend gentleman could be seen at his work, and after a respite during the hottest hours of the day, the setting sun saw him at his self-imposed task. Tons of rubbish had to be cleared away by him before operations could begin; but after this was done with drill and gad, spawl and hammer, the reverend quarryman drilled, blasted and spawled the stone ready to be carted away. With the exception of a few days at the close of the job

a few days at the close of the job Mr. Tiller worked alone. To his credit he now has the satisfaction of seeing about 200 cubic yards of splendid stone on the job ready for the hands of the expert workman. Born in South Australia, a son of one of the hardy pioneers, his younger days were spent in clearing and preparing the land, and this has given him a fine physique and an indomitable will. He completed his education at Shebbear College, Devon (Eng.), and returned to South Australia to enter the ministry of the Bible Christian Church. Some years ago he transferred to Western Australia, where he labored in nearly all the most important circuits. Last year he returned to South Australia, and was stationed at Gladstone. A fluent

speaker, with a broad outlook, a good
organiser, and of a cheery disposition,
he is held in high esteem by his own
congregation and the general com-
munity.''
