

Parson Who Quarried Stone for New Church

REV. John Tiller, who died at Torrensville on Tuesday, was well known to and much esteemed by many people in this district.

He was appointed to take charge of the Gladstone Methodist Circuit in 1920, and while residing in that town was responsible for building the fine new church there.

Not content with inducing others to subscribe to the building fund, he played a practical part in the manual work, himself quarrying the stone needed for the new edifice.

He was a member of a farming family famous both as wheatgrowers and draught-stock breeders, and as a young man he was engaged in farming pursuits.

The Tillers were known far and wide as good cricketers, and, like the family to which the late Dr. W. G. Grace belonged, could put a couple of elevens into the field. A match between members of the Tiller family was for a long period an annual and interesting fixture.

An eleven of that patronymic still occasionally meets other teams, but I have not heard for some time of a match in which the players of both

sides belonged to that clan.

Rev. W. O. Harris (now, I believe, associated with the Methodist Home Missions Department) was another cleric who took his coat off and played a prominent part in the actual building operations in connection with the new church at Balaklava. The good work done by the two clergymen referred to will never be forgotten.