

The Courier-Mail (Brisbane, Qld. : 1933 - 1954), Saturday 23 May 1936, page 25

ALBION CHURCH OF CHRIST

Silver Jubilee Services

The Albion Church of Christ, which was the first branch of the Church of Christ to be erected in the nearer suburbs of Brisbane, will celebrate its silver jubilee next week. It was founded in 1911, when the main Brisbane Church had already been in existence for many years. Special services will be held to-morrow, and on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. A boat picnic will be held at 17-Mile Rocks next Saturday afternoon.

The necessity for establishing churches in the nearer suburbs for the people of the Church of Christ was first realised about 1910, when two of the members of the Brisbane Church—Messrs. A. J. Green and F. Encheimaier—who were residents of Albion, began to agitate for a church in their suburb. As a result, the first service was held in a small hall in Stoneleigh Street, on January 1, 1911, the chairman and speaker having been invited from the central church. Throughout the year the new church was still attached to the parent body, but it grew to such an extent that at the end of the year the congregation felt they were ready to become self-governing. On February 4, 1912, it held its first meeting as a separate entity. Early the next year two blocks of land were acquired in McLennan Street, the site of the present church. This acted as an incentive towards the erection of a new building, and so strong was the incentive that the new church was completed and opened in May, 1915. This opened a new chapter in the church's history. Progress was made. A successful line of ministers occupied the pulpit, and in 1926 it was found necessary to enlarge the building. The main building was carried forward, and a large hall erected at the rear. During this period—1925-35—Pastor H. G. Payne was the minister, and he carried the church to a high state of efficiency. He resigned last year, and the present minister is Pastor D. R. Stirling. The original membership of the Church was about 20, and the present one about 123.



D. R. Stirling



National Library of Australia

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article38471515>