Unfortunately our membership has not increased very much. We still number only about thirty. Nor are we much nearer our greatest need - a museum. We can only continue our efforts in that direction.

Office bearers elected for the following year were President, Mrs. N. Blackman; Vice-Presidents, Mr. R. Ashley and
Mrs. P. Brodie; Secretary, Mrs. F. Neville; Treasurer, Mr. H. Harvey;
Historian, Mr. T. Sheehy.

## A NEW CHURCH IN CHELTENHAM.

The drivers of cars that speed through Cheltenham along the Highway nowadays may see one more prooof of the paradox that nothing is constant but change. The old St. Matthew's Church of England has been joined to a new one — and how different a new one! The old was high and dignified, with little colour except from the stained glass windows; the new has subdued colours, is wide and spacious, low and light.

Next year the church will celebrate its centenary. But its story goes further back to the days when Anglicans in the district were in the care of St. Andrew's Parish, Brighton. In 1854 the Reverend Samuel Taylor, vicar of that church, wrote to the Denominational Schools Board which at that time controlled education in Victoria asking for a school to be built in what is now Silver Street, Cheltenham; the letter was also signed by the parents of children in the district. The school was built and called the "Church of England schoolroom no.127". Another Church of England school was in Spring Grove (the first name for Beaumaris); it stood in Church Street and probably gave the street its name. At these two schools in the fifties and sixties Anglicans met on Sunday for worship. The first recorded minutes are for a meeting held on 18th September, 1862 of "the Church of England congregation attending for public worship at the Cheltenham Church of England schoolroom."

In 1867 a new parish with Cheltenham as centre was formed, extending from North Road to Carrum and east to Springvale, and on April 14th the nave of the present church was opened. The first incumbent was the Reverend William Singleton; he died suddenly on a Sunday in 1875. The vicarage, now replaced by a new one, was built while the Reverend Alfred Caffin was in charge of the Church. The annexe was added in 1956.

The memorials in the old church are interesting. Besides one to the first vicar there are two windows and a tablet for early (over)