

*Architect: W.C. Vahland and John Beebe 1904*

*The See House or Bishops Palace for the newly formed diocese of Bendigo was designed by William Vahland and John Beebe. William Vahland had earlier taken his son, Henry, onto partnership in 1892. They contributed several notable buildings, including the Sandhurst Club in View Street, Caradon in Eaglehawk and Penwinnick in Quarry Hill. William Vahland is rightly recognized as being the principal 19th century architect in Bendigo, but towards the end of the century their practice was successfully challenged by William Beebe.*

*William Vahland retired in 1900, whereupon, Henry Vahland joined in partnership with John Beebe, the younger brother of William Beebe. Both John and William had started out as stonemasons with their father, William Beebe senior, though William had turned to architecture exclusively from 1892. John became an architect from about 1900. His partnership with Henry Vahland was cut short by Henry's untimely death from Bright's disease in 1902, at the age of 42 years. William Vahland then came out of retirement, taking his son's place in the firm. Langley Hall was the largest commission of the new partnership.*

*The partnership with John Beebe lasted until about 1910, when William Vahland finally retired. He died in 1915. John Beebe remained in practice in his own name*