

ENROLLED PENSIONERS ATTENDING THE CHURCH

In the convict days the Imperial rule was that prisoners should attend Church every Sunday, so that gangs of native prisoners, in chains, often attended the services. Later on another band of worshippers was that of ARMY PENSIONERS.

They were marched down from the Barracks and then paraded in the streets, whence they were drafted off to their own Churches. Those who came to the Cathedral entered by the west transept door and took their seats which were close by, just under the pulpit. Opposite them in the south aisle and close to the organ, sat the Orphanage children in the rather plain and not very becoming clothes given them in

those days.

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St George's Cathedral, Perth 1948



St George's Church, Perth
Begun 1841 — consecrated 1848: Cathedral 1857
Wings Added 1864: Demolished 1889