

New Building Scheme

1888

During the year, the Managers, with the Session, have spent much time in considering several plans for extending the Church premises, particularly in respect of School and Classroom accommodation, but so far they have not been able to arrive at any decision. The least costly scheme suggested so far involves a large sum of money, but it is still hoped some way will be found of securing the increased accommodation required, and a scheme submitted to the congregation which will meet with their approval and financial support.

1889

During the year, important steps have been taken towards providing increased accommodation referred to in last year's Manual.

After careful consideration at several Congregational Meetings it was decided to proceed with a scheme for providing New School and Class Rooms etc. involving an expenditure of about £1,200 on the understanding that £800 of this amount be subscribed before starting operations.

In response to a circular issued to the congregation, subscriptions have been promised, payable during two years, amounting to £618. 2 shs, and from other sources there has been received and promised £133. 14 shs. 6d. in all £751. 16 shs. 6d. of which £349. 10 shs. 8d. has been paid to the Treasurer. Several other subscriptions have been promised where the amounts have not been fixed.

The above Report, on being submitted to the Annual Meeting of the congregation in January last, was received with great satisfaction, and the Office Bearers were authorised to proceed with the scheme, and accordingly they have made arrangements for the purchase of the property behind the Church on which to erect the new School Room, and building operations will be begun as soon as practicable.

As a means of raising the additional £400 required the Office Bearers have had collecting cards prepared, which may be had from the Secretary, and they believe that if the congregation will take these cards in hand the whole amount required will be collected by the time the building is completed.

1891

At a meeting of Session and Managers held in November, it was resolved that a Bazaar should be held to raise the money required for the New Schoolroom, etc. Building Fund and the following circular has been issued -

“ It has been resolved to hold a Bazaar on behalf of this Church with the view of raising money to the sum of £1,000 to complete the scheme for erecting a new Schoolroom and providing Class Rooms, Vestry and Ladies" Room". The Bazaar will be held in the

Cutlers' Hall Sheffield on 8th, 9th and 10th November 1892. The need for the increased accommodation is great and the kind assistance of friends is earnestly solicited. "

1883

Although the work is now completed, and the premises are with us to be a lasting evidence of the success of our enterprise, it seems fitting that the main facts should be recorded here.

The want of adequate accommodation for our work had long been felt and the effort to supply it has extended over a period of several years, during which the members of the congregation have been subscribing liberally. The final effort will long be remembered, when a grand bazaar in the Cutlers' Hall in November 1892, aroused the interest of the community and, through the sympathy of many friends, resulted in a clear profit of £1,012.

The building scheme was then placed under the care of a special committee of which Mr. C. R. Hemingway was chairman, and under his presidency the opening meeting was held on December 6th. The new premises consist of a large hall, 47 feet by 30 feet, and two classrooms. The old schoolroom is converted into a ladies' room, a large classroom, and vestries for the minister and the managers. Messrs Flockton and Gibbs were the architects, and the various contractors were: Mr. J. Pearson, builder; Mr. J. Mossen, joiner; Mr. Chadwick, plasterer; Messrs Ellis and Weatherill, slaters; and Mr. Hicks on plumber. The total cost will be something like £1,650.

At the opening meeting, Dr. Young, as chairman of a Testimonial Committee, on behalf of the congregation, presented the Revd. W. Marcus with a purse containing £66. 6shs, , and Mrs. Marcus with a very handsome silver salver, beautifully chased and suitably inscribed. Dr. Young also presented the managers with an engraved portrait of the Revd. James Breakey, the former minister of the church.