

CHAPEL OPENINGS, &c., IN OSWESTRY CIRCUIT.

*Bethel*, or Morton Common chapel, was opened for divine service on Sunday, October 28, and on-Monday, 29, 1838. Four sermons were preached by R. Jukes, of Darlaston. The congregations were large, respectable, and remarkably attentive to the word. The divine power attended all the services, and good was done.

This chapel is twenty-seven feet long, by eighteen wide inside, and fourteen feet from the floor to the ceiling. It has two windows on each side, in the Gothic style. The door is at the front end, and the pulpit at the other. It is built with stone. The inscription above the door is—"Bethel Chapel, built AD. 1838, by the Primitive Methodists."

It has five pews, which will comfortably seat forty-five persons; and benches which will seat upwards of seventy. Its situation is good. It is built at four cross ways, and the roads are good each way. The congregation, society, and Sunday school, are tolerably large and prosperous.

It cost in building, ninety-seven pounds, four shillings, and three-halfpence; donations, subscriptions, and collections, thirty-seven pounds, one shilling, and sixpence halfpenny. Its debt when finished was sixty pounds, two shillings, and seven pence; fifty-two of which was borrowed on notes, and the eight pounds, two shillings, and seven-pence were to pay for the chapel deeds, &c. The society thought this was a large debt to be on the Lord's house, and earnestly desired and fervently prayed that they might be able to free it from debt. They persevered in praying until they succeeded. The Lord touched the heart of William Rogers, an elderly gentleman, of Crikheath, and when the was moved to him by his nephew and niece T. and S. Jones who are members of our society, and live with him, he told them to bring the notes; and he very cheerfully paid the fifty-two pounds, and anxiously requested the society to pray for him, that he might be saved. T. Jones, his nephew, paid the eight pounds, two shillings, and seven pence; so this chapel was freed from debt. This is the best golden system, for the rich to clear off the chapel debt at once, and request the poor to pray for them; for this good old gentleman certainly thought the prayers of the pious were of more value to him than the money.

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