

*Opening of a New Chapel and Sunday School. at Stubwood, near  
Rocester, in the Ransor Circuit.*

For about twenty-five years our people have preached in houses in this neighbourhood; and their labours have been owned and blessed by the Lord in the salvation of many; some of whom have died happy in the Lord, and about twenty are now members in the society.

Some time ago it was proposed to build a chapel, and a site of land was obtained in a very pleasant situation, (not far from the hamlet of Denston,) on Stub wood: trustees were selected, the chapel was commenced, and the farmers in the neighbourhood kindly gave the drawing of the materials.

This chapel is built in the Elizabethian style of architecture. It is built of Hollington stone, thirty-three feet long by eighteen wide inside, and twelve feet high from the floor to the ceiling. It is well lighted, has a boarded floor, a neat pulpit, and a sufficient number of forms. The chapel is parted by palisading about three feet high. One part is for preaching, and the other for a Sunday school; and the whole may be used as a chapel when needful. At the front there is a vestibule, with double entrance, having one door leading to the chapel, and the other to the Sunday school.

Over the entrance is inserted on drapery work,

“Take fast hold of instruction.”

And in a niche over the door is inscribed,

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL.

There is a yard in front enclosed by a stone wall, with an iron gate and palisading; and nothing has been spared to make the whole convenient and comfortable; and some of the best judges consider it one of the best constructed and best finished chapels in the country.

The total expense was two hundred and seven pounds twelve shillings and five-pence halfpenny.

The private donations amounted to fifty-three pounds sixteen shillings and seven pence. The general subscription produced forty four pounds and twelve shillings; and the opening collections were eighteen pounds seven shillings and eleven pence.

The sermons at the opening were preached on Sundays, November 14 and 21, 1841, by R. Jukes from Darlaston circuit, and Mr. Gee from Sheffield. The chapel is to be regularly settled on the Connexion.