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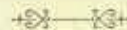
Rev. F. W. DUNCOMBE.

LEE MOUNT
BAPTIST CHURCH,
HALIFAX.

Building of New Church
and School Premises.



Approximate Cost / / £4,000.
Still Wanted / / / £1,900.



SOD CUTTING, APRIL 6th, 1907.

STONE LAYING (probable Date), JUNE 1st, 1907.

For a long time our work at Lee Mount has been crippled for want of more adequate accommodation.

The Church is situated in a very populous locality, with ample opportunity for advancing the interests of the Kingdom of God.

We have found it necessary to erect New Premises on the land adjoining the present School-Chapel.

It is hoped that all who are in sympathy with us will render us help.

We strongly desire to open FREE OF DEBT. Will YOU kindly help us in our worthy endeavour?

Dr. CLIFFORD, London, writes:

I am glad to hear of the good work you have done, and of the courageous efforts you are making to meet the growing needs of your district of Halifax. I heartily commend your appeal and trust you will receive abundant support.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN CLIFFORD.

✻ Our History. ✻

In 1844, some Baptists at Ovenden began to hold Cottage Prayer Meetings.

In a Cottage at Shay Lane, they opened a Sunday School, in November, 1845.

The following May, a Church was formed, which continued with varying changes, till 1857, when it was dissolved.

From that time, the School was unconnected with any Church until in 1866 it was recognised as a branch of North Parade Church, Halifax.

Later, a site of Land (2,000 yards), at Bank Top, was purchased, on part of which the School-Chapel was built.

At Bank Top (now called Lee Mount), there was neither Sunday School nor Place of Worship.

"I have known the Lee Mount Church 14½ years. For 8 years living in Halifax, I knew the Church and its Members intimately. It is one of the most vigorous, self-reliant, and enthusiastic Churches that I have ever known. In Lee Mount the Church has an unique opportunity, and is bound to have a flourishing career. The people are worthy of all encouragement, they have struggled manfully for years; they have no rich men connected with the Congregation, and it will be impossible for them to carry through their great enterprise unaided. I very earnestly commend their cause to all sympathisers."

Rev. HENRY DAVIS,
Fuller Chapel, Kettering.

"With pleasure I commend the effort—the need is great and urgent."

Rev. THOS. COTES, Secretary,
Halifax and District Baptist Association.

✻ Our History. ✻

On Good Friday, 1872, the present School-Chapel was opened.

The cost of the New Buildings and Ground was £2,500, which, after much self-denial and help from generous friends, was paid off in 1889.

The work prospered, and, in April, 1892, an independent Church was formed, with 134 members.

At Lee Mount, the Sunday School has been a very real nursery to the Church, 90 per cent. of the members coming from that source.

The first Pastor, Rev. J. H. Robinson, settled in 1893, and, in 1899, was succeeded by Rev. D. B. Davies. The present Pastor, Rev. F. W. Duncombe, coming from Manchester Baptist College, settled in August, 1906.

"I gladly commend the scheme. Pastor and people are so energetic and determined, that friends of all sections of the Christian Church ought confidently to support them."

Prof. H. ELLIS, M.A.,
Manchester Baptist College.

"I have known the Lee Mount Church since 1874, and have yet to know a little land who deserve better of their friends."

Rev. J. MOFFAT LOGAN,
Accrington.

"The needs of the cause and the thickly peopled neighbourhood, have long called for a New Chapel, and our brethren deserve the hearty goodwill and generous help of all."

Rev. WM. JONES,
Late of Hope Chapel, Hebden Bridge.

"The leaders are cautious and enthusiastic. They have been contributing to the Building Fund for some time. A new and large building is a necessity, . . . and when completed it will be a splendid centre for aggressive work. . . . I strongly recommend it to the generosity of Yorkshire friends."

Dr. HASLAM, Harrogate.

"I have much pleasure in recommending the work at Lee Mount. I rejoice to see in the Church, with their energetic Pastor, Mr. Duncombe, such a fund of aggressive energy, and I trust they will find no difficulty in obtaining the needed funds."

Rev. JOHN THOMAS, M.A., Liverpool.

Approximate Cost - £4,000.



Still Wanted - - £1,900.

LEE MOUNT BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our Scheme.

The New Premises will occupy the splendid elevated site adjoining the present School-Chapel.

ACCOMMODATION is provided for a mixed congregation of 761 persons.

The Chapel is to be 40 feet wide and 66 feet long, with a large organ recess containing the choir gallery, increasing this length by 21 feet, and is spanned by an open timber roof, ceiled at a height of 40 feet.

Pitch pine will be used for interior wood-work.

The floors of vestibule and entrance halls will be laid with marble mosaic.

The SCHOOL portion comprises a Lecture Hall accommodating 100 persons, Infants' rooms, Minister's and Deacons' Vestry, Young Men's room, Young Women's room, Two Class-rooms, Lavatory and Cloak rooms. The Lecture Hall will be fitted with movable partitions, which will divide it into four Class-rooms.

The design of the building is in the Gothic style of the Early Decorated period.

The windows of the Chapel will have leaded lights glazed to the stone-work.

Our Architect is Mr. Abraham Sharp, Bradford.

Approximate Cost - - - £4,000.

Still Wanted - - - - £1,900.

"... They are eminently deserving of the practical sympathy of the denomination in their endeavour."

Principal J. T. MARSHALL, M.A., D.D.,
Manchester Baptist College.

Interesting Facts.

Our Membership numbers 190.

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The Sunday School has 352 Scholars and 40 Teachers.

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The need for more commodious premises has been long felt, and during the past ten years our Church has raised over £1,100 for the New Building Fund.

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In addition, a further sum of £300 has been promised from our own people, to be paid this year.

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Two donations of £100 each have been generously promised from our friends, Messrs. E. and A. Smith, of Cleckheaton, formerly of Lee Mount.

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Recognising the urgency of our needs, £500 has been kindly granted from the Baptist 20th Century Fund.

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So at the time of issuing this appeal, we have in cash and promises about £2,100.

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Although we are self-supporting and capable of great and effective service, yet the burden of a big debt would deter our progress.

If you CAN help us, WILL you?

"New premises are imperatively needed. Their appeal to the 20th Century Fund was cordially commended by the County Committee in 1904, and the need is more urgent now than then."

Rev. J. GYLES WILLIAMS,
Sec. Yorkshire Baptist Association.

Our Building Committee.

OFFICERS.

Chairman :—Rev. F. W. DUNCOMBE, 4, Grafton Place, Ovenden, Halifax.

Secretary :—Mr. CLEMENT HOYLE, 27, Ovenden Road, Halifax.

Treasurer :—Mr. HENRY TOWNSEND, 4, Tennyson Street, Lee Mount, Halifax.

Any of the above will be grateful to receive Donations.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.

Mr. W. BRADLEY.	Mr. J. H. HOOSON.
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" T. WADE.	" W. HAIGH.
" L. J. CHARNOCK.	" M. WRIGHT.

Bankers - Lancashire & Yorkshire Bank.

"I have much pleasure in recommending the case. I believe it to be a very necessitous one, and they are doing what they can to help themselves."

JOHN C. HORSFALL, Esq., Crosshills.

