

## STROUD PARISH CHURCH

## LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE.

Wednesday last was a gay and busy day in Stroud, the occasion being the laying of the chief corner stone of the new parish church. The scheme is one which has been for a long time before the public, and has only been perfected after many obstacles and disappointments. The proposition was first made some five or six years ago, and was earnestly supported by the Rev. T. H. Hariton, the then incumbent. An admirable plan was secured, but on the eve of success being achieved unforeseen difficulties defeated the scheme, and led to its temporary abandonment. The present incumbent has been more fortunate in his endeavours to resuscitate the work. Gradually the difficulties have been surmounted, and a plan for rebuilding has been worked out which culminated on Wednesday in the public laying of the stone, amid much pomp and circumstance, a public dinner at the Royal Hotel, bell-ringing, holiday keeping, and other signs of rejoicing. The day was a fine one, and business was suspended from one o'clock, and many peals were rung gratis during the day. The fingers from the old tower and spire, which was left standing.

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Mr. W. J. HANTON returned thanks. He compared the proceedings of the day with the army, navy and volunteers. The Building Committee and the workmen were the army. They had served under a most able general. Dr. Dadd was the navy. He had given pleasure to serve under so enthusiastic, so careful and so able a commander, who led them not blindly, and whom they followed cheerfully. The energy he had infused into them was the volunteers. The work had been proud to have such a general. (Cheers.) The members of the committee were the colonels, the majors, the captains, the lieutenants and the ensigns, the sergeants and the privates. They had received orders. The workmen were the army who served under them, and they would be assembled that evening in another place to rejoice on the completion. Then they would be disbanded. The committee were large, so many of whom were present, who had taken a great interest in this work, and whose executive the committee were. It was necessary that they should have been encouraged. They had encountered some difficulties, and they had innumerable difficulties in the future to encounter, and they needed the continued and warm support of the public, of the clergy, of the laity, of the trades, of the shopkeepers, of the deacons of the diocese, remarking that they had a very good bishop, who was remarkable for his learning and piety, and for his zeal and assiduity in carrying out the work.

**ANACRIDIA** the Rev. Sir **GOO. PARSONS** responded. He said: I am very much gratified to hear the bishop spoken of in the way in which he has been spoken of by me, and I am sure that the sympathy of all your hearts. We are all proud of our bishop—proud of his learning, proud of the piety he has shown, the zeal he has shown for our holy religion, in favour and defence of which he has been one of the most able and successful champions. (Cheers.) He is now in another part of the world, otherwise I am sure it would have been a great pleasure to him to have been here, where he would have filled more ably the place he has filled so long. I am sure that the clergy and people did the battle of the church must be fought especially in places like this—in places where the hardest heads and hardest working hands are gathered together. The machinery of the church, the machinery so largely used shall be put to work, and the hardest working hands to carry it out. Here, where large aggregations of people are gathered, and where the battle of the church must be fought—it is that the battle of the church must be fought where we must labour to win souls from indifference and irreligion and materialism. I have received from our fathers, in the names also of the clergy I beg to return thanks, and to say we feel the greatest pleasure in supporting our brethren in the cause of the church, and still more when we see them associated, as they are now, with a body of zealous and influential laymen. (Cheers.) In the name of the bishop and myself I beg to return sincere and hearty thanks to you, my friends.

THE CHAIRMAN said he had next to propose the health of two gentlemen who had taken a most prominent part in the proceedings of the day—the friend the Archdeacon and Mr. Sherringham. (Cheers.) The Archdeacon had taken a most prominent part, and they were greatly obliged to him for his attendance, and also to Mr. Sherringham for the able sermon he preached that morning. (Cheers.)

THE REV. J. W. SHERRINGHAM, in returning thanks said: It has given me peculiar pleasure to accept the kind invitation of my friend the Archdeacon to appear before you to-day. I am glad that those who do not reside here are so concerned, and I am

and have given ten times the amount of attention and consideration and labour to the subject that I myself have given. I think it would do well to be a way of duty. They have kindly—nobly—slowly—determined to be placed in the front of the parashore as their seat of worship. I think that is a great thing. I first came to Stroud, one of the first things that struck me—knowing the nature, and having a very high and favourable opinion of the population of the neighbourhood—was the high and great grandeur of the church, and the contrast which it showed to the character of the inhabitants, and the wealth and population of the neighbourhood. The general high tone of the neighbourhood was strongly in contrast with the gross and vulgar character of the church. (Hear, hear.) I believe I but express my own feelings and those of the committee when I say we all think God's house ought to be a noble house. (Hear, hear.) Of all the things that I have seen, I think that the church is the most noble. I think that the church ought to be a just expression of our adoration, of our conceptions of His majesty and glory, and of the gratitude we owe to Him. Therefore, when one sees a church of God's inferior, so paltry, so miserable appearance so contemptible, so utterly unworthy of the character, the wealth, and the intelligence of the population, and of their religiousness and piety, the committee felt, and felt, that that house ought to be taken down, and in its place a new one should be erected that should be a just expression of our sense of obligation and duty. (Cheers.) If I am not trespassing too long upon your time—(cheers)—I should like to mention that the committee have been engaged in the industry, the committee applied themselves to the question of raising a church for Stroud, and so supplying this want. You see here—[pointing to a drawing of the church]—this is the church that we have here what the church is proposed to be. This church was only chosen after the most mature deliberation. They threw aside all predilections as to special plans, and they took the middle of the road, and they left their own when they were desirous to serve; but each was determined to be influenced by the consideration of what was best for Stroud. (Hear, hear.) The committee trusted not to their own judgment, and they called in the aid of the most experienced architect, to assist them in their selection of plans; and the choice has fallen upon plans which I believe will be the best for Stroud. I think that the church is erected you will have a building which I trust will be looked upon with pride by our descendants for centuries to come. (Cheers.) There is one point I

should like to see the committee of the church to support these various businesses like this, it might suppose there would be a variety of circumstances to be decided by the committee which would cause differences of opinion; but there has never been the least difference of opinion on this subject. The nature of an offensive character, on the part of any one member of the committee at any one meeting, from the commencement of the work to this hour. (Cheers.) In a great measure, the success of the cause is due to the aid and the good of those around us—it is of the utmost importance that we should be influenced by christian feelings, and by those christian feelings we have sought to influence the minds of the people. I should mention, that I might with a single eye seek His glory. I should mention to you before I sit down that the committee have exercised a very large amount of courage, and have been able to maintain a continued support of the population of Stroud and neighbourhood. Although the contract price is upwards of £6000, which must be augmented by £2000 for the cost of the building.

If it does not exceed that sum—the committee ventured to enter into a contract when less than £5000 had been promised; and this they did feeling assured of the faithful aid of the friends of the cause in Stroud and neighbourhood. I am sure that a portion will not be wanting, and that the £2000 required to make up the ultimate cost will be finally raised. (Cheers.)

I may mention that the committee have received a contribution of £10 from the lodge of Freemasons. This, coming from an unexpected quarter, deserves our very cordial thanks. There was brought to me in a very handsome manner, a very much. It was a letter promising

£100 on the part of our neighbour, Mr. Samuel Marling. (Cheers.) Having read the letter, which also apologised for the writer's absence on the ground of a pressing engagement, Dr. Badcock continued: I shall only add that when we have done to-day, the church whose foundation stone we have laid to-day, we shall, I trust, be hymning the praises above us, while they are here below by us. There will be successors in its militant church. There will be standing in this generation after generation, and century after century, the building erected upon that stone. These faithful friends will be united in sacred bonds, their hearts beating high with expectations and hopes;

glorious anthems that are eternal & never ending. He again begged to thank them for the manner in which they had drunk his father's health. (Loud cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN proposed the health of the visitors who were present, and said he would couple with that the name of an old friend, who ministered here 20 years ago—the health of Canon Powell. (Loud cheer.) Mr. Powell had been the means of building two new churches in this parish, which had added very much to the advantages of the parish and neighbourhood. During his residence here Mr. Powell was greatly respected, and it was with much regret that they lost him.

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energetic a clergyman. He congratulated them on their religious relief, and then, turning round the country, and he rejoiced to see that room well-filled, and that the work was going on at the hands not of the priesthood but of laymen. The clergyman, however, was not to be so easily won. At old tradition, a lay notion that the clergyman was a whole church, and he hoped they had also got rid of that stupid notion that a clergyman was a whole parish. He was not going to be so easily won as to come out of his pocket. (Laughter.) The young gentleman went on to say that he was now engaged in restoring a church at Cirencester, which was a very interesting work, and he was anxious to give to that he should be happy to receive their contribution. (Laughter.) If he could do so, he would like to serve this parish he should be happy to do so, and he would be glad to see it. He was not his friends around him, and very many who were unknown to him, and he felt sure that those who were present would support the funds of their clergyman, and he was sure that they would be glad to see the means necessary to complete this work. He believed the people of Stroud were willing and liberal in their contributions, and he was sure that they would be glad to see the work done. He was sure that the miserable condition of having a single man swing upon it at the time of consecration. He thanked them very sincerely for the manner in which they had received his name, and also on behalf of the clergyman. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN said they had been honoured with the presence of ladies, and they could not separate without drinking their healths and thanking them for their attendance.

Mr. T. M. CROOME returned thanks on behalf of the ladies, remarking that no unmarried man seemed illiant enough to rise, and therefore he discharged the duty. He begged to propose the health of their chairman, than whom no man was more useful in the neighbourhood. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN returned thanks, observing that he certainly felt a great interest in everything appertaining to the parish from the fact of his family having lived there, and attended the parish church, for 200 years. He hoped they would all live to see it finished. The company then—at about a quarter to five—left.

Further festivities connected with the auspicious

ana. Just after the sergeant left, Tuck saw two men come across the road from the watchman's. Knowing nothing of the attempted burglary, he still paid no attention to them. He was standing in the middle of the street at right angles with the bottom of the lane. They turned upon him, and one took a pistol from his belt and hit him a terrific blow on the jaw, wounding him, loosening his teeth, and bringing him senseless to the ground. Meanwhile, the other man was stealthily sliding Clarence's stick. He saw a light only at the front door of Mrs. Churchill's, and thinking that there might be a burglar in the house, he ran to the door. When he opened it, he saw two men ran along Clarence's street. The sergeant then shouted "Tuck," but receiving no answer, he trotted after them to the corner of Clarence's street. They had then met with Tuck, and were turning back, and one of the men got down on his hands and knees in the direction of the station. He chased back after them; but, though the gate of the yard is a high one with spikes on the top, they scaled it and escaped. Tuck recovered himself and came up with another policeman. They searched along the lines to Clontarf, Cheltenham and Bristol, but no traces were discovered. The police did not know of the attempted burglary till some time after these events had occurred. The man who was hit by Tuck was a tall, thin, 5 feet 5 in. high, stout, with long whiskers and big moustache, wearing a slouched hat, dark overcoat, dark trousers, and gaiters. The other is between twenty and thirty years of age, 5 feet 6 in. high, stout, dark trousers, and a high buttoned dark overcoat.

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with the Brewhouse, Stable and other Out-buildings, together with the Garden thereto adjoining and belonging, situate in Shoot Lane in the Parish of King Stanley aforesaid, now in the occupation of Mr. E. King.

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