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## **CLAXBY MARKET RASEN CIRCUIT**

Dear Editor

At the above named village, Primitive Methodism has existed for many years; but has suffered greatly from a want of a larger and more suitable place of worship. We are happy, however, to be able to say, that a few months ago, the late lamented Earl of Yarborough, kindly granted us a suitable piece of land on which to build a chapel.

We immediately commenced operations. The foundation-stone was laid by Mr. R. Surfleet, of Thoresway, November 20<sup>th</sup> 1861, and, by the blessing of God on our efforts, we have been enabled to erect a neat little sanctuary, which will seat about ninety persons, thirty-four of the sittings are free. The pews are elevated, the door-way and front windows are circular-headed, the roof is blue slated.

The opening services took place on Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1862, when three sermons were preached by the writer and Mr. T. Beels, of Scawby. Also, on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, two sermons were preached by Mr. J. Barkworth, of Grasby; and on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the services closed with a public meeting when addresses were delivered by Messrs. T. Newsome, R. Brannan, and T. Elston.

The entire cost of the undertaking will be about £74, towards which we have obtained by donations, collections, and a tea meeting, £22, exclusive of all the leadings which have been given by the farmers and friends in the neighbourhood. Our list of subscriptions is not yet completed, and we have some promised money to come in; so that we expect to realize in a short time the remainder of the one-third required by rule.

We are happy to say that when we held our last meeting in connection with the opening services, all the lettable sittings in the chapel were taken, and about £4 were promised towards the anniversary to be held next Christmas. The chapel is properly settled on the Connexion; the deed is already executed and enrolled.

I am happy to say that in every part of this undertaking, my colleague, Mr W. Andrew, has been very active. We beg to make the most respectful mention of the kindness of the late Earl of Yarborough, in granting us the lease of the land for ninety-nine years, at a nominal rent of one shilling per year. We beg hereby to tender our thanks to Messrs. Marris and Smith, solicitors, of Caistor, for making us the deeds gratis; also, to Mr. A. Towle, of Market Rasen, for his kindness in superintending the building during its erection, and for assisting us in many other ways, free of cost. Thanks to all our other friends, whose names we cannot mention. May God reward them; and may He glorify this house in His glory.

**T. NEWSOME**

NB The Earl of Yarborough mentioned in the first and last paragraphs is:-

Charles Anderson Worsley Anderson-Pelham, 2nd Earl of Yarborough (1809–1862)