

when he looks behind him and sees the ruins he has made, and listens to the groans he has drawn forth; oh! how rough and wild does his way appear, how gladly would he renounce the enjoyment of his conquest for one of the sweet flowings of piety and poetry still blooming on the path of the humble!" What an affecting picture of the blank that scepticism leaves, of the desolation that unbelief brings upon the soul! — *Baptist Magazine*.

REVIVALS IN AMERICA. — The *Wesleyan Times* quotes the following from the communication of a Minister—J. Stockton;—"During the month of August I was privileged to spend three weeks in the woods with the Lord and his people. Although they were three weeks of arduous labour, yet they were weeks of unspeakable pleasure and glorious success in labouring for souls. Never before did I witness so much interest among God's ministers and people on the glorious subject of holiness to the Lord; and many, very many, were purified, both ministers and people. Glory be to

God! the work is progressing most powerfully in New Jersey. I had the pleasure of hearing some of my dear brethren, with whom I have been associated in the ministry for thirteen years, preach after they had received the blessing of perfect love and baptism of fire. Truly the stand [on which the preachers stood] was on fire. I never heard such preaching in all my life. I should like to give you a sketch of every sermon, but cannot now. Every brother seemed to be on fire with God's love as he stood forth to preach the glorious gospel of Christ. Oh, how delightful to be by the side of a dear brother—minister when he receives the blessing of perfect love! Such was my happy privilege at Penn's-grove, Pitt's-grove, and also at Seaville camp-meetings. Three interesting young men came to our altar Sunday evening. I think I should not over estimate the work of God at the three camp-meetings referred to above, when I say there are 150 souls purified, and 200 sinners converted to God."

## Religious Intelligence.

### CHAPELS.

**CHICHESTER.**—I am persuaded that it will be gratifying to yourself and the numerous readers of your valuable *Magazine* to learn that the long desired and greatly needed object has been achieved in this ancient city, of transplanting our little church from a place of singularity and obscurity into a graceful and beautiful temple.

Nothing but their timidity and diffidence has neutralized their action in that desirable direction for so many years. This was no less apparent in their predecessors, who introduced our Bible Christian principles into the city, for they contracted for a room for 21 years that will only accommodate from 40 to 50 persons.

We have succeeded in purchasing eligible freehold premises at East Gate, part of which has been converted into a neat place of worship, and the other part into a nice house for the preacher.

The chapel presents a north elevation, and is in early English style of architecture. The walls are built with flint, closely garreted, with Bath stone dressings to the windows, strings, gables, copings, &c.; the whole presenting a very pleasing appearance to the eye, and reflecting great credit on the architect, G. Draper, Esq., as well as on the contractor, Mr. W. Johnson, builder, of **Chichester**. The passers by are not left in ignorance relative to the design of the building, for a neat stone tablet bears the inscription, "Bible Christian Jubilee Chapel, A.D. 1865." The interior occupies an area of 38 feet 6 inches, by 18 feet 6 in., and 25 feet from floor to ceiling. The latter is divided into five bays or compartments between and distinguished by the principal rafters, which with those of the collar beams and spandrels are exposed to view, and are stained and varnished. The ground floor is fitted with open

seats, and with the addition of a gallery at the north end, supported by two iron columns, ornamented in gold, is capable of affording comfortable accommodation for 200 persons. Good ventilation is secured by a valvular flower in the centre bay of the ceiling, and windows supplied with patent glass ventilators. The walls on the inside are finished in stucco, and lined up three feet high with matched boarding, stained and varnished to correspond with the seats. The south end is occupied by a platform in lieu of pulpit, three feet high above the floor, surrounded with a neat rail and turned balusters. The whole place is beautifully lighted up with gas emanating from Brown's ogee brackets.

Sunday, October 26th, being the day for the opening, forms a bright spot in the history of our little church. About three o'clock, the first sermon was preached by Mr. Dorling, of Bethnal Green, London, late minister of this city, and although the day was very unpropitious, the rain falling in torrents, a numerous company assembled in the chapel, and were richly rewarded for any inconvenience they might have sustained through the weather by the eloquent, earnest, and instructive dissertation from the sacred desk. The preacher grounded his remarks upon John vi. 63. A gracious influence was realized; all must have felt the truthfulness of the text, that "The words that I speak unto you they are spirit, and they are life." At five o'clock a public tea was provided in the Assembly Room, (kindly lent by the Mayor for the occasion,) and from 200 to 300 persons graced the social board by their presence. This being over, a public meeting was convened in the same room, when G. Arnell, Esq., presided in a very efficient manner, relating interesting details relative to his early recollections of the self-denial and assiduity of the first Bible Christian preachers.

The chairman then called on Mr. G. NETHERWAY to address the meeting, who in appropriate language expatiated on the great atonement and its suitability to meet all our wants. Mr. VANSTONE next addressed the meeting in an exceedingly interesting speech. He dwelt upon the Gospel's grand design, and benevolent tendency to elevate fallen humanity, exemplifying the same by the history of the Bible Christian Connexion.

At this stage of the meeting Mr. H. BOLT, of the Customs, rose and stated that he had that day received from a friend in London a silver-plated goblet

and plate for the sacramental service, and that he had much pleasure in placing £1 10s. in the plate towards a flagon to complete the service. I am happy to say that the flagon was supplied by a friend the next morning, so the £1 10s. will be devoted to the building fund.

Mr. BRITTEN, Wesleyan, after humourously premising that they were all impatient to hear his excellent friend Mr. Dorling, spoke powerfully upon the necessity and advantages of good chapel accommodation.

Mr. DORLING was then received with great applause, and kept the audience in rapt attention for the space of forty minutes. Words fail to give a proper estimate of his chaste, elegant, and effective address.

The writer then presented a statement of the financial position, expressing at the same time the heartfelt gratitude of the friends to the public at large for the general sympathy manifested in behalf of this laudable undertaking.

After votes of thanks had been given to the mayor for kindly granting the use of the room and to Messrs. Arnell, Dorling, and Britten for their valuable services, the writer went on to enumerate a few of the valuable articles that had been presented; namely, that Mr. Robinson, watch and clock maker, of **Chichester**, had presented a handsome dial; Mr. Lang, of West Wittering, the cushion and tassels; Miss Potter, of Exeter, the Bible and hymn book; Mr. Stevens of Wittering, the matting for the aisles; and Mr. G. Lang, of Wittering, although one of the largest subscribers, has presented a pair of iron ornamented brackets for the book board. Mr. Pullinger presided at the organ, and added greatly to the pleasantness of the meeting by the excellent melody produced.

On the following Sabbath, October 29th, the opening services were continued, when three appropriate sermons were preached; in the morning by Mr. J. H. BARR, of Portsmouth, and in the afternoon and evening by Mr. HORWILL from the Isle of Wight. On the second Sabbath Mr. VANSTONE from Portsmouth preached two impressive and instructive sermons. The attendance at all the opening services has been good, and a gracious influence was realized. And I am happy to say there is a prospect at present that the enterprise will be a very successful one, for the attendance since it has been opened surpasses our most sanguine

expectation. The chapel not only fills well, but the steward has let sittings enough already to amount to £13 a year. A kind friend lent the money free of interest to buy a harmonium for the chapel, which is a great assistance to the psalmody. As there are some bills not yet given in, we are unable to state accurately the exact outlay, but as far as we can see the entire cost will be about £790.

By subscriptions .....	119	12	0
Collections at the opening services .....	19	8	0
Old lead, &c., sold.....	16	0	0
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	155	0	0
Leaving a debt of	635	0	0

That the erection and consecration of this sanctuary may be made the birth-  
place of thousands, is the prayer of

J. PERKINS.