

Grayshott Mission Church.

£250 required to open the Church free of debt.



FOR more than a year past the Vicar and Church Council have had under consideration the necessity of taking steps to provide adequately for the spiritual and moral welfare of the rapidly growing outlying portion of the Parish on the Portsmouth Road around the Bramshott Chase Estate.

For some years Mrs. Stock has conducted a Sunday School for the children of this area, and last September a further step was taken—when Captain Wray, of the Church Army, was engaged by the Vicar. Since then, by the kindness of Mrs. Mowatt, Services have been regularly held every Sunday in a disused Schoolroom at the corner of Kingswood Lane, and a Boys' Club (organised and conducted by Captain Wray) has met with much success.

The very success of the work and the increasing number of those attending the Services have made the provision of a larger and more commodious building an urgent necessity. In the early part of this year, by the generosity of Mrs. Macmillan, Mrs. Marshall Bulley, and Mr. and Miss Dempsey, half an acre of land on the Bramshott Chase Estate, fronting the Portsmouth Road, was purchased from the Trustees of the late Miss James for the sum of £150, and since then a contract has been entered into with Messrs. Boulton & Paul, of Norwich, to erect a wooden Mission Church with iron roof and brick foundations. It is hoped that the building will be commenced before the end of this month.

The Church has been designed to seat 150 people, so as to provide not only for present needs but also for an increase of population in the future. By means of a movable partition the Sacrarium can be shut off from the body of the Church when the latter is used for Lectures or Secular Meetings.

The financial position is as follows: £150 has been paid for the Site; £15 12s. for Fencing; £11 15s. 6d. for Law Expenses. A contract has been entered into with Messrs. Chapman, Lowry & Puttick, Ltd., of Grayshott, to build the brick foundations and chimney for the sum of £59, and a contract signed with Messrs. Boulton & Paul, Ltd., of Norwich, to build the super-structure for the sum of £333 15s. An estimate has been received from Messrs. Coxhead & Welch, of Grayshott, to wire the Church and supply electric fittings and lamps for the sum of £15 15s. The electric cable is estimated to cost £5. The cost of heating the Church with two slow combustion stoves will be £8 10s. Provision has also to be made for gates and paths, say £25, making a total cost of £624 7s. 6d. To meet this expense, £375 has already been received in donations, and the Churchwardens have expressed their willingness to lend £100, making a total of £475, thus leaving a sum of nearly £150, which it is confidently hoped will be quickly raised as the result of this appeal. The position would be even more satisfactory if enough money could be raised to avoid borrowing the £100 from the Churchwardens.

Donations may be sent to, and will be acknowledged by, Dr. Arnold Lyndon.

(Signed),

A. E. N. SIMMS, *Vicar.*

A. INGHAM WHITAKER, }
ARNOLD LYNDON, } *Churchwardens.*

Grayshott,
July 1912.

Donations received to July 22nd, 1912.

				£	s.	d.
Miss Dempsey ..	..	..	..	50	0	0
Miss Baynes ..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Mrs. Bulley ..	..	..	..	50	0	0
Mrs. Macmillan ..	..	..	..	100	0	0
H. B. Dempsey, Esq. ..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Rev. J. Macmillan ..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Anon ..	..	..	..	2	0	0
C. J. Browning, Esq. ..	..	..	..	5	0	0
C. Manners-Clarke, Esq. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0
Anon (per Rev. A. E. N. Simms) ..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Balance from Rummage Sale ..	..	..	..	25	8	0
Miss Wetenhall ..	..	..	..	2	2	0
Mrs. Ashley Crook ..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Miss Curtis ..	..	..	..	0	10	6
Mrs. Mortimer Lewis ..	..	..	..	2	0	0
Miss Farie ..	..	..	..	2	0	0
Mrs. Craik ..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Miss I'Anson ..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Church Offertory in May ..	..	..	..	30	18	9
Miss Webb ..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Dr. Lyndon ..	..	..	..	19	10	0
Mrs. Eyssen ..	..	..	..	5	5	0
Rev. A. E. N. Simms ..	..	..	..	5	0	0
				<u>£375</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>