

MUKER,

RICHMOND, Yorks.

June, 1933.

A Proposed New Methodist Church.

DEAR FRIEND,

Our Methodist people at Muker have long been in need of a new place of worship. The need was felt eighteen years ago, when a favourable site was bought in the village, conditional sums of money were promised, and £100 was actually left by the late Mr. Christopher Whitell, but the scheme was never accomplished. The Great War held up all building enterprise.

For some time now, the old building where we worship has been sadly depreciating. It will cost over £400 to put it in serviceable repair. The unanimous opinion of our Trustees and the majority of our congregation is that when we have a favourable site and money in hand, we should venture on a scheme for a new Chapel and Sunday School.

It is estimated that the total cost, with stone on the site, will be £900. The £100 kindly left by the late Mr. Whitell is available, with interest. Mr. Stanley Horrell, of Leeds, who has been a great friend to Muker, has promised to be responsible for the collection of another £100. Two of our members have promised £25 each, and other promises by our members total to over another £100, thus we have the encouraging sum of nearly £380 in hand as we send out our appeal.

During the coming autumn, we shall organise a large Sale of Work and other efforts. We have a fine band of young people who are enthusiastic workers and we hope to raise a considerable sum from local sources. It will mean hard work and considerable sacrifice, but we are confident that we have a worthy object, which will make its own appeal to our local people.

There is a saying that "Many hands make light work." We feel that we have many friends in distant parts of the country, and some who have left the Dale, who would like to help us bridge the final gap. There are many who are associated with us, who now worship in an up-to-date Church, which is comfortably warmed, brilliantly lighted, and artistically decorated, while their friends at Muker are obliged at present to worship in an old-fashioned, cold building, with uncomfortable seats, and in an inconvenient position out of the village. With deep gratitude we remember it is the place where our father's worshipped, but we remember that Solomon did not worship where his grandfather worshipped. As a thankoffering to God, for the influences you felt in your life from Methodism in Swaledale, we give you an opportunity to help us.

We feel sure you will appreciate the fact that the dissatisfaction about our present building is felt most among our young people. Money spent on the provision of the place of worship for them is truly one of the best things we can leave them. Moreover your gifts to this worthy object, will not only help us, but has significance in creating employment.

If our forefathers in 1845, when they were passing through harder times than ours, could build a Chapel, surely, we can.

Subscriptions will be gratefully received by our Collectors, or Treasurers, or by our Ministers, the Revs. W. E. Russell and J. W. Dent.

On behalf of the Trustees we remain,

Yours faithfully,

Secretaries { J. KILBURN.
W. PEACOCK.

Treasurers { J. W. ALDERSON.
M. CLARKSON.