

DEANE PARISH CHURCH MEMORIAL HALL



Opening by Sir John Haslam, J.P.

Member of Parliament for Bolton.

Saturday, November 3rd, 1934,

at 3 p.m.

Order of Proceedings.

A Procession headed by the Ex-Servicemen will be formed at the Schools. On arrival at the Memorial Hall the main door will be opened by Sir John Haslam.

All within the Hall are requested to stand while those in the Procession take their allotted places, and then join in singing the following hymn :—

PRAY that Jerusalem may have
Peace and felicity :
Let them that love thee and thy peace
Have still prosperity.

Therefore I wish that peace may still
Within thy walls remain,
And ever may thy palaces
Prosperity retain.

Now, for my friends' and brethren's sake,
Peace be in thee, I'll say :
And for the house of God our Lord
I'll seek thy good alway. Amen.

PRAYERS.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, deliver us from evil. Amen.

Almighty God, from whom cometh down every good and every perfect gift, and through whom alone it is that we can offer to Thee of Thine own : Accept the offering now humbly made of this Building ; bless it for the uses to which it may be put ; and grant that what is here done may be for Thy glory and the help of Thy people, both in body and soul ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who art the chief Corner Stone of Thy Church : Bless this Building which is now completed in Thy Name, and grant that it may tend to promote Thy glory, and the welfare of Thy people in this place. Fill those who shall frequent it with a spirit of love towards Thee and towards all men. Within these walls may harsh thoughts be ever subdued, and unkind words unspoken, and may those who here shall learn the way of Thy statutes walk before Thee with a perfect heart, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, bless and keep all those who seek rest or recreation in this place ; grant to them increase of health and strength. Preserve them from all harm and accident. Defend them in temptation and deliver them from all evil. Make them more ready in body and soul to serve and live for Thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say :

In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this Building to the Glory of God, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Children of the Day School will sing an Anthem :

"Except the Lord build the house."

Let us pray.

Visit, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this habitation with Thy mercy, and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy. Let Thy holy Presence dwell here and keep us in peace, and let Thy blessing be upon us for ever : through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, the Fountain of all Charity, who only makest households to be at one together ; Vouchsafe to us, we beseech Thee, Thy holy and joyful gift of unity, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN.

Rise up, O men of God !
Have done with lesser things ;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God !
His Kingdom tarries long ;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the day of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God,
The Church for you doth wait :
Her strength shall make your spirit strong,
Her service make you great.

Lift high the Cross of Christ !
Tread where His feet have trod !
As brothers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O men of God. Amen.

*Unveiling of the Memorial Tablet to the Men of
the Church and Parish who laid down their lives
in the Great War, by*

MAJOR THE REV. C. BLOMELEY, L.Th. (Indian Army, Retired).

Then shall follow the Dedication : —

To the Glory of God and in the Faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this Tablet in memory of our brothers who laid down their lives in the Great War, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray.

We give Thee humble thanks, O merciful Father, for the lives and example of thy Servants : for their ready response to the call of their country : for their cheerfulness and courage in the midst of suffering and danger ; for their steadfastness and self-sacrifice in the hour of death. We bless Thee that Thou hast prepared joy and peace and greater opportunities of service in the new life to which thou hast called them. Grant, O Lord, that the offering of their lives may not have been made in vain, that we and all thy people may hear the call to nobler living which sounds in our ears from the graves of those who died that we might live ; that we may dedicate our lives anew to the work of bringing in thy Kingdom upon earth ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

S I L E N C E.

The Last Post.

The Reveille.

The Blessing.

Then shall be sung the hymn :

O VALIANT Hearts, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame ;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to war,
As who had heard God's message from afar ;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave
To save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,
Into the light that nevermore shall fade ;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
While in the frailty of our human clay,
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

Still stands His cross from that dread hour to this,
Like some bright star above the dark abyss ;
Still, through the Veil, the Victor's pitying eyes
Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

These were His servants, in His steps they trod ;
Following through death the martyr Son of God ;
Victor He rose ; victorious too shall rise
They who have drunk His cup of Sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
Whose Cross has bought them and whose Staff has led,
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
Commits her children to Thy gracious hand. Amen.

Here ends the Dedication Service.

OPENING CEREMONY - - - - SPEECHES

Chairman : JOSEPH TAYLOR, Esq.,
Vicar's Churchwarden at Deane Parish Church.

The Chairman.

Opening Speech by Sir JOHN HASLAM, J.P., M.P.

Votes of Thanks :

To the Opener—Messrs. James Booth and Harry Leah.

To the Chairman—Messrs. W. J. Oddy and T. J. Naylor.

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King !

Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us ;
God save the King !

Offerings to the Hall Building Fund may be placed in the
boxes provided at the Hall door.

Refreshments will be provided at moderate charges at a
Buffet Stall at the close of the proceedings.

A Family Social Gathering will be held in the Hall at 7-0 p.m.