

On the opening of the new **MISSION ROOM** at
— **Saunton Sands**. —

Nearly Twelve Months since
Miss Mildred Mortlock-Brown
of Sanfield, Saunton, signified her intention of erecting
a **Mission Room** for the residents of Saunton, & yesterday
evening the **Opening Service** was held in splendid
weather.

Previous to the service **Miss Mortlock-
Brown** entertained the inhabitants of the hamlets of
Saunton to Tea and there was a large attendance. —

The service - Evening Prayer - with special Psalms and Lessons,
was taken by the Vicar, the **Rev. E. R. Gollo**, & the assistant Curate,
the **Rev. E. W. Pearce**; the **Rev. M. D. Buckingham** of Burington, and
the **Rev. J. F. L. Gwilt**, Rector of Dymbridge, read the Lessons, and the
Sermon was preached by the **Rev. W. Bryan Brown**, Swanage, of the
Church Parochial Mission. The **St. Barnock's Braunton Co.** of
the Church Lads Brigade under Capt. Jarman and Lieut. Knoll
was present with its excellent Band. —

The Building has been designed so as to form the chancel of a larger Church to be erected
at some future date; and provision for this has been made by building in the chancel arch.

The present structure measures nineteen feet by twenty five feet, and will accomodate
one hundred worshippers; there is a **Porch** at the west end of the building. It is built
of local stone, and lined internally with white **Marland brick**, with stone dressings.

The buff stone used for this, and for the external facings, was quarried at the foot of the
cliffs at the north end of **Saunton Sands**. The **Roof**, which is of plain open-timbered construction,
is covered with **Lawrences' roofing tiles** of a deep red colour. The **Bell** was supplied by **Messrs.**
Harrington, Calham & Co., and is one of their well-known tubular pattern. It is hung in a light
and elegant belfry surmounted by a wrought iron cross. The **Flooring** is of wood blocks laid
in a simple design. The site, the whole of the stone, and the east end three light **Window**,

including the stone work, and labour thereto, are the gift of **W. L. Christie, Esq.**, of **Glyndebourne**,
Lewes, the owner of the property at **Saunton Sands**. All the other costs and charges of
erection have been defrayed by **Miss Mortlock-Brown**, of **Sanfield, Saunton**, and **Whirlow**
Grange, Sheffield. The **Mission Room** is seated with rushbottomed chairs of the **Cathe-**
dral pattern; these, with the **Reading Desk** supplied by **Messrs. Dart & Son**, of **Crediton**, and
made by them in oak at the cost of deal, and also the **Harmonium**, and indeed all
the fittings are the gifts of **Miss Mortlock-Brown**. The work of erection has been
satisfactorily carried out by **Mr. H. Slee**, of **Saunton Sands**, from the designs, and
under the superintendance of **Fred. A. Commin, Esq.**, **F.S.I.** Architect, **Exeter**.

This is the second **Mission Room** in connection with the **Parish Church**, opened in
Braunton within the last few months; the first being in the hamlet of **Knowle**; this
was the gift of **Dr. Slade-King**, of **Ilfracombe**, and late of **Braunton**. **Dr. Slade-King**
has just presented the **Knowle Mission Room** with a handsome **Fisley Organ**.

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