

**Parish
Of
St Aidan, Sudden, Rochdale**

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The visit of our Diocesan Bishop on October 13th drew to Sudden Mission Room the largest Adult Congregation which has ever assembled within its walls. All joined heartily in the simple service, and a sum of £6 7s 9d was contributed to the new Church Building Fund.

On the Saturday following his Lordship's visit there was an enthusiastic conference of "Church Builders" when the Church Building Committee was re-instituted and urged to proceed without delay with the arrangements for starting the building of the New Church. Much readiness to help the work by taking collecting-boxes was manifested. The profit of one guinea on the Tea was devoted to the Church Building Fund. The treasurer, Mr Verity, reported that gifts and promises already received amounted to £2,048 2s 5d. He was resolved to inaugurate a "Million Pennies Scheme" which is approximately the amount needed to complete our Building Fund for the New Church. The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, October 29th, when there was again a Tea and a large gathering. The chief business transacted was the preliminary arrangement for a Town Hall Bazaar about a year hence.