

Immediately behind and communicating with the chapel was a spacious room used for school and other purposes. The whole of the building was substantial and attractive, an ornament to the village and a credit to those who designed and subscribed to it.

When the building was completed, the opening sermons were preached on Friday 2nd October 1857, in the afternoon and evening, by Rev. Samuel Coley of Manchester and a tea meeting took place between the two services.

The opening services continued on the succeeding Sunday, the preacher being Rev. Luke H. Wiseman, one of the circuit ministers of the York Circuit. The collections on the Friday and Sunday amounted to £40 and the services were very well attended.

The main subscribers to the new building were:-

Mr. Dickinson
Mr. Peart
Mr. Craven
Mr. Dyson
Mr. Benjamin Agar
Mr. Alderman Meek
Mr. Chadwick
Mr. John Francis Taylor
And Others

Naburn chapel was part of the New Street Circuit.

Records were listed in Circuit Schedule Books, in which an account of numbers in the Society, the amounts of subscriptions and collections and other similar records were regularly inserted.

At the Visitation to classes in June 1888, the leaders were Brothers Bell, Tasker and Dickinson and there were 36 members.

The Circuit had a Horse Hire Fund, which paid for preachers to hire a horse to take them to outlying districts. This fund was always in deficit, and in several Minutes of quarterly meetings, the Treasurer drew attention to the seriousness of the increasing adverse balance. The Chairman promised to give the question his best consideration and report to a future meeting!

Horse hire to Naburn in 1817 amounted to 1/9, in 1818 to 5/6 and in 1830 to 6/-

The Circuit had several other funds to which societies subscribed:

Kingswood and the Groves Schools
Chapel Fund
Auxiliary Fund
Worn-out Ministers and Widows Auxiliary Fund

In 1857-8, Naburn paid 10/-½ to the General Chapel Fund and public collections (as opposed to subscriptions) in Naburn went towards the support of the new Kingswood and Woodhouse Grove schools.