

ON TEMPLE TOWN AND SOUTH SHIELDS CHAPELS,
WITH NOTICES OF THE GOLDEN SYSTEM.

DEAR BROTHER BOURNE.—I am directed by our circuit committee, to forward to you the enclosed. You will observe, that your Circulars have been worth, at least, one hundred pounds to our circuit; and I take this opportunity to thank you for them. Hoping you continue in your usual health, I remain, yours affectionately,

WM. ECKERSALL.

South Shields, Jan. 15, 1841.

TEMPLE TOWN CHAPEL.

Temple Town is the west part of South Shields, where we have had a preaching station and a society for a number of years. But from the want of a suitable place of worship, we have not reaped fruit to that extent which we ought to have done. On one occasion, a society of upwards of one hundred members was broken up by being expelled their preaching-room. Under the superintendency of Mr. North, the station was visited with a remarkable outpouring of the Holy Ghost; believers were quickened, sinners awakened, backsliders reclaimed, and the society greatly increased; so that the preaching place became too small. Arrangements were entered into for to build a new one. The society were called together, the case was laid before them, their help was requested, and they nobly responded; for, in a few minutes, upwards of forty pounds was pledged by the working men of which this society is composed: and in a few months it was nearly all paid into the hands of the treasurer. The chapel was commenced and finished without any accident occurring. It was opened on Christmas-day, and the two following sabbaths. The proceeds of these services was the noble sum of twenty-two pounds. It will seat four hundred persons; it cost upwards of three hundred pounds. The seats let well. The debt upon it is two hundred pounds. The Golden system was introduced at the opening services, and fifty pounds pledged for the next anniversary.

ANNIVERSARY OF S.S. CHAPEL

We celebrated the anniversary of our South Shields chapel a few weeks since; on which occasion, the Golden system was explained to the society, and they highly approved of it, and directly pledged themselves to raise for the next anniversary, fifty pounds. It appears a spirit of benevolence is on the increase in the church, and all that is wanted is that conduits should be skilfully laid in order to draw it out. The world must be converted, and the church is the divinely appointed instrument for this work. Debt impairs her efficiency; but if the Golden system be properly used the next ten years, all the now-existing chapel debts in our Connexion will, (in all likelihood), be liquidated. This accomplished, we shall be able to present to the world one of the most splendid instances of Christian benevolence which it ever saw. How triumphant will the converting work proceed, and how free for mighty enterprize shall we be, when our debt shackles are broken. There is no fear of other resources failing whilst this Golden system is in operation, for in that quarter in which our Temple

Town society raised forty pounds for their new chapel, they sent into the quarter-day more money than they ever did before.

WM. ECKERSALL.