

The Barton Charity.



ALMSHOUSES AND MEMORIAL HALL.

TURVEY N^o BEDFORD. 1885.

Reproduction of the Programme of the Opening of

The Barton Charity



Mr. James Barton

THE TURVEY ALMSHOUSES

AND

MEMORIAL HALL

ERECTED AT THE

STATION ROAD, PICTS HILL, TURVEY

ON

WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of JUNE, 1885

*For the occasion of the celebration
of the 125th anniversary of the opening of*

THE TURVEY ALMSHOUSES

Saturday 18th September 2010

Trustees of the Endowment Fund,

1885.

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ORIGIN, OBJECTS, AND GENERAL RULES
OF THE
TURVEY ALMSHOUSES
AND
MEMORIAL HALL.

THIS Institution originated in the year 1881 with a desire to provide an asylum for the deserving and necessitous poor of Turvey and Bedford, and a Memorial Hall in connection, the purposes of which are explained by the two tablets erected in front of the Building.

It is designed to accommodate ten married and ten single pensioners.

Each inmate will occupy two rooms – that in the front to be used as a living room, and the one at the back as a bedroom, - and will also have the use of the wash house with kitchen, scullery, etc., combined, alternately and in conjunction with other inmates. Each tenement will contain four pensioners, by which arrangement all the living rooms will be in front of the block of Almshouses. In addition to the two rooms appropriated for their use, they will receive the sum of six shillings per week if single, and eight shillings per week if married.

The central portion of the Building is intended and fitted up for the use of the Superintendent of the Institution

The Architecture is the Tudor style, in red brick with stone dressings. The frontage has a length of 200 feet with a south aspect. The central block on the first floor has an Oriel window for the Board Room, surmounted by a turret clock, by *Benson*, of London.

In the rear of the Building is the Memorial Hall, intended for holding religious services and entertainments. The roof is oak-timbered, panelled with pitch pine. There are three three-light windows on each side, with glazing in quarry lights, and upper parts in coloured glass.

At one end is an organ chamber with new organ two full compass manuals and independent pedals, in oak case, with decorated 8 feet open diapason pipes in front, above which is a circular stained glass window, and one either side of the organ are ante-chambers. The organ was built by *Messrs. Gray and Davison*, London.

The warming is effected by the introduction of hot water pipes arranged in tiers, two on either side, and at the entrance.

The Hall and its approaches are lighted by gas, and thoroughly ventilated.

On the first floor is a spacious Board Room, with open fireplace and tiled hearth at each end, and lit by gas, where all meetings in connection with the Institution are held. *Mr. Samuel Foster*, of Kempston, near Bedford, was the Contractor. *Mr. J. S. Moye*, of 3, Southwick Street, Hyde Park, London, the Architect.

The following Inscriptions are on Tablets in front of the
Almshouses:-

THE JAMES, MARY, AND LOUISA BARTON CHARITY,

THESE ALMSHOUSES ARE ERECTED AND ENDOWED
FOR THE RELIEF OF TWENTY POOR PERSONS OF GOOD CHARACTER
AND REPUTATION, BEING INHABITANTS OF THE
PARIISH OF TURVEY AND OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD,
BOTH IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD, BY

JAMES BARTON,

OF OAKLEY HOUSE, CAMDEN ROAD, LONDON,
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1884.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

THESE ALMSHOUSES ARE ERECTED AND ENDOWED,
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARY AND LOUISA BARTON,

BY THEIR BROTHER,

JAMES BARTON,

OF OAKLEY HOUSE, CAMDEN ROAD, LONDON,
AND ARE INTENDED FOR THE RELIEF OF
TWENTY POOR PERSONS OF GOOD CHARACTER AND REPUTATION,
BEING INHABITANTS OF THE
PARISH OF TURVEY AND OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD,
BOTH IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD,
JULY 22ND, 1884.

This Charitable Institution

IS INTENDED TO BE OPENED ON

WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of JUNE, 1885,

BY

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE EARL COWPER, K.G.,

Lord Lieutenant of the County,

SUPPORTED BY

THE MOST NOBLE THE MARQUIS OF TAVISTOCK, M.P.,

JAMES HOWARD, Esq., M.P.,

SAMUEL WHITBREAD, Esq., M.P.,

CHARLES MAGNIAC, Esq, M.P.

*The Pensioners have all been elected, and it is expected
will be admitted into the Institution early in July*

THE TURVEY ALMSHOUSES

BARTON CHARITY.

RULES

TO BE OBSERVED BY THE INMATES

I. – Rooms having once been allocated cannot be changed, except by special permission of the Committee. The Inmates, in addition to their apartments, will receive an allowance in Money monthly. The payments will be made on the last Friday in each month.

II. – No Person but an elected Inmate will be permitted to dwell or sleep in any of the rooms, except in cases of incapacity or illness, and then only by the special permission of the Committee, which must be obtained through the Secretary, and reported at the next meeting. None of the Inmates shall entertain any visitors but such as are of good repute and decent appearance, nor suffer them to remain after the hours fixed for closing the doors.

III. – No superfluous or unnecessary articles of furniture are to be kept; no shelves or fittings of any kind are to be fixed in the rooms without the consent of the Committee, and then only according to their directions: no nails or screws shall be driven into the walls or woodwork.

IV. – No article is to be exposed for sale at the windows, nor any show of trade made in the Inmate's apartments. The rooms are intended as residences, not as work rooms, consequently no litter or dirt will be allowed. Every room is to be kept clean; the furniture, fittings, and ledges are to be dusted and cleaned daily, and the floor to be scoured all over at least once a week; the windows, blinds or curtains are to be kept clean and in order. The chimneys must be swept when required. Broken windows are to be repaired at the expense of the occupier of the rooms to which they belong. No lumber or articles of any kind are to be set aside or left on the staircases or landings.

V. – No Inmate is permitted to take in washing, or receive children to nurse or educate, and no trade or calling can be carried on without permission from the Committee.

VI. – The upper landings and staircases are to be swept daily by the Inmates of the upper rooms alternately; they are also to scour the same every week, or oftener if requisite. The Inmates of the lower rooms are to sweep alternately the passage and the yard, and clean the outer door step every day, and scour the passage every week, or oftener if requisite. If any Inmates are unable to perform such work, it is not to be neglected, but they are to see the same is done, and at their own expense.

VII. – No slops, dirt, or ashes are to be cast or emptied out of the windows, nor into any part of the Buildings other than the proper receptacles.

VIII. – All male Inmates, being sufficiently able-bodied, are to assist the Superintendent when required in doing any reasonable work necessary to maintain an appearance of order and neatness about the Buildings and Garden.

IX. – The Washhouses are to be used alternately, as the Committee may direct. The Wash house, Cooper, Sink, &c., are to be left clean by every Inmate. The Water closets are to be scoured and cleaned weekly by each Inmate in turn.

X. – Any Inmate requiring to be absent from his or her room for more than seven days, is to inform the Secretary of the same. For leave of absence for any longer period, permission must be obtained of the Committee. On leaving home for a night, Inmates must intimate the fact to the Superintendent; but, if for a longer period, they are to inform him where they are about to stay.

XI. – Sunday is to be duly and properly kept; no work whatever is to be done on that day, and when religious services are held in the Hall, the Inmates are expected to attend.

XII. – The doors are to be closed at Ten o'clock at Night; fires and candles are to be put out at that hour, except in cases of sickness.

XIII. - Propriety of conduct and kindly feeling of the Inmates towards each other are at all times to be observed, as the infirmities of age present many occasions, in an Establishment of this kind, in which friendly attention and mutual assistance are of the utmost importance. Visitors and strangers are to be received with civility and courtesy.

XIV. - Any wilful violation of these Rules, or any other orders issued by the Committee, will subject the offender to censure, and to a suspension of the allowances of the Charity. Habits of drunkenness, profane swearing, quarrelling, abuse, or other gross impropriety, will be followed by expulsion.

XV. - In case of death, etc., the usual and customary course must be taken by the relatives and friends, and notice of the same be given, in writing, to the Secretary.

Vacancies in all cases will be filled up one month after the Rooms are vacated.

HENRY STEWARDSON,

Honorary Secretary,

5, St. Cuthbert's Terrace,
Bedford.

Board Room, 24 June, 1885.

The Barton Charity

OPENING OF

THE ALMSHOUSES AND MEMORIAL HALL

AT TURVEY, NEAR BEDFORD,

ON

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JUNE, 1885.

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Ghost.

Except the Lord build the house: their labour is
but lost that build it.

Except the Lord keep the city: the watchman
waketh but in vain.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. *Who hath made heaven and earth.*

V. O Lord, hear our prayer.

R. *And let our cry come unto Thee.*

V. The name of the Lord be praised.

R. *From this time forth for evermore.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be: World without end.
Amen.

DEARLY beloved brethren, let us pray our Lord God favourably to shine upon these buildings, to fill these Almshouses with godly inhabitants, and ever to defend them with the protection of His Divine Majesty.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Names, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE humbly beseech Thee, O God the Father Almighty, on behalf of these buildings, of all who shall hereafter dwell here, and of all things herein : that it may please Thee to *bless* and to *hallow* these Almshouses, and to fill them with good; grant, O Lord, unto them that dwell here abundance of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth for the sustenance of their life: and so direct the desires of their hearts, that they may effectually obtain Thy mercy. At their coming in, therefore, may it please Thee to *bless* and to *hallow* these houses, even as Thou wert pleased to bless the house of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and within the walls of these houses let angels of light dwell, to keep all the inhabitants thereof in peace: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who makest us both to will and to do those things that be good and acceptable unto Thy Devine Majesty : we make our humble supplications unto Thee for the Inmates of these buildings. Let Thy Fatherly hand, we beseech Thee, ever be over them : let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with them : and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of Thy Word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSED be Thy Name, O Lord God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that it hath pleased Thee to dispose the heart of Thy servant (JAMES BARTON) to erect these buildings to Thine honour and glory. Bless him, O Lord, for his regard to Thy honour : remember him concerning this, and wipe not out the kindness and sympathy he has shown in his desire to succour his poorer brethren amid the changes and chances of this mortal life, and grant that all those for whose good this pious work is intended, may show forth their thankfulness by making a right use thereof to the glory of Thy blessed name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed by Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. They will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

O LORD of heaven, and earth, and sea
To Thee all praise and glory be ;
How shall we shew our love to Thee,
Who givest all?

The golden sunshine, vernal air,
Sweet flowers and fruit, Thy love declare ;
When harvests ripen, Thou art there,
Who givest all.

For peaceful homes, and healthful days,
For all the blessings earth displays,
We owe Thee thankfulness and praise,
Who givest all.

Thou didst not spare Thine Only SON,
But gav'st Him for a world undone,
And freely with that Blessed ONE
Thou gavest all.

Thou giv'st the HOLY SPIRIT'S dower,
SPIRIT of life, and love, and power,
And dost His sevenfold graces shower
Upon us all.

For souls redeemed, for sins forgiven,
For means of grace and hopes of heaven,
FATHER, what can to Thee we lend,
Who givest all?

We lose what on ourselves we spend,
We have as treasure without end
Whatever, LORD, to Thee we lend,
Who givest all.

Whatever, LORD, we lend to Thee
Repaid a thousandfold will be ;
Then gladly will we give to Thee,
Who givest all ;

To Thee, from Whom we all derive,
Our life, our gifts, our power to give :
O may we ever with Thee live,
Who givest all. Amen.

THE Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Ghost be upon these houses, and on all
who dwell therein, and on us, now and evermore. Amen.