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POKESDOWN.

BUILDING A NEW MISSION HALL.—A very unusual and pleasing sight was to be observed in the neighbourhood of Rosebery Park, **Pokesdown**, during the Easter holidays, where a number of Christian friends were engaged together in the work of building a Mission Chapel. For about a year past the members of this mission have been holding their services in the schoolroom, Stanley road, but desiring to obtain a larger and more suitable building, they decided some nine months ago to raise funds to secure a good site of land and build a **hall**. A splendid site at the corner of **Morley** and **Harcourt** roads, Rosebery park, being offered them they agreed to purchase it and as once the sum of £30 was contributed by members of the mission. Having succeeded by means of collecting cards and their own voluntary offerings in obtaining the whole amount (£90) necessary to make the land free of debt,—a loan has been obtained for the amount required to build the **hall**. Several members of the mission then promised that if the bricks and mortar were provided they (being bricklayers) would build the walls free of

all charge. Meanwhile, the same men commenced operations on the land to obtain sand and gravel, also digging the trenches and putting in the concrete footings. The foundations of the building being thus prepared and the bricks and lime all got in readiness, a resolute and cheery start was made in erecting the walls early on Good Friday morning. Six bricklayers joined in the work and other willing helpers were at hand to carry bricks, mix mortar, &c. By seven o'clock at night, they had raised the walls scaffold high, and continuing their "labour of love" for their next two holidays (Saturday and Monday) the walls of the main building were completed. The self-denial of these men in thus giving the whole of their time for three days to the work of building the hall speaks well as a Christian testimony, and their earnest praiseworthy efforts should excite the sympathy and generous help of all Christian workers to enable them to clear off the debt of about £150 which will be involved in the erection and fittings of the hall. The mission secretary, who will be glad to give information or receive subscriptions, is Mr. Thomas Tarrant, of Morley road.