DATCHET WORKING MEN'S CLUB.

BUILDING FUND.

THE need of some Institution or Club, where working men may pass a portion of their evenings, and which may be used for Lectures and Classes, and for innocent amusements, as well as for reading and conversation, has of late been very widely felt. Such Institutions have already been founded in many hundreds of towns and villages, and the movement is spreading year by year, as their value and the best methods of conducting them have become better understood.

It is essential to success that such a Club should be established in a commodious, cheerful, well-lit room, in a central position; that it should be well furnished with books and newspapers, and suitable games; that it should supply its members with tea, coffee, and such other light refreshments as they may need; that it should be conducted as much as possible by the men themselves, and that the terms of subscription should be so low as to place admission to the Club within the reach of all.

More than one attempt has been made in Datchet to supply the want, and a Working Men's Club has been in actual existence amongst us since 1876, at the room in the Old Workhouse, kindly lent rent free by Lady Alicia Bristowe. Last year the Club numbered 56 members, and closed at the end of the season with a balance in its favour; but the inconvenience and remoteness of the premises in question, as well as the bad approach, have greatly interfered with its success, and have rendered a change of site imperatively necessary, if the Club is to be continued.

Under these circumstances, application has been made to the Duke of Buccleuch, who has kindly consented to grant to the Club, on a long lease and at a nominal rent, a site on the road between the village and the common, and here, unless another convenient site less exposed to the floods can be found, it is proposed to erect suitable buildings, according to plans prepared by Mr. Stephen Wyborn, Architect, Windsor, at a cost, including furnishing and Architect's commission, of about £450. This sum it is hoped to raise by subscription amongst those who are interested in the welfare of the working classes, and by contributions from the men themselves. About £220 has been already subscribed, including a very liberal donation of £50 from Lady Georgiana Needham. As soon as two thirds of the amount required has been contributed, a meeting will be called of the subscribers, with the view of electing five trustees, to whom the new buildings may be conveyed for the use of the Club. It will be proposed that these trustees shall have the power of filling up any vacancies in their number, and that they shall be ex-officio members of the Club, and also that subscribers of £10, or upwards, should be members of the Club for life.

The buildings will be commenced as soon as sufficient funds have been subscribed, and legal possession has been obtained of the site.

Subscriptions may be paid to the account of the Datchet Working Men's Club, at Nevill Reid's Bank, Windsor; or, if more convenient, to the Rev. J. H. Thompson, Vicarage, Datchet; or to the Treasurer of the Club, Mr. Oscar F. Miell, Datchet Common.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Cameron, Mr.
Clement, Major.
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Goodhart, Mr.
Heaton, Mr.
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Miell, Mr. O. F.
Oliphant, Mr.
Thompson, Rev. J. H.

Warrener, Mr.

FIRST LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Lady Georgiana Needham	50	0	0
Lady Alicia Bristowe	10	0	0
Rev. J. H. Thompson	10	0	0
Mrs. Fowler	20	0	0
Miss Watson	5	0	0
J. Heaton, Esq.	5	0	0
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F. Bartleet, Esq.	10	0	0
W. Good, Esq.	20	0	0
P. K. B. Oliphant, Esq.	20	0	0
T. E. Howe, Esq.	20	0	0
Miss Sturges	15	0	0
Mrs. Dobson	2	0	0
Mrs. Crake	20	0	0