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LLANBLETHIAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL-ROOM.

This Room was opened on Advent Sunday with a short Service, conducted by the Vicar, which was very well attended, all the available space being fully occupied. At the end of the Service Canon Edmondès gave an address, he expressed his great pleasure, after his long connexion with the parishes, at being present at the opening of the Sunday School-room in Llanblethian. After pointing out how long a Sunday School had existed in the village and the difficulties with which it had contended from lack of proper accommodation, he said that taking into consideration the difference of population, the Church Sunday School in Llanblethian compared favourably with that in Cowbridge, which was in a flourishing state. A building, such as they were now in, meant a considerable amount of money, and of time and trouble expended in raising the needful amount; and especial thanks were due to all those ladies and gentlemen, who had worked so hard to make the Bazaar held last Spring so great a success. He concluded by wishing all success to the Sunday School in its new room, hoping that it might be a means of helping to train up the children to be good and useful men; and concluded by heartily congratulating the Vicar and all who had helped in the work on the successful end to which it had been brought.

The Vicar then said a few words; he pointed out that the Sunday School was the making of the Church in Llanblethian; that its aim was to train up the children of the village to be loyal members of the old Church in Wales, which went back to the very earliest days of Christianity and to help them to worship aright in the Church where so many generations in the village had worshipped before them. While thanking all who had so generously helped him, while yet a comparative stranger among them, both in raising the necessary money and on the building committee, he wished especially to thank Mr Dunn for the work he had done as a member of this committee, before the beginning of the building, and in the course of its erection.

The proceedings then ended with a hymn.

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