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GIFT OF A CHURCH - - Bishop of Southwark
lays foundation stone of church to be built from
material of church originally erected in Woolwich
Dockyard.

-Eltham, Kent-

Picture.:- Here is the site of a Church which has--
--been given away. It was originally built in 1857 for the--
--Royal Marines when they were stationed at Woolwich.

Now, from belfry to aisle, it is to--
--be re-erected at Eltham under the name of--
--the Church of St. Barnabas. A temporary church has been--
--in use here since the War, when its congregation--
--was munition workers. It will now give place to the--
--new building which is rapidly being erected from the
stones of--
--the old. To-day the Bishop of Southwark is--
--to lay the official foundation stone of the sacred
edifice. By the way, the previous--
--temporary building is probably the only Church ever--
--built by the War Office, and the new old one--
--which the Bishop now arrives to inaugurate is certainly--
--the only one they have ever given away. Eltham now has a--
--population of twelve thousand and is still expanding.

That is why this present of the temporary church has--
been gratefully accepted as a gesture of peace from the War
Office.