



Parish News

Baverstock

WILTS FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The sixteenth anniversary of this benevolent and really good society was celebrated on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Warminster. At about half-past eleven o'clock, the members (both honorary and benefit), to the number of nearly 500, proceeded from the Town-hall to the parish church, where Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Arthur Fane, after which an able and eloquent sermon was preached by the Ven. The Archdeacon of Sarum, from John ix. 4, "The night cometh when no man can work." Having forcibly pointed out the temporal comforts and advantages held out by society, and given a detail of its objects and operations, the Ven. Archdeacon in the most impressive manner showed that the same diligence which is required to lay up a provision against the hour of sickness and infirmity during the season of health and strength, is equally needed to lay up treasure in Heaven, so that when our sojourn on earth is ended, we may be found to have worked during our day of grace, and when the night cometh in which no man can work, be admitted, through the merits of our Saviour, into everlasting habitations.

Soon after two o'clock, the whole of the members again assembled at the Town-hall, where a good dinner of old English fare, accompanied with plenty of strong beer, was provided. Mr Sotheron (the Honorary Secretary of the Society) was in the chair and devoted all his energies to promote the comfort and enjoyment of those around him. Among those who were present, were J. Ravenhill, Esq. (who officiated as Vice-president), the Ven. Archdeacon Lear, the Rev. A. Fane, Vicar of Warminster; the Hon. And Rev. W. A. Spencer, of Erchfont; the Rev. E. Eliot, of Norton Bavant; the Rev. H. Walsh, of Chalke; the Rev. George Stallard, of Warminster; the Rev. Chas. Arnold, Master of Lord Weymouth's School; the Rev. W. Gray, of Upton Lovell; the Rev. W. Dyer, of Imber; the Rev. _ Thompson, of Upton Scudmore, the Rev. H. Wightwick of Codford; the Rev. E. Vincent, of Rowde; the Rev. W. T. Wylde, of Woodborough; the Rev. W. E. Hony, of Baverstock

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The Dinton and Baverstock Branches of the Wilts Friendly Society held their anniversary on Thursday last at Baverstock, when Mr Sotheron, with his usual unwearied zeal, attended. After Divine Service, the members sat down to an excellent dinner in the School-room. On Mr Sotheron's health being proposed, that gentleman addressed the meeting at considerable length, and explained the objects of the Society, and the principles on which it was conducted, in a most clear and satisfactory manner. Among the Honorary Members present were W. Wyndham, Esq., the Rev. Messrs Stafford, Hony, Powell and Davy, Mr Bayley, Mr Barnes & c. In the evening the members partook of tea on the lawn of the Rectory-house, where they were joined by most of the families in the neighbourhood.

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The annual festival of the Wilts branch of this society will be held on Whit-Monday, when Members and their friends accompanied by the Salisbury, Barford and Baverstock branches will meet at the Town Hall, at half-past ten o'clock and will attend divine service at the parish church, where the sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. Hinxman, rector of Barford. Dinner will be provided in the Temperance Hall and the chair will be taken by Sir E. Antrobus, Bart., M.A. In the afternoon, by the kind permission of Lady Herbert, Wilton Park will be open for promenade and amusement. The various other benefit societies connected with the town will hold their anniversaries on the same day.

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