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THE CURACY

We hear that the Rev. Mr. Crompton from Stroud, has been appointed to the curacy of this parish, rendered vacant by the resignation of the Rev. R. K. Corser. We sincerely hope he may succeed in restoring a better state of things in the parish than has for a long time existed.

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FAREWELL SERMON

The Rev. R. K. Corser preached his farewell sermon at St. Mary's church on Sunday evening last, to an unusually large congregation. At the close of the service the Rev. gentleman addressed a few parting words

He said they were all aware what he had done since he had been in the parish. He hoped it would not be said that he had been illiberal, or that he had not done as much as laid in his power for the power of his parish. Neither was he aware that he had done the slightest harm to any parishioner. He then referred to the enormous expense and great trouble which had been brought on him by others since he had resided in the parish, which had deterred him from giving so freely as he would have liked to have done. They all had their troubles – no matter in what station of life they were placed – and it was their duty when they saw a poor or wounded brother to help and try to raise him. Some were placed in positions where it was much more difficult to carry out their duties impartially than others – such as the marriages and the police – but all these duties if faithfully carried out, were turned into pleasure.

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DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT

On Wednesday morning last as the members of the family of the Rev. Mr. Corser were quitting the village the ringers commenced a peal on the church bells. The Rev. gentleman was naturally much annoyed, and, proceeding to the belfry, ordered the ringers to stop, telling them he would not put up with such blackguard conduct. The men had the good sense to desist until evening, but the ringing was renewed with twofold vigour on the whole eight bells.

We do not know at whose instigation the bells were rung, but we sincerely hope whose in authority will find out and take steps to prevent such a use being made of the bells in future.

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