



Primitive Methodist Chapel - Fund Raising

Successful Tea Meeting in Aid of the New Chapel Fund

On Saturday evening last a very successful tea meeting was held in this village in aid of the new chapel fund, in Mr. S. Wentworth's large barn. The company at tea numbered about 130. The proceedings were considerably enlivened by the presence of the Swindon Primitive Methodist Brass Band, who played several sacred airs. After tea there was a public meeting in the barn, presided over by the Rev. G. Fowler, of Faringdon, when addresses were delivered by the Rev. W. Hodden and W. Hedges, of Faringdon, Mr. F. Smith, of Swindon, Mr. J. Richards, and Mr. H. Beasant, of Bourton, and Mr. S. S. Wentworth, of Bishopstone.

The audience completely filled the large barn, and during the proceedings testified their sympathy with the cause by contributing liberally to the collection made, and giving promises of future aid. At the close of the proceedings the Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies who so kindly officiated at the tea, and also to Mr. Wentworth for the use of his barn and his services in arranging the tea. Mr Wentworth promised to give another tea at his own expense at some future occasion in aid of the same fund.

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Entertainment

On Wednesday evening a very successful entertainment was given by the chapel choir and friends in the Primitive Methodist Chapel to a crowded audience. Mr. S. Wentworth occupied the chair. It will be remembered by our readers that vigorous steps were taken last year to raise funds for a new chapel in this village, which is much needed. A piece of land was purchased, and every effort has been made to raise the necessary funds to build an honourable place of worship, the old chapel being quite inadequate for the congregation. There has been a Sunday School most successfully carried on since last year at the above chapel, and we are pleased to state that the efforts of the scholars have not been at all blighted, for there is every prospect of a new chapel being built during the coming spring; but still more money is needed for the building of the same. A series of entertainments were inaugurated last year, which was well calculated to amuse and instruct, the result being most successful and gratifying in the extreme. The first of these entertainments was again resumed on Wednesday night, and proved to be a most complete and successful affair, as was shown by the numbers present. The whole of the proceeds of these gatherings are given towards the funds of the new chapel. A good collection was the result, and the proceedings closed with the Doxology.

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