



Battle of Waterloo Sermon and Collection

On Sunday a sermon was preached at Bremhill, Wilts, by the Rev W L Bowles, and a collection made for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the brave men who fell at the battle of Waterloo.

In the course of the solemn service two pieces of beautiful music, with appropriate words from the pen of the Rev Mr Bowles, were sung under the able direction of Mr Chamber of Chippenham, by several ladies and gentlemen present. One of these compositions, adapted to Dr Cooke's well known dirge "How sleep the brave" containing the following elegant stanzas:

"How sleep the brave who sink to rest,
By all their country's wishes blest!
When cold upon the distant plain
The soldier lies midst heaps of slain,
We call on thee, O God, to bless
The widowed and the fatherless.
Behold – Behold the orphans tear;
the sighs of mourning mothers hear;
And while, to soothe their bitter woe,
Coin passion shall her mite bestow,
Still let them kneel before thy throne,
And seek – seek peace from thee alone!"



The church was overflowing; and the powerful arguments, and truly pathetic eloquence of the preacher, deeply affected the hearts of all present. A very liberal subscription followed on the occasion.

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