



Durrington

In The News

Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts

On Wednesday evening last, the 20th inst., a meeting was held at Durrington, in aid of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. A barn belonging to Lady Poore, and in the occupation of Mr John Hayden, was fitted up for the occasion; and we really cannot pass on without first acknowledging the amply and most comfortable accommodation which had been provided for the company through the kindness of the Rev. R. Webb, the Incumbent, Charles Rendall, Esq., of Milston, and the gentleman above-named. A platform had been raised for the Clergy, and opposite to it, at the other end of the barn, a gallery for the leading families in the parish and neighbourhood. The area was filled with a dense multitude of the laboring population, great numbers being unable to obtain entrance. The sides of the building were hung round with carpeting, so as to completely exclude the cold air. The chair was taken by the Ven. The Archdeacon of Sarum, who opened the interesting subject of the evening by a most feeling and effective representation of the spiritual destitution of the heather world – the six hundred and fifty millions of our fellow creatures who are sitting in the darkness of the shadow of death. The speakers were the Hon. And Rev. S. Best, Rector of Abbot's Ann who attended as a deputation from the Parent Society, the Rev. J. Owen Parr, R. M. Chatfield, J. B. Thurling and R. Webb, who pleaded this all important ___use most powerfully and successfully. At the close of the meeting, a Parochial Association was formed, and annual subscriptions were announced to the amount of about 9l. to which it is expected that many others will be added. We believe that similar Associations have been already established in almost every parish within the Archdeaconry of Sarum, and we hope that so laudable an example will be followed by all parishes not only of this Diocese, but throughout the kingdom.

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