

Diamond Wedding

Wilts Couple's Many Descendants

All but about ten of their 59 descendants gathered to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Mizen, Great Chalfield, Melksham. The actual anniversary was on August 27tt, but the celebration took place on Saturday. Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren met at the re-union.

The couple both declared that not one of their children had ever caused them pain.

The celebrations began with a thanksgiving service in the beautiful little church at Chalfield Manor, conducted by the Rev. Theodore Lunt (curate at Melksham Parish Church). The service commenced with the singing of "O God Our Help", followed by an address, and the singing of the 23rd Psalm and the Nunc Dimittis. After a special lesson and prayers, the service closed with the singing of "Abide With Me".

A Bridesmaid

Mr. and Mrs. Mizen appeared to be in the best of health, and were accompanied by one of the bridesmaids at their original wedding.

Afterwards a family tea party was held in a marquee erected in their cottage garden.

At the conclusion the Rev. T. Lunt suggested that the poles of the tent should be left standing for the "platinum wedding" in 10 years' time.

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