



The National School at Longbridge Deverill, c. 1905

Rewards for Night-School Scholars

Longbridge Deverill

On Thursday last, April 25th, the annual meeting of the members and friends of the Longbridge Deverill Literary Institution was held in the National School-room of this village. This meeting brought to a close the winter operations of the Institution and of the night-school in connection therewith. The meeting commenced with a public tea, at five o'clock, to which 165 were admitted, a large proportion of whom, however, were night scholars. The afternoon being stormy, the number of friends in attendance from a distance was not so great as on some former occasions. After tea, the vicar, the Rev. Preb. Morrice, with the assistance of the Rev. H. C. de St. Croix, curate of Crockerton, proceeded to distribute rewards to those of the night-school lads who had been regular in their attendance at school during the winter season, and to those who passed the Government Examination in February 1867. The night-school has been opened 50 nights, or 75 hours, and although the winter has been a very severe one, the attendance of the scholars has been good, there being no less than 42 who received rewards for attendance; the number on the register being 58. After the rewards were all distributed, the company left the room for a short time, that the tea tables, &c., might be taken away and the room prepared to an entertainment, consisting of part songs and readings, to be given by the members of the village choir and the reading class. At about a quarter past seven the public were admitted to the entertainment of which the following is a programme:- Song and Chorus, "Auld Lang Syne." Reading, selection from "Mrs. Jones' Evening Party." Part Song, "O winter time, cold winter time." Trio, "Glorious Apollo." Part Song, "A summersong." Reading, a breach of promise case, by Dickens, "Bardell v. Pickwick." Song and Chorus, "Shall Trelawney die?" Solo, "Sweet Kitty Glover, she bother me so." Round, "Chairs to mend." Reading, a scene from Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice, "Shylock demands his Bond." Round, "A boat, a boat." Part Song, "It cannot remain so forever." "God Save the Queen."

A vote of thanks having been given to the members of the Committee, to the ladies who prepared tea, to the choir and the readers, the company separated, amidst tremendous cheers from the night scholars. - *Warminster Herald*.

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