



The New Church At Crockerton 1843

The hamlet of Crockerton has grown rapidly from an insignificant group of houses, into a very considerable village – the usual causes, a manufactory, and other peculiar employments, having attracted a numerous population to reside in what, a few years ago, was a quiet and secluded valley. With the despairing supineness that has pervaded our land, this mass of population had been until of late wholly overlooked by the Church; and the sole opportunity of walking in the good old paths of their Church, has been an attendance in the parish of Longbridge Deverill, not more than sufficient to contain the villagers clustered round the Mother Church, and at a considerable distance from Crockerton. The natural results have followed; part of the inhabitants have been living in entire neglect of the Sabbath Day – part have turned to the various forms of dissent, whilst others, not the poor themselves, have provided; for, at least, amongst the villagers of England, in a vast majority of cases, they differ not from one Article of their Church, but are led away by others to they know not what faith or practice. In the midst of these evils, Crockerton has been going on increasing in population and sin. Blessed be GOD, a change has come over that corner of God's vineyard, and Thursday the 20th April saw the completion of the good work! The fresh energies of a new incumbent, and the encouragement of an excellent Church Building Association have achieved the work of erecting an edifice at once simple and careful of the accommodation of the poor, and elegant and thoroughly ecclesiastical in all its arrangements.

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