



Non-Conformist News

Minety

Primitive Methodism

The members of this religious community celebrated the opening of a new chapel at Minety, last week. A site was obtained on the property of Mr Nathan West, of Lambeth, and the tender of Mr Phillips, builder, of Swindon, was accepted.

The building presents a very neat and pretty appearance. It is built of brick with stone facings, and slate roof. Over the door is inscribed on stone "Primitive Methodist Chapel 1865," the front side being enclosed within a palisade. The interior of the chapel is very unique with windows partially filled with stained glass, and seat accommodation for 100 persons. The cost of the building, together with the site, is estimated at £170, of which upwards of £70 has been raised.

On Sunday, the chapel was formally opened, the services in the morning and evening being conducted by the Rev H Platt (superintendent of the Wallingford circuit), and that in the afternoon by the Rev T Powell (superintendent of the Brinkworth circuit). At the evening service so many persons assembled that it was found necessary to adjourn to a field hard by.

On Tuesday afternoon service was again held in the chapel, which was well filled, the sermon being preached by the Rev S Hooson (superintendent of the Cirencester circuit). At the conclusion of the service the company adjourned to a field where a tea had been provided in a spacious marquee. About 350 partook of the refreshing cup, after which the tables were cleared away and the seats arranged for the public meeting, which was densely crowded. On the platform were the Rev T Powell (chairman), Revs S Hooson, H Platt, T Kench, E Alford and J Nevill. Addresses were delivered by the chairman, and by the other ministers present. Good collections were made.

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