



In The News

SALISBURY

SOUTH WILTS ANTI-LEAGUE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday last, a highly respectable body of the gentry, farm-tenants, and tradesmen, of this part of the county, to the number of nearly 500, assembled at the Assembly-rooms, in this city, for the purpose of enrolling themselves as members of an association for the protection of agriculture, and of the other national interests threatened by the League. The rules for such an Association had been previously prepared by a Provisional Committee. The chair was filled by A. Hussey, esq. The proposed rules having been read to, and adopted by, the meeting, the assemblage was addressed by the chairman and others, in support and in vindication of the objects of the association; after which, the following officers were appointed for the year ensuing : - A. Powell, esq., of Hurdcott, chairman; R. Hetley, esq., deputy chairman; H. Hetley, esq., treasurer; and E. P. Kelsey, esq., honorary secretary. A committee of 25 gentlemen was also appointed to conduct the general business of the association. A large number of letters were read from influential individuals, who were unavoidably absent, expressive of their warm concurrence on the objects of the meeting, and several of them enclosing liberal donations in furtherance of its designs. Amongst those who adopted thos mode of communication with the meeting were – the Earl of Malmesbury, Lord Heytesbury, the hon. Sidney Herbert, M.P., and Sir William Curtis. The proceedings were marked throughout by the utmost unanimity and enthusiasm; and we doubt not that the League will henceforth be met in South Wilts, by a body immeasurably more influential, and superior even in numbers, to their own local association.

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