



St. John's School and St. John's Church

School Treat

The scholars attending the Parish Church and St. John's Schools had their annual treat on Thursday, June 26. Over 500 children had to be provided for, and it took no less than 32 vehicles to convey them to Longleat, the place of that afternoon's recreation. St. John's church was the rendezvous, and the start was made shortly after two o'clock, the expedition being under the charge of the Vicar (the Rev. Sir J. E. Philipps, Bart,) the Revs. F. Wright-Anderson and J Moultrie, Messrs. Cruse and Chambers (Sunday school superintendents) and Mr. W. H. Bull.

The line of route lay through Bugley and Horningsham, and after a very pleasant drive the children descended from their conveyances at Longleat House. The Vicar conducted a short service, after which the party inspected the gardens and a portion of the house, which had been thrown open for the occasion. Then refreshments were served out, and the vehicles being again called into requisition, the juveniles were driven to the Vicarage, in the field adjoining which they were regaled with tea, presided over by the Vicar.

The drive to Longleat and back had been greatly enlivened by the efforts of the Warminster Amateur Brass Band. The teachers had tea on the Vicarage lawn, and soon after seven o'clock, an adjournment was made to the field attached to the Mission College, where the fun was fast and furious until "God Save the Queen" was played, shortly after nine o'clock. The concluding scene was by no means the least noticeable, for the finale was a display of fireworks, and the ascent of about half-a-dozen fire balloons.

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