



Moravian Church Centenary Jubilee

On Tuesday week, the hamlet of Tytherton in the parish of Bremhill presented an animated appearance, that being the day appointed for holding the Centenary Jubilee of the Moravian congregation established at that place.

At an early hour the congregation held its "morning blessing", at which suitable hymns were sung, and a supplication made for a blessing on the services of the day. Between nine and ten o'clock the arrivals of carriages, flies and vehicles of a more humble class began rapidly to arrive with friends from the neighbouring congregations of Malmesbury, Bath, Bristol and Kingswood. The arrangements were admirably conducted; and as each successive train brought its complement of visitants to Chippenham, there was no lack of conveyance for the intervening four miles.

At eleven o'clock the first public service was held, when the minister of the congregation (the Rev Cornelius West) preached from 1 Tim 1:5. The chapel was filled to overflowing. The period between services was devoted to exploring the natural beauties of the neighbourhood; and while some ascended the noble acclivity of Wick Hill to admire the chaste monument erected on that commanding height to the memory of Maude Heath, others wandered around the settlement.

At three o'clock the second service opened with Charles Wesley's beautiful hymn:

"Peace to this congregation;

Peace to every soul therein".

followed by various others, with several anthems and choruses by the choir. This meeting was conducted by the Rev James La Trobe of Bath; and the Rev Messrs Sibley of Bristol; Kaltofen of Malmesbury; and Montgomery of Kingswood severally conveyed expressions of brotherly affection from their various congregations.

The Rev J Owen the pastor of Lady Huntingdon's chapel at Bath, and the Rev Rees, minister of the Independent Chapel at Chippenham also addressed the meeting, and the service was concluded by a doxology sung by the choir and congregation.

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