



Annual Revel Sermon

On Monday last, being the day of the Castle Eaton annual revel, on the Sunday preceding the Rev W Bradford preached an appropriate sermon in the parish church, cautioning his congregation against the strife and drunkenness which oftentimes attended the carousals of the revel &c. On Monday morning, the rev gentleman, in an extremely liberal manner, entertained the school children, to the number of 60, and as many of their friends and relatives who chose to attend; after which rewards were given to those children who were deserving of them, and then came the merry dance, with the enlivening strains of music. About eight o'clock in the evening the children were dismissed, but not till after an affectionate address from their worthy minister, expressing his warm approval of the good conduct of the children of the school, and a promise of a similar entertainment next year. The mistress of the school also was applauded for having discharged her duties so efficiently. They were told that among their amusements they had that day run a race, and many had started in it, but only one had won the prize. This should call to their minds another race, which the Apostle Paul had spoken of, and which they all had to run; and for the prize of which he heartily hoped they might all be competitors; for indeed it was a glorious one – a crown of glory. The children were then marched off in procession, with the music playing through the street, to their respective homes. The fete has been the theme of all conversation during the week in the retired village of Castle Eaton, and the benevolence of Mr Bradford has caused him to be truly beloved by all the poor people of the neighbourhood.

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