



Defence of the Church

On Friday evening, the 13th inst., a public meeting was held at the old Meeting House, Durrington (now no longer used as a place of worship), to form a branch of the Church Defence Institution in the rural deanery of Amesbury. Mr. J. R. Greig, of Durrington Manor House, took the chair, and introduced Mr. F. Warren, travelling secretary of the institution, who explained at some length the advantages accruing to all classes of the community from the existence and endowments of the Church of England.

Mr. R. S. Smith, of Durrington, moved, "That in consequence of the repeated attacks made upon the Church of England, both in and out of Parliament, it is desirable that churchmen should unite to defend their rights; and that a branch of the Church Defence Institution should be formed for the deanery of Amesbury (2nd portion)."

The motion having been seconded, and supported in an able speech by the Rev. H. C. de St. Croix, was carried unanimously.

Mr. Carpenter (Lake), the Revds. C. S. Ruddle, Dr. Mountain and F. A. Radcliffe took part in proposing members for admission to the branch, and in the nomination of a committee; and the meeting, which was well attended, was closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

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