

Durrington In The News

PENNY READING:

The fourth of these entertainments for the season took place at the School-room, on Monday evening, and went off with great success. The Rev. C. S. Ruddle presided. Mr R. S. Smith was the accompanist, Mr R. S. and Miss Smith gave the Como quadrilles, and the Misses Smith the Edinburgh quadrilles. Miss Smith's song, "I'd be a butterfly," was render well. Mr H.C. Smith's humorous recitation, "Misadventures at Margate," was received with loud applause, as well also his "Bashful Young Gentleman," which was well recited. The Rev. C. S. Ruddle's "Big Nose," as well as Mr Davis's "Country Painter," caused much laughter. The "National Anthem" brought the programme to a close.

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DURRINGTON

A very successful series of penny readings, held in the above village, under the sanction and assistance of the Vicar, the Rev. C. S. Ruddle, closed on Monday evening, the 12th. The inhabitants are chiefly indebted to the zeal and exertion of Mr R. Butler for the treats thus afforded them. The music was very delightful, young ladies of the village and friends from a distance kindly lending their aid. Much of the good resulting from penny readings must depend on the spirit in which they are undertaken; and it is hoped that the tone manifested at Durrington may have evinced a desire to do all to the "Glory of God," and not for the praise of man.

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