



Savernake Hospital, c. 1872

## **Savernake Cottage Hospital**

The annual meeting of the subscribers to this noble institution was held on Thursday afternoon, in the Town Hall – the Ven. Archdeacon Stanton presiding. There were also present – Mr. W. H. Dunn, Mr. W. C. Merriman, the Rev. C. Soames, the Rev. J. O. Stephens (Hon. Sec.), Mr. R. E. Price, Mr. E. B. Merriman, Mr. D. P. Maurice, Dr. J. B. Maurice, Mr. H. Cooper, the Rev. J. Sturton (Bedwyn), Mr. W. S. May, Mr. Jonah Reeve, Mr. H. Reeve, Mr. S. Butler (Stitchcombe), Mr. H. W. Godding (Brimslade), Mr. Lucy, Mr. J. Carter, Mr. T. Dale, Mr. Neale (Wootton Rivers), &c., &c.

From the report which was presented, it appears that 85 cases had been admitted to the hospital during the past year, against 79 in the year 1867 – and the comfort and relief which the institution has afforded to the poor in the neighbourhood is almost incalculable. None save those who are eye witnesses of it, can appreciate the blessing of such an institution to poor cottagers.

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