



Wilts Friendly Society Anniversary Meeting

The anniversary of the Hindon branch was held on the 6th June. Early in the morning the members proceeded with a brass band to the retired and pretty village of Chicklade, the schoolroom of which was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. Where they were met by John Locke, Esq and family, the Rev. J. C. Faber, the Rector, and his family, the Rev. Prebendary Fane and the principal inhabitants, as well as the benefit members of that village.

At the church an excellent and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. J. C. Faber. After service the members proceeded through the village and grounds of J. Locke, Esq, to the field where a spacious tent was erected and decorated with suitable devices and flowers, and a most substantial dinner awaited them.

The Rev. Prebendary Fane presided, supported by J. Locke, Esq and family, the Rev. J. C. Faber and family, and most of the leading and influential gentry of the neighbourhood. Justice having been done to the roast beef and plum pudding, the usual loyal and appropriate toasts were given.

The chairman then explained the advantages and benefits of the society, in his usual clear and pleasing manner to the satisfaction of all present, after which the party left the tent for the grounds, where dancing, football and other games were enjoyed; tea and other refreshments were on the ground. The thanks of the meeting were given to Mr Edwards, the steward, for his services, as upon him devolved almost the entire management of the day's proceedings. At nine o'clock the happy party dispersed, thoroughly satisfied with the day's enjoyment.

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