

Sutton Mandeville



On Sunday, June 24th, the Primitive Methodists who have had a society formed here about eighteen months, held an excellent camp-meeting, or religious open-air service, in the above place, in a field kindly lent for the occasion. The services of the day conducted by one of the circuit ministers. The preachers and members of the society met in the field at ten a.m., when preaching, praying, and singing commenced, and continued until twelve o'clock, They then broke up for dinner. At half-past one p.m., they met on the village green, close by the church, when the Rev. H. Portnall supplicated the throne of grace in behalf of the inhabitants of Sutton. A singing procession was then formed; and, in true Primitive Methodist style, they sung their way to the campfield. On arriving there, several short sermons were preached, in which a full, free, and present salvation was held forth, interspersed with lively singing and fervent prayer until half-past four, when they closed the service for tea. At a quarter to six, a second procession was formed, singing that well-known hymn "There is a fountain filled with blood." On reaching the field, about six o'clock, Mr John White, of Salisbury, preached an appropriate sermon from Acts 28,22, "As concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against." A hymn was sung, prayer offers, and the service terminated.

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