



Non-Conformist News - Baptist Chapel Swindon

BAPTIST CHAPEL, NEW SWINDON

The anniversary services in connection with this place of worship were celebrated last Sunday, the preacher at both the morning and evening services being the Re. John Aldis, late of Plymouth. On Monday evening a tea and public meeting, presided over by Mr. W. B. Wearing, the senior deacon, was also held in recognition of the anniversary and the settlement of the Rev. Frederick Pugh, as pastor, when several addresses relative to the work of the district were delivered. The Chairman, in the course of his remarks, said that when the chapel was opened in 1848, it was but a very small edifice. In 1858 the schoolroom and vestry were built, and in 1858 the building was lengthened and made into its present form. In 1878 they had done nothing, and for his part he did not know what to do. They could easily let twenty more seats, and it was really desirable that they should look about and try to do something to enlarge their place of worship, although something like £3,560 had been from time to time, laid out upon the building, and if it were further enlarged, a considerable outlay would be needed. It would not be right for them to go into anything without money in hand, and he should like to commence in subscriptions, and, when they had obtained £1000 they might then lay out in building upwards of £2000. The Rev. F. Pugh, the Rev. J. Aldis, and others, having also addressed the meeting, the proceedings were brought to a close in the usual manner.

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