



Education



Upton Lovell

A Night School, three times a week, has been conducted in this parish, during the present winter, by the Rector, the Rev. W. Gray, assisted by Mr Henry Hewitt and Mr Thos. Raxworthy, jun. The population of the parish is only 225, and the number of scholars, during the whole winter, has been thirty-four, varying from nine to forty years of age. They have been instructed in Reading (the Bible and English History), Writing, Arithmetic, and the elements of Geography. The attendance has been most regular and punctual, the improvement exceedingly satisfactory, and not a single case of bad or unruly conduct has occurred. A few of the boys, who had had some previous instruction, have made very considerable progress with their arithmetic, and have books to shew in proof of their attention and industry equal to what could be produced in most commercial schools, after the same amount of instruction. The expenses for rent of two rooms, lights, books, pens, ink & c., amounting to 6 £ 17 s. 9 d. have been paid with great satisfaction, in equal shares by the principal inhabitants of the parish. The school was closed last Monday evening for the present season, when the scholars presented the Rev. W. Gray with a handsome silver pencil case, in acknowledgment of the attention and instruction they had received; and it is intended to recommence it on the evening of the first Monday in November next.

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