



Salisbury Diocesan Church Building Association

The Salisbury triennial meeting of this most important and interesting Society was held on Thursday last, at the Council Chamber. The attendance included many of the leading families of the city and its vicinity. Shortly after 12 o'clock the chair was taken by the EARL of SHAFTESBURY.

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In addition to the grants already announced, your Committee have to report that they have increased the grant originally made towards re-building Ansty Church, from £60 to £100; and in so doing have followed an example of the Parent Society who, doubtless, were actuated by a wish to give all encouragement and assistance towards the attainment of an object which seemed to be surrounded by almost insurmountable difficulties.

The peculiar circumstances attending this case arose, not only out of the poverty of the inhabitants, but also from the fact of the entire parish being the property of a family not in communion with the Church; the proprietor exercising the functions of ordinary, rector, and patron of the benefice, appointing the chaplain, who is removable at his pleasure, without any licence or control of the Bishop.

The Stipend of the Curate is by prescription only £22 5s. 4d.

Notwithstanding these discouragements, the Church has been completely restored, with the addition of a transept and has been re-opened for Divine service, which will in future, it is believed, be regularly performed on every Lord's Day at least, instead of once a month as before.

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