



Bishopstone Benefits Club 1896

Notes on Friendly Societies

The annual gathering of Bishopstone Benefit club will be found reported under our Bishopstone news. The Club has been in existence for 35 years, and has in hand £290 and 86 members. The Club still adopts the old worn out idea of the septennial division of funds amongst the members.

Benefits Club

The annual gathering was held on Wednesday last, in the endowed school. The club has been in existence for 35 years, and has in hand £290 of which £270 will be shared among the 86 members, according to the seven yearly division. The club was promoted by the late Mr. John Dore, his son, Mr. W. J. Dore being the present treasurer. The Rev. H. Ault (vicar) held a special service in church during the day, all the members being present. The text was taken from James IV., 14 verse, "For what is your life". Ample justice to a bountiful dinner in the school, the Vicar, and Mr. W. J. Dore, being chairman and vice-chairman respectively. Among the visitors were Mr. A. Dore, Dr. Kennard (Lambourne), Messrs. Povey, Willis-Bryant, G. Stratford, D. Titchener (Bishopstone), J. Carter (Ashbury), E. Titchener (Idstone). Letters of apology were read from Mr. A. Hopkinson, Q.C., M.P., Mr. Hy. Kinneir (Swindon), Mr. T. Hickman, Mr. C. I. Hibbard. The usual toasts were heartily responded to. The village was paraded during the day. Tea being had at five p.m., when wives and sweethearts sat down with the members; the following ladies kindly presided at the tables: Mesdames Ault, W. J. Dore, A. Dore, Bryant, the Misses Reynolds (Swindon) and Miss Povey. The Highworth Band under conductor Bolton, played at intervals, the selections of music giving great pleasure. A hearty vote of thanks to the ladies, and the secretary (Mr. Edward Wrigley) was accorded at the close of the day's proceedings.

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