



A typical school treat gathering

School Treat 1885

Through the kindness and liberality of Mrs Alfred Morrison of Fonthill House, the customary summer juvenile treat was held on Thursday. The weather was extremely fine, The children belonging to the different schools assembled shortly after three pm and headed by their respective banners, marched in capital order past the residence of their benefactress to the strains of the Hindon Brass Band.

The schools massed in the following order:-

1. Chilmark Ridge with the Vicar, Rev C Tower and Mr and Miss Seamark and teachers
2. Fonthill Gifford with Rev W C Radcliffe, the Misses and Mr A Radcliffe and teachers
3. Fonthill Bishop with Rev R Sheldon, Mrs, Miss and Messrs Sheldon and teachers
4. Tisbury Union children with teachers
5. Chicklade with Mr F Taylor (for Rev C W Taylor, who, we regret to say, was unable to attend through illness), and teachers
6. Hindon with Rev W H and Mrs Lewis and family, Mr and Mrs Halladey and teachers.

The procession afterwards wended its way to the tables set apart for tea and, after full justice had been done to a most bountiful tea, the usual sports were introduced.

A very satisfactory and pleasing item in the day's programme was the distribution of presents to every child in attendance, minus the winners of prizes. The masters and mistresses and teachers were also presented with useful and valuable gifts.

The ending scene of all was a splendid one, viz, the grouping of all juveniles and adults in front of the house, when the Vicar of Hindon, in well chosen words, briefly and suitable returned thanks to Mrs Morrison for the excellent treat given. Lusty cheers from the whole company assembled betokened the gratitude evinced by all. Mrs Morrison, from the balcony, spoke a few kindly words, and the company separated.

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