



Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education

The annual general meeting of the subscribers to this Board, and of clergymen Training Schools in union therewith, was held at the Training School, in The Close, on Wednesday afternoon. The Bishop of the Diocese presided. The Rev. Preb. Wilkinson, the hon. sec. of the Board, read the following report, which was adopted.

“The following grants have been made during the past year:- From the Wiltshire Fund:- Tilshead, £17; Tisbury £10; Bowerchalke, £10; Martin £10; The Wiltshire Fund was thus exhausted. In the last report it was stated that the general diocesan fund, specially raised for the purpose of enabling managers to meet the requirements of the Elementary Education Act, was also exhausted. The Board accordingly fell back on its ordinary fund, from which it voted £50 for building purposes during the year 1874. Out of this vote the following grants have been made: Chiseldon, £5; Imber, £7 10s; Ham, £7 10s., Armitage and Highfield, £15. The Board had under their consideration the desirableness of forming diocesan and local associations of managers, schoolmasters, mistresses, and teachers, and have appointed a committee for the purpose of promoting this design. The committee have not yet concluded their labours, but hop to do so during the course of the current year. The Board have also appointed another committee on the subject of Sunday schools in connection with the Synodical Committee on lay agency. The united committee strongly recommend that means should be taken for the improvement and organization of Sunday schools, and commend the work to the Diocesan Board of Education. The Board have united these two committees, and have requested them to continue their labours, and to report again. The board desires to being under the notice of school managers the various provisions of the recent Acts of Parliament, by which school attendance is encouraged and enforced, such as the “Act to regulate the Employment of Children in Agriculture,” and the “Elementary Education Amendment Act.”

Circulars on the former of the Acts have been issued by the National Society, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster; by the National Education Union, Manchester; and by the Wiltshire Court of Quarter sessions. On the Elementary Education Amendment Act of 1873, a circular letter has been addressed by the Local Government Board to the several Boards of Guardians, entitled “The Elementary Education of Pauper Children,” and dated the 13th of December, 1873.” This letter can be procured of Knight & Co., 90, Fleetstreet, London, and of any other agent for the sale of Parliamentary papers.”

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