



The Wiltshire Society



The fiftieth anniversary of the Wiltshire Society was held on Friday evening, at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, London, under the presidency of Mr Richard Penruddocke Long, M.P. The company was much smaller than of late years, but was very select, and amongst those present were the Marquis of Bath, Sir Thomas Bateson, M.P., Lord Charles Bruce, M.P., Mr Thomas Fraser Grove, M.P., Mr William Blackmore, Mr J. H. Brewer, Mr H. A. Merewether, Q.C., Mr D. Archer, &c., &c. Messrs Staples catered in their usual style and provided a most excellent dinner.....

The following is a list of the children selected for apprenticeship April, 1866: -

Town candidates : *(9 in total)*

County candidates: William Henry Batchelor, Warminster, 125; William Maxfield, Horningsham, 24; Edwin Smith, Codford St. Peter, 42; Henry Speck, Broad Blunsdon, 133; James Young, Warminster, 123.

(number after name & parish denotes the number of votes)*

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NOTE: Edwin Smith was apprenticed to Charles Hinton of Codford St. Peter for 7 years as a tailor for an apprenticeship fee of £20. The Indenture was dated 13th November, 1866.