



Devizes Saving Bank

To The Editor of The Devizes Gazette 15th May 1847

Sir,

My attention has been called to a paragraph headed "Signs of the times," in the Devizes Gazette of Thursday last. It is true that the repayments on that day were more than four times the amount paid in, but the following facts will show that the repayments then made were not the consequence of distress. The total sum paid during the day was £430, of which £424 was paid to 2 depositors, evidently for investment in more profitable securities, and the remaining £26 was made up of small sums paid to 9 other depositors, and consisted chiefly of interest. Thus out of upwards of 1600 depositors only 12 attended to receive money on Thursday last; and I may add that the amount deposited was a fair average of the deposits at the season of the year.

And when it is known that the number of depositors in the Devizes Savings Bank has been increased since the 20th Nov. last by 10, and that there is now standing to the credit of the depositors about £600 more than there was in Nov., a better test of the signs of the times, will, I submit, be afforded than the report of the transactions of a single day.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,
W.H. JONES,
Actuary to the Devizes Saving Bank

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