



OLD RECTORY GUTTED BY FIRE

On Thursday last, the old Rectory at Durrington was completely destroyed by fire, and damage caused to the extent of £1,500. Mrs Taylor, the occupant, wife of Major Taylor, who is his way to Constantinople, was able to leave the home with her children before there was any danger from falling materials. The heavy thatched roof is supposed to have been ignited by a spark from the chimney. The fire, fanned by a brisk wind, spread across the road to some out buildings behind Mr. Richard Channon's Manor Farm House and then to the house itself. All the furniture was removed from the Old Rectory, and the Manor Farm House, to the parish churchyard. The Salisbury and Bulford Fire Brigade were at work for about five hours, at the end of which time the Old Rectory was gutted and damage caused to the roof of the Manor House.

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