



Baptist Chapel, now the Strict and Particular Chapel

New Baptist Chapel

A new Baptist Chapel was opened at Manningford on Wednesday the 23rd inst. Three services were held, the attendance being so numerous that numbers were unable to obtain seats. Mr. A. B. Taylor, of Manchester, preached in the morning and afternoon, and Mr. R. Pocock in the evening. Tea was provided in the afternoon for the accommodation of persons attending from a distance, and upwards of 200 partook of it; the trays being kindly furnished by friends of the cause. The chapel is a neat and substantial structure of brick with stone dressings, with entrance porch, a small gallery and vestry, seated for 110 persons (exclusive of the vestry), and was erected from the plans of Mr. J. A. Randell, of Devizes, at a total cost of £240, including the conveyance of the site, which was kindly presented by the family of the builder, Mr. Waight of Manningford. About £74 had been subscribed previous to the commencement of the building, and the amount received from the three collections at the opening services and the receipts from the tea were £96 1s. 7d., leaving a balance of about £70 due on the building. A clock was also subscribed for and presented by the workpeople and cottagers of the district.

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