



Prizes For Pupils Of Evening Classes

St. Peter's Evening Classes.

On Thursday, the pupils who had attended the St Peter's evening classes were assembled in the girls' school-room, which had been beautifully decorated by several ladies who take an interest in the classes. After tea and cake had been partaken of to the satisfaction of every appetite, Dr Fergus briefly explained the reason why the treat had been so long delayed since the closing of the classes last April. In March last, in consequence of a communication from the Secretary of the Southern counties Adult Education Society, twelve of the pupils offered to compete for certificates and prizes given by that Society, and although so little time was given, yet the result was highly creditable and satisfactory. Out of the twelve, two only were complete failures; five obtained certificates and prizes, and one obtained a prize without a certificate. The delay of the treat was owing to the time that it took to decide upon the work of the candidates, and to have the prizes bound. The Rev. T. W. Dowding, the Rector, then proceeded to distribute the prizes given for regularity, diligence, and general good conduct. 43 of these prizes were given, and we were pleased to see amongst the recipients several really adult persons, including married women and others. As soon as these prizes had been given, the Rector called upon the Master of Marlborough Collage, the Rev. G. J. Bradley, to present the certificates and prizes of the Southern Counties Adult Education Society to the successful competitors.

They were called up as follows: George Greenslade, printer, certificate and prize, 10s worth of books; Joseph Parsons, errand boy, certificate and prize, 10s worth of books; Robert Ruddell, tailor, certificate

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and prize, 5s worth of books; Jams Wyld, carpenter, certificate and prize, 5s worth of books; James Gale, upholsterer, certificate and prize, 5s worth of books, H. J. Wells, wheelwright, prize, 2s 6d worth of books. The Rev. Gentleman remarked that the certificates were evidence of self-denying efforts at self-culture, and might be handed down to their children and to their grand-children. He considered that he was addressing a thoroughly working-man's College, and that Marlborough might be proud of its night school.

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