

Salisbury Street, Mere as it is today

Anti-War Meeting

A meeting was held at the Lecture-hall, Salisbury-street, last week, for the purpose of considering "the present state of affairs on the continent – the sad results of past wars – and the importance of nations settling their differences without bloodshed."

The hall was well filled, and a lively interest was felt in the proceedings. In the absence of Mr Charles Jupe, who had been announced to preside, but was unable to attend from indisposition, Mr J F Rutter was called to the chair. Some portions of Scripture having been read by the Rev. Joseph Harper, Primitive Methodist Minister, the Chairman addressed the meeting at considerable length, and denounced war as contrary to the Scripture, common sense, and the allegiance due to Christ.

Mr Henry Hart, of Bourton, supported the remarks of the Chairman.

Mr Joseph Forward, of Crockerton, brought before the meeting some of the popular objections to the "peace at any price" principles.

Ensign Card condemned some of the observations of the Chairman.

Mr Jarvis contended for "peace at any price."

Mr Henry, of Charnage, replied to some of Mr Jarvis' remarks.

The Rev. J Harper followed in a temperate speech, and after a few observations from the Chairman, the meeting was closed with the Doxology.

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