



Seend - Holy Cross

Vestry Meeting

A Vestry Meeting attended by about fifty of the rate-payers was held on Friday the 5th inst to discuss the desirability of declaring all the seats in the Seend Church free and unappropriated.

The Vicar, having taken the chair, explained to the meeting that the Vestry had been called in consequence of a requisition, signed by twenty nine householders, in favour of the seats being unappropriated having been received by the church wardens, and that they as parochial officials might ascertain the opinion of the vestry on the subject.

Mr E C Schomberg then rose to move the following resolution, and in doing so drew the attention of the vestry to the fact that while there were 288 sittings in the church seventy only of these were free, and contended that with a population of over 900, this was a very inadequate provision. He therefore had much pleasure in proposing that "This vestry is of opinion that all seats throughout the church should be free and unappropriated, and hereby requests the church wardens to carry out this resolution."

This having been seconded by Mr Bond and supported by Mr H H Ludlow-Bruges, the Chairman asked if any one present desired to move an amendment, and nobody rising to do so, he put the resolution to the meeting and it was carried nem con. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

In consequence of this action by the vestry the following notice was posted in the church porch on Sunday last by the church wardens: "All seats in this church are free. Worshippers are invited to take any vacant place."

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