



Sutton Mandeville Anti-Ritual Meeting in Salisbury 1867

On Tuesday afternoon a very large meeting of members of the Church of England in the diocese of Salisbury was held in the Assembly-rooms of this city, for the purpose, according to the advertisement of "taking into consideration the present state of the church of this diocese."

The meeting we believe was held under the auspices of the recently formed Protestant Lay Association of the diocese, and very complete arrangements were made for ensuring a very successful gathering. The result of the efforts so made must have been in every way satisfactory to the promoters of the Anti-Ritual movement, for there was a very numerous and influential attendance, and the proceedings were throughout of a most enthusiastic character. It had been rumoured that Salisbury had been selected as the place of meeting in order that the proceedings should be specially annoying to the bishop, but we have the authority of one of the speakers for saying that that was not so, and that Salisbury was simply selected because it was the most convenient place of meeting for the gentlemen of North Wilts and for those of South Dorsetshire. Special trains were provided to bring visitors from Marlborough and other parts of the north of the county at reduced fares, and there is no question that a great number availed themselves of the opportunity so afforded.

The following gentlemen were amongst those present:- General Buckley, the Hon. W.H.B. Portman, M.P., Lord E. Bruce, M.P., Mr E. Antrobus, M.P., Lord S. G. Osborne, Mr R. P. Longm M.P., Mr J. Ravenhill, Mr T. F. Grove, M.P., Mr J. Du Boulay, Mr C. Penruddocke, Mr J. C. Mansel, Mr J. Gundry, Rev. E. W. Pears (Dorchester), Mr Marwood S. Yeatman, Rev. T. W. Knipe, Rev. E. Duke, Mr Grove, Captain Hanham, Mr G. D. W. Digby, Rev. W. C. Templer, Colonel Salman, Mr J. M. P. Montague, Rev. Carr J. Glyn, Rev. R. M. Chatfield, Mr G. Brown, Mr J. Stratton, &c. &c. In the body of the hall were the Rev. H. H. Methuen, Rev. J. B. Skipper, Rev. Subdean Eyre, Rev. Precentor Lear, Rev. Prebendary Chermiside, Rev. W. C. Badger, Rev. H. C. Deshon, Rev. J. D. Hastings, Mr T. Clark (Trowbridge), Mr T. B. Saunders, Mr R. A. Feryman, Mr W. Knapp (Fairland House), Mr H. G. G. Ludlow, Mr W. Stancomb, Rev. G. L. Porter (Trowbridge), Rev. S. Littlewood, Mr G. Shorland (Westbury), Mr J. R. Gwatkin (Semington), Mr J. Y. Melmoth (Sherborne), Mr W. Redman (Coulston), Rev. P. B. Maddock (Staverton), Mr J. A. Williams (Baydon), Mr Bayly (Warminster), Mr G. Slater (Trowbridge), Mr R. H. Eliot (Weymouth), Rev. C. J. Bird, Rev. M. S. Berry, Rev. S. M. Lakin, Mr J. Pinniger (Kennet), Mr Neat (Marden), Mr Hillier, Rev. H. S. Patterson (Melksham), Mr Prideaux, Q.C., &c. &c.

The following churchwardens had signed papers deputing Mr Du Boulay to express their alarm at the doctrines and views of the Bishop :- James Jones, William Bartlett, Burbage; James Carpenter, William Ruming, Wilsford; Robert Melsone, Richard Melsone, Norton Bavant; Henry Marsh, William Miles, Sutton Mandeville; Richard Spackman, John Smith, Broughton Gifford;

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