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On Tuesday last, the ingathering of the cereal crops in this locality was duly celebrated by the annual harvest festival. At two o'clock, the labourers on the various farms assembled together, each wearing a distinguishing rosette interspersed with corn and flowers, when a procession was formed, headed by the several principal cultivators, including the Lady Herbert of Lea, W. Robson, Esq., Messrs. Rawlence, W. H. and J. Woodcock, F. Tabor, Harman, &c., and preceded by the Brass Band of the Wilton Rifles, marched to the church, which was most tastefully decorated for the occasion by Mr. T. Challis, of the Wilton Park gardens.

Here a most admirable sermon was preached by the Rev. F. Lear, the rector of Bishopstone, from the words in Rev. xvi.17. "It is done." At the close of the service each party proceeded to their several farms, where good cheer awaited them, and joy and festivity closed the day. A collection was made at the church doors for funds of the Charmouth Hospital, and a goodly sum was contributed.

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