Benett Arms Slate Club 1895 & 1899

The members of the Slate and Pig Clubs held an amalgamated fete on Tuesday. The members met at the Benett Arms Hotel at 10 o'clock, 80 answering to the roll call.

Headed by the Tisbury volunteer Band, leader Mr J Risdon, the principal streets were perambulated. Divine service was attended at the church, the Rev F C Hutchinson preaching an appropriate sermon.

After service, an adjournment was made to the Benett Arms Hotel for dinner at which Mr W R Shaw-Stewart, of Berwick House, presided, the vice chair being filled by the Rev W R Griffiths.

Among those present were Messrs A L Kipling, F H S Styring, H Northover, A Alston and Dr J A Ensor. Letters of regret at inability to be present were read from Viscount Folkestone MP, who sent a donation of £1 1s, from Mr L E Pyke QC who sent £1 and Mr J H Bracher, who sent 10s.

After dinner a short toast list was gone through. Loyalty having been observed, that of "The Bishop and Clergy and Ministers of All Denominations" was submitted from the chair and acknowledged by the vice chairman.

Mr Kipling proposed "The Army Navy and Reserve Forces", Mr Everett and Mr Northover responding. Other toasts followed.

Mr G Landon and Mr J A Meaden are secretaries of the Pig and Slate Clubs respectively and both are in a flourishing condition. In the afternoon the members repaired to a field near the vicarage where sports and dancing were engaged in.

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The members of the Benett Arms Slate Club held their annual dinner at the Assembly rooms on Tuesday afternoon, when a capital dinner was provided by Host Griffin. The chair was taken by Mr J H Bracher who was supported by the Rev W G Hulme, Dr Ensor, Messrs F H S Styring, R Northover, G Ponton, T Wilkins, and others, besides most of the members of the Club.

After the usual toasts had been honoured, a smoking concert took place. Miss Griffin presided at the piano, and some excellent songs were rendered by several of the company.

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