

## Wilts Friendly Society 1879

### Tisbury Branch



A large meeting of the honorary and benefit members of the Tisbury branch of the Wilts Friendly Society was held in the National Schoolroom on the 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. to hear an address explaining the alterations made in the rules of the Society, the reasons which induced them, and other particulars in connection with the Society

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the chair was taken by the Rev R N Milford, Rector of East Knoyle, who, after a few appropriate remarks, introduced Mr Hugh James, the Secretary and Actuary of the Society.

Mr James began his address by relating various alterations which had from time to time been made in the rules and gave a most comprehensive, lucid and satisfactory description of the present financial condition of the Society. He afterwards clearly pointed out the necessity of reducing the limit hitherto allowed of giving full sick pay, by reason of the very great average amount of continuous sickness to so large a number of old members, more especially that of female members, and also of greatly modifying the rule allowing partial sick pay to members not wholly disabled, from which cause imposition of various kinds so frequently occurred. He strongly advised the appointment of a local branch Committee to watch well its interests.

The Chairman read a letter from Lord Nelson, pointing out the great advantages of the Society and advising young members to give it their hearty support.

The following resolution was then proposed by the Rev J Penrose: "That having heard the explanation and statements so clearly given by the secretary, the members of this branch desire to express their approval of the new rules, and their unqualified satisfaction of the condition of the Society generally". Carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr James for his very able address and also to the Rev W Milford for his kindness in taking the chair.

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