

Consecration of the new Chapel

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The interesting ceremony of the consecration of the beautiful new chapel at Wreay, took place on Thursday [December 1st 1842]. The doors were opened at ten o'clock, and very shortly afterwards the area of this exceedingly handsome structure was crowded with the elite of Carlisle and the neighbourhood.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson, the incumbent, was, upon this occasion, supported by the presence of a numerous body of the neighbouring clergy, who awaited at the Parsonage House the arrival of his Lordship the Bishop of Carlisle.

At eleven o'clock, his Lordship and the chaplain, Rev. Chancellor Fletcher, were received at the west door. The petition for consecration was then read by Mr. Mounsey, and having been acceded to by the Bishop, his Lordship proceeded to the altar, reading alternately with the clergy the 24th Psalm. His Lordship then took his place on the north side of the altar - the Very Rev. the Dean of Carlisle, and the Rev. the Chancellor on the south side, the rest of the clergy being seated in front of the congregation. The proper dedicatory prayers and collects were then read by the Bishop, after which the sentence of consecration was proclaimed by the Chancellor, signed by the Bishop, and given by his Lordship to Mr. Mounsey, the registrar, for enrolment.

The service of the morning was then read in a very impressive manner by the Rev. Mr. Jackson; the jubilate, the 26th and the 100th Psalms being sung remarkably well by the choir of the chapel. The sermon, a highly impressive and forcible discourse, forming a running commentary on the beautiful first lesson of the day, 1st Kings, part of chap. viii, from 22nd to 62nd verse, was preached by his Lordship the Bishop of Carlisle.

After the service of the morning prayer was concluded, the Bishop and his clergy, accompanied by the choir, repaired to the new portion of the burial ground which was about to be consecrated. The customary prayers were then read by the Bishop, and the choir sung a part of the 39th Psalm.

The clergy and their friends returned to the parsonage, and partook of the hospitality of the worthy vicar and his lady.

A sumptuous collation was provided at Woodside, whither the clergy repaired after the conclusion of the services of the day.

The weather was propitious, and the scene at Wreay was very animating. The whole arrangements displayed great care and judgment; and we understand that the Bishop expressed his approbation of the admirable manner in which all things had been prepared and made ready for this interesting service.

Among the clergy present we noticed, the Rev. Messrs. Heysham, Wilkinson, Salkeld, Twentyman, Kitchen, Thwaites, Hudson, Thomlinson, Wood, Kitton, Gibson, &c,&c.

Although we are aware that the unobtrusive and truly Christian character of that lady's benevolence, makes her prefer to do good by stealth, it is only right to add that the inhabitants are wholly indebted to the munificent liberality of Miss Losh, of Woodside, for the erection of this elegant and convenient place of worship.