



Church News

Upton Lovell

A new organ, by Messrs Bedington and Sons, of Greek-street, Soho-square, has been erected in Upton Lovell church, by the parishioners and their friends. It is a very good specimen of their chancel organs, for which they were awarded a medal in the late Exhibition, being elegant in appearance, and powerful and very sweet in tone. It was used for the first time during Divine Service on Sunday last, being the 3rd Sunday in Advent, on which occasion a powerful and eloquent sermon was preached at the Morning Service by the Rev. E. Slater Browne, M.A., of Warminster, from the 7th verse of the 71st Psalm; and one equally good and appropriate in the evening, by the Rev. J. S. Stockwell, M.A., rector of Wylve, from the 1st verse of the 100th Psalm. Both the preachers took the same line of argument, by shewing, though in different words and by different illustrations, that Divine Songs and Hymns, accompanied by instrumental music, and probably even by the organ itself, had always formed a part of social Divine Worship from the very days of "the sweet Psalmist of Israel," and that the revival and spread of this part of Divine Worship even into small and secluded village churches was an evident and pleasing sign of the improvement now taking place in sound feelings of Church principles, and of Christian piety – warning their hearers at the same time that all this would be utterly vain unless the feelings were sincere; and that the sweetest and most powerful songs of praise would be rejected at the throne of God if they came not from the *heart* as well as from the mouth. The Service was choral; and the village choir, which has been trained with much care and patience, acquitted themselves in a very satisfactory manner. The collections after the Morning and Evening Service, in aid of the organ fund, amounted to £6 14s. 8d.

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