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## BIRCHINGTON NEWS

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**THE LATE MRS. SEARLE'S CONCERT** – About £5 worth of tickets were sold for this concert, and the expenses amounted to nearly £2. The sum of £3 0s 6d has been handed to the headmaster of the National School to augment the Day School Prize Fund.

**WESLEYAN CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY** – On last Sunday special sermons were preached in the Birchington Wesleyan Chapel both morning and evening by the Rev. H. Day of Margate, in celebration of the sixty-first anniversary of the opening of the Chapel, which took place on the last Sunday of June, 1830. In the evening the Reverend gentleman, in the course of an appropriate and able discourse, incidentally referred to the sad death of Mrs. Searle – a personal friend of the preacher – reminding his hearers how ready the deceased lady had ever been to help in any good work, without regard to party or sect. The collections at each service were in aid of the renovation funds.

**BIRCHINGTON** loses this week one of its ablest and most respected inhabitants in the person of **Mr. Charles. J. Hudson**, who is leaving the village to take the Thanet Steam Flour Mills, Ramsgate. Although his neighbours in Mill Row cannot help feeling a sense of personal loss, Mr. Hudson will take with him their best wishes for his success in his new venture. Birchington Mill has been in the hands of the Hudson family for over 50 years, and "Hudson Mill" has become such a part of Birchington that one cannot fail to remember regretfully the old ties which will be severed by the removal of the business. The willing way in which Mr. Hudson has served his neighbours, both in parochial offices and in more private capacities, will not soon be forgotten, and it may be mentioned that it was largely owing to his energy that the Vicarage was completed.

**ABSENTEES** – At the Cinque Ports Police Court at Margate, on Monday, before Mr. E. S. Wootton, John Thompson and James McKie were brought up in custody, charged with being absent without leave from the Royal Marines, stationed at Walmer. – P.C. Dryland stated that about half past five the previous evening he went to the **New Inn, Birchington**, where he saw the prisoners sitting in the bar. He thought they looked suspicious, and he approached the three men and asked them if they were absentee soldiers. They admitted that they were and he took them into custody.