

Rev. George Kendall

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The Rev. George Kendall, O.B.E.

The Rev. George Kendall, O.B.E., has confronted many difficult tasks, but his present one as Superintendent of the South Wales Mission will tax him by its demands and opportunities as fully as any that have preceded it, and all who know him believe that he will achieve as great a success in his new sphere as he won in the work he has just vacated.

A Yorkshireman.

Mr. Kendall was born at Hoyland, near Burnley, and was recommended for the ministry by the Petre Street Circuit, Sheffield, where the Rev. John Holland played an important part in the shaping of his life. On leaving college he spent his probation on

such widely differing circuits as Horncastle, and as pastor of the Shieldmuir Church in Scotland.

Probation ended, he became Superintendent of the Colnbrook and Uxbridge Circuit, passing thence to Windsor, where he was stationed when the war broke out. During these years his activities had been many and varied, and always successful. Debts had been reduced, buildings and furnishings renewed, and in addition he had rendered distinguished service to the Free Church Council.

A Chaplain.

It is difficult to sum up Mr. Kendall's Army services in a paragraph. From being an officiating clergyman to the Guards and troops at Windsor and Slough he went to France in May, 1915, and for more than six years he lived as varied and strenuous a life as falls to the lot of few men. He saw De Valera captured, and visited Sinn Fein leaders in prison. Abroad, where all his service has been spent, except for a few months in Ireland, he worked with many famous battalions in France, Flanders and Salonica, becoming Senior Chaplain with the rank of Major to the famous Royal Naval Division. Field Marshall Earl Haig mentioned him in despatches for gallant conduct on the field. As Education Officer both in France and Germany he earned the warmest commendation for his resource, initiation and organisation. As Senior Chaplain in charge of exhumation work in Belgium he discharged a most gruesome task with rare sympathy and skill. One result of these manifold duties is that the King honoured him by appointing him Officer (Military Division) of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. His wife bravely and successfully took up his work at Windsor until his successor arrived, and is a power of strength in all his work.

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