

Jonathan Goddard

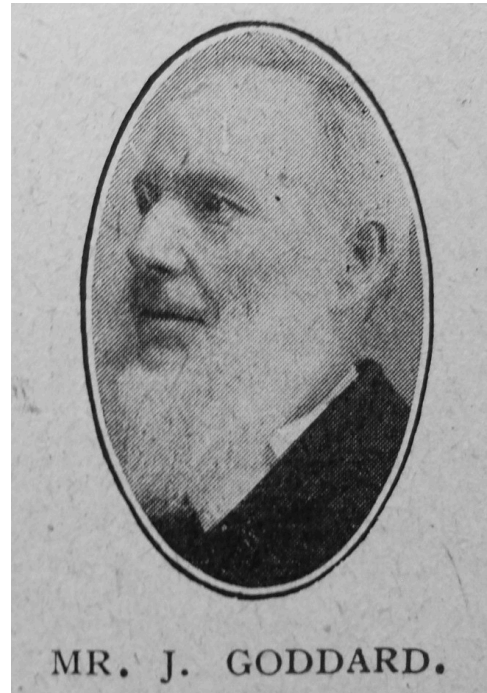
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One of the stalwarts of the Faringdon Circuit has passed away in the person of Mr. Jonathan Goddard, who died March 16th, 1917, at the ripe age of eighty- three years. Born at Stanford, Berks, in 1834, he served apprenticeship at Cricklade where at our chapel he was converted, living afterwards for a time at Shellingford, and finally settling at Faringdon.

He served acceptably as society steward, school superintendent, circuit steward, chapel trustee, and local preacher for fifty-nine years. He also served several times as delegate to Synod.

His first wife, to whom he was married in 1858, shared his trials for a long period. Some of the children were stricken with consumption, and passed away when hope was strong, one of the daughters being the wife of the Rev. J.W. Fish.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. A.R. Wightman, the Rev. John Graham, a former minister of the circuit, giving the address. The widow of a second happy marriage, with two children by the first wife, survive, sustained by the memory of a beautiful life, and the hope of re-union in the Better Land.



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