

William Harry Curtis

Transcription of Obituary in Minutes of Methodist Conference

Born at Manningtree in 1876. Moving to Colchester, he was apprenticed to the printing trade and became a compositor. He early found the joy of surrender to Christ and service for Him, and in 1897 was accepted for the Primitive Methodist Ministry.

He was trained in Hartley College, staying for a three-year course, and taking a high place in examinations. His probation was spent at Ipswich and Hadleigh, and he served the whole of his ministry in East Anglia at Diss, Wisbech, Great Yarmouth, Downham Market, Bury St. Edmunds and Watton.

He loved to worship with the people in the village chapels, and he was greatly beloved by them.

Throughout all his ministry he was marked by humility, by fearless advocacy of the whole counsel of God, and by strong leadership in making new ideas serve the Kingdom.

As a preacher he sought to bring his people to decision for Christ, and to be counsellor and friend in Christian fellowship and service. He left rich memories in all his Churches.

He served long and faithfully in District business, and for many years he was secretary of the Lynn and Cambridge District.

During his ministry at Bury St Edmunds he was secretary of the local Free Church Council, and he organized mission services in all the churches of all denominations including the Cathedral.

Most of his retirement was spent at Sandhurst, and he served the Churches of Camberley Circuit with loving devotion.

He died at Letchworth on 6 October 1961, in the eighty-fifth year of his life and the sixty-first of his ministry.

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