

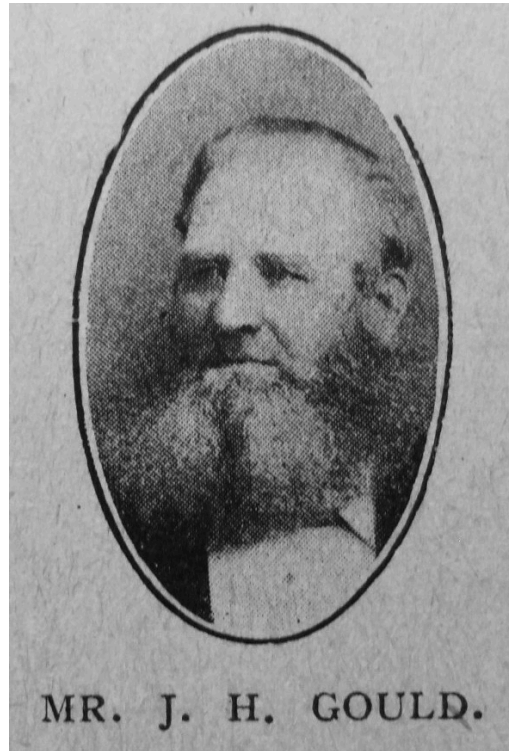
John Harrison Gould

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Our Church at Mortimer, in the Silchester Circuit, has suffered a great loss in the passing away, on September 26th, 1916, of Mr. J. H. Gould, of "Sunnybank," Mortimer. For sixty-three years he had been a member of our Church, a local preacher sixty years, and circuit steward forty years. He was the founder of our church at Mortimer, having made the plans for the building and superintended its erection. At the Jubilee services in June last, when the building was cleared of debt, Mr. and Mrs. Gould were the only surviving members.

A man of high Christian character, of fine presence, and gifted, he was much sought after for special preaching services. Being a total abstainer for sixty-two years, he was a great advocate in the temperance cause, and was associated in this work for many years with the late George Palmer, Esq., of Reading.

A few days before his death he and Mrs. Gould had driven round the Circuit to see once more some of the old members. On returning home he was taken ill, and was for several days speechless, yet knowing those around him. His son, Mr. J.H. Gould, J.P., and his daughter, and Mrs. Gould gave him unceasing attention; the best medical skill was called in, but he passed to the higher service in his eighty-third year, The remains were interred in the burial ground attached to the chapel at Mortimer. Large numbers attended the funeral. The service in the chapel was conducted by Rev. J. Middleton, addresses being given by Revs. E.J.T. Bagnall, J. Tolefree Parr, Revs. J. Walker, T. Savage, J.A. Alderson, and J. Guy taking part in the service. The memorial service was conducted on the following Sunday evening.



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